



The SHARPSBURG TOWN CRIER

VOLUME 22

OCTOBER 2012

NUMBER 9

COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:04pm by Mayor Spielman. The minutes of the September meeting and the treasurer's report were both approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernadette Wagner, Co-Founder of the Volunteer Washington County organization gave a power point presentation about the organization, which is "committed to mobilizing volunteers to help those in need and to strengthen our community as a whole."

Vernell Doyle was present to ask permission to remove the quilt from the back wall and do the necessary work to restore the quilt, with the help of Jean Harne. The council gave their consent. She also reported that the historical society is working on a theater production and a reunion of the Chapline family for the 250th anniversary of the town next year. They will be having an organizational meeting in November to work on activities and ideas for the 250th celebration.

** If you are interested in having the crier emailed to you, please send an email to the town clerk at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad— Brandon has replaced the missing lock at the ball field. Kimberly will contact Jeter Paving to take a look at the area by the water tower that continues to flood.

Building— Need to contact a person/company to check the basement for mold and mildew. Brandon knows of a person that does this and he will get the info to Kimberly so that arrangements can be made to check this out.

Streets— Need to straighten some stop signs around town on the back streets. The mayor will take care of this.

Planning and Zoning— The "Septic Bill" needs approval from the council. The council was questioning if the remaining undeveloped lots within the town will still be able to receive county water and sewer if they will be developed at some time. Kimberly will check with Jill Baker, County Planner, and let the council know next month.

Battlefield Advisory Committee— Mr. Jamieson was unable to attend the council meeting, but will get the notes to Kimberly to place in the crier.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Activities— The community tree lighting and events will be held on Saturday, December 8th, with a bad weather date

being Saturday, December 15th.

The committee is planning a large community tree, with smaller trees around the square for the elementary school students to decorate. The event is still in the planning stages, but will include music, singing, cookies and hot chocolate and much more. Christmas ornaments with the town seal will be ordered to sell, with the profit going towards next year's program.

Trash and Snow Plowing Bids— Kimberly will get these bid packets together and will advertise these contracts. The due date will be October 31st, so that they can be decided at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Trick-or-Treat— This will be held on October 31st from 6-8pm. The Sharpsburg Pharmacy is donating glow necklaces for the trick-or-treaters. They will be in a central location to distribute these to every child.

Town Elections— The Mayor's seat and two council seats are up for re-election. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 20th from 9am-7pm in town hall. The last day for candidates to register to run is Monday, November 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be Monday, November 5th at 7pm.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRICK-OR-TREAT



Trick-or-Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm in the town. The Sharpsburg Pharmacy will be providing glow necklaces for all trick-or-treaters to wear while they are out for the evening. They will be in the square near Nutter's passing out these necklaces. PLEASE stop at the table prior to obtaining your treats to receive a necklace. While there are police officers here to alert drivers to slow down, they will not be stopping traffic; so please have your child wear their necklace for better visibility to passing motorists.

If you wish to pass out treats to the children, please turn your porch light on.

Veteran's Day Program



Antietam Unit 236, American Legion Auxiliary, will be holding a wreath laying ceremony and veterans program on Monday, November 12th at 11am in the square. All veterans are encouraged to attend. The townspeople are invited to this special event to help honor those that have fought for our many freedoms.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting SAVE THE DATE!!



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 6pm, the town is having a Christmas tree lighting. The snow/rain date will be Saturday, December 15th at 6pm. The committee is working diligently on planning this fun activity for the townspeople and more details will be available in November, so stay tuned!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

American Legion and Sons of the American Legion Present Donation



Pictured above are from left to right: Dale Lewis; Unit 236 Treasurer, Ryan Hench; Principal, Miss Vickie; Secretary and Lawrence Hoffman; Unit Commander

Sharpsburg American Legion Post 236 and the Sons of the American Legion presented a donation of \$500.00 to the Sharpsburg Elementary School's "Kids in Need Program." The program provides clothing, meals, field trips and school supplies to needy students. The check was presented on Patriot's Day; September 11th. The post meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Sharpsburg Ambulance Building. All eligible veterans are welcome.

-Darlene Hoffman

*Local Girl Scout Troops recognize
International Day of Peace*

On Thursday, September 20th, two of Sharpsburg's Girl Scout troops gathered at town hall to learn how war affected children in our town 150 years ago and how we as current residents can work for peace everyday. We made 15 beautiful pinwheels and then gathered around the flag pole out front to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, we each planted our pinwheels in peaceful silence as we hoped for peace for children across the world. Many of our parents witnessed our little ceremony, which was really beautiful.

-Beth Downin and Suzi Taylor

*Tolson's Chapel Celebrates with a
Re-Dedication Ceremony*

On Saturday, September 22nd, Tolson's Chapel held a re-dedication ceremony, 150 years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The chapel was built in 1866 by local African Americans and was a Freedmen's Bureau school from 1868-1870.

The program was enjoyed by a full chapel and included remarks from Susan Trail, Superintendent of the Antietam National Battlefield; Senator Chris Shank and a keynote address from Robert Stanton, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior. The program also included several musical selections from the Asbury United Methodist Church Choir and a special song titled "Tolson's Chapel" by Jenny Avila and Stephen Wright. The program was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Friends of Tolson's Chapel on a wonderful ceremony and for all of the hard work that you have put into restoring the chapel.

CHURCH NEWS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

News from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!

Things are happening at Holy Trinity and we are feeling so blessed to be a part of a vibrant community.

Our most recent big event was Bible Olympics, planned and hosted by our youth. We shared amazing food and participated in competitive games. The crowd was divided into three multi-generational

teams and started with "Undercover Windows," a game in which the teams hunted fragments of stained glass in the windows of the sanctuary. We also played "Hymn Craze" and Bible Pictionary. I had no idea that Lutherans could be so competitive! From the babies to the grandparents, a good time was had by all. But that is typical these days at Holy Trinity. We are having a good time and we would like to invite you to join us! Here's what's happening...

Youth Quest: Meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. It is for middle- and high-school age youth who want to talk about God, the Bible, and their faith. We ask hard, honest questions and seek to use both scripture and intellect to address them. And we have fun doing it.

Kids Fun Night: The Youth Questers are planning a Kid's Fun Night for all of the younger kids, which usually will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. So far, we have several movie nights and an overnight lock in planned. It is going to be a blast.

Quilting for a Cause: Every Tuesday morning around 9:30 women wanting to make a difference come together to make blankets to warm that world. Some of us sew and others cut and tie knots but we all enjoy the coffee and the company and we feel good knowing that someone somewhere will be warmer and more comfortable because of our work!

Tuesday's Table: On the first Tuesday of every month, Holy Trinity hosts a free community dinner. It is a great opportunity for the people of Sharpsburg to gather, eat together, and catch up on one another's lives. Our schedules are so hectic these days that it is good for the soul to gather with friends for a meal and conversation. All are welcome! Please join us Nov. 6 from 5:30 and 7:00.

Game Night: On the 4th Sunday of each month, the families of Holy Trinity come together to play good, old-fashioned board games. Of course, there is food, but mostly we enjoy being together.

Soup and Scripture: On each Wednesday night we meet at the church for dinner and a Bible Study. Usually, our dinners are light, like soup, salad, and bread, except on the nights Ike Mumma is cooking, and then we feast. Our Bible Studies are very conversational and allow for questions and discussion. Through October and into November we will be discussing the 10 Commandments, looking at what Jesus had to say about them, and struggling about what they mean in today's world. All are welcome. Please join us!

Sunday Morning: On Sunday morning we worship at 10:00, and have Sunday School at 11:00. We have classes for children, youth, adults, and visitors. New folk are always welcome.



- Rev Karen Erskine Valentine

Battlefield Advisory Committee



During the committee's meeting on October 3rd, Susan Trail reviewed the well-attended and very successful commemoration of the anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. Superintendent Trail estimated that between Friday September 14 and Monday September 17, more than 40,000 people visited the battlefield.

US Army Major General Mark Bowman of the Joint Staff spoke at the commemoration ceremony and closing program. Many historians gave presentations and Drew Gilpin Faust along with filmmaker Rick Burns, screened an excerpt from the documentary "Death in the Civil War."

During the closing ceremony's "Remembrance of the Fallen," volunteers read the names of about 3,300 soldiers known to have been killed during the Battle of Antietam.

-Perry Jamieson

Town Election

The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at town hall between the hours of 9am and 7pm. All townspeople are encouraged to vote. There are two council seats and the Mayor's seat up for re-election. In order to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age and have resided in the town limits for at least one year prior to the election date. You must also be a registered voter. If you are not a registered voter, but would like to vote in the town election, contact Anna Louise Jamison, Election Board Chair at 301-432-6572.

If you would like to file to run for one of these seats, contact Anna Louise Jamison or the clerk's office at 301-432-4428. In order to run for office you must be a citizen of the United States; a resident of the town of Sharpsburg for at least one year prior to the election; at least 25 years of age; and a qualified voter of the Town. The last day to file to run for office is November 5, 2012 at 7pm.

Invitation to Bid

The town is accepting bids for snow plowing, salt/ice melt application and snow removal for the 2012-2013 winter season. The area would be to provide services within the corporate limits of Sharpsburg, to all improved alleys and streets, excluding Route 34 and Route 65 for December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013.

The town is also accepting sanitation and recycling bids for the year 2013.

The complete listing of requirements is posted in front of town hall and bid packets are available from the clerk Monday-Thursday between the hours of 8:30am-2:00pm.

All SEALED bids are due to the clerk BY 2:00pm on Wednesday, October 31st. No late bids will be accepted.

For more information, contact the clerk at 301-432-4428.

Town Office Hours:	
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm	
(Additional hours by appointment)	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
COUNCIL	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
CHURCHES		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
Lutheran	Rev. Karen Valentine	304-676-9974
UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

The Sharpsburg Town Crier
P.O. Box 368
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

SHARPSBURG
Oldest Town in Washington
County
Founded July 9, 1763

