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Goodbye For Now: Ms. Vicki Winston Retires from Sharpsburg Elementary

On her last day, the Town Crier visited her for a pleasant hour. As always, she was at her desk by the front door and around the school helping folks.

Everyone knows her as “Miss Vicki”. Loved by several generations of our school kids, their parents, and her colleagues at Sharpsburg Elementary School (SES), she retired this month. She spent thirty-two years here, devoted to our kids.

Miss Vicki is a graduate of North Hagerstown High School and entered the Washington County Public School System where she worked in several administrative roles for ten years prior to taking the post here at SES.

She’s one of four sisters and has roots right here in Sharpsburg. Her grandparents Sallie and Gilbert Summers lived close by on Antietam Street.

Sadly, her husband of forty years, Frederick Winston, recently passed. They lived in Kearneysville, WV. Miss Vicki shared



the story of their meeting. She and her sisters went to a club in Martinsburg where she was uncomfortable. A young man noticed and took her aside and they talked. It was that kind act that got her attention. They were congregants of Second Christian Church, Hagerstown.

Her retirement plans include spending time with her mom, children, and two grandchildren. She also plans to travel and volunteer in her church.

In her time, she saw lots of changes at SES, noting especially the increased diversity of the kids over those thirty years. She added with that smile that she was welcomed

here with open arms and had great community support. About her retiring, she added, “My kids are in the best hands; I have no regrets about that!”

The Sharpsburg community and especially her kids wish her health and happiness in retirement.

She has a message for her kids, “Always remember, be the best you can be; reach for the stars; make me proud. I will miss each-and-every one of you!” - Editor



From the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council

Reporting Graffiti, Etc.

To keep the town safe and pleasant, PLEASE if you see something amiss or there's an issue, please call the non-emergency line of the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 240-313-4345. At our last council meeting Officer Peyton urged residents to call when: someone sees graffiti, if music is played too loud in the middle of the night, if kids are observed throwing rocks at any structures or if you see something that does not seem right. As always if there's an emergency, dial 911. THANKS! Residents should feel comfortable and safe in their town.



- Mayor Russ Weaver

Memorial Day 2022: Final Thoughts

Summer is now upon us, and another Memorial Day is in the books. After almost a year of planning, our longstanding tradition of memorializing veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice, after 155 years, was once again upheld, and passed with great success. The grand sight of 108 units passing down a Main Street lined with expressions of patriotism and smiling faces is truly one to behold, and an experience that enriches the soul, and is one of the unique qualities of our town that makes Sharpsburg such a great community and a great place to live; indeed, the parade itself took nearly two hours to pass by, and was one of the largest parades the town has seen in many years!

This year's theme was the Greatest Generation, and it was truly an honor to pay tribute to that group of Americans who represent the best that patriotism and service have to offer and sacrificed more in one of our nation's greatest hours of need than we today can hardly comprehend. In a break from our typical

format, the Memorial Day Committee resolved early on to have two Grand Marshals for this year's commemoration – Sergeant Guy Whidden and Corporal Jack Myers - both veterans of the European Theater in World War II, and both involved in countless acts of heroism, and in them, we could not have found a more fitting pair of individuals to represent that generation.

As they recounted their amazing experiences and sacrifices during the war in interviews that were held prior to the parade, their humility and grace in describing to me those experiences was almost equally as impressive; a nonchalant, matter-of-fact recounting of traumatic and life altering events which were conveyed so passively, and reflected the unquestionable sense of duty that drove them selflessly into service, and into harm's way time and time again. To hear them speak of their deeds in that way really underscored for me the nature of their perceived obligation to serve their country. Not to be left out, my own grandmother, who served as our Honorary Grand Marshal, was also in attendance as a distinguished guest. She served as a signal interceptor in the FBI during World War II and can still translate Morse code in real-time today. It was indeed a great privilege for me to be able to play a part in honoring the service of these great Americans, as well as the countless others that they represent, by addressing the crowd and serving as Master of Ceremonies during the morning ceremony, and I would like to thank all of them for their service, both to our country and to our town.

I would also like to convey my sincerest gratitude to the Washington County Fire Police and Sheriff's Department, whose invaluable assistance ensured a safe event for spectators and participants alike, as well as the Alsatia club for their technical knowledge and logistical support that made the parade possible. Thanks also to the Hagerstown Aviation Museum for providing the World War II aircraft for this year's flyover during the parade, and

special thanks to the Washington County Commissioners, and the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau for their financial contributions.

I would again like to thank Mayor Russ Weaver for entrusting me with the great honor of continuing this tradition into its 156th year, and the Town Council for their assistance and support. A special thank you to our Town Clerk, Carrie Estell, for lending a hand when needed, providing much needed encouragement, and for, as always, being right about the weather!

Lastly, my sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Memorial Day Committee – Councilman Ed Beeler, Jen Bruni, Patty Hammond, Matt Ryan, Randy Short, Beth Sparks, and lastly, Ava Gift, to whom I was proud to present this year's Sharpsburg Community Service award at our final yearly meeting for her dedication and commitment to honoring our veterans and ensuring the continuance of the Memorial Day commemoration in Sharpsburg. A great team of individuals who did another excellent job, and who I am proud to work with

Finally, thanks once again to the Citizens of Sharpsburg – the great people of our community who make this event so worthwhile! I am very proud to have the opportunity to serve as your Vice Mayor and Memorial Day Committee Chairman; the 156th will be here before you know it, and with your help, I look forward to making it another great event!

- Vice Mayor Jacob Martz

Memorial Banners

Do you have a loved one who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice? Would you want to honor that family member with a banner that would be displayed in town?

If you are interested, contact Town Hall (townofsharpsburg@comcast.net or 301-432-

4428). You can print out the form on page 14 and send it in or drop it off.

A \$150.00 fee would apply for this tribute. Thanks.

- Ms. Carrie Estell, Town Clerk

Sharpsburg Community Service Award: Ms. Ava Gift

As I've said before, one of my favorite parts of this job is being in a position to recognize the accomplishments of those who truly deserve it. In

terms of dedication, I can think of no other person as committed as Ava Gift has been in honoring the service and sacrifices made by those who served our nation in the armed forces, and in serving them, she has also served our community.



**Vice Mayor Jacob Martz, Ms.
Ava Gift, Mayor Russ Weaver**

Ava's guidance, knowledge, dedication, and spirit has been invaluable, and an instrumental part of what has kept our annual Memorial Day Commemoration going for so long, and she has indeed become a part of the history of this town; and for me personally, she has been a constant source of encouragement, inspiration, and motivation.

It was a great privilege for me to recognize her service by presenting Ava with our second annual Sharpsburg Community Service Award on behalf of the Mayor and Council at last night's final meeting of the Memorial Day Committee for the 2022 season.

- Vice Mayor, Jacob Martz

Help Us Plan Park Improvement



Parents! Your input is needed. Russ Weaver, our mayor, has secured some funding that will be used for new playground equipment. Some ideas were: providing shade trees, installing a walkway, up-

grading some play equipment, and creating a tike trek. If you are available and would like to assist the mayor with creating a better Sharpsburg Community Park, please call town hall (301)-432-4428 or email townofsharpsburg@comcast.com to be part of the process! THANKS in advance for your support in making fun for our kiddos!

- Mayor Russ Weaver

About the Town

Caught in the Act!

The Editor recently encountered Scott Parker, Archeologist, at the Methodist Cemetery on Hall Street. He has been engaged by the Sharpsburg Historical Society to identify gravesites that are unmarked. Sometimes grave stones are moved or lost. Sometimes they were temporarily or never marked.

You see, “disturbed” soil (like dug graves) retains more moisture than undisturbed soil. Moist soil has less electrical resistance than dryer soil and this can be measured.

Mr. Parker, pictured, built the device you see there which measures resistance across elec-



trodes protruding into the soil below. By taking hundreds of measurements and applying the data to a grid “map” of the cemetery, unmarked graves can be identified.

Look for future updates on this project from the Sharpsburg Historical Society.

- Editor

Sharpsburg Days

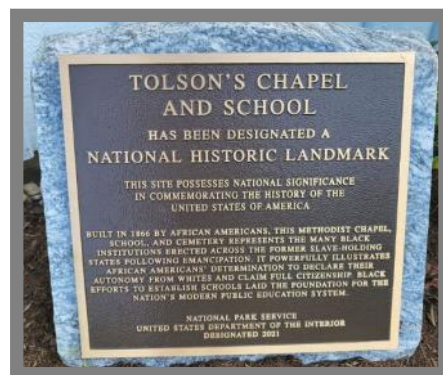
Sharpsburg Days returns this year on Saturday, October 1, 2022 (9AM to 4PM).

If you would like to set up a booth, please submit the Vendor Application in the Attachments, page 15.

Tolson's Chapel: Plaque Dedication

On June 11, the National Historic Landmark plaque was dedicated at Tolson's Chapel. It brings to a close significant effort to recognize what is a nearly unique historical site related to black culture. It was a series of fortunate events that brought that structure and property down to our time largely intact. Most other similar physical infrastructure has succumbed to deterioration and urban sprawl.

- Editor



Become a Member of the Museum

As previously reported, Sharpsburgh Museum of History has been designated a non-profit organization. This opens opportunities for folks to get involved in several ways. Mr. Ed Beeler, Executive Director of Sharpsburgh Museum of History, tells you all about this in the Attachment, pages 16-17.

Caught in the Act II: Fire Truck Restoration

The Editor caught sight of our old (60's era) Ford fire truck having a final wash before getting her original white paint applied. The story of her journey here, her life after, and her return home are the subject of future Criers.



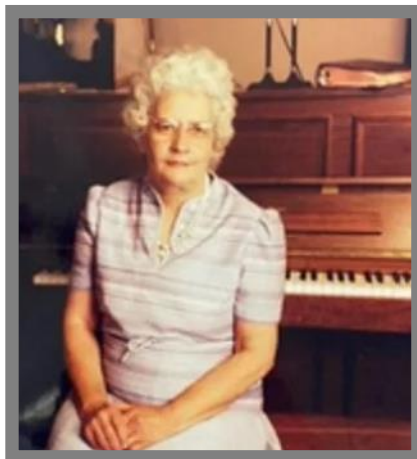
If you'd like to support the restoration, contact Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company. You should know that this project is independent from the Fire Company. The donations you provided toward fire and safety protection are not used for this restoration project.

- Editor

We Remember

Memoriam: Kathleen Virginia Boyer

Kathleen Virginia Boyer, 88, of Sharpsburg, Maryland, passed from this life on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Charlotte's Home in Maugansville, Maryland.



Born on January 26, 1934, she lived her entire life in her family home in Sharpsburg, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Elmer and Daisy (Gloss) Boyer.

Kathleen was a 1951 graduate of

Boonsboro High School and a 1956 graduate of Shepherd College. She was a lifelong member of Christ Reformed United Church of Christ of Sharpsburg, where she was the organist for 50 plus years. Kathleen also played

the organ at Trinity Lutheran of Sharpsburg, Church of the Brethren, Sharpsburg, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Keedysville. She loved her music and enjoyed taking care of her cats.

- Edited from Obituary (Editor's Note: Ms. Boyer was a constant and positive presence in this small place. Her musical skills, optimistic character, and steady presence contributed to everything that is good in a community. I'll add, there were generations of young school boys who heard her play "Halls of Montezuma" on piano while we sang along and fell totally in love with "Miss Kathleen". We shall all miss her.)

Memoriam: Corporal Leonard U. Higdon

We are saddened by the news of the passing of Corporal Leonard U. Higdon, USMC, who recently died peacefully in his sleep.

CPL Higdon, a World War II veteran, served our nation as a United States Marine from 1944-1946. While serving in the Pacific Theater as a member of the 1st Marine Division, CPL Higdon participated in the battle of Okinawa, which lasted for 82 consecutive days. Following the war, CPL Higdon returned to his lifelong residence in Brownsville, Maryland where, as a member of the Brownsville Church of the Brethren, he remained active in the community.

CPL Higdon was well known in the Town of Sharpsburg. Every Memorial and Veterans Day, for over 30 years, donned in his Marine Corps uniform, he would place a wreath at the Town's War Memorials on behalf of the An-



tietam Lodge 197 AF & AM in Keedysville, Maryland. This year, he was asked to serve as a Grand Marshal of our 155th Memorial Day commemoration honoring the "Greatest Generation," but health concerns prevented him from doing so.

The town and community offer sincerest condolences to the family of Corporal Higdon. May he Rest in Peace, and as we lay another hero to rest, let us remain ever grateful for his service to our country and our community, and never forget the sacrifices that he, and others of his generation who answered that call to arms, made in one of the greatest hours of need our nation has ever experienced.

- Edited from submission by Vice Mayor Jacob Martz

Community Calendar

June 29 at 7PM: Joe Stahl & Matt Borders – "Union Faces of South Mountain and Harpers Ferry"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

June 30 at 6PM: Entomologist, Kenton Sumpter – Training Session: Identifying the Spotted Lantern Fly
Sharpsburg Library and Town Hall
301-432-8825

July 2 at 2PM: Kevin Pawlak, Hartsuff's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

Week of July 5 Teen/Tween, anytime the library is open
Make a nautical bracelet or a sea creature out of baking soda!
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 6 at 7PM: Dr. Tom Clemens – "Veterans' Memories of Antietam"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 9: Sharpsburg Founder's Day
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
301-800-6877 or Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

July 10 through 15 from 6PM to 8PM: Vacation Bible School
Burnside First Church of God
3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg

July 11 at 6 PM: Town Council Meeting
Sharpsburg Town Hall
townofsharpsburg@comcast.net
301-432-4428

July 13 from 1:30PM to 6:30PM: Puzzle Swap/Share
Bring a puzzle or two and take one or two. All leftover puzzles will be donated to local churches and non-profit organizations.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 13 at 7PM: Mac Bryan – "The End of Compromise; Events That Led John Brown to Harpers Ferry"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 14 at 3:30PM: Special Story Time, Authentic Community Theatre at the Sharpsburg Park
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 16 at 2PM: Tom Clemens,
Phelp's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum,
18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

July 19 through July 21: Find a Seashell hidden somewhere in Sharpsburg Town Square. Bring it into the library, anytime we are open that week, to identify and win a prize! One shell per child per day please!
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 20 at 7PM: Frank E Bell III –
"Unused Reserves? McClellan's Failure
"To Destroy The Rebel Army"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 27 at 7PM: Kevin Pawlak & Dan Welch – "Ohio at Antietam"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 28 at 3:30PM: Special Story Time, Story walk "Hello Ocean" and other "ocean" activities at the Sharpsburg Park
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 3 at 7PM: Aaron Holley –
"Mapping the Antietam Battlefield in the 21st Century – the Cope Maps Revisited"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 6 at 2PM: Joe Stahl Christian's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum,
18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

August 10 at 7PM: Dr. Emilie Amt –
"An African American Family at the Battle of South Mountain"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 17 at 7PM: Jim Rosebrock –
"The Artillery at Antietam – New Insights"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 20 at 2PM: Laura Marfut, Caldwell's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum,
18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

August 24 at 7PM: Steve Cowie –
"When Hell Came to Sharpsburg: The Battle of Antietam and its Impact on the People Who Called it Home"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 31 at 7PM: Troy Cool – "The Locust Spring Hospital and the far-reaching consequences of Antietam"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

September 3 at 2PM: Jim Buchanan, Gorman's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum,
18906 Shepherdstown Pike

Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

September 7 at 7PM: John Schildt –
"Hunter Holmes McGuire: Doctor in
Gray"

Jacob Rohrbach Inn
[https://www.facebook.com/
JacobRohrbachInn](https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn)

September 17 at 2PM: Marty Pritch-
ett, Gordon's Brigade

Pry House Field Hospital Muse-
um, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

October 1, 2022 (9AM to 4PM):
Sharpsburg Days
301-800-6877 or Loveshisto-
ry.1866@gmail.com

October 1 at 2PM: Jim Smith,
Fairchild's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Muse-
um, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

October 15 at 2PM: Matt Borders,
Ransom's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Muse-
um, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

Recurring Events 2022

1st Wednesday of the month 1PM
Adults: Book Share
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Kid's Zone: Ages Eight and Up
Sharpsburg Library anytime we are
open
301-432-8825

June: Earth, Sun, and Moon Model
Craft

Thursdays at 3:30PM: Storytime

Masks are required for those 2 and
up during Storytime in the library.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Second Thursdays every month, Li-
on's Club 7PM, St. Paul's Episcopal
Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg,
MD 21782

Area Churches

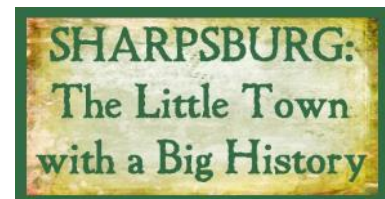
Christ Reformed Church
117 West Main Street
Sharpsburg
301-432-6182
Sundays: 9AM

United Christian Fellowship
18823 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedys-
ville, MD 21756
301-432-0110
Sundays: 8:45AM Fellowship, 9AM
Sunday School, 10AM Worship &
Children's Church

Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren
123 E Main St, Sharpsburg
Sundays at AM, Sunday School at
10:30AM
301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 West Main Street
Sharpsburg
301-432-7098
Sundays: 10AM

Burnside First Church of God
3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg
Vacation Bible School opportunity
7/10-7/15 6-8pm.



Sharpsburg Bible Church
5134 General Stuart Court, Sharps-
burg
301-432-5309
Sunday School 9:30 AM to 10:30
AM, Sunday Morning Worship & Chil-
dren's Church 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor
Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor
Mia Parsons – Council
John Hammond – Council
Ed Beeler-Council
Robbie Waters – Council
Joe Kudla – Council
(Carrie Estell – Town Clerk)
106 East Main Street
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Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung
Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com

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ATTACHMENTS:

Memories of Memorial Day



ATTACHMENTS:

Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg
Meeting Minutes DRAFTED
Monday, June 6, 2022
6 PM

- I. Call meeting to order and pledge-Ed led the council and residents in the pledge Meeting minutes from May 2022 to approve-meeting minutes will be approved via an email vote due to three council members absent.

In attendance: Russ Weaver, Jacob Martz, Tim Lung (via phone), Joe Kudla, Ed Beeler, Carrie Estell, Ellen Silverstein, Tammie Reynolds, Jen Bruni, Valerie Oliver, Lynn Jamison, Michael Arant, Chris Vincent, Tim Muller, Ava Hand, Rita Vanderhuff, Katie Vanderhuff, (Scout Troop 2119), Perry Jamieson, Jim Holsinger and Michelle Canfield.

Public Comments

Jim Holsinger- attended the meeting to introduce himself to the mayor, council and residents of Sharpsburg as he is one of three republicans running for sheriff. He has worked full time in law enforcement for 28 years and has an understanding of all parts of the system, (patrol/law division, detention center, administrative). His plan is to cut waste in spending, he cited the current uniform policy and showed the wasteful spending that occurs and offered solutions. He also highlighted the system's treatment of the opioid crisis as treating the symptoms as opposed to the core problem of drug abuse. He would like to reinstate the DARE program with an updated approach, *Keeping it Real*, with emphasis on working in schools at all levels, (elementary, middle and high), with their current curriculum. He has met with WCPS to lay out program ideas. On another strategy to cut expenses, Mr. Holsinger mentioned reorganizing the sheriff department's fleet program. Another strategy for improvement would be to emphasis hiring practices and retention. There are many police reforms coming out Annapolis and he wants to have law enforcement to be comfortable in their job and feel confident with their training. He also mentioned realigning the promotional standards. Mr. Holsinger's main focus is to keep the community safe and he is committed to serving the public. He reiterated that he works for you, the tax payer, the voter. If elected, he wants to commit to a transparent, weekly YouTube talk to keep the folks in the know. Questions were open to the public: Mr. Jamieson asked about the Detention Center, Mr. Holsinger gave a detailed description of the center and some of its challenges. Joe Kudla asked about the types of gangs in Washington County, Mr. Holsinger said there are many different gangs some formed in the community, some formed in jail and some that are passing through the area. Due to time, Mr. Holsinger will be available after the meeting to answer any other questions or to further speak on specific topics.

Lynn Jamison-spoke of the two trees out front of his sister's house at 211 West Main Street. The trees were trimmed during the Main Street Tree Trim and Removal early spring. However, these trees were slated in the previous council to be removed. The root system of the trees has made it very difficult situation for the home owners. Russ suggested using funds in the mayoral account to take care of this issue. Carrie will get estimates from two-three tree companies. Mr. Jamison provided Carrie with his contact information.

Valerie Oliver-came to the meeting to introduce herself to the mayor, council and residents as she is running for County Commissioner. She is running on service and integrity and she would like to focus on EMS, agriculture, education and health. Her background is in insurance and health. Russ asked her if she was for the Stoney Creek development in Boonsboro, she said she thought it would be a good opportunity for growth. Russ shared with her some literature.

Officer Tracey Peyton-Officer Peyton conducted a speed survey for a week in May. The recorder was placed on Mechanic and Hall Streets and on West Main. The majority of the violators occurred be-

tween the hours of 9am to 1pm on Sundays. He concluded that most drivers that violated were leaving town. A copy of the speed survey is available at town hall for any resident who is interested in a more detailed account of this survey. His report was submitted electronically and is:

Security Checks: parkn6, ball field 2, school 6, Antietam Station 8, **Patrol-** 3 hrs. foot patrol, 3 ½ hrs. traffic 1 warning 1 citation, calls for collision and suspicious person. 8 hr. day for Memorial Day parade. Assisted county with (2) 911 calls, crash on Mondell Rd

Chris Vincent-Donated to the town on the historic park project a very generous amount from the Antietam Institute of \$2,000.00.

Mayor's Report

Tolson's Chapel has become a National Historic Landmark and they will be having an unveiling this Saturday, Russ encourages folks to attend. Russ asked Carrie to write a letter of congratulations.

If you see something, say something (it will take the community to solve our vandalism problem)-

MML Dinner hosting-the church is more than happy to be the host of this dinner that will take place either in January or March of 2023. Russ wants to get an idea of who will assist with set up, clean up and organization. There was enough show of hands to assist that we will go ahead with the hosting the dinner. Carrie reached out to the organizer at the last dinner and has not heard from her yet; she will reach out again at the next dinner which is scheduled for July.

Zoning-Tim Lung

Continue to work on obtaining the necessary information to complete the zoning permit application for the Short-Term Rental at 110 S. Mechanic Street, owned by Gideon Properties. Have heard that the parking agreement may have fallen through. Have contacted Mike Fitzgerald for clarification but have not received a reply. If no reply is received by next week, I will issue a cease-and-desist order. Will involve Brian Kane, the town's attorney in this matter.

Original mylar of the subdivision plat for the Town Spring/Hull property has been signed by the Mayor and Planning Chair. Was delivered to Frederick, Seibert Associates for recordation. Once recordation occurs, the paperwork can be done to convey the property. A deed of conveyance will need to be prepared most likely requiring involvement by the Town Attorney.

Need clarification regarding Town staff involvement related to the possible annexation of property at 143 East High Street. The owners have approached the Town regarding the possible annexation of their property which is currently split by the municipal boundary. Will wait for discussion of mayor and council vote on this zoning issue.

Issued 3 violation notices for tall weed and grass on several properties around Town. Will be following up for compliance. Citations and fines will be issued.

Will be following up on Joe's request to investigate the condition of the house at 121 E. Main Street. Will need to have the County building inspector take another look at the structure.

Discussed the expired building permit for the Stephen Crampton property with the Town attorney. Will be issuing a letter to Mr. Crampton that he may reapply for a new permit. The permit will need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission per section 406 of the Zoning Ordinance. There were set back mistakes on the original permit and these will need to be rectified prior to permit approval.

Have been working on a resolution to the complaint regarding the electronic sign at the Fire Department. Will be holding a meeting with the parties involved on Wednesday evening; however, the parties have now tentatively agreed to meet Monday, June 29th at town hall.

Need to schedule a Planning Commission meeting to discuss and take action on several items. Some of the items needed for the meeting: peddlers

Council comments

- **Robbie Waters-**parks, railroad station, town operations (not present)
- o Robbie asked to have the park closed during mowing. Signage would be "CLOSED DURING MOWING" The

sign will be created and Robbie will be asked to look in the spot a pot each week to keep up on any signs of vandalism.

- o **Ed Beeler**-Historical Planning, town archives, communications, grants
- o Attended the Small Museum Association Conference in College Park; attending a workshop on museum advocacy and it was very informative-grants and other services were discussed.
- o Attendance for May 2022-331, from last May, 2021-118
- ✦ Total attendance for the year 1,013
- ✦ Fire & EMS Exhibit 42 visitors
- ✦ Grants-CVB for printing the new rack cards
- ✦ Donations-field hospital exhibit from the Angels of the Battlefield Living History Group, Caisson wheel from Bloody Land on loan from William L. Smith, *Black Antietam* book, and a collection of Native American trade beads from the 1600s found in Carroll County
- ✦ Upcoming events-Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion Exhibit-June 11th from 9-4
- ✦ **Jacob Martz**-Vice Mayor, communications, Memorial Day Parade, grants
- o Parade
- ✦ 108 units for the parade this year, it took about two hours for the completion
- ✦ Media was invited and Herald Mail did a story
- ✦ Quite a few issues with the electric outside and in the vestibule-Carrie is seeking bids from JS Electric and Schiffler Electric, estimates should be coming in within the week.
- ✦ Vandalism
- ✦ Park-there was a truck in the camera view, looks like they may have dumped tires and children were seen playing with them. The spot a pot was vandalized with fire crackers and Mays came out almost immediately to clean the bathroom.
- Carrie will ask Robbie to take a look around the park and take a look in the spot a pot, this will allow enough time to look at camera footage.
- Chalked vandalism in front of the St. Paul's Church-Officer Peyton reiterated that anyone who sees something amiss should call the sheriff's department, (loud music, vandalism, or anything that needs attention from the sheriff). The non-emergency number should be used for any of these incidents: 240-311-2878
- **Mia Parsons**-Planning-(Streetscape), grants (not present)
- **Joe Kudla**-streets, roads & culverts
- o Bridge on Antietam will start on June 20th and sidewalks will start after the bridge completion
- o MDOT contractor will line the streets a bit narrower to assist with parking spaces below the walls, this will also assist with speed
- o Church and Antietam paving will be done after the bridge work is completed.
- **John Hammond**-Building and Infrastructure (not present)

Community Partners

- Chris Vincent-advisory board-next meeting is slated for June 22nd and lectures are each Wednesday evenings.

Mike Arant-Town Crier-always looking for feature stories; Mike would like to really showcase what the council is doing and would be the ideal "cheerleader" for mayor and council. Mike will be interviewing Ms. Vicky Winston for a feature, as she's a town treasure. There are about 200 electronic subscribers. Mike spoke with the editor of a small newspaper in Shepherdstown and got some ideas. Another feature story will be the restoration of the fire truck and a special story of Woodpecker Davie was the fire chief. Ideas for the next year's remembrance were also discussed, they are many recipients.

Old Business/ACTIONS:

Annexation request, Schaffer property 143 E. High Street-Russ gave some background of the possibility of a large number of developments on the property. The council discussed the pros and cons of the annexation. The council members who were present voted No on the annexation: Ed Beeler-NO, Joe Kudla-NO, Jacob Martz-NO. The other council members will need to vote on this via email. When Carrie gets the last votes of the council, she will inform Tim as the family has been calling almost each Friday to check on the status of the annexation.

Clean Up, (stop sign Mechanic/Chapline, Alley at Bank, LL Alley to Antietam, Trim alleys) Carrie will speak with Robbie to get this taken care of as soon as he can put it on his schedule.

Cemetery Survey-Russ discussed the cemetery survey that will be done, (graves will be identified, they will provide a full notebook of the findings). The Civil War Trails plaque may be an appropriate way to go as there are a few Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery.

New Business

Building electric/plumbing upgrades- There will be bids to upgrade and fix electric out front and in the vestibule. An option for the flag lights would be upgraded to solar and be part of the bid. The Mallick Plumbing estimate appears to be reasonable, Carrie will get some input from John.

Park @ LL grant committee-Mike will put out a call for some parental input for the upgrades to the park. There is grant money and

Bathroom Use- Bathrooms will be locked and open only during meetings. Carrie will reach out to a locksmith. This will alleviate any issues as many folks have left the bathrooms very dirty.

Planning Commission (sea containers, alley names, peddlers)-Tim is going to schedule something soon as there are quite a few issues that the commission need to attend to.

8:15 meeting was adjourned, Ed motioned, Joe seconded and all were in favor.
Next meeting will be July 11th

Do you have a loved one who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice? Would you want to honor that family member with a town banner that would be displayed in town

If you are interested, feel free to email or call Town Hall, (townofsharpsburg@comcast.net or 301-432-4428), you can always fill out the form below.

A \$150.00 fee would apply for this tribute.THANKS!



Sample Banners

*Banner purchases can be a great tribute to your loved one.

Veteran's Name _____

Branch of Service _____ Years served _____

Contact Person Name and phone/email _____

Sharpsburg Days

Vendor Application – Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022 9am to 4pm

North Mechanic Street & bank parking lot

\$50 for a 10ft. X 10ft. space on pavement. Must bring own table, chair, pop up & displays

Deadline for vendor application: September 17

Name: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Business name & Website/Facebook _____

List all items that you plan to sell here _____

All vendors must be preapproved prior to the event. We encourage local vendors and artists to Participate. Anyone can apply, however preference is given to original handmade crafts and Items if all available spaces are filled.

Please provide your website with photos of your items or attach at least two photos

Showcasing your work. Set up will be at 7am – Tear down at 4pm, no exceptions!

Payments are made out to Sharpsburgh Museum of History. An invoice will be provided on the Day of the event. This is a rain or shine event. All fees are non-refundable. Vendors are Responsible for collecting Maryland sales tax. Vendors shall remove all trash. Vendors agree to Keep their booth set up the entire time of the event. All break down of displays shall be done After 4 pm. Participants will not hold liable the Sharpsburgh Museum of History or the Town of Sharpsburg, for injury to self, others or belongings during event. By signing and returning the Application, you agree to the above terms.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application and fee to:

Sharpsburgh Museum of History 106 E. Main Str. P.O. Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD. 21782

Email: Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com See our Facebook event for more info: Sharpsburg Days

Thank You for your interest. All proceeds go to the Sharpsburgh Museum of History a 501© (3) Non-profit

MAY 11, 2022

Great news

The Sharpsburgh Museum of History has just been designated a non-profit organization! Perhaps you have seen our signs around the town. We would like to invite our visitors to experience Sharpsburg's rich and unique history. We have a great variety of items to share that's related to the Sharpsburg and its surroundings throughout the years. From baseball to bands; from our section of the C&O Canal to the Boonsboro-Shepherdstown Turnpike; from photos of our streetscapes to photos of our founding families. From the French and Indian war through the Civil War through World War I and II. Our collection is diverse and includes items that are invaluable to Sharpsburg's history.

Many of our town's current and past residence have assisted us in collecting and telling these stories. Hardly a week passes when a new friend stops in and offers us "a piece" of Sharpsburg's heritage. We value these donations. Each object brings deeper meaning to our past, helping us understand how the events and people in history shaped our town, where we've been and who we are.

Our mission is to build pride in Sharpsburg by embracing and being proud of our Past!

Since our inception four years ago, through cooperation with the town, we've:

- involved local students and developed a student Internship program
- created interesting exhibits
- opened our doors to thousands of visitors
- encouraged local townspeople to denote valuable heirlooms
- established non-profit status with the IRS
- recruited an all-volunteer and enthusiastic board of directors

Our museum is building momentum and establishing a strong foundation.

We invite you to join us in this exciting venture.

Sincerely,

Ed Beeler
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

Executive Director of
301-800-6877

Our Membership Program

Since the opening of the museum we've been strictly operating on a volunteer basis. We always welcome additional volunteers. Also as of May 2022 we launched our museum's membership program. This program provides much financial support that is essential to maintain and grow our non-profit museum.

Your membership and contributions supports:

- Historic preservation in our community
- Lectures, local history programs, conservation of priceless Museum treasures and acquisitions of significant items for the Museum and Archives

Our Membership benefits:

- Invitations to special programs
- Discounts on items offered for sale by Sharpsburgh Museum of History

I want to join at the following membership level

_____ \$15 Student Member _____ \$25 Family Member _____ \$ 50 Sustaining Member
_____ \$100 Sponsor Member _____ \$250 Patron Member _____ \$500 Benefactor Member
_____ \$ 1000 & up, Preservation Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

____ YES I would like to volunteer. Please contact me.

Please make checks payable to Sharpsburgh Museum of History
Museum of History, P.O. Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD. 21782

Mail to: Sharpsburgh

All financial contributions support Sharpsburgh Museum of History efforts. Sharpsburgh museum of History is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, making your gift eligible for a tax deduction to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your support!