



Council to Consider LED Street Light Pilot in November

By Council President Marnie Shaul, Uppingham Street

Members of the Environmental Committee, Mayor Slavin, and I have been meeting with Pepco for the past few months to determine whether Somerset could qualify for rebates from the Empower Maryland Program for the purchase of LED street light fixtures. We have also been working with our consultant, Scott Watson, about potential fixtures. In early October, Scott made four fixture recommendations. Pepco confirmed that three of the fixtures meet the criteria of the Empower Maryland Program. Subsequently, the Environmental Committee met to discuss light fixture options. It recommended testing three of the fixtures and installing them at 3000 Kelvin, and doing one of those fixtures at 2700 Kelvin as well. (Kelvin is a measure of the warmth of the color, with lower Kelvin being closer to warm incandescent light and 3000 closer to warm white halogen. High Kelvin seems more blue in color.)

Prior to the Town Council meeting several issues remain to be resolved:

- Pepco needs to vet the fixtures
- Pepco needs to get an estimate of the cost of installing the fixtures and determine if additional wiring would be needed

- Somerset needs to ascertain if the current bracket arms are adequate for hanging new LED fixtures or whether we would have to purchase new ones

If the Council has sufficient information to approve the proposed fixtures, it would probably take four-six weeks from the time the fixtures are ordered until they arrive in Somerset. Pepco says it probably needs four-six weeks to install the fixtures, so it would be early 2019 before the pilot fixtures could be installed. The consultant's recommendation is to place the fixtures on existing poles on Cumberland near the Town Hall, where it will be easy for residents to take a look and decide whether they like any or all of the fixtures.

In order to get a rebate from the Empower Maryland Program, the fixtures must meet the program's criteria. Somerset would also have to fill out a notebook that shows energy savings resulting from the switch. Pepco told us that the rebate would likely be either \$140 or \$175 per fixture, depending on certain design standards. Fixture prices vary widely and can range from less than \$400 to more than \$1,000. The goal of the pilot is to determine whether Somerset can find an LED fixture that the Town likes—the right amount of light with low fixture glare and good lighting coverage over the road and sidewalks. Our

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ON MY MIND

Ask Not What Somerset Can Do for You ...

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

... ask what YOU can do for Somerset. My version of JFK's most famous quote from over a half century ago is an appropriate way to address a topic I have been thinking about a lot lately.

As I have said over and over, we are blessed in our municipality with an amazing and talented group of elected officials, expert staff and a multitude of active Town committees. We should all be grateful because that is why our quality of life is so high and why so many people want to live here. The wonderful stories we hear every year at the newcomers' event about what attracted the latest residents to Town confirm this.

But the fourth ingredient in the recipe for our success — the day-to-day involvement of the average citizen — is the icing on the cake. What I am talking about is all those residents who take the time to pick up litter, clean up after their pets, report speeding and stop sign violations, keep their sidewalks clear of shrubbery, look out for the neighbors and do all the things that a responsible citizen does. A lot of this gets communicated on the listserv.

And the best thing about that is that we are teaching our young people to follow our lead.

So with Thanksgiving fast approaching, I want to let you know how grateful I am to live among and lead such a high-performing citizenry. And it doesn't just happen around the holiday season, either.

P.S. Don't forget to vote on or before Tuesday, November 6!

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consultant has mapped our current utility poles and can recommend how to get the desired lighting throughout Somerset. If Somerset can agree on a fixture, the Council has budgeted sufficient funds to install a few more fixtures this fiscal year and would need to put LED fixtures in the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2019.

Representatives from Pepco and the Empower Maryland Program will attend the November Council meeting to answer questions, and our consultant will attend as well.

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Somerset's many exuberant canines and their owners had a great time at the annual
DOG SWIM on SEPTEMBER 30.





GET OUT AND VOTE!

Tuesday, November 6
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

General Election

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Somerset Elementary School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Used Book Drop-Off

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Veterans' Day

Town Office closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Community Service Day

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

Town Office closed

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

MVA Mobile Office

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friendship Heights

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Somerset Town Council
Meeting

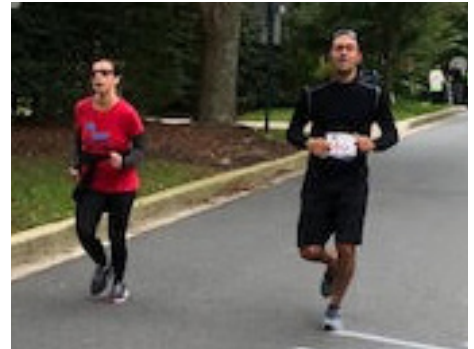
7:30 p.m.
Somerset Town Hall



BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLASSIC 8K & 2K

SOMERSET ELEMENTARY | 10.14.18

The 31st running of the Back to School Classic on October 14 raised over \$50,000 for the Somerset ES PTA.



Thanks to the sponsors, the many, many volunteers and to the nearly 700 participants, it was another huge success for this Somerset tradition!



Capital Crescent Trail Crossing on Little Falls Parkway

By Council President Marnie Shaul, Uppingham Street

On October 9th Montgomery Parks held a second public meeting about alternatives for a safer crossing by all users of the Capital Crescent Trail (CCT) on Little Falls Parkway. The Parks Department presented three preferred alternatives and all included a "road diet," i.e., one lane of traffic in each direction.

The first alternative keeps the crossing where it currently exists with a "speed table crossing" (raised crosswalk); the second reorients the trail to the light at Arlington Road; and the third is a pedestrian bridge. For more information and visuals, visit <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/capital-crescent-trail-crossing-at-little-falls-parkway/>

Council Member Barbara Zeughauser (Trent) attended the public meeting as did several Somerset residents. The Town's Ad Hoc Traffic Committee planned to discuss the crossing at a meeting in late October. In addition, some nearby communities would like to expand the options



being considered by Montgomery Parks because they are concerned about increased traffic on their neighborhood streets. One proposal supports reorienting the trail to the light at Arlington Road but returns Little Falls Parkway to two lanes in each direction.

The Parks department is continuing to take public input on its website. The Somerset Council will be discussing alternative crossings and may consider taking a position at its November meeting.

An Upside of Global Warming?

By Frank S. Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place

I don't like it any more than you do. But come November, when temps are still balmy and the sun shines bright on the tennis courts, I can't help wondering.

Science, of course, has foreseen global warming for many decades. But in 1981, when Carol and I moved into Somerset, it was more fear than reality. Back then our leaves began turning in October. Now, it's well into November. Back then there were still a few 70-degree days in mid December. Now there are lots. Our climate is that which once was North Carolina's. *In less than 40 years.*

I'm not making a brief for global warming. I'm really not. Global warming terrifies me. I have two kids and one grandkid. What sort of world are we leaving them? But I sure do like to play tennis, now almost year-round, on Somerset's beautiful courts.

So, okay, send hate mail. Fat lot of good it'll do you. This is probably my last tennis article for the Town Journal. I'm stepping down as chair of the Tennis Committee.

I've enjoyed (nearly) every minute of my tenure. My self-imposed goal has been to build the tennis community via increased publicity plus regular events including the spring celebration and the round robin tournaments. I hope I've made a dent. But it's time to hang up my New Balances.

I'll stay on the Committee if they'll let me, and I encourage others to come forward and serve on the Committee too. Our Committee is the best – dedicated members, backed up by a supportive Town government and administration. And I'll keep advocating for Somerset tennis. We're really lucky to have such great courts. (Hats off to my predecessor, **Matt Fink** (Dorset), who pulled off a spectacular renovation despite many a setback.)

Most of all, dear reader, we're lucky to have you. Respect the rules, get others involved ... and *keep playing*. I'll see you on the courts.



Changes at the Compost Crew

The Compost Crew is the company that is picking up our compost from our curbs. In a long note sent to Town Manager Rich Charnovich, Ryan Walter, who owned the company, explained that Ben Parry has now joined him and invested substantially in the company. Together they have formed Zero Waste Enterprises, which has absorbed the Compost Crew, and bought Fat Worm Compost, the top commercial compost hauler in the Washington area.

Ryan is determined to improve compost service to Somerset. He and Ben have hired a crew captain to train their drivers. They have increased pay to attract higher quality staff. They have a driver-reporting process in place to provide constant feedback. The crew captain will assist in making up missed pick-ups quickly.

Ryan tells us that we can do our part too. He offers these tips:

- Put the bin a little back from the curb away from trees, cars or other bins
- Put the bin out the night before pick-up
- Leave service requests — like a new rubber band — in a note on the bin to go along with the request
- Report misses as soon as possible to **chevy Chase@thecompostcrew.com**

Remember: if you are still throwing food waste into the regular trash, don't do that! A simple \$16 fee paid to the Town Hall will sign you up for the Compost Crew program. You can do your part to reduce landfill waste in our community.

Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just an Email or Phone Call Away



If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, a ride to the Metro, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, please contact **Somerset Helping Hand**. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help.

Send an email to **HHSomerset@gmail.com** or call **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560, **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 or **Jim Berry** at 301-656-6089.

If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list, please send an email to **HHSomerset@gmail.com**.



Manager's Corner

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

Leaf Collection Program for 2018

Curbside leaf collection will take place starting the final week of October. Please follow further announcements with any schedule adjustments due to weather. Wray Brothers will be the Town leaf contractor for 2018. The program will be the same as last year: residents will place the leaves curbside (not in the street or on the sidewalk), and Wray will collect and take them directly out of Somerset. Weekly collections will continue throughout the end of the calendar year.

New Town of Somerset MD Listserv

The Town of Somerset MD Listserv is now up and running. As of mid-October, we are up to approximately 125 members. If you have not received an email with a link to sign up for the listserv as of this date, please contact me at manager@townofsomerset.com for instructions on how to sign up.

Town Hall Renovation Project and Rentals

A large-scale construction project was approved at the September 2018 Town Council Meeting for the exterior and interior of the Town Hall. Work is anticipated to start sometime in October/November of 2018 and is expected to take six-eight months to complete. During the construction time period, the Town Hall will not be available for rental or for use by outside groups for meetings.

Community Service Day in November

Community Service Day 2018 is currently scheduled for November 17, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. This is a day when we gather to make sandwiches for the homeless shelter and pet toys for the animal shelter. With the Town Hall scheduled to be under construction, it is possible this may need to be changed. Please follow further email notices concerning this yearly event at the Town Hall.

Halloween on "Big Cumberland" in 2018

The Town Council adopted recommendations from the Halloween Safety Committee for the vicinity of "Big Cumberland" on Halloween night, October 31. Plan details are as follows:

- Cumberland Avenue from Warwick Place to Devon Lane will be closed to traffic from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- Police officers will be stationed at three intersections with Cumberland at Warwick Place, Surrey Street, and Devon Lane
- Local traffic and emergency vehicles will be able to enter and leave during this time period
- This is a two-year experiment

New Town Directory to be Finalized Soon

Please be on the lookout for your updated *A Guide to Somerset: Handbook and Directory*. This version will incorporate all of the changes that have been brought to the attention of the Town Hall. Thank you to all for your participation to ensure the Directory is as up to date as possible.

Montgomery County Building Permit Informational Reminder

Planning a home improvement project? Please view this useful link that lets you know if you need a permit from Montgomery County to complete the work: <https://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/building/additionsandalterations.aspx>

Also, please check with the Town Hall to see if Town of Somerset requirements differ from those of Montgomery County.

Parking in No Parking Zones

I am being contacted frequently about cars parking in No Parking zones in the community. Please make sure your household, visitors, and contractors are parking in legal spots on the street. We have been reviewing all of these complaints and will likely begin to report violations to the police department for enforcement and ticketing, when warranted.

Parking near Driveways: Five-Foot Rule

I am periodically notified of vehicles that are parked too close to driveways. Please be mindful of this. Montgomery County police law says vehicles cannot be parked within five feet of a driveway. This can be reported to the police department, and a vehicle could be towed for this offense. However, towing is at the discretion of the police officer.

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin



Recently, in the middle of the night, I was out with our Police Officer Cohen, getting an update on the surge in the number of stolen cars both in Town and in the general vicinity within the last month. It appears that most of the crimes could have been avoided if residents had locked cars, not allowed keys to be accessible and/or closed garage doors. Nevertheless, we must all be alert citizens and contact police whenever we see or hear suspicious activity.

Lots of Somerset folks received flu shots again this year at the Town-sponsored clinic and, we hope, will therefore avoid serious illness during the upcoming season. If you missed our clinic, I would urge you to get a flu shot elsewhere. And whether you get the shot or not, we must all remember to thoroughly wash hands and get rest and exercise so that we can avoid coughs and colds throughout the year, but especially during the winter months.

I want to congratulate all the Somerset parents involved in the great success of the 31st Annual Back to School Classic held on October 14. It was inspirational for me to greet the runners at the start of the race and to call times at Mile 3 for at least the 12th year.

As a reminder to all, and especially our newcomers, everyone is eligible to purchase a special Town of Somerset license plate from the State of Maryland. In this way you can show your pride for our Town, one of our state's most active, welcoming and engaged municipalities. I have had one of these plates for years and can't tell you the number of positive comments I have received about Somerset and its inhabitants. If interested, call the Town Hall for further information.

Practically every decision made in Town is based on citizen input. The best way such information is organized and communicated is through our active system of Town committees. I want to encourage everyone to formally participate as a committee member at least once during your residency. There are a number of vacancies on committees at this time so I urge everyone to go to the Town website to obtain more information. Please contact me with questions or a request for appointment to a committee.

The annual dog swim at the Town Pool on September 30 was a resounding success. A number of residents made suggestions on how to enhance this age-old tradition next year, and I will ask the Pool Committee to make some recommendations. All residents are encouraged to write to us with their creative ideas.

GENERAL PERMITS

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

5519 UPPINGHAM STREET

- 1 Post Oak

4715 TRENT COURT

- 1 Ash

5504 SURREY STREET

- 1 Swamp White Oak



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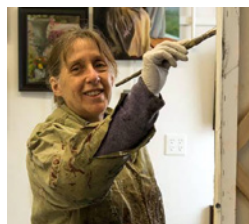
By Eugene Tillman, *Warwick Place*

Three September arrivals rounded out Somerset's busy summer move-in season. At the beginning of the month, **Cindy Chambers**, a former 20-year resident (1991–2011), returned to the Town following a seven-year hiatus in Kenwood Forest. She moved into **Sue Schneider's** new accessory apartment on Greystone which she describes as lovely and spacious. Cindy and her former husband, Chris Lane, raised their now adult children, Chloe and Elliott, here. Both attended Somerset Elementary. The entire family has fond memories, and Chloe and Elliott are looking forward to return visits to the Town. Cindy is a real estate agent who is active in this area.

At the same time, **Peter** and **Andrea Rinaldi** arrived on Uppingham with their two children, **Ayden (14)** and **Londonrose (11)**. The family lived close by for the past seven years (Potomac and Somerset House) after moving from New York City. Andrea is on the board of the Washington Ballet and volunteers for a variety of community organizations. Among other things, she is the co-chair of N Street Village's empowerment luncheon which will take place next May. Peter is a cosmetic dentist who moved his practice to D.C. when the family relocated from New York. He is currently in the process of opening a second practice location in Friendship Heights. Sports play a big role in Rinaldi family life. Londonrose is on the soccer pitch every weekend throughout the season, and Ayden is a tennis devotee. You can also find the four of them together on the golf course.

Mid-September brought **Daniel Bremer-Wertig** and **Rebeca Lamadrid** and their two boys, **Sebastian (5)** and **Maximillian (3)**, to a house on Warwick Place. Before moving here, Daniel and Rebeca lived in D.C. for more than 10 years, most recently in the Kalorama Triangle area. As a first step in their transition, the family enrolled Sebastian in the German International School in Potomac. They then set about trying to find a new residence somewhere between the school and downtown (work). After looking at nearly 40 houses and being somewhat disappointed overall, they decided to check out "one last place." In Somerset, they were delighted to find it all – a real community with shopping, dining, and Metro close by. Daniel is the Director of External Affairs for Global Ties US, a nonprofit that promotes global engagement

by connecting leaders in the United States with their counterparts around the world. Rebeca is a vice-president with The Washington Center, an educational nonprofit that helps students and young professionals advance their careers through internships and other programs. Family activities include building with Legos, some travel, and "dance parties" most nights before the children's bedtime.



As you're likely aware, Somerset is home to many artists. For **Cathy Abramson** (Uppingham), social justice is one of the driving forces behind her art. Recently, she was one of 11 artists from around the country to receive a commission

from Make Room, an advocacy organization focused on affordable housing. According to the organization, there are 11 million households nationally that pay more than 50% of their income on rent. Make Room asked each artist to paint a fiberglass door with the paintings forming the exhibition, *The Doors of Make Room*. During the latter half of September, each painting was placed in a highly trafficked pedestrian area around Washington to raise awareness about the need for greater access to affordable rental housing. All of the doors are currently on display through November 14 at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, and they will be sold at auction at the National Museum of Women in the Arts at an evening reception and fundraiser on November 15.

Cathy's painting, entitled *Kennedy and Colorado*, is an outgrowth of her work over a two-year span in that part of the city. During this period



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(which started before the Make Room commission), she spent time getting to know neighbors and business owners and attending community meetings. A theme of Cathy's work is how communities deal with change. She often paints the same locations after periods of transition. She sees change as inevitable and hopes her art can raise awareness of the need to incorporate the new with the old in a fair and equitable fashion. In addition to the Make Room project, Cathy will be exhibiting her artwork from October 31 through November 4 as part of the Superfine! D.C. art fair at Union Market.

Every now and then, a towel or piece of clothing is left behind at the pool and then retrieved within a day or two from the lost and found. Some items, however, are permanently abandoned, and over time, they add up. The Town's practice is to donate those unclaimed items to charity. In late September, following the conclusion of this year's pool season, the Town donated four bags of towels (laundered!) to Baywater Animal Rescue. The nearby Kenwood Animal Hospital served as the intermediary for the transfer. A photo of **Council Member Barbara Zeughauser's** (Trent) fully loaded SUV will give you a sense of the volume. Around the same time, a separate bag of clothing made its way to the Montgomery County Thrift Store in Bethesda. While I hope nothing is sorely missed, you can at least be heartened that these items are supporting worthy causes.



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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on October 1, 2018 and took the following actions:

1. Approval of the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the August 6, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval to set the date for the December Council Meeting for Tuesday, December 4, 2018.
4. Approval of an application submitted for 4709 Dorset Avenue to complete the following scope of work: demolish part of existing house, building permit to construct an addition in the rear yard, construct a detached garage, screened porch, pool, deck, new driveway apron, dumpster, 3 retaining walls, 2 HVAC units, and tree removal Permits.
5. Approval to plant the following Town trees in the Fall of 2018 as recommended by the Town Arborist and Parks and Natural Resources Committee (PEPCO will be funding and planting these trees):
 - Capello Park — 1 Sugar Maple
 - Capello Park — 1 Dogwood
 - 4715 Cumberland Avenue — 1 Red Oak
 - 4717 Cumberland Avenue — 1 Red Oak
 - 4919 Cumberland Avenue — 1 Willow Oak
 - 4607 Dorset Avenue — 1 Dogwood
 - 4722 Dorset Avenue — 1 Red Oak
 - 4715 Essex Avenue — 1 Dogwood
 - 4900 Essex Avenue — 1 Willow Oak
 - 4811 Falstone Avenue — 1 Red Maple
 - 4816 Grantham Avenue — 1 Red Oak
 - 5509 Greystone Street — 1 Black Gum
 - 5610 Surrey Street — 1 Red Oak
 - 5504 Uppingham Street — 1 Black Gum
 - 5532 Warwick Place — 1 Redbud
 - 5606 Warwick Place — 1 Redbud
 - 5811 Warwick Place on Deal Place — 1 London Plane Tree
6. Approval of a proposal from Backyard Bounty to design a rain garden at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 for the parkland area near the Town basketball court and Wisconsin Avenue.
7. Approval of a three-year contract with Wray Brothers Landscaping for curbside leaf collection services at a cost of \$36,000 per year.
8. Approval of two elm trees to be removed in Capello Park as recommended by the Town Arborist (item not included on original Agenda).
9. In addition to the above actions, the following items were also discussed. Mayor Slavin provided his monthly report, and Town Manager Charnovich provided his monthly administrative and fiscal reports. Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects was in attendance to field questions related to the status of the Town Hall work that will be taking place on the second floor and exterior of the building. A building permit extension at 4907 Falstone Avenue was removed from the Agenda because the project was completed, and the extension was not needed. Town Manager Charnovich and Council Member Peale provided a brief update on the General Code project status. A closed session was held at the end of the meeting to discuss one enforcement matter and one personnel matter.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, Nov. 5, 2018–7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: www.townofsomerset.com.

- **Council Work Session**–7:00 p.m.
- **Council Meeting Convenes**–7:30 p.m.
- **Comments: Public Comment Period**–7:30 p.m.*



Council Members (l to r): Morris Panner, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Zeughauser, Stephen Surko

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the September 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the October 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider approval of the October 1, 2018 Council Closed Meeting Minutes.

NON-CONSENT

4. **Discussion:** Town Manager October Administrative and FY19 Fiscal Reports-7:35 p.m.
5. **Discussion:** Town Hall construction project update #2-7:50 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Discussion:** Update from PEPCO on infrastructure project in the vicinity of Greystone Street and River Road-8:00 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval to purchase 4-5 different LED street light fixtures and pay PEPCO for their installation-8:05 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To authorize the Town administration to apply for rebates from the Empower Maryland Program for the LED lights Somerset installs-8:15 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of permits at 4710 Essex Avenue for the following scope of work: Demolish existing home, construction of a new home,

driveway apron, dumpster, fence, wall, and tree removal permits-8:20 p.m.

10. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit extension for the project currently occurring at 5710 Surrey Street-8:35 p.m.
11. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval to remove the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:-8:40 p.m.
 - Pin Oak 42" dbh Tree #48 at 4712 Cumberland Avenue – decay at the base
 - Sugar Maple 23" dbh Tree# 112 at 4914 Cumberland Avenue – decay at the base
 - Pin Oak 33" dbh Tree # 268 at 4922 Dorset Avenue – decay at the base
 - Pin Oak 33" dbh Tree# 519 at 5405 Surrey Street – decay in main trunk reduced canopy dbh – diameter at 4.5' above ground level
12. **Public Hearing Motion:** To consider sending a letter taking a position on one of the alternatives proposed for the Capital Crescent Trail crossing on Little Falls Parkway near Arlington Road-8:45 p.m.
13. **Public Hearing/Motion:** Small Cell Tower Legislation update-8:55 p.m.
14. **Discussion:** General Code Update-9:05 p.m.
15. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report-9:10 p.m.
16. **Adjourn**-9:15 p.m.

KEY

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

*Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

This is a preliminary Agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two to three weeks prior to the next Town Council meeting.

During this period, there will likely be changes to the timing of items, and some items may be added or deleted. Please contact Rich Charnovich at Town Hall if you are interested in what has been added, or consult the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch or the Town website/email blast for the most up-to-date Agenda.

The Mayor and Town Council may entertain a motion during the open meeting to close a portion of the meeting, in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) of the Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code, General Provisions Article), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

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