



# The SHARPSBURG TOWN CRIER

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## COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

There was no council meeting held in December. The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7pm. At that time, Russ Weaver and Brenda Gabriel will be sworn in as new council members and Hal Spielman will be sworn in as Mayor.

*Christmas Ornaments still available for purchase*



Need a last minute gift or stocking stuffer? We have you covered! There are still a few Sharpsburg Christmas Ornaments for sale at the clerk's office and at the Historical Society Headquarters for \$10. The ornaments are white Christmas balls with the town seal and the date imprinted on them. Hurry and get yours before they are sold out!

## TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Town Office Holiday Hours

The town office will be closed from Friday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 26th. We will re-open on Thursday December 27th. The office will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd. During this time, the clerk can be reached for emergencies at 301-302-7347.

Santa will be in the town square on December 21, 22 and 23rd beginning at 6pm. Come on down and put in those last minute gift requests!

## Trash Service Schedule Change

The trash collection schedule will change during the week of December 23rd. Service will be delayed by one day. Please set your trash out for collection on Wednesday, December 26th for pick up on Thursday, December 27th.

This will also be the case the week of December 30th. Please set your trash out on Wednesday, January 2nd for pick up on Thursday, January 3rd.

## Community News and Events

### Sharpsburg Elementary beautifies the Town Hall



On Thursday, December 6th, the students of Sharpsburg Elementary made the long hike from the school to town hall to hang ornaments that they made in art class on the trees in front of town hall. They have certainly made the front area look very beautiful, and will hopefully get everyone in the Christmas spirit. We thank them and the school for allowing this event to happen again.

this year. We are proud to be able to offer this opportunity to the children of Sharpsburg.

*First Annual Community Christmas Tree  
Lighting a Success!*



On Saturday, December 8th the town held its first community tree lighting celebration. The evening included the musical talents of the Sharpsburg Girl Scouts, Sharpsburg Lutheran Church Youth Choir and the Rohrsersville Band. Approximately 100 people attended the celebration, which also included hot chocolate , cookies and popcorn, a visit from Santa, the lighting of the community tree and a sing-along led by Councilperson Jennifer Silbert. A great time was had by all. Thank you for your support of this event! A special thank you to Good Spirits Christmas Tree Farm for the donation of the tree, Todd Stotler for the use of his sound equipment, Gary Hull for operating the sound at the event, all of the participants in the program, Bryan Gabriel, Darryl Benner, Brandon Smith, Hal Spielman and Brian Spielman for picking up the tree and getting it placed just right. A huge thank-you to the committee, Brenda Gabriel, Ed Beeler and Kimberly Fulk, without your hard work this never would have gotten off the ground. Thank you to all that attended! Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.





**Community Meeting**

Everyone is encouraged to attend a community meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 7pm at town hall. Mr. Bill Pechumer will be in attendance to get feed back on what townspeople feel is needed within the town so that he can possibly obtain grants for these items. This is your opportunity to share your ideas and opinions on what you would like to see in the town.

**Special Exception/Variance Hearing to be held at Town Hall**

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm in the Town Council Meeting Room of Town Hall, at which time and place you may be heard on the request for a special exception/variance to allow the Sharpsburg Fire Department and the Sharpsburg Ambulance Company permission to take possession of Fire Hall Alley and build a 126’ x 85’ building to run their operations from. This would occur at their current property 110 and 110 1/2 West Chapline Street.

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*Sharpsburg Historical Society Closures*

The Sharpsburg Historical Society Headquarters will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th.

**Sons of Confederate Veterans Meeting**

Battle of Sharpsburg Camp #1582, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be meeting Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7pm at town hall. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Barone, who will be talking about his ancestor who fought in both the Italian and American Civil Wars. The meeting is free and is open to the public. For more information, please contact Camp Commander Michael Wasiljov at [mike24745@aol.com](mailto:mike24745@aol.com) or 301-992-3122.

**Sharpsburg’s 250th Anniversary Celebration Meeting**

The meeting of the celebration committee of Sharpsburg’s 250th Anniversary will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7pm at town hall. All interested persons that would like to help plan this celebration are encouraged to attend. So far, several events have been discussed for possible ways to celebrate, they include residents of past and present homecoming/reception, a raffle, a dance performance, Big Spring dedication and an ice cream social in the town square. There is also the possibility of having commemorative t-shirts for sale. Come on out and help plan this once in a lifetime event. We encourage you to come and share your thoughts and ideas.

**Sharpsburg American Legion Auxiliary Wins Awards**

Past President Penny Adams presented Antietam Unit 236 with certificate of merit awards at the Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary meeting on November 18th. The unit received first place for All Around Activities, Americanism, Children and Youth, Community Service, Gold Star, Junior Activities, Poppy and veterans Affair Rehabilitation. At the annual American Legion Auxiliary convention in Ocean City, the unit received first place for Cancer Control—Most Outstanding Work, Children and Youth—Most Outstanding Work, Education—Most Outstanding Work, Gold Star, Legislative—Best All Around Report, Poppy—Best Poppy Report, national Security—Best All Around Program, veterans Affair & Rehabilitation—Home Service. The unit received second place for Americanism—Most Outstanding Work, Community Service—Most Outstanding Work, Public Relations—Best All Around Work, Public Relation—Most Complete Publicity Report and Field Service—Best All Around Program. We received third place for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation—Most Outstanding Family Contact and Vet-



erans Affairs & Rehabilitation—Most Outstanding Rehabilitation Work.  
The Junior Members won first place for Poppy, third place for Americanism and National Security.  
Unit President Ava Gift accepted the awards on behalf of the unit, stating that it could not have successfully served these programs without the community support of the annual bake and flower sales. All funds raised are put back into the many worthwhile American Legion Auxiliary Programs. With the downturn in the economy these past few years, the need in the area has increased.  
Anyone wishing to learn more about the Auxiliary may contact Ava Gift at 301-432-6658.

- Ava Gift

**Thanks from the Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren**

The Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren would like to thank everyone that came to our Christmas Bazaar in November. We enjoy everyone’s fellowship and support. We had a great day! Hope to see you next year. Merry Christmas and Blessings to all in the New Year.

- Lilly Grayson



<b>Town Office Hours:</b> <b>Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm</b> <b>(Additional hours by appointment)</b>	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
<b>COUNCIL</b>	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
<b>TOWN OFFICIALS</b>	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

<b>TOWN ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
<b>CHURCHES</b>		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
Lutheran	Rev. Karen Valentine	304-676-9974
UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

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