



Sharpsburg Town Crier

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What's Going on at Church and Main?

It has been a while since the Town has updated the citizens on the exciting park being built on the corner of Church and Main Street. This has been several years in the making and now it's literally taking shape! For those who weren't able to attend the planning meetings or have forgotten some of the details, here are some facts about the project:

- The last Town administration applied for and received state grant money through Program Open Space to buy the land that was contaminated by the leaking tanks from the gas station that used to be there, it came with certain important conditions.
- The owner of the land required as part of the purchase that no new buildings or any disturbance of the ground below what was ground level at the time was allowed in perpetuity. His stated reason was to avoid any possible future claims against him to do more soil cleanup. *Continued on Page 4.*



From the Inkwell of a Dargan Boy ~ 3/1/25

'The Curious Case of Benjamin Buttons'

'No wise man ever wished to be younger' offered Jonathan Swift.

I remember getting out of bed one morning and as I stood in front of my bedroom mirror, I said to my wife; 'You know what, my hair is gray, it once was black; my knees are buckled; they once were straight; my middle is rounder and my pants are tight; I'm falling apart!'

"No problem sweetheart, there is nothing wrong with your eyes" replied Sheila as I stood there wearing glasses.

I was refreshed and smiled.

The other night I watched the movie, *'The Curious Case of Benjamin Buttons'* for the umpteenth time.

F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote a short story about Benjamin Buttons years ago. His tale is of a boy born old *at the age of 80* but lives his life backwards instead of forward. As he travels from old age back, Benjamin's adventures become bolder as his youth returns.

In the beginning of the movie an old clockmaker has made this huge exquisite clock for the local Railroad Station.

When the clockmaker unveiled his giant masterpiece; all the travelers at the station noticed, however, that the hand of the clock traveled 'backwards' instead of forwards.

The old man had built this beautiful timepiece with the hopes that it might turn back time, and return his only son who was killed during the big war.

And so, begins this story of 'Benjamin Buttons'.

How many of you wish to be young again as your faculties turn older and those aches and pains arrive?

A pondering question.

Benjamin Buttons was born in a large city. At his birth, his mother died after delivery.

When his father heard the baby cry, he went to the crib to see him, and was troubled by his grotesque appearance; he grabbed the baby and ran the streets looking for a place to get rid of him.

He left infant Benjamin on the steps of an 'old age' home and the child was taken in by a caregiver there.

The story is too unexplainable to explain, but begin to imagine how a baby born, at the age of 80, grows backwards in time and returns to his youth with a destination of suspense, glee, adventure, and sorrow as he heads back to the crib.

An uncanny plot for sure for 'one wishing to be young again.

I could relive my life with my favorite girl all the way back to that day we first met.

It was a moonlit night hayride under a full moon in Frog Hollow. My first embrace, kiss and hug from this beautiful young girl would then disappear and I would continue my trip back to the crib.

And to run and play baseball again on the Little League diamond, go swimming in the river, and traverse the mountains in search of mushrooms and ginseng with my grandmother.

To spend more time with Grandpa before he died in 1959; and to relive life with all of those fine people of Dargan.

So many good memories would be had.

Benjamin Buttons had a similar resurrection; he was born old and traveled back in time; so many plots to consider, so many good times to be embraced once more.

But then one has to ponder those clock hands moving backwards.

While you would be getting younger, all your family, friends and love ones would be getting older; they would soon die as your physique, mind, hair and youth return.

Much 'Sorrow' would follow you too.

Tears and smiles would accompany you.

Tis an interesting story about Benjamin Buttons who lived his life backwards and dies at birth.

Benjamin kept a diary.

It appears that perhaps Jonathan Swift was correct in his saying.

So, would you really like to be young again?

I still think of that first kiss, hayride and many years of happiness that I once had.

Going backwards would be nice but.....

The road would end in the same place it began.

Just imagine!

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- Program Open Space grant money may only be used to preserve open spaces, and cannot be used for any other type of project or purpose.
- During the review and planning process, the Town held four community workshops discussing the use of the land between November 2021 and March 2022. The public was invited to all the meetings through the town website and town Facebook page.
- With the land use limitations, it was decided to create an interpretive park that showcased the rich history of Sharpsburg.
- The design includes a town sign and interpretive plaques detailing Sharpsburg's history from the history of the area before and after the battle. It will also be a starting point for the town walking tour.
- No playground equipment will be installed in the park. The Town has other parks for that type of use. Several parking spaces are incorporated in the design to alleviate any congestion issues.
- The total cost of constructing the park will be about \$411,000, of that the Town is responsible for 10%. Due to Covid era grants, the money being spent by the Town was recov-

ered, and in effect, the project cost no Town tax revenue.

- When all funding sources for each phase of the project are factored in, the Town was successful in securing over \$500,000 in grant revenue which would otherwise have been allocated to projects in other communities.

- If Sharpsburg had not applied for these grants, other towns in the state would have received them. This is a great example of how the Town is bringing back state taxes, with 92% of the total cost paid by Program Open Spaces grants that would have otherwise gone to other Maryland towns.

Projected completion date: July 2025

- Town of Sharpsburg

In Praise of Small Town Greenspace

They're what separates a town jewel from just another grassy plot. Like our churches, they offer an opportunity to break out of our everyday life and experience a little tranquility, maybe some perspective. Sometimes you just need to get out of the house for a while. There it is, right in town. Sit for a half an hour. Watch the traffic and be glad you're not in it. Contemplate the deep history that passed right this way; The Native Americans visiting the spring, wagons rumbling on the Philadelphia Road, General Edward Braddock on his way to disaster, and his death, at Fort Duquesne, Confederate forces hustling through, Federal forces remaining here for many weeks, the ebb and flow of ordinary lives through the centuries, and the changes that are coming. In the time before us, we will be grateful for such places.

- Editor



From the Mayor and Council

Invitation to Participate in the Memorial Day Parade

Would you like to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade, or do you know an organization or group that would? Fill out and return the attached application (Pages 15 and 16) by April 15th to be a part of this historic event!

- Town of Sharpsburg

Town Events

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events in town. For more details on each event, please visit the municipal calendar on the towns website at Sharpsburgmd.com or contact town hall at 301-432-4428. See also the Community Calendar and Poster on Page 17.

- Town of Sharpsburg

Potomac Ridge Brewery Achieves Its One-Year Anniversary

I was pleased to present a certificate on behalf of the Town of Sharpsburg to my friends Jeff and Dorrie Pilot in recognition of the one-year anniversary of the opening of Potomac Ridge Brewery!

If you haven't already been, you are surely missing out! Congratulations to Jeff and Dorrie, and to all of the staff at PRB for a very



successful first year, and here's to the successful start of a bright future!

- Vice Mayor Jake Martz

About the Town

Sharpsburgh Museum of History Has New College Intern

Come out and meet our new Intern Jamie Semft

Jamie is a graduate student at Liberty University pursuing a degree in Public History. She will graduate in May of this year. She has been married for 17 years to her husband mark. They live in Greencastle, Pa. They have two dogs, Rhett butler and Vivien Leigh. They also have three cats, Scarlett, Ashley and Colin

While Jamie is with our museum, she will be helping in Organizing our rare books, reference books, displays, In coming artifact donations and anything else in the day to day operation of a museum.

- Director, Sharpsburg Museum of History

Unit Presents Blue Star Banner

On behalf of Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary, President Ava Gift presented a Blue Star Banner to Brandi Molina during the monthly ladies Bible Study at the Sharpsburg Bible Church on Saturday, March 8. Her son Brandon Longerbeam is a 2021 graduate of Boonsboro Senior High School and joined the Army in 2022, currently stationed at Fort



Ms. Brandi Molina and Ms. Ava Gift

Sill, Oklahoma, which is known as the world-renowned U.S. Army Field Artillery School.

He is the son of Rene and Brandi Molina and Michael Longerbeam.

Created in 1917, Blue Star Banners were a common site during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the armed forces.

- Ms. Ava Gift



Antietam Institute News

Change of Command!

Jim Rosebrock, former Antietam Institute vice president and founding member, was elected President by the Board of Directors during the board meeting in February. Jim is well-known in Civil War circles as the expert on Artillery of Antietam (and author of the book by the same name). For the last two years, Jim has led the Institute's philanthropic efforts. Congratulations, Jim! Read more about Jim at: <https://antietaminstitute.org/about/>



- Executive Director, Antietam Institute
(executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org)

Help Us Push Over This Milestone!

We're just one away of 400 Institute members coming up on our 4th Anniversary. If you like our publications and believe in our mission, become a member! Be sure to pass this form to someone else to become a member of the Antietam Institute. You can join for as lit-

tle as \$25 a year. See all the benefits you can receive at the different membership levels. JOIN TODAY!

<https://antietaminstitute.org/membership/>

- Executive Director, Antietam Institute
(executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org)

Grand Opening of Our Education Center!

You are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of the Antietam Institute's Education Center on Saturday, April 5th at 1:30pm. Help us celebrate this next step in fulfilling the Institute's mission of furthering education and research of the Maryland Campaign of 1862.

The center is located at 101W Main Street in Sharpsburg. Parking is available behind the building or across the street in the municipal parking lot. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony, and you are welcome to stay for the afternoon presentation at 2pm. Institute president and author of Artillery of Antietam, Jim Rosebrock will discuss "Civil War Artillery 101".

Please RSVP to executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org by April 1

- Executive Director, Antietam Institute
(executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org)

Monthly Membership Saturdays

(Editor's Note: Members Only. To join this remarkable and active group, contact Executive Director, Antietam Institute, executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org)

Each month the Antietam Institute will sponsor a morning battlefield hike called "Following in the Footsteps". These two-hour programs on Saturday mornings over the course of six months will be led by Antietam Institute historians and will cover the actions of a specific regiment or battery on the battlefield. For more information go to: <https://antietaminstitute.org/seasonal-events/>

April 5 – Sharon Murray: Almost Annihilated:

Light Company B, 4th US Artillery at Antietam

May 3 – Joe Stahl: Introduction to the War: 14th Connecticut Infantry

June 7 – Laura Marfut: “Confusion Reigned Supreme:” The Desperate Counter-Attack of the 27th North Carolina and 3rd Arkansas after the Fall of the Sunken Road

July 12 – Brad Gottfried: Fighting with the “Third Texas:” The 18th Georgia at Antietam

August 2 – Gary Rohrer: “A Senseless Charge into a Cauldron of Fire” The 7th Maine Volunteer Infantry

September 6 – Jim Rosebrock: Hiram Dyer and the 4th U.S. Infantry

That afternoon we will gather in our Education Center for a featured presentation beginning at 2pm. The Education Center is at 101W Main Street, Sharpsburg.

April 5: Jim Rosebrock – Artillery 101

May 3: Matt Borders – Life of a Civil War Soldier

June 7: Justin Mayhue – Small Arms Weapons at Antietam

July 12: Meet the Authors of Commanders of Antietam

August 2: Kevin Boyer – Artifacts of the Maryland Campaign

September 6: Joe Stahl – CVDs and Identification Disks of Soldiers from the Maryland Campaign



Community Calendar (March-August)

March 26 at 6PM: **Attracting Hummingbirds**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

March 27 at 3:30: **Community Story Time, Wildflowers!**

Meet behind Ferry Hill, 16500
Sharpsburg Pike
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

April 2 at 6PM : **Discussion about the Spice of the Month**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

April 5 at 1:30PM: **Grand Opening Antietam Institute's Education Center**

101W Main Street
Antietam Institute
executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org

April 7 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**

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

April 12: **Antietam Institute Symposium:**

“Defending It to the Last Extremity:” Harpers Ferry and the Road to Antietam

Student Center, Shepherd University.
<https://antietaminstitute.org/2025-spring-symposium/>
Membership and fee required
Antietam Institute
president@antietaminstitute.org

April 13 at 9:30AM: **Community Palm Sunday Service**

Sharpsburg Town Square
Organized by St. Paul's Episcopal Church

April 14 through April 18: **Spring Brush Pick-Up**

106 E Main St
301-432-4428

April 15 at 6PM: **"The Churches on Main Street, Antietam Aftermath: The Sharpsburg Story", Reverend John Schildt**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

April 23 at 1:30PM: **Home School Book Club, "Vanderbeekers of 141st Street"**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

April 24 at 3:30PM: **Community Story Time/Town Spring and Ice Cream at Nutters**

Meet at the library
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

May 1 from 1:30PM to 6:30PM: **May Day Plant/Seed Swap and Share** (in front of the library)

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

May 3 from 9:15AM to 1PM: **Free Comic Book Day**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

May 14 at 1:30PM: **Home School Book Club, "Oscar about Town"**

Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

May 14: **Curbside Bulk Clean-Up**

106 E Main St
301-432-4428

April 26 from 7AM to 10AM: **Annual Fishing Rodeo**

at Town Pond
106 E Main St
301-432-4428

April 26: **Women of Sharpsburg Exhibit**

In the Sharpsburgh Museum of History

301-800-6877

Ed.Beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

May 24: **Memorial Day Events Ceremony** at 11AM

Parade at 2 PM

106 E Main St
301-432-4428

May 28 at 6PM: **Gardening Know How with Master Gardener-Trica/Our Local Birds of Prey**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

May 29 at 3:30PM: **Community Story Time/Sharpsburg Park**

Meet at the Sharpsburg Park on West High Street/at the library if inclement weather

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

June 5 from 2PM to 6PM: **Colors of Boba Tea**

try different flavors of Boba tea

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

June 7 from 10AM to 4PM: **Community Market**

To benefit Sharpsburg Emergency Medical Services
110 1/2 W Chapline St.
(301) 432-5348

June 12 at 3:30PM: **Color Our World Summer Reading Club Kickoff**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 20 from 10AM to 5PM: **Sharpsburg Days**

See Poster, Page 18
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
(301) 800-6877
Ed.Beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

August 9: **Candy and the Civil War**
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
301-800-6877

Ed.Beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

Recurring Events

Sharpsburg Market: April 6, April 27, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, September 7, September 21, October 5, October 19
Behind Battlevue Market
SharpsburgFM@gmail.com

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 (elect)

Heather Waters – Council (elect)

Ed Beeler-Council

Robbie Waters – Council

Joe Kudla – Council

(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)

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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com



Ver. 1.0 3/25/25

Attachments:

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025 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, Heather Waters and Robbie Waters. Town Administrator Debra Smith was also present. Councilmember Randy Short was absent due to illness and due to internet difficulties, Zoning Administrator Tim Lung could not be zoomed in.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE led by Councilmember Kudla. Mayor Weaver asked for a moment of silence for Richard Haynes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Vice-Mayor Martz and second by Councilmember R. Waters to approve amending the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Vincent – presented the Mayor and Council with a 3rd installment for the Historic Park in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Antietam Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2025 - **Motion** by Councilmember R. Waters and second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the February regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Work Session Minutes – February 25, 2025 - **Motion** by Councilmember R. Waters and second by Councilmember Kudla to approve the February work session meeting minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Councilmember R. Waters and second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the February 2025 Financial report. Motion carried.

MAYORS COMMENT(S) – Mayor Weaver

- **Historic Park** – Construction continuing. Change orders on the retaining wall and landscaping in process. Wayside exhibits and main park sign being designed.
- **Lutheran Cemetery** – Focal item for this fiscal year.
- **Big Spring** – Repair to start as soon as permits received.
- **Community Development/Sharpsburg Day**– Councilmember H. Waters leading formation of community development committee. Asking for volunteers and position Sharpsburg Day as a celebration of Sharpsburg. Looking at other community activities to facilitate connecting Sharpsburg.
- **Sign at Elementary School** – We have preliminary permission to place a sign in front of school for Sharpsburg.
- **Main Street beautification campaign kickoff** - Discuss with council and get feedback from community

CORRESPONDENCE - Letter of Support submitted in favor of HB1327 supporting of Program Open Space and Heritage Grant funding.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Officer Watkins – Resident Deputy - February End of Month Report:

Antietam Station - 8 checks. Total WCSO events in February - 77.

Elementary School - 8 checks. Burglary - 0.

Park - 8 checks.	Theft - 1.
Little League - 7 checks.	Disorderly - 1.
120 E Main St - 7 checks.	Malicious Destruction of Property - 0.
Traffic Enforcement - 4 hours.	Theft from Motor Vehicle - 0.
Calls for Service - 6.	Undesirable - 1.
Training - 2 days.	Suspicious person - 0.
Admin - 1 day.	

Parks Advisory – Chris Vincent stated that Lions Club will be turning in their Charter due to lack of membership.

COUNCIL MEMBER MONTHLY REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Councilmember Kudla: *(Street/MDOT/SHA)*

- Signs made for Trading Post Alley. Mick putting in frames now.
- Update on MOU requested. Linda gave plat maps to review. Indicates ownership. Joe to review. We will need to review this with the council.
- Request to have remaining wall at cemetery hill assessed. Linda indicated she would have to review.
- Called MDOT to clean out culvert on cemetery hill and place reflector post at driveway entry. Linda indicated they could do when they flex post at 65&34. We should not deploy flex posts until approved by council
- Huntzberry culvert cleanout walkthrough Antietam pending. NEED HUNTZBERRY MEETING SET. You may mean Chapline street here

Church & Main Street Safety Meeting Update: Councilmember Kudla provided an update from the February 25th meeting with MDOT stating that they had provided a speed study from December on both MD34 showing average speeds range from 30.93 to 40.11 MPH and on MD65 showing average speeds range from 30.93 to 40.11 MPH. Various issues were addressed with speeding and visibility/sight distance being the main reasons cited for the cause of incidents at the intersection. Proposed for consideration to MDOT is the possibility of implement parking restrictions on Main Street (MD34) 185' headed east towards the cemetery from the intersection, install temporary traffic calming vertical markers, and the relocation of the flags on the house at the corner of E. Main and Church Streets. Other suggestions from residents included rumble strips, moving the speed sign further up the hill, extending the white lines, a cross walk and removing the grass area in front of 200 E. Main Street to provide safer on-street parking. **Motion** by Councilmember R. Waters, second by Councilmember H. Waters to send notifications to the affected property owners once MDOT has determined a course of action. **Motion carried.**

Vice-Mayor Martz: *(Memorial Day Parade/Historic Park)*

Continued Memorial Day planning:

- submitted request for sheriff presence at parade
- mailed out invitations to dignitaries for wreath laying
- distributed parade RSVP form via email to past participants
- created an online fillable form and posted to website
- 10 participants confirmed so far
- designed 2025 event poster
 - Attended 2 meetings with interpretive planner to discuss sign placement at interpretive park.
 - Attended meeting with horticulturalist to discuss landscaping options for interpretive park.
 - Attended meeting with MDOT to discuss safety concerns expressed by the public.

Councilmember Short: *(Planning Liaison, Streetscape and Communications)*

- No Report

Councilmember H. Waters: (*Community Development/Town Hall Maintenance*)

- Held events committee meeting 2/27 to discuss Sharpsburg Days and future events. Will be holding another meeting for the ones who couldn't come to this meeting.
- I will get with Terry Porter about the hand rails as soon as the weather breaks.
- I'd like the phone number Brian Poffenberger about the keystones.

Councilmember R. Waters: (*Parks/Gen Town Maintenance*)

- Need to discuss the signs needing replaced throughout town and what poles need straightened and painted. The signs can be done as soon as the hardware and new signs comes in
- Spring and summer projects: Please keep in mind all these projects will start in April so that the weather is warmer
 - Jake's monument landscaping
 - curb painting
 - pond fountain replacement
 - fix Randall's and Perry's alley
 - Playground Spring clean- up and mulching
 - (25) yards of playground mulch @my cost
 - new landscaping and the playground sign

Councilmember Beeler – (*SMH Director/Town Archivist*)

Attendance: 26

1. Upcoming Events:

March 15– Relic Expo @ St. Paul's,

March 1 & 8 - Volunteer Training (all volunteers, Docents, Interns, Board)

April 26 – Women of Sharpsburg (Families of Sharpsburg)

May 24– Memorial Day Parade

June 21 – Genealogy Class

July 12– Founder's Day 9th – open house Saturday close to the ninth

August – Talk

September 20TH – Antietam Battlefield Anniversary weekend

SEPTEMBER 20TH Sharpsburg Day Information Table.

2. Intern Jamie – Organized our reference books, cleaning and storing our rare books.
3. Possibility of getting a summer worker from the job consortium.
4. History Camp – organizing this year and having the club in 2026
5. Ideas for this year's float
6. Organizing of the Annex. We will be taking a day to go to the annex
7. Possibility of more visitors because of Lay-offs

NEW BUSINESS

FY26 CY Tax Rate – Town Administrator Smith stated that the proposed Constant Yield Tax Rate (CYTR) for 2025 (FY26) is 0.3242 for a net assessable real property base of 56,437,507 and will provide a potential revenue of \$182,971.00. It is being recommended to maintain the town current tax rate of 0.3500 which will provide a potential revenue of \$197,531.00 or an increase of \$14,560.00 from the current years revenue. **Motion** by Councilmember R. Waters and second by Councilmember Kudla to approve maintaining the towns current tax rate of 0.3500. Motion carried.

RFP for 2025 Mowing Bid - Town Administrator Smith prepared the proposal for mowing services for 2025 for Mayor and Council review to be placed out for bid with bids due on Thursday, March 20 at 11 AM. **Motion** by Vice-Mayor Martz and second by Councilmember H. Waters to approve the advertisement of mowing services for 2025. Motion carried. (ACTION ITEM)

FY25 Pothole Repairs – A proposal for asphalt repairs was provided by Huntzberry Brothers in September 2024. Mayor Weaver requested that any other repairs be submitted for inclusion/consideration before a decision is made on the proposal. (ACTION ITEM)

Spring Bulk Collection - Town Administrator Smith stated that a quote for a May Bulk collection was provided with the Apple Valley Waste bid in the amount of \$1,250.00. Councilmember R. Waters offered to perform the collection the week of May 12-16 for \$1,000.00. **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla and second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the spring bulk collection to be done by R.W. Waters Services for \$1,000.00 the week of May 12-16. Motion carried.

Proposed Spring Brush Collection – Mayor Weaver stated that he would like to offer a spring brush collection in addition to the fall collection. **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla and second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the spring brush collection to be done by R.W. Waters Services the week of April 14-18. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Councilmember R. Waters and second by Councilmember H. Waters to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Smith
Town Administrator/Clerk

March 31, 2025 Work Session proposed agenda items:

- Review of 2025 Mowing Bids
- Review of Sidewalk Closure Request for Roof Repair
- Review of business grand-opening/event request





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townofsharpsburg@comcast.net
<http://sharpsburgmd.com/>

February 24, 2025

Greetings!

The Sharpsburg Memorial Day Committee is pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 158th Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade. **This year's theme commemorates "250 Years of Sacrifice and Service: The Birth of America's Armed Forces."** The parade will be held on **Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

Parade participants not involved in the morning ceremony should plan to report to the Sharpsburg Elementary School parking lot and check in with the Parade Marshal no later than 1:00 p.m. Participants will be provided with their staging number by email two weeks prior to the event and **should be prepared to present this information to the Parade Marshal upon arrival.** All walking units will be staged on the grounds of Sharpsburg Elementary School, regardless of parade placement. A site map will be included to indicate the location of Parade Marshals and vehicular staging areas, as well as drop off and parking locations for walking units.

Please be advised that traffic usually travels slowly through town, so please allow your group enough time to arrive and check in. Keep in mind that Main Street will be closed through town from approximately 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. for the morning ceremony, so remain alert for alternating traffic patterns as you arrive.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the second page of this form and return by email to townofsharpsburg@comcast.net, with "Memorial Day Parade" in the subject line, or mail to the address listed above. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at (301) 432-4428. Submissions must be received by **April 15, 2025.**

Thank you for your support of this historical event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Jacob Martz
Vice Mayor & Memorial Day Committee Chairman

2025 Memorial Day Parade Participation RSVP Form

Important Reminders:

- Participants should plan to arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.
- Participants will be provided with their staging number prior to parade day. **Please have this information handy when checking in with the Parade Marshal.**
- All walking units will be staged at Sharpsburg Elementary School.
- Political organizations are asked to devote their display to the theme of the parade.
- Elected Officials may place a sign indicating their identity but are also strongly encouraged to incorporate parade themes.
- Distribution of literature is prohibited.
- Participants **shall not** use emergency sirens during the parade. Please remember that local emergency units participating in the parade are **active units**; as such, the use of emergency sirens is reserved strictly for them and shall be used only in the event of an actual emergency during the parade. **If an emergency siren is activated during the parade, participants are advised to allow for the passage of responding vehicles.**

Please print your name/name of organization exactly how you would like it to appear in the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Commemoration Program Book

Please provide the name of participating unit just as you would like it to be announced during the parade on the following line. This is also how it will appear in the Memorial Day Commemoration Program Book:

Unit/Organization Name: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (this is how you will receive your staging information): _____

My group will be (please select one):

Walking only

Combination walking and riding

Everyone is riding in a vehicle or float

Will your unit be playing music during the parade? (please circle one)

Yes

No

Number and type of vehicle(s): _____

****How many spaces will your vehicle(s) and/or float(s) require for staging? (one space = 25 ft.) _____****

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPRING BRUSH PICK-UP*

- Monday, April 14th – Friday, April 18th

Annual Fishing Rodeo

- Saturday, April 26th (7AM-10AM)
- Event held at the Town Pond

WOMEN OF SHARPSBURG EXHIBIT

- Saturday, April 26th
- Exhibit located at the Sharpsburgh Museum of History

CURBSIDE BULK CLEAN-UP*

- Wednesday, May 14th

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & PARADE

- Saturday, May 24th
- Ceremony @ 11AM
- Parade @ 2 PM

CANDY AND THE CIVIL WAR

- Saturday, August 9th
- Exhibit located at the Sharpsburgh Museum of History

SHARPSBURG DAY

- Saturday, September 20th (10AM-5PM)

**applicable to in-town residents only.*

For complete details on all events, please visit the municipal calendar on the town's website at sharpsburgmd.com or contact town hall at 301.432.4428

2025 SHARPSBURG DAYS



FREE EVENT

FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS • LIVE MUSIC

SEPT. | Town of
20 | Sharpsburg
10 AM - 5 PM



- Live Music: by New Way Drive
- Food Vendors
- Craft Vendors
- Explore the Sharpsburg Museum of History
- Engage with the Sharpsburg Historical Society
- And Much More!

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