



BURKITTSVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY, FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

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NEW CIVICS ASSOCIATION

Women in Burkittsville! Celebrating Women’s History Month!

March was Women’s History Month and we in Burkittsville have some women worth celebrating! Our little village was once the site of The Burkittsville Female Seminary. The school officially opened on October 15, 1866 by Rev. William C. Wire of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Here female students were instructed in academics such as arithmetic, history, latin, chemistry, and intellectual philosophy.

Burkittsville’s appreciation for well-educated women does not stop there! Our residents have been subject to the leadership of several female mayors including Deborah Aughenbaugh who was the first women to serve as Burkittsville Mayor 1986-1994. Longtime resident Joyce Brown led us through the controversial

Blair Witch saga in the late 1990s as Mayor of Burkittsville. Mayor Deborah Burgoyne is currently serving in office.

We have been home to celebrated female artists such as Margaret Kennedy, Female Executives in business, Lawyers, and many town council seats have been held by capable women throughout our history!

Thank you to all of the women that have helped to shape Burkittsville into the wonderful community it is today!



What are your interests and goals for our town and community?

Join our Civics Association to get things done in town! Send us your ideas and we will help pair you up with other members of the community who share your interests. How can you help your community?

Let us know!



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Pictured Left: Council Members, Rachel Carballo, Rebecca Remaley, and Mayor Debby Burgoyne

Memorial Park

Memorial Park has been reopened! Since the construction has officially ended we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone involved in the renovations! Special thanks to Council Members Rachel Carballo and Rebecca Remaley for their work on planning the updates. Special thank you to the town Planning and Zoning Commission for hastening the grant process.

Other Thank You's go to Bo and Jillian Savage for allowing us to use their power washer on the basketball court.

Todd Remaley for mounting the new sign, planting flowers, fixing the fence, cleaning and striping the basketball court. He invested close to 20 hours of volunteer work to improve our park.

Rebecca Remaley for mounting the sign and planting flowers, as well as helping to prepare the four

square games on the court. She co-wrote the grant with Rachel Carballo and met with the playground company several times to plan the design.

Ambrosio Carballo Mendez for helping to clear the court in preparation for re-striping it.

Carrie Lhotsky of DNR for helping us with the grant and ultimately selecting our town to receive the grant.



Spring

Spring is here and butterfly season will soon be upon us! One way to help butterflies and other pollinators to succeed is to plant native plants that they prefer.

Last year, Burkittsville had a shortage of milkweed! Our monarchs ate through what was grown in town. We were able to have some of the butterflies transferred to other areas that could accommodate them. Our Green Team has provided us with

a few resources to learn more about what we can do to help.

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation (<https://xerces.org/>) is a good place to start to learn about ways you can help. For example, they share information about where to buy milkweed seeds for varieties native to Maryland.

Think about what you can do to this season!

TO OBTAIN MILKWEED:

Chesapeake Valley Seed Inc.
www.chesapeakevalleyseed.com

Species native to Maryland Include:

- Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*).



Nominating Convention

The Nominating convention will be held on the Monday, May, 6th with the Election following on Monday, June 1st. Your attendance in crucial for the Nominating Convention! This is your chance to participate in your local government. Are you considering running for town council? Do you have someone in mind to serve as mayor? You should attend both the nominating convention and the election even if you just want to know more about how your town government works!

If you have any ideas for your town then consider getting

involved! Our town needs input from all of our residents. By participating in the town government you will be able to add to Burkittsville's long history. You can make a difference by making your voice heard!

The Nominating Convention will be held the First Monday in May. May 6, 2019, starting at 7:00pm at the Burkittsville Ruritan. Elections will be held Monday, June 3, 2019 at St. Paul's Parish Hall in the center of town.

We look forward to seeing what you can do for your town!



Even the smallest actions make a difference.



SMHS Opening Day

By Jody Brumage

The South Mountain Heritage

Society will open its 2019 museum season with our first museum day on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Visit the historic Resurrection Reformed Church to view our exhibits on the history of Burkittsville from its settlement to the present day. The museum will be open from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will be open on the first Saturdays of the months April through September and beginning with our May opening, we will have a special exhibit on display in the church to mark the 190th anniversary of the building of the

Union Church in 1829/30. Stay tuned for more programs and information on the 190th anniversary as the year progresses.



Preservation Day

The Board of Directors of the Burkittsville Union Cemetery is pleased to announce our first annual Preservation Day on June 22nd

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a community work day to perform various preservation activities such as unearthing buried footstones, trimming trees, and beautification of the Manassas J. Grove burial site.

Lunch will be provided.

To help us plan, please add your name to the list of volunteers by going to this website:

<https://signup.zone/preservation-day>

INTRODUCING

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church is proud to welcome **Vicar Greg Hartman** who will be serving as interim pastor to the newly formed South Mountain Shared Ministry with Bethany Lutheran, Brunswick, and St. Paul's Lutheran, Burkittsville.

If you would like to get in touch with the church or the vicar, you can reach out by phone (301) 834-9866 or email at stpaulsburkittsville@gmail.com



NEW POST MISTRESS!

Burkittsville is pleased to welcome our new Post Mistress Sam Curry! Sam is a resident of Middletown Valley and she loves Burkittsville. She also enjoys photography, baking, and volunteering with an organization called Icing Smiles. With Icing Smiles she bakes for critically ill children. She is very excited to have been called to make and decorate a child's first birthday cake!



Easter Egg Hunt

The Burkittsville Ruritan Club, Burkittsville Ruritan Ladies Auxiliary and the Town of Burkittsville will hold the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Ruritan Community Center, 500 East Main Street, Burkittsville, on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 1:00pm. This event is for all children in the local community ages 1-12 and will be held rain or shine. Refreshments will be served in the Ruritan Community Hall for an hour prior to the start of the egg hunt (12:00 - 1:00 pm). For information call 301-371-7795.

Fishing Derby

The Burkittsville Ruritan Club is pleased to be hosting the 2019 Community Fishing Derby on Saturday June 22, 2019 from 10am-noon. The derby will be at the pond in the center of town. Children ages 15 and under are invited to participate in this summer tradition. There will be food available and prizes for contestants.



Makin' Hay 10K

SMHS Spring Run will be held on April 27, 2019

The Third Annual "Makin' Hay 10K" Run, the springtime companion to SMHS' "Spook Hill Cider and Wine" race will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Catocin Creek Nature Center Park on Sumantown Road. The course takes runners through some of the best preserved, scenic farmland in the lower Middletown Valley, crossing two historic truss bridges and passing through the hamlet of Broad Run. Advanced registration discounts apply through April 23, 2019 (you can also register on Race Day, space permitting). If you are interested in

volunteering to help with the run, contact the heritage society at southmountainhs@gmail.com. More information on the race can be found at www.makinhay10K.org.

Upcoming Events and Dates to Watch

- **Town Meetings are held every other month, on odd numbered months of the year.** The second Monday of each month, starting at 7:00pm, at 500 East Main St, Ruritan Club Building, *unless otherwise noted.*
- **The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the first Monday of each month.** Starting at 7:00pm at the SMHS, 3 East Main St.
- There will be a **Rabies Clinic** Scheduled this spring. It is still in the planning stages. Be on the lookout for more information.
- **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burkittsville** invites you to celebrate Holy Week with services. April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday Service – 11:15 am with distribution of Palms. April 21, 2019 – Easter Morning Service, 11:15am
- **Locust Valley First Church of God** invites the community to a series of special services during Holy Week and Easter. Passion/Palm Sunday (April 14) - 9:00 am. Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 19) - 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday (April 21) - Sunrise Service - 7:30 am, followed by light breakfast
- **The Father and Son Banquet will be held April 27, 2019 at the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.** Entertainment will be provided. Tickets will be on sale soon. For more information contact St. Paul's
- **Cash/Basket BINGO will be held May 17, 2019 at the Jefferson Community Center, 4603 Lander Road, Jefferson, MD. Doors open at 5:30 pm, games begin at 7:00pm.** There will be a special drawing for people who bring non-perishable items to be donated to the local food bank.
- **The Community Yard Sale will be held on June 8th, 2019.** We are still in the planning stages. St. Paul's will have food and a bake sale in the Parish Hall. They will also have space available to rent in the parking lot. For more information on renting space: (301) 834-8855 or email stpaulsburkittsville@gmail.com If you would like to participate in the community yardsale from your own yard please let the town know so we can advertise accordingly.
- **Gat Traps!** If you still have your Gat traps then now is the time to start getting them out. GAT owner's manual: <https://www.bioquip.com/search/DispProduct.asp?pid=2797>

Recycling Days

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Community Information

Town Phone: 301-834-6780

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718

Email: townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov

Post Office: 301-834-9592,

Window Open: Mon. - Fri. 12-4 pm, Sat. 9-12 pm

P.O. Box Access: Mon. - Sat. 9-8 pm

Town Website: www.burkittsville-md.gov

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Town Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/Burkittsville.Maryland

What is the Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange?

Find out:

www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange

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Or Town Office, PO Box 485, Attn: Newsletter

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Summer Edition on or before June 15th

Autumn Edition on or before September 15th

Winter Edition on or before December 15th

WHO TO CALL

NON-EMERGENCY SHERIFF LINE:

301-600-2071

Please use this number or 911 to report crime, including theft, vandalism, & trespassing. See something? Say something!

Animal Control: 301-600-1546

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

Abuse Information: 1-800-422-4453

National Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

(1-800-273-TALK)

Recycling questions: 301-600-2960

Trash Collection questions: 301-668-8282

To report a non-life-threatening natural event, take shelter then call: **301-600-1603** or **911**

For traffic alerts and delay info: **511**

Mayor

Debby Burgoyne

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Town Council

Rachel Carballo, John "Jad" Drake- Mayor Pro Tempore,
Rebecca Remaley

Clerk/Treasurer: Chuck Rounds TownOffice@burkittsville-md.gov

Board of Appeals: Joyce Brown, Paul Gilligan, Michele Jones

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Rick Poloway

Resident

