

# Sharpsburg News

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## Main & Terrentine Streets are OPEN

### One-day fest in 'New Old Town Sharpsburg'

"New Old Town Sharpsburg" will be holding a one-day arts and crafts fair on **September 27th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Local businesses have organized the event for the newly revamped business district. Streetscapes has recently replaced sidewalks to improve the downtown infrastructure.

Vendors will be selling and displaying miscellaneous items. Also on display will be new shops that have opened in the Sharpsburg business district.

Dealers and vendors who might be interested in setting up at this one-day event may contact **Karen Waite, 678-463-2775** (Fm Times-Herald)

### Sharpsburg Merchants Association Reorganize

The Sharpsburg Merchants Association held a re-organizing meeting on Friday, September 5, at **Richard's Studio of Photography**. President Richards titled the meeting, "Where do we go from here."

The enthusiastic group was brimming with ideas to attract customers and visitors to the Old Town area which is evidenced by the immediate planning of the arts and crafts fair to be held on September 27.

The new SMA is planning to have special events throughout the year for the entertainment of adults and children...real family events.

Owners of the **Book Nook, Finders Keepers, The Pottery Patio**, and a new shop-owner whose shop is not yet named were present. Also, two Council Members attended.

### Stallions Stampede Sharpsburg

The First Annual Parade and Spirit Day for the Sharpsburg Youth Football Association was held in Sharpsburg on August 23, 2008. The parade began 10:00 am., followed by Spirit Day lasting until 3:00 p.m.

A catering trailer provided food and drinks for the large crowd. Various fun activities including "bounce houses, dunking booth, and other fun activities for children. All proceeds to benefit the Sharpsburg Youth Football Association. What a grand celebration for the Youth Football League and the Town of Sharpsburg.

Commissioner Paul Poole, Councilpersons Gordy Anderson & Polly Garlington were present and Mayor McElwanney was the Grand Marshall for the Stallions parade. Go to the website for pictures.

### Town Council Meeting

September 8th was cancelled

therefore no Agenda or Minutes will be online.

### The Final Stage of Streetscapes Begins

Yes, the streets are finally open but the news gets better. The Town has just been notified that the ban on planting has been lifted so now the trees and shrubs will be added very soon. Also, the streetlights are to be installed early in September.

The County Arborist, Roy Matthews, has assisted the Town with recommendations as to the maintenance of the old trees that have surely been stressed because of the digging very close and deep around their root systems. The trees will require special care for a long time. Mr. Matthews presented the Sharpsburg Tree Board with a list of suggestions to care for the trees which will help them recover from the damage done by the downtown construction.

**Town of Sharpsburg  
Work Session—Rec Center  
September 22, 2008—12:00 Noon**



Sharpsburg has  
**TWO WEBSITES:**  
[www.townofsharpsburg.com](http://www.townofsharpsburg.com)  
[www.sharpsburgga.net](http://www.sharpsburgga.net)

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



By Polly Garlington

## Let's Get This Straight

For the past few weeks the Town of Sharpsburg has been bombarded in the Times-Herald in *Sound Off* and a recent article, with "complaints" from identified and unidentified sources

I am once again asking that if you have an issue or problem that falls under the jurisdiction of the Town of Sharpsburg, PLEASE contact the Mayor, a Councilperson or the Town Clerk.

We cannot solve all problems; we cannot make everybody happy; we cannot do everything for everybody and we certainly cannot make choices the residents would like if we, the council, never hear from anyone BEFORE decisions are made. *For those of you with "issues"*, residents or not, **YOU have some responsibility, too.** *Stay informed!* There are plenty of ways to do that...especially true for those of you with "issues". There are no secrets, by Georgia State Law, in the conducting of and the administration of Town business.

For Town matters to be "transparent" we have done the following:

- Open Meetings with comments from those attending encouraged.
- Email notices to those who have furnished their email addresses.
  - Bulletin Board with announcements at Town Hall
    - Notices to the Times-Herald
    - Non-official Town Website
    - Official Town Website
      - Newsletter

**THERE IS NO REAL EXCUSE FOR ANYONE NOT TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN TOWN.** I emphasize: Nothing will make our Town run more smoothly, with contented residents, merchants, and property owners, than an *informed and participating constituency.*

**Come talk to us....preferably before there is a problem.**

There are continuing rumors that the Town of Sharpsburg has had something to do with there being no Fall Old Town Sharpsburg Festival. **That is totally untrue!**

The Streetscapes were finished in plenty of time for the Festival. The organizers choose to blame the Special Events Ordinance for somehow causing the demise of the festival. **That is totally untrue!** A newly organized group, with no difficulty sailed through the process last week.

**There will be no Fall Festival because the organizers, Sharpsburg Merchants Association and Mr. Herb Bridges, simply did not get the event planned.**

There was much on-going dissention among the merchants long before Streetscapes and the Ordinance. There were in fact, as of September, 1, only two members of the SMA. The Town established a new committee hoping to facilitate re-organization of the SMA when it quickly became apparent there was still "too much old baggage" for this to happen. Even Houdini couldn't do the Festival without merchant cooperation.

**We love the Festival and will be here to support the event and the merchants if and when the organizing group ever gets their act together.**



### Coupons for Drawing



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 early Fall. By that time the streets, sidewalks, and other improvements will be finished. Watch the Website or Times-Herald for dates There will be **two drawings**: One, the winner must be present to win. The other, winner will not have to be present to win.



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

#### Our Old Oak

#### Trees Need Help

#### KEEP SAVING CANS

#### fundraiser

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

#### Voter Registration

**If you have not registered to vote, you can do so at Sharpsburg Town Hall**

**Register for Drawing**  
**No Purchase Necessary** p

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