



Borough of Sharpsburg

Summer 2009 Newsletter

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Sharpsburg 13th Annual Guyasuta Days Festival August 3 - 8, 2009



One of the most exciting weeks of the year is quickly approaching! The **Guyasuta Days Festival** will be taking place from Monday, August 3 through Saturday, August 8, 2009. The festival will be held at Kennedy Park along North Canal Street. As part of Sharpsburg's tradition to celebrate and honor the extraordinary life of Chief Guyasuta, dozens of games, entertainment and community activities will be held. The festival begins Monday at 7pm with the crowning of the Great Chief and Princess, Mark and Melissa Chirico. Also, the community service award will be awarded to the Sharpsburg Fire and Police. The country band George Lucas will be the entertainment for the evening from 8-10pm. Tuesday is filled with the Pet Dress-up Contest at

6:30pm followed by entertainment from the Steel City Quartet until 10pm. Wednesday is Free Corn on the Cob day starting at 7pm and Dr. Zoot will be performing. The disco band Dancing Queen will perform Thursday and Friday's entertainment will be Shot 'O Soul blues band. The end of the festival on Saturday starts with Kids Fun Day from 11am-1pm. Activities will be crafts, bingo, games, Tootsie the Clown and a Moonwalk. The band Hot Pursuit will provide entertainment starting at 7pm. At the end of the week, a fantastic fireworks show by Zambelli Internationale will begin at 10:00pm on Saturday. Make plans to come share your community pride and spirit by attending this energetic summer festival! All inquiries regarding the festival should be made to 412-781-8338.

Sharpsburg Welcomed the FLW Outdoors Fishing Tournament Thursday, July 30 - Sunday, August 2

The Borough of Sharpsburg welcomed the \$2 million Forrest Wood Cup that was held July 30th through August 2nd. This allowed Sharpsburg to be part of the world's greatest fishing event and outdoor show! The FLW Outdoors Tour utilized the 13th Street Boat Ramp in Sharpsburg for this event. The David L. Lawrence Convention Center hosted Family Fun Zone and Outdoor Show. This event had free admission and you were able to meet the anglers and sponsors! Takeoff was at 7 a.m. Thursday-Sunday at Steelers Quay (North Shore Riverfront Park). For more information about the tournament, please visit www.flwoutdoors.com.

Updated Sharpsburg Website!

The borough has updated their community website: www.sharpsburgborough.com. The website was launched in the summer of 2007 and has recently had some changes and updates. Some of the updates include the Sharpsburg Businesses list, current Sharpsburg Happenings section under News, Water Quality Report for 2008 and much more! Check out the website and see what is happening in the community!

The Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department Launches Website

Along with the updated Borough website, the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department- Station 265 has launched a website this year! For information on the station please visit their website at www.sharpsburgvfd.webs.com.



Free Water Meters to Eligible Residents

The Borough has received a grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to acquire updated water meters and distribute them free to income eligible residents of Sharpsburg. Residents must meet the Allegheny County Guidelines for the year 2008 based on a 50% Median Income Area. This document, as well as more information can be obtained by visiting the Sharpsburg website or stopping by the Administration Office.

Sharpsburg Neighborhood Crime Watch

Where: Sharpsburg Borough Building in Council Chambers

When: The last Thursday of every month at 7:30pm

Contact: sharpsncw@yahoo.com

The Sharpsburg Neighborhood Crime Watch meetings scheduled for 2009 are August 27, September 24, October 29, November 19 and December 17.

Sharpsburg's Local Government Academy Summer Intern!

Maggie Toler is a recent grad student from Point Park University, with her degree in Human Resource Management. Maggie's internship with the Borough is made possible through the Local Government Academy's Municipal Internship Program. Her projects will be to update the Borough employee handbook, update the website and document other policies for the administrative department. Maggie will be with the Borough through the end of August.

Check it Out!

The Sharpsburg Community Library will be hosting a **Dedication Celebration on Friday, August 21st at 6pm.** The Committee is actively meeting to plan the details. The celebration will take place at the library (1212 Main Street) with hors d'oeuvres, finger foods and drinks. Speakers will be in attendance to discuss the progression of library. Plan to attend this celebration of a wonderful addition to the Sharpsburg community! Also, visit the library's website at www.lauriannwestlibrary.org for events.



Library Hours: Monday 10am-6pm, Tuesday 10am-2pm, Thursday 2pm-6pm & Saturday 10am-2pm.

Update! 13th Street Boat Ramp

Phase Two, Year Two is almost complete for the 13th Street Boat Ramp Project. The retaining wall has been extended along the riverbank. In addition, the parking area has been paved, a pavilion has been put in place and there is now handicap accessible fishing access. Students from the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center have performed most of the work on this project as part of their training for their heavy equipment operating class. Funding for this project has been made possible through various grants from the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The photos below have been all taken within the last 12 months and show the development at the boat ramp. Plan a visit to fish, boat or just relax!

Recent Photos:



Top, Left: Finished retaining wall from the river.

Top, Right: Finished retaining wall and paved parking lot.

Bottom, Left: Kayak access ramp and the Highland Park Bridge in the distance.

Bottom, Right: Pavilion at the end of the parking lot (still under construction).



Farmer's Market

The Sharpsburg Holidays Committee hosts a Farmer's Market every Saturday through October 27 from 8:00AM-2:00PM at Kennedy Field (N. Canal and 13th Streets). Stop by and buy fruits, veggies, baked goods and other foods. The market also features novelties and clothing! For more information, contact RoseAnn Praski, coordinator of the Farmer's Market at 412-782-0294.

Sharpsburg Borough Street Sweeping Dates through 2009:

August 3, 5, 17 & 19
September 2, 7, 16 & 21
October 5, 7, 19 & 21
November 2, 4, 16 & 18]

Street sweeping is done in the morning hours. Please call the department with any questions at 412-781-0546, Ext. 25.

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- Police Department (non-emergency):
(412) 486-3201
- Public Works: (412) 781-0539
- Code Enforcement Office: (724) 226-2188

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Did you know...?

The small community of Sharpsville located in Mercer County, Pennsylvania with a population of 4,500 residents has a very similar history to that of Sharpsburg. Located 70 miles to the north of Pittsburgh, this community was also founded by James Sharp. Sharpsburg was founded in 1826 and incorporated in 1842 by Mr. Sharp. About thirty years later, Mr. Sharp founded Sharpsville.



Sharpsburg Happenings

What's going on in YOUR community this summer?



Sharpsburg Holidays Committee Farmer's Market- Ongoing through October 27, every Saturday from 8:00AM - 2:00PM at Kennedy Park.*

Lauri Ann West Library- Open on 1212 Main Street, make a visit to see the new building!*

Guyasuta Days Festival- Monday, August 3 through Saturday, August 9. Fun events, great food and entertainment ongoing all week long!*

**See article for details!*

The Borough of Sharpsburg wants your feedback!

Have Borough news you would like to share? An event you would like your community to know about? Don't like something you see in this issue? If you are a resident or business owner and would like to request a story or an idea for the newsletter, please contact the Borough at (412) 781-0546. We would like to hear your thoughts on what can be done through the newsletter to improve communication among residents, businesses, and industries in Sharpsburg. Thank you!!