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Meet Your Neighbor: Heather Morningstar, The Crossing Guard

Happiness. In a world of cynicism, the ravages of social media, political polarization, and often despair, it's startling to find happiness blooming and thriving right in front of you. Even a short conversation with Heather will leave you with much to consider and in a good mood.

Most town folk know her as the Crossing Guard, morning and afternoon, at Sharpshurg Elementary School. Light and dark, raining and dry, hot and cold, windy, sleeting and snowy, she's out there. Not only does she ensure the safety "her" kids as they cross, but everyone who drives by gets a wave and that smile you see. "Her" kids? She knows all of them by name and family ties. She stays long enough to see to the safety of the Middle- and High School students as they get on the bus headed for Boonsboro.

We spoke at the crossing after her kids were safely on their way for a pleasant hour on a cold October morning recently.

She mentioned several times that she is the "911" for her family, always available for parents, children, and friends. Helping is her mission in life. There's simply not enough room in this article to catalogue the list, but it includes everything from watching kids to helping parents to laying flooring to picking up things that someone needs for dinner. The Editor leaves it to you to take it up with her, but it is such things that are her role, purpose, and the source of her happiness.



Heather has been with Sharpshurg Elementary School for twelve years, starting in the food preparation operation. By chance, she was available to temporarily fill in for the crossing guard and that was the start. Her parents are nearby. She and her husband Tim have three very independent grown children with a grandchild due in the Spring. Trust me here; she'll tell you all about them.

She'll also tell you all about her love of this small place, her place in it, and the experience of growing up here. "I was surrounded by family...you could go around town safely...we knew everyone...I have been truly blessed."

If you get the chance, have a chat with Heather. What she has tells us there's a way through the difficulties of our time.

- Editor

About the Town

Sharpsburgh Museum of History: Volunteer Night

On Saturday October 15 the Sharpsburgh Museum of History (SMH) held a recognition ceremony to celebrate the efforts of the Museum's student interns, Adam Oates, Daniel



Mr. Mark Widmyer, Office of the Governor; Interns Max Gregg, Adam Oates, and Daniel Gregg

Gregg, and Max Gregg.



County Commissioner Mr. Jeff Cline and Interns Max Gregg, Adam Oates, and Daniel Gregg

The Museum has made great advances with the hard work and talent of these young men. They create the presentation of artifacts, instruct visitors about the exhibits, and assist in preserving the physical history of our town and its place in history.

Mr. Ed Beeler, Executive Director SMH was Master of Ceremony. Ms. Beatrix Greg, President SMH, welcomed the attendees and Mayor Russ Weaver spoke on the importance of the intern's efforts in preserving our past and building our community, both high priorities of his administration.

Mr. Mark Widmyer, Aide to Maryland Governor Hogan, awarded all three interns the Governor's Citation for demonstrating high integrity and ability and with appreciation for services to the citizens of Maryland. The award carries the signature of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of State.

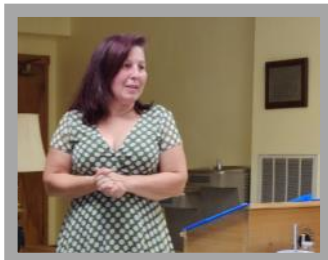
Mr. Jeff Cline, Washington County Commissioner, conferred a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. It recognizes the intern's interest in preserving our history and the role model they provide to other young people.

The Town Crier thanks the leadership of SMH for creating and supporting the intern program and St. Paul's Episcopal Church for welcoming this ceremony into its community hall.

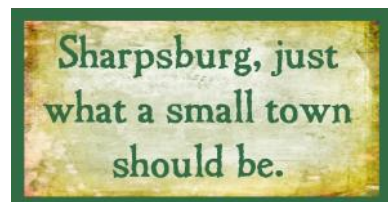
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Mr. Ed Beeler, Director and Mr. Russ Weaver, Mayor



Ms. Bea Greg, President SMH



An Invitation to Sharpsburg Bible Church

Sharpsburg Bible Church is welcoming Steve Wingate on Sunday November 13, 2022, to introduce his message "A Visit from Jesus" during the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!



Mr. Steve Wingate

Join us for an inspiring portrayal of Jesus Christ's greatest sermon about His soon return. This amazing message of Jesus is timeless and much needed today. Jesus answers many questions that people have about the signs that precede His coming and what His coming will be like. He also warns us to be prepared to meet God.

Steven Wingate will be portraying Jesus and reciting from memory Jesus' message as recorded in Matthew 24-25 in the traditional King James Version of the Holy Bible. Come and bring a friend who needs to hear this.

Church address: 5134 General Stuart Ct, Sharpsburg MD

- Ms. Jane Walkley, Congregant, Sharpsburg Bible Church (Edited)

Caught in the Act! Mr. Tim Valerio, Gardener

Recently, Ms. Carrie Estell, Town Clerk, took this photo of our friend Tim about the work, which is his life's mission, of gardening to celebrate God's Creation. We see him here volunteering his gardening genius in Sharpsburg Town Square.



Mr. Tim Valerio

The July 2021 Town Crier has a feature article that relates his story and what brought him to this town. It's available at: <https://sharpsburgmd.com/town-crier/>

- Editor

Volunteer Opportunity

Micah's Backpack needs volunteers to pack food bags for distribution to hungry kids over the weekend when they don't have access to school breakfast/lunch. Sharpsburg Elementary receives 30 food packages each week, but every Thursday volunteers pack 130 bags for distribution throughout South Washington County. There are also other ways to assist this mission, such as shelving food and delivering packages to schools.

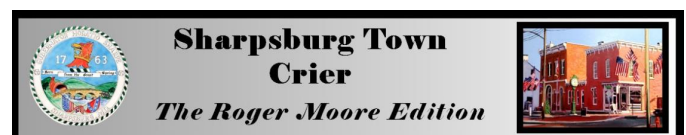


<https://www.trinitylutheranboonsboro.org/micahs-backpack/>

If you or your church/organization wish to get involved, contact Ms. Lisha Bickle 301-667-2406

Community Calendar

October 23 at 9:20AM: **Free Community Breakfast.**
Everyone is Welcome!
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 West Main Street
stpaulssharpburg.com; facebook.com/stpaulssharpburg; loveforchil-dren@stpaulssharpburg.com ; 301-432-7098



October 27 at 3:30PM: **Halloween Party!** Scary stories, games and a spooky treat!
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 31 6PM to 8PM: **Sharpsburg Trick or Treat**
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD
21782
301-432-4428

Week of November 1 or Anytime the Library is open: **MD STEM Festival Challenge**
Decipher several clues to find the locations of the combination to unlock the prize box! For those 8 and up. Work alone or as a team. Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 3 at 3:30PM: **Special STEM Story Time**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 3 at 6PM: **Civil War Ghosts** by Ms. Courtney McInvale
Registration is required by calling 301-432-8825.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 5 at 9:30AM to 11:30AM: **Come All Who Are Thirsty** Veterans Group Meeting & Breakfast
Burnside First Church of God, 3904 Mills Road
cawatveterans@gmail.com www.comeallwhoarethirsty.org

November 7 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**
Sharpsburg Town Hall

106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD
21782
301-432-4428

November 10 at 3:30: **Meet Ms. Karen Schaufeld**
Ms. Karen Schaufeld, Children's author, will be here to read some of her books!
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 11 at 11:30AM: **Veterans Day Ceremony**
Sharpsburg Town Square
Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary (see flyer in Attachments)
gftofgabb@aol.com

November 13 at 10:30AM: **"A Visit from Jesus, the Second Coming of Christ"** Steve Wingate presenting
Sharpsburg Bible Church
5134 General Stuart Ct, Sharpsburg MD
301-432-5309, pastor.gene@sharpsburgbiblechurch.org

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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 Make a Mini Zen Garden! For
tweens and teens!
301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: **Storytime**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

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

First Saturdays at 10AM: **Lego Club**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

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, Sunday School
(Second and Fourth Sundays start-
ing September 25)

Burnside First Church of God
3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg

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)

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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com

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ATTACHMENT:

Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg
Meeting Minutes-DRAFTED
Monday, October 3, 2022
6 PM

- I. Call meeting to order and pledge-John led pledge
- II. Minutes and September expenses approval-meeting minutes were motioned by Ed, Joe seconded and all were in favor of accepting the minutes; Russ reviewed September financials along with year-to-date budget and Jake motioned and Ed seconded, all were in favor of the financials.

Attendance: Russ Weaver, Jacob Martz, Joe Kudla, Mia Parsons, John Hammond, Ed Beeler, Dave Williams, Jen Bruni, Carrie Estell, Perry Jamieson, and Tim Lung (via speaker phone).

Public Comments

Dave Williams-candidate for County Commission

Mr. Williams gave a brief synopsis of his experience, (45 years in Washington County, 40 years as a public-school librarian), who would like to bring a bipartisan model to the county. This would result in a diversity of thought, accountability and a sense of checks and balance is what he seeks in his candidacy. His campaign slogan is "Turn the Page with Washington County Government." He values school and public services including safety. To learn more about him and his platform, residents are encouraged to check his website: electdavewilliams.com or check his Facebook page, Elect Dave Williams.

Mr. Jamieson asked about warehouses in the county, Mr. Williams shares Mr. Jamieson's concern and would like a list of facts to have the number of warehouses, their purpose and if they are operating.

Zoning-Tim Lung

Received a zoning variance application from Jenna Smith who is interested in purchasing the vacant lot along South Hall Street behind 120 W. Antietam Street, for the purpose of locating a single-family dwelling. The variance request is a reduction of the minimum 8' side yard setback along the alley to 6'- 8". The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear the request at a public hearing on Oct 17 at 7pm at Town Hall. Thanks to Randy, Lauren, and Matt for stepping up to hear this case. The Planning Commission has the option to review the application and forward to the BZA prior to the hearing. If the variance is approved, a building permit will follow. The permit must be reviewed by the Planning Commission. application will be sent.

Have been corresponding with Antietam Broadband regarding their plans for fiber cable infrastructure upgrades in the Town and the requirements for a Utility Permit to be issued by the Town. The Town does not have a Utility Permit application form or permit. I will create them.

The person that inquired about establishing a retail business at the corner of E. Main and S. Mechanic Street in front of Nutters has decided not to pursue this space.

The County issued the building permit for repairs to a garage located at 223 E. main Street.

The unsecured/unsafe structure at 316 W. Main Street was handled by the County building inspector and was corrected.

Have issued several tall grass/weed violation notices. Several properties were mowed.

Finalizing the minutes of the last Planning Commission meeting for the Chairpersons signature. Research several items of concern requested by the Planning Commission for follow up and discussion at a future meeting.

Will not be in the office on Friday the 7 and Friday the 14th but will be able to respond to emails if needed.

Council reports (written reports only)-Russ requesting council members to have written reports and to report on items that need action or voting to

Ed Beeler-Museum

Attendance: September 307, YTD: 2035

Book signing w/ Steve Cowie was well attended with over 50 people.

History in the Vineyard on Sept. 30 had 30 people, Sharpsburg Days will be rescheduled for this month.

Jacob Martz-

Memorial Day parade committee will be tomorrow October 4, 2022 at 6 pm at Town Hall

John Hammond (nothing to report)

Mia Parsons-

Will gather bids to replant trees for Main Street, this will be in two phases, a fall planting and a spring planting.

Joe Kudla-

MDOT stated that we own Church Street and any repairs would be town financed. Waiting on FSA for their report from the meeting last month.

Meeting for wall will be next week, (October 12th @ 9:00a.m., via ZOOM) with Wivell, a rep from Corderman's office, Tony Crawford from MDOT, Russ, and Jake

Will reach out to FSA for contractors for curbing

Robbie Waters (not present)

Bid for Big Spring was sent out electronically and council will review and vote via email.

Community Partners

Officer Tracey Peyton (submitted electronically)

Dedicated patrol checks-Antietam Station-6, Little League-3, Park-6, School-7

Foot patrol-2 hrs., traffic enforcement-3 hrs.-yielded 2 warnings 1 citation

Calls for welfare check of individual, parking complaint on Main St., suspicious person at Battleview Market and suspicious vehicle on Antietam St.

Saturday the 1st will be spent entirely in town, and Keedysville gets the 4th in return.

I spoke with Aidan McCoy's father about his behavior in the park and at the pond. Dad is aware that he can be held responsible for Aidan's destruction.

Chris Vincent-Antietam Advisory board-not present but emailed the Antietam Advisory Committee meeting will be Dec. 14th

Old Business/ACTIONS:

Snow contract & Trash contract are both up at the end of the calendar year; Keedysville bid packets and our contracts were reviewed and input from council members were taken into account. Russ made some edits and Carrie will get both bid packets together this week.

Old Business/ACTIONS:

Wells-our well proposal will be submitted to the county commissioners on Oct. 11th

Electrical estimates-CR Electric's bid was not available for tonight's meeting, when Carrie gets the estimate, she will send out to council members for input. This work will be put off until after Veteran's Day.

Election-applications will be ready; the last day to submit an application for council or vice mayor is November 1st

New Business

None-meeting adjourned at 7:55, next meeting November 7 at 6PM.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

SHARPSBURG TOWN SQUARE

MAIN STREET, SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND

FEATURING

**ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD PARK RANGER AND
MARINE CORPS VETERAN JESS ROWLEY**

**AMERICAN LEGION CLOPPER MICHAEL
POST 10 HONOR GUARD**

**BOONSBORO HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
UNDER DIRECTION OF STEPHEN POMPA**

SAXOPHONIST MIKE LUSHBAUGH

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