



Sharpsburg Heritage Festival

September 15-16, 2012

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Maryland Campaign, which included the Battle of Antietam. In commemoration of the anniversary, the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will be a two day event celebrating the past, present and future of the Town of Sharpsburg. Join us on September 15th and 16th for music, crafts, local history and much, much more.

On Saturday, September 15th, the event will kick off with an opening ceremony at 10am featuring the Rhodersville Band and children from Sharpsburg Elementary. Music will continue throughout the weekend including a street dance

on the square Saturday from 7pm until 9pm.

Vendors will be open Saturday from 10-6 and Sunday from 11-5. They will offer an extensive array of merchandise including handmade crafts, jewelry, and other items.

Living history presentations will be provided both days as will speakers on a range of topics both historical and cultural.

Food will be available at local establishments, as well as from vendors, serving a variety of items from hamburgers to crab cakes.

On Sunday, there will be a community church service from 9-10am, on

the square including Civil War era hymns and a brief lecture describing church services of the time. There will also be a moment of silence for those who lost their lives during the battle.

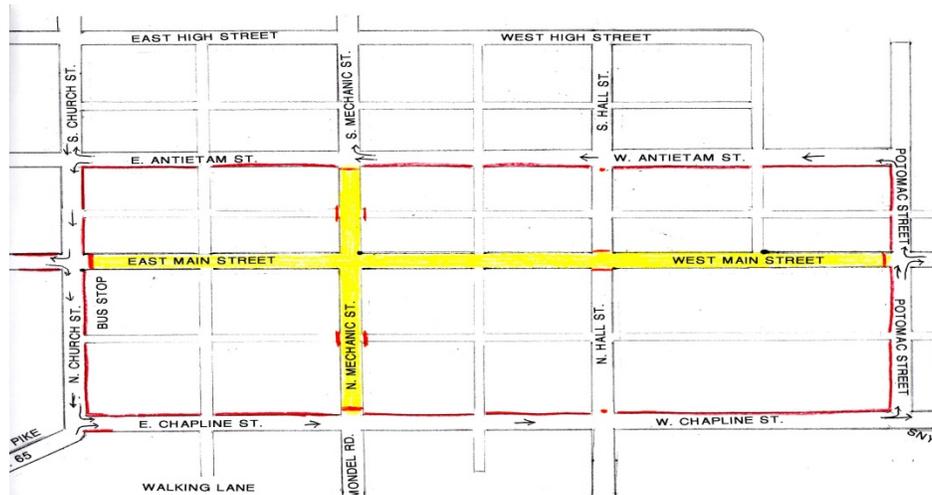
Sunday will end with the Antietam Remembrance Walk, a commemorative walk from Sharpsburg to Shepherdstown, honoring those who fought in the Battle of Antietam and those who opened their homes to care for the wounded.

We hope you can join us in our celebration of our town, people and history. To see a program of events and list of vendors, please visit our website, listed below.

The Sharpsburg Heritage Festival is held during the third weekend of September. If you would like to help with the festival, please visit our website or send tax deductible donations to Sharpsburg Heritage Festival, PO Box 33, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.

www.sharpsburgheritagefestival.com

Road Closure and Transportation Information



The annual Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will take place once again this year throughout the streets of town. **The festival area will include the 100 block of East Main Street and both the 100 and 200 block of West Main Street. The 100 block of North and South Mechanic Street will also be utilized for the event.** With this year marking the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, the festival is scheduled as a two day event from Saturday, September 15th from 10am-9pm and Sunday, September 16th from 9am – 5pm. The roads (shown above in grey) will be closed through the weekend from Saturday at 6am until Sunday at 7pm. **The festival area (highlighted in grey above) will be posted for no parking during the two days of the event.**

We anticipate a larger crowd of patrons and traffic at the festival this year due to several other scheduled events for the area. The Maryland 150th Campaign will be conducting educational seminars and several staged battles throughout the weekend. The Antietam National Battlefield will be hosting lectures, tours and demonstrations. Sunday evening, the Antietam Remembrance Walk will be held from Sharpsburg traveling into Shepherdstown, WV.

There will be a detour around the festival area taking traffic in a one way direction around town. Arrows in the map above indicate the direction of the flow of traffic. Traffic entering Sharpsburg from southbound Rt. 65 will turn right onto Chapline Street and proceed west toward Potomac Street. Traffic will then turn left on Potomac Street, and proceed across MD Rt. 34 (Main Street) turning left onto West Antietam Street. Traffic will flow east on Antietam Street, then turn left onto South Church Street. At the intersection of MD Rt. 34, motorists will be able to turn right toward Boonsboro or head straight onto North Church Street to MD 65 to Hagerstown. At intersections with county roads, motorists will be able to head out of town on Mondell Road, Snyder's Landing Road, MD Rt. 34 (to Shepherdstown), Harpers Ferry Road and Burnside Bridge Road. See map above.

A free shuttle bus service will be available to take citizens to local activities including events at the Battlefield and the Maryland 150th Campaign. The boarding and drop off location in Sharpsburg will be on North Church Street across from the Trinity Lutheran Church.

In order to keep traffic flowing smoothly, **parking will be limited to one side of the street on Chapline, Potomac, Antietam and Church Streets.** Parking will be permitted on the side of the street to the right of the traffic flow. No Parking signs will be posted on the affected side of the streets prior to the festival. We are asking for your cooperation in helping us conduct a safe and prosperous festival for the citizens and visitors to our community.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Committee