



# The SHARPSBURG TOWN CRIER

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## COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The monthly meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and council was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Spielman. All members were present.

The minutes were read, and with a few minor corrections, were approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Tom Shantz from Freedom's Run approached the council regarding their annual run in October. The organization would like permission to have their race again this year and have the runners come through town again this year. The council has no problem with the runners, however; Mr. Shantz will return in August to discuss road closures.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks and Railroad Station**—Brandon provided two fence estimates to fence in the park and to place at the pond. The council voted to go with Long Fence. Brandon will contact them so that they can get to work on installing the fence as soon as possible. Bryan is working with the company regarding the aerator for the pond.

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This will be in shortly and Bryan will take care of installing.

**Building**— we are still awaiting final estimates on fixing bricks on the town hall building.

**Streets**— three estimates have been received regarding the blacktopping of the alley along Chapline Street. Since it seems that each company has their own way of completing this task, certain questions and requests will be submitted to each company so that everyone is bidding on the same exact project. This will be decided in July so that work can commence as soon as possible. There are also several potholes in various alleys that these companies can submit an estimate for as well. So far, only one of the three companies has submitted an estimate for this project. Kimberly will work on this before the July meeting.

**Planning and Zoning**—still awaiting a call from the head of the county planning department regarding obtaining his help and resources to finish our comprehensive plan.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee**—Mr. Perry Jamieson shared that the battlefield wished to thank the parade committee, the town and the fifth graders at Sharpsburg Elementary School for all of their efforts with making the Memorial Day Commemoration services a success. The tour road project will also be continuing into the summer

months. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the battlefield's budget will be \$43,800 less than it was the previous fiscal year. Mr. Jamieson will provide the complete report to Kimberly to place in the crier.

**Archives**—Nothing to report.

**Public Safety**— It was addressed to Bryan by the police department that the town may want to consider other arrangements for parking and road closures for the 2012 parade. There were some issues with parked cars and traffic being unable to pass on some of the back streets. This will be evaluated for next year.

**Town Attorney**—Mr. Kane was unable to attend the meeting.

**Mayor's Report**—Mayor Spielman reported that the land beside the town right of way on Antietam and Potomac Streets will soon be put up for sale. The realtor is questioning if the new owners can use the right of way and in what capacity. Kimberly will refer this to Attorney Kane for research and evaluation as to what the town can legally do.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Ethics Guidelines**—the ethics guidelines, which are mandatory for all municipal leagues was moved to adopt by Mat and seconded by Bryan with all ayes for approval. Kimberly will notify Attorney Kane. Slide at the park—the parts of the slide, as well as the new swings have arrived. The Mayor and Council will get together this week to begin work on installing these new pieces.

Back room wall—Brandon will take care of getting the materials to complete the wall in the back room of town hall. He will call the members when they arrive so that they can begin work.

Elevator Contract—it was moved by Mat and seconded by Jennifer to notify Eastern Elevator Services that we will be voiding our contract as of February 6, 2012. Motioned carried. Kimberly will take care of this and a new contract will be entertained in the fall so that it can be in place when the current one expires.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Taxes—the tax rate will increase from .20 to .25, effective July 1. Personal Property rates will be .625 effective July 1. This change will be reflected on tax bills, which will be sent out by the county tax collector on July 1st.

Budget—the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 was established and will be effective July 1 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm. Due to the first Monday of July being Independence Day, the next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11 at 7:30pm.

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION



The following is a list of churches in the area that would love for you to worship with them.

#### SHARPSBURG BIBLE CHURCH

**Rev. Gene Renner**  
5134 General Stewart Court  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship Service: 10:30am and 6:00pm  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7:00pm

#### SHARPSBURG BRETHERN CHURCH

120 East Main Street  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 10:00am  
Children's Sunday School: 10:30am  
Adult Sunday School: 11:00am

#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Rev. Mark Wastler**  
[www.stpaulssharpburg.org](http://www.stpaulssharpburg.org)  
209 West Main Street  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 10am  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Rev. Delancy Catlett**  
117 West Main Street  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 9:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am

#### SHARPSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Rev. Karen Valentine**  
201 East Main Street  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Sunday School: 9:00am  
Worship Service: 10:00am

#### NEW HOPE CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Elders: Bob Fraley and Eric Johnson**  
1800 Davis Lane  
Fairplay, Maryland 21733

Worship Service: 9:00am

#### Church News

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
SHARPSBURG BIBLE CHURCH  
(Corner of Potomac  
and Antietam Streets)

#### BIG APPLE ADVENTURE



**Where faith and life connect**

**JUNE 20 - 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:00 to 9:00 PM**  
Ages: 3 to Adult  
Info: 301-739-1882

## Town Hall Announcements

### Trash Service Delayed

Trash collection services will be delayed by one day the week of July 4th. Therefore, trash should not be set out until Wednesday this week.

**MANY THANKS TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SUPPORTED OUR ANNUAL FISHING RODEO ON MAY 7TH:**  
NUTTER'S ICE CREAM  
CAPTAIN BENDER'S TAVERN  
BATTLEVIEW MARKET  
DARRYL BENNER

### Community News



Southeastern Senior Site  
Keedysville Community Center  
Mt. Vernon Lane, Keedysville

You are invited to come and make new friends or catch up with folks you haven't seen for a while. Invite a friend or family member to attend with you!

The day begins at 9am with coffee and conversation. Then from 9:30am until 11:30am there are fun activities, educational programs and guest speakers from the community. At 11:30am, a delicious, nutritious lunch is served. The site is open from 9am until 1pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All activities are free, except for lunch, which is provided for a donation. Please call Martha at 301-432-5624 two days in advanced if you would like to have lunch provided for you.

The site will be holding an open house on June 13, 15 and 17th. On June 13th, Chief Hewitt from the Boonsboro Police Department will be speaking about senior safety and security. On June 15th, the county roads department will be talking about the streets, roads and how they are maintained. On June 17th,

Helen Stevens will give a talk and demonstration about houseplants and their care, followed by a representative from Sunny Meadows, to give a talk and demonstration on container gardening and planting. This week, special lunches will be provided at no cost, including a lunch catered by Bonnie's Red Byrd and a picnic of grilled hot dogs and the winning cupcakes from the Herald Mail. Other lunch arrangements are still being made, but it is sure to be delicious! For further information, contact Martha Drennen at 301-432-5624. The site is open to citizens aged 60 and older.

### Battlefield Advisory Committee



Many thanks to Perry Jamieson for sharing the report to be printed in the crier.

Re-paving—Mumma Lane and Richardson Avenue will be closed on June 13-14 for shoulder work. All work is weather permitting.

Salute to Independence—This annual event is set for Saturday, July 2, 2011 and planning is underway.

Thanks—the National Park Service thanks the Sharpsburg Elementary School 5th graders, the parade committee and the Town of Sharpsburg for all of their efforts with the Memorial Day Commemoration activities.

Visitor Center Hours—the Visitor Center is now open until 6pm through September 18th. The Pry Field Hospital and Newcomer House Exhibit and Visitor Center is now open daily.

Chief Ranger Ed Wenschhof continues to be the acting superintendent for the battlefield. He can be reached at 301-432-2243 ext 11 or [ed\\_wenschhof@nps.gov](mailto:ed_wenschhof@nps.gov).

### **The Need For Foster Parents Continues to Grow**

There are children who have been hurt and rejected by those who were supposed to take care of them. These kids need your help. Become a Treatment Foster Parent with San Mar Children's Home. Make a difference to a child in need of a family. Call 240-625-9445, ext 234 to learn what you can do.

### **144TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY COMEMORATION**



Pride and patriotism was in the air on Saturday, May 28th, as the town celebrated their 144th year of commemorating Memorial Day.

The festivities began with dignitaries and guests paying their respects to our fallen heroes at the wreath laying ceremony in front of town hall. Music by the MacMillian Pipe Band was enjoyed by all and guests listened intently to the words of keynote speaker, Fred Shinbur.

The parade made its way through town and was enjoyed by people of all ages.

Thank you to the mayor and council, the parade committee, the Antietam National Battlefield, Fred Shinbur and YOU for making this years commemoration an enjoyable day for everyone.

#### *Pictures from the festivities*



Town Hall Hours: Tuesdays 1:00pm-6:00pm,  
 Wednesdays 9am-12noon and Thursdays  
 1:00pm-6:00pm  
 301-432-4428

Hal Spielman, Mayor 432-6854  
 Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor 432-2478

**COUNCIL**

Mathew Barnhart 992-4335  
 Darryl Benner 432-8331  
 Cathy Hull 304-279-8440  
 Jennifer Silbert 432-7984  
 Brandon Smith 432-1941

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk 240-675-7466  
 Debra Jamison, Tax Collector 432-6572  
 Patti Hammond, Planning Com. 432-5965  
 Anna Jamison, Election Board 432-6572

**TOWN ORGANIZATIONS**

Am Leg. Aux. Ava Gift 432-6658  
 Hist. Society Vernell Doyle 992-9767  
 Mt. View Cemetery Jeff Saylor 432-4428  
 Cub Scouts Michael Miles 432-0275  
 Boy Scouts John Stewart 432-0564

**CHURCHES**

Brethren Lilly Grayson 432-6174  
 Bible Rev. Gene Renner 739-1882  
 Episcopal Carolyn Shaw 791-3357  
 Lutheran Rev. Karen Valentine 304-676-9974  
 UCC Melissa Reiff 465-9411  
 Church of Christ Ed Beeler 240-625-5552

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SHARPSBURG  
 Oldest Town in Washington County  
 Founded July 9, 1763



Sharpsburg Town Hall

