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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 meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Spielman. All members were present. Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk was also present.

The minutes of the April meeting and the treasurer's report were both approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Eichelberger, Poppy Chairman of Antietam Unit 236 was present to present Miss Poppy 2012, Sophie Burnett. Sophie pinned the first poppy of the season on Mayor Spielman, kicking off the poppy campaign for 2012.

Cathy Beckley-Thomas from the American Cancer Society was present to inform the council that a Relay for Life will take place on June 22nd at the Agriculture Education Center on the Sharpsburg Pike. She will let information at town hall and with local businesses.

Deputy Cain was present to discuss the recent vandalism activities with the council and the townspeople that

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were present at the meeting. He reported that since January 1st, there have been 61 calls for service reported in Sharpsburg and there have been 203 patrol checks by the deputies. Deputy Cain states that the individuals that were involved with recent acts of vandalism and with hanging out at the square and riding bikes and skateboards through traffic have been identified and the deputy has spoken to these individuals and their parents. Deputy Cain encouraged everyone to call the police if they see vandalism or acts of wrong doing. He stated that they can not do anything about the problem if they are not notified.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks and Railroad**—Darryl purchased nets for the basketball court and he is going to check on the cost of replacing the rims at the court. It was moved and seconded to place three tables, two new trash cans and two benches at the town park. It was also decided to close the park for two days so that it can be sprayed for weeds and then the new mulch will be delivered. Darryl will check into a company to spray. Once it is established when this will take place, the park will have signage placed and will be locked while this occurs and dries.

**Building**—Nothing to report  
**Streets**—The brush pickup is

still in progress. There were a numerous amount of piles to be picked up and it is taking longer than expected. They will resume the pick up on May 10th.

### Planning and Zoning

Comprehensive Plan has been completed on our end. Kimberly is awaiting corrected maps from the county before taking the plan to the next level of the process.

### Battlefield Advisory Committee

The committee toured the Monocacy Battlefield during the meeting. Mr. Jamieson will provide Kimberly with the Superintendants report to place in the crier.

**Public Safety**—Deputy Cain spoke in regards to this earlier in the meeting.

**Mayor's Report**—The Mayor and Council were invited to the John Frye Awards in Hagerstown. The Mayor and Council will ride in the Boonsboro Parade. Residents of the town have written letters requesting that alleys behind Antietam Street and Chapline Street Extended be considered for paving during the next fiscal year.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Landscaping in front of town hall**—it was decided to remove the evergreen trees and place flower beds in these areas. The shrubbery in front of the library will also be replaced. Kimberly will get this scheduled.

**Water on High Street**—The town is still awaiting a response/solution from the County.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Donations to the Fire Department and EMS**— It was moved and approved to donate \$2,000 to each department.

**Markers for Veterans**— Mayor Spielman was approached by the Joint Veterans Council to replace the veteran markers on the street signs. It was moved and approved to have this done.

**Donation to the Heritage Festival**— The town was approached to make a substantial donation to the heritage festival. After much discussion, this decision was tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm. The next meeting will be held on June 4th at 7pm in the council chambers.

## TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Recycling Bin to be Removed

As of June 1, 2012, the county will be removing the community recycling bin located in the parking area of the town EMS/Fire facilities. The community bin WILL NOT be replaced.

Residents that wish to have home curb side recycling pick up, may do so at their own expense by contacting Apple Valley Waste at 1-877-267-1280. The current cost is \$4.00 per month and includes a 35 gallon recycling container and weekly recycling pick up (currently on Thursdays.)

For further information about the recycling service, contact Apple Valley Waste, or visit their website at [www.applevalleywaste.com](http://www.applevalleywaste.com) and click on the page for Washington County Residents.

### BRUSH PICK-UP

The town held a spring brush pick up on Thursday, May 3rd. Due to the amount of brush that townspeople placed to be discarded, this process took five days to complete, instead of the one or two that we had hoped for.

On speaking with the crew from Bartlett Tree Service, they stated that there were some very large piles of brush that were a jumble of branches. They suggested that next time, it is ok for residents to place large limbs and branches in their piles and there is no need to cut them up into smaller pieces. Also, when placing the brush out for pick up, if you could place all the debris in the same direction, that would cut down on the time

it takes to collect as well.

We are pleased that so many residents took advantage of this service.

## 145th Memorial Day Commemoration



The annual memorial day festivities are just around the corner!! On Saturday, May 26th the town will celebrate memorial day beginning at 11am with a wreath laying ceremony in the town square to honor our veterans. The parade steps off from the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30pm and will travel down Main Street, concluding at the Antietam National Cemetery. The Antietam National Battlefield will conclude the days activities with a ceremony in the National Cemetery at 3pm. We hope you will be a part of this special day.

## Town Hall Office Closures

The town office will be closed on Monday, May 28th and will close at noon on Tuesday, May 29th.

## Community News and Events



## SHARPSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Gordon E. Dammann, the chairman/founder of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, MD, will be guest speaker at the Tuesday, May 22 meeting of the Sharpsburg Historical Society. He will present "Evacuation of Wounded from Antietam--The Letterman Plan." The 7:00pm meeting to be held at Town Hall, 106 East Main Street, is free and open to the public.

Dammann is the author of the 3 volume *Pictorial Encyclopedia of Civil War Medical Instruments and Equipment*, co-author of *Images of Civil War Medicine—A Photographic History*, and editor of the reprint *Memoirs of Jonathan Letterman, MD Surgeon of the U.S. Army 1861-1864*.

Dammann, recently retired from his private dental practice in Lena, IL, is active in several Civil War and historical societies. He is a licensed guide at Antietam National Battlefield and has participated in Civil War programs throughout the United States, including West Point and the Smithsonian Institution.

Contact the Sharpsburg Historical Society at 301-992-9767 with any questions.

- Vernell Doyle

### **Sharpsburg Legion Auxiliary to collect worn flags**



It's not too late to properly dispose your worn and tattered American flags. The American Legion Auxiliary, Antietam Unit 236, will be collecting flags in front of the Sharpsburg Town Hall until May 21st.

Antietam Unit 236 reminds all Americans that everyday is a good day to display an American flag in good condition, but it is especially important to display them for the upcoming patriotic holidays of Armed Forces Day (May 19th), Memorial Day (May 30th, observed May 28th), Flag Day (June 14th), Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day (September 3rd), Patriot Day (September 11th) and POW/MIA Recognition Day (September 17th.)

- Ava Gift

### **American Cancer Society Relay for Life**

The American Cancer Society is holding a Relay for Life at the Washington County Agriculture Education Center on June 22-June 23 from 7pm-7am. This event gives everyone in the community a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

Information is located at local businesses and at Town Hall. You may also call Cathy Beckley-Thomas at 301-733-8272 for more information.

### **Southeastern Senior Site receives some exciting visitors**

The Southeastern Senior Site was recently visited by the Easter Bunny, who reported those people are "something else"...who says seniors are slow and dowdy? These people are a challenge to keep up with in their morning activities, which include bean bag and horseshoe tournaments, women against men. Bunny also warns you to watch out for gentlemen with walkers if you are hiding Easter eggs...you can become a target mighty fast! It is hard to tell the daycare from the seniors, as Easter Bunny visited both. The laughter and giggles were heard from miles around.

At Halloween, many "stranger than normal" people were seen there and at Christmas Santa visited and had special gifts to suit each person to a T, so they must not be too bad! Don't be alarmed if you see some early morning walkers as Monday, Wednesday and Fridays about 8:15 they stroll through Keedysville. You come and go as you want from 9-12, but once there and seeing the fun, who wants to leave? It's free, unless you would like lunch. Come join us!

-Darlene Hoffman

### ***Miss Poppy Presents Sharpsburg Mayor with Poppy***



Miss Poppy Sophie Burnett, 10 year old daughter of Chase and Jamie Burnett of Sharpsburg, presented Mayor Hal Spielman with a poppy before the May 7 town council meeting.

The presentation was planned to coincide with the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and officially opened the annual poppy campaign of Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary. Sophie's father was un-

able to attend as he is currently serving in Afghanistan. Prior to introducing Miss Poppy, Darlene Eichelberger, Poppy Chairman, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to keep the tradition of presenting the first poppy of the year to the Sharpsburg Mayor.

Everyone is encouraged to honor the memory of a fallen veteran by wearing an auxiliary poppy on Memorial Day.

### **Battlefield Advisory Committee**



On May 2, the committee visited the Monocacy National Battlefield. It saw the work that has been done at the Thomas house and also toured the Visitors Center and Worthington House.

The Antietam Battlefield's maintenance staff is working on a complete rehabilitation of the Cunningham barn. In April, workers repaired support stiles and beams which had deteriorated because of structural pests and moisture.

The maintenance staff is also continuing work on the Dunker Church's doors, windows and shutters, which have been inspected for compromised wood and are being repaired as needed. The windows have been re-glazed; each window, door and shutter will be repainted.

Carpenters have started repairing exterior deficiencies on the Mumma house, to prepare for the painting, which will be done before the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle. Estimates have been received for painting the Mumma barn.

The Newcomer house opened on April 1, on a weekend-only schedule. A seven day schedule will begin on May 1. The Pry house field hospital will be open on weekends, beginning on May 5.

The Resource Education and Visitor Services division worked with the Friends of Tolson's Chapel to sponsor "The Dignity of Freedom: Pathways Through the Civil War and Beyond," a symposium held on April 28 in the Visitors Center theater.

A first draft of a brochure interpreting the new location

of many artillery pieces has been completed. Work is also underway on a new West Woods brochure and Iphone application.

-Perry Jamieson

### **Recent Acts of Vandalism**

Recently there have been a string of vandalisms throughout the town. These include destruction of private property, destruction of town property, graffiti and the setting of fires. The police department has been notified and is making more of a presence throughout the town. However; if you see suspicious/malicious activity you are encouraged to contact the police department immediately. Please do not call the Mayor or Councilpersons, call the police department directly.

\*Please keep in mind that if you have a storm drain/grate on your property, it is your responsibility to maintain this drain. It is not acceptable to divert water and other materials from entering the drain. This causes a back up for your neighbors and could cause potential problems.

<b>Town Office Hours:</b> <b>Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm</b> <b>(Additional hours by appointment)</b>	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
<b>COUNCIL</b>	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
<b>TOWN OFFICIALS</b>	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

<b>TOWN ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
<b>CHURCHES</b>		
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

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