

# 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 meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The July and August treasurer's reports and the August minutes were all approved as read.

There were no public comments.

## **Committee Reports**

**Parks & Railroad Station:** Order a ½ load of mulch for the park area. The October meeting will be held at the Railroad Station.

**Building:** It was moved to have Smith Renovations complete the chair rail project in the Council chambers.

**Streets:** Still awaiting drawings from Frederick Seibert & Associates for the E Chapline Street project. Kimberly will call Keith and see where he is with those drawings. Members of the Council met with the County Commissioners explaining their concern of the speed in town. The County Commissioners are willing to help figure out a solution. Kimberly will write a follow up letter to them thanking them for having their meeting in Sharpsburg and asking for follow up on the items discussed.

**Planning & Zoning:** Nothing to report, meeting next week

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** No September meeting. Next meeting in October.

**Canal Towns Partnership:** Nothing to report

**Public Safety:** Officer Cain retired in June and there is now no specific deputy assigned to Sharpsburg. This concern was addressed with the Sheriff's Department. They stated that they would do what they could to provide services in town. We may need to consider paying a deputy to be in town throughout the week. Bryan will discuss with Keedysville and Boonsboro the possibility of sharing a deputy

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report

**Old Business: Legion Building:** We will get a meeting together to discuss options with the building and surrounding areas

**New Business:** Trick-or-Treat – Mayor Spielman suggested that this be held on possibly Friday evening. After much discussion, it was decided to have it on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm, the same night as the surrounding towns.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Antietam Train Station, located at 17230 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD.

## Town News

### Trick-or-Treat



Trick-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm. If you would like to pass out treats to the children, please turn your porch light on.

### Town Christmas tree lighting scheduled



Save the Date! The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Town Square. The rain/snow date will be Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we kick off the holiday season by lighting the town tree. Enjoy the sounds of the season, fellowship with your neighbors and refreshments in the council chambers (second floor of Town Hall.)

Bring an ornament to place on the tree.

If you or your organization would like to participate by sharing your gift of music during the tree lighting, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428, or via email

[townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net).

More details will be available in the next Crier.

## Events at the Sharpsburg Library



### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest October 1-October 15th**

Get in the Halloween Spirit by decorating an artificial pumpkin. There will be age categories and prizes awarded. Let your imagination run wild! Entries are due October 15<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced October 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Teen Pumpkin Decorating October 8<sup>th</sup> @4:30pm**

Come decorate a pumpkin and enter it in the teen category of our pumpkin decorating contest. Pumpkins and decorations will be provided, or bring your own! Must register for this event by calling the library at 301-432-8825.

### **The Famous Captain Bender of Sharpsburg with Sharpsburg Historical Society President, Vernell Doyle October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Tour the Bender House at 111 West Chapline Street from 6:00pm – 6:45pm (open house.) At 7pm, come to the Sharpsburg Library, where Vernell will give a presentation about the C&O Canal, which was opened for trade to Cumberland on October 10, 1850. We encourage anyone with pictures or stories to share from the 74 years of canal operation, particularly about Captain Bender. Captain Raleigh Bender opened Bender's Tavern in 1936. It is now the largest operating business in Sharpsburg.

### **"My Life Amidst the Paranormal" by Cathy Gasch October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**

Take a journey through haunted houses and ancient ruins across three different countries as Cathy discusses her book [My Life Amidst the Paranormal](#). Cathy's paranormal experiences have

spanned over 50 years, during which time she has encountered mischievous ghosts, spectral apparitions and forgotten souls.

### *Sharpsburg Historical Society to host book signing*

The Sharpsburg Historical Society will host a book reading and signing by Mark and Julia Brugh for their book Civil War Ghosts of Sharpsburg. The program will be held on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the council chambers at Town Hall. The program is open to everyone.

### Community Events

#### **Come All Who Are Thirsty Veterans Group to host Hagerstown Corn Maze and Pick Your Own Pumpkin Event**



On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon – 9:30pm, local Veterans Support Group, Come All Who Are Thirsty, will sponsor the corn maze and pick your own pumpkin event at the Hagerstown Corn Maze at Celebration Farm, located at 17638 Garden View Road, Hagerstown, MD. \$2 of every adult ticket and \$1 of every child ticket sold will benefit the group, who connects Veterans and their support teams. Concessions are also available. Enjoy a great fall family day, while supporting this worthy cause.

#### **7th Annual Freedom's Run Race to travel through Sharpsburg**

On Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Freedom's Run race will be traveling through Sharpsburg. Runners will be leaving Antietam Battlefield and running down Chapline Street, out to the Train

Station, and eventually will end their trek on the football field of Shepherd University. If you would like to participate in this event, visit [www.freedomrun.org](http://www.freedomrun.org).

If you are not a runner, but would like to participate, course marshals are also needed for this event. The responsibilities would include being stationed in an area to assure that the runners stay on the course. If you would like to volunteer to be a course marshal, contact Kimberly at town hall at 301-432-6854.

Runners should be arriving in town from 10am-3pm, so please use caution when travelling around town and the Shepherdstown Pike.

## Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

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

### Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
Ed Beeler – Councilperson	301-800-6877
Darryl Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
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