

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 monthly meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was not held, due to having no quorum in which to conduct business. At the meeting, members that were present listened to Ms. Carla Hirrlinger and her ideas to have a church tour to coincide with the Memorial Illumination at the Antietam Battlefield in December. Ms. Hirrlinger is still in the planning phase of her idea, but wanted to fill the Mayor and Council in on what she was planning and to gain any permissions that she would need to have her program. The main focus on the church tour would be so that members of the community could visit several of the local churches to reflect on those that were lost to war, while enjoying a program at each of the churches. She was given some ideas as far as parking, insurance and gaining permission from properties that she wishes to use to house tickets, etc. and will let us know if she is able to have the event.

Scott Bowen of MSP Architects and the Sharpsburg Emergency Medical Services presented a power point presentation about the new building that the EMS is planning on building in their current location. The planning is just in the beginning stages, but they were able to provide a rough vision of what they are looking to build. They would tear down the existing building and build in its place, moving the front of the building back so that the equipment is not in the street when it is pulled out of the building. The new building would provide room for all of their equipment and would include classrooms for further education. When they have all of their materials together, they will submit an application to the Zoning Administrator for a building permit.

Cathy asked who to contact if the school would like a blinking light at the school crosswalk and was instructed to contact State Highway.

There were concerns voiced about drains in the town and storm water management. State Highway will be contact in regards to the drains needing cleaned.

Town News

Town Office Closure

The town office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014.

Zoning Administrator Hours

Zoning Administrator Howard Long has office hours on Tuesdays from 10am-6pm. His office is located in the town office, second floor of Town Hall. If you need to speak with him, he may be reached at 301-432-4428.



This year is an election year for the Town of Sharpsburg. The position of Vice Mayor and three (3) councilpersons is up for re-election. If you would like to register to run for one of these positions, forms may be picked up from the Town Office Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2:00pm. Deadline to register to run is Monday, November 3rd at midnight. The election will take place on Tuesday, November 18th at Town Hall. In order to run for office, the following criteria must be met:

1. Must be a United States citizen
2. Must be at least 25 years of age
3. Must be a registered voter in the town of Sharpsburg
4. Must have lived in the town of Sharpsburg for the one year preceding the election

From the Desk of the Zoning Administrator

As summer winds down and fall is coming, I would like to remind the residents of Sharpsburg about the Ordinance and Code for snow removal.

Section 1-8 Removal from Sidewalks: Snow

- A. Every person in charge or control of any building or lot land within the town fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed and cleared away snow and ice

from a path, upon and along so much of said sidewalk as in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land. Snow and ice shall be removed from all sidewalks within the Town on the same day of the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain or within the first ten (10) hours of daylight after the cessation of any such fall, whichever period is longer.

- B. However; in the event that the snow and ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without the likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall, within the time mentioned in paragraph A hereof, cause enough calcium chloride (CaCl₂) or some comparable substance to be put on the sidewalk to make travel thereon reasonably safe and shall then, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause a path in said sidewalk to be thoroughly cleaned.
- C. Deposit of ice and snow restricted. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on or against a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, roadway or loading or unloading area of a public transportation system, except that snow and ice may be windrowed on public roadways incident to the cleaning thereof.

Not an ordinance, but if you have a fire hydrant near or in front of your property, please clean the snow from around the hydrant. The Fire Department thanks you for doing this. Every second counts when there is a fire.

Thank you,
Howard Long, Zoning Administrator

County Commissioners to hold September meeting at Town Hall

The County Commissioners will be holding a town meeting on Tuesday, September 30th at 7pm at Sharpsburg Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public and townspeople are encouraged to attend to ask questions and voice your concerns.

TRICK-OR-TREAT



Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30th from 6pm-8pm within town limits. If you wish to hand out treats to the children, please turn your porch light on.

Community News and Events

Help Support Public Safety in our Community



The Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company (S.V.F.C.) is currently constructing a new operations center to house apparatus and emergency responders. However; there is a cost associated with such public infrastructure.

To minimize the effects of this construction on our operating budget, S.V.F.C. invites the community to join us in funding and leaving your mark on this special project. The S.V.F.C. is currently selling memorial engraved tiles to be placed in the new station. Tiles will be sold for \$100, with proceeds going to the building project.

These 4"x8" tiles can be personalized with up to three (3) lines of text (up to 20 characters per line.) Simple clip-art can be added for an additional \$25 with some text restrictions.

If interested, please see an S.V.F.C. member or call 301-799-1120 for details.

Thank you for your support.

And The Band Plays On... History and Music of the Rohrersville Band

Join the Sharpsburg Library as they present “And the band plays on” the history and music of the Rohrersville Band, based on the book written by Director Emeritus, Richard Haines on Thursday, September 18th at 7pm. The program will begin on the council chambers, located in the second floor of Town Hall and will discuss the founding and history of the band. At the conclusion of the program, the band will assemble in front of the library to play a number or two. Nutter’s has graciously donated ice cream for an ice cream social at the conclusion of the concert. For further information, contact Librarian Barb Twigg at 301-432-8825.

Sharpsburg Library to present movie “The Fault in our Stars”

On Thursday, October 2, the Sharpsburg Library will be showing “*The Fault in our Stars*”, starring Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgor. This movie is rated PG-13 and is considered a Romance/Drama movie. It is based on the struggles of a cancer patient. Showing will begin at 6pm on the second floor of Town Hall. All are welcome.

Antietam Battlefield Events



A full schedule of events including battlefield hikes, living history, and firing demonstrations will take place to commemorate the 152nd anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, September 1321st and to explore its aftermath. Ranger talks will cover topics ranging from the United States Sanitary Commission to the Emancipation Proclamation. Admission is free with the park entrance fee. The Visitor Center is located at 5831 Dunker Church Road.

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
Darryl Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Cathy Hull – Councilperson	304-279-8440
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
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