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Back To School Classic Returns

By Race Director Jeff Nussbaum, *Essex Avenue*

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m. for the 31st annual Somerset Elementary Back to School Classic 8k and 2k race. Once again, we'll be running to raise money for the Somerset Elementary PTA.

From families to fun runners to serious competitors, it's a wonderful event, on a great course. All participants get a t-shirt, and the race is followed by a community brunch (registration is required for the brunch). You can register for this year's event, and learn more about the race, including

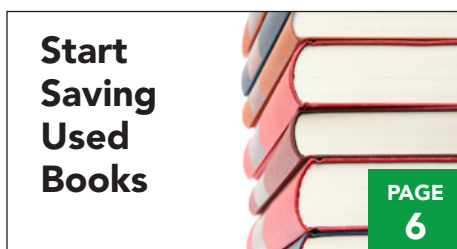
course maps and photos from last year, at www.somersettrace.com

We still need volunteers, so if you're interested in helping out (or have a student who needs SSL hours), please visit the volunteering page at www.somersettrace.com

The race will require some temporary road closures in and around Somerset from about 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., but we hope it will be only a small inconvenience for a wonderful morning of community building and supporting our school.

We look forward to seeing you at the start line!

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ON MY MIND

Debut of Official Town Listserv

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

For many years now, Town residents have been making extensive and productive use of the unofficial but Town “endorsed” listserv, (**Somerset_list@yahoo.com**), moderated by founder **Sarah Morse** (Dorset). On this listserve, Somerseters have been able to freely exchange recommendations for commercial services like plumbers, electricians and carpenters in addition to making political statements and supporting candidates.

Ethically, the Town needs to be independent of any such recommendations, and this listserv has always been totally separate from our government. Elected officials and staff do not monitor it. Alternately, there are various other means of communication for this purpose.

However, because of the unofficial listserv’s popularity and ease of use, over the years residents have found it convenient to make service requests of the Town in this manner and to provide input on current or pending public policies or legislative proposals. This has often resulted in service delays, and elected officials and Town staff have frequently missed valuable comments that should have been brought to the government’s attention in a timely manner.

Accordingly, several months ago our Communications Committee recommended to the Town Council that, in order to solve this problem, an official Somerset Town listserve be established. Action was swiftly taken! And I volunteered to be the moderator.

This month we will inaugurate this new listserv. It is hoped that this will become the best way to let us know when you need assistance from Town Hall, or want to make a statement on a Town policy or a pending Code amendment. This communication will become part of the official record, where appropriate. You will also be able to receive late-breaking news.

We want to encourage discourse among residents on the new listserv on topics under Somerset’s authority. We trust that the conversation will be respectful and responsible. At the same time, all in Town leadership want the unofficial listserv to continue to thrive.

It is my desire for all residents to sign up for this new communications device. The Town will contact current residents about the sign-up procedure. New residents should provide the Town with an email address to receive sign-up instructions.

I want to thank the Committee for its hard work, too. When and if the need arises we might also see Facebook and Twitter accounts in the future. Stay tuned, all.

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Better Late Than Never!



The weather was steamy on July 4, and the Town holiday celebration was abbreviated. As a result, the Somerset children who read the Declaration of Independence were never recognized from the podium. So, with many thanks from the Town, here are the names of the children (in the order in which they read) who braved the heat and read our nation's Declaration of Independence — always a highlight of Somerset's Fourth of July event!

- Don Smith
- Luke Shewmaker
- Clara Bilbao
- Nata Freeman
- Ellie Guha
- Tillie Owen
- Gabriela Green
- Javier Green
- Alexandra Finn
- Elana Bilbao
- Annette Smith
- Emilia Lopez
- Asher Lewis
- Maya Donnelly Cohen
- Georgie Coleman
- Margaret Coleman
- Avery Mascott
- Eli Mascott
- Johnny Coleman
- Phoebe Lewis
- Bill Angel

OCTOBER CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Bulk Refuse Pickup

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Used Book Drop-Off

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Somerset Back-to-School Classic
Race

9:00 a.m. at Somerset Elementary
School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Fall Tennis Round Robin

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Town tennis courts

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

MVA Mobile Office

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween

Cumberland Avenue closed to traffic
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



CALLING ALL CANINES

The annual Dog Swim takes place on
Sunday, September 30 at 5 p.m.
at the Town pool.

A Somerset tradition to end the swim season!

Nonagenarians Ice Cream Social a Big Success!



By Barbara Zeughauser, Council Member, Trent Street

On September 5, a sizzling hot day, 12 Somerset residents in their 90s (and numerous neighbors) gathered at the Town pool patio for the annual Nonagenarians Ice Cream Social. **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) welcomed our “wisest citizens” and each shared a memory or two of life in Somerset. The common thread throughout the afternoon was their love of Somerset and their belief that Somerset is, and always has been, the best place to live.

The 12 honorees present for the celebration were: **Louise Bredhoff** (Trent), **Devbrat Dutt** (Trent), **Florence Gang** (formerly of Falstone), **George Harman** (Dorset), **Len and Roz Harris** (Trent), **Abe Krash** (Essex), **Venice Molivadas** (Greystone), **Irv and Zola Schneider** (Warwick), **Birte Smith** (Dorset) and **James Wachob** (Essex).

Delores Bartning (former resident of Surrey, now living in California), and **Barbara Marblestone** (Trent) started this lovely tradition in 2015. **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset), **Phyllis Wiesenfelder** (Cumberland) and I now plan the event each fall. We’re fortunate to have the help of many volunteers on the day of the event. This year, we’re thankful to **Philip and Sylvia Young** (ice scream scoopers, Greystone), **Walter and Mary Wisniewski** (cake servers, Greystone) and **Alan Dock** (Falstone) and **Barbara Marblestone** (honoree escorts).

In addition, many thanks to **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset) for working with Melissa Aymold of Channel 16 to record the very special event. (Event can be viewed on Youtube at: <https://youtu.be/9UPj5LM2QKQ>).

A very big thank you to our honorees for sharing their time and stories with us!

HALLOWEEN NEWS

This year Cumberland Avenue, Somerset’s popular trick-or-treating street, will be closed to traffic from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Halloween night. Police officers will be stationed at intersections to allow residents and emergency vehicles, if necessary, to enter and leave.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!



Celebrating Somerset's Newest Residents

Despite a drizzle, a good number of Somerset residents turned out to celebrate our Town's newcomers at the pool patio on Saturday, September 8. The annual event welcomes families who have moved to Somerset within the last year. Children enjoyed the face painting and balloon animals while the adults partook of good food and made new friends. Welcome to all!



Fall Round Robin Set for Sunday, October 21

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

Mark your calendar! The fall Tennis Round Robin is set for Sunday, October 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It's an occasion to meet neighbors, get exercise, have fun and enter a friendly everyone-wins competition. There'll be refreshments and drinks, and all participants get a prize just for taking part.

This is the last tennis event of the 2018 season, but not the last opportunity to play on our three terrific Town courts. There's always good tennis weather through mid-December, and good days even in the depths of winter.

So grab your racquet and come on out!

B-CC High School Used Book Sale

By Franny Peale, Council Member, Uppingham Street

Please consider donating your used books, audiobooks and vinyl to the annual used book sale at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. The first drop-off date is coming up soon on Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Student volunteers will be ready to take the books out of your car for you at the drop-off location in the main entrance driveway (4301 East-West Highway). The book sale no longer accepts donations of CDs, DVDs, magazines, or journals. Please pack your books into sturdy boxes, such as those used for files or copy paper. Empty boxes in good condition are also welcome!

The used book sale is the largest annual fundraiser for the PTSA. The PTSA supports all of the students at BCCHS through classroom grants, student programs and parent information events. The book sale committee is looking for student and adult volunteers to help with book collection and sorting, box collection, recycling, publicity, and the book sale itself. If you would like to volunteer, please contact volunteerbccbooksale@gmail.com. Students can earn SSL hours by volunteering.

You can find more information about the PTSA at www.bccptsa.net. You can also follow the Used Book Sale on Twitter (@UsedBookSaleBCC) or on Instagram (@UsedBookSaleBCCHS).

Drop-Off Dates:

- Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sorting Dates:

- Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Sunday, December 9, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 27, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The used book sale will be held at BCCHS on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Annual Dog Swim on September 30

The annual dog swim will take place at 5 p.m. at the Town Pool on Sunday, September 30.

New Town of Somerset MD Listserv

Please refer to Mayor Slavin's column in this month's Journal related to the newly established Town listserv. 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.

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 pm to 8:30 pm
- 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 will be a two-year experiment

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 of 2018 and is expected to take six to eight months to complete. During the construction period, the Town Hall will not be available for rental or for use by outside groups for meetings.

Flu Shot Clinic in October

The Town office is in the process of finalizing details for a flu shot clinic to take place in the Town Hall on October 19 starting at 2:45 pm. Please tentatively mark your calendars for this date and follow further email publications concerning the final details. Once details are finalized, a notice will be sent out about scheduling appointment times. Should the date and timeframe need to change, this will also be publicized.

New Town Directory to be Finalized Soon

Please be on the lookout for your new *A Guide to Somerset: Handbook and Directory*, which will be coming by mail. This new version will incorporate all 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.

Parking in No Parking Zones

Lately I have been contacted more 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 being 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



This month, I attended the **Ike and Catherine Leggett Legacy Forward** event at the Music Center at Strathmore to recognize and thank MoCo's First Couple for their incredible service over the past three decades. It was a very moving afternoon and the one-hour program was spectacular. Funds raised at the event will go to the Montgomery College Foundation and the Universities at Shady Grove. The Leggetts are truly dedicated to these great institutions of higher learning. If you weren't able to attend, you can view the festivities online at various sites.

"School's Open, Vote Carefully." As I have mentioned before, that catchy phrase was used by a school board candidate I knew decades ago. I think about it every four years at this time. Good luck to all of our students for the 2018-2019 academic year! This new season brought the unofficial start of the General Election campaign leading up to the last voting day on November 6. As most know, there is an exciting County Executive's race going on and the Gubernatorial contest is heating up. Please also pay attention to down-ballot races, especially for the Montgomery County Board of Education because the policy decisions made there have a profound effect on everyone's lives, not just schoolchildren and their parents.

The Newcomers Event earlier this month was wonderful as we welcomed almost two dozen new families to Somerset. **Co-Chair Debbie Berger Fox** (Cumberland) and I introduced the new residents who were able to attend and provided biographic info on those who couldn't. It was nice to see the quick bonding and beginning of many new friendships. I am delighted that our municipality is made up of so many folks who provide a warm welcome to the latest arrivals.

Several weeks ago I made my annual appearance at the Maryland Hispanic Gala and was very pleased to run into my next-door neighbors **Anna Deeny and Greg Locraft** (Essex) who were there to honor Anna's sister **Alicia Deeny**, principal at the historic Takoma Middle School, who was named Educator of the Year. Alicia and her wife are former temporary residents of our Town as they lived in Anna and Greg's lower level while their nearby house was being built. More folks to add to the unofficial Somerset Alumni Association!

Each month I continue to enjoy reading the Agenda News online which always has lots of information you cannot get elsewhere. The publication is published by area resident **Bob Joiner** and is available free at the website www.theagendanews.com.





All About People

By Eugene Tillman, *Warwick Place*

This month's column introduces six new families who moved into Somerset from late July through the end of August. Before diving into the details, however, I want to briefly recap the newcomers' party at the pool on the afternoon of Saturday, September 8. It was a "red vs. blue" event although nothing political! The newcomers wore blue name tags, and the old timers wore red. The event included a fine assortment of food and refreshments and great camaraderie. The covered picnic area at the pool worked well, given the light drizzle. Midway through the affair, **Mayor Slavin** and **Debbie Berger Fox** (Cumberland) introduced the new families and asked each to say a few words. With several children joining the act, the overall presentation was informative and delightful. You will find photos from the event elsewhere in this edition of the Journal.

Spring and summer are popular seasons for moving, and this year was no exception for Somerset. I covered the arrivals of six new families in the August Journal. In addition to six more below, we have had some more moves close to press time, so stay tuned.

In late July, **Colby and Danielle Carrier** moved into a house on Cumberland with their two children, **Parker** (9) and **Everly** (3). Most recently, the family lived in Newton, Massachusetts, not far from Boston. Colby attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis and is still in the Navy. He has served as a helicopter pilot and is currently assigned to the Pentagon. Danielle is a psychiatric social worker with substantial experience in hospital emergency medicine departments. Before settling in Somerset, the Carriers looked at several communities in this area. They were particularly drawn to the Town's many amenities and attributes, including the pool, the school, the trails, the trees, and the proximity to the Metro. They also sensed our strong community spirit. The family enjoys exploring new places, going to the beach, and getting out for walks.

At the beginning of August, **Synne and Jonas Henriques** arrived with their four children, **Albert** (17), **Sigurd** (15), **Viola** (11), and **Georg** (13 months). The family moved from Denmark in July and stayed in a short-term rental before moving into their house on Trent. Jonas has worked in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the last 15

years. During a 3 ½-year tour of duty at the Embassy in Burkina Faso, the Henriqueses became close friends with our neighbors **Leanne MacDougal and Jeremy Strauss** (Greystone). As a result, Somerset topped the list of places to live when the time came for a move to metro D.C. Jonas is currently on a secondment (detail) from the Ministry to the World Bank working on anti-corruption issues. Synne worked for three large theaters in Copenhagen (most recently the two stages at Tivoli Gardens), primarily in marketing and public relations but also reviewing scripts. Not surprisingly, the family loves to travel – seeing new places and enjoying new experiences.

Around the same time, **Catherine Saul** became a new resident on Wisconsin along with her three children, **Alexander** (15), **Olivia** (11), and **Shaye-Harlowe** (8). Catherine grew up locally but lived in Los Angeles for 22 years before her recent return. She knew Somerset from her youth, and her father's office was close by. Returning to the area, she was attracted to the Town's neighborhood feel and proximity to good public schools and urban amenities. Catherine is a real estate investor and also runs a design and project management firm. The family loves outdoor activities – hiking, going to the pool, and bicycling. They also enjoy working on projects in the home including sewing, cooking, and arts and crafts. Alexander especially loves all things baseball and basketball.

Also in early August, **Howard and Joanna Taylor** relocated from London to Uppingham Street along with their son **Zac** (14) and daughter **Mollie** (12). Howard previously served in the U.K. diplomatic corps for 15 years, which included postings in India and Ethiopia. More recently, he ran the Nike Foundation in Portland, OR and then a UK-based social enterprise created by Nike. Howard is now the Executive Director of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, a coalition of governments, U.N. agencies, faith-based organizations, and others. Joanna was originally a singer and is currently working on developing a course on women's empowerment. During their search for a home, Joanna met some residents of Somerset who gave her leads for rentals from the listserv. The second house they visited was perfect and came with a huge bonus: a ready-made community. They have lived in many great places, but it has never been this easy to

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All About People

settle in. Weekends with the kids involve a variety of activities including soccer, dance, and lots and lots of singing.

In late August, **Aviva and Dan Rosenthal** arrived in Town with their two daughters, **Sadie** (15) and **Stella** (7). Prior to moving into their newly renovated house on Surrey, they resided in Westmoreland Hills for seven years. While living nearby, the family would periodically venture into Somerset. They were struck by the neighborhood and became more and more convinced they needed to live here. Aviva works in international relations at the Smithsonian Institution and collaborates with foreign governments, the diplomatic corps, and multilateral institutions to develop programs that focus on science, art history, and culture. She previously worked for Norman Lear on various non-profit projects during the family's 10-year stay in Los Angeles. Dan is the Managing Principal of Albright Stonebridge, an international consulting firm working with U.S. companies looking to expand their business operations abroad. Given the focus of Aviva's and Dan's work, it came as no surprise that the family enjoys international travel, as well as just hanging out.

Rounding out the picture, **Chrissy Bonanno and Tim Tagaris** moved into their house on Cumberland at the end of August along with their two daughters, **Addison** (5) and **Arianna** (3). The family lived on Reno Road in D.C. for the preceding 3 ½ years. In Somerset, they found a community where people know and talk to each other and kids play together – the kind of place where they wanted their children to grow up. They settled on a rental so Addison could start kindergarten at the beginning of the school year, and they continue to look for their “forever” home here. Chrissy is a part-time consultant with an academic focus on the future of work and the future of democracy. Tim is the owner and CEO of Aisle 518 Strategies, which offers digital fundraising and organizing services to political campaigns and others. He served as the Digital Fundraising Director for Bernie Sanders’ 2016 presidential run. The family loves D.C.’s museums, national monuments, and public spaces – and not just when they have out-of-town visitors! Tim, having grown up in Chicago, is a lifelong Cubs fan, and Chrissy has acquiesced in his passion for the team.

A warm welcome to all!

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GENERAL PERMITS

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

4909 CUMBERLAND

- 1 Tulip Poplar

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on September 4, 2018 and took the following actions:

1. Approval of the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Tabled the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the bulk refuse collection of October 1, 2018 contingent upon the Town being able to coordinate a collection date with A Wider Circle around this date.
4. Approval of the Mayor's nomination of Dudley Fowlkes to serve on the Parks and Natural Resources Committee.
5. Approval of the Mayor's nomination of Kristen Khanna to serve as the Chair of the Parks and Natural Resources Committee.
6. Approval of the Mayor's nomination of Dudley Fowlkes to serve as the Vice Chair of the Parks and Natural Resources Committee.
7. Approval of an application submitted for 4909 Falstone Avenue to remove the following 3 trees: 2 Spanish Oak trees and 1 Cherry tree
8. Approval to remove a Town Red Maple tree at 5811 Warwick Place.
9. Approval to remove a Town Ash tree at 4919 Cumberland Avenue.
10. Approval of a capital construction project to take place on both the exterior and interior of the Town Hall at hard and soft costs not to exceed \$430,000.
11. Approval of the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee. (Please see article in September 2018 Town Journal and October 2018 Journal Manager's Corner for more details.)
12. Approval to extend the 2018 pool season until September 16, 2018 at the price listed in the current contract, with the Pool Management Team being authorized to review and keep the pool open until the end of September depending on the weather.
13. Approval to purchase a new commercial cover for the Town Pool at a cost not to exceed \$19,000 as recommended by Community Pools.
14. Tabled a recommendation of the Pool Committee until the pool off season regarding penalties for pool patrons who don't leave the pool facility by closing time.
15. Approval to authorize Mayor Slavin to send a letter/ testimony in relation to Montgomery County Council legislation pertaining to regulation of accessory apartment units.
16. Approval to authorize Mayor Slavin to send a letter/ testimony in relation to Montgomery County Council legislation pertaining to the installation and placement of small cell towers.
17. Approval of the nomination of Jeff Mascott to serve as the Chairman of the Swim Team Committee.
18. Approval of the nomination of Barbara Marenus to serve as the Chairwoman of the Communications Committee
19. Approval to start the process to establish a Code amendment, adding the Communications Committee to the Town Code.
20. 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 FY19 fiscal report, as well as a fiscal report on FY18. Town Manager Charnovich and Council Member Peale provided a brief update on the General Code project status.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018–7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, October 1, 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 July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the August 6, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider changing the date for the December Town Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

NON-CONSENT

4. **Discussion:** Town Manager September Administrative and FY19 Fiscal Reports-8:00 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit extension for the project currently occurring at 4907 Falstone Avenue-8:15 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the following Town trees to be planted in the Fall of 2018 as recommended by the Town Arborist and Parks and Natural Resources Committee:-8:20 p.m.
 - 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 Pl. - 1 London Plane Tree
7. **Discussion:** Rain garden plan for the area near the basketball court and Wisconsin Avenue with Backyard Bounty-8:25 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a proposal for 2018 curbside leaf collection as recommended by the Town Manager-8:35 p.m.
9. **Discussion:** General Code Update-8:45 p.m.
10. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report-8:50 p.m.
11. **Adjourn-8:55 p.m.**

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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.

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