

# *Town of Sharpsburg*



## *Town Crier*

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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 Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Spielman. The minutes of the September meeting and the September treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

The second reading of the Comprehensive Plan was held. The Comprehensive Plan was updated to reflect that Sharpsburg is welcoming to businesses that fit within the Plan and the Ordinances of the town. Comments for the Plan will be kept open another month. If you would like to submit a comment, this can be done at the November meeting, or can be written and turned in to Kimberly a week prior to the November meeting. A final reading will be held in November, and the Plan will be voted on in December.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Wetterer stated that he has spoken to Bob Shelley at Ewing Oil and that there are 5 monitoring wells at the vacant property where the house and the BP Station were located. Per MDE, someone could develop that area now, but it would not be recommended, since the MDE could require additional testing and tearing up of the property.

### **Committee Reports**

**Parks & Railroad Station:** the new guardrail fence at the pond has been installed. Brandon put the Neighborhood Watch and the Park Closed at Dark signs back up. He stated that we may need to review the rules of the pond sign and update that, as it is in pretty bad shape. Brandon has been researching how to clear the pond of algae and he has discovered that 2 bales of barley straw in the pond may be the best option. Robert Waters suggested that he go to Zetts in Inwood and talk with them about the pond, he stated that they would test the water for us and figure out a plan to clean it.

It was suggested that we look into closing the Mark Smith Park. The park is not used and there is not much to do there.

**Building:** Brandon was able to get a painter to give him an estimate on painting the building. We will try to get another estimate or two and decide at the November meeting on a painter to use.

**Streets:** Jeter Paving will be in town the end of next week or the beginning of the following week to repair the potholes and repair the intersection of South Church and East Antietam Street. The parking spaces on Main Street were brought up. It was questioned why they were put in. Mayor Spielman stated that they were placed because SHA would not put a solid line up the Commercial District to indicate where to park, but they would put in the space markers, so that is what they did. It was hopeful that this would provide more parking in downtown.

**Planning and Zoning:** Comprehensive Plan was already discussed.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** Mr. Jamieson was not at the meeting. If there is anything to report, Kimberly will put it in the Crier.

**Public Safety:** Nothing to report

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

#### **Old Business:**

\* Bulk trash pickup will be held October 19<sup>th</sup>. The exceptions will be placed around town, on the website, on Facebook and in the Crier.

\* The Town Election will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-7pm in the council chambers. If anyone wishes to run for the position of Mayor or for one of the two council seats, they can sign up to run until October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. The stipulations for running are in the Charter and are available at the Town office.

\* Police protection: Boonsboro is down a police officer and when they get back up to full staff, we will speak with them and Mayor Long. It was questioned if the Park Service could help with patrol or situations that arise in town. Mayor Spielman stated that he would speak with the Park Service in regards to this.

#### **New Business:**

\* Ed reported that there are several Christmas events throughout the town. The library will have holiday music and refreshments on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the town Christmas get together will be December 9<sup>th</sup>, Tolson's Chapel will have a candlelight service December 10<sup>th</sup> and Santa comes to the library on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

## Town News

### Bulk Trash Pickup



Bulk trash pickup will be held on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Bulk items should be placed out on the curb beside your regular trash items after 4pm on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bulk Items Do Not Include:**

- \* televisions or electronics
- \* paint, unless it is completely dried out
- \* construction/remodeling materials
- \* hazardous materials such as poisons, gasoline, oil, ammunition
- \* automotive parts
- \* tires
- \* yard waste

Bulk items will only be removed if they are on the curb beside the regular household trash. Apple Valley cannot remove items from trailers or trucks for collection.

### Trick-or-Treat



Trick-or-Treat will be held Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-8pm. If you are interested in handing out treats to the children, please turn your porch light on.

Parents are encouraged to accompany your child and to cross in the crosswalks. The Sharpsburg Pharmacy will be handing out glow necklaces by the town clock in the square. Each trick-or-treater is encouraged to go there first and get a necklace prior to trick-or-treating.

Many thanks to the Sharpsburg Pharmacy for donating these necklaces and passing them out to help protect our children!

## **REGISTER TO RUN FOR TOWN OFFICE**

If you wish to run for one of the two open council seats, or the Mayor's position, applications are due to the Town Clerk by 2pm on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to run for office you must: have lived in the Town limits of Sharpsburg for at least one (1) year prior to the election, be at least 25 years of age, be a citizen of the United States and be a qualified voter of the town.

Applications are available at Town Hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2:00pm.

## **Town Election**



The Town Election will be held Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-7pm in the council chambers of Town Hall. If you are registered to vote in the General Election and you live in town limits, you are eligible to vote in the Municipal Election. Absentee Ballots will be available to qualified persons after October 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact the Town Clerk for more information or to obtain an absentee ballot.

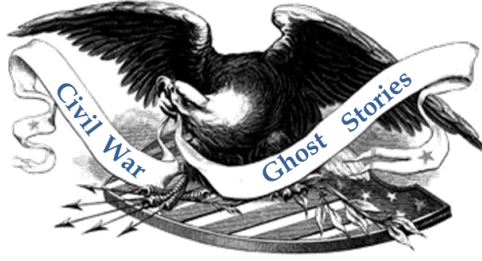
## **Community News and Events**

### **Antietam Unit 236 Earns Awards**

President Cindy Shriner, presented Antietam Unit 236 with Certificate of Merit awards Sunday, September 25, at the Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary meeting. The unit received first place for Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Gold Star, All Around Activities, Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation and third place for Junior Activities. In addition, at the annual American Legion Auxiliary convention in Ocean City, the unit received first place for Americanism, Education, National Security, Public Relations Best All Around Work, Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation most outstanding family contact, Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation most outstanding Rehabilitation Work, second place for Children and Youth, Gold Star, Service to Veterans, Public Relations most complete publicity report and third place for Service to Veterans Home Service and Chaplain. The unit also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs in recognition of continued dedicated service and generous support of the hospitalized veterans at Martinsburg Veterans Medical Center during 2015.

These awards were humbly accepted by Unit President Ava Gift, stating that it is the community support thru donations and annual fundraisers that provides the funds to carry out the many worthwhile programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

- Ava Gift



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**GHOST STORIES AT THE INN**  
Wednesday evening October 12 at 7:30 pm

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**CIVIL WAR GHOST STORIES**

HOSTED BY THE  
**JACOB ROHRBACH INN**

Come hear tour guides Mark and Julia Brugh craft a vivid portrait of Sharpsburg in the Civil War and bring to light stories of the ghosts for whom the conflict never ended. Join us at 7:30 pm around a campfire in the side yard of the Jacob Rohrbach Inn to hear the intriguing stories of Charley King & Jacob Rohrbach. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit around the campfire. Parking is available on Main and Hall Streets.

For updates check out our Facebook page at  
[www.facebook.com/Antietam's-Jacob-Rohrbach-Inn](http://www.facebook.com/Antietam's-Jacob-Rohrbach-Inn),  
or our website at [www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com](http://www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com).  
For further information call (301) 432-5079.

~~ BONUS ~~

This evening program is entirely free and open to the public!

**HEADQUARTERS, SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND**

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**JACOB ROHRBACH INN**  
138 West Main Street

## **Merchants Association Meeting**

The next meeting of the Sharpsburg Merchant's Association will be held on Monday November 7th at 12noon at the Town Hall. If you own a business in the 21782 zip code, you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

# Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

## Mayor and Council

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| Hal Spielman – Mayor                                   | 301-432-6854  |
| Russ Weaver – Vice Mayor                               | 301-432-5907  |
| Ed Beeler – Councilperson                              | 301-800-6877  |
| Darryl Benner – Councilperson                          | 301-991- 2230 |
| Brandon Smith – Councilperson                          | 301-491-4866  |
| Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/<br>Tax Collector | 301-432-4428  |

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