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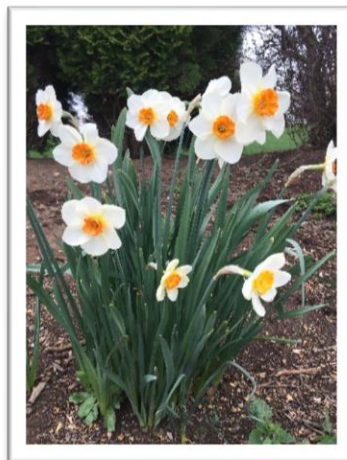
Social Distancing in Burkittsville

Spring in Burkittsville is usually a time for sprucing up around the house and yard after winter; but this year we have more time than ever to maintain our gardens. Since Gov. Hogan announced the closing of all nonessential business and issued the Stay-in-Place order residents have been stuck at home.

Due to Covid-19 we are practicing social distancing which is difficult in such a close-knit community. The town government has closed the play equipment to all use in an attempt to limit exposure. The Post Office is sending maintenance to see about putting back the letter box.

Our younger citizens are participating in distance learning and online schooling. We also have many community members who are sewing masks, baking for

their neighbors, helping in gardens, and going to the store for one another. The neighborhood dogs are getting more frequent and longer walks. Even during a global pandemic Burkittsville is persevering and living into the motto of neighbor helping neighbor!



Flower and Vegetable gardens are looking better than ever now that residents have so much more time to work on them.

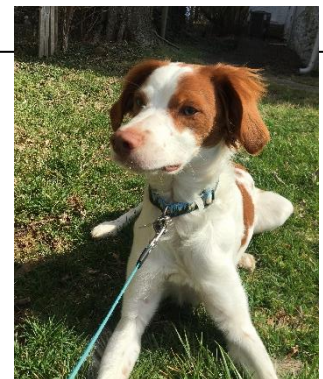
Burkittsville Newsletter

Spring 2020

DO YOU HAVE A PET?

We are doing a "Pets of Burkittsville" issue and would love your pet's information! We are asking for a photo, name of pet, something about them, and their address (in case they go "visiting" they can be returned home) Please send this information to:

burkittsbugle@gmail.com



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Post Office

Updates, Postmaster comments

Rebuilding is underway on the Burkittsville Post Office after the December 2019 fire. Owners and Contractors are working hard to restore our historic post office in keeping with town aesthetics. All the chestnut logs used in the original construction will be saved! All logs that are structurally sound will be retained in the building's reconstruction. Any logs that are unable to be saved in this manner will be repurposed and utilized inside the post office. We do not yet have a date for the

reopening but we are pleased with the amount of work getting done. Meanwhile our own Postmaster, Kennedy Boone, is still serving the community in a mobile postal office truck parked behind St. Paul's Church in town. Kennedy stated that he is happy with his

temporary workspace. Mr. Boone went on to say that he "would be nervous working in a brick and mortar building right now" with the Covid-19 virus going around. He says he is well distanced and isolated to protect from the virus. He did say none of the local postal workers were showing any symptoms of the virus and that the postal service is providing workers with anything they need to protect themselves and others from the virus.

Kennedy is happy to continue working in our community and making his customers laugh.

Burkittsville thanks you for your continued service to our community.



Have you done your 2020 Census?

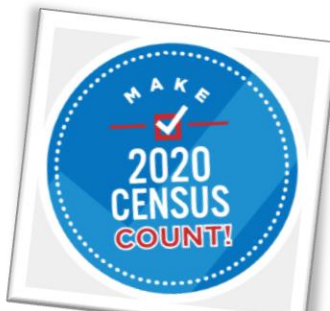
Burkittsville has always had 100% Participation, Let's Keep it that way!

It's more than just a population count! Burkittsville has always had 100% participation in the census. Participation is especially important this year due to the loss of 4 households affected by the December 2019 fire. Full participation in the census helps put your tax dollars to work in your community from infrastructure needs, support for and from local fire and police departments, to deciding congressional representation on both a state and federal level.

The census helps shape our community's future. Census data that will impact communities for the next 10 years. Be a part of history and be instrumental in helping shape the future of your community.

If you have any questions or concerns the website 2020census.gov has information and FAQ tabs. You can complete the census online, by phone, or via mail by responding to your invitation. For any questions contact Mayor and Council.

The great news is that the 2020 Census can be done online at 2020census.gov



Covid-19 Resource Links

Department of Health

For General Information: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

To report safety concerns about hospitals and other healthcare facilities, contact the Maryland Office of Health Care Quality: <https://health.maryland.gov/ohcq/Pages/home.aspx>

Department of Labor

For Unemployment Questions: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uicovidfaqs.shtml>

Covid-19 Layoff Aversion Fund – Workforce Development and Adult Learning: Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland Department of Labor have launched the new Covid-19 Layoff Aversion Fund, which is designed to support businesses undergoing economic stresses due to the pandemic by preventing or minimizing the duration of unemployment resulting from layoffs. The award (up to \$50,000 per applicant) will be a quick deployable benefit and customizable to the specific needs of your business to minimize the need for layoffs.

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/covidlafund.shtml>

Department of Commerce

For the most up-to-date information pertaining to the business community and Covid-19, visit <https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/coronavirus>

If you have specific questions pertaining to the business community and Covid-19, email Secretary.commerce@maryland.gov

Maryland Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund Programs for Businesses: Maryland had authorized \$130,000,000 in loan and grant funding for small businesses and manufacturers that have been negatively impacted by Covid-19. This emergency assistance provides interim relief and proceeds that can be used to pay cash operating expenses including payroll, suppliers, rent, fixed debt payments, and other mission critical operating costs. For more information, visit:

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-small-business-covid-19-emergency-relief-fund-programs>

Lastly, if you need help with navigating state resources or any other issue please contact us and we will assist you. We are all in this together!



Family Activity Page

ANiMAL PHRASE GAME

Match the phrase with the animal.

SEE YOU LATER,
hit the trail,
SEE YOU SOON,
out the door,
BYE BYE,
toodle-loo,
TAKE CARE,
after awhile,
BETTER SWISH,

BUTTERFLY
DINOSAUR
POLAR BEAR
CROCODILE
JELLYFISH
TINY SNAIL
ALLIGATOR
KANGAROO
BABOON

This or That?

How well do you know your friends?

Guess their answers!

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|------------------|---|--------------------|
| TULIPS | ✿ | DAISIES |
| HIKING | | KAYAKING |
| SUN DRESSES | | OVERALLS |
| LEMONADE | | SWEET TEA |
| PICNIC | ✿ | CAFE DATE |
| FLOWERS | | PLANTS |
| FARMER'S MARKETS | | VISIT A GREENHOUSE |
| RAINY NIGHT IN | ✿ | SUNNY DAY OUT |

Get Active during Covid-19

Going to the "Zoo"

- Place a teddy bear or other stuffed animal in your front window for children to see while out for a walk.
- How many bears can you see?

Community Art Project

- Please draw your house on a 6x6inch paper to be used in a community art exhibit.

Socially Distanced Line Dancing

- We are looking for an enterprising young person to teach the popular line/group dances (i.e. cha cha slide, cupid shuffle, the wobble) to residents in an outdoor setting spaced at least 6 feet apart. This is a paying Job!

For more community activities announcements check the City of Burkittsville Facebook Page.

- If you have ideas for activities please send them to burkittsbugle@gmail.com

SEEK & FIND

- find something fuzzy.
- find something soft.
- find something hard.
- find something green.
- find something brown.
- find something alive.
- find something rough.
- find something smooth.
- find something round.
- find something tall.
- find something little.

Updates and Announcements

- Burkittsville's next Town Meeting will be a 'Walking Meeting' weather permitting on the 2nd Monday in May. If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Mayor and Council please be on your front porch. More announcements regarding this meeting will be posted on the City of Burkittsville Facebook page.
- We have a new trash collector service in town! Our new trash service contractor is **J & J Inc. Trash Service**. We wish Key Sanitation well and thank them for their many years of wonderful service. We look forward to working with **J & J Inc.**
- **Yardwaste pick-up** has resumed for Spring and Summer. Yardwaste will be picked up on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** has moved all services to an online platform. They are utilizing Zoom, Facebook video, and Youtube to reach the community. They invite everyone to watch their Holy Week services online and to reach out during this difficult time. To learn more, Visit: <http://www.stpaulsburkittsville.org/>
- **South Mountain Heritage Society's annual Makin' Hay 10k** is now a virtual run. Entrants will have the leeway to run the 10k when and wherever they wish on the weekend of 4/18 & 4/19/2020 and post their results. To learn more, visit: <http://southmountainheritage.org/events>
- For more announcements and updates on all other regularly scheduled springtime events please check the **City of Burkittsville Facebook page**. At this time all other events are postponed indefinitely.
- *Remember if you need help with anything at all please contact your Mayor and Council!*

Recycling Days

APRIL						
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MAY						
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JUNE						
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Community Information

Town Phone: 301-606-6019

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

Webmaster: Carl Snook

Editor/PIO: Erika Burgoyne-Hongell

burkittsbugle@gmail.com

Town Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/Burkittsville.Maryland

What is the Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange?

Find out:

www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange

Burkittsville News Quarterly: Please send

contributions to burkittsbugle@gmail.com

Or Town Office, PO Box 485, Attn: Newsletter

Deadlines (allow 3 extra days for letters):

Spring Edition on or before March **15th**

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**

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Todd Remaley

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