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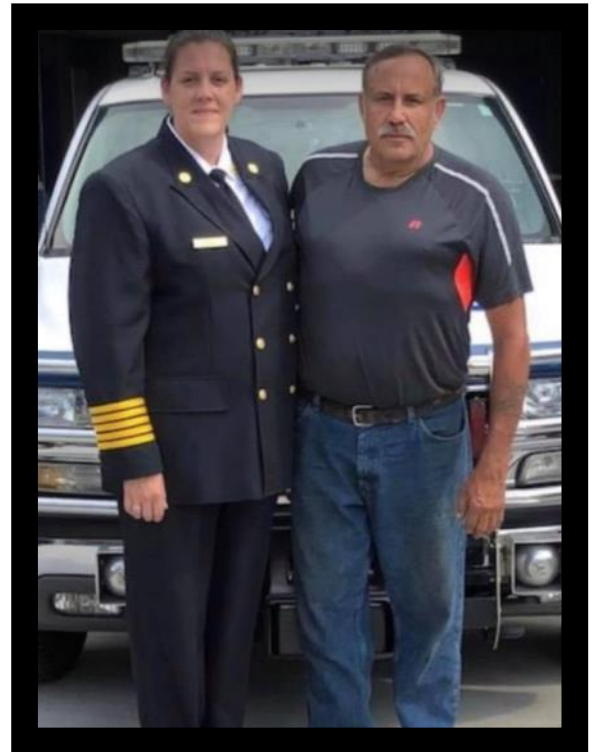
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### Meet Your Neighbors: Sharpsburg Area EMS and Priscilla Morgan, Chief of Operations

Life delivers surprises. The journey we're on and the destination we seek often take us to another place, one even better than expected. The Editor set out to produce an article about the Sharpsburg Area Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the first of several in a series. Instead, the Crier discovered a story of love and devotion to our hometown. Meet Ms. Priscilla Morgan, Chief of Operations.

The first thing she said was, "I grew up here." She meant a couple of things by that. She literally grew up in the Sharpsburg EMS facility and with its crew. Her father Mr. Larry Myers (see photo) was Chief in the '80s and '90s. She also grew up in the nearby family business, the Battleview Market, owned and operated by her mom, Ms. Peggy Burgan Showe. There may be no better vantage points from which to know this town and its people.

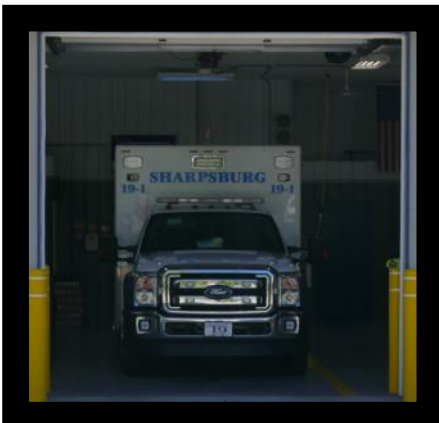
There's more. She met her future husband, Zachery Morgan, on a cardiac arrest run in which they were working together to preserve a life. That is romance born in the extreme! Zachery is now fire Chief in nearby Shepherdstown.



*Ms. Morgan and her father Larry  
Myers*

As Chief of Operations, Ms. Morgan is responsible for all aspects of the EMS operation. She manages six full-time employees and sixteen volunteers. She oversees maintenance of the facility and equipment. (The equipment component alone is a subject for several entire articles.) She oversees billing and recurring utility outlays, supplies, and everything required to make the facility comfortable for staff spending 24-hour shifts there. She manages all the details required to keep this non-profit organization going, including fund drives.

But here's where it really gets interesting. She is a volunteer! You read that right. She has a 48 hour per week job on the EMT



staff at the Clear Spring Ambulance Emergency Rescue Service. This is a person who loves her work.

## An Invitation to Help Improve Our Public Spaces



From the Vice Mayor:

The Town of Sharpsburg is pleased to invite you to a design and planning workshop for a new interpretive park to be located in Sharpsburg, at the intersection of East Main Street and South Church Street.

The proposed park will:

- Provide a recreational open space for the Town
- Serve as an anchor for the Town's existing walking tour
- Help to orient guests to the historical features of the Town
- Offer a unique historical perspective of the Town and its citizens
- Help to convey the broader history of Sharpsburg, beyond the Battle of Antietam

This workshop will offer participants a unique opportunity to help plan and design what will be a main focal point in one of America's most storied and historic small towns. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 on the second floor of Sharpsburg Town Hall, located at 106 East Main Street, from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Space for the workshop is limited, so please RSVP via email ([townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)) October 25th to reserve your spot!

Regards,

Jacob Martz, Vice Mayor



When the Crier asked what the folks in Sharpsburg can do to support the EMS, she didn't immediately go to the expected requests. Consistent with her love of this place, she focused a serious look and said, "Visible addresses!". You see, when she and her crew are doing their work, seconds matter. The crew, vehicles, information technology, and gear can bring them close to us, but precious moments are lost in those last 100 yards when the exact location is unlabeled. She wants us to be sure our houses, properties, and driveways are clearly marked by street number designations.

As a nonprofit effort, donations are always welcome. In addition, there are volunteer opportunities, most of which do not require EMT skills, like clerical staff, Treasurer, or Board of Director participation.

The Crier plans a series of articles on our EMS in future editions focusing on staff, facility, vehicles/gear, and technology. It was a privilege to meet Ms. Morgan and to be able to chronicle her remarkable devotion to this place. - Editor



# Sharpsburg Lions Club



## Country Ham Sandwich Sale Sandwiches are only \$3.00

Orders are being taken until October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Call Lion Delancy Catlett at 301-582-1728  
or email: [sharpsburglions@gmail.com](mailto:sharpsburglions@gmail.com)

Pick up on **October 14, between 6:00pm and 7:30 pm**  
at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street

Our goal is to sell 500 sandwiches.  
**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!**

Sale benefits Sharpsburg's VFD, EMS, and Tolson's Chapel

Mapleville road and Route 40. You can find out more info. on the Cornerstone Community Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityAtCornerstone/>

- Beth and Dwayne Harris, Come All Who Are Thirsty Veterans Group



### Civil War Sharpsburg - Sharpsburg Rifles

As the clouds of war began to gather in 1860 the citizens of Sharpsburg began to organize themselves into militia companies and in March of that year a company of 47 men was formed. As the deep south plunged into secession and the upper south wavered, the people of Sharpsburg, as in many towns across west-

### Fall Festival Invitation

Cornerstone Community Church located at 20519 Beaver Creek Road Hagerstown, MD is hosting its annual Fall Festival on Saturday October 2, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There are 12 stations (some crafts for make it / take it) for children of all ages to enjoy, and a hot dog meal, all free of course. Look for the huge American Flag,



hanging on the crane near the intersection of

The rumbling noise heard by many persons in this place on last Saturday morning, was doubtless occasioned by the firing of cannon in Sharpsburg, Washington county, during the raising of a Union pole.

*The Valley Register, dated February 15th, 1861*

ern Maryland, made it clear that their sympathy was with the Union. In February 1861 a 115 foot tall Liberty Pole was erected in town, to the wild enthusiasm of over 500 onlookers. Among the crowd was the rifle company, now known as the Sharpsburg Rifles and under the command of Captain R. E. Cook. Roger Ellsworth Cook was a native of Connecticut and had come to Sharpsburg in the 1830s to work

on the Canal. By the time he took command of the Sharpsburg Rifles he was in his early 50s and had been working as a teacher. In August Cook marched his rifle company numbering "100 able bodied young men" to Frederick, where they became Company A of the 1st Potomac Home Brigade Infantry. A month later the Sharpsburg Rifles were joined by another company of Sharpsburg men under the command of 38 year old merchant William Cronise.



The First Regiment Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland Volunteers was organized at Frederick City from August 15, to December 13, 1861. They enlisted for a three-year term of service. Their regiment's commander was William P. Maulsby, Sr.

- Chris Vincent, President Sharpsburg Historical Society



## Community Calendar

### October 2021

October 2: **Birds over Antietam** (a sporting clay shoot)

The Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company

[www.sharpsburgvfc.org](http://www.sharpsburgvfc.org) or [sharpsburgvfc@gmail.com](mailto:sharpsburgvfc@gmail.com)

October 2 from 12Noon to 4PM: **Tolson's Chapel and School Tours**

111 E. High Street

[tolsons.chapel@gmail.com](mailto:tolsons.chapel@gmail.com)

October 4 at 6PM: **Mayor and Council Meeting**

Sharpsburg Town Hall

[townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)

October 6 at 1PM: **Book Share**

What's your favorite scary story?

(Masks must be worn during the program.)

Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

October 7 at 2PM: **Tree Planting at Sharpsburg Park**

Shawn Walker, Arborist

<http://trees101.net/>

(304) 876-3104

October 10 at 11AM: **BINGO**  
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company  
At American Legion, Boonsboro, MD  
301-733-6873, 301-991-2230, 301-988-5322

October 13 at 5pm: **Movie Night, "Cruella"** (Rated PG-13)  
(Masks must be worn during the movie.)  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

October 14 at 3:30: A Special **Storytime** at the Sharpsburg Park  
Local Author Dale Fitzgerald will read from her book, **The Bunny Berry Tales**  
301-432-8825

October 16 from 7:30AM to 11AM: **Freedom's Run**  
Please be aware that athletes will be running on our roads during these hours.  
[www.freedomsrun.org](http://www.freedomsrun.org)

October 28 at 3:30: **Halloween Costume Party!**  
Sharpsburg Park  
Craft and stories! Ghost Decorating Contest  
301-432-8825

## November 2021

November 6: **FarmFest - Farm Festival and Poultry Swap**  
Green Hill Farms  
<https://www.ghfarm.org/>

## Recurring Events 2021

September 30-October 14: **Pillowcase Decoration**  
(Pick up a pillowcase at the library and return it decorated by October 14. There will be age categories and prizes awarded. Winners will be determined by popular vote and announced October 28.)  
Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

1st Wednesday of the month 10AM  
**Adults: Come share your most recent or favorite read!**  
Sharpsburg Library  
301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: **Storytime**  
Sharpsburg Library (Note: October 14 and 28 **Storytimes** will be in Sharpsburg Park) Masks are required for those 2 and up during Storytime in the library.  
301-432-8825

Fridays 3PM to 8PM and Saturdays/Sundays: 12Noon to 6PM **Antietam Creek Vineyards**  
4835 Branch Ave, Sharpsburg, MD 21782  
(240) 490-2851

Second Thursdays every month, **Lion's Club** 7PM  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

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## Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor  
Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor  
Mia Parsons – Council  
John Hammond – Council  
Ed Beeler-Council  
Robbie Waters – Council  
Joe Kudla – Council  
106 East Main Street  
PO Box 368  
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782  
Ms. Carrie Estell, Clerk  
Phone: 301-432-4428  
Fax: 301-432-8990  
[townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)  
Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung  
[Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com](mailto:Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com)

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**ATTACHMENT:**

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### Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg

#### Meeting Minutes-DRAFTED

September 13, 2021, 6 pm

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:04 pm and pledge was headed by Joe Kudla
- II. Meeting minutes from August 2021 to approve, this was postponed due to some difficulties with Tim and Carrie trying to make corrections. Will approve at next meeting once corrections can be completed.

In attendance: Russ Weaver, Jake Martz, Ed Beeler, Joe Kudla, Robbie Waters, John Hammond, Mia Parson (via Zoom), Tim Lung (via Zoom), Steve Quantock (via Zoom), Carrie Estell, Kathryn Gratton, Jen Bruni, and Perry Jamison.

\*Zoom connection was very spotty and distorted.

**Steve Quantock from Somerset Security to present (via ZOOM)**-Steve presented his proposal to mayor and council, this proposal is attached.

**Kathryn Gratton, Washington County's Circuit Rider**-Kathryn told the council and mayor that her skill includes, but not limited to: Human Resource, grant writing, communications, strategic planning, sustainable communities, has assisted with Department of Housing and Community Development, planning capital projects. She stated that the MOU is a draft in progress and was not able to say if an office space is a deal breaker, she did say when questioned that her company provided a lap top and since she is compromised will be working remotely. Mayor and council said they could provide a work space if and when she came in and was not able to approve a 30 day exit clause but she would contact Dawn Beitzel, her supervisor, if this was a possibility. She also said she would send her resume with a list of skills that would benefit her tasks with the town.

#### **Mayor's Report**

- Audit/Budget + August Actuals-July and August budget was shown and explained along with the summary from August, expenses vs. income.
- Little League-all bills from Potomac Edison and water and sewer have been successfully transferred. The Little League will host alongside the library and town a movie night for Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45. Someone from town will be present to say a few words.
- Seward Property-bought and the building will be ready for town use in the next couple weeks.
- Main Street Walls, Corderman meeting & Fred Frederickson survey-Corderman meeting didn't go as well as anticipated, the walls were described as not historic by a person on their team. The debate of the walls is ongoing, with requests for a recorded version of the ZOOM meeting. Fred Fredericks will be surveying the walls along with the Big Spring property to assist with responsibility.
- Big Spring Repair and layout schedule-John, Joe and Jake will meet Russ one night this week to meet with the owner, Mr. Hall to place flags and discuss the repair schedule.

- Atlantic Security paid for the Easter Elevator repair bill, they will also be providing a proposal on our update to security and cameras in the park.

### **Zoning with Tim (via ZOOM)**

- No official report, still working on the chicken/poultry ordinance. The resolution of adoption will be finalized soon.
- Two formal weed/grass violation letters that went out to residents were taken care of by the owners within the compliance period. No further action was necessary.
- BZA case for the short-term rental was postponed due to not having a voting quorum. There is a continuance scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>. New notices will be posted this week.
- Tim was tasked to generate rules and procedures for the BZA. Full board, voting and procedural guidelines will be addressed.
- A POD is be used for a storage container and blocking a town alley. As this is not a zoning issue, Russ and Carrie will write a letter to the resident.

### **Council comments**

- Ed Beeler-Historical Planning, town archives, communications, grants
  - Attendance: 175
  - Artifact Loans: 4, Three are long term loans, with one to be renew 1/2022, One on loan on till 2/2022, and then a new artifact will be switched for another. Possible donations and other loans are in the works.
  - Summer Intern has helped with special events and new exhibits.
  - This week and weekend, a couple exhibits be moved to make room for other artifacts. The Battlefield Anniversary Weekend, Adam will serve as a Docent.
  - Goal for 2022 the Museum will become a nonprofit.
  - YouTube Video has increased attendance, currently we are on four websites that advertise the museum.
  - Battlefield Guides suggest coming to the museum when they're done with their tours, this has increased visitors.
  - Shepherd University is advertising the Reopening on the History site that advertises area events in WV, VA, MD & PA.
  - October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-4 will be the Museum's Reopening.
- Jacob Martz-Vice Mayor, communications, Memorial Day Parade, grants
  - Emails for council members to reflect a Sharpsburg.com field, this will segregate from personal emails as it is required to keep official town emails for three years. This is a precaution if there is a request for any paperwork, (Freedom of Information), as a separate email for town business as to not require you to turn over personal emails.
  - Facebook is promoting the town's museum reopening
  - Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm Marc Smith Park will have a Luminary Event honoring Veterans.

- CAWAT's Dwayne Harris has offered to demolish and take care of the adjacent property if the town purchases the lots.
- Memorial Day Parade committee will be meeting In October.
- Veterans' Day, the use of the town's square will be the area to honor our veterans.
- Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for Project Open Space's User Experience interpretive planning. This will be an all-day event to allow council, citizens and any interested individuals to help with how the new park will utilized.
- Sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair; the upkeep has not been done and owners who are against the sidewalk area are responsible for the repair. Hoping money from grants or government Affordable Care will assist with this.
- Robbie Waters-parks, railroad station, town operations
  - Curb painting to continue
  - Robbie met with the Girl Scouts to determine the area for their planting butterfly bushes in the park. The bushes will take about 700 sq. feet and the benches will be proposed in the future.
  - Questions about the weeds in the mulch area of the playground. Russ suggested that John, Joe, and Jake take a look at Shepherdstown Lawn's contract to see which party is responsible for this task. Carrie will provide the contracts for review.
- John Hammond-Building and Infrastructure
  - Asked about cars that could possibly be parked overnight in town's parking lot. Discussion resulted in most cars were probably Bender's Taverns' customers, as no one has seen any cars early morning.
  - Two lights for the parking lot, could use another, we will wait for a month or two to see how the solar lights perform.
  - Alley trees, specifically some dead dogwoods, need to be removed and that alley need to be pruned.
- Mia Parsons-Planning-(Streetscape), grants-no report
  - Russ suggested Gary Hall as a member of the planning commission, this appointment will replace Chris Vincent as he resigned. John accepted and Robbie seconded the motion, Gary Hall is now a member of the planning commission. Russ also suggested an adjunct planner member as this would assist with what a resident is knowledgeable and willing to help with certain issues.
- Joe Kudla-streets, roads & culverts
  - Joe and Mick will ride around to reevaluate signage in town



- When there was a rain storm, Joe went to two areas that were concerns for residents and found no issues related to excess water.
- Bridge off Chapline, the guardrails are detached. It would be in the best interest to make a set standard of what the town and what the state is responsible for. Carrie will share contact Tony Crawford's email with Joe to foster a partnership, Mr. Crawford was in the meeting with Congressman Corderman's group.
- Caps on wall workmanship looks very good

### **Old Business/ACTIONS**

Light in the municipal parking lot-need to add two more lights-to wait a few months to assess the lights' performance.

High Street signs-Joe will ride with Mick to assess

### **New Business**

Sanctuary town for the National Anthem? Russ suggested that the town serve as a sanctuary town for the National Anthem. Jake accepted the motion, Joe seconded and all were in favor. Winston Estell will come to the next meeting and share a recording of the National Anthem. Town will have the National Anthem played at various events.