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Burkittsville Newsletter

Summer 2021

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: NEWSLETTER

Burkittsville Should Be Proud!

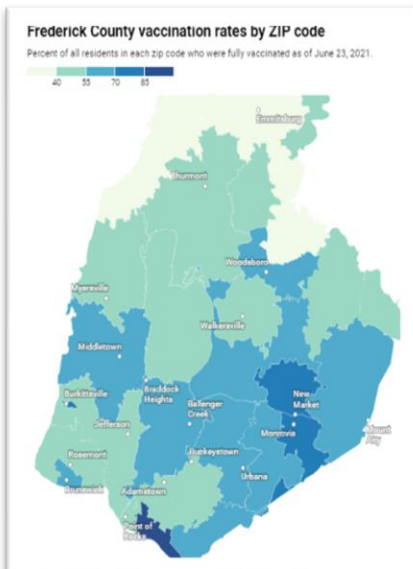
Burkittsville, you should be proud of yourselves. We have one of the highest covid-19 vaccine rates in the state. We currently have an 80% rate of fully vaccinated residents and 87.14% of residents who have received their first dose.

When asked by the Frederick News Post, Mayor Burgoyne only told the truth that we are a very caring community. “As Mayor I was proud to represent Burkittsville in all you did to keep

all of us safe” said Mayor Burgoyne.

As vaccinations became available, we came together as a community. Neighbors helped neighbors by giving rides to vaccination sites, offering information of where to get the vaccine, and looking out for each other. The residents of this town are dedicated to the health and safety of this community. Keep up the good work Burkittsville!

Now that Covid Restrictions are being lifted, we would like to hear from you! If you are celebrating, seeing family and friends, or have anything else to announce, please send your submissions to burkittsbugle@gmail.com to be featured in the next issue. Please send your summer photos to the email address or to the town Facebook page to be featured in the newsletter, website, and Facebook pages.



Population Vaccinated by ZIP Code
Updated Weekly

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|----------------------------------|
| 3,220 (60.63%) Fully Vaccinated |
| 3,509 (66.07%) At least one dose |
| 21718 |
| 112 (80.00%) Fully Vaccinated |
| 122 (87.14%) At least one dose |
| 21719 |
| 341 (32.92%) Fully Vaccinated |
| 377 (36.39%) At least one dose |

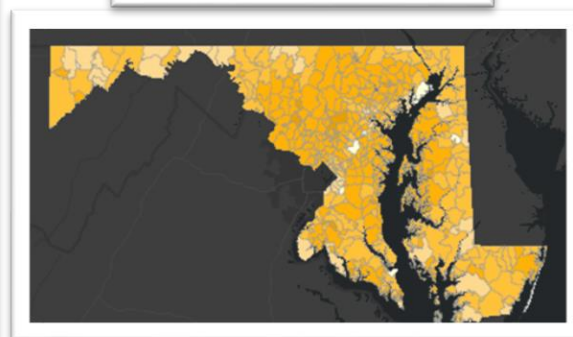


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Burkittsville is a Trail Town

Contributed By: Kate Marston and John Marston

This spring, part time Burkittsville resident Kate Marston organized a weeklong hike of the Appalachian Trail with some of her fellow seniors at Yorktown High School in Arlington, VA. This trip served as their "senior experience," an outdoor education capstone project. With the help of our own Todd Remaley as a mentor, Kate coordinated this adventure that began in Pennsylvania and concluded in Harpers Ferry, encompassing the entire Maryland section of the AT. Along the way, these young ladies met with professional women in ranger and land management positions who graciously volunteered their time to teach them about the parks. Kate's family and home in Burkittsville served as support and "base camp" to help out as needed, including when torrential rain required the hikers to spend their first night in town, before hitting the ground early the next day. The girls were so thankful for Todd's time and expertise in helping organize and support the trip. They learned valuable skills needed for coexisting with the natural world, and especially to Improve, Adapt and Overcome.



Call for Art Submissions : Visitor's Center Mural



The Town Council is asking for submissions for a mural project in town. The council will provide all paint, brushes, and other materials to the artist(s) to complete the mural. The mural will be located on the cement wall next to the Little Red Barn Visitor's Center. Please send your submissions to Burkittsville.md.clerk@gmail.com by September 1st.

Cemetery Board Update

Contributed By: Nan Huddy

History

In 1831, Henry Burkitt, founder and namesake of the village of Burkittsville, deeded land to the Evangelical Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran Churches for their shared use. Already standing at this time on the south end of the lot was the Union Church, began in 1829 to be shared by the Reformed and Lutheran congregations. Thirty years later, the Lutherans erected St. Paul's Church in 1859 and the Reformed congregation rebuilt the Union Church in 1860, rededicating it as Resurrection Reformed Church. The northern end of the land was used for a burial ground, shared by the two congregations and thus known as Union Cemetery. In 1880, a group of Burkittsville citizens banded together to form The Burkittsville Cemetery Company and to purchase additional land for the cemetery. In 1898, the consistory of Resurrection Reformed Church and the council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church transferred the original cemetery to the Burkittsville Cemetery Company, bringing both parcels of land under the ownership of the Burkittsville Union Cemetery Company, which incorporated in 1947 and still owns the cemetery today.

Cemetery Management

The cemetery is managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors that oversees the current use as well as preservation of this historical burial ground. Board members include Mark Carroll, Nan Huddy, Sharon Simpson, Shelby Beaver, Micki Beller, and Sam Brown. Nicole Beller, Mary Clark, Joyce Brown, Wayne Haupt, and Paul Beaver also frequently volunteer their time. Other volunteers are always welcome! Should you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to info@burkittsvillecemetery.org or 301-202-4443 and a board member will contact you. Additional information may be found online at BurkittsvilleCemetery.org.

Maryland Historical Trust

In the early 1800s, at the time of the cemetery's creation, cemeteries were intended to be an integral part of the community and were visited regularly for recreation, scenery, and reflection. The Burkittsville Union Cemetery Company intends to re-energize this historical use of the cemetery. A grant was recently obtained from the Maryland Historical Trust/Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area to support these efforts. Grant projects include installation of three new benches, roadway repairs, repairs to historical monuments, and installation of informational signs for several graves of historical significance, such as Manassas J. Grove.

Other Improvements

A new cremation garden with brick and stone walkways was recently installed near the Route 17 gate. Dying and dead trees were also removed and replaced with new trees.



Spook Hill Cider and Wine Run

Spook Hill Cider and Wine Run is back for Saturday, October 16, 2021! We are hoping to be able to use the scenic, traditional 4-mile hybrid road/XC course that winds through historic Burkittsville, Boordy's South Mountain Vineyard, historic Burkittsville Union Cemetery, and Distillery Lane Ciderworks' orchard. Registration is currently open on spookhill4mile.org. The field will initially be capped at 225 participants. Traditionally there are 500 slots, so registering early is recommended! Once the cap has been reached, a no-risk waiting list will be instituted and if coronavirus gathering restriction numbers are raised, race officials will consider increasing the number of participants and invite those on the waitlist to register.



Food Bank Collection Partnership



The Town of Burkittsville and St. Paul's Church have entered into a partnership to help those in our community who are in need of food. There is now a cooler chest located at the back of the church in Burkittsville for local residents and congregation members to donate non-perishable food items. A town official will collect the donated items and share them with one of the local Food Bank Organizations. Please remember those in our community who can benefit from food donations. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated. Please remember those in our community who can benefit from food donations. Any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Green Tip: Grasscycling

Summer means yardwork! But let's help our friends on 2 wheels.

Don't blow your grass into the roads or alleyways when mowing. The grass is slippery and creates a dangerous hazard for those riding bicycles or motorcycles.

Grasscycling is the practice of returning your grass clippings to your lawn or reusing them for a green purpose. Returning grass clippings to your lawn is an environmentally friendly practice that provides lawns with nutrients and fertilizer, adds organic matter to the soil, reduces landfill waste, saves energy on transportation costs, adds water to your lawn, and keeps your lawn greener and healthier. Grass clippings can be used as compost, mulch for garden beds and planting containers, and layering in a raised bed, and livestock feed. The exception here would be to avoid using clippings that have been recently treated with herbicides for ornamental or vegetable mulch.



Updates and Announcements

- **Burkittsville's Town Meetings** are held every other month on odd numbered months the second Monday of the month. Check the town website and Facebook Pages for information about meetings details.
- **Post Office Update.** The U.S. Postal service has begun its own work on the post office building and is aiming for the move to be completed by August.
- **SMHS Book Sale** is back! Book donations are still being accepted. Each Saturday in October SHMS will be open for their annual gigantic used book sale.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** is planning to host a peach festival in the upcoming months. If you would like more information or to volunteer to help please contact a church council member at (301) 834-9866 or send them a message on the St. Paul's Facebook page.
- **Farmer's Market Season** is in full swing. The Middletown Farmer's Market is every Thursday from 4-7pm through October. The Jefferson Farmer's Market is every Wednesday from 4-7pm. The Brunswick Farmer's Market is on the second and last Friday of each month until September. Please check the Town or Farmer's Market Facebook pages for more information.

Recycling Days

JULY 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

AUGUST 2021

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SEPTEMBER 2021

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Community Information

Town Phone: 301-969-0326

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

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: 301-360-5515

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

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Todd Remaley

Clerk/Treasurer: Michelle Jones

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Cemetery Board: info@burkittsvillecemetery.org or

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Resident

