

Winter 2013

BURKITTSVILLE NEWS

DATES TO WATCH

Zumba Classes

Tues. & Thurs,
6:30-7:30 pm

Zumba Abs

7:30-8:00 pm

Both taught by

April Duratty

\$5 for either class, \$8 for both classes.

Parish Hall

Food & Clothing Drive

First Sat. of Every Month

Feb. 2nd, March 2nd

9 am – Noon.

Bring donations to St.
Paul's

Charity Begins at Home

Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 13th, 7 pm

Saint Paul's

Butchering

March 8th, Fri & March 9th

Saturday

Preorders Due Sunday

March 3rd Please Call

301-371-7795

Country Breakfast

Sat. March 9th

6:30 am to 10:30 am

Adults \$6, Kids 6-12 \$3

Children under 6 free

Maundy Thursday

March 28th, 7 pm

Good Friday Service

March 29th at the

Pleasantville Church of
the Brethren, 7 pm.

Easter Service

March 31st, 11am.

Spring items due March 10th
Please mail your contributions to:

burkittsvillenewsletter@gmail.com

Burkittsville Shows Support for Our National Guard and Reserve



Photo Left to right: Council members Catherine Cox, Shelby Beaver, ESGR Rep Ron Pitts, Mayor Debby Burgoyne and Council Member Larry Beller.- Photo David B. Dunn

Mayor Debby Burgoyne signed a Pledge of Support to our National Guard and Reserve Members at the January 14th Town Meeting, making Burkittsville the first town in western Maryland to have done so this year. The letter was accepted by Ronald L. Pitts, Area Chair of the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) who gave a brief and moving talk about the problems facing returning volunteers in the workplace.

Along with thanks from the committee for their support for our National Guard and Reserve, Mayor and Council received a "Boss Patriot Pin" as further recognition of commitment to our citizen soldiers. The statement of support program has been the cornerstone of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves effort to gain and maintain employer understanding, participation and validation.

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Town Elections To Be Held June 10th

Have you thought about getting more involved in local government? Now would be a great time to start! Term limits will be expiring for the position of Mayor and members of Town Council in a few months. Do you have a neighbor that you think would be perfect for one of these jobs? Take a moment and talk to him or her. Important projects are in the works; dedicated people are encouraged to come forward. All term limits are three years. If you have questions email mayor@burkittsville-md.gov or write to the Town Office. It's nomination time! Support your choices for Town government. Watch the Bugle Online, our new social media (see inside) or keep a look-out for fliers with updates. Town meeting dates for 2013 are listed in this newsletter, it's a great time to attend!

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The intent of the program is to increase employer support of the Guard and Reserve by developing employers that advocate for employee participation in the military.

When asked at the meeting by your somewhat confused editor, Mr. Pitts confirmed that the pledge is to recognize and obey existing employment laws. "Yes ... you're agreeing to obey the law," he said in a moment of levity brought on by the question. The issue, he explained, is one of awareness of the laws, hence, the Statement of Support initiative.

The Statement of Support confirms the Town of Burkittsville joins other employers in pledging that:

- We fully recognize, honor and enforce the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act (USERRA).
- Our managers and supervisors will have the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
- We appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to hire Guardsmen, Reservists and Veterans.
- We will continually recognize and support our country's service members and their families in peace, in crises and in war.

"Today, supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units. I am asking all Maryland employers to take a look at their current human resources policies to incorporate policies supportive of Guard and Reserve employees," said Ron Pitts. "Many Maryland employers provide 'Above and Beyond' support with pay differential to offset the loss of wages, and extension of health care benefits, which complement coverage provided by the military, when their employees are mobilized."

When asked about the criteria, Mr. Pitts said "By meeting the Statement of Support criteria, the Town of Burkittsville pledges to stand proudly with its Guard and Reserve employees, who continue to answer their nation's call to defend our way of life. Their personal sacrifices are essential to the strength of our nation".

Your business can obtain a Statement of Support for your office or business by calling the Maryland Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at 410-234-3809 or visiting www.mdesgr.org.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972 to develop and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws, and resolves conflict between service members and employers. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce. For more information about ESGR Outreach Programs, or ESGR volunteer opportunities, please call 800-336-4590 or visit www.ESGR.mil.

If you did not get a physical newsletter, you did not get a copy of how to use Alert Frederick County. This is a new emergency contact system. Go to www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT to sign up for email and text alerts of emergencies in your areas of interest.



BURKITTSVILLE TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

February 11th- Workshop
March 11th- Meeting
April 8th- Workshop
May 13th- Meeting
June 10th- Workshop
July 8th- Meeting

August 12th- Workshop
September 9th- Meeting
October 14th- Workshop
November 11th- Meeting
December 9th- Workshop

Meetings and Workshops are held at the Ruritan at 7:30 PM.

Is there something you would like to see included on a Meeting agenda? Please email mayor@burkittsville-md.gov. We will try to cover your issue if at all possible. Come participate in your government!

Burkittsville is Geocaching! So, What is That Again?

This is the second year Maryland Municipal League (MML) has run a Geocache Trail, and it is off to a great start. Burkittsville is joining in with a geocache site of our own again! People from all over use geocaching as a form of do-it-yourself tourism with the added twist of a treasure hunt.

The first 200 people who find and record at least 20 geocaches will receive a commemorative trackable geocoin. As of January 11, two groups, one from West Virginia and one from Ohio, have already met these requirements. Will you be next?

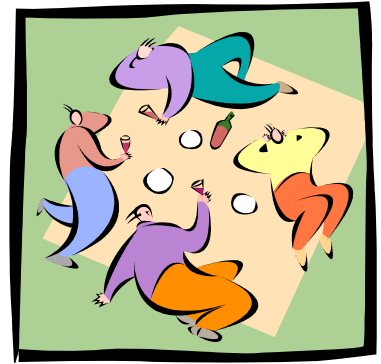
Sounds nice, but how does it actually work? Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then search to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. At its simplest level, geocaching requires these eight basic steps:

1. Register at www.geocaching.com for a free membership.
2. Visit the Hide & Seek a Cache page or from the front page;
3. Enter your postal code and click "search."
4. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name.
5. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device or smart phone.
6. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.
8. Share your geocaching stories and photos online.

Geocaches come in all shapes and sizes and there are many other levels to the game. For regional geocaching information and helpful hints, be sure to visit the Maryland Geocaching Society at www.mdgps.org. Join the fun and discover Maryland! (Thanks to www.mdmunicipal.org for much of this text!)

Town Picnic Planners Needed

Lots of ideas are floating around for the next Town Picnic. Come to the March 11th Town Meeting to help make them a reality. Are you the one who's going to bring on the fun?



2013 Frederick County Curbside Recycling Schedule

 The collection day for Burkittsville and surrounding areas is **RED TUESDAYS**.

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Thank You Section... and Much More!

The Mayor and Council would like to thank Jad Drake and Andrew Burgoyne-Hongell for agreeing to serve another term on Planning and Zoning. Your time and effort is appreciated.

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Welcome to our new Grant Writer, Aleetalynn Schenesky-Stronge. Many thanks for being willing to tackle this large task. Your energy and enthusiasm are a great addition to the town.

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Welcome, also, to our new Public Information Officer, Brian Cathcart! He will be managing Burkittsville's presence in social media networks. Check out how Brian is bringing us forward into the digital age at: <https://twitter.com/BurkittsvilleMD> and <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Burkittsville/249029468523473> You can now visit our Town on **FaceBook** and **Twitter**. Check in for updates! Don't forget to 'Like' us!

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Thank you and good wishes to our Saturday Postmistress Sally who is now working in the Frederick Post Office. Thank you for all your hard work. We wish you the best,

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The Mayor and Council would like to thank Volunteers of the Year 2012, Pat and Wayne Guyton for their tireless good works around town, for helping out where and when it is needed. Pat and Wayne were selected from several submissions for Volunteer of the Year in conjunction with Municipal Works Month in November 2012. Volunteers have been honored every November for three years now in Burkittsville. All volunteerism is appreciated and recognized as what it is: something without which our town could not operate.

Ring in the New Year



Left to Right: Don Hongell (top hat) and Steve Henderson (ringing)



Left to Right: Elisabeth Henderson, ?, Eileen Blumenthal (descending). The stairway up to the bell; jovial waiting.



Left to Right: Charles Murray and Mayor Deborah Burgoyne at the get-together hosted by the South Mountain Heritage Society before the bell ringing. Despite a bug going around the town, brave friends and neighbors showed up for refreshments and fine company. The good cheer got a head start at this gathering. See you next year!

Celebrating New Year's Residents and visitors showed up to greet the New Year in one of Burkittsville's treasured traditions; that of ringing the church bells at midnight. Everyone gets a chance, under the watchful eye of the more experienced at this skill. People from near and far lined the narrow steps in historic Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church waiting for a turn at the heavy cord. The clear sounds of the bell were accompanied by the squeals and pops of backyard fireworks and laughter. Welcome, 2013.

Getting Our Ducks In A Row

You may have noticed that this newsletter was remarkably late. It was decided that we should wait until some new business was actually finished and ready to print before we published again. Sorry for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused! Do you ever wonder why your birthday isn't in the newsletter, or why an event has not been listed? Our birthday list was painstakingly formed from public records and private emails, notes, word of mouth and little scraps of paper. Now, you can be listed by simply sending an email to burkittsvilenewsletter@gmail.com and telling us about your special date or event. If you have news, we need you! - editor

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WHO TO CALL WHEN:

you have recycling questions: 301-694-6498

you are in crisis: 301-662-2255

you see law-breaking: 301-694-2071

you have poison questions: 1-800-222-1222

you need info about abuse: 1-800-422-4453

you need Animal Control: 301-600-1546