

# Burkittsville News

Summer 2016  
July, August &  
September

## Changing of the Guard on Town Council

After the June 13, 2016, Burkittsville Town Meeting, our new Town Council was sworn in, and the departing Council Members thanked for their unselfish service to Burkittsville. We are very lucky to have had the dedicated and energetic involvement of our last Council.

While they no longer hold office, it's clear that our last Council doesn't plan to stop doing those things that help the town run.

Shelby Beaver has continued organizing and beautifying our town (just try to stop her green thumb)! Shelby served on council for six busy years. Shelby made a point of attending and encouraging a range of town events and programs. Her seemingly endless energy was an inspiration to all.

Larry Beller's contributions over the years resulted in a new playground and road repairs despite many obstacles, to name a few. Larry Beller was on council for 3 years, took a break and came back for 6 more years. Now, that is dedication to your community!

Catherine Cox Murray will keep up her important work making required updates to the Town Charter; pouring over the details that keep us running as the small town that we are, while still meeting contemporary guidelines. It's no easy task. Catherine served on council for 9 years, and held the position of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Sworn in were Rebecca Remaley, Rachel Carballo and, after he brought in the hay, John "Jad" Drake. Welcome to Town Council!



You know it's Summertime in Burkittsville when the fireflies light up the night and our neighbor Monte Jones makes the sunny days even brighter with his near-vintage Fourth of July Burkittsville Parade hat!

Thanks for the photo go out to  
Erika Burgoyne-Hongell

### DATES TO WATCH

**TOWN MEETING NOTE:** *There will be no July Town Meeting*

The **August** and **September** Town Meetings will occur as usual on the **Second Monday of the month, 7 pm**. Stop in to a Town Meeting at the Ruritan and have a hand in Burkittsville's future! See inside to find out about the special event at the September Meeting.

### PLANNING & ZONING

**There is an Opening on P&Z! Send Letter or Email of Interest to the Town Office.**

**P&Z Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm** at the SMHS, 3 East Main Street.

### THE BURKITTSVILLE RURITAN 55TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL STARTS JULY 17TH

See inside for all the information!

### WALKING TOUR

**Saturday, July 9,**

**11:00 am, Start at the SMHS**

The tour will visit places connected to the SMHS exhibit Burkittsville In 30 Objects. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Space is limited, so to reserve your spot, get in touch with Jody Brumage at [jodybrumage@gmail.com](mailto:jodybrumage@gmail.com) (See more inside!)



**Two New Council Members**

Left to Right: Rachel Carballo, Rebecca Remaley, Mayor Deb Burgoyne



**Swearing "Jad" in to Council**

Left to Right: John "Jad" Drake, Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Drake (back), Mayor Deb Burgoyne photos A. Cox

## Out of the Red and Into The Blacktop

There was more good news at the June 13, 2016, Town Meeting. Burkittsville's 2017 Budget received a boost in the form of more funding for the roads.

The Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) began with a negative net total in the Street Fund of \$3,072.00. This figure was brought up significantly by an infusion of \$10,098.00 in the form of Capital Grants to our Municipality. With this addition to our Highway User Revenue for the Fiscal Year 2017 (\$3,928.00), the Total Street Fund Net figure went well into the black, landing at \$10,954.00.

"Burkittsville would like to extend many thanks to MML's legislative board for advocating on behalf of all Maryland Municipalities and to our hard-working Delegation for their support. We will now be able to hopefully fix some potholes and disintegrating curbs" Mayor Deb said after the meeting.

**DATES TO WATCH**

Events &amp; Notices

**CLOTHING/FOOD/SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE****Sat., July 16, 9:00 am - Noon**

Locust Valley First Church of God will be collecting donations of gently used clothing, non-perishable food, and new school supplies at 1236 Mountain Church Road, Middletown, MD. Clothing and food will be delivered to local shelters & food banks, school supplies will be given to Middletown Valley People Helping People's "Stuff the Bus" program. We greatly appreciate all contributions!

**SMHS HISTORIAN TO GIVE TALK ON NEIGHBORING TOWN'S HISTORY****Sunday, July 17, 2 pm**

Lovettsville Historical Society Interested in learning the history of a neighboring historic community? SMHS Historian and Curator Jody Brumage will be speaking on the history of Petersville and the Merryland Tract at the Lovettsville Historical Society. The program will be held at St. James United Church of Christ located at 10 East Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA.

**MARYLAND HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES THIS AUGUST**

There are two chances to earn the qualification to purchase a Hunting License which are offered with the help of the Burkittsville Ruritan Club this **August**. The first runs **Aug. 1, 2, 5 & 6** at the Brownsville Church of the Brethren. The second course is on **Aug. 15, 16, 19 & 20**. For times, location and more, visit [www.burkittvilleruritan.org](http://www.burkittvilleruritan.org).

**SAINT PAUL 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL & MORE August 6, 2016**

At the Burkittsville Ruritan Club. Featured musical performers will be The Heavners, The Harmony Cornet Band and more. Free admission. Food available for purchase, including baked goods, country ham, hot dogs, hamburgers, and fresh-cut fries. There will be games, white elephant table and a cake auction.

**Brandon Boldega Honored By Mayor & Council**

Brandon Boldega was presented with this aerial photograph of Burkittsville as a thank you for all the work and help he provided the town as our Environmental Management and Code Enforcement Administrator. Brandon guided us through the completion of the town's comprehensive plan. His work will help Burkittsville stay as charming as it is for years to come.

Brandon Boldega, Mayor Deborah Burgoyne Photo by Catherine Cox Murray

**Our Obnoxious Neighbors**

Last year I wrote about our need, as a community, to control our mosquito population. In this follow up I write about the same issue.

It's more important than ever to control our mosquito population with the addition of Zika virus to the perennial threat of West Nile. Not to mention the annoyance mosquito bites cause.

Our local mosquito species breed in standing water. You can tell if mosquito larva have infested water if, when peering close to it, you see little brown strings about 1 cm long. These almost always float close to the surface and

appear to be hanging from the top of the water.

Standing water collects in obvious places like puddles and buckets but also in less obvious places. Clogged gutters are a prime place, and I encourage you to clean them out regularly. Buckets and watering cans left out over night can collect water from overnight showers. Empty goldfish ponds and non-working fountains and bird feeders are also prime places for mosquitos to breed.

Mosquitos aren't the only obnoxious summer insect that breed in standing water. Gnats also breed in standing water, taking only about a few days to hatch, mature and fly off to start the cycle anew. Mosquitos and gnats spend all of their time seeking out food, at our expense, to breed as much as they can. We can do our best to disrupt these insects' life cycles by dumping standing water and keeping our yards clean of places water can collect. For our health and peace of mind I encourage you to keep an eye out for standing water in your yard and empty it.

*Andrew Burgoyne-Hongell, Chair of Planning & Zoning*

**Phase Two of the Green Little Red Barn (GLRB) Gets \$ Some more Green**

The "Green Little Red Barn" or "GLRB", an in-progress project officially known as *The Harry Pfeifer Scenic Overlook Information Center*, has received another boost.

Phase II of the project got a big hand in the form of Project Open Space financing. \$45,000.00 of funding was obtained by Mayor Deborah Burgoyne, who would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Municipalities in Frederick County who were willing to give up a percentage of their POS monies to Burkittsville.

Burkittsville had not asked for POS money in several years; Mayor Burgoyne is very thankful to the Municipalities for taking this into account as the available financing was allocated.

Blue Ridge Floors & Home Services Inc., a well-regarded local company, will continue their good work of rehabilitating the historic structure at 1 Cemetery Drive, using "Green" materials and technologies wherever feasible.

Phase II of the Green Little Red Barn definitely has the green light! Keep an eye out for more activity at the site. Volunteers will still be needed, contact the Town Office if you'd like to lend a hand.

A. Cox

**DATES TO WATCH**

**ART CLASSES BY LOCAL ARTIST LESA COOK**

**Drawing the Portrait in Charcoal Week**

Aug. 15-19<sup>th</sup>, 1-3:30 pm

**Painting the Still Life in Oil Week**

Aug. 22-26<sup>th</sup>, 1-3:30 pm

For more information check-

Charcoal Week Link:

<http://www.ssreg.com/glenechopark/classes/classes.asp?courseid=32059&catid=4408>

Still life Painting Link:

<http://www.ssreg.com/glenechopark/classes/classes.asp?courseid=32062&catid=4408>

**ADOPT-A-ROAD**

**September 10-11, time flexible**

Join in keeping trash off the sides of our roads. Times are flexible, invite friends and neighbors!

Contact **Green Team Leader**

**Lisa Orr** at

[edeckerorr@comcast.net](mailto:edeckerorr@comcast.net)

**SPECIAL EVENT AT THE SEPTEMBER TOWN MEETING**

**Rain Barrels and More!**

On Monday, September 12, 2016

[scottkeycenter.org](http://scottkeycenter.org) will be giving

a presentation on all they offer-

Rain Barrels, Compost bins, plants, and much more.

**This is a continuation of**

**Burkittsville's Rain Barrel**

**Project! Mark your calendars**

**now, don't miss out!**

**BURKITTSVILLE'S GAME NIGHT**

**Saturday, November 12,**

**7- 9 pm, SMHS**

Join in the fun at Burkittsville's

Game night at the South

Mountain Heritage Society

Museum, 3 East Main. Games

provided or bring your favorite!

This is a fun way to get to know

our neighbors of all ages! This is

a trash-free event, so bring your

own drink and, optionally, some

finger snacks to share in a

reusable container.

**YARD WASTE**

**First Tuesday of the month.**

Please have biodegradable yard

waste in paper bags ready on the

curb for pick-up by **6 a.m.**

Step into the Story of Burkittsville  
With this Guided Walking Tour



Photo by Rebecca Remaley

For those who have been following SMHS on our exploration of "The Story of Burkittsville in 30 Objects" (or even if you haven't made it to see our exhibit yet!), the heritage society invites you to join us on a special walking tour of the town.

We will meet at the South Mountain Heritage Society Museum, 3 E Main, on Saturday, July 9, at 11 am. The walk will last about an hour. We will visit sites tied to the people and events explored in our "30 Objects" exhibit. There is no fee for the tour, but we do appreciate your donations to support future programming at SMHS.

Space is limited, so please reserve your spot by contacting Jody Brumage at [jodybrumage@gmail.com](mailto:jodybrumage@gmail.com). If we fill the Saturday tour time, a second tour will be offered on Sunday, July 10 at 1:00 pm (This is also a rain date).

**We hope you can join us as we continue to discover the story of Burkittsville!**

*Jody Brumage, Curator/Historian, SMHS*

**Lieutenant Thomas Winebrenner Retires**

Special thanks from Burkittsville go to Lieutenant Thomas Winebrenner II, Commander of the Support Services Section, who retired from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office on May 31 of this year.

Lieutenant Winebrenner came to the town's rescue during the Blair Witch crisis, and 16 years later was part of the team that helped to secure newly required SHA permits for last year's Spook Hill run within 24 hours.

Best wishes for your retirement; we salute you for your exemplary service to our town, Lieutenant Tom.



Excitement is building for South Mountain Heritage Society's **Spook Hill Cider & Wine 4 Mile Run** on October 22nd.

Registrations have been rolling in, with the race having sold more than a quarter of the available slots already (129 as of 6/3).

There are already a couple of Burkittsville residents registered, but hope to see plenty more townsfolk lace up their running shoes and take part in this great event.

Don't forget that even if you don't want to trek 4 miles, you can still be a part of the event by volunteering! For more information contact: Bill Susa at [sillybusa@yahoo.com](mailto:sillybusa@yahoo.com) or visit the run website:

[spookhill4mile.org](http://spookhill4mile.org)

**Let your Town Government know!**

*Do you have an item that you'd like on a Town Meeting Agenda or on record with the town?*

*Put it in writing. Send it via email or US Post to the town office.*

*Every effort will be made to include your concern in an upcoming meeting.*

**Please do not blow or sweep grass clippings into the street. They endanger motorcyclists as well as our newly repaired drain.**



**TOWN SAFETY ALERT**

Burkittsville: Yard equipment has been stolen in town. Please take care to secure your homes, cars and outbuildings. Report any suspicious activity immediately *even if an attempt at theft is not successful.*

**Always call 301- 600 -1046 or 911 right away and file a report.**

**HEADS-UP from Mayor Deb**

The Health Department will be conducting a long overdue Sanitary Survey for Burkittsville to gage our well and septic status.

The last survey was completed in 1989. Please note this is not a punitive exercise. In order to tap into funding for water & wastewater issues this survey must be updated.

Residents will receive a letter & questionnaire from the Health Department and water samples will be taken.

**OPENING ON PLANNING & ZONING!**

There is a vacant seat on the Burkittsville Planning and Zoning Commission. Here's a chance for you to get involved!

Interested candidates must be at least 18 yrs of age, need to be able to attend meetings, and would have to take an online certification course from the State of Maryland.

Send a letter or email of interest to the Burkittsville Town Office.

**Nominate your choice for Volunteer of the Year!**



**Nominations must be received by October 1st.**

Mail to the Town Office (PO Box 485) or send an email to [TownOffice@Burkittsville- md.gov](mailto:TownOffice@Burkittsville-md.gov) Every year, in conjunction with Maryland Municipal Works Month, Burkittsville honors an individual who has kept our volunteer-fueled town running well. **Take a minute to nominate a deserving person today.**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER CLUB- You're Invited!**

Are you interested in participating in a *Progressive Dinner Club*? It would most likely be a quarterly dinner event for people in Burkittsville and nearby homes that moves from house to house for a series of dinner courses (appetizers through dessert).

The events could include themed dinners, entertainment stops, and other creative endeavors. Please contact Jayme Marshall at [jaymesue2631@gmail.com](mailto:jaymesue2631@gmail.com) to receive an invitation to the initial planning meeting and/or to be included in the inaugural Fall dinner lineup.



**Congratulations to Erika Burgoyne-Hongell Who graduated from Shepherd University on the Dean's List.**

Erika majored in Fine Arts with a concentration in Photography and Computer

Imagery. This summer, Erika plans to photograph and blog about the great State of Maryland.

*Many thanks to Charlie Cottingham, Lesley Frowick, Nancy Huddy, Lisa Orr, Hanna Vo-Dinh, and Jeff DeVore who all helped out with the June Adopt-a-Road clean-up.*

**Chatting with Joyce E. Geisler**

Crafter, Author & The Farmer's Wife



55<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Burkittsville Ruritan Club  
**CARNIVAL**  
SUNDAY, JULY 17 – SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

**Great Food, Rides, Games,  
and Music Every Night!**

**Musical Entertainment:**

Sun., July 17:	Ernie Bradley & Cookin' with Fire (Bluegrass)
Mon., July 18:	Debbie Williams & the City Slickers (Country)
Tue., July 19:	Donnie Wood & the Front Porch Boys (Country)
Wed., July 20:	The Shades (Rock-n-Roll)
Thu., July 21:	The Rivers Bend Band (Country)
Fri., July 22:	Brushfire (Country)
Sat., July 23:	The Silver Eagle Band (Country)

500 East Main Street  
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[www.burkittsvilleruritan.org](http://www.burkittsvilleruritan.org)

Interviewing Joyce was a fun and friendly experience. I knew her work from Burkittsville's craft show, and her photography on Facebook. My first question was how she'd gotten started, "I have been crocheting since about the age of 14. I got into working with threads and just loved crocheting with them. Not to say that I don't make anything with heavier yarns but the the tinnier the thread and the smaller the hook the more the design seems to pop. My husband and I have a grain farm and small trucking business which keeps us very busy, but there is always time for crochet!! This is the little profile on my blog".

Joyce's website, [thefarmerswifecrochet.blogspot.com](http://thefarmerswifecrochet.blogspot.com), might not be updated as often as she'd like, but it's a good read for crafters and customers. When asked what other crafts she does (I know she's an accomplished photographer) she told me "I have done crafts of one kind or another my whole life. I also do wood crafts, but not as much as I used to."

Earlier she had mentioned a publication, but it hadn't registered with me what a big deal it was, she'd been very low key about it. "My book is called "Fillet Table Runners" and is available at JoAnn, A. C. Moore and Hobby Lobby locally or at [Leisurearts.com](http://Leisurearts.com)... I also have copies to sell. I just have the one pattern book published right now. I have had a lot of patterns published in various crochet magazines and those patterns can be seen on [Ravelry.com](http://Ravelry.com)" (just search for Joyce Geisler and there her patterns are!) "My book sells on Etsy and Ebay. Leisure Arts, who published it, has it for sale lots of places".

I wondered if this exposure had brought her much business. She said "I would never be able to make a living selling what I do on Etsy, but then again I don't have a lot of time to devote to it like some may have. I have had good luck selling my patterns on [Craftsy.com](http://Craftsy.com) and [Ravelry.com](http://Ravelry.com)". When asked how much she shared about herself and whether she preferred the term Artisan or Crafter she said "I just have a little description on my blog and Etsy. I prefer crafter myself, but it doesn't matter to me either way. I do many different crafts, so I guess that's why I think of myself as a crafter".

*Excerpts from a text interview with A. Cox*



Joyce Geisler Fillet Table Runners© on [leisurearts.com](http://leisurearts.com).

One of the beautiful patterns from Joyce Geisler's book [Fillet Table Runners](http://Fillet Table Runners) on [leisurearts.com](http://leisurearts.com)

Find out more about local crafters, artists and businesses from the Green Team Directory coming to [www.sustainableburkittsville.org](http://www.sustainableburkittsville.org)



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**Email:** [townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov](mailto:townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov)

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**Council**

Rachel Carballo, John "Jad" Drake, Rebecca Remaley

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Tammy Drake, [TownOffice@burkittsville-md.gov](mailto:TownOffice@burkittsville-md.gov)

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

**Planning & Zoning:** Andrew Burgoyne-Hongell, Chair  
[PZCTofBurkittsville@outlook.com](mailto:PZCTofBurkittsville@outlook.com),  
Mark Carroll, Laurel Gilligan, Charlie Isemann

**Town Bailiff:** Robert Millard

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

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**Our listing on Facebook is "City of Burkittsville, Maryland":**

[www.facebook.com/Burkittsville.Maryland](http://www.facebook.com/Burkittsville.Maryland)

Residents, you can join the Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange)

## WHO TO CALL

### NON-EMERGENCY SHERIFF LINE: 301-600-2071

Please use this number to report speeding, vandalism, suspicious activity, theft and other problems.

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:	301-694-6498
Trash Collection:	301-668-8282 (Key Sanitation)

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

For traffic alerts and delay info: 511

**As always, in an emergency, dial 911**

To have an issue placed on record with the town, placed on a town meeting agenda or to request Town Meeting minutes, please write to:

[townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov](mailto:townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov)

or

Town Office, P.O. Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718

### Burkittsville News Quarterly

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Spring Edition	on or before March 15 <sup>th</sup>
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