



# Sharpsburg Town Crier

*William and Melva Ryan Edition*



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## History of Sharpsburg's Great Spring

The first American of European descent to own land in what would eventually become Sharpsburg was the one-time Indian trader, Edmund Cartledge. By the time Cartledge surveyed his "Hickory Tavern" land tract in 1737, the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road was already well established over the path that would become Sharpsburg's Main Street.

He named it Sharps Burgh, in honor of his friend Governor Horatio Sharpe. He chose that site for the town, he noted, because of the "great spring" of water located there.



Native Americans, travelers, and early settlers used this water source long before Joseph Chapline, Sr., chartered Sharpsburg on July 9, 1763. When Joseph Chapline came to the area in the 1730's there was a settlement of three log houses and a trading post called Garrison Spring Settlement.

In April 1755, British General Edward Braddock moved past the Big Spring on his way to command an army that was commanded to expel the French from the Ohio Valley around Pittsburg and relieve Fort Duquesne<sup>1</sup>. His command would include George Washington, at this time a British Militia Officer, as his aide-de-camp.

It is said that there were as many as three Tanneries along the town run that flowed from the spring, Records as early as the 1820's and 1830's about Tanneries are kept at the Western Maryland Room of the main library in Hagerstown.



In an 1852 newspaper article from the Hagerstown *Herald of Freedom and Torch Light* it was written that Sharpsburg had the finest spring of cold water in the state of Maryland.

During the Battle of Antietam, soldiers from both sides used the Big Spring as a source of water. The people of Sharpsburg used this as a major water source throughout its history.

In the 1880s fences were built to keep the animals out of the back part.

In 1928 the US Military came to Sharpsburg to have military training on the Antietam Battlefield. They pulled hose from on top of cemetery hill down to the Big Spring and pumped water for the troops for a month without the waters of the spring ever lowering.

In 1934 the NRA (National Recovery Administration) did works on the walls at the spring.

Chapline laid out the town so that the spring was one-half block from the town center. The never-failing spring, once called Garrison's Spring, served as a water source for town residents and their livestock until 1967 when a public water system was installed. Over the years different groups and organizations have built, maintained, and whitewashed the spring's stone arch and walls where a large metal dipper once hung for all to use.

- Ed Beeler, Executive Director of Sharpsburgh Museum of History/ Sharpsburg Town Archivist

<sup>1</sup> - Editor's Note: This British expedition to expel the French at Fort Duquesne failed disastrously; General Braddock was killed. A second expedition resulted in the French abandoning Duquesne. With the Treaty of Paris (1763), France was restricted from further attempts at colonizing North America east of the Mississippi/Ohio Rivers. This made the founding of Cumberland Valley towns, including Sharpsburg, a much safer proposition.

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## From the Mayor and Council

### Fishing Rodeo

Take the kids out to the Fishing Rodeo, April 29 from 7AM to 10AM: Fishing Rodeo at the Community Pond, S. Church Street.



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### Don't Throw Valuable History Away!

Dear Citizens of Sharpsburg, It's town It's community. As Executive Director of the town museum (Sharpsburgh Museum of History) and also being the Town of Sharpsburg's Archivist, I would like to tell you how hard our staff here at own museum works. Last year we had an opportunity to go into the Boyer residence on East Chapline Street to look through a lot of very old documents that were left from a citizen's passing. Some of the documents we found were deeds, invoices to passed businesses, wills, and many more. In the deeds which we have been going through we have found historical facts in them that are valuable to our town's archives.

This proves the fact that I have always been saying about in the houses here in Sharpsburg, the town and the community has very variable Historical items that should be in our Archives for all to enjoy. SO please consider contacting the Sharpsburgh Museum of History or the town hall if you have old documents, papers,





artifacts, or anything that you don't know about and we can send a staff member to check your finds out. Don't throw valuable History away.

Thank You,

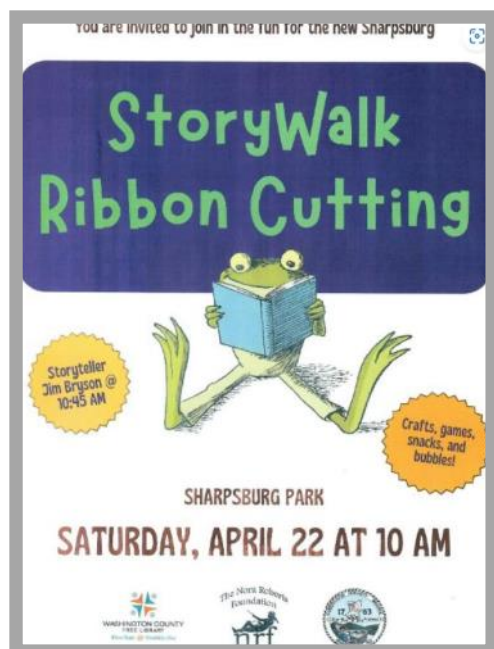
- Ed Beeler: Executive Director/Town Archivist

Sharpshurg Museum of History/Town of Sharpshurg

301-800-6877 / loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

## StoryWalk Event

Join us as we officially open this informative feature at our town park on High Street.



## Forms for Download

Vice Mayor Martz and Councilman Ed Beeler have placed three forms in this month's Town Crier Attachments

- 2023 Memorial Day Parade Participation, Page 15.
- Remembrance/Sponsorship and Parade Book Request Form, Pages 17-18
- Sharpshurg Days Vendor Application, Page 19

## About the Town

### Sharpshurg Elementary School's "Destination Imagination" Teams

My name is Elizabeth Metz. I am the PTA President at Sharpshurg Elementary School. I wanted to reach out to you today to share some exciting news from Sharpshurg Elementary.

This past Saturday (April 1), two of Sharpshurg Elementary School's Destination Imagination (DI) Teams competed in the Maryland State DI competition at UMBC. With over 300 schools competing at various levels and categories, Sharpshurg's teams both placed in the top three in their division. This was a first for Sharpshurg.



*Left to Right: Emily Cecil, June Metz, Aubrey Sherman, Hattie Stotemyer, Calvin Shoemaker*

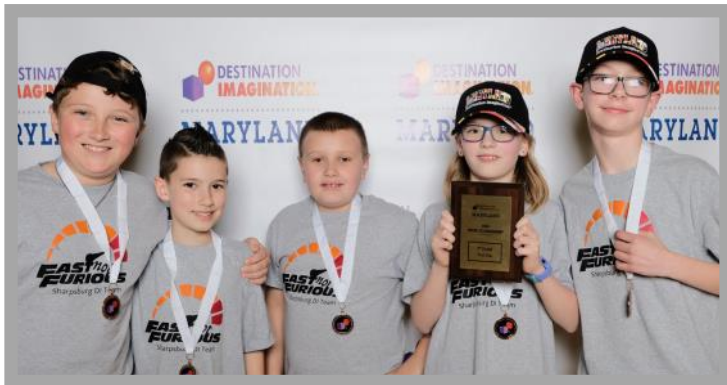
To top bringing home hardware to the 87 year old school, team "Socks in Crocs", placed second in the Fine Arts Elementary category, which qualified them to compete in

the Global Championship being held in Kansas City, Missouri at the end of May.

(Below information provided by desitination-  
imagination.org)

As parents and educators, our most important goal is to prepare our kids for the future. In Destination Imagination (DI), students work together in teams to solve open-ended STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) challenges designed to teach the creative process. Why is that important?

The creative process is a step-by-step approach that helps students better understand problems and ask better questions, come up with solutions, learn from failure, and celebrate their achievements.



*Left to Right: Tanner Harrel, Levi Baker, Branson Hoy, Delaney Monninger, Greyson Monninger*

In going through this process, kids learn vital life and career skills—creative thinking, critical thinking, public speaking, and collaborative problem-solving—that help them feel empowered and set them up for success in their future.

This is an achievement our Sharpsburg students and community, as well as Washington County, should be proud of. Over the next few weeks, the Sharpsburg PTA and families will be reaching out to the community to help raise funds to cover the costs of the registration and travel expenses for students, none of which is covered by WCPS. (See information about donation on Page 20.) We hope our

community rallies behind our students who are going above and beyond to demonstrate all that our school system and community value.

Please help us recognize our Sharpsburg Destination Imagination students and staff.

Feel free to reach out to me for further information or to Ashley Stotemyer [stotash@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:stotash@wcps.k12.md.us), Sharpsburg GATE Teacher and DI Team Manager or Ed Beaver [beavedw@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:beavedw@wcps.k12.md.us), Sharpsburg Counselor and DI Team Manager.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

- Elizabeth Metz, Sharpsburg PTA President

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## **Last Week I Saw: Old St. Paul's Episcopal**

So, the Editor popped by the Sharpsburg Museum of History during Holy Week and Ed Beeler (Curator) rummaged in a corner and pulled out this neat model.



It's Old St. Paul's Episcopal! In 1862 it was hit with long range artillery fire and used as a hospital for both armies. In a final indignity, all the wooden contents, porches, windows, and floorboards were used for firewood. Then the rain and damp got in. It was so ill-used that it had to be pulled down and rebuilt. It took twelve years. Such is war.

This model was part of a diorama that was on display for many years at the Clara Bee Inn and is now awaiting museum space to be resurrected in our time.

- Editor

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### Farmer's Market

Don't forget that we have a Farmer's Market right here in Sharpsburg twice per month. It's first and third Sundays, April through October from 10AM to 2PM. Go to Battleview Market and go around to the side. For information, contact Twilight Homestead LLC at [twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com](mailto:twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com)



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### Master Gardeners Host Plant Sale: Washington County Agricultural Education Center

The Washington County Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale on Saturday, April 22, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center at 7303 Sharpsburg Pike in Boonsboro.

The plant sale will feature over 3,000 plants grown by Master Gardeners including perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, native plants, trees, shrubs, fruits and houseplants. A garden

market will feature new and used gardening books, tools, art, gifts, and supplies. A silent auction will spotlight dozens of garden items donated by local businesses. Visitors will get free gardening tips and learn about the Master Gardener program. Children will enjoy a children's learning area.

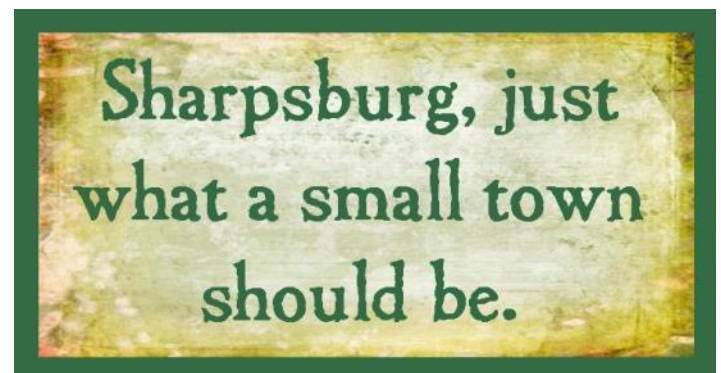
All funds raised by the plant sale support the gardening education programs of the Master Gardeners. Both cash and checks will be accepted. The event will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection. Volunteer educators with the University of Maryland Extension, Master Gardeners teach people safe, effective gardening practices that build healthy gardens and communities. They give educational talks, create demonstration gardens, offer therapeutic horticulture programs, recognize Bay-Wise<sup>2</sup> landscapes, and host information booths at community events.

For more information on the event or the Master Gardener program, contact Annette Cormany, Extension Educator, Horticulture at [acormany@umd.edu](mailto:acormany@umd.edu) or 301-791-1604.

<sup>2</sup> - Most Maryland residents live within a half-mile of a storm drain, stream or river that will drain into the Chesapeake Bay. What we do to maintain our landscapes can affect the health of our local waterways, Chesapeake

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And if I haven't mentioned it yet...





## Hugh Chapman: Local Boy - Fighter Pilot

And finally, did you know our town produced a World War II fighter pilot? Here we see Hugh Chapman standing in the cockpit of his P-51 Mustang "Clara Ann", named for his mom. Look closely under the windshield. That swastika represents his first Luftwaffe kill. There were three to follow. Luckily for some German pilots, the war ended before he attained "ace" status. Stay tuned for a feature article about this remarkable man who some of us remember.



Hugh Chapman, USAAF

He looks like he just came off a movie set!

- Editor



## Community Calendar

### April 22 at 10AM: **Storywalk Ribbon Cutting**

Town Park

Inquire at Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-432-4428

### April 22: **Youth Day at the Museum**

Sharpsburg Museum of History

Sharpsburg Town Hall

301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

### April 23: **Antietam Institute Spring Symposium**

**"Commanders, Civilians, and Casualties: New Research on the Maryland Campaign"**

<https://antietaminstitute.org/2023-spring-symposium/>

April 27 at 3:30PM: **Community Story Time!** (Including a visit to the Big Spring and Nutter's Ice Cream!)  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

### April 29 from 7AM to 10AM: **Fishing Rodeo**

Community Pond, S. Church St.

Town of Sharpsburg

301-432-4428

### April 29 9AM to 2PM: **Maryland Poultry Swap and Farmer's Market**

Green Hill Farm

5329 Mondell Rd, Sharpsburg, MD

21782

240-329-6732

<https://www.ghfarm.org/>



May 1 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**

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

May 6 from 9:15AM to 1PM: **Free Comic Book Day**

Drop in and pick up a free comic!  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

May 11 from 1:30PM to 6:30PM: **Plant/Seed Swap and Share**

Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

May 13 at 1:30PM: **Methodist Cemetery Ground Disturbance Study**

Sharpsburg Historical Society  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Community Hall  
monaghandd354@yahoo.com

May 13 at 2PM: **Tom Clemmens, Civil War Author**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

May 17 at 6PM: **Mount Calvary Lutheran Cemetery Survey and Assessment Report (Mosko Cemetery Monument Services)**

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

May 24 from 11AM to 1PM: **Community Action Council Assistance**

Also: Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Annex  
301-791-4161

May 24 at 7PM: **Artillery of Antietam, James Rosebrock (Sponsored by Antietam Institute)**

Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

May 27: **Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade & Wreath Laying**

contact/Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
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June 7 at 7PM: **Alex Rossino and Gene Thorp, "The Tale Untwisted"**

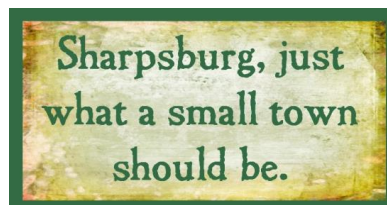
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June 10: **Women of Sharpsburg, Exhibit**

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Sharpsburg Town Hall  
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June 14 at 7PM: **Richard D'Ambri-si, "Interpretive Themes For Experiencing Antietam National Battlefield"**

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June 21 at 7PM: **Joe Stahl and Matt Borders, "Civil War CDV's: Clues in the Cartes de Visite"**

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July 5 at 7PM: **Jim Smith, "The Chambersburg Raid: Jeb Stuart's October 1862 Ride Around the Army of the Potomac"**

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July 8: **Sharpsburg's 260th Anniversary Open House Event**

**Sharpsburg Museum of History**

Sharpsburg Town Hall

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ry.1866@gmail.com

July 12 at 7PM: **Steve Stotelmyer, "Sugar Loaf Mountain: The Overlooked Confederate Intelligence Failure of the Maryland Campaign"**

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July 19 at 7PM: **Darin Wiperman, " 'His Example Will Not be Lost': The 30-day Civil War of Robert Hale Ives, Jr."**

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July 26 at 7PM: **Laura Marfut, "The Battle for Maryland Heights in the Siege of Harpers Ferry"**

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August 2 at 7AM: **Kevin Pawlak and Jon-Erik Gilot, "John Brown's Raid: Harpers Ferry and the Coming of the American Civil War, October 16-18, 1859"**

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August 9 at 7PM: **Brad Gottfried, "The Antietam Paintings of James Hope"**

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August 12: **Antique Exhibit**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street

Sharpsburg Museum of History

301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

ry.1866@gmail.com

August 16 at 7PM: **Sarah Kay Bierle, "John Pelham: Trained at West Point but Aiming Artillery for the Confederacy"**

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August 23 at 7PM: **" 'A Perfect Purgatory': Two Generals' journeys from Antietam Creek to the Trans-Mississippi"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn

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August 30 at 7PM: **John Schildt, "The Life Henry Kyd Douglas"**

Jacob Rohrbach Inn

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September 15-16: **Antietam Anniversary Weekend, Exhibits, Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion, and Sharpsburg Citizens During and After the Battle of Antietam**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

October 7 Starting at 9AM: **Sharpsburg Days**

Various Venues, Stay Tuned  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/301-432-4428>

October 14: **Museum's Sixth Anniversary – Exhibit/Public Celebration for Volunteers**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

November 11 at the Eleventh Hour: **Veterans Day Wreath Laying**

Town Square  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/301-432-4428>

November 18 from 10AM to 2PM: **Native American Artifacts**

Sharpsburg Museum of History  
Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

November 18 – **Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion**

Sharpsburg Museum of History

Sharpsburg Town Hall  
301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

December 1 at 7PM: **Sharpsburg Christmas Tree Lighting**

Town Square  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/301-432-4428>

December (date to be determined): **Wreaths Across Antietam**

National Cemetery  
Town of Sharpsburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>  
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/301-432-4428>

## Recurring Events

April through October, First Saturdays, Noon to 4PM: **Tolson's Chapel and School Open House**  
111 E. High St., Sharpsburg  
Friends of Tolson's Chapel  
Contact: [tolsons.chapel@gmail.com](mailto:tolsons.chapel@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.tolsonschapel.org](http://www.tolsonschapel.org)

Fourth Wednesday of the Month from 11AM to 1PM: **Community Action Council Assistance**  
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Annex  
301-791-4161

First and Third Sundays, April through October from 10AM to 2PM: **Farmer's Market**  
Battleview Market Property  
Twilight Homestead LLC  
[twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com](mailto:twilighthomesteadllc@gmail.com)

Third Wednesdays of the Month  
from 10AM to 11:30AM: **Sharpsburg Writers Club**  
(For details and location, please  
contact Ms. Heidi Vertrees by per-  
sonal message)

Any Time the Library's Open: **Art of the Month**  
(Each month a different art form will  
be displayed along with books per-  
taining to that art.)  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

Thursdays 9AM to 3PM, February 2  
to April 13:  
**Master Gardener Training Classes 2023**  
Washington County Agricultural Ed-  
ucation Center  
7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro,  
MD 21713  
acormany@umd.edu / 301-791-  
1604

First Wednesdays of the month at  
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 Breth- ren

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 &  
Children'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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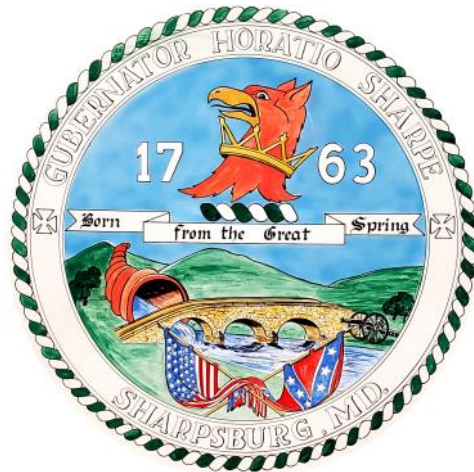
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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

[Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com](mailto:Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com)



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**ATTACHMENTS:**





Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, April 3, 2023  
6 PM  
DRAFTED MEETING MINUTES

Call meeting to order and pledge--Robbie led the pledge and we had a moment of silence.

Minutes and March expenses approval--Robbie motioned, Ed second all were in favor

In attendance: Russ Weaver, Robbie Waters, Joe Kudla (via zoom), Tim Lung (via zoom), Jake Martz, Ed Beeler, Heather Waters, Al Mason from DSL, Perry Jamieson, and Carrie Estell

**Public Comments**--Mr. Jamieson "Go forward and do good things!"

**Zoning-Tim Lung (critical items-via ZOOM)**

Have been corresponding with owner of property at 204 E. Main Street about establishing an owner-occupied short-term rental. Property is Zoned TR. A special exception application would need to be filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Some paperwork has been submitted but need additional information and the filing fee paid.

Prepared draft Zoning Ordinance text amendments for regulation of portable storage containers as requested by the Mayor & Council. Also drafted text amendments to re-insert language regarding fences and walls, and established a definition of a "block" for use in the Short-Term rental section of the Ordinance. The Planning Commission should review the draft amendments and prepare a recommendation to the Council prior to a public hearing. Recommend that the first reading of the text amendments be made no later than the May meeting based on the 120-day moratorium that was established last month. Planning Commission to meet to adopt and/or edit; first reading to be in May to coincide with the moratorium. Russ will call Patty to get a planning meeting scheduled. If he does not call by Friday, Tim will remind him to try to schedule.

Received a Zoning certificate and sign permit application for a soap and candle business at 100 E. Main Street. Holding application for verification of change of use from the County and payment of the 35\$ permit fee.

Meet with Jill Baker, County Planning Director regarding the status of the County Comprehensive Plan update. Draft Plan to be provided to the Planning Commission in early May with the Plan to be available to the Public by late May. Planning Commission may consider holding public information meetings at various locations in the County.

Researching the permitting requirements for the Big Spring wall restoration project. Prepared time estimate to be included in the grant application.

Responded to an inquiry regarding permitting requirements to locate another cell antenna for T-Mobile on the County water tank.

**Mayor's Comments**

**MML dinner** was a great success, the church did a fantastic job and thank you all for pitching in and attending.

**Projects**

Wells--still in county council office

Town Hall--many problems fixed which were not planned/budgeted for that included: Sewer, outdoor wiring, sprinkler system, alarm services. The town clock needs to be synchronized; CR electric will try to do this.

Community/Playground Park

Parents paid for shed damage

Electrical power added for cameras

Historic/Pocket Park

Waiting on Project Open Space funding

Detail design on hold with FSA pending POS decision

Wayside Design session in plan--develop a wayside exhibit proposal which identifies wayside topic, theme, location, base style, direction of view and a preliminary list of proposed graphics, images artwork and/or maps.

Historic Walls--scheduled for clean-up and repointing this summer

Big Spring--Found resource for mitigation work and use a local non-certified contractor, plan for RW Properties to do the work. Cleaning area of old shed. Fencing under contract as required by sales contract.

Legislative Session in Annapolis-parking legislation passed House of Delegates, out of committee on Senate side. This law should take into effect in October. State Delegation asked for bonding issues.

Streets & General Maintenance-list of projects for the rest of the FY provided by Joe to be worked off before 07/07/2023. Researching asphalt options.

Planning-time to kick off comprehension, need to be actively integrated into and critiquing the County's comprehension plan.

Formation of Community Development Committee-better with networking with town and town's organizations and community groups.

Importance of Comprehensive Planning – meeting in Sharpsburg

Preferred vendors-if work is being done; we want to help companies/vendors that have helped out community. Please ask Russ when out sourcing any jobs.

### **Council reports (written reports, need for: financial approval, council input or for council to know)**

**Robbie Waters**-Installed ADA tables and finished concrete pads at the pond, fine graded around pads and grass seeded areas at the pond, scheduled stocking of pond for Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> and the pond will be closed to the public until the Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 am – 10 am, drew up design and submitted dock proposal, completed trench work at the playground park for camera installation, started removing old playground equipment and concrete to get ready for new playground equipment. There were a few questions about the shed; Carrie brought up the type of material on the left side to be a panel for a mural that would be the end of the story walk. Russ liked the idea and stated that he spoke with Jon Bonnard about possible young artists to assist with the project and possible art on the blacktop.

**Jacob Martz**-Testified before Environment and Transportation committee in support of HB 1194, purchased flag spreaders for flags in council chamber, purchased new microphone for podium, preparation for Memorial Day Parade - received official approval from WCPS to use elementary school campus for parade staging, received 5K grant from Hotel Rental Tax Fund, purchased lapel pins with town seal, purchased new flags and poles to replace all along Main Street, Jennifer Silbert to sing National Anthem in place of Betty Snyder, next meeting is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Ed Beeler**-Attendance for March: 193

Youth Day @ the Museum will be on April 22 from 10-4 @ SMH

no donations but I am working on Accession and Cataloging the Boyer Collection

Upcoming events: Women of Sharpsburg - June 10<sup>th</sup> 1-4 & Founder's Day Open House - July 8<sup>th</sup> 10-4

**Joe Kudla**-(via ZOOM)-will reach out to Verizon to fix hanging wires and the brick work that needs to be repaired. May or June to have MEMA and WCFD to present information on emergency issues. Joe to invite. Street cleaning date will be before the parade.

**Mia Parsons**-[not present](#)

**John Hammond**- not present

### **Community Partners**

**Officer Tracey Peyton** (submitted electronically) Patrol Checks-Park-13, Ballfield-5, school-9, Antietam Station-11, Traffic Enforcement 3 hours-2 citations, 1 warning, foot patrol-3 hours, parking complaints, 1 citation 2 warnings.

**Chris Vincent**-Antietam Advisory board-not present-electronically submitted

The committee met on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Superintendent Trail started out the meeting to announce that she will be retiring from the National Park Service on March 31. She has been with the NPS for over forty years, serving eight years as superintendent at Monocacy NB and superintendent at Antietam since 2012.

During this transition period, the interim superintendent will rotate between the park division chiefs. The selected process of a new superintendent may take up to a year.

The park is drafting the Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2026. The primary intent of this strategic plan is to articulate an overarching vision for Antietam National Battlefield and to create a framework for setting goals and prioritizing work for the next three to four years. Three main goals the plan will focus on is Safety, Preserve and Protect the battlefield, and Visitor Services and Enhancing Visitor Experience. Once the plan is complete it will be shared with the committee.

Due to issues with the sidewalk grading, drainage, solar panels, and the elevator; the rehabilitation project of the Visitor's Center has been delayed. These issues are being worked and most likely the opening will be in this summer. The plan is to have an official ribbon cutting on Friday, September 15.

The new orientation film, which will be approximately 23 minutes is in the editing phase now. The film is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

Other Projects: HPTC continues to work on the preservation project at the Piper farm and at the David R. Miller house on the windows and porch. The trace road at the Burnside Bridge will be resurfaced to make it more accessible for handicap visitors.

Two major projects this year will be the resurfacing of all the park roads and the National Cemetery rehabilitation which includes tree removal, pruning, and new planting as well as monument cleaning and repair work.

Sup. Trail discussed the future of the Salute to Independence event. After conducting a risk assessment review, they felt the Salute cannot be held in the current format without significant improvements to visitor safety and sustainability. The Park will be working with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra in professionally facilitated meetings, to see if the event could be held in a safe and adequate manner that meets the needs of stakeholders, visitors, and the requirements of the park.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **Old Business/ACTIONS:**

Moving forward with Big Spring-Russ, Robbie and Tim have met with town of Boonsboro to ask about water mitigation. The amount to fix and reroute water will not be too much. There is a good chance we will receive grant money for the restoration work. Since the area is not in the flood plain, permitting should be fairly easy and Tim can get it streamlined, he knows a person at the state MDE. This work will start after July 1<sup>st</sup> Ed motioned and Jake seconded and all were in favor of going forward with the restoration work.

Rail in front of building-some discussion about the style and material of new railing, any style can be incorporated and any ADA compliant pieces or equipment can be added. Decision to be made next month.

Dock at pond-Picture of example and blueprints were discussed, Robbie described the material and hardware. Dock and ramp were discussed in detail, (trex boards for most the deck and ramp, pressure treated wood for railings, easily accessible), supplies and labor are less than 6k. Ed motioned, Joe seconded and all were in favor of RW Properties to complete the dock. This project will be done after the fishing rodeo.

Signage-new signs for community

Sign on High Street

## **New Business**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Story Walk, crafts, refreshments

April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm Youth Day at the Museum, fun activities for youth all day event

April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 am-10 am Fishing Rodeo at the pond, ages 15 and under, prizes and food.

Boonsboro parade entry-possibility of us participating in their parade the day after our parade.

There are many addresses need to be made deliverable in town, there are many issues with some addresses with being able to get deliveries and applying for credit as they come up with non-deliverable addresses. (Most of these are on Antietam Street) Carrie will reach out to the Post Office to get some answers for residents who are having issues.

Tree that needs trimming on Church and Chapline, Tim will craft a letter.

Meeting adjourned 7:10. Next mayor and council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023, all were in favor of adjournment.





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February 1, 2023

Greetings!

The Sharpsburg Memorial Day Committee is pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 156<sup>th</sup> Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade. **This year's theme commemorates The Korean War ("The Forgotten War").** The parade will be held on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

Parade participants not involved in the morning ceremony should plan to report to the Sharpsburg Elementary School parking lot and check in with the Parade Marshal by no later than 1:00 p.m. Participants will be provided with their staging number by email two weeks prior to the event, and should be prepared to present this information to the Parade Marshal upon arrival. All walking units will be staged on the grounds of Sharpsburg Elementary School, regardless of parade placement; a site map will be included to indicate the location of Parade Marshals and vehicular staging areas, as well as drop off and parking locations for walking units.

Please be advised that traffic usually travels slowly through town, so please allow your group enough time to arrive and check in. Keep in mind that Main Street will be closed through town from approximately 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. for the morning ceremony, so remain alert for alternating traffic patterns as you arrive.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the second page of form and return by email to [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net), with "Memorial Day Parade" in the subject line, or mail to the address listed above. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at (301) 432-4428. Submissions must be received by **April 15, 2023.**

Thank you for your support of this historical event, we look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Jacob Martz  
Vice Mayor & Memorial Day Committee Chairman

## 2023 Memorial Day Parade Participation RSVP Form

### Important Reminders:

- Participants should plan to arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.
- Participants will be provided with their staging number prior to parade day. Please have this information handy when checking in with the Parade Marshal.
- All walking units will be staged at Sharpsburg Elementary School.
- Political Organizations are asked to devote their display to the theme of the parade.
- Elected Officials may place a sign indicating their identity, but are also strongly encouraged to incorporate parade themes.
- Distribution of literature is prohibited.
- Participants **shall not** use emergency sirens during the parade. Please remember that local emergency units participating in the parade are **active units**; as such, the use of emergency sirens is reserved strictly for them, and shall be used only in the event of an actual emergency during the parade. **If an emergency siren is activated during the parade, participants are advised to allow for the passage of responding vehicles.**

\*Please print your name/name of organization exactly how you would like it to appear in the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Commemoration Program Book\*

Please provide the name of participating unit just as you would like it to be announced during the parade. This is also how it will appear in the Memorial Day Commemoration Program Book.

Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (this is how you will receive your staging information): \_\_\_\_\_

My group will be (please circle one):

Walking only

Combination walking and riding

Everyone is riding in a vehicle or float

Number and type of vehicle(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*How many spaces will your vehicle(s) and/or float(s) require for staging? (one space = 25 ft.) \_\_\_\_\_\*\***



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### **Individual and Business Sponsorships and Memorials**

February 22, 2023

Greetings!

The Sharpsburg Memorial Day Committee is currently in the process of preparing the commemorative program book for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade, and is now accepting requests for individual remembrances and business sponsorships to be featured in this year's issue. Submissions should be written or typed in block style exactly how you would like it to appear in the parade book, and be formatted in the following fashion:

#### **Sample format:**

In loving memory of Sgt. Robert Q. Sample, US Army, WWII,  
By his family, children Joe and Jane, and grandchild William  
A great man who will be missed by all who knew him

To have your personal message included in this year's parade book, you may send a check, made out to Town of Sharpsburg, along with your submission, to Town Hall at:

**Memorial Day Parade Book**  
**106 E Main St.**  
**P.O. Box 368**  
**Sharpsburg, MD 21782**

Or simply drop it off in person at the address listed above, at which time you will also have the option of paying with cash; the price for an entry is **\$2.00 for forty (40) words or less**. A copy of the parade book may also be reserved at this time for **an additional \$3.00**. Large groups, such as churches or other civic organizations, may select a designated representative to deliver their entries. Submissions must be received by **April 15, 2023**.

Be a part of history, and help us to continue this time honored tradition!

Regards,

Jacob Martz  
Vice Mayor & Memorial Day Committee Chairman





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**Remembrance/Sponsorship & Parade Book Request Form**

Mail to or drop off at Town Hall at the address listed above, and please include contact information.  
Price for entry is **\$2.00 for 40 words or less**. For book orders only, complete the bottom portion of this form.

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Parade Books (\$3/ea., books will be available in Town Hall after May 23<sup>rd</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**

Cash

☐

Check

☐

## Sharpsburg Days

Vendor Application – Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 9am to 4pm

Along Town Square

\$75 craft vendors up to one 10ft. X 10ft. net. Must bring own table, chair, pop up & displays.

\$100 food vendor per space (allowed up to one food trunk or outside equipment up to 20ft.

Deadline for vendor application: September 17 - Only quiet generators allowed!

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 Town of Sharpsburg. And are due with application. 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 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:

Town of Sharpsburg 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.

4 April 2023

Sharpsburg Elementary School  
Socks in Crocs  
17525 Shepherdstown Pike  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Dear Donor,

We come to you with exciting news from Sharpsburg Elementary School. This year a team of fifth grade students from Sharpsburg competed at the State Level Destination Imagination Tournament, brought home a second place win in the Fine Arts division, and was invited to the global competition which takes place in Kansas City, Missouri. Our school and community are exceptionally proud of Emily, June, Aubrey, Calvin, and Hattie.

Participation in the global competition represents the culmination of a year-long exercise in teamwork, problem solving, ingenuity, and independence. The team has conceptualized, planned, and will demonstrate a sophisticated solution to a central challenge which meets predetermined criteria including engineering and literary components. In addition to development and refinement of this central challenge, the team will be tasked with using their creativity and collaborative skills to quickly create a solution to an instant challenge presented to them at the competition. Solutions to both the central and instant challenge are completely developed and implemented without adult assistance making this a truly student-led endeavor.

We are proud of our accomplishments but now we have another challenge to solve. We must independently raise the funding to pay for registration, travel, and lodging for the global tournament in May 2023. Your company has demonstrated a strong commitment to our community and students in Washington County. Our team needs to raise at least \$5500 by May 20. We are hopeful that you will consider making a donation to sponsor the team's trip to the global competition. The Sharpsburg Elementary School PTA, a 501c3 organization, has agreed to fundraise on our behalf so any donation would be tax-deductible.

Please contact our team manager, Ashley Stotemyer [stoteash@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:stoteash@wcps.k12.md.us) (301-991-8106), or Ed Beaver [beaveedw@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:beaveedw@wcps.k12.md.us) for further information about team sponsorship. Thank you for your kind consideration and your time.

Sincerely,

Sharpsburg Elementary's Socks in Crocs

Please donate  
Calvin

It would mean so  
much if you donate  
Please donate now!

It would  
be so great  
if you donate  
June

Thank you  
for supporting  
us! Emily

Please  
help us  
go to Globals  
Hattie

