

# *Town of Sharpsburg*



## *Town Crier*

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The minutes of the Council meeting are an overview of business conducted and are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes will be available at the Clerk's office after they are approved by the Mayor and Council at next month's council meeting.

**Members in attendance: Mayor Hal Spielman, Vice Mayor Russ Weaver; Councilpersons Tamara White, Brandon Smith, Michael Carr and Darryl Benner. Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector was also present**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mayor Spielman. The minutes of the September meeting and the September treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### **Public Comment**

There were concerns in regards to Pete's Tavern, which include trash, beer cans and cigarette butts all over the sidewalk and in other people's property; loud music and loud yelling and cursing, both of which can be heard at all hours of the night, squealing of tires at all hours of the night, urinating outside, etc. The Mayor and Council stated that they were unaware of these issues, as no one has contacted Town Hall in regards to this. They stated that they would see what they could do, whether it is going to the liquor board, or writing a letter for Ordinance violations.

The Crosswalks in the square were also discussed again. Over the weekend, a car left skid marks on the road in order to avoid hitting a teenager in the crosswalk. It was explained that the Council had a discussion with Delegate Neil Parrott in regards to getting some type of lighting system in the square. Mr. Parrott is working on this with the State Highway Administration. The State Highway Administration has sent employees down to monitor the situation, in order to gain data for the light.

The Mayor and Council, with the expertise of Delegate Parrott, did not feel as though placing crosswalk signs in the middle of the street would be very effective and would more than likely be destroyed very quickly. This was upsetting to some audience members, as it is felt that something needs to be done until the state can complete their workup. Russ moved to purchase the signs and place them on 34 and Darryl seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kimberly will order the signs so that they can be delivered soon.

Mr. Harris stated that the tree across from the Town Hall has grown and branches are covering the crosswalk sign. He volunteered to cut them so that the sign is visible. The Council agreed to allow him to cut the branches.

## **Committee Reports**

**Parks and Railroad Station:** Brandon had nothing to report

**Building:** Mick stated that his only concern is the roof on the Railroad Station. It looks as though it should be painted and perhaps replaced in the near future

**Streets:** Tamara had nothing to report. Darryl stated that he noticed there is a pothole at the 200 block of South Mechanic and South Hall Street that needs to be added to the pothole list

**Planning and Zoning:** Russ stated that in the meeting in September it was suggested that Howard report what he is working on in the town. It was also suggested to actively pursue a grant writer so that they can establish a concept diagram. We do have bike racks in the garage, but we should really plan to get those installed. The question of light poles in the square was brought up (smaller old-time looking poles.) It was thought that possibly they could be solar powered, but Mr. Herzog felt that there would not be enough sun to hit them for this to happen. Another meeting has not been established.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting and it will also be Perry Jamieson's last meeting as a town representative. Mayor Spielman presented Mr. Jamieson with a small gift and certificate to thank him for his seven years of service on the committee. Chris Vincent will be the new representative.

**Public Safety:** Darryl had nothing to report.

**Town Archives & Historical Planning:** Ed was not present, but he left some information with Kimberly. October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in town hall will be the next Founder's Day meeting to plan and organize Founder's Day events for July, 2018. On October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm-5pm the new Town Museum, Sharpsburg Heritage Museum, will have an Open House.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Spielman had nothing to report

## **Old Business**

Adoption of the Washington County Highway Safety Plan: This was moved by Russ with the stipulation that they focus on pedestrian safety in Sharpsburg. Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **New Business**

Merger of the Sharpsburg Little League and South Mountain Little League: The Sharpsburg Little League has experienced a decline in numbers that last few years, mainly due to the fact that the children in Sharpsburg boundaries are growing up and with the boundary area, smaller children cannot come and play for Sharpsburg unless they are specifically in the boundary area. The Sharpsburg Little League would like to merge with the South Mountain Little League, in order to open up the boundary and get more players here, so that the tradition of Sharpsburg Little League can continue. Russ moved to approve the merger and Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 8:27pm, Russ moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and Tamara seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 9:27pm, the executive session was moved back to regular session by Brandon and seconded by Russ. The motion carried.

At 9:28pm, Tamara moved to adjourn and Darryl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Town News**

### **Workshop Session for the Mayor and Council**

The Mayor and Council will be having a workshop session on Tuesday October 24, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall. Agenda items include job descriptions, discussion about the first two Ordinances

### **Open House for new Sharpsburg Heritage Museum**



The Town of Sharpsburg is pleased to announce the opening of the Sharpsburg Heritage Museum, located in the council chambers of Town Hall. There will be an Open House on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12noon-5pm to celebrate the opening of the museum. Come out and see the history and heritage of Sharpsburg. Refreshments will be served.

#### **Artifacts and photos wanted!**

**If you would like to donate materials to the Sharpsburg Heritage Museum, the Town museum, please contact Town Clerk Kimberly Fulk at 301-432-4428 or [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net). You may also contact Ed Beeler, curator of the museum at 301-800-6877.**

**The museum is currently looking for pictures of the Big Spring and pictures of the Lutheran Church prior to 1940, in addition to any materials that you wish to donate.**



The Town of Sharpsburg will be having Trick-or-Treat on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm.

The Sharpsburg Pharmacy will be handing out glow necklaces near the town clock in the square, so make sure you make that one of your first stops so that you are more visible when crossing the streets.

Please use caution when crossing the streets. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children during this event.

Homes that wish to participate with handing out treats for this event should turn their porchlight on.

Victory Garden Ranch will have special hours that day; 6pm-8pm, stop by for a treat and to warm up.

## **Community News and Events**

### *Food Preserving Class at Victory Garden Ranch*



Join the owner of Kelley Farm, who will be giving a class on preserving at Victory Garden Ranch on Saturday October 21 from 11am-1pm. A pen and paper is all that is needed for the class.

Preregistration is required by contacting Victory Garden Ranch at 301-799-1420. Registration fee is \$22 per person, which can be dropped off at the store, or mailed to them at PO Box 22 Sharpsburg, MD 21782. A portion of the proceeds will go to the local nonprofit Veterans Group Come All Who Are Thirsty.

## *Adventures of a Relics Collector*



The Sharpsburg Historical Society will welcome Richard Clem on Monday October 23, 2017 at 7:00pm in Town Hall. Mr. Clem will share the high and low points of a lifetime with a metal detector. This program is free and open to everyone. For more information, call 301-992-9767.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Help  
save  
lives**



Victory Garden Ranch, Come All Who are Thirsty Veterans Group and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-6:30pm at the Victory Garden Ranch, 101 West Main Street in Sharpsburg. With all of the recent storms and devastation across our country, this is one way we can ALL help! If you are unable to give blood, the American Red Cross will accept monetary donations. For more information, or to register to donate, contact Victory Garden Ranch at 301-799-1420.

## **Veteran's Day Gift Bag Drive**



For the second year in a row, Victory Garden Ranch is collecting donations to make 60 gift bags to say "thank you" to the brave men and women who served and are serving our country. Travel sized toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bandanas, snacks, socks, beef jerky, lip balms and anything you think they would enjoy! 20 gift bags will go to wounded veterans at the local VA hospital, 20 will go to a local homeless shelter and 20 will go to outpatient local veterans.

Items can be donated anytime between now and November 10<sup>th</sup> at Victory Garden Ranch or at the Wild Rose Soap Company 173 Ashley Drive Shepherdstown, WV. The bags will be stuffed on November 10<sup>th</sup>

from 11am-noon at Victory Garden Ranch. This event is sponsored by Victory Garden Ranch, Come All Who are Thirsty Veterans Group and Wild Rose Soap Company.

## **VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY**



Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236 will be holding the annual Veteran's Day ceremony in town square on Saturday November 11, 2017 at 11:00am. Betty Snyder will be bringing her beautiful gift of music to this special day. All Veterans are encouraged to attend and be recognized. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and show your support for these brave men and women.



## **TELLABRATION!™ comes to Sharpsburg!**

Sharpsburg is pleased to present a FREE TELLABRATION!™ on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 4:00pm at the Sharpsburg Town Hall, 106 E Main Street. Local storytellers (from Hagerstown, Chambersburg and Sharpsburg) are Fanny Crawford, Renee Emanuel, Larry Hayes and Stas' Ziolkowski, and they'll tell stories on the theme of "Good Neighbors." All are Welcome, from school-age children to senior citizens, and everyone in between.

TELLABRATION!™ is a storytelling event celebrated world-wide on or about the third Saturday in November. Guilds and storytelling enthusiasts all around the globe share their storytelling talents in concerts held in cities and towns to celebrate the art of storytelling. TELLABRATION!™ is a trademark of the National Storytelling Network, whose mission is "Connecting People To and Through Storytelling." For more information, please contact Sharpsburg resident Stas' (rhymes with "gosh") Ziolkowski – 501-253-4656 or [stastells@gmail.com](mailto:stastells@gmail.com)





## DECEMBER 2, 2017

### ANTIETAM LUMINARIES DINNER & BUS TOUR

The Antietam Luminaries event held each December in honor of the soldiers who fell during the Battle of Antietam is in the top 100 tours in the US. At twilight, 23,110 luminaries are lit, one for each soldier who was killed, wounded or missing. Ride in the comfort of our bus with accompanying music and soft spoken interpretation that brings new meaning to the number of lives lost in this exchange. With our exclusive priority access, we skip the long lines of visitors waiting to drive through the park.

Complement this great event, enjoy with a delicious meal at Shepherd's Spring before the tour & enjoy a stay in our Lodge for the night afterwards. Call us today at 301-223-8193 or register on line at [www.shepherdsspring.org](http://www.shepherdsspring.org) under the events tab to reserve your space!

Sunday check out time: 10:00AM. (Rain Date: Dec. 9, 2017).

There is a 50 person maximum and a 20 person minimum required to host the event. RSVP by November 26, 2017.



Listed in the  
top 100 tours in  
the US

- \$22 Bus Tour Only (7:00 pm)
- \$47 Dinner & Bus Tour (6:00 pm)

Overnight stay in  
Lodge:

- \$115 per person
- \$218 per couple

Overnight stay  
package includes:

- Dinner
- Bus Tour
- Eve. Snack
- Lodge Room
- Sun. Morning Continental breakfast

**Hurry! Limited  
Seating Available**

#### SHEPHERD'S SPRING

16869 Taylor's Landing Rd  
Sharpsburg, MD 21782  
301-223-8193

[www.shepherdsspring.org](http://www.shepherdsspring.org)

Dec 2<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:00 PM

## Happenings at the Library



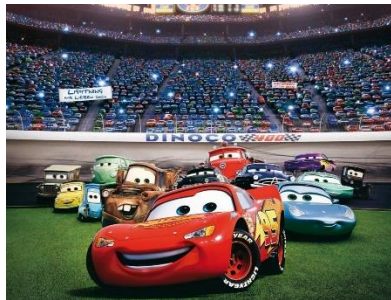
### **Sharpsburg and Environs: A “Tossed and Broken Sort of Place”**

**November 2 at 7pm**

Presented by retired chief historian of Antietam National Battlefield, Ted Alexander. Ted is also author of 10 books including *Antietam: The Bloodiest Day* and served two tours in Vietnam with USMC where he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V. The talk will focus on Sharpsburg on the eve of the battle.

### **Family Movie Night**

#### **Cars 3 (Rated G)**



**November 15 at 4:30pm**

### **Scienceteller (STEM)**

**November 9 from 6-8pm**

**Ages 8-14**

Hands on activities with stories, presented by Stas’ Ziolkowski, retired high school chemistry and math teacher and former director of the Luetkemeyer Planetarium in Baltimore. Stas’ also has extensive experience in storytelling and theater. Who says I can’t see light beams? How do we get pictures from space? Which falls faster, a bowling ball or a baseball? Just a few questions you will be able to answer after completing the fun activities.



## **Battlefield Advisory Committee**



The committee met on Wednesday October 4, 2017 at 2 pm

In August and September the Antietam National Battlefield commemorated the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Antietam National Cemetery. The battlefield staff offered guided walks of the cemetery and, with Shepherd University and Eastern National, sponsored a speakers series at Shepherd University from August 26 through September 9. About two hundred and fifty people attended a program at the cemetery on Sunday September 17, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its dedication.

Visitation at the battlefield through September is on a pace that will make the total for 2017 exceed last year's by five to ten percent. The large number of visitors has kept the Antietam Battlefield Guides busy. The roughly twenty-two active guides, whose most popular outing is a standard three-hour tour of the battlefield, have led more than nine hundred tours this year.

This will be my last report from the Antietam Battlefield Advisory Committee. I have enjoyed being the town representative on the committee for seven years. Thank you to County Clerk Vicki Lumm and others in our county government; to Town Clerk Kimberly Fulk, Mayor Hal Spielman, and to the town council; and to Superintendent Susan Trail and the battlefield committee members. Thanks to Chris Vincent, who will be following me as town representative.

- Perry Jamison

**Mayor Spielman presented Mr. Jamieson with a certificate and a gift of appreciation for his service on the committee. Thank you, Mr. Jamieson.**



## **Town Government**

**Town Office – 301-432-4428**

**Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm**

**Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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

### **Mayor and Council**

<b>Hal Spielman – Mayor</b>	<b>301-432-6854</b>
<b>Russ Weaver – Vice Mayor (Planning &amp; Zoning)</b>	<b>301-432-5907</b>
<b>Ed Beeler – Councilperson (Town Archives &amp; Historical Planning)</b>	<b>301-800-6877</b>
<b>Darryl Benner – Councilperson (Public Safety)</b>	<b>301-992-2230</b>
<b>Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)</b>	<b>301-991-6988</b>
<b>Brandon Smith – Councilperson (Parks &amp; Railroad)</b>	<b>301-491-4866</b>
<b>Tamara White – Councilperson (Streets)</b>	<b>301-432-7754</b>
<b>Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector</b>	<b>301-432-4428</b>

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