

# Town of Sharpsburg

## Town Crier



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**The minutes of the town meeting are not the official minutes; they are an overview of the business conducted. A copy of the official minutes can be obtained at the town office from the clerk.**

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order to 7:03pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the March meeting and the March treasurer's report were both approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

David Hanlin, candidate for District 2A for the Maryland House of Delegates was present to introduce himself.

### **Committee Reports**

**Parks & Railroad** – Trash receptacles for the pond have been ordered.

**Building** – New carpet will be installed in the library and in the downstairs hallway April 23-25<sup>th</sup>. The library will be closed these days. Bryan is looking into having the book drop installed.

**Streets** – Nothing to report

**Planning & Zoning** – Russ stated that there are some issues with The Marketplace of Sharpsburg following the zoning permission that they were granted. The town is concerned with the Farmer's Market that happened on April 5<sup>th</sup>, as this violates the zoning permission that was granted to Mr. Hull and his tenant, Ms. Poffenberger. The town will write a letter voicing their concerns and requesting action be taken to the Zoning Administrator.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee** – Mr. Jamieson gave notes to Kimberly for the crier

**Public Safety**- The town steps at the Grove House in the square are in need of repair. CD Construction will be repairing this hopefully this week.

**Mayor's Report** – The Mayor will be proclaiming the week of April 6-12 "Week of the Young Child" and he will be attending a ceremony in Hagerstown on April 7<sup>th</sup> to make it "official."

### **Old Business**

**Bulk Trash pick-up** – Will be held Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Will place unacceptable items in the crier and will post around town.

**Brush pick-up** – Will take place Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Will post around town and will place the info in the crier.

**Fishing Rodeo** – Open to children 16 and under. This will take place in Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the town pond from 7am-11am.

**Easter egg Hunts** – The town will be donating three prize baskets to the Battleview for their egg hunt on the 13<sup>th</sup> and two baskets to the Sportsman's club for their egg hunt on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

**BZA** – The town approved Sid Gale to be a member of the BZA

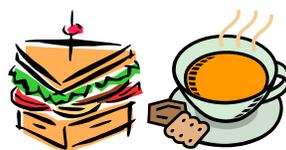
**Fire Department Building Project** – Darryl reported that the fire department has begun work on the grounds for the new building. Hopefully a building will begin to go up within the next two weeks and will take about 5 months to complete. The fire department was able to secure some grant money and a low interest loan to help with the cost of the project.

**Drain at ball field** – The new drain at High Street near the ball field is causing some water issues to the property at 106 West High Street. Excavator Mike Stivers met with the Mayor to give possible solutions to the problem. He states it will cost about \$1,000-\$1,200 to correct. The council agreed to this fix and the Mayor will get into contact with Mr. Stivers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. The next meeting will be Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7pm.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### *Antietam Legion Auxiliary to hold annual Soup and Sandwich Sale*



The Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236 will be holding their annual chicken salad sandwich and chicken corn soup sale this weekend! They will be set up in front of the Jefferson Security Bank on Friday from 9am-6pm and on Saturday, beginning at noon until they are sold out. These yummy items sell fast, so get there early!

The unit members take pride in the fact that all monies raised at their annual fundraisers, is put back in the community through the many worthwhile programs supporting our veterans, active military personnel, children and senior citizens.

## Annual Fishing Rodeo



The annual town fishing rodeo will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 7am-11am at the town pond. The rodeo is open to children 16 and under. Prior fishing experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity for children to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and new experiences.

The pond is located beside 208 South Church Street. For further information, or if you would like to volunteer your time and talents for this event, contact Brandon Smith at 301-491-4866.

## *Community Watercolor Painting Seminar*



St. Paul's Episcopal Church women are sponsoring a community seminar on watercolor painting on Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 9:30am to 10:30am. Local artist Lee Weaver will demonstrate watercolor techniques. The church is located at 209 W Main Street in Sharpsburg. There is no cost and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 410-804-7111.

## *Mother's Day Flower Sale*



Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236 will be holding their annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. The sale will be held in the square. Come out and show mom some love while benefitting this very worthwhile organization. Monies raised will go back into the community.

## Town News

### Bulk Trash Pick-Up



Bulk trash pick-up will be held on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Bulk items are to be placed out beside your regular household trash on Tuesday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Unacceptable items are as follows:

- Paint—unless it is completely dried out
- Soil, rocks, sod, tree trunks, limbs, or stumps resulting from tree removal
- Parts of motor vehicles
- Poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, oil and other flammable substances, explosives, ammunition, or other hazardous or dangerous materials
- Bricks, blocks, concrete in any form
- Any commercial waste (for example, if someone is remodeling their home, any of the remodeling debris would not be accepted)

### Brush Pick-Up

Brush pick-up will be held on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. All brush must be in place prior to Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Brush is to be placed at the end of your property at the alleys. If you do not have an alley at your property, brush can be placed out where your trash is picked up. Brush, as defined by the tree company that is handling the pick-up, is defined as “any woody material, 4 inches in diameter and smaller.” Garden waste, plants and anything with a root ball is not permitted and will not be picked up. Brush should be placed all facing the same direction, and should not be mixed with non brush items.

## *Memorial Day Commemoration Activities*



Save the date! The annual Memorial Day commemoration activities will be taking place on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The festivities will kick off at 11am in the square, with a wreath laying ceremony to honor those that served and are currently serving in our military.

The parade, the longest running parade in the nation, will step off from the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30pm and will travel down Main Street, ending at the Antietam National Cemetery.

The Antietam National Battlefield will have their annual service in the Antietam National Cemetery at the conclusion of the parade, generally around 3pm.

**Keep in mind that on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Main Street (MD 34) will be CLOSED from 11am-11:45am AND again from 1:30pm-approximately 3pm. There will be no non-parade vehicles allowed on Main Street during these hours and you will not be able to cut across the street during the parade.**

If you would like to sponsor the parade (have your name listed in the parade book), the cost is \$2.00 per entry and can be called in, dropped off, or emailed to the Clerk at [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)

Honoring a loved one with a memorial sponsorship in the parade book (In Memory of...) is \$2.00 and can also be called in, dropped off, or emailed to the Clerk at [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)

Parade books can be pre-ordered for \$2.00 each by calling or emailing the Clerk at [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)

Sponsorships, memorials and books need to be ordered prior to Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and must be paid for when ordering. If ordering via email or telephone, payment can be dropped off to town hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2:00pm or by mailing to the town at PO Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.

A limited number of books will also be available for purchase at local businesses for \$2.00 each, beginning approximately the middle of May.

## Battlefield Advisory Committee



- January's harsh winter weather severely damaged the Burnside Bridge, near its western end on the upstream side. The Historic Preservation Training Center will make the initial repairs, which will be followed by an assessment of the structure's condition. At a minimum, the bridge will have to be thoroughly repaired and its coping replaced. Viewers can use the battlefield website to follow the progress of the work on what is arguably the Civil War's most famous bridge.
- Major projects are underway at the Philip and Elizabeth Pry house. The house roof is being replaced and the repairs to the eastern end of the barn are in their last phase.
- The restoration of the Joshua Newcomer barn is on hold. The work crews are waiting for summer-beam pieces, expected to arrive during the next two weeks

Perry Jamieson

## *Citizen Corner*

Dear Kimberly,

Just a note to let you know what a great job you are doing with our TOWN CRIER newsletter. We look forward to reading the many interesting articles written about the town. It's always nice to keep up with what's going on around our quaint little town. Thank you, Kim

Darlene Albritton

- Thank you, Mrs. Albritton. I appreciate your positive, kind words. Although completing the crier, along with all of my Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer duties can be exhausting, I take pride in producing an informative publication for the citizens of Sharpsburg. I encourage citizens to contact me if they have an article or information that they would like published in the crier.

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, well wishes and patience as I took 6 weeks off to welcome my fourth daughter, Olivia Reese Fulk, on January 15<sup>th</sup>. I enjoyed my time off, but it has been great to get back to work.

# Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment

## Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
Darryl Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Cathy Hull – Councilperson	304-279-8440
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council should be contacted through the Town Office, unless it is an emergency situation.

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