



# Burkittsville News

Spring  
2016

April  
May  
June

## For the love of Burkittsville!



This beautiful place we call home, Burkittsville, isn't run on magic. Municipal Government is the level of government that has the most impact on your day-to-day life. Our Town Government is truly run BY THE PEOPLE.

The current level of participation in our town government is abysmal.

If you chose to make Burkittsville your home, step up. A few hours a month is all it takes.

Our Town is so small it is everyone's duty to take a turn as either an elected official or to serve on a board or committee.

We are all busy. We all have lives outside of Burkittsville.

I will say it again: if you value the town you come home to, step up.

I look forward to seeing you at a town meeting.

I hope to see all of you at our **Nominating Convention Monday May 2 at 7:00 pm at the Ruritan.**

*I apologize if this seems harsh, however my "Rah, Rah Burkittsville" approach appears to have failed to convey the importance of Civic Duty. - Mayor Deb*

## DATES TO WATCH

### TOWN MEETINGS

Stop in to the Ruritan on the **Second Monday of each month 7 pm** for Town Meetings. The Town of Burkittsville needs **You** to participate in your government.



**This April, our guest the Sheriff will address the town and hold a Q & A session at the Town Meeting.** Come on down, hear what others have to say and share your questions. Stay to join in thanking **Brandon Boldega** for his exemplary service to the Town, and wish him well in his many new endeavors.

### PLANNING & ZONING

**P&Z Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm** at the South Mountain Heritage Society, 3 East Main Street. What's next for the town? *What's on the table?* Citizens are encouraged to attend!

### YARD WASTE

**First Tuesday of the month. Pick-up resumes in April.** Need a refresher on the guidelines? Keep it biodegradable, make sure yard waste fits in the large Yard Waste paper bags, branches wider than 3 inches in diameter cannot be processed, bundle items with biodegradable twine or string, no wire, plastic ties or tape, please. As usual, no dirt or rocks! Have bags out for pick-up by 6 a.m. Thanks!

## Easter Egg Hunt 2016 ~ Memories in the Making

Photos of hunt provided by Tammy Drake & Erika Burgoyne-Hongell, Snow on Daffodils (above) from Erika Burgoyne-Hongell



## The Annual Burkittsville Ruritan Club Carnival

Coming to Town the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Get ready for fantastic food, toe-tapping music, midway, games and free BINGO! Do you have special Carnival memories or photos? We'd love to hear from you! Meanwhile, watch for updates on [www.BurkittsvilleRuritan.org](http://www.BurkittsvilleRuritan.org) and send stories, pictures & clips to [BurkittsvilleNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:BurkittsvilleNewsletter@gmail.com)

**Registration for the 2016 SMHS Spook Hill Cider & Wine 4 Mile Run**  
**April 1, 2016, spaces expected to sell out again!**  
**Register Online at this address:**

<https://runsignup.com/Race?raceId=30123>

The race is held **October 22nd**.  
Learn more about this very popular event here  
[www.SpookHill4Mile.org](http://www.SpookHill4Mile.org) or check the Burkittsville News for updates.

*Want more info on how to get involved as a town member?*  
Contact  
[SillyBusa@yahoo.com](mailto:SillyBusa@yahoo.com)

**Bell & History Day**  
**Saturday, April 9th, 10 a.m.**  
**All welcome! Come ring the bells!** Ring in the Museum Season with the South Mountain Heritage Society & Town! The SMHS museum will be open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Learn more, stop in to:  
[www.SouthMountainHeritage Society.org](http://www.SouthMountainHeritageSociety.org)

**Burkittsville's Game Night**  
Mark your calendars for these **Saturday Nights, 7- 9 p.m.:**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> & November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
All ages are welcome! Held at the South Mountain Heritage Society, 3 East Main, the Game Night aims to please. You can also bring your favorite game, but we'll have plenty. Finger food in a reusable container is welcome as well.

● **EARTH DAY** ●  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mother - Daughter Banquet at Saint Paul Lutheran Parish Hall**  
**Sat., April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**  
Saint Paul Lutheran Parish Hall, 5 East Main Street. Dinner & entertainment for only \$7.00 a seat! Get your tickets before **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, email [pastor.Jeanne@comcast.net](mailto:pastor.Jeanne@comcast.net)  
Please enter "Mother/Daughter Banquet" in the subject line of the email. Mention how many tickets you'd like.

**Eyes On History:**

**The Hamilton Willard Shafer Farm**



**Preservation of A Local Landmark**

The Burkittsville Preservation Association, Inc. (BPA) can report that the Shafer Farm (pictured above), which will be forever be known as the "Hamilton Willard Shafer Farm", is moving toward settlement in April. Both Civil War history and our Agricultural Heritage rest within the five acres of this familiar farm.

It is expected that the property will be restored, and held in public trust as a museum. This museum will be open to the public as a Civil War interpretive center. Visitors (and residents) would learn about the integral connection this site had with our town during the battle, and discover the historic treasure that is the Hamilton Willard Schafer Farm. The view from the farm shows almost entirely the very scene that General Franklin saw more than 150 years ago.

General William B. Franklin used this site as his headquarters during the Battle of Crampton's Gap; more than 4,000 of his troops were held in reserve on this land. *The house is now included in the "Crampton's Gap Historic District".* In addition, the site is surrounded by *preserved farmland*.

The BPA, Inc. has not stopped with these major strides; it is also in discussion with Frederick County Parks and Recreation for the assumption of the property. There is an interest in creating a 19th Century farm museum here as well, which would honor our area's strong Agricultural legacy. This farm museum would preserve and present an accurate representation of farming's important story for generations to come.

*Note:*

*Thanks to all who have kept an eye on this property, reported trespassing, vandalism, and volunteered their time to protect this important landmark. Please keep up the great work; it makes a huge difference.*

**☼ Monarchs and Milkweed ☼ An Earth Day Note**

***By now, you have probably heard that planting milkweed is a help to butterfly gardeners and to Monarch butterflies.***

But did you know there are *thousands* of different kinds of milkweed? Not all milkweed plants are created equal when it comes to butterfly benefits. If you want to plant milkweed to help the monarchs, consider one native to Maryland (they are on the "good" list).

There are three milkweeds native to Maryland: Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), and Butterflyweed or Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*).

It's easy to choose the milkweed to match your garden's needs. Common milkweed likes dry soil, Butterfly milkweed takes to dry or medium moisture, and Swamp milkweed thrive in medium to wet conditions. **Happy Earth Day, Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

**COMMUNITY  
YARD SALE**

Fri, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Fri: 8am - ? & Sat: 8 am- 2pm  
Socialize, browse & sell- enjoy!

**BULK TRASH PICK-UP  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 a.m.**

Residents of Burkittsville may place 2 items of Bulk Trash on the curb for removal.

**ADOPT- A-ROAD**

June 11-12, September 10-11, December 7-8. Join in keeping trash off the sides of our roads. Thanks go out to Lisa Orr, Deb Burgoyne, Charlie Cottingham, Lesley Frowick & Robin Miller. Help out, contact: [edeckerorr@comcast.net](mailto:edeckerorr@comcast.net)



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**TOWN GOVERNMENT  
NOMINATION  
CONVENTION**

**Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 p.m.**  
Ruritan Building, 500 East Main Street.

**Seats Open:** Mayor, Council Members. **Requirements:** Candidates must have lived in town for 6 months, have Burkittsville as their permanent residence & be registered MD voters. Mayoral Candidates must be 21 or older to run.

**ELECTIONS TO BE HELD  
ON MON., JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2 - 7  
PM**

**AT THE PARISH HALL**  
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**CASH BINGO & RAFFLES**  
May 20th, doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m.  
Held at The Jefferson Community Center, 4603B Lander Rd., BINGO \$20/game to benefit St. Paul Lutheran Church, Burkittsville.

**The Scoop on Poop**

You love your pets, and so does the town ~ That's one of the reasons there are now handy bag & toss stations in the park and by the pond. Please make use of these while walking your dog, or bring a bag from home to take care of business.



Want to know more about why this is more than just being a good neighbor? You can read about the science behind "doing your duty" as a pet owner at the Green Team's website: [www.SustainableBurkittsville.org](http://www.SustainableBurkittsville.org) The town is doing its part to help make it easier to do the safe thing, now it's up to you.

**Art Show**

Erika Burgoyne-Hongell

Burkittsville native, artist Erika Burgoyne-Hongell will be showing her series "Animis Finis" in a two woman show with fellow classmate and Senior Kat Nina Lamano at the Senior Photography Capstone Exhibition on April 22nd, 2016.

The show, located at the War Memorial Building, 102 East German Street, Shepardstown, WV, will include an Opening Reception at 4:00 p.m. and a Gallery Talk at 5:00 p.m.

Erika will be graduating with a BFA from Shepardstown University this May. She studied art, with a concentration in photography and computer imagery.



**Ready for the Run?**

Registration for the 2016 SMHS Spook Hill Cider & Wine 4 Mile Run will open on April 1, 2016.

The field for the October 22nd race will be increased to 500 paid participants and we expect the race to sell out well before race day again.

If you're interested in participating but don't fancy yourself a runner, we have developed a "Couch to Spook Hill" 12 week training plan.

The plan utilizes a proven run/walk strategy which gradually builds up from 1 minute walk/1 minute run in week one to a 5 to 1 run/walk ratio which will get you to the starting line of Spook Hill without overtraining. Look for the training plan on the race's website under the "Training" button on the home page.

In 2015 we enjoyed great support from townsfolk, with residents as participants, volunteers and as front (or back) porch cheering sections. We hope to see even more of you actively involved in the run this year! For information on the run, email Race Director, Bill Susa at [sillybusa@yahoo.com](mailto:sillybusa@yahoo.com) or check out the Spook Hill Cider & Wine 4 Mile Run website: [www.spookhill4mile.org](http://www.spookhill4mile.org)

How will YOUR garden grow? Burkittsville residents, let us know! Visit BBPE, the Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange)



## Fun Times at Burkittsville's First Game Night!

A good time was had by all at Burkittsville's first Game Night. Eighteen residents, aged 8 months to 60-plus attended the event on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the South Mountain Heritage Society building, 3 East Main Street. They enjoyed sharing their favorite games, including Scrabble, Rhumicub, Backgammon, Pictionary, Blockus, to name a few. Attendees helped make the event nearly "trash-free" by bringing their own cups, water bottles, and snacks. Special thanks go to Mr. Jody Brummage of SMHS for opening the museum for the event, set-up, and take-down; the Schnesky-Stronges, Rachel Carbello, the Remaleys, and Charlie Cottingham for providing snacks and drinks. Kudos to Lisa Orr for organizing and promoting this family-friendly, hometown event. Council Member Catherine Cox lent her encouragement to this new enterprise and Andrea Cox got the word out online. The merrymakers decided to host Game Nights every other month. So, mark your calendars or set a reminder for these Third Saturdays in 2016: **April 16<sup>th</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> & December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 p.m.** Take some time for fun. Come over to the South Mountain Heritage Society, 3 East Main Street, for Burkittsville Game Nights. All ages welcome. (Photos provided by Lisa Orr)

## 2016 Museum Season brings new Special Exhibit and Events at SMHS on Bell & History Day

South Mountain Heritage Society welcomes the community for the opening of a new special exhibit at the museum: "The Story of Burkittsville in 30 Objects." Exploring the history of our town from its earliest settlers in the 1740s to the present day, over half of the exhibit will feature never-before displayed items from the museum's collection. We also invite visitors to make their mark on the exhibit by letting us know which of the 30 objects is your favorite. The exhibit will be on display beginning with Bell and History Day (Saturday, April 9) and through our entire museum season until September.

In addition to our regular first-Saturday openings (April - September, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm), we will host several special events around the exhibit. The first will be an open house especially for the community on **Saturday, May 21 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**. We invite everyone to gather at the museum to view the exhibit and learn about its curation, and then we will enjoy refreshments while sharing what Burkittsville means to each of us. Let us know what inspires you about our historic town and what you value about it!

On **Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 am** (rain date: Sunday, July 10 at 1:00 pm), SMHS Historian and Curator Jody Brummage will lead a walking tour of Burkittsville, exploring the historic sites and architectural character of the village. This walking tour will feature the entire town, so bring along your best walking shoes and spend an hour discovering the history of our community as we see it today.



SMHS is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of Burkittsville. We strive to be both the repository for Burkittsville's cultural history as well as a place where the community continues to gather. Join us in celebrating the unique heritage of our hometown!

Mr. Jody Brummage, Historian and Curator, SMHS

(Editor's Note: Rumor has it that Mr. Jody Brummage might revive his compelling Union Cemetery tour if enough interest is shown—did you miss it? Email or drop by the SMHS and let them know you'd attend! Jody truly makes history come alive in this special tour.)

## Notes From Around Town:

Recently 3 of our young actors appeared in the musical Aladdin and his Wonderful, Magic Lamp at Valley. Nadia Remaley was Aladdin's mother, Samara Campbell & Cleo Smith played citizens of Shammar.

BBQ Pitmaster Charlie Isemann will be busy! He's a competitor in The Ironman BBQ at Mason Dixon BBQ Supply in Greencastle, PA, this April 1 & 2, and in the NaptownbarBayq Contest and Music Festival on May 6 & 7, at Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds in Parole, MD. Both are full competitions of chicken, pork, ribs and brisket. Ironman has a people's choice (wings) on Sat. April 2, NaptownbarBAYq has People's choice on Fri. May 6th (wings) and Sat. May 7th (pork). C'mon out and have a delicious time!

That's not all for our hometown BBQ Pitmaster, rub & sauce creator- he will be cooking at Farmers Markets this year as well as selling his seasonings. Look for him at Fort Detrick, Boonsboro, and The Eagles in Hagerstown this May. Can't make it to the markets? You can always pick up his sauces & seasonings at PJ Gilligan's Dry Goods any weekend.

Remember the Rain Barrel Project? It's coming back for the third time! Get a "Green" rain barrel with town help. Look for details on fliers or on the town's facebook page soon!

Love to garden, cook, make jam or put food by in general? Burkittsville residents, take a look at: [www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange)

It's a fun place to share gardening ideas, extra produce, swap recipes and more. Share links that have inspired you, you never know what may help someone else or what you might learn. We have branched out to "real life" events, too.

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### Mayor

Deborah Burgoyne

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### Council

Shelby Beaver, Catherine Cox-Murray

**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 [PZCTofBurkittsville@outlook.com](mailto:PZCTofBurkittsville@outlook.com), Mark Carroll, John 'Jad' Drake, Laurel Gilligan, Charlie Isemann

**Town Bailiff:** Robert Millard

**Post Office:** 301-834-9592

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

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

**Town Website:** [www.burkittsville-md.gov](http://www.burkittsville-md.gov) **Webmaster:** Carl Snook

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

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

The town has a produce and recipe exchange? It sure does. Residents, you can join in- Get great gardening tips, share veggies, recipes & more at 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, theft and other crimes.

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: (Key Sanitation)	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

**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 of Burkittsville P.O. Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718

## Burkittsville Newsletter

Please send contributions to:

[BurkittsvilleNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:BurkittsvilleNewsletter@gmail.com)

Or mail to: Town Office, PO Box 485, Attn: Newsletter

**Deadlines:** (allow 3 extra days for letters):

Spring Edition - on or before March 15th,

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