



Town of Sharpsburg

Town Crier



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Town Council Minutes

The Mayor and Council did not have a meeting in July. The next meeting will be Monday, August 5th at 7pm, second floor of town hall.

Sharpsburg Turns 250

July 9, 2013 marked the “official” anniversary of the founding of Sharpsburg by Joseph Chapline. On Sunday, July 7th, the town held a day of festivities to commemorate this historical event. A committee consisting of members of the historical society, the town and citizens planned and organized the various activities of the day.

Over 40 descendants of Joseph Chapline travelled to Sharpsburg for this special event. They came from Southern Maryland, all parts of Virginia and even Texas. Descendants participated in a wreath laying at the Chapline plot in Mountain View Cemetery.

The Sharpsburg Historical Society donated a wayside sign to the town of the Big Spring. For those of you that have not been to the big spring, you are missing out on seeing the beauty that this area has become! A huge thank you to the group that spent an entire week on sprucing up the Big Spring and the surrounding area. The new paint and landscape add to the area and makes the spring stand out and makes the new sign look even better. The town greatly appreciates your help and the donation from the historical society.

The remaining activities included “on your own” displays, walking tours, music and an ice cream social and band concert by the Rohrsersville Band.

The day was enjoyed by all that attended. The Joseph Chapline descendants also wanted to thank the town for its hospitality. They were very impressed with the town and were so appreciative of all the wonderful, friendly townspeople. Thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make this day a success.



Ed Beeler leading the wreath laying service



The descendants of Joseph Chapline



Vernell Doyle presenting Mayor Spielman with a Proclamation from Governor O'Malley



Local Girl Scouts unveiling the sign at the Big Spring



The "new" Big Spring

Local Resident co-authors book about Joseph Chapline



Searching for Joseph Chapline Maryland Frontiersman and Founder of Sharpsburg, Maryland is the first book written by local resident, Ed Beeler and co-authored by Joseph Chapline descendent, Michael Chapline. Ed states that this book is “long overdue”, as books have been written about many other founders of towns in Frederick and Washington Counties, but none about Joseph Chapline. Ed and Michael have discovered that some of the information that has been shared about Joseph Chapline is actually inaccurate. They have set out to write a book based on facts and research to provide the correct information to the public.

Ed says that he has enjoyed writing the book and hopes to continue his research and possibly write other books to share the history of Sharpsburg, its places and founder with others.

If you would like to purchase a copy of Ed and Michael’s book, contact Ed at the Sharpsburg Historical Society Headquarters on Wednesdays from 9am-6pm. You can also call him at 301-800-6877. The cost of the book is \$10, with an additional charge if shipping is needed.

Announcements

- The office of the Clerk will be closed on Monday, July 29th.
- In order to receive the 5% discount on taxes, taxes MUST be paid to the Clerk/Tax Collector **on or before** Wednesday, July 31st. Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2pm. Additional hours are available by appointment. Call 301-432-4428 to schedule an appointment.

SHARPSBURG TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE MILLER HOUSE

Sharpsburg will be featured in a special exhibit slated to open on August 17 and run through September at the Miller House in Hagerstown. The Washington County Historical Society is highlighting the oldest town in Washington County as it celebrates its 250th anniversary.

The Sharpsburg Historical Society is asking that persons who have items relating to Sharpsburg's history share those items for this exhibit. We are interested in artifacts, photographs, maps and documents that deal with the town, the buildings, the industries, the families and the canal.

Please call 301-992-9767 if you would like more information about the exhibit and how you can help.

Important Phone Numbers

Apple Valley Waste (Trash Collection)	304-724-1834
Washington County Department of Water Quality (Water and Sewer)	240-313-2600
Potomac Edison	1-800-686-0011
Washington County Sheriff's Department (Non-Emergencies)	240-313-2100
Comcast	1-800-COMCAST

Reminders

- Burning within the town limits is PROHIBITED
- The town has a lawn and weed ordinance that states that grass and weeds need to be cut and kept at a limit not to exceed 3 inches. Be courteous to your neighbors and mow your lawn. This keeps the snakes and other unwanted rodents and animals out of the town as well
- Town trash collection is for residential (household) trash items. Commercial waste, yard waste and construction items are not accepted. If you have a question in regards to what is accepted or not, contact Apple Valley Waste

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
Darryl Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Cathy Hull – Councilperson	304-279-8440
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907

Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428
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Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council should be contacted through the Town Office, unless it is an emergency situation.

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