

Town of Sharpsburg

Town Crier



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The October meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7pm at Town Hall.

Town News and Events

Bulk Trash Pickup



Bulk trash pickup will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. All bulk items are to be placed out beside your household trash items on Tuesday evening, December 1st, on the curb.

Unacceptable items:

- Paint; unless it is completely dried out
- Televisions
- Automotive parts
- Tires
- Remodeling/construction material
- Poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, oil, explosives, ammunition or other hazardous or dangerous materials
- Yard waste

Annual Christmas tree lighting *Friday, December 4th*



Join the Town, your friends and neighbors as we light the town Christmas tree on Friday, December 4th at 7pm in front of Town Hall. Enjoy holiday music and light refreshments as the children visit with Santa. Bring an ornament to place on the tree!

A donation box for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program will be available for donations of new, unwrapped toys.

The Town Christmas ornament, featuring Town Hall, will be available for purchase for \$10 each. We hope to see you there!

2015 Christmas Ornaments have arrived



Ornaments are available for purchase at Town Hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-1:30pm and are also available at B&B Automotive Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. The cost of the ornament is \$10 and is glass. Ornaments may also be purchased at the Tree lighting on December 4th.

Community News

Sharpsburg Bible Church celebrates completion of renovations and Pastor and Mrs. Gene Renner



Sunday, October 4 Sharpsburg Bible Church held their annual Rally Day combined with a re-dedication service as their remodeling project is completed after 2 ½ years, with the work being done by members of the church. New classrooms were added as were handicapped bathrooms.

This was the first week the members saw the changes in the sanctuary, one of the most impressive was the move of a beautiful old stained glass window portraying Christ praying. Now it is the first thing you see when you enter.

October 25 was Pastor Appreciation Day. The choir sang Erma's (pastor's wife) favorite hymn, she was given day off as pianist and teacher. Pastor Gene was given the morning off from bringing a sermon and they were both honored with an absolutely hilarious skit about them. They laughed as hard as the rest of us. Then the congregation was treated to a delicious meal together.

- Darlene Hoffman

Sharpsburg Holds Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony



**Clopper Michael Post 10 Honor Guard Presentation of Colors
from left to right: Gary Shank, Ron Moats, Bud Price, Al Resh and George Harting**

Antietam 236 American Legion family held a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th in Sharpsburg town square. The program began with the presentation of colors by Clopper Michael Post 10 Boonsboro American Legion Honor Guard. Fourth and fifth grade students from Sharpsburg Elementary School led those gathered in the pledge of allegiance. Boonsboro High School chorus, under the direction of Holly Gardenour, sang the national anthem a Capella. Antietam Unit 236 Chaplain, Darlene Hoffman, gave the invocation. Retired Army Reserve Lt. Col. And now Park Ranger for the Antietam National Battlefield, Mike Gamble, spoke on the subject of Veterans Day and shared the personal story of when his father was a POW during WWII. The names and locations of 17 local soldiers were given and the audience was asked to keep all military personnel in their thoughts and prayers. Ava Gift, who emceed the ceremony, spoke on the importance of teaching patriotism to our young people. Each year, she involves the students by asking them a question. This year she asked the students what bird was the National bird and went on to give the history of how the bald eagle was chosen not just as the national bird, but the national animal. The 70 veterans in attendance, including veterans from Somerford Place, lined up in front of the war memorials and stepped forward as their service song was sung during the singing of the Armed Forces Salute by the Boonsboro High School Chorus. Each veteran introduced themselves and told what branch of the military they served and during which conflict. Some shared enlightening and heartwarming information. One veteran shared that he was in the Battle of the Bulge and had a brother killed during the war. Another had his brother's medal that was given to him by his brother, who had been a prisoner of war during the Korean War that he had received for the "Olympics" that the POW's held inside the POW camp. A WWII veteran proudly advised that he fought in the war from the day it began until it ended. Each veteran was given a letter opener. The Boonsboro Chorus sang patriotic selections, followed by the presentation of memorial wreaths. Park Ranger Mike Gamble laid a wreath on behalf of the Antietam National Battlefield. Chief Judge of the Orphans Court Joe Eichelberger on behalf of the Citizens of Washington County, Mayor Hal Spielman on behalf of the Town of Sharpsburg, Danny Brown and Howard Williams placed a wreath on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans, Ralph Tag; Chapter 14. Leonard Higdon and grandson Jared Rohr, on behalf of Antietam Lodge 197,

Boonsboro American Legion Commander Gary Shank on behalf of Clopper Michael Post 10. On behalf of the American Legion family, legionnaire Lloyd "Pete" Waters, Sons of the American Legion Eugene Rowe, auxiliary Judy Mason and her granddaughter 2015 Miss Poppy Cheyanne Thacker. The Honor Guard presented the rifle salute followed by the playing of TAPS by honor guard bugler Paul DeLloyd. Antietam Legion Commander Lawrence Hoffman offered the benediction. The program concluded with Gift thanking all those that participated and to all who attended. The veterans and guests were invited to a luncheon provided by Antietam 236 auxiliary.

Sharpsburg Historical Society to host "Meet the Author"

On Saturday, December 5th from 12 noon – 2 pm, the Sharpsburg Historical Society will host a "Meet the Author" event at the Reformed German Church on West Main Street in Sharpsburg. Author John Banks will be presenting a program about Connecticut Union Soldiers, many of whom were in the hospital in the church after the Battle. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Community Corner

In Honor of Ms. Patsy Sue Delauney



Lifetime resident Patsy Sue Delauney, has recently moved to Ravenwood Village from her home on Mechanic Street. She was born on February 26, 1948 to Doris and Paul "Duckie" Delauney. Her mother was a McGraw and her grandmother descended from Raleigh Bender, a famous old character in Sharpsburg. When Patsy was in fourth grade, she was stricken with polio, even

though she had the vaccine. She spent an entire year in Children's Hospital in Baltimore and was fitted with braces on both legs up to her hips. It was very hard, but she learned to adjust and went back to school, graduating from Boonsboro High School. She was made the Polio Poster Child for the March of Dimes at age 9 and her picture was taken inside the old post office on East Main Street.

If you have ever met Patsy, you know that she is a feisty lady! She did not let her difficulties hold her back; helping her parents with canning, baking and cleaning. When her father took ill, she cared for him until his passing. Later, when her mother was fighting cancer and had to go to a nursing home, Patsy became very involved in helping. Several times a week, friends would take her up to Hagerstown where she would spend time with her mother and help the Activities Director by calling Bingo, passing out snacks and helping with craft projects. She continued after her mother died, as she genuinely cared about people.

Patsy became a talented seamstress and could make anything out of fabric or yarn. Many residents of Sharpsburg took sewing projects to her. She made beautiful afghans and all kinds of crafty items that she would sell on her front porch during various town festivals.

Patsy was a dedicated Lioness for many years, making lovely aprons for the women to wear at fundraisers, plus other crafts for them to sell. She also made items for the Heritage Festivals in Sharpsburg.

Patsy is now 67 and having issues with her shoulders and legs from years of using crutches. She has "retired" to Ravenwood, but is already planning craft lessons and is fitting in with all the residents. She still has that spirit to keep helping and having fun. If you ever stop on a warm evening where she was holding court on her porch, you will remember how hilarious she could be, and still is.

She is an inspiring example of how God can help someone stay strong and carry on through any hard time in life. May God Bless Patsy and give her a long life.

If you would like to visit Patsy, or drop her a line, her address is Patsy Sue Delauney, Ravenwood Nursing Center, 1183 Luther Drive Room 411B, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

- Darlene Albritton



December 25, 1957



Patsy's Crafts Sept. 17, 18 1994
Heritage Days



Sharpsburg BP Station to close December 31st

December 31st, the Sharpsburg BP Station will be closing its doors. Due to old equipment and an ancient contamination that has been discovered, Ewing Oil has decided to close the station. They will be working to make sure that the area is environmentally stable before making any further plans for the property.

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Additional hours for the Clerk and Zoning Administrator are available by appointment

Mayor and Council

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