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**The minutes of the Council meeting are an overview of business conducted and are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes are available at the Clerk's office.**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council began with a discussion with Steven Hull, President of Ewing Oil and Bob Shelley, Environmental Manager of Ewing Oil; in regards to the property where the BP Station was located. Mr. Hull began by clarifying a statement that was printed in The Herald Mail newspaper; in regards to the gasoline "leaking for years" at the property. Mr. Hull stated that this is was completely incorrect. In actuality, what was found was an old contamination that had been there as a result of an "ancient leak" and that the fuel that was found was very old. The cause of the contamination is still unknown, but there is lead in the soil; which would indicate that the contamination has to be greater than 20 years old.

Ewing Oil closed the station voluntarily, but under the direction of the Maryland Department of the Environment. Ewing Oil will be removing the tanks, removing contaminated soil, demolishing the building and will then assess the situation. They would like to re-develop the area, but at this point, they are unsure of what will be going on the property. When they reach this stage of the project, they would like to come back and speak to the Mayor and Council in regards to possible projects for the property.

The home that is located beside of the property is also owned by Ewing Oil, and it will be demolished as well. The contract for the demolition has been awarded to a company, and demolition is set to begin in the middle of May.

The meeting was then called to order at 7:20pm by Mayor Spielman. The Minutes of the March meeting and the March treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

Keith Moore of Frederick Seibert & Associates presented the bid results for the East Chapline St project. There were five interested companies and three submitted a bid. David H. Martin was awarded the bid on the project. Several homeowners from the street were present to ask questions and voice concerns. The road would remain closed during the construction process, however; access to homeowners and emergency vehicles will be available. If there is a need to move water and sewer lines, resulting in a disruption of service, the residents would be notified prior to this occurring. The company also has insurance in the event of damage to vehicles and/or homes. Start date for the project is unclear at this point. The county will be doing test-pitting lines on the street first. Once word is given of a start date, the residents will be notified.

Garbage and refuse bids were also opened at the meeting, with three companies bidding on the contract. Apple Valley Waste was awarded the contract. There were concerns with trash not being collected, trash cans being thrown around and trash cans not being placed back on the curbs. There will be a trial period with Apple Valley Waste, so that these issues can be corrected. Steve Blickenstaff of

Apple Valley Waste will have continual communication with Kimberly to check on the status of the corrections. If they are unable to correct the issues within a six month period, the Town will have the option to re-bid the contract.

## **Committee Reports**

**Parks & Railroad Station:** Kimberly will work on the lease extension with the Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum at Antietam Station.

We will only have inmates once a month, due to staffing issues with the County. We were going to have the inmates mow the pond and the Mark A. Smith park area, but with only having them once a month, this is no longer an option. Mayor Spielman will speak with our current contractor to see if he is willing to add these two areas to his contract.

**Building:** The exterior trim is in need of painting. We attempted to have this completed last year, but could not find a contractor. Kimberly will work on this again.

**Streets:** We were attempting to place "Slow Children at Play" signs on W Chapline Street, however; these signs are no longer recognized by the State or the County and they are all being removed. We will look into other options.

**Planning & Zoning:** Comprehensive Plan is finished and has been approved by the Chair. This will have the maps attached and a few corrections made and it will be ready for the State.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** This meeting will be held Wednesday and Mr. Jamieson will get the notes to Kimberly for inclusion in the Crier.

**Public Safety:** The speed bump needs replaced at the pond, due to it being removed during snow removal. Kimberly will send a letter to the contractor in regards to replacing this soon.

## **Old Business:**

**New lights at Town Hall:** Mr. Spielman received an estimate of around \$7,000 to remove the current lights and replace the fixtures and bulbs with LED lights. Eventually this will be the only option, but if we go forth with the project now, we can take advantage of the rebate that is currently being offered. This was approved.

**Legion Building:** David Cotton with the Maryland Department of Planning is working on writing up a plan and grant options on the building. Once we receive these, we can go forth on a concrete plan for the building.

## **New Business**

**Bulk Trash pick-up:** We will attempt to schedule this with Apple Valley Waste for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Brush pick-up:** Will try to set this up for the first week of May, hopefully May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fishing Rodeo:** The annual Fishing Rodeo will be held at the town pond on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for children 15 years and younger.

The meeting entered executive session at 9:05pm to discuss personnel matters. It was returned to regular session at 9:25pm and was adjourned.

## Town News

### **Brush Pick-Up Scheduled for Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Brush will be picked up in the alleys on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. All brush should be placed at the end of your property along the alleys prior to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brush must be visible from the alley, as the crew will not go on your property to collect it. Brush should not be behind fences or vehicles.

Brush, as defined by the company performing the collection, is defined as “woody material 4 inches in diameter or smaller.” Leaves, yard waste, garden waste and anything with a root ball will not be collected.

If you could place the brush all facing the same direction that will make the collection process easier for the crew.

### **Bulk Trash Pick-Up Scheduled for Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bulk trash will be collected on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Bulk items should be placed out on the curb beside your residential trash items.

Items that will **NOT** be collected are:

Electronics	Construction/Remodeling Materials
Paint	Yard Waste
Automotive parts	Tires
Liquids	Hazardous Materials

### **Fishing Rodeo**



The annual Town of Sharpsburg Fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 7am-10am at the Town Pond, located on South Church Street.

This event is open to children ages 15 and under. Admission is free and the event is held rain or shine. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish, smallest fish and the most fish in each age category (1-6, 7-11, and 12-15)

## 149<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Commemoration Activities



Memorial Day Commemoration activities will take place on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The wreath laying ceremony will take place in the square at 11am. Come out and honor those that have served, and continue to serve in our military!

The parade will begin at 1:30pm at Sharpsburg Elementary School, will travel down Main Street and conclude at the Antietam National Cemetery.

**\*\* ROADS CLOSED\*\*** From 11:00am-11:45am, Main Street from the intersection of Rt 34 and Rt 65 to the intersection of Rt 34 and Hall Streets will be closed. During this time, Antietam and Chapline Streets will be open for travel. From 1:30pm-3:00pm, Rt 34 (Main Street) will be closed, so please plan your travel to and from Sharpsburg accordingly.

### Memorials and Individual Sponsorship of the Parade

Memorials and individual sponsorship of the parade is available for purchase now at Town Hall. Memorials include a line in the parade book dedicated to your loved one. Individual sponsorship of the parade, which includes your name in the parade book, is also available. Memorials and sponsorships are available for \$2 per line (up to three (3) lines.) Pre-orders of parade books are also available for \$2. See Kimberly in Town Hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-1:30pm to place your sponsorships and/or to order your parade books. Orders can also be emailed to the town at [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net), with payment being mailed to the town at Town of Sharpsburg PO Box 368, Sharpsburg MD 21782. Orders and payment must be received no later than Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Parade Participation



If you or your organization would like to participate in the parade, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428, or email [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net).

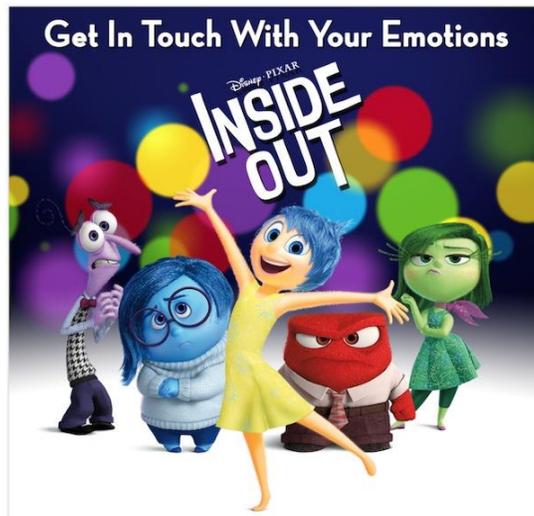
## *Community News and Events*

### **Sharpsburg Historical Society to offer scholarship**

The Sharpsburg Historical Society is pleased to announce that it will be offering the Sharpsburg Historical Society Scholarship of \$500.00 in honor of local historian, John W. Schildt. Applications will be available to Boonsboro High School graduating seniors planning to pursue careers in history, historic preservation, museum studies, or natural resource studies.

For further information, call 301-432-8410.

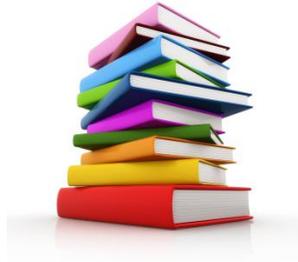
### **Sharpsburg Library and the Town of Sharpsburg to present *Inside Out* on the Big Screen!**



Disney\*Pixar's hit *Inside Out* (Rated PG) will be shown on the giant blow up screen at the Sharpsburg Little League field on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at dusk (approximately 8:30pm). Rain date for the event is Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at dusk.

This event is free. Bring a flashlight, blanket, chairs and your entire family for an evening of family fun under the stars!

## Events at the Sharpsburg Library



### **GSK Science in the Summer**

Science in the Summer, funded by GlaxoSmith Kline in partnership with AAAS, introduces children entering grades two through six to the wonders of science. Work with other girls and boys to build models of plant animal cells. Use magnifying glasses and microscopes and learn about bacteria. Brief, experiment-oriented courses will be taught by a certified teacher at the Sharpsburg Library. The program is free and all materials will be supplied.

Classes are small with 15 students each, so register early. Registration opens May 23. Register on line at [www.scienceinthsummer.com](http://www.scienceinthsummer.com), find the location your child wants to attend, click and the registration form will come up.

Level II: Children entering grades 4-6: June 21+22 from 2:00-3:30, June 23 from 2:00-3:00

Level I: Children entering grades 2-3: June 28+29 from 2:00-3:30, June 30 from 2:00-3:00

### **Minecraft Night**

May 4<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:00 for ages 8-10

7:00-8:00 for ages 11-18

Registration is required – space is limited

### **Lego Club**

May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>

Try the building challenge, or come up with your own design

### **Free Comic Book Day**

May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-1

Come discover the amazing world of comic books!

### **Summer Reading Kick-Off**

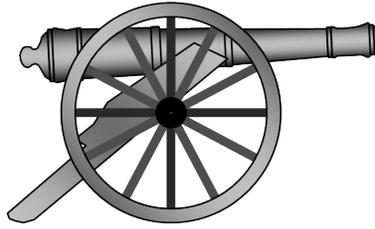
June 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Woolie Storytime Visit**

June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Join us for a special story time featuring the Hagerstown Sun's mascot, Woolie! Woolie will be available for photos before and after story time. A Hagerstown Suns player may also make a special appearance

## *Battlefield Advisory Committee*



With the return of good weather, the Historic Preservation Training Center resumed its efforts on the Burnside Bridge project. Work crews repaired flood damage to the cofferdam and they finished the in-stream phase of restoration. The second part of the project, restoring the bridge's walls and parapets, will start soon. Work is expected to continue into autumn.

Crews from the Historic Preservation Training Center also have been re-roofing the Dunker Church. National Park Service workers have timbered the sides of the Joshua Newcomer barn and have made good progress on its roofing.

Funding has been secured for some future projects. An NPS Centennial Challenge grant will fund the reconstruction of the National Cemetery's central walkway. Federal Highway monies will be used to improve the special-access road to the Burnside Bridge. The roadway across the bridge itself also will be repaved and the area around the William McKinley monument will be improved.

- Perry Jamieson

# Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

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

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

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

## Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
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Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
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