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Upcoming September Events at the Pool

By Matt Zaft, Chair, Pool Committee, Dorset Avenue

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and the pool will soon be closed. However, there is a lot still happening before then! Here is what you need to know:

- New this year...we will be having a **late night swim** on **Sunday, September 2**. The pool will stay open until 10 p.m. and Rockland's BBQ Food Truck will be on site and start serving at 6:00 p.m. Come swim under the stars!
- **Last day of morning swim** is Labor Day, **Monday, September 3**.
- We will again be having **Movie Night** at the pool on **Saturday, September 15**. Astro Chicken & Donuts Food Truck will be on site starting at 5:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 7 p.m. Movie is still TBD.
- The dates for the **pool closing** and the **dog swim** have not yet been set. We are fortunate to be able to extend the season week by week based on the weather. We also have the ability to stay open just on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Currently we are extended through Sunday, September 16, but closed Monday through Thursday after Labor Day. We will readdress this at our next Pool Committee meeting.
- Speaking of which, our next **Pool Committee meeting** will be on **Thursday, August 30** at 7 p.m. at the pool. All are welcome to attend, and an agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting. Raising the guest fees will not be on the agenda for this meeting or any other meeting prior to the end of the pool season.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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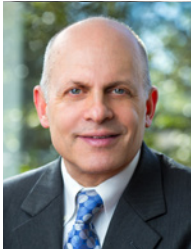
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ON MY MIND

Aging in Somerset

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

Two upcoming September events, the Nonagenarian ice cream social and the Newcomers party, make me reflect on the population shift currently occurring in Somerset. It seems to me that while the age 80 to 100 population is exploding across the United States, in our Town we are continuing to lose these older residents and nearly every time one leaves, his or her replacement is from a contrasting demographic: a family with young children. While this is not surprising given that the housing stock here is exclusively large, single family homes and we have one of the best elementary schools in the State, it nevertheless makes me a little sad for the loss of all this wisdom.

While there is not much we can do to change this, given the local availability of lovely multi-family buildings along with some of the best "senior living" communities in the country, it is important for us to be mindful of the value of having older citizens in our midst. This is especially the case because today not only are our citizens living longer, but they are also healthier mentally and physically. Their resulting independence allows them to enrich our lives in innumerable ways.

It gives me great pleasure to know how much the non-seniors in Town appreciate and interact with their older neighbors and to hear of many strong intergenerational relationships. While Somerset doesn't provide formal, funded social services, the policies and programs the Town Council has created over the years always take into account the particular needs of the oldest among us. And of course we have the organized Helping Hand group which provides valuable assistance when needed, too.

While there is no way to formally evaluate the effect the daily presence of older folks has on our younger people, I have no doubt that this integration has enormous value.

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SAVE THE DATE
Nonagenarian Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 5

By Phyllis Wiesenfelder, Cumberland Avenue

A party to honor and celebrate the Town's nonagenarians, those who have turned 90 years old, will be held on **Wednesday, September 5, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Pool. We look forward to sharing their reminiscences of Somerset life over the decades. If you have any questions or need a ride to the party, please contact either **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset) at **301-654-8115**, Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) at **301-951-8560**, or **Phyllis Weisenfelder** (Warwick) at **301-529-3896**.



Town's Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee Reports on Survey Results

By **Lucy Freeman**, Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee, Dorset Avenue

An Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee was formed this summer by Mayor Slavin to address safety concerns on Cumberland Avenue. Cumberland attracts over 800 children walking the street on Halloween night. The Committee surveyed the residents of Cumberland to find out if they would approve closing the street to cars on Halloween night and suggested three possible closure times. The result was 36 votes for closing, 9 votes for not for closing. There was no consensus on hours to close.

At the Town Council meeting on August 6, Council Member **Franny Peale** (Uppingham) introduced the following resolution and it will be considered by the Council at its next meeting on Tuesday, September 4.

“Cumberland Avenue from Warwick Avenue to Devon Lane will be closed Halloween night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Three police officers will be stationed at the three intersections: Warwick, Surrey, and Devon Lane. Residents and emergency vehicles will be able to enter and leave during this period. This will be a two year experiment.”

The Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee will draw up guidelines for Halloween with suggested hours for trick or treating, and what residents can do to participate or not to participate, etc.

We urge everyone interested to attend the Council meeting on September 4. The members of the Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee are: Co-Chair **Debbie Berger Fox** (Cumberland), Co-Chair-**Lucy Freeman** (Dorset), **Diane McCabe Smith** (Dorset), **Phyllis Wiesenfelder** (Cumberland), and **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick).

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Late Night Swim

Pool Closes at 10:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Nonagenarian Ice Cream Party

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Newcomers Party

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Pool

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Brown Bag Lunch

12 noon to 1:00 p.m., Town Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Movie Night at the Pool

7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

MVA Mobile Office

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



SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Brown Bag Lunch

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Let's celebrate fall and the upcoming general election at the third quarterly brown bag lunch of the year planned for **Wednesday, September 12th from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**. As always, members of the Council and I will host anyone from Town interested and available to talk about issues or tell a story or two, Let's see what we can do to get out the vote!

Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share—and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Email me at mayor@townofsomerset.com if you have any questions.

Somerset Welcomes New Neighbors with a Pool Party on Saturday, September 8

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

One of the many great benefits of living in Somerset is its wonderful sense of community. A long-standing Town tradition is the annual Newcomers Party at the Town Pool. On **Saturday, September 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, we will welcome all the new residents who have moved into Somerset in the past year. Please join our Mayor, Town Council members and neighbors old and new for this fun and festive tradition.

If the weather permits, the pool will be open. Adults and kids are invited—and we hope everyone will join in

the festivities. It is such a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old friends.

This year, 19 new families have relocated to our special neighborhood and we hope the entire town will come out and give them a warm welcome. If you have any questions about the party, please contact the Town Hall. We are also seeking residents who are willing to serve on the Planning Committee for this event. Please contact the Town Hall if you are interested in serving on the Committee.

Here is a list of our new residents:

CUMBERLAND AVENUE

- Brett and Shelley Guiley
- William and Suzi Keehn
- Colby and Danielle Carrier
- Tim Tagaris and Christine Bonanno

DORSET AVENUE

- Nate and Sloane Hurst
- Jeremiah Helm and Maryam Mokhtarzadeh

ESSEX AVENUE

- Jeffrey Nussbaum
- Ivar Andersen and Atsuko Horiguchi

FALSTONE AVENUE

- Robert and Maya Hyman
- Russell Green and Jamie Kaplan

GREYSTONE STREET

- Michael Phillips and Miriam Rosenthal
- Garrett Levin and Virginia Frasure

TRENT STREET

- Jonas and Synne Henriques

RIVER ROAD

- Michelle Godette

WARWICK PLACE

- Mark Strong and Danae Wright
- Jonathan Spalter and Carrie Goux
- Matthew and Naomi Green

WISCONSIN AVENUE

- Catherine Saul

UPPINGHAM STREET

- Howard and Joanna Taylor

IN MEMORIAM

João Veiga Malta, Trent Street



João Nuno Vian Lanceiro da VEIGA MALTA was born 27th August 1967 in Lisbon, Portugal. The eldest child of Francisco and Isabel, he moved with his parents, sister, Catarina, and brother, Francisco, from Portugal in 1978 to Bahrain and then to Perth, Western Australia in 1984. João completed his university studies in Perth where he also met his wife, Erin, in 1997. They were

married in 1999 and together they have three beautiful sons Alexander, James and Xavier.

João worked for the Western Australian government where he frequently travelled to Mozambique. He accepted a job with the Inter-American Development Bank in 2002, based in Washington DC. In 2006, he began working for the World Bank and the family made their home in Somerset, first on Surrey Street, and then Trent Street. In his role with the World Bank, he travelled and worked extensively with governments in Latin America, South America and the Caribbean.

Last month whilst on holidays in Portugal, João was suddenly taken seriously ill. Despite fighting all the odds valiantly for several weeks, he passed away on 2nd August 2018 at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore just weeks before his 51st birthday.

He easily made his mark on the world. His straightforward and honest demeanor was balanced by his kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. He was always happy to give advice! He had a deep love and respect for his family. He was a keen cyclist and had all the gadgets to prove it. He was a Grand Prix, Australian Rules Football and Cricket enthusiast. He will be so dearly missed by his loved ones, his family and friends and his work colleagues from all over the world.

(By Erin Viega Malta)

September Viewing Schedule for Somerset Stories on Channel 16

Somerset participates with Montgomery Municipal Cable TV Channel 16 in a series of interviews with Town residents who have fascinating stories to share. This project was initiated in September 2017 by former Council Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset). To date, nine interviews have been conducted and aired. These interviews can be seen on **Wednesdays at 10:00 p.m.** Repeats of the Wednesday shows will be available on the following Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Here is the September schedule:

- **Wednesday, September 5** — Barton and Ari Rubenstein, topic "Parachutes for the Planet" Part #1
- **Wednesday, September 12** — Matthew Zaft, Hayden Bitz, Bess Pickar and Olivia Zaft, topic the Somerset Swimming Pool and Swim Team
- **Wednesday, September 19** — Barton and Ari Rubenstein, topic "Parachutes for the Planet" Part 2
- **Wednesday, September 26** —(Repeat) Matthew Zaft, Hayden Bitz, Bess Pickar and Olivia Zaft, topic the Somerset Swimming Pool and Swim Team

Somerset Stories can be viewed on Channel 16 on Comcast, Verizon and RCN. It can also be viewed on the MMCTV website at www.mmctv.org.

Switching to LED Street Lights: A Challenging Process

By Council President, **Marnie Shaul**, *Uppingham Street*

It would be wonderful if we could seamlessly shift from our current street lights to LED street lights, but those who have worked on this topic, dating back to **Mike Hill** (Dorset) and late Council Member **Alan Proctor** (Cumberland), know that it is often challenging to work with a public utility and a rapidly changing technology. However, I think we are making progress, albeit slowly, and the exciting news is that we might get some financial help in making the conversion.

In July, **Mayor Slavin** (Warwick), members of the Environment Committee, and I met with three representatives from PEPCO. They confirmed that Somerset is eligible for a new program funded through Empower Maryland, which could cover up to 70% of material and installation costs, depending on the energy savings the conversion achieved. The program is so new that no municipality has used it yet. A number of questions came up at the meeting and because the program is new, PEPCO needed some time to get the information we

requested, including what kinds of lights PEPCO might have available through this program.

Somerset residents at the meeting expressed a variety of thoughts:

- *We should move ahead quickly and start saving energy.*
- *We should wait until better fixtures/lights are available.*
- *We should do a trial with one or more LED fixtures, perhaps on Dorset near Wisconsin where many residents might see them.*
- *We should be a pioneer and be the first to use this new Empower Maryland program.*

Somerset residents and officials will be meeting again with PEPCO representatives on Wednesday, September 5 at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall. Our lighting consultant Scott Watson will be at the meeting and can help us identify next steps to working with PEPCO on this program. The meeting is a public meeting and any interested resident is welcome to attend.

Thoughts on Being Sidelined ... from Tennis

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

You can't always play tennis when you want to. There's work. There's family. There's life in general. And if you're unlucky, you get hurt. Take me. I've been off the tennis courts for the last three weeks with a sprained shoulder. It wasn't a tennis injury, but still. If I'm playing again by the end of August, I'll be lucky. Bummer.

During this enforced layoff, I've tried to stay in shape as best I can while laying off the shoulder. I'm walking a lot, going to the gym twice a week, in for physical therapy of course, and watching what I eat. (The risk of gaining weight rises when you get less exercise. That's a fact, folks.)

Even so, I notice I'm getting achy, logy and lazy. I compare my sad state with how I feel when I'm playing tennis several times a week: alert, peppy, even (believe it or not) less achy.

Tennis isn't a cure-all, Lord knows. It's a lopsided sport, for example; whole-body activities like swimming may be

better for your overall health. But unlike, say, swimming, tennis is a social activity. Since I've fallen in among my crowd of aging doubles players, I've made lots of great new friends and acquaintances — at a time of life when one expects one's social circles to shrink, not expand. Many happen to be retired Foreign Service which has been especially broadening for me, previously a domestic-oriented guy.

If there's a message here, it's this: Tennis is *fun*. It's excellent exercise that you can continue for long years after you've recycled your running shoes; it's a great way to meet new friends; it's convenient: Somerset is blessed with town courts as nice as you'll find anywhere. It's cheap, even. Compare the cost of a new racquet with that of new golf clubs. Heck, compare a racquet to greens fees for one *round* of golf. Cool fall days are at hand. Isn't it time you gave tennis a try?

Final note: The last Town tennis event of the season is the **Fall Round Robin for Adults**. It's **Sunday, October, 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Mark your calendar now!



Manager's Corner

By Rich Charnovich, *Town Manager*

Pool Closing Date

The Pool Committee has voted unanimously to recommend keeping the pool open on weekends after Labor Day until September 16. The Town Council will consider this proposal at its September 4 meeting. The Pool Committee is slated to discuss the topic of extended days in September at its late August meeting. The Town Council would like to see what the weather will be like in the first half of September before finalizing its decision regarding a September schedule.

Newcomers Party on Saturday, September 8

The Town's annual Newcomers Party will take place on **Saturday, September 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.** All Somerset residents are invited to attend and meet new residents who have moved in over the past year. The party will be in the pavilion area at the Town Pool.

New Town Directory Coming Soon

Please be on the lookout over the next few months for your updated Town Handbook and Directory. This 2018-2019 edition will reflect all the resident contact changes that have been brought to the attention of the Town Hall staff.

Back to School

With summer drawing to a close, school will be starting soon. Please be mindful of this when driving through the neighborhood. Pedestrians, including more children, will be walking more frequently to and from school.

New Speed Hump on Warwick Lane

For those of you who travel in the vicinity of Warwick Lane and Cumberland Avenue, please be mindful that a new speed hump has been installed on Warwick Lane near Cumberland Avenue. This speed hump, recommended by a traffic engineering consultant assisting the Town, will help slow down those motorists exiting Warwick Lane onto Cumberland Avenue. Many pedestrians, especially during the school year, walk in this particular area. We ask that motorists use caution when commuting around this area for the safety of all.

Parking Near Driveways: Five Feet Rule

I am periodically notified of vehicles being parked too close to driveways. Please be mindful of this. **Montgomery County law states that vehicles cannot be parked within five feet of a driveway.** If this situation occurs, it can be reported to the police department, and a vehicle could be towed for this offense. Towing is at the discretion of the police officer.

Reporting Street Lights out to PEPCO

Adequate street lighting helps to improve safety in a community. Should you ever notice a streetlight out, please report it to me in the Town Hall and we will notify PEPCO. Alternatively, if you would like to help us out, you can also report problems with street lights directly on PEPCO's website: <https://pepco.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>

Reporting Discolored Water to WSSC

I periodically notice posts concerning discolored water on the private listserv. If your water is discolored, you should report this directly to WSSC at **301-206-4002** or to emergencycallcenter@wsscwater.com. If you would like additional information, you can also view this website: <https://www.wsscwater.com/discoloredwater>

Washington Gas –Website with Frequently Asked Questions

If you are a homeowner and have questions about Washington Gas service or about how to handle an emergency situation such as identifying a natural gas leak, please take a look at this Washington Gas FAQ website: <https://www.washingtongas.com/help/faqs>

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin



Citizen engagement in the governing of Somerset — whether shaping decisions by the Town Council or in our celebrations and other Town activities — contributes greatly to our Town's success. Through their participation, citizens can really get the most value from the work of the Town government. This engagement takes myriad forms. One example is the work of our committees. The official committees do an amazing job and the ad hoc committees I form, especially for events, make invaluable contributions. Along these lines, I want to thank **Debbie Berger** (Cumberland) for co-chairing the Newcomers Party (with me) and for her great leadership, and **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset) for leading the new Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee with Debbie. This group has been hard at work all summer and the ideas they have generated will help make this year's Trick or Treat night the best ever!

We are now in the quiet "dog days" of summer, a time when many residents are on vacation. As a result, unfortunately, this is also the time of year when we experience spikes in minor crime. Please be sure to lock all your house doors, garages, and cars, and leave an extra light or two on at night if you are away. Make sure someone brings in your newspapers and mail and do not advertise your absences on the listserv or anywhere

else. If we all watch out for each other, we can reduce the incidence of theft or burglary this month — and in the future. And as usual, our Town police officers are on high alert at this time.

Watch for information soon in all of the Somerset communications outlets about the inauguration of our first official Town listserv which is planned for early September. I am looking forward to being the moderator. Stay tuned! Any advice from all of our IT experts in Town would be appreciated.

As I stroll around Town daily, I continue to see too many beer cans, candy wrappers, and cigarette butts carelessly strewn on our streets and sidewalks, especially in the areas surrounding construction projects. I hope that the owners of these properties will let their contractors and sub-contractors know that our Town does not tolerate litter. We need to do everything possible to enhance our streetscape. And don't be afraid to bend down and pick up a piece of trash — it's actually healthy!

In closing, let's not forget the true purpose of Labor Day on Monday, September 3, by paying a special tribute to all the working people in the USA and the strong unions that protect their rights.

GENERAL PERMITS

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

4810 ESSEX AVENUE

- 1 dogwood tree

5702 WARWICK PLACE

- 1 white oak tree

4709 TRENT COURT

- 1 white oak tree

FENCE PERMITS

4713 TRENT COURT,

- small portion of fence in the rear yard connecting to existing fence

5400 GREYSTONE STREET

- rear yard fence installation and gate in the front of property

STORAGE POD PERMIT

4701 CUMBERLAND AVENUE



All About People

By Eugene Tillman, *Warwick Place*

In my chats with neighbors, I often solicit ideas for my column — especially good candidates for a profile. When Bess Pickar’s name came up a second time, I decided it was time to learn more about this talented young woman. Bess is the 30-year old daughter of **Cathy** and **David Pickar** (Dorset) who have lived in Somerset since Bess was one-year old. So Bess grew up here, and as many of you know, she plays a big and important role in our community.



That includes her day job as a fourth-grade teacher at Somerset Elementary as well as serving as the head coach of the Dolphins, the Town’s swim team.

Looking back to her earlier years, Bess describes

Somerset as having everything a kid could want – the school, the pool, and great friends in the neighborhood. In her words, “It’s the type of community I would hope every child could experience.”

Bess’s “journey” to teaching is instructive – namely, that career opportunities don’t always emerge along a straight and predictable path. Bess approached college with a focus on science and math and a determination to attend medical school. She started at Colgate and transferred to George Washington University after her sophomore year. As part of her transition, she began to rethink her goals but didn’t immediately see a clear direction forward. While coaching the swim team over the summer, some parents, sensing a natural aptitude, asked if she had ever thought about teaching. She responded, honestly, that she had not. After turning the idea over in her head for a while, it began to make sense, and she decided to go for it. Bess changed her major to psychology and found different ways to connect with children including continued swim team coaching and serving as a nanny for a family in Somerset. Following graduation, she entered GW’s highly regarded and very intensive one-year master’s program in elementary education.

Through GW, Bess secured a 16-week internship at Somerset Elementary which started in late 2011. GW discovered that Bess had attended Somerset where a

GW graduate (Mr. Matwey) was then teaching fifth grade. In a first for GW, a master’s candidate in the elementary education program interned in the classroom of an earlier graduate of the program. Near the end of Bess’s internship, there was talk about adding new teachers at Somerset in fall 2012. When the new positions were posted, Bess applied, was selected, and started her teaching career at her elementary school *alma mater*.

By all reports, Bess is a highly talented and beloved teacher. I asked her about the people who influenced her along the way. Bess idolized some of her teachers but saw in others traits she *never* wanted to emulate. As she described it, “The horrible ones had just as much influence as the good ones in shaping who I am as a teacher.”

I asked Bess about the challenges and rewards in her job. She explained that effective teachers strive to reach all of their students, recognizing “differences” in learning style, cultural background, aptitude, and attention span. Along with that, Bess works hard at “blending” a group of 25 – 30 students to create a safe, comfortable space that fosters the group’s willingness and desire to learn together. Bess savors her students’ “light bulb” moments – for example, when they grasp their multiplication facts or recognize how a scientific principle applies in the real world. The big payoff for Bess comes when “their faces light up and the expression says, ‘Oh, *that’s* why we’re learning this stuff!’”

Notwithstanding the delights of her day job, the Dolphins hold a special place in Bess’s heart. She started with the swim team at age six or seven. She was always athletic and active, and swimming was a great outlet for her in the summers. It also enabled her to connect with neighborhood children of different ages, many of whom remain among her closest friends. For her, the swim team “fostered strong relationships in a safe environment with other children who lived close by.” Bess has given back to the community by serving as the Dolphins’ head coach for the past seven years. She is stepping aside after this season.

To round out her very full plate, Bess became engaged in late July to Ryan Treat, a young man with whom she shares a love of sports and being outdoors. They plan to marry

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All About People

in June 2019. And at some point, there may also be a Ph.D. program in Bess's future.

With the end of the swim season and the start of the school year, it's a fitting time to put the spotlight on Bess and appreciate her deep and meaningful contributions to our community.

I have some sad news to share about a former resident, **Ed Sussman**. On July 2, Ed, a DC criminal defense attorney, died suddenly of a hemorrhagic stroke. He lived in Somerset for 20 years and was the father of three native sons: **Nicholas, Gregory, and Robert**. **Nancy Zivitz Sussman** (Greystone) is a longstanding Town resident. In lieu of any religious observances (Ed's wish), his sons had a golf outing with many of his friends. There will also be a tribute to Ed in September at the DC Superior Court.

Finally, several families have moved into Somerset since my new-resident roundup in the August Journal. Barring the unexpected, I plan to devote most of my next column to these newest arrivals.

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.

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PARIS, FRANCE: Picturesque Day and Nite! And more affordable than ever! Enjoy our one-bedroom apartment in the 2nd arrondissement — the heart of historic Paris. Walk to the Louvre, the Pompidou Center, the Seine and two Metro stops. Four-night minimum stay. Contact **Birdie Pieczenik** at SRPVacationHomes@gmail.com or 301-652-1207.

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS COACHING: Would you like to get unstuck and upgrade your lifestyle and wellness habits? Small changes can make a lasting difference. If you are curious to see if coaching is right for you contact Certified Wellness Coach **Diane Horn RDH CHHC** at 301-654-0310 or diane.b.horn@gmail.com.

WINTERGREEN, VIRGINIA RESORT: TripAdvisor#FKN9242609. 9 BR/9.5 baths. Wintergreen's premier Mountaintop Lodge. Seasonal Blue Ridge views. Ideal for retreats, reunions, vacations, couples weekends; ski, golf, tennis, spa, hiking getaways. Enormous decks, floor-to-ceiling windows, natural woodwork, soaring Great Room. Near outstanding Nelson County micro-brewery/vineyard route near Charlottesville. Contact **Bob Gage** at rgage@cov.com; 202-744-5943.

SEA COLONY - BETHANY BEACH - EDGEWATER BUILDING OCEAN FRONT: 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Sunday to Sunday rentals - \$2,900 per week (Somerset special price) Call 301-233-2727, **Luba Marx**.

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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on August 6, 2018 and took the following actions:

1. Reappointment of Ron Bolt to serve as Town Attorney for FY19.
2. Reappointment of Rich Charnovich to serve as Town Manager for FY19.
3. Approval of a building permit to construct a 1-story screened porch addition in the rear yard at 4813 Falstone Avenue.
4. Approval of a 6-month building permit extension for the project currently occurring at 5525 Trent Street until March 11, 2019.
5. Approval of the purchase of a survey monkey subscription at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 as recommended by the Traffic Committee.
6. Approval to authorize the Town Attorney to submit a letter to the National League of Cities in opposition to the Streamline Small Cell Deployment Act.
7. Approval of a proposal and recommendation from Community Pool Service to purchase a commercial vacuum cleaner for the Town Pool at a cost not to exceed \$6,400.00.
8. In addition to the above actions, the following items were also discussed. Due to scheduling conflicts, recognition of former Council Members Barbara Condos and Dudley Fowlkes was tabled until a later date.
9. Mayor Slavin provided his monthly report, and Town Manager Charnovich provided his monthly administrative and financial reports. Bids received for the exterior work at the Town Hall and 2nd floor in the Town Hall were discussed and action was tabled until the September 4, 2018 Council Meeting. Backyard Bounty was in attendance to discuss preliminary landscaping concept plans for the Somerset entrance area near Wisconsin and Dorset Avenue, along with the area near the basketball court adjacent to Wisconsin Avenue. Backyard Bounty will plan to return to the October Town Council Meeting with a further update on their landscaping plans. Members of the Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the results of their survey of "big" Cumberland residents. A Journal article would be written with recommendations, and a final decision would be scheduled for the September 4, 2018 Council Meeting. A proposal from Sabra and Associates related to pedestrian and signage options in the pool parking lot area was tabled. The topic would be reviewed further during the pool off-season in conjunction with the Pool Committee. Town Manager Charnovich provided a brief update on the General Code project status. He would be providing Council Member Peale with the information General Code has provided Somerset, as a starting point toward next steps.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018–7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 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 Zeughhauser, Stephen Surko

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider setting the Fall Bulk Refuse Collection date on Monday, October 1, 2018.
4. **Motion:** To consider appointment of Dudley Fowlkes, Falstone, to serve on the Town Parks and Natural Resources Committee.

NON-CONSENT

5. **Discussion:** FY'18 Fiscal Report –7:35 p.m.
6. **Discussion:** Town Manager August Administrative and FY19 Fiscal Reports—8:00 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider award of a contract with DeMarne and Day, Inc. for work on the exterior and interior of the Town Hall at a cost not to exceed \$430,000.00 – 8:15 p.m.

8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee – 8:45 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of Pool Committee recommendations related to hours and days of operation at the Town Pool after Labor Day, September 3, 2018 – 8:55 p.m.
10. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider sending a letter/ testimony to the Montgomery County Council in September related to new legislation pertaining to the regulation of accessory apartment units– 9:05 p.m.
11. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a statement to be read as testimony at the Montgomery County Council hearing in September pertaining to small cell tower legislation – 9:15 p.m.
12. **Discussion:** General Code Update – 9:25 p.m.
13. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report– 9:30 p.m.
14. **Adjourn** – 9:35 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.

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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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