

# **Sharpsburg Town Crier**

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### "Don't Shoot Me Anymore, Charlie"

Those were the last words, or nearly so, of Charles W. Adams. It didn't matter; his assassin placed another half dozen rounds in him.

This is the story of a murder and a suicide that occurred that day right here in Sharpsburg, by some accounts on South Church Street. It upset the town and spread gloom for a generation. It became a sad part of the town's relationship in the early years of the Park Service.

In our time, it's part of the lore of the place. But let's set the scene. Who were Charles W. Adams and "Charlie"?

Adams was born in 1842 at nearby Smithsburg, MD. At the time of his murder on June 6, 1912, Adams had been superintendent at the Antietam Battlefield for



Charles W. Adams

twelve years. In his time superintendents did not even have an office and mainly spent their days doing hands-on property maintenance. Newspaper accounts relate that he knew "almost every stick and stone on Government property in his care", "A fence post could not remain out of plumb for more than a day without his notice", and he was "one of the county's more popular citizens."

For decades after the battle, veterans came to town on Memorial Day and marched down our streets. It was the origin of the parade we see in our time. Adams was central in managing veterans' arrangements while they were here. His interest in veterans' well-being came from his own experience in the Civil War. He was in the U. S. Army, specifically the Maryland Light Artillery<sup>1</sup>

As a private in that battery, he was severely wounded at Winchester VA, in June 1863. In the confusion he was taken prisoner. He was soon paroled from Confederate captivity, transferred to a hospital in Baltimore, MD, and spent the remainder of the War in a clerical position.

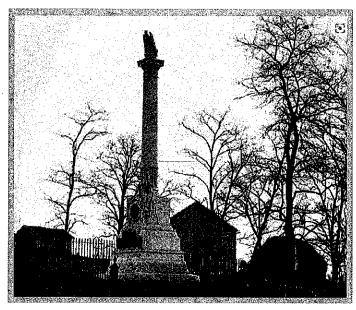
After the War, he did a number of different things; Washington County tax collector, newspaper owner, politician, and Doorkeeper of the U. S. House of Representatives<sup>2</sup> (1889 - '91).

Regarding "Charlie". Charles Benner was 60 in this moment, married, and a father. Neither the community narrative nor newspaper accounts are kind to his memory. (The Editor knows

of no official inquiries into this incident or of Benner's character or actions. All claims must material about this incident on his blog, inremain on the record as "alleged".)

Benner fled the scene and a posse found him - Editor in the summer kitchen of his home with a bullet wound near the eye. It is assumed he took his own life.

He had a history of violence including two incidents of gunfire and was even shot during one of them. About motive, several potential ones are recorded. One is a general grievance with former Federal soldiers. Another involves a payment and right-of-way dispute over the small plot sold by his father and used for the McKinley Monument. If so, this was his second such dispute over monument plots.



The McKinley Monument at the time of this incident. Those farm buildings sit on the plateau now occupied by the Burnside Bridge parking lot.

Both Charles Adams and Charles Benner now rest nearby each other in Mountain View Cemetery.

We thankfully enjoy the peace, quiet, and neighborly goodwill of Our Small Place. This long-ago incident provides us an opportunity to contemplate the effort we all must make to keep it that way.

Many thanks to Mr. John Banks who posted cluding sources.

- <sup>1</sup> The Maryland Light Artillery was an artillery battery that served in the Union Army during the American Civil War.
- <sup>2</sup> Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives was a position based on precedent from the Continental Congresses. The doorkeeper controlled access to the House chamber and later oversaw the press while they were present in the House chambers. You may remember the Doorkeeper introducing the Presidents and foreign dignitaries to the House. The position was retired in 1995.

# From the Mayor and Council **Open Burning in Sharpsburg**

As leaves begin to change color and the mercury dips on our thermometers, the topic of fires in town inevitably percolates to the surface once again; specifically, laws regarding fire pits, campfires and grills, and what type of burning is permitted within town limits. While this issue tends to resonate more as we enter the cooler months of the year, it is actually a year-round concern that has traditionally generated some apprehension and confusion for residents here in town, who enjoy everything from delectable flame-broiled grill top cuisine to the soft, comforting glow of an open fire pit in their own backyard.

Many people, including myself, may not even give these concerns a second thought as they flip their steak or burger over the subtle blaze safely contained in their Weber charcoal grill in anticipation of a perfect sear; but it is important to know, and equally so for the Town to establish, exactly what is legally permitted in Sharpsburg, particularly with regard to open-flame backyard fire pits and campfires. Sharpsburg itself has no specific ordi-

nance regulating such fires, per se. As such, we must refer to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), and more specifically, those dictates contained in Chapter 07 of Title 26, Subtitle 11, for guidance. For our purposes, the most relevant information may be found in Regulation .05, entitled "Open Fires Allowed Without Authorization of Control Officer or Public Officer," which, as the name itself implies, outlines the types of fires which are permitted without requesting specific permissions, and under what circumstances such fires may be ignited. For the more inquisitive reader, this regulation is recorded colloquially as COMAR 26.11.07.05, and may be found easily through an online search.

The section provides a myriad of regulations, covering everything from the burning of rubbish and yard debris in proximity to structures, to warming fires for outdoor workers. Regarding the aforementioned question of grills, backyard fire pits and campfires, they are, pursuant to this regulation, specifically permitted in Washington County under Paragraph A, which prescribes:

A. [O]pen fires provided no air pollution is created, are allowed without permission as follows:

- (3) Cooking of food on other than commercial premises
- (5) Recreational purposes, such as campfires[.]

Such fires, therefore, are legally permitted in Sharpsburg, and the Town will assume a position of enforcement consistent with the spirit and intent of the COMAR Regulations regarding open-air burning. It is the guiding principles contained within this section, in accordance and agreement with the President and Chief of the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company, that will inform our policy regarding fire pits, campfires and the like moving forward.

It is recommended that any such fires be placed at least 20 feet from any structure, and that those doing so be familiar with the use of fire extinguishers. It should also be emphasized that the burning of fires which create air pollution, or which constitute a nuisance, are prohibited by the regulation. Please be courteous and mindful of your neighbors, and use common-sense when conducting a burn.

For any specific questions about COMAR Regulations, or to report a concern, contact the Washington County Health Department Office of Environmental Health at (240) 313-3400.

Thank you, and have a safe and happy Autumn!

- Vice Mayor Jacob Martz



#### **USS Antietam Decommissioned**

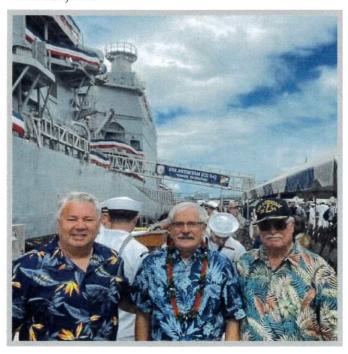
Recently, Councilman Joseph Kudla, along with his son Matthew, had the opportunity to represent our Town at the decommissioning of the USS Antietam in Hawaii.



A Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser, USS Antietam was commissioned on 6 June 1987 in Baltimore, MD. She was one of the first vessels to take part in Operation Desert Shield as part of the USS Independence Battlegroup, which was dispatched to the region in August 1990 in response to the Invasion of

Kuwait.

Throughout her distinguished 37-year career with the United States Navy, she earned a number of awards and commendations, including the Navy Unit Commendation, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Southwest Asia Service Medal, along with a large assortment of Battle "E" and other Command Excellence Awards. She was decommissioned on 27 September 2024 in Pearl Harbor, HI.



Councilman Joseph Kudla, Rear Admiral Peter Gumataotao and Captain William Doud, command-

- Town of Sharpsburg (Edited)

# About the Town

# **Antietam Institute Fall Conference, September 27-29**

This year's theme was "Struck with the Right Hand of Mars": The Final Attack at Antietam, focusing on the events of the final hours of the Battle of September 17, 1862, 162 years after they happened.

Over three days members of the Antietam In-

stitute were emerged into the soldiers, stories, and struggle of the Union Final Attack at Antietam. This is the first time, a program has focused on this critical and overlooked part of the battlefield. From the Burnside Bridge to the outskirts of Sharpsburg, members walked in the footsteps of the soldiers and heard their saga where it took place. The field excursions includes visits to private property locations of the Lumm Stone Mill, the Avey Farm, the ford on Snavely farm, and artillery positions along Harpers Ferry Road.

Regards,

Chris Vincent, President, Antietam Institute PO Box 33 Sharpsburg, MD 21782 president@antietaminstitute.org



# Artifact of the Month: An Artillery Shell in the Lutheran Church

Sometime when you're out and about, walk past the Lutheran Church's north-west corner. Visible there is the butt of a Civil War artillery shell, nicely mortared into the stone foundation. Now, as any local historian will gladly tell you, it could not have been fired into that spot: the church was built after the Civil War. The original church stood on the property of

the Lutheran Cemetery and was rendered unusable by direct fire and ill-use after the battle.

The shell's compression flange is distorted, no



doubt from having been fired and damaged on impact. It's not possible to determine if it is an exploding round (shell, case) or solid (bolt). It measures three inches in diameter, an average of several measurements because of the distortion. With a three inch best estimate, it may have been fired from an Ordinance Rifle or a 10-Pounder Parrott Rifle.

Why did the Lutheran parishioners decide to place this shell in their structure? Was it to remind us that the Civil War destroyed their church? Was it extracted from the ruins of their old church?

Living history creates more questions than answers.

- Editor

### Spring Symposium, April 11-12, 2025

"Defending it to the Last Extremity:" Harpers Ferry and the Road to Antietam

Join us on on April 11 & 12, 2025 for the Antietam Institute's fourth annual Symposium, which will focus on Harpers Ferry during the Maryland Campaign of 1862.

As you would expect, the Institute has gathered a distinguished group of speakers to share their expertise with those in attendance. The program will cover effects of the preceding Second Manassas Campaign, the Federal commanders at Harpers Ferry, the role of artillery there, and General "Stonewall" Jackson's leadership during the siege and reduction of the place.

The Symposium will be held in the Storer Ballroom in the Student Center on the campus of Shepherd University. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

This event will also include an optional field trip the Friday afternoon before the Symposium which will explore Harpers Ferry during the siege of 1862, led by Dennis Frye.

Antietam Institute membership is required to attend this event.

doubt from having been fired and damaged on The event fee for the Symposium on Saturimpact. It's not possible to determine if it is an day is \$130. The fee to attend the optional Friexploding round (shell, case) or solid (bolt). It day walk is \$30. \$160 if you choose both.

Registration is now open and will close on March 11, 2025 or earlier if sold out before that date. For more information, go to: https://antietaminstitute.org/2025-spring-symposium/

Regards,

Chris Vincent, President, Antietam Institute PO Box 33 Sharpsburg, MD 21782 president@antietaminstitute.org



# Community Calendar (October to December)

Starting October 28 and Throughout November: **Fire Hydrant Flushing** 240-313-2600 (See Poster Page 12)

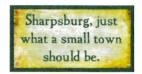
October 30 at 6PM: **All about Bats!** Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

October 31 at 3:30PM: **Special Sto-ry Times, Halloween Party!**Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 31 6PM to 8PM: Sharpsburg Trick or Treat

106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

301-432-4428



November 2 from 10AM to 2PM:

FarmFest 2023 **Green Hill Farm** 

5329 Mondell Rd. Sharpsburg, MD Navigate to their homepage for more information.

November 3: **Set your clocks back** one hour.

November 4 at 6PM: Town Council Meeting

Sharpsburg Town Hall 106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 301-432-4428

Week of November 5 anytime we are Master Gardener Trica open: MD STEM Festival Challenge (Legos and materials to make 301-432-8825 marble runs and Junkbots! All ages!) Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

November 7 at 3:30PM: Special **Story Times (Special STEM story** time in honor of the MD STEM Festival)

Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

November 11 at 11AM: **Veterans** Day Ceremony

Town Square (See Poster Page 12) 106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 301-432-4428

November 11 at 7PM; Antietam National Battlefield Premiere of Its New Park Film "Remembering Antietam" Free Admission Maryland Theater, Hagerstown

21 South Potomac St., Hagerstown

The film will begin showing at the Antietam National Battlefield Visitor Center on November 12.

Week of November 12, Anytime we are open: Holiday Puzzle Swap Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

November 13 at 1:30PM: Homeschool Book Club (Author Kate Albus "A Place to Hang the Moon)

Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

November 13 at 6PM: Attracting Birds, Gardening Know-How with

Sharpsburg Library

November 14 at 3:30PM: **Story** Time for National Native American Heritage Month Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

November 16 from 12-2 St. Paul's **Community Lunch** 

St. Paul's Episcopal Church https://stpaulssharpsburg.com/ 209 West Main Street 301-432-7098

November 29 from 12Noon to 4PM: Christmas in the Mountains: Holiday Marketplace

Potomac Ridge Brewing 16609 Shepherdstown Pike 240-200-9832

December 7 at 6PM to 11:45PM: Antietam Battlefield Memorial IIlumination

Antietam Battlefield 301-432-5124

December 11 at 1:30PM: "The Nut- Sharpsburg Library cracker" (We will have activities re- 301-432-8825 lating to the book.) Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

December 11 at 7PM: Annual Holiday Jazz Concert Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

December 14 at 4:30PM: Tolson's Chapel, Christmas by Candlelight 111 East High Street eldoub@aol.com

December 19 at 3:30PM: Santa will be here Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

# Recurring Events

Second Wednesdays from 12Noon to 1:30PM: Lunch and Fellowship at the Brethren Church 123 E Main St. 301-432-4944 / sharpsburgcob@outlook.com

First Wednesdays of the month at 1PM Adults: Book Share Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: **Storytime** (Ages 3 and Up) Sharpsburg Library 301-432-8825

Second Thursdays every month, Lion's Club 7PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 sharpsburglions@gmail.com

First Saturdays at 10AM: Lego Club

## Area Churches

**Christ Reformed Church** 

117 West Main Street Sharpsburg 301-432-6182 Sundays: 9AM

**United Christian Fellowship** 18823 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756 301-432-0110 Sundays: 8:45AM Fellowship, 9AM Sunday School, 10AM Worship & Children's Church

## Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren

123 E Main St, Sharpsburg Sundays at 10AM, Sunday School at 10:30AM 301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 209 West Main Street

Sharpsburg 301-432-7098

Sundays: 10AM, Sunday School (Second and Fourth Sundays starting September 25)

**Burnside First Church of God** 

3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg Sunday Worship - 9:00am, Sunday School - 10:15am

Sharpsburg Bible Church

5134 General Stuart Court, Sharpsburg 301-432-5309 Sunday School 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship & Children's Church 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

# **Mayor & Councilpersons**

Russ Weaver - Mayor

Jacob Martz - Vice Mayor

Mia Parsons – Council

John Hammond – Council

Ed Beeler-Council

Robbie Waters - Council

Joe Kudla – Council

(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)

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## **ATACHHMENTS:**













## SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2024

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Council meeting room of Town Hall located at 106 E. Main Street in Sharpsburg. In attendance were Mayor Russell Weaver, Vice Mayor Jacob Martz, Councilmembers Ed Beeler, Joseph Kudla, John Hammond, Mia Parsons and Robbie Waters. Town Administrator Debra Smith was also present and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung was present via zoom.

Mayor Weaver proposed that the agenda be amended by skipping the Council Reports unless there is an item that need to be voted on in order to spend time on Unfinished and New Business Items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE led by Councilmember Waters with a moment of silence held for Denise Troxell and Nancy Kefauver.

#### GUESTS/CITIZENS COMMENTS

Robert Grogan of 105 W. Main Street inquired about the permit for Green Hill Farms on Mondell Rd, stating that the music from the events exceed what is advertised. Zoning Administrator Tim Lung stated that Green Hill Farms is situated outside of the towns limits and while he has no authority on the matter, he will contact County Planner Jill Baker.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes – Motion by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve the public hearing minutes and to have the Do Not Enter sign made and posted. Motion carried. September 9, 2024 Regular Minutes - Motion by Councilmember Beeler, second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

September 2024 Financial Report - Motion by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve the September 2024 Financial report. Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

SEK FY24 Audit Engagement Letter

#### ZONING ADMINISTATORS REPORT - Tim Lung

- Inspected and found in compliance property along the south side of E. Antietam St. regarding removal of 5 or more unlicensed/expired vehicles (junk).
- Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on Oct 1 to hear an application for a Special Exception from Robert Campbell to establish a museum at his property at 137 East Main Street. The Board approved the application with conditions that it be established as a non-profit, adequate parking being provided on-site or offsite within 400°, signage to meet Zoning Ordinance standards.
- The Board of Zoning Appeals is short one member. The Board requires three primary members and two alternates. Recommend Council appoint a new member.
- Issued a permit for placement of a roll off dumpster at 105 N. Mechanic St for the purpose of renovating an existing dwelling.
- Issued a notice of violation for tall weeds/grass at 120 Church St. Property was brought into compliance within the 10-day period.
- Responded to several inquiries regarding zoning and permitting requirement questions
- Proposed draft Zoning Ordinance text amendments and violation notice regarding Home Occupation businesses on hold pending scheduling of a workshop meeting with the Planning Commission and Council.
- Continue to gather information and preparation of the permit application for the Big Spring wall restoration project.

- Reviewing Maryland Department of Planning Annual Report filing form. When complete, will forward to the Planning Commission for approval.
- Pending scheduling of a meeting with Town officials and Staff and Greg Cartrette, Director of the County Permitting and Inspections Department to introduce new County staff that will be working with the Town and review building code changes.
  - Received an inquiry from the Fire Company Chief regarding open burning regulations. Have been researching Town Code, DNR and MDE regulations to establish a clarification of the regulations and enforcement measures and responsibilities. (Md. Code Regs. 26.11.07.05 Open Fires Allowed Without Authorization of Control Officer or Public Officer (5) Recreational purposes, such as campfires) Any complaints should be submitted to the Health Department who will investigate the matter.

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Weaver announced that he will be running for re-election as mayor in the towns November 19th election. (the election will be for mayor and 2-councilmembers)

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councilmember Parsons - Comprehensive Plan Review will be held on October 30th.

Councilmember Parsons made a motion to nominate Brianna Candelaria as a member of the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Park Advisory Board - Chris Vincent – submitted a report to the Mayor and Council. Town Crier - Mike Arant - all submissions due by October 20th.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Well Drilling Bid Results and Project Update- The County again received 1-bid and again from Negley's Well Drilling with a base bid of \$136,936.50 and \$208,336.50 with the contingent bid items. Mayor Weaver Stated that an MDE representative participated at the on-site meeting with the County representatives and stated that once the well is drilled and tested, it can be expected that it will be found to be under the influence of source water contamination and a filtration plant like Boonsboro's will need to be constructed. Based on this information, Town Administrator Smith stated that under the current agreement, there are no provisions that stipulate the County's intentions after the well is drilled should MDE mandate a water filtration facility be constructed based on the results of the GWUDI testing. If the County has no plans to meet MDE provisions now or in the near future should they be required, the town would like the option of utilizing the 50% of the well drilling cost as a water rebate for the residents of Sharpsburg. Council gave consensus to submit a revised agreement to the county prior to drilling the well and to submit the information to the Town Crier to keep residents apprised of the matter.

Alley 9 One-Way to Snyders Landing Rd Proposal - approved the installation of a Do Not Enter sign on Main Street.

Town Hall/Library ADA Ramp Replacement Update – Councilmember Hammond presented a quote from Callas Contractors to replace the concrete ramp in front of the town hall/library. A quote of \$46,800.00 includes, supervision, architectural fee to draw plans for permitting, demolition of the existing ramp, new concrete ramp to meet ADA code, new two-line prime painted steel pipe handrail, electrical extending the timer and electrical outlets. An alternate bid of \$23,400.00 to install automated openers attached to existing doors with 3-push pads. Total of \$70,200.00. Mayor Weaver stated that approximately 80% of the people entering the building are coming to the library, therefore Councilmember Hammond has agreed to approach the County/Library Board to assist in funding the project.

Big Spring MDE Waterway Permit Status – Mayor Weaver asked Zoning Administrator Tim Lung what the status of the Big Spring MDE Waterway Permit was. Mr. Lung stated that the window to enter the waterway is currently closed and that the application process is a lengthy and time-consuming and needed to discuss the process with the Mayor prior to proceeding.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sharpsburg Historical Park Bid Results - Project Financing - one bid was received on September 13th from Huntzberry Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$344,995.00, which is \$66,252.00 below the project grant of \$411,247.00. A meeting was held today with both Frederick Seibert and Huntzberry Brothers to clarify a some of the proposed materials proposed for the project. Samples will be available for the Council at the November meeting.

Project Financing- the project is expected to take approximately 3 months to complete, and Program Open Space has confirmed that they are running 4-5 months behind on grant reimbursements, which means that the project would be completed before receiving any funding to pay the contractor. Jefferson Security Bank has agreed to establish a secured line of credit to cover the project in order to pay the contractor which would be paid off with the grant. Motion by Councilmember Waters, second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the requested short-term secured construction loan from Jefferson Security Bank. Motion carried.

2025 Trash Collection Bid Results – Contract Approval – two-bids were received on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from J&J, Inc in the amount of \$3,739.50/month or \$44,874.00/year and Apple Valley Waste in the amount of \$4,986.00/month or \$59,832.00/year. Both bids include tipping fees and every resident receiving a 96-gallon toter. While J&J, Inc. was the low bidder, Council felt that residents should have the option of using bags as many areas in town do not provide the ease of getting a toter to the street for collection by the automated side load truck utilized by J&J, Inc. Council voted unanimously to approve the 2025 trash collection bid to Apple Valley Waste. Motion carried.

Garrison Spring Alley Culvert - Frederick Seibert is preparing a report on the needed bridge repairs.

Election Board Appointment - Mayor Weaver nominated Darlene Albritton to the election board. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Vice-Mayor Martz, second by Councilmember Waters to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Smith Town Administrator/Clerk



## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

SHARPSBURG TOWN SQUARE

MAIN STREET, SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND

FEATURING

ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD PARK RANGER AND AIR FORCE VETERAN KEITH SNYDER

AMERICAN LEGION CLOPPER MICHAEL POST 10 HONOR GUARD

**BOONSBORO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS** 

SAXOPHONIST MIKE LUSHBAUGH

VETERANS WILL BE GIVEN SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

COME AND JOIN US IN HONORING VETERANS

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AUXILIARY



### Washington County Government - Maryland

October 23 at 5:00 PM - 3

The Washington County Department of Water Quality will begin flushing fire hydrants on the Sharpsburg Water System starting the week of October 28, 2024. This process, which includes the exercising of valves, will continue intermittently throughout the month of November.

Residents are advised to use caution when washing laundry during this time, as discolored water may occur. If you experience cloudy or discolored water, it is recommended that you flush your interior plumbing by running cold water until it clears.

For any questions or concerns, please contact us at 240-313-2600.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to maintain the integrity of the water system.



# TOWN OF SHARPSBURG 2024 TOWN ELECTION

WHEN: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – 9 A.M. until 7 P.M.

WHERE: Town Hall (106 E. Main Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

WHO: Voters shall elect a mayor and two- Councilmembers

## INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE?

In order to run for an open position, you must:

- be 25 years or older
- be a qualified voter in the Town of Sharpsburg
- lived in the town limits for at least one year prior to the election
- be a US citizen

Certificate of Nomination applications are available at Town Hall and MUST be filed with the Town Administrator/Clerk no later than 3:30 P.M. on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.