

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 July meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council began with a presentation from the Washington County Planning Department. Jill Baker, Chief Planner passed out information and discussed the County's plans and timeline for updating the County Comprehensive Plan. They also spent some time listening to concerns from the Mayor and Council in regards to land use and preservation and increasing traffic within the town.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. Due to computer issues, there was no Treasurer's report. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ernie Wetterer wanted to know if the Council had been kept up to date with the gas station project, in which they had. He reported that Ewing Oil has been working on monitoring the tanks and they continue to monitor the surrounding ground and properties for any gas leaks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks/Railroad Station: We will order a ½ truck load of mulch for the park. The roof of the train station is in need of painting and really should be replaced at some point. Kimberly will look into possible grants for this process.

Building: Still need to obtain an estimate to have chair rail placed along the back wall.

Streets: Still no word or further drawings of the East Chapline St. extended project. Kimberly will touch base with Keith at Frederick Seibert to see if he has an estimate of when these will be available for review.

Planning and Zoning: Still working to have the Comprehensive Plan up to date and to the State by hopefully September.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: Will be meeting Wednesday. Mr. Jamieson will get the notes to Kimberly for inclusion in the Crier.

Canal Towns Partnership: Nothing to report, as they are on hiatus for the summer.

Public Safety: Kimberly will schedule a meeting with Sheriff Mullendore to discuss the concerns of the Mayor and Council and townspeople in regards to safety, speed, etc. within the Town.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Legion Building: Still need an architect/draftsman to give us drawings of the building before proceeding with what to do with the building

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint meeting with the County Commissioners will be Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm at Town Hall. This is a public meeting.
2. September's meeting will be held Monday, September 14th, due to the first Monday being Labor Day. Mr. Weaver will check with the Railroad Station to see if we can have the meeting there.

The meeting was moved to closed session to discuss legal matters and Town property at 8:27pm. It was returned to open session at 9:12pm and moved for adjournment at 9:13pm.

Town News

Town Office Closures

The office of the Clerk will be closed on Monday, September 7th in Observance of Labor Day.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Office of the Clerk is now open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-1:30pm. Additional hours are available by appointment. Call Town Hall at 301-432-4428 to schedule an appointment.

Zoning Administrator hours

Zoning Administrator Howard Long has office hours in the Town office on Tuesdays from 10:00am – 6:00pm. Additional hours are available by appointment. He can be reached at the town number, 301-432-4428.

For the week of September 14th – Mr. Long will be in the office on Monday, September 14th from 10:00am – 6:00pm and WILL NOT be in the office on Tuesday, September 15th.

Change in Trash pick-up schedule for Labor Day

The week of September 7th, trash and recycling will be delayed one day. These items will be picked up on Thursday, September 10th and trash should not be set out until Wednesday, September 9th.

Free Outdoor Movie Paddington is coming to Sharpsburg!



The Sharpsburg Library and the Town of Sharpsburg are sponsoring a free outdoor movie. Paddington will be shown on a giant blow up movie screen at the Sharpsburg Little League field, located on High Street (beside the water tower) on Friday, September 11th at 8:00pm.

Bring your blankets, chairs, drinks and snacks and enjoy a fun evening with your family, friends and Paddington!

The Sharpsburg Elementary PTA will be holding a bake sale during the movie, so bring a few dollars to support the local school and enjoy some yummy baked goods.

The rain date for the movie will be Thursday, September 24th.

Paddington is rated PG and is fun for the entire family.

EVENTS AT THE SHARPSBURG LIBRARY

September 10th at 7pm: Fall Arrangements by Annette Cormany, University of Maryland Extension Horticulture Educator.

Annette will demonstrate how to use fall flowers, herbs, seed heads and produce to create beautiful arrangements. Limited supplies will be available for you to make and take home a small arrangement. Must register for this program online, or by calling 301-432-8825.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest October 1-October 29th

Get your ideas together now and enter your artificial pumpkin in the library pumpkin decorating contest! Let your imagination run wild! There will be age categories and prizes awarded. Entries are due October 15th and winners will be announced on October 29th.

From the Desk of the Zoning Administrator

Chapter four, Section 10 – Animals running at large prohibited

No owner or keeper of any animal shall allow his animal, except for a cat, or cats, to be at large in the Town.

Section 11 – Animals running at large – Exceptions

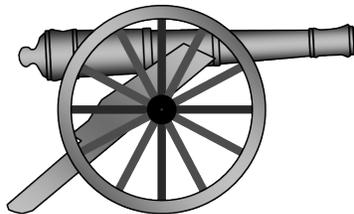
No owner of any dog shall allow such a dog to be at large, except certain dogs, i.e.:

- a. Dogs on the premises of another person with the permission of the property owner or lessee; or
- b. Dogs being used for training, or trained for hunting; or obedience training; or
- c. Dogs being accompanied by the owner or agent of the owner on horseback.

Section 12 – Animal waste

The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by his animal on public byways, recreational areas, or private property

Battlefield Advisory Committee



- This year's Salute to Independence, held on the fourth of July, turned out to be a successful event. Weather forecasters had made pessimistic predictions, and rain fell during that Saturday morning. Because of the weather concerns, many people arrived late, but the Maryland Symphony Orchestra concert and the Bay Fireworks display eventually drew a good crowd.
- Repairs have not yet begun on the Burnside Bridge, because contracts for the work have not been finalized. The park staff now expects that the first phase of the project, which will include repairing the piers, will start in September.
- The battlefield staff is working on a cooperative agreement that will allow the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area to continue operating the Jacob Newcomer house as an exhibit and visitors center for another five years. Once this new agreement is in place, the Heritage Area plans to add more exhibits in the house

– Perry Jamieson

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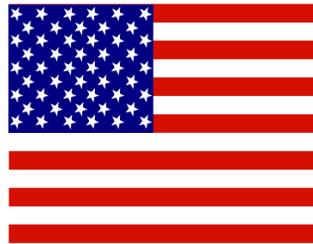
Happy Belated Birthday, Ms. Ethel Clipp!



Last month, town resident Ethel Clipp celebrated her 90th Birthday. She thought she was being taken to her favorite restaurant, Denny's, for her birthday dinner. However; she ended up at a surprise birthday party at the Sharpsburg Battlefield Church. We hope that you enjoyed your day, Ms. Clipp! Happy Birthday!

– Clara Hollar

Local Marine graduates Basic Training



Sharpsburg native Garrett Churchey, son of Tracey Stride and Brian Churchey; grandson of Sharpsburg resident Dallas Churchey; graduated from basic training at Paris Island, SC with the Marines last month. Garrett is a part of the United States Marine Band. Congratulations, Garrett and best wishes as you embark on your military career.

Reminder: The September meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council will be held on Monday, September 14th at 7pm.

Due to computer issues, the Crier is a little late this month. Thank you for your patience.

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Mayor and Council

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Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
Ed Beeler – Councilperson	301-800-6877
Darryl Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
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