



Town of Sharpsburg Town Crier



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Due to re-finishing the floors in September, there was no town meeting. The next town meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7pm in the council chambers.

TRICK-OR-TREAT



Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6pm-8pm in the town limits. If you would like to participate by distributing treats to the children, please turn your porch light on. Children and parents are reminded to use the cross walks during trick or treat.

Community News and Events

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7pm to discuss the future of the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival. Without the support and volunteer efforts from **YOU**, it is possible that 2013 may have been the final festival.

Come on out on October 9th to lend your support, ideas and help with the 2014 festival. If you would like further information, or would like to help with the festival, but are unable to attend the meeting, call Ed Beeler at 301-800-6877.

Sharpsburg Historical Society

The Sharpsburg Historical Society and the Sharpsburg Public Library will present a program about schools in Sharpsburg. The program will be held on October 10, 2013 and will start at 7:00pm in Town Hall.

Featured will be the Historical Society's collection of report cards, class photos and scrapbooks of Mary Thomas, who attended Sharpsburg schools and then taught in Sharpsburg for more than 30 years. At previous exhibits of these materials, her former students and children of her former students have found pictures of family members who were in Thomas' second grade classes. The public and all former Sharpsburg students and teachers are invited to attend and share memories of readin' and writin'.

For more information, contact 301-992-9767 or 301-432-8825.

- Vernell Doyle

Lions Club to Collect Canned Goods for South County Food Pantry

The International President of the Lion's Club has chosen "Follow Your Dream" as this year's theme for the Lion's Clubs. The District Governor's dream is that the Lions of District 22W can relieve the hunger problem in the five counties of District 22 W in a big, big way.

He is asking each club to donate 12 food items (canned or packaged) per member to a food pantry or directly to a needy family throughout the Lions Year. This is only one (1) food item per month per member. He is hoping most clubs will greatly exceed this amount. If every club only does the minimum, we will provide close to 25,000 cans and packages for our District.

October 26, 2013 is Make-A-Difference day for Lions around the world. The Sharpsburg Lions Club has chosen to gather canned and packaged foods which will be given to the South County Food Pantry for our Make-A-Difference Day. Each of our members will be donating two (2) or more units per month.

We want to get the Sharpsburg Community and surrounding area involved in this endeavor. We rarely ask our community for help on a Lions project, but we feel it is necessary this time if we truly want to Make-A-Difference.

Donations can be dropped off at the office of David H. Peters and Associates, in the square of Sharpsburg, or at the Sharpsburg Town Hall to Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk. For people who would like their donations picked up, please call Roger and Aldeth Moore at 240-469-4674 or Rodger and Shelva Lohman at 301-432-6269. We will be doing door-to-door pick-ups on Saturday, October 26th beginning at 9am.

Our dream for our MADD Day is to collect 1,000 units for the food pantry. Will **YOU** help make our dream come true?

Remember – MADD is Make-A-Difference-Day!

Last year our District 22W won \$10,000.00 from the Paul Newman Foundation for the good job we did. We were able to give \$5,000.00 to our Low Vision Research Foundation at Johns Hopkins and \$5,000.00 to our Lions Saving Kids Sight Program. We are hoping to repeat!

- Aldeth Moore

Veteran's Day Ceremony



The annual Veteran's Day program will take place on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11am at the square in Sharpsburg. This is organized and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 236. Come participate in this yearly event to thank our Veteran's for the service that they have given our country.

Antietam Unit 236 Presents Blue Star Banner to Swiger Family



Younger Brother, Kevin proudly holds a picture of his big brother

Antietam Unit 236, Sharpsburg American Legion Auxiliary President Ava Gift, on behalf of unit members, presented a blue start banner at their August unit meeting to Michael and Teresa Swiger and son Kevin. The Swiger's older son, Christopher, is serving with the United States Army "Big Red One", stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, as an unmanned aircraft system repairer.

Christopher graduated from Boonsboro Senior High School in 2004. He comes from a military background – his father was a member of the Martinsburg Air National Guard, maternal grandfather Gene Milburn was a member of the Army National Guard and paternal grandfather Frank Shiflett an Air Force veteran who served in the Korean War.

Created in 1917, Blue Star Service Banners were a common site during WWI and WWII. Resurrected by the Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces.

- Ava Gift

Antietam Unit 236 Earns Awards



Past President Marilyn Hembrook presented Antietam Unit 236 with Certificate of Merit awards on September 22 at the Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary meeting.

The Unit received first place for Americanism, Blood Donor Program, Children & Youth, Community Service, Gold Star, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Poppy, Junior Activities and All Around Activities.

In addition, at the annual American Legion Auxiliary convention in Ocean City, Maryland, the unit received first place for Cancer Control – Most Outstanding Work, Children & Youth – Most Outstanding Work, Gold Star, Legislative – Best All Around Report, national Security and Best All Around Program.

The Unit received second place for Americanism – Most Outstanding Work, Education, Public Relations – Most Complete Publicity Report, Public Relations – Best All Around Work, and Past President's Parley – Best All Around Activities.

The unit received third place for Community Service – Most Outstanding Work, Poppy and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.

The junior members received first place for National Security and Poppy, second place for Americanism, Chaplain, Best All Around Activities, Unit with Best All Around Junior Group, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. They received third place for Americanism, Chaplain and Community Service.

Auxiliary Unit President Ava Gift accepted the awards on behalf of the unit. She said the awards would not be possible without the community's support of its annual bake and flower sales. All funds raised are put back into the many American Legion Auxiliary programs.

- Ava Gift

BATTLEFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- To operate within its limited funding, in late August, Antietam Battlefield permanently reassigned five staff members to other parks. By the end of 2013, the battlefield will have taken a 20 percent staff loss: the permanent staff will have declined from forty positions to thirty-two positions, within a six month period
- About forty people attended the public open house on the White-Tailed Deer management Plan and Environmental Impact study, held in the Antietam Visitor Center on August 27. There were thirty attendees at a similar open house at Manassas and fifteen at Monocacy. The management plan presents four options and the Antietam Battlefield staff favors one that could use both lethal and nonlethal methods to reduce the deer population. The public can comment on this plan by writing to the superintendent or by going online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/battlefielddeerplan>
- The meeting for public comment on the Shepherdstown Battlefield Special Resource Study, scheduled for September 14, has been postponed, tentatively to October 19. If this date remains firm, details about the location and time will be publicized as soon as possible.

- Perry Jaimeson

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment

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Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council should be contacted through the Town Office, unless it is an emergency situation.

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