

# Sharpsburg News

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## Streetscapes Nearing Completion

### Watch for Grand Opening

After many months of dirt and digging, Old Town Sharpsburg Streetscapes is nearing completion.

Unfortunately, the trees and shrubs will not be planted until the ban on watering is lifted by the State and Turin.

A date has not been set for the Grand Opening but the Town is planning to have a celebration inviting the residents of Sharpsburg to attend. A fun event will be held in the Old Town area.

A new bookstore has opened downtown, **The Book Nook**. The Book Nook has new and used books for children and adults. A consignment shop, **Finders Keepers**, is moving into the brick building at the corner of Main and Terrentine. She will carry a great variety of things including furniture. Also, downtown is **The Pottery Barn**, specializing in children's parties, gift items, "make your own" items and classes for adults and children.

Further down on Main Street toward Highway 54, is **Richard's Studio of Photography**, quality photography par excellence!

On Terrentine you will find **Pemberton's Antiques**, and **Mitchell's Last Chance** featuring handmade quilts. We expect other stores to re-open within the next few months.

Rental information: Herb Bridges  
770-253-4446

### New Town Ordinance

The Town of Sharpsburg has recently adopted a Special Events Ordinance. The Ordinance specifies the procedure to sponsor events in the Town of Sharpsburg.

The main purpose of the Ordinance to be fully aware of activities taking place within the Town limits and to be of assistance, and make arrangements for special needs of the event, such as street closing, etc. and to protect the Town from liability in case of accidents happening at such events.



Sharpsburg has  
**TWO WEBSITES:**

[www.townofsharpsburg.com](http://www.townofsharpsburg.com)

[www.sharpsburgga.net](http://www.sharpsburgga.net)

The first is the Official Website.

The next is also about Sharpsburg but less formal and you can add announcements, display your arts and crafts, or items for sale.

Email me if you would like a copy of Minutes of Meetings, the Council Meeting Agenda, or other information.

[pollyg@mindspring.com](mailto:pollyg@mindspring.com)

### Town Council Work Session

The Sharpsburg Town Council held a Work Session on July 14 at the Town Hall. Present were Mayor Derrick McElwanney, Connie Turner, and Keith Rhodes. Donna Camp, Town Clerk, was also present. The Agenda:

- Sharpsburg Festival
- Sharpsburg Youth Football Association
- Building Renovations (remodel office)
- Streetscapes Update
- Highway 54 Property
- Mileage for Mayor and Town Council Persons
- Right-of-Way Cutting
- Other Topics

Securing email addresses of residents

Outreach to residents with signs, notices or perhaps mailings to residents re town meetings

Training and Education for Town Officials

Tree Maintenance of trees in downtown area.

### Sharpsburg Youth Football Association

The First Annual Parade and Spirit Day will be held in Sharpsburg on August 23, 2008. The parade begins 10:00 am starting at the Sharpsburg Baptist Church and will run through Old Town Sharpsburg.

Spirit Day begins at 12:00 noon and ending at 6:00 pm. Items will be for sale to raise money for the Association. Chick-fil-a catering trailer will be vending food and drinks. Various fun activities including "bounce houses, dunking booth, and other fun activities for children. All proceeds to benefit the Sharpsburg Youth Football Association.

Phone Numbers: Mayor McElwanney, 770-251-1182;  
Council Persons: Keith Rhodes, 770-251-3796 Connie  
Turner, 770-254-1386, Gordy Anderson, 678-794-7179,  
Polly Garlington, 770-251-6484.

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# Town of Sharpsburg Budget 2009

The 2008 Budget for the Town can be found at [www.sharpsburgga.net](http://www.sharpsburgga.net) along with a lot of other information.

The Town of Sharpsburg Budget 2009 will be finalized until December 2008 but it is not too early to begin thinking about what the Town will spend money for next year.

Sharpsburg has a new Mayor and Town Council and all want to be more in touch with the residents. Money, of course, limits us considerable but we would like to know what the residents would like to see happen in Town.

There is a budget process which involves the Mayor, Town Council, and the Town Clerk. Before that process is the time to consider changes, additions, and identifying new projects for the town...in other words, planning ahead instead of trying to change the Budget after it is more or less complete. Changes are much more difficult then and sometimes nearly impossible.

This is your money that the Officials are spending. Get involved to see that it is well spent.

## Our Old Oak Trees Need Help

There is Simple Way

Yes, simply

saving aluminum cans

for the Tree Board to collect and recycle to raise money for the Tree Board whose purpose is to protect existing old growth trees and plan replacement and additional trees in Town.

Having enough money for such projects is an ongoing problem. If the residents of Sharpsburg pitch in, I know there will be money for maintaining the old trees and other beautification projects. We also need a couple more volunteers for the Board.

Container will be available at the Town Hall to deposit empty cans

beginning August 7, 2008.

If anyone has a problem getting the cans to the Town Hall, I will pick them up. Call Polly @ 770-251-6484

Or email

[pollyg@mindspring.com](mailto:pollyg@mindspring.com)

## Would you Interested In...

The Town has several Committees in need of volunteers. See one that interests you?

Library Committee

Tree Board

Merchant-Citizen Committee

Would you like to see the Town interested in a project such as:

Conservation

Environmental

Historical

Neighborhood Group

Downtown Beautification

Or

Suggestions

## Voter Registration

If you have not registered to vote, you can do so at Sharpsburg Town Hall, order a Registration Form on the County website.

<http://www.coweta.ga.us>

The "old fashioned way... I will mail or deliver a Registration Form to your house.

## Use Your These Coupons

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## Old Town Sharpsburg



Use the coupons below and leave with the Merchant when you visit the shops. All coupons will be collected from participating merchants for a drawing that will be held at the Grand Opening Celebration in Old Town Sharpsburg in the late Summer. By that time the streets, sidewalks, and other improvements will be finished. Watch the Website or Times-Herald for dates Watch for other specials from time to time.

Phone or email me for phone numbers and email addresses for Town & County Officials. OR Website: [www.pollyg.sharpsburgga.net](http://www.pollyg.sharpsburgga.net)

### Finders Keepers

Consignment Shop

Main Street

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**10% Discount Storewide**

### The Book Nook

Main Street

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Free Children's Books**

### Register for Drawing

No Purchase Necessary

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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