



# 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 7:03pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. Those in attendance included Vice Mayor Bryan Gabriel and Councilpersons Jennifer Silbert, Darryl Benner, Brandon Smith and Cathy Hull. Town Attorney Brian Kane and Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Fulk were also present. The Boy Scouts from Troop 51 were in attendance to perform an opening ceremony that included the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri Shumaker from Smith, Elliott, Kerns & Co. attended to give the final audit report. She reported that the town received a "clean opinion."

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks and Railroad Station:** The park is not being closed at dusk and opened at dawn. The tennis courts have been repaired by resident, Curt

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Johnson, and the area is being monitored by cameras. Signs will be ordered with park hours and notification of the cameras.

**Building:** Nothing to report  
**Streets:** The bid winner in the alley bridge project has not been able to produce the required documents to complete the job. It was moved and approved to award the contract to the next lowest bidder, Building Systems, Inc.

**Planning and Zoning:** We are continuing to receive assistance from the county planning department and the plan is being worked on.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** The committee toured the Sherrick house to see the restoration that is taking place. The illumination at the battlefield will take place on December 3rd.

**Archives:** Nothing to report  
**Public Safety:** Kimberly is awaiting further information from Keedysville regarding the possibility of sharing a police officer with them.

**Town Attorney:** Nothing to report

**Mayor's Report:** Pedestrian Crosswalk at the square— Richard Smith, town resident, contacted John Wolford at the State Highway Administration about the unsafe crosswalk. Mr. Wolford informed him that the state would be willing to put better markings (i.e. signs in/around the crosswalk.) This is not the

same information that was shared with the town by Mr. Wolford previously. Mayor Spielman is going to call Mr. Wolford to get the issue straightened out and get signs for the crosswalk.

### OLD BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator—Kimberly called neighboring towns to see who was responsible for their code enforcement duties. Most were the responsibility of the town clerk/town manager, or the town police department. The Mayor and Council will have a work session on December 12th to discuss the duties of town employees and draft new job descriptions. Elevator Contract—Kimberly will call the companies that have provided estimates to receive new ones and to see the cost for once a year/twice a year and quarterly maintenance of the elevator. This needs to be established in December.

Bike Racks— the council continues to evaluate where to place the bike racks. With the winter approaching, it was decided to table this until it is closer to the spring time.

Copier— The council approved a \$2,300 budget for Kimberly to purchase a new copier for the office.

Canal Town Partnership— Jennifer has agreed to be a liaison between the Partnership and the council.

She spoke with Cathy McCullom, who provided her with some background information on the partnership. There is a meeting November 16th at the Bavarian, which every-

one is invited to attend. Jennifer and Cathy from the council will attend .

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Christmas Decorations:** The Sharpsburg Elementary School would once again like to have the children make ornaments for the trees in front of town hall. It was moved and approved to allow them to participate again this year. It was also moved to provide a \$200 donation toward supplies. The motion carried. Kimberly will notify the school and see what date they would like to come. Kimberly will check on the lights for the trees and the wreaths. The lights will be placed on the trees on Saturday, November 26th at 10am, with a rain/snow date of Saturday, December 3rd.

**Bulk Trash Pick Up:** The town will be having a fall bulk trash pick up on Wednesday, November 30th. Details will be placed in the crier and Kimberly will make fliers to hang at town businesses.

**Garbage Contract:** Apple Valley Waste has the option to keep the garbage contract for another year and they have given us written notification of their desire to do so. It was moved to allow them to continue until December 31, 2012. The motion carried.

**Snow Plow Contract:** B&B Automotive had the option to continue with the snow plowing until December 31, 2012. They expressed that they would like to continue the contract. It was moved to allow them to continue until December 31, 2012. The motion carried.

**Veteran's Day Ceremony:** This will be held on Friday, November 11th at 11am outside of town hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7pm.

#### **Town Hall Announcements**

##### **Town Office Hours**

The town office will now be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2pm. Additional hours are available by appointment.

##### **Town Office Closures**

The town office will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, November 24th  
Monday, December 5th  
Thursday, December 22nd  
Monday, December 26th

#### **Bulk Trash Pick Up**

The town will be having a bulk trash pick up on Wednesday, November 30th. Bulk items are to be placed out beside your regular trash items on Tuesday, November 29th after 4pm. **Unacceptable** items are:

- \* 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 (i.e. waste from home renovations, remodeling)

For further information, contact Kimberly at town hall.

#### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**



##### **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 BROTHERS 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

### **Church News**

#### **Christmas Bazaar**



The Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren, located at 123 East Main Street, will be having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th from 9:00am-3:00pm.

The bazaar will feature a bake sale table with cookies, potato candy, fudge, cakes, pies and soup; a white elephant sale, Christmas crafts and plenty of pre-lit Christmas trees.

#### **Local Businesses**

Christmas is just around the corner! Save time this shopping season by giving a gift or gift certificate from one of our fine local businesses!

#### *Accommodations*

**Antietam Guest House**  
111 W. Chapline Street  
301-992-9017  
[www.antietamguesthouse.com](http://www.antietamguesthouse.com)

**Jacob Rohrbach Inn Bed and Breakfast**  
138 W. Main Street  
301-432-5079  
[www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com](http://www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com)

**Mary Hill House**  
211 E. Main Street  
301-432-7984  
[www.maryhillhouse.com](http://www.maryhillhouse.com)

#### *Automotive Care*

**B&B Automotive**  
113 E. High Street (Rear)  
301-432-2478

#### *Accounting & Banking Services*

**David H. Peters & Assoc. CPA's**  
100 E. Main Street  
301-432-5501

**Jefferson Security Bank**  
103 W. Main Street  
301-432-3900  
[www.jeffersonsecuritybank.com](http://www.jeffersonsecuritybank.com)

#### *Dining*

**Captain Benders Tavern**  
111 E. Main Street  
301-432-5813  
[www.captainbenders.com](http://www.captainbenders.com)

**GeGe's Place**  
208 S. Church Street  
301-432-1150

**Pete's Tavern**  
144 W. Main Street  
301-432-2591

**Nutter's Ice Cream**  
100 E. Main Street  
301-432-5809

#### *Gas Stations*

**Sharpsburg BP**  
139 E. Main Street  
301-432-6330

### *Library*

#### **Sharpsburg Library**

106 E. Main Street  
301-432-8825  
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### *Salons and Spas*

#### **Hair Garage**

**244 W. Main Street**  
**301-432-8171**

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301-432-8171

#### **Kathy's Hair Care**

106 N. Potomac Street  
301-432-6542

#### **Valetta V's Salon and Spa**

109 E. Main Street  
301-432-4993

### *Shopping*

#### **Collectable Quilts and Dry Goods**

118 E. Main Street  
301-491-7045

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Sharpsburg Historical Society**

On November 21st at 7pm, current and former firefighters of the Sharpsburg Historical Society will present the story of Company Number 1 of Sharpsburg, Maryland.

All are invited to hear about the December 23, 1942 fire that led to the organization of the town's fire company that has served the town and surrounding communities for 68 years. Historical items and objects will be on display. Audience members are invited to share stories and memories of the volunteer fire department.

The meeting is free and open to all. Contact

Vernell Doyle at 301-922-9767 for more information.

-Vernell Doyle

### **Old Tyme Christmas**

On Friday, December 2nd at 6:30, the Mayor and Council of Boonsboro and the Park Board will be sponsoring their annual Old Tyme Christmas event. The event begins with a small parade entering Shafer Park with Santa Claus on a fire truck. Mayor Skip Kauffman, Jr. will light the town tree as visitors listen to live music and tour the park with cookies and hot chocolate to see the lights and luminaries. The children are invited to visit Santa by the fireplace in Pavilion 4 beside the scout cabin.

### **Holiday Inn Boonsboro**

Holiday Inn Boonsboro will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00am-4:00pm.

Various local businesses will be participating with an open house, refreshments, special offers, book signings and the Inn Boonsboro will be open for tours.

### **Antietam Battlefield Memorial Illumination**

The annual illumination at the Antietam National Battlefield will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. The line to enter will form on Maryland 34 and cars begin the tour of the luminaries at 6:00pm. In the event of bad weather, the event will be moved to Saturday, December 10th.

### **BATTLEFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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

After a brief meeting, the board toured the Joseph Sherrick house and saw the restoration work being

done there.

This year's memorial illumination will be on December 3rd.

On November 9th, Steve Whitesell, the director of the National Park Service Capital Region, announced the selection of Dr. Susan Trail as the superintendent of Antietam National Battlefield. She will begin her new duties on November 21st.

### Historical Society Hours

The Sharpsburg District Historical Society will be open from 9am-6pm on Wednesdays for the winter months. The headquarters is located on the second floor of town hall.

### Sharpsburg American Legion Post 236 presents donation to Sharpsburg Elementary School



Dale Lewis, Legionaire presents a check to Ryan Hench, Principal. Also pictured are Ms. Vickie, Secretary at Sharpsburg Elementary School and Lawrence Hoffman, Legionaire

Sharpsburg American legion Post 236 and the SAL presented a donation to the Sharpsburg Elementary School's "Kids in Need Program." This program provides clothing, meals, field trips and school supplies to needy students.

The Post meets at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Sharpsburg Ambulance building. Veterans are always welcome to attend. For more information, contact Lawrence Hoffman at 301-432-8957.

- Darlene Hoffman

### Toys For Tots

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year. The toys are then distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

There are collection boxes located at the Post Office and B & B Automotive if you would like to donate.

### Citizen Corner

The citizen corner is a place where townspeople can express their thanks, share special news, give praise and share information with fellow town residents. If you are interested in participating, please notify Kimberly at town hall, or email her at [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net).

Comcast Customers:

If you choose to have Comcast TV cable service at your home, and elect to have ONLY Comcast Limited TV Basic Service; that is, only the Standard Broadcast Channels (channels 2-13), PBS Channels (3,26 and 32) and C Span, the cost is \$23.95 per month. For this Limited Basic TV Service, a Comcast cable box (which is a \$10.00 fee per month) and the cable remote control (\$4.00 per month) are NOT needed and NOT required. The homeowner needs only the COAX cable connection into the home or apartment to the back of the TV. The Comcast installer may not know the homeowner has elected ONLY Limited Basic TV Service and installs the cable box and the remote controller, thinking you will need it. You will then be charged a \$14.00 per month fee for something that is not needed.

- Richard Smith

<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>	
Mathew Barnhart	992-4335
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	240-675-7466
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
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
<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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