

Fall 2013

BURKITTSVILLE NEWS

Dates To Watch:

GIGANTIC BOOK SALE

Every Saturday in October at SMHS from 8 AM- 4 PM
First Saturday the 5th there is an early bird offer: for \$10 you can get first shot at all the books, during a one hour period before General Admission.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT SAINT PAUL'S

Sat. Oct 5th, Nov 2nd, & Dec 7th, 7 AM- 11AM

\$7 Adults, \$4 Children 6-12, Under 6 eat free. This is a great time to bring in food and clothing donations, too!

BASKET BINGO

Fri., Oct 11, 5:30 PM

Bingo starts at 7 PM

Held at the Jefferson Community Center.

Prizes are filled Longaberger Baskets.

There will be raffles, special games and food for purchase. \$15 for 20 games. Benefits Saint Paul's.

SPOOK HILL CIDER AND WINE 4 K

Sat. Oct. 19th

Begins at the Ruritan, 8:30AM, registration online at RaceIt.com

NOMINATIONS FOR MML VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Due by Oct. 13th, 5 PM

Please send to:

Mayorburgoyne@gmail.com or mail to the Town Office.

Nominate the unsung heroes in town! This November is Municipal Works Month, and in cooperation with the MML, Burkittsville celebrates the people who give freely of their time to keep the town going.

TRICK OR TREAT!

Are you ready? Fall has crept up on us, disguised by unseasonably warm days, but before you know it, Burkittsville will be celebrating Hallowe'en! Due to our unique history, we tend to get a healthy crowd of trick-or-treaters. If you have little ones, please be extra careful of traffic, your Editor has seen too many close calls not to mention it. You know the drill when it comes



to candy safety and traveling in groups, so all there is left to say is if you are handing out treats, have your porch light on from

5-7 PM, Oct 31st. The **annual party** for children will be held at the Ruritan starting at **7 PM.**

Anyone who wants to help out should contact the Town Office!
301-834-6780 or
mayorburgoyne@gmail.com

Constitution Week & Bell Ringing

Burkittsville issued a Proclamation making Sept. 17-23rd Constitution Week, marking the 226th anniversary of drafting of the Constitution, as part of a larger celebration of Constitution Month in conjunction with the DAR. The Proclamation not only reminds us of the creation of this document, but urges Burkittsville citizens to reaffirm the ideals the creators of the Constitution had in 1787 and vigilantly protect the freedoms it guarantees us, remembering that lost rights may never be regained. As a further reminder, our town participated in Bells Across America at 4 PM on Tuesday, September 17th. Firehouses, Churches, Veterans' Homes and all other places with



bells were encouraged to join in and chime in unity across the entire country.

(Left: Proclamation Signing, Right: Robert 'Boo' Millard and Shelby Beaver ringing church bell.)



Dates To Watch:

GUIDED CEMETERY TOUR
 Sat. Oct. 26th, 4:30 PM
 Learn about the real History contained in Union Cemetery. Tour begins at SMHS. Tickets are \$5. Please contact the Tour Guide and Curator Jody Brumage 240-818-1610. Proceeds benefit the SMHS.

TRICK OR TREAT
 Thursday, Oct. 31 5-7 PM
 Leave your porch light on if you want to hand out goodies to our local ghouls and ghosts! Kids Party afterward 7PM at the Ruritan.

COUNTRY BREAKFAST
 Sat., Nov. 9th, 6-10 AM
 At the Ruritan
 \$6 Adult
 \$3 Children 6-12
 Under 6 eat free!

COUNTRY BUTCHERING
 All types of fresh pork
 Fri., Nov 8th, 8 AM – 6 PM
 Sat., Nov. 9th, 8 AM- Noon
IMPORTANT: Advance orders are due Sunday, November 3rd.
 Call 371-7795 to reserve your order.

ADOPT-A-ROAD
 Nov. 16-17
 or make arrangements!

NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL WORKS MONTH MEMORIAL PARK RENEWAL
 Sat., Nov 16th
 See article for details

FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE
 First Sat. of every month, 9AM-Noon. Bring non-perishable food and gently worn clothing to St. Paul's.

ZUMBA & ZUMBA ABS
 Tues. & Thurs., 6:30-7:30PM
 Abs: 7:30-8:00 PM
 \$5 for either class or \$8 for both, Parish Hall.

Mayor's Notes

Brad Dyjack, Zoning Administrator, has accepted a position in New Mexico. We are actively pursuing his replacement. Until then, contact the Town Office at 301-834-6780 for all Zoning Permits and issues.

The Mayor would like to thank Shelby Beaver and Michele Beller for the wonderful and well-attended Town Picnic. For those who missed it, there was great food, music and fun. Cannot wait until next year!

We say goodbye to old friends Robert (Boo) Millard and family who have moved to Funkstown. Robert has agreed to stay on as Town Bailiff until further notice, for which the Mayor is really grateful. I've come to depend on having Robert around to help everyday.
 – Deb Burgoyne

Cottingham Rides from NY to DC to Heighten Climate Awareness

Burkittsville resident Charlie Cottingham completed a five-day bike ride, with others, from NYC to DC. The event, in its 5th year, raises money to promote sustainability, renewable energy and bikes. Charlie, who had stopped cycling for a couple of decades, is also showing us a great example of determination, and a wonderful way of greeting year 60! This Climate Ride may not be his last- since he feels hooked on bike riding again. Not only did Charlie raise awareness, he raised \$2,401 for the cause as well!

Charlie Isemann Cooks for a Cure

Charlie Isemann, known for the great BBQ scents that regularly fill East Main Street, will be competing in The High Point BBQ Battle, Fri-Sat, Oct 11-12 at High Point Farm, Clarksburg. He'll be in the brisket, pulled pork and ribs categories. Find out more about this family fun event check out www.highpointbbqbattle.com Proceeds from this event will go toward fighting Muscular Dystrophy.

TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS:

October 14th- Workshop, November 11th- Meeting, December 9th-Workshop

Hoedown at the Stone House – John Turns 50 (and We Have A Blast)

John's 50th birthday in August was a great reason to throw a party! He said "I'd always pictured doing something really special for my 50th but wasn't sure what to do, then it all just kind of came together, with help from lots of family, friends and coworkers from all over: Austin, TX; Boulder, CO; Amherst, NH; Kitchener, Ontario; Pittsburgh, PA; Cape Cod, MA; Frederick, MD; Washington, DC; Arlington, VA; Alexandria, VA, Vienna, VA, McLean, VA; Brunswick, Middletown, and of course from Burkittsville!

Everyone helped in some way: My wife Kirsten and our good friends Oiy and Rudi helped buy and prep food, other friends brought more good food and drink, my old college and high school friends helped me get the house and yard ready (and go on beer runs!), Randy Huffer at the Ruritan loaned tables for the buffet, Lisa Orr helped refer me to the Gravy Soppers and it really made my day when they agreed to play my party! Dave and Pam Brunell brought their antique Toyota fire truck for kids (and grownup ;-) rides; my friend Rick Hancock from Arlington brought his 1969 Good Humor ice cream truck, my friend and coworker Dave Kron from Brunswick loaned me a sound system, I rented a porta potty for the party goers and the campers who hung out in my yard for a few days, next door neighbor Charlie Isemann used his incredible cooking skills to smoke a whole turkey, beef brisket, salmon and chicken, my college friend Jim helped build a special pulley swing on the oak tree to give the kids rides and a bird's eye view of the soybean field out back.

Attendees were young and old, from near and far. I was overjoyed to have everyone together in one place on that special day!" –Unabashedly stolen straight from an email written by our neighbor John, Photos by Erika Burgoyne Hongell



Dates to Watch:

COUNTRY KITCHEN AND CRAFT FAIR AT SAINT PAUL'S
 Saturday, November 23rd,
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Enjoy food and the company of friends and neighbors at this yearly event, and support local crafters. There are still a few spaces left for crafters, it is \$15 per space.
 301-834-9866

YULETIDE CRAFT FAIR AT SMHS
 Sat, Nov 23, 9:00AM - 5:00PM
 Sun, Nov 24, Noon - 4:30 PM
 Local vendors will be providing a unique assortment of crafts, so you can get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

TOWN TREE LIGHTING
 Sat., Dec. 7th, 7:30 PM

MUSEUMS BY CANDLIGHT
 Sat. Dec. 14,
 12 noon - 7 PM
 South Mountain Heritage Society
 Antique Organ Demos at 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 pm by Curator Jody Brumage.

LOVE LIGHTS
 If you would like to dedicate lights on the Town Tree to loved ones, watch for flyers during the month of November!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
 Tues., Dec. 24th, 9 PM
 All Welcome

NEW YEAR'S BELL RINGING
 Tues., Dec. 31, 11:30 PM
 South Mountain Heritage Society, East Main Street
 Join your neighbors for light refreshments and ringing in the New Year yet again!

DID YOUR EVENT BELONG HERE?

Send it to burkittvillenewsletter@gmail.com next time!

Town Picnic Photo Album- Hootenanny Extraordinaire!

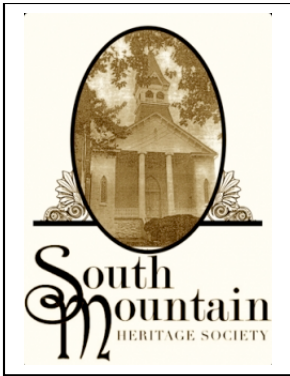
This was a fantastic event that reminded yet again why I love living in this town. The turnout was great for the picnic and pig-roast. When I had typed 'warm or cold dish welcome' in the last 'News' I could never have predicted the stunning variety of food that materialized. I had to remind myself that there was a main course! Shelby Beaver and Michele Beller outdid themselves in putting everything else together. The decorations were lovely (see front page haybale, squash and mum photo).

Although I will always be hopeless with names and faces, it was great to see so many folks from so many different groups in one place. It was also heartwarming to see so much well-fed goodwill- it was a genuine town feast, worthy of those things that we only read about. I was worried that no one would have energy left for square dancing, honestly, even the dogs were settling down into an after-dinner stupor. But the band coaxed almost everyone back up onto their feet. The Main Line Gravy Soppers are no strangers to Burkittsville, and our own Charlie Cottingham played fiddle with them, making them a real 'local' band. The caller managed to get people moving and smiling up a storm. There *is* a new ordinance under consideration, requiring crash helmets to be worn during all dances; one citizen is ahead of the curve as you can see in the photos below. -photos and writing by A. Elwell Cox



Burkittsville Recycling Days are Red Tuesdays

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Notes from the South Mountain Heritage Society

An exciting line of fall and winter events at South Mountain Heritage Society will kick off with the annual Gigantic Used Book Sale, taking place each Saturday in October from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. This year, we are adding a special hour-early preview on the first Saturday. If you would like first pick of our selection, a \$10.00 donation to the museum will give you access to the sale an hour before we open to the general public at 8:00 am. On Saturday, October 19, 2013, the Spook Hill Cider and Wine 4k Run will take place.

On Saturday evening, October 26, 2013, you can take a guided tour of Burkittsville's historic Union Cemetery, and learn about many of the historic figures who have shaped our community's long and unique history. Please contact Jody Brumage (240-818-1610) for tickets for this tour, which cost \$5.00 per person, proceeds to benefit South Mountain Heritage Society. The tour will leave SMHS at 4:30 pm.

In November, our annual Yuletide Craft Fair will take place Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24, 2013 in the SMHS headquarters. We extend our appreciation to Gail Rudisill for planning this event each year. Local vendors will be providing a unique assortment of goods, so you can get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

South Mountain Heritage Society will be open on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 12:00 - 7:00 pm for Museums by Candlelight. Come and tour the historic Resurrection Reformed Church, which will be decked out in traditional Christmas decorations. View the exhibits including some exciting new artifacts accessioned by the museum this year. This will also be your last chance to view the special exhibit "A Little Too German for an Episcopal Church: St. John's Chapel." In addition, we will offer a children's ornament craft, refreshments, and for the first time this year, demonstrations on the historic 1862 Pomplitz and Rodewald Pipe Organ. Demonstrations will be given by SMHS Historian and Curator, Jody Brumage, and will take place at 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 pm.

We will finish up another great year at SMHS with a traditional New Years Eve bell ringing at the museum. Join us at 11:30 pm for light refreshments, one last chance to view the decorated church, and at midnight, the pealing of the historic 1896 church bell at SMHS.

We would like to thank all of our patrons who make our events possible and help us to fulfill our mission to preserve and interpret the cultural resources of historic Burkittsville! - Jody Brumage, Curator

NOVEMBER is Municipal Works Month, and Burkittsville has a few things going on!

We are still thanking a Volunteer of The Year, in conjunction with the MML, and recognizing the good works people do in lieu of an actual Town Works Department.



There will be a **Memorial Park Renewal**- including putting down weed mat under the tire mulch, re-staining the benches, and other needed tasks, materials will be provided.

The Mayor will be available any Sunday afternoon in November; form teams and work together on a task on Park Renewal Day, November 16th or a time that works for your team. (Pick up supplies any time after Nov. 5th).

Call the Town Office if you have questions or wish to sign up for a particular task in Memorial Park- 301-834-6780 or email Mayorburgoyne@gmail.com to **RSVP, please**.

**Vickie Grams
and
Roger Wood
are going to be Married
Saturday, October 5th
at Noon
in Memorial Park!**



**Welcome to new people
at 309 East Main~
Heather Brown &
Matt Trail!**

**2013 Thanksgiving Day Parade
All American UCA Invitational
Nominee: Bailey French**

**Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser**



**Adults \$8 Kids \$5
Sat., Oct. 12, 4-6PM**

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall

Bailey is a member of the Saint Paul's Youth Group, has been a cheerleader for 8 1/2 years, is an All Honors Student and was nominated for this Honor at Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp. All proceeds from the dinner will go to cover the costs of being in the televised parade.

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GOT NEWS? The **deadline** for the
Winter Edition of the Newsletter
(Jan., Feb.& March events/topics) is
December 15th.

Send submissions to:
burkittsvillenewsletter@gmail.com

Yard Waste Day – Tuesdays: October 22nd, November 26th

Yard Waste pick up will be held on Tuesdays, same as years past. Yard items must be in biodegradable waste bags, branches, etc may be no wider than 3 inches in diameter and bundled and tied with twine; no types of tape are acceptable.



Robert Redelivers- a story of unwanted circulars

After receiving many complaints as unwanted circulars (from the Frederick News Post), our Mayor, her trusty Bailiff and yours truly tried a novel approach to stopping the delivery of the much-complained-about papers. Robert 'Boo' Millard helped gather up the soggy papers and armed our Mayor with physical proof that these deliveries were not appreciated in this town. Conventional methods had not worked, so this armful (left) and more were 're-delivered' to the Frederick News Post with a very clear message – cut it out! We think they got the hint – there were no unwelcome deliveries last week.