

Town of Sharpsburg



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The minutes of the Council meeting are an overview of business conducted and are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes will be available at the Clerk's office after they are approved by the Mayor and Council at next month's council meeting.

Due to icy weather, the January meeting of the Mayor and Council was cancelled.

The next meeting will be held Monday February 5, 2018 at 7pm in Town Hall.

Town News

The Mayor and Council will be having a workshop meeting on Wednesday January 24, 2018 at 6:30pm in Town Hall. Agenda items include crosswalks at the square, contract with the little league, the Potomac pipeline. Workshop meetings are open to the public.

Community News

Antietam Unit 236 Presents Blue Star Service Banner



**Kayla Schwartz with 4 year old Bryleigh
and 2 month old Quinn**

Antietam Unit 236, Sharpsburg American Legion Auxiliary presented a Blue Star Service banner at the January 9, 2018 unit meeting.

Kayla Schwartz, wife, and two daughters Bryleigh and Quinn, are the family of Jeffrey Schwartz, currently deployed in Iraq. The family is stationed in North Dakota, but returned back to her hometown to be with family while he is deployed. When 4 year old daughter Bryleigh was asked about her daddy, she responded by saying, "he is at work school." President Ava Gift, upon presenting the banner on behalf of the unit, advised the young family that if they need anything or if the unit could be of any help, that they are here for them and know that when our head is bowed in prayer, your husband is also being remembered.

Jeffrey Schwartz is a 2010 graduate of Boonsboro High School and joined the Air Force in June, 2010. His paternal grandfather, Leo Joseph Schwartz, is a Navy Veteran.

The banner, displayed in the home of a member of the armed forces, is an American tradition started during World War I. The tradition was not observed during the Korean conflict or Viet Nam war, but was revived at the start of the War on Terrorism.

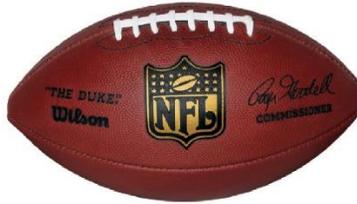
Anyone who has a child or a spouse serving in the military and wishes a Blue Star banner may contact Ava at 301-432-6658.

Community Events

Sharpsburg Merchant's and Business Association

The first meeting of 2018 will be held on Tuesday January 23rd at 11:30am at Captain Bender's Tavern. This meeting is open to any business, merchant, organization or church of Sharpsburg, Maryland. For more information, contact Meredith Poffenberger at 301-991-0265.

SUPER BOWL PARTY AT CAPTAIN BENDERS



Celebrate the big game at Captain Bender's on Sunday February 4th at 5pm. There will be a free half time tailgate buffet, specials and 50 cent wings.

Victory Garden Ranch to host Antietam Valentine Market



Join Victory Garden Ranch as they host numerous crafters and artisans for a Valentine Market on Saturday February 10, 2018 from 10am-4pm. Items that will be available include Civil War items, soaps, lotions, bath bombs, jerky, crochet items, jewelry, weighted blankets and comfort pieces, candles, kid's bath items, sun catchers, crafts and much more. For a full description of items, you can visit the Facebook page of Victory Garden Ranch, or contact them at 301-799-1420. Victory Garden Ranch is located in the square of Sharpsburg at 101 West Main Street.

This event is being sponsored by B&B Automotive, Captain Benders Tavern and David H. Peters & Assoc.

Come out to support local artisans and do all of your Valentine's Day shopping in one stop!

Battlefield Advisory Committee



**Photo of the Mumma Farm during the Memorial Illumination.
Photo taken by Chris Vincent**

The committee met on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

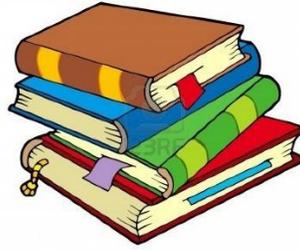
Superintendent Trail opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and recapping some end of year events and projects. The Memorial Illumination was very successful, the nice weather and full moon rising at the start of the event made it even more memorable. More than 1,300 vehicles proceeded through the route into the early morning hours. Next year marks the 30th anniversary of the Memorial Illumination, with plans to expand into some new areas of the battlefield.

The Antietam National Cemetery walkway project is nearing completion. The new walkway restores the historic walkway that was once in the National Cemetery and will make visiting more accessible for all. The walkway extends from the brick pavers at the entrance, to and around the Private Soldier Monument in the center of the cemetery. The walk is eight feet wide along the center aisle way and six feet wide around the monument. The concrete surface is very close to the appearance of what the original loose gravel surface looked like. New sod and grass seed will be planted to even out the surface.

At the end of December a contract was awarded for the Burnside Bridge Walkway. This project will restore the walkway and the retaining walls from the McKinley Monument down to the bridge. The project will begin in the spring and last throughout the summer into fall. During construction a temporary path will be made along the roadway to allow visitors access to the bridge from the overlook parking area.

- Chris Vincent

HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY



Come in from the cold and enjoy a good book!! Magazines, movies and audiobooks are also available.

Every Wednesday in February, enjoy a cup of hot tea or hot chocolate while you browse.

Every Thursday at 3:30 pm – Story time

February 3, 2018 at 10:00 am – Lego Club. Create something only with red bricks. Try the building challenge, or come up with your own design

February 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Black History Month: *Who Were the People of Tolson's Chapel?*

Presented by historian and President of the Non-Profit Friends of Tolson's Chapel, Edie Wallace.

On display will be newly acquired photographs of past members of the chapel and when the chapel served as a school. Edie will discuss who those members were and what they did.

Tolson's Chapel served the African-American community in Sharpsburg for 132 years.

Important Information and Phone Numbers

Trash Collection – Apple Valley Waste 1-877-267-1280. Trash is set out for collection on Tuesday evening for early Wednesday morning pickup.

For 2018, the following holidays will delay trash collection by one day: Memorial Day Monday, May 28th, Independence Day Wednesday, July 4th, Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3 and Christmas Day Tuesday December 25th.

Potomac Edison – Electricity Provider – Customer Service 1-800-686-0011. To report power outages, street light outages, or emergencies call 1-888-544-4877.

Comcast – Cable Provider – 1-800-391-3000

Sheriff's Department – Non-Emergency Number – 240-313-2100.

Washington County Department of Water Quality – Water and Sewer issues or questions – 240-313-2600

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Additional hours for the Clerk and Zoning Administrator are available by appointment

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Russ Weaver – Vice Mayor (Planning & Zoning)	301-432-5907
Ed Beeler – Councilperson (Town Archives & Historical Planning)	301-800-6877
Darryl Benner – Councilperson (Public Safety)	301-992-2230
Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)	301-991-6988
Brandon Smith – Councilperson (Parks & Railroad)	301-491-4866
Tamara White – Councilperson (Streets)	301-432-7754
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

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