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Mayor McElwanney Resigns

*Town Council
Public Hearing
Meeting
July 6 @ 7:00*

The Second Reading and the vote to accept or reject the Alcohol Ordinance will take place at the July meeting. The first public hearing was at the June meeting which was open for public input. The ordinance was brought before the Town Council because Sharpsburg Take-Out had requested a permit to sell beer and the Town did not have an ordinance to cover alcohol sales.

Items on the June Agenda are still ongoing. The grass cutting is an unresolved issue. The restroom issued from the May meeting is still unresolved. Both, according to the Town Clerk, await some sort of decision from the town attorney, David Winkle.

George Johnson, a local attorney with a practice in Atlanta offered at the June meeting to set-up a municipal court in Sharpsburg, pro-bono. After some discussion, there is some disagreement as to whether or not Sharpsburg needs a Municipal court. According to the Mayor, Sharpsburg is still in the Mayberry stage with no need of a court at this time.



Editorial
Polly Garlington



Well, another month and the Town still looks a mess because of tall grass on the right-of-ways along Highway 54, Highway 154, and town entrances at Highway 16.

That is not the only problem. The much touted Streetscapes area in the downtown area is not being tended, the plants and trees need watering, and weeds abound. The money is in the 2009 adopted budget and the Council agreed that the right-of-way cutting and maintaining the Streetscapes area needed to be done.

I have my own ideas of what is causing the delay. In any case, the image the Town sets for those passing through can only be negative and certainly does not encourage any passerby's to want to stop and shop.

So much could be done if only there was the will to do so. Look around at other small towns you will see what I mean.

**Fall Elections
Town of Sharpsburg**

At the risk of repeating myself, I once again announce elections this Fall. Unfortunately, one of the prospective candidates has moved outside of the town limits so will not be eligible to run for office.

There are still two prospects to run for the two office of Town Council Member and each has suggested they will made a decision in the next few weeks whether they will run or not. Qualifying for the offices will be in August.

Qualifying fee is \$25.00 and qualifying dates will be the end of August. Qualifying dates will be announced in the Times-Herald, on the website www.sharpsburgga.net and in this newsletter.

Wellsburg Stations is a large part of our population so it would be really good for the subdivision to have a representation on the Town Council.

Just in.. Mayor McElwanney resigned at the July Town Council Meeting last night to be effective as of the first Town Council Meeting in January 2010

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

At : pollyg@mindspring.com

Featured Shops

July

Pemberton's Antiques

Terrentine Street

Gorgeous display of antiques and collectables

Displayed in one of Sharpsburg's original old homes, antiques are perfectly situated here to appreciate their beauty, style and craftsmanship.

Beside the large collection of furniture, you will find art objects, light fixtures, and linens. And items too numerous to mention. In every nook and cranny you will find items to delight you. Plan to stay a while, otherwise you will not get to appreciate the very large selection.

Nancy will make you feel welcome and you may even enjoy sitting a while on the front porch.

Mitchell's Last Chance Antiques

& Handmade Quilts

Terrentine Street

Large Selection of beautiful quilts in a variety of colors and patterns

Quilts are handmade by Mrs. Mitchell with a selection to please anyone. Many of the quilts are displayed outside so that the full patterns can be seen and appreciated.

Frequently Mrs. Mitchell has smoked pork and pork sandwiches and other "delights" which are cooked on site. I promise the food is delicious!

Inside of the shop are displayed many collectables and antiques. Come visit and eat...you will enjoy it.

Mitchell's Last Chance

will be sponsoring a Health Fair on

July 18, & 19, 2009

The public is invited.

YOUR TOWN

What do you think?

If I keep on asking and inquiring, finally someone will show an interest in a project to benefit the Town, your neighborhood, or both.

In some small towns people get together to recycle, plant trees, conservation projects, environmental projects.



What about water conservation? Do you have a rain barrel...would you like to make one?

Would you be interested in a children's library?



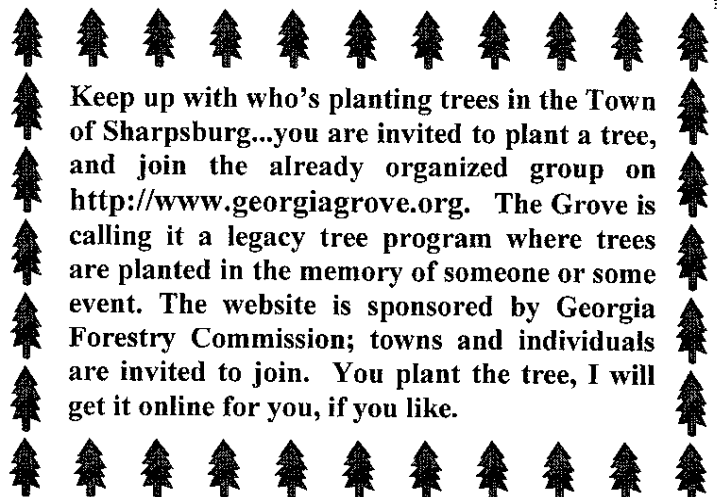
Would you like a community picnic?

Would you like debris pick-up?



I know people are working, have family responsibilities and all manner is distractions. Everybody is busy!

But don't you think participating on some community activities would be fun and a learning experience if you have children.



Keep up with who's planting trees in the Town of Sharpsburg...you are invited to plant a tree, and join the already organized group on <http://www.georgiagrove.org>. The Grove is calling it a legacy tree program where trees are planted in the memory of someone or some event. The website is sponsored by Georgia Forestry Commission; towns and individuals are invited to join. You plant the tree, I will get it online for you, if you like.

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