



Sharpsburg Town Crier

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Warren Davis Edition*



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Thanksgiving Message from the Editor

There is a strange feeling I get towards the end of the year in my seventh decade. The days are shorter, the nights are cooler, and the calendar is click-click-clicking down to the end. The personal implications of this are alarming to anyone with eyes to see and mind to perceive.

Nevertheless there is much to be content, even happy, about. S'all good and right on time! Even more, there is a thankfulness that only comes in the fullness of time, the breadth of experience, and the wisdom that comes with defeats. At this age, you tend to look at a bigger picture more and more.

Please let me tell you what I'm thankful for.

Abundant, Safe, Reliable, Hot Water...on Demand! And while I'm at it, throw in a Working Sewage System!

Safe water and a working sewage system can seem like the air we breathe, always there and always will be there. But there was a time in living memory when that was not so. There are people reading these words, including the Editor, who remember another time altogether.

Let's go back to the 1960s and before. Geologically, the town sits astride a huge, seamed karst formation derived from vast blocks of ancient limestone. Eroding seams in the limestone carry contaminated surface water for miles and miles. Our water came from Big Spring or wells (both contaminated) and cisterns (likely contaminated but definitely unpleasant).

The town's outhouses, faulty septic systems, and the practice of flushing sewage down old hand-dug wells and directly into the town run created a perfect storm of contagion. I vividly remember watching human feces bobbing down our stream, which was hilarious to 10-year-old me but horrifying now to remember.

And we do remember. We remember our classmates who contracted polio. The ones who lived were tortured for life. When the subject of polio came up, a dark cloud passed over my mother's eyes. We remember that Summer when half the kids were bedridden, bright yellow, and so sick with hepatitis. There were cases of typhoid fever in town earlier in the century. We remember all those and the other minor mystery gastrointestinal shenanigans we endured.

All that started to come to an end starting in the 1960s with the consecutive efforts of Mayors Elmer Koontz and Richard "Mick" Leatherman and their Councils. Later, the sewage system was installed.



Abundant, Safe, Reliable, Hot Water on Demand and a Working Sewage System? Yeah...just put me down as thankful!

But while I'm at it, let me add a few more.

Our Fire and Rescue Services. They quietly go about their business (planning, practicing, maintaining, recruiting) and show up at our door when we need them most.

Our Churches. There they are! Their doors open to us, again, when we need them most.

Our Park Service Neighbors. Every day you can go out there and contemplate the sacrifice and service of those who fought there and reflect on the folly and waste of war. You can quietly walk the 14 miles of off-road trails and fire roads as you ponder these things.

Now, I could go on, but I've got a Thanksgiving dinner to cook! Oh...wait! Did I mention I'm grateful for abundant food?

-Editor

Artifact of the Month: Gravesite of the Nobel Lauriate, Baruch Samuel Blumberg

The Editor was recently invited to a nearby property to visit with some Maryland historians and restorers of historic structures. There exists the possibility that it is yet another Joseph Chapline property site. (If more information comes to light, the Town Crier will report it.)

Several hundred yards from the house, there rests a cemetery in long use even up to our time. One of the headstones shows it to be the internment site of Nobel Lauriate Baruch Samuel Blumberg. Note the Jewish tradition of placing rocks on the gravesite.

The Editor was asked not to reveal the property site for now, but it's 2.2 miles from Town



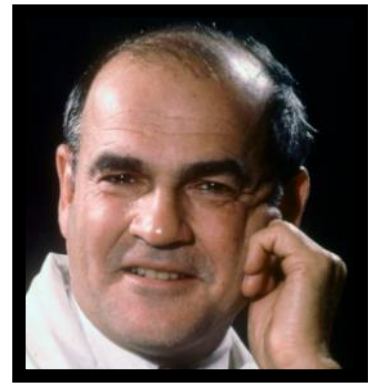
Square as the raven flies. Close enough to be in the Crier.

“Barry” Blumberg was born in 1925 and died in 2011.

He received the Nobel for his foundational work on hepatitis B virus at the National Institute of Health and the Fox Chase Cancer Center. He was also President of the American Philosophical Society.

In addition to his scientific work on viruses, he was deeply involved in bioethics. In the face of calls to limit the liberty and access to education of chronic hepatitis B carriers, he publicly advocated for their human rights. His work in bioethics and patient's rights later informed the same conversation in the AIDS era.

- Editor



From the Mayor and Council

New Town Council

The Sharpsburg Town Crier welcomes two new Town Council Members, Ms. Heather Waters and Mr. Randy Short. We look forward to your tenure on the Council and especially to the skills and small town energy you both bring. Congratulations to Mayor Russ Weaver who continues another term in his efforts to make us, “Just What a Small Town Should be.” Finally, we say a regretful goodbye, for now, to Ms. Mia Parsons and Mr. John Hammond who set down their Council burdens. Thank you both so much.

Meeting Cancellation

The Mayor and Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 2nd has been canceled.

Swearing In of New Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025 when the Mayor and 2 new Council Members will be sworn on by County Clerk of the Circuit Court. 2. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025 when the Mayor and 2 new Council Members will be sworn on by County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Miss Sharpsburg

The Miss Sharpsburg 2025 Contest winner is Reagan Smith. She will be officially crowned at the Tree lighting event of Friday, Dec. 6th at 6PM. Poster Page 14.

County Business

County Planning: Request for Input

Washington County Planning Commission requests your input on the Comprehensive Plan for the County. Want to be part of "the solution"? See the Poster, Page 13.

- Randy Leatherman

About the Town

Veterans Day 2024 Celebrated in Sharpsburg

Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary hosted its annual Veterans Day ceremony Monday in the Sharpsburg Town Square, according to a news release from the auxiliary.

The program began with the Clopper Michael Post 10 American Legion Honor Guard presenting the colors, and the Unit's Miss Poppy, Kimber Eichelberger and the 4th and 5th grade students of the Sharpsburg Elementary School leading the pledge of allegiance. Saxophonist Mike Lushbaugh played the national anthem followed by a moment of silence in memory of the dead. Unit Chaplain Debbie Crampton offered the invocation.

Ava Gift, who emceed the ceremony, explained the empty chair in front of the podium, draped with the POW/MIA chair cover,

was a reminder of those soldiers who are still prisoners of war and those missing in action. She asked that they and their families be kept in prayer and not forgotten. Keith Snyder, U.S. Air Force veteran and Antietam National Battlefield park ranger, spoke on the history of Veterans Day.



An update was given on local soldiers. Gift asked that they be kept in prayer and further quoted that "America without her military would be like God without His angels."

The Armed Forces Salute was performed by the Boonsboro High School chorus, under the direction of Stephen Pompa, and the veterans in attendance, standing shoulder to shoulder, stepped forward as they heard their service song. Each veteran introduced themselves, giving name, rank where they served and some spoke of their military experience. Matthew Hill, was one of those who said, "To the kids in the audience, Sharpsburg is a wonderful place to grow up, it's even a better place to come back to after you've been out and seen the world, you really appreciate it in a different light".

As a token of appreciation, the veterans each received a metal, personal pill box, decorated with an eagle guarding the American flag. This was a reminder to them of all the shots and inoculations they received while serving in the military.

The chorus sang "In Flanders Field" followed by the placement of memorial wreaths at the town's war memorials by Snyder on behalf of the Antietam National Battlefield, Jacob Martz on behalf of the citizens of Sharpsburg, also laying wreaths were representatives of Ralph Tag Chapter 14 of Disabled American Veterans, Korean War

Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1936, Department of Maryland American Le-

gion Vice Commander, American Legion National Membership Coordinator, American Legion District 7 Commander, Commander of Michael Clopper American Legion Post 10, Antietam Lodge 197, Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary and Miss Poppy.

The honor guard of Clopper Michael Post 10 offered the volley salute followed by the playing of taps. The program concluded with the benediction given by the unit chaplain.

Ms. Gift thanked all those who helped, participated and attended, with special thanks to Jeff Taulton for providing the sound system.

The attached photo is of Air Force Veteran Matthew Hill who spoke directly to the students at the Sharpsburg Veterans Day ceremony. When he was in the military he was one of those that an update was given at the annual veterans day ceremony each year. He retired in 2022 after serving 20 years in the United States Air Force.



- Ms. Ava Gift See More Page 8

Volunteer Opportunity: Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company

Are you ready to make a difference in your community? Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team! Whether you're interested in firefighting, emergency medical response, or helping behind the scenes, there's a role for everyone. No prior experience is needed – we provide all necessary training. Join us in serving and protecting our community. If you're



ready to step up, meet new people, and gain valuable skills, we'd love to hear from you! For

more information or to volunteer, please contact us at sharpsburgvfc.org, click on "join SVFC" or visit our station. Make a difference – volunteer today!

Traditional Tolson's Chapel Event

Friends of Tolson's Chapel will hold their Annual "Christmas by Candlelight" at 4:30 on December



14th: Hold a candle and experience what it would have been like to attend Christmas there in the past. 111 E. High Street (Please dress warmly)

- Ms. Elyssa Doub

Rohrbach Open House and Book Signing

One of the featured authors at our Open House on Dec. 14, is local historian, John Schildt. We will have John's recently republished book "Roads to Antietam" and his new book, "The Churches on Main Street" on hand to purchase and to get signed. Be sure to stop by from 1-4pm. See Posters, Page 12.

- Chris Vincent

Lions Club Donates Books

In October, Sharpsburg Lions joined with the Boonsboro Lions to buy books for Primary Teachers at Sharpsburg, Pleasant Valley, Boonsboro and Greenbriar Elementary Schools.





Shown are Sharpsburg Lions Brenda Kimbrough and Christine Davis presenting books to Sharpsburg teachers, Rebecca Siegrist and Lindsey Tierney, and Lion Joanne Richardson presenting books to Pleasant Valley teacher Jenny Peck-Weigand. Boonsboro Lions presented the books for Boonsboro and Greenbriar Elementary Schools.

- Reverend Delancey Catlett

An Invitation to “Rediscover Family Traditions at Holiday Open House”

See Poster, Page 14

Date: Saturday December 7th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Host and Location: Friends of the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum

Address: 7313 Sharpsburg Pike (Route 65)
Boonsboro Md 21713

website:<https://www.ruralheritagemuseum.org/holiday-open-house.html>

email: info.ruralheritagemuseum@gmail.com

Description:

Rediscover holiday traditions at the Museum and Homestead Holiday Open House 1-4 pm Saturday December 7th. In the spirit of the holidays, There is no admission fee however the museum greatly appreciates any spirit of giving!

-Explore our historic village and stop in to watch our Broommaker,

-Bread baking fundraiser will be from 2-4 pm at the Homestead Poffenberger Cabin. Come

out of the chill, and get warm by the indoor hearth and outdoor bread oven. Straight from the oven Sourdough Loaves are \$12 (at this time we only accept cash)

-Visit with Santa in his sleigh in our Main Museum filled with history of businesses and homes from the past, and bring a letter to send to Santa from the Keedysville Post Office on display.

-Complementary punch and cookies

-Kids Christmas Crafts with the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners in the main museum.

Don't forget to peruse our Gift Shop for your last minute Christmas Shopping (Cash/Check) only.

- Ms. Elizabeth Stefanik

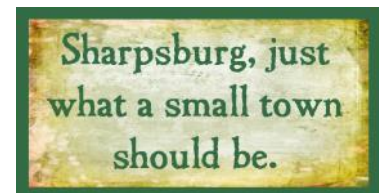
Model Train Sale

Mr. Dick Autz invites you to a close-by Model Train Sale. See the Poster, Page 13

Community Calendar (November/December)

November 29 from 12Noon to 4PM:
Christmas in the Mountains: Holiday Marketplace
Potomac Ridge Brewing
16609 Shepherdstown Pike
240-200-9832

December 2 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**
(CANCELLED)
Sharpsburg Town Hall
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD
21782
301-432-4428



December 6 at 6PM: **Christmas Tree Lighting/Miss Sharpsburg Crowning** Poster Page 14
Sharpsburg Town Hall
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-4428

December 7 at 6PM to 11:45PM: **Antietam Battlefield Memorial Illumination**
Antietam Battlefield
301-432-5124

December 7 from 1PM to 4PM: **Museum and Homestead Holiday Open House**
See Poster, Page 14
7313 Sharpsburg Pike
in-
fo.ruralheritagemuseum@gmail.com

December 11 at 1:30PM: **"The Nutcracker"** (We will have activities relating 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 14 from 1PM to 4PM: **Open House and Book Signing**
(See Posters, Page 12)
Rohrbach Inn, 138 W Main St.
301-432-5079



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**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

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

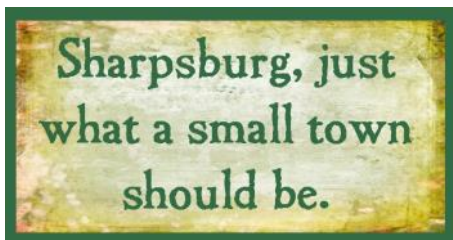
3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg
Sunday Worship - 9:00am, Sunday
School - 10:15am

Sharpsburg Bible Church

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

Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor
Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor
Randy Short – Council
Heather Waters – Council
Ed Beeler-Council
Robbie Waters – Council
Joe Kudla – Council
(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)
106 East Main Street
PO Box 368
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782
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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung
Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com



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ATTACHMENTS:

Veterans Day: 2024



**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, November 4, 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, and Robbie Waters. Town Administrator Debra Smith was also present and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung was present via zoom. Councilmembers John Hammond and Mia Parsons were absent.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE led by Councilmember Waters followed by a moment of silence held for Rufus Hofelt who was the first president of the Sharpsburg Little League.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Girl Scout Rain barrels/Pavillion Gutters Project Update – Ellie Johnikin updated the Mayor and Council on the status of her rain barrel project in the park stating that she has spent \$738.00 to date. She is now at the point of needing guidance from the Mayor and Council on the placement of gutters for the pavilion. The town initially requested color-matched gutters at the September meeting which are more expensive than originally budgeted. She received a quote from a company for color-matched materials only and for color-matched materials & installation. She is ultimately asking if the town wants to install or to increase the allowance to cover the installation by My Gutter Doctor. **Motion** by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve the matching seamless gutters to be installed by the town and to reimburse Ellie \$900.00 for the project costs. Motion carried.

W.C. Hazard Mitigation Plan Review – Cody Swope, W.C. Emergency Management Specialist presented highlights of the Hazard Mitigation Plan that is updated every 5-years and incorporates the needs and goals of each municipality. Sharpsburg has three-3 projects included in the plan; 1. Reduction of the town's floodplain area; 2. Community outreach, and 3. The engineering of Antietam and Church Streets. By adopting the plan, the town is eligible for FEMA Funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

Historical Park Project Update – Brad Huntzberry and Brady Blair of Huntzberry Bothers, Inc. attended the meeting to review the retaining wall stone options for the historical park. While no final decision was made on the stone wall material, the grading portion of the project will proceed.

Presentation of the FY24 Financial Audit – Erin Clark of SEK presented the highlights of the towns FY24 Annual Financial Audit.

- The towns General Fund had a net overall favorable budget variance of \$137,771 with total expenditures having a favorable budget variance of \$87,929 and revenues having a favorable budget of \$49,842.
- The towns total assets are \$1,325,946 with \$47,322 being restricted for Hotel/Motel tax and \$47,309 being restricted for Highway User Revenues.

Ms. Clark stated that this was the first year that the town has not received any Management or Discrepancy Statements and thanked Town Administrator Debra Smith for her efforts in making this a positive audit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes – **MOTION** by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

October 2024 Financial Report - **MOTION** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Waters to approve the October Financial Report. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Tim Lung

- Completed the written Order-Opinion and approval letter for the Board of Zoning Appeals Special Exception for Robert Campbell to establish a museum at his property at 137 East Main Street, approved at the Hearing on Oct 1.
- The roll off dumpster at 105 N. Mechanic street has been removed and the property recently sold.
- Issued notice of violation for tall weeds/grass and junk/trash on property at 121 E. Main Street. Weeds/grass has been cut; however, trash remains. Will issue a final violation notice and will also contact the Health Dept regarding the trash.

- Responded to several inquiries and questions regarding zoning and permitting requirements.
- Attended Oct 30 Planning Commission meeting. Reviewed and discussed comments on the proposed draft Zoning Ordinance text amendment regarding Home Occupation Businesses and Home Office Businesses. Will revise the draft based on comments and review with the Planning Commission at their January meeting.
- Corresponded with the County Zoning Administrator regarding complaints associated with the Greenhill Farm Special Events center.
 - *Further discussion at the November 4th meeting regarding complaints of loud music led to Mayor Weaver requesting Town Zoning Administrator Tim Lung to file a formal complaint from the town with County Zoning Administrator Jill Baker and cc the County Administrator regarding the matter.*
- Continue to gather information and preparation of the MDE 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.
 - *Mayor Weaver stated that Zoning Administrator Tim Lung has been tasked with drafting an Ordinance formally approving the creation of the Planning Commission and outlining their duties and responsibilities for adoption by the Mayor and Council.*

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Weaver

- Will be working on a Community Development Events Committee in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Town Election – Tuesday, November 19th from 9AM – 7PM
- MML Meeting/Dinner – Monday, November 25th @6PM in Clear Spring

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS – *Mayor Weaver stated that starting in January he would like all Councilmembers to submit at least a paragraph summary in writing prior to the meeting.*

Councilmember Waters – Stated that Roto-Rooter was contacted to flush the debris from the inlet to the pond.

Vice Mayor Martz –

- Grand Marshal confirmed for Memorial Day Parade – Lt. Gen Richard Mills
- Wrote an article clarifying the Town’s position on fire pits and submitted it to the Town Crier for publication.
- Had missing mounting hardware replaced on the plaques affixed to the monuments in the square.
- Completed and submitted a request for Hotel Rental Tax Funding Grant for Memorial Day
- Completed and submitted Facilities Use Form application for Sharpsburg Elementary School for Memorial Day.

Councilmember Beeler-

- Jesse Roberts was named as the Museums Volunteer of the year
- Randy Short to offer insight on modifying the diorama. Mayor Weaver stated that he would like to see it more focused on the Town of Sharpsburg rather than the Battle of Antietam.

Councilmember Kudla-

- is scheduling the street sweeper from Williamsport to clean the entire town. Will be announced on the towns Facebook page.
- Contacted MDOT regarding guardrail issue.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Officer Watkins – Resident Deputy – will remain on administrative duty a few more weeks, but the County will continue to provide coverage.

Town Crier – Mayor Weaver stated that he is working with Mike Arant on an article; Preservation Starts at Home.

OLD BUSINESS

Well Drilling Project Update- town proposal is currently being reviewed by the County Attorney.

Town Hall/Library ADA Ramp Project Update- Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-01; Adopting W.C. Hazard Mitigation Plan - MOTION by Councilmember Waters, second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the adoption of the W.C. Hazard Mitigation Plan through Resolution 2024-01. Motion carried.

FY24 Financial Audit Approval - MOTION by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Waters to approve the FY24 Financial Audit as presented. Motion carried.

Appointment to the Planning Commission – Council Member Mia Parsons will not be running again for a Council position and has requested to become a permanent member of the Planning Commission. Mayor Weaver recommended her appointment to the Planning Commission. **MOTION** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve Mia Parsons as member of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Town Christmas Tree Lighting Event- The event will be held on Friday, December 6th

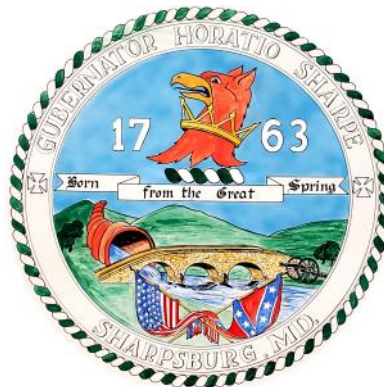
- Councilmember Waters will purchase and install the tree the week of Thanksgiving
- Roostervane will decorate the town hall and square before Thanksgiving
- Vice-Mayor Martz will take care of obtaining an outdoor sound system for the event
- Mayor Weaver would like to obtain a church choir
- Approval to spend \$600-\$700 for a small gift for each of the students decorating the tree
- The town will also cover the cost of the tree ornaments being made by the elementary school

Chapline Street Culvert Repair- Huntzberry Brothers provided a quote of \$13,500.00 to clean and repair the culvert on Chapline Street. **Motion** by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Kudla to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Smith
Town Administrator/Clerk





Holiday Open House & Book Signing

Join us at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn for our Holiday Open House on **Saturday, December 14th.**

This is a perfect time to drop by to tour the Inn, see our decorations, have some refreshments or just to visit with MAYA & LIBBY.

During the day, visit our store, the **Antietam Mercantile** for some Christmas shopping and save 10% off everything in the store.

From 1-4p we will have a book signing with local Civil War authors including: John Schildt, Steven Stotelmyer, Sharon Murray, Dr. Alex Rossino, and Dr. Brad Gottfried. Their books will be available for purchase at the Mercantile.
Stop by to SHOP, SNACK or just to SAY

Happy Holidays!



Roads to Antietam



John W. Schildt

Third Edition

WASHINGTON COUNTY RELEASES FINAL DRAFT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD (October 28, 2024) – The Washington County Planning Commission is pleased to announce the release of the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the County. The purpose of this document is to develop a community vision for future land use and growth management. This release will begin a 60-day comment period where we are asking you, our stakeholders, to review this document and provide us with feedback on the Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan addresses key areas such as land use, transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental sustainability. It reflects input from community members, stakeholders, and experts, ensuring that it aligns with the needs and aspirations of our community.

GO HERE TO READ THE PLAN - www.washco-md.net/planning-zoning/comp-plan-2040/

Your feedback is critical to the success of the Plan and will drive the decision-making process for many years to come.

How can you get involved?

- Visit our website: www.washco-md.net/planning-zoning/comp-plan-2040/ to download and read the plan.
- Join our mailing list and get updates about scheduled meetings, etc.
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountyMD>
- E-Mail us questions and comments to: askplanning@washco-md.net
- Attend the future Public Hearing in January 2025.

Model Train Sale
Benefit of Antietam Station

Saturday
November 30, 2024
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Sharpsburg
Maryland

Admission: Adult \$5.00 Donation
12 and Under - Free Free Parking

Sponsored by:
Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum
PO Box 301
Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0301

Location:
Washington County Ag. Educational Ctr
6.5 mi. south of I-70 Exit 29 on MD RT 65
left side of highway.

Additional Information:
Web: www.antietamstation.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/antietamstation/
E-mail : hmrmm@myactv.net
Voice Mail: 301-800-9829

Tentative Future Show Dates:
Feb 8, 2025; April 26, 2025; Nov 29, 2025



ANNUAL TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Friday, December 6th
6:00P.M. in front of Town Hall

- Santa
- The Grinch
- Cindy Lou Who
- Live Music
- Cookies
- Crowning of Miss Sharpsburg 2025

Tree decorated by the Sharpsburg Elementary School students




REDISCOVER FAMILY TRADITIONS AT HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE !

Saturday December 7th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Visit with Santa on your way to the Battlefield Memorial Illumination!



Mail Santa a letter from the old post office
1:00 - 4:00

Washington County
RURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM
7313 Sharpsburg Pike
Boonsboro MD (Route 65)

Enjoy a cozy hearth & support outdoor bread baking fundraiser at our Homestead.
2:00 -4:00 Loaves \$12

More Info: www.ruralheritagemuseum.org/holiday-open-house.html
info.ruralheritagemuseum@gmail.com

