



Spring Sledding Free Ride by D. Burgoyne

DATES TO WATCH

Events & Notices

TOWN MEETINGS

Town Meetings are held odd numbered months, second Monday, starting 7 pm, 500 East Main Street, Ruritan Club Building, unless otherwise noted.

PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z Meets on the first Monday of each month starting 7:00 pm at the SMHS, 3 East Main Street.

GREEN TEAM MEETINGS

Contact edeckerorr@comcast.net or www.sustainableburkittsville.org

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 1st, 2018, 11 am
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran
Church, 5 East Main Street

YARD WASTE PICK UP IS BACK!

Starting on April 3, Yard Waste will be picked up on the First Tuesday of the month.

Yard Waste pick-up 1st Tues./month

Guidelines

Keep it biodegradable! Yard waste must fit inside the yard waste bags, branches wider than 3 inches in diameter cannot be processed, bundle yard waste with biodegradable string or twine – no tape, plastic or wire ties, please. As usual, no dirt, rocks, or household trash. Contact Key Sanitation with questions.



THE 2nd ANNUAL MAKIN' HAY 10K

Sat., April 14, 2018
Starts 8:30 am, at the Catocin
Creek Nature Center
Benefit SMHS, *Volunteers Needed*
See page 3 for details.

Community Yard Sale with Saint Paul Fri., June 1 & Sat. 2, 8 am 'til you say when!

Join the fun all over town, make a little money, socialize, or give gently used items to St. Paul's. The church will sell donated items to help raise funds for the Youth Group and other good local causes. Interested in selling crafts & other items, but don't have the room? You can rent a space from St. Paul's, call 301.834.9866 for details. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, enjoy these unique goodies from the last two years:



Government Announcements

1. In keeping with the Town of Burkittsville's Master Plan, we are working on acquiring what would be 104 East Main Street for flood control by using available Open Space Acquisition funds.
2. In response to an overwhelming residential mandate, speed calming measures were agreed upon in earlier meetings and incorporated into the Town of Burkittsville's Master Plan. It was also agreed that two existing speed humps, which are disintegrating, should be repaired. The Town Council agreed to incorporate traffic calming for the safety of our residents, and to acclimate commuters to the agreed-upon changes.

Significantly, the Sheriff has agreed to ticket drivers travelling at 30 MPH or more in our historic village. We have been assured that when our 20 MPH speed limit signs go up, they will be enforced.

3. If you wish to build in town, it is essential to contact the Burkittsville Planning and Zoning Commission and complete our Municipality's paperwork before attempting to work with the County. Town Office townoffice@burkittsville.md.gov or PO Box 485, Email for P&Z Chair- PZCTofBurkittsville@outlook.com

Cemetery Board Seeks Secretary

Contact Mark Carroll at mark307.mc@gmail.com or write to Burkittsville Town Office PO Box 485 attn: Mark Carroll Cemetery Board

This is a volunteer position, open to Burkittsville residents only.

Planning and Zoning News: Town Code

After a great deal of work by the dedicated members of our Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town of Burkittsville has a new proposed Town Code, which consolidates all our various ordinances and guidelines into one document.

The proposed Town Code will be online by May 1, 2018, available for public review.

The Town Code will be discussed at the next two Town Meetings, May 14th and July 9th, 2018.

Mayor and Council hope to finalize the Code, using your feedback, and adopt it no later than the September 2018 Town Meeting.

BRUNSWICK FFA & FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER MULCH SALE

HARDWOOD SELECT BROWN MULCH

3 Cubic Foot bags, 9 or less, \$4.50 per bag, 10 bags & up, \$4.00 per bag

Orders are due by April 16th
Delivery Date: April 28th, BHS Parking Lot

Contact Bailey Drake 240.578.8955

Please note there is an order form, if you want to support Future Farmers of America, payment needs to specify "c/o FFA" - Leave it to Bailey, Call soon!

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HAPPY EARTH DAY!
Sunday, April 22, 2018

CASH & BASKET BINGO
Benefits Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Burkittsville

Friday, May 4th, 2018
Doors open 5:30 pm
Games start at 7 pm
Jefferson Community Center.
Guests are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank. One ticket for a special drawing will be given for each donated item.

KOKOPELLI WOODWIND QUARTET

Sunday, May 13th, 2018
Time TBA

Watch for fliers or call
301.834.9866

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5 East Main Street
Freewill offering

Concert performed by one of Burkittsville's favorite ensembles

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 19th, 2018
10 am to 5 pm

Ticket sales TBA
Burkittsville Preservation Association's Second Annual House and Garden Tour runs through Burkittsville
Reception 5 pm, in the historic Shafer Farmhouse.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
see Page 3

RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, May 19th, 2018
Fundraising Baked Goods Sale
During the House & Garden Tour
Volunteers Needed!

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Friday, June 1st, Sat., June 2nd
8 am to ?

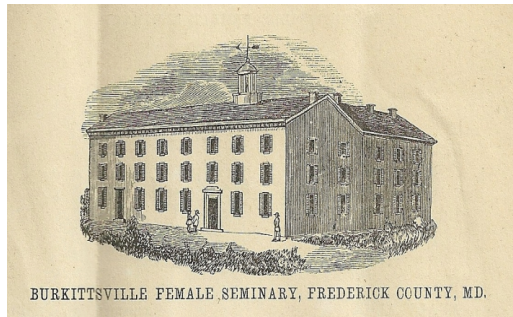
On Saturday, Jun. 2, Saint Paul's joins in with Spaces & Tables to rent if you'd like to sell your wares in a central location (301.834.9866 for information)
Proceeds from the Church Yard Sale will benefit St. Paul's Youth Group- join in, sell something, find something, have some fun!

SMHS OPENS FOR THE 2018 MUSEUM SEASON

Sat., June 2, 2018
See article on this page

The Art of Artifacts & Other New Exhibits
To Be Unveiled In The
2018 SOUTH MOUNTAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY'S MUSEUM SEASON

Visitors to the South Mountain Heritage Society on our season opening day (Saturday, April 7) will see our newly-refreshed permanent exhibits, narrating the story of Burkittsville from its settlement through the present day. The newest piece of this story will be our Reconstruction/Victorian Era display which includes some important milestones in the town's history, including advances in education for women and African Americans. *(Right: The Horsey School. Below: Burkittsville Female Seminary)*



In June, we will open a new special exhibit at SMHS entitled "The Art of Artifacts," a unique display of objects from the museum collection as well as on-loan artifacts that will be interpreted not only for their history but also their artistic qualities. The special exhibit will be open to the public for the first time on Sat., June 2, 2018 on the second day of the Community Yard Sale.

Do you want to explore our collections even when the museum isn't open? The South Mountain Heritage Society has been busy over the winter season developing new digital collections on our website which we invite you to explore.

You can now view our "Burkittsville Then And Now" and "Burkittsville 1975" galleries online. We also plan to unveil new sections to our digital collections in the coming months. *(Right)*



The SMHS want to let everyone know that the museum website has changed. You can now explore www.southmountainheritage.org the museum and learn about the heritage society by visiting.

Visit us in person on the first Saturdays of the months April through September from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
Contributed by Mr. Jody M. Brumage, Historian and Curator, South Mountain Heritage Society, Dedicated to Preserving & Interpreting the History of Burkittsville

Invasive Species Alert: The Spotted Lanternfly is One Pretty Bad Bug



The Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is native to sections of Asia (where it is spreading), and arrived on our shores, specifically PA, in 2014, it has spread to DE, NY, and VA. Its preferred host is Tree of Heaven, but will nest on or eat an astonishing number of plants and trees. It damages several of the plants it feeds on, resulting in stunted growth, smaller crops, and plant death. It injects "honeydew" while feeding. This liquid attracts ants, wasps and other pests, leaving the plant

wide open to infestation; the other big risk is that honeydew is a medium for Sooty Mold, which quickly colonizes the affected plant, blocking photosynthesis as it spreads. The Spotted Lanternfly starts out as brown, waxy egg deposits on vertical surfaces. Egg deposits can be mistaken for mud. The nymphs are black with white spots, and change several times before reaching their final form. If you find egg deposits, or the Spotted Lanternfly in any of its stages of development, put them in a plastic bag, or in alcohol. What next? You can help prevent the spread of this pest. Remember what all the stages of development look like (see links) and check plants in your area for adults, nymphs or eggs (see links). If you see a suspect insect, trap or photograph it and contact Maryland Department of Agriculture at DontBug.MD@maryland.gov Collected dead specimens of any stage can be bagged securely and mailed or delivered to: Maryland Department of Agriculture Plant Protection & Weed Management 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401 **Learn more** here <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/problems/spotted-lanternfly> and here <http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MDA-SLF-Pest-Alert-web.pdf>

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BULK TRASH PICK UP

Monday, June 4, 2018
6 am, Location: Your Curb
2 bulk items per household

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Show your pride in the health and appearance of our community. Help out on short stretches of road, it does not take long!

2018 Adopt A Road Dates:

June 9th & 10th, Sept. 8th & 9th, Dec. 1st & 2nd
You can volunteer anytime on the dates listed above or contact **Green Team Leader Lisa Orr** to sign up, either visit www.sustainableburkittsville.org or email edeckerorr@comcast.net

BURKITTSVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE JOINS HAGARSTOWN EVENT

Friday, June 15, 2018
Starts 7 pm, all welcome
YMCA, 1100 Eastern Blvd. N.
Hagarstown, MD
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RECYCLING

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JUNE						
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Electrifying News about 'the Green Little Red Barn'

After the efforts of many Town Council members, past and current, the town is happy to announce that our future Visitor Center has surmounted a particularly difficult obstacle. We have power!

Thanks go out to every single person who has helped bring this bright idea of a park and Visitor Center another step closer to closure, and to all of you who are willing to pitch in this coming year.

There is a lot that calls for community participation in town. It's inspiring what energy this town has when we pull together. If you'd like to help, keep an eye out for volunteerism opportunities, and reach out, let your talents shine.

Be amazing. Be a Burkittsville Volunteer.

Second Annual BPA House and Garden Tour Needs Volunteers

The **Second Annual Burkittsville Preservation Association's House and Garden Tour** will be held on **Saturday, May 19th** from **10am - 5pm** with a reception to follow at the historic Hamilton Willard Shafer Farmhouse. The BPA is currently seeking volunteers to help organize the event prior to the day of the event as well as help the day of the event. **Specifically, the BPA is seeking the following volunteers:**

-Help organizing the House & Garden Tour: Volunteers are needed to help with advertising, training tour guides, soliciting donations, contacting media, and contacting vendors. These are critical jobs necessary for the success of the event. Even if you can not do a lot, every volunteer hour and job is important. Please consider helping even if its one, small task.

-Help the day of the House & Garden Tour: Volunteers are needed to help with set up/clean up at the South Mountain Heritage Society, ticket pick up/sales, answering questions about the BPA, the tour, and Burkittsville in general; pick up/delivery of food/drinks for the volunteers and reception, and set up/clean up of the reception. Food and water will be provided for the volunteers.

-Tour Guides the day of the House & Garden Tour: The BPA is seeking 6 volunteers to serve as tour guides the day of the event. Each tour guide will be provided a script and training prior to the event. Each volunteer will be responsible for one tour lasting approximately 1.5-3 hours and must be comfortable walking approximately 1.5 miles, rain or shine. Food and water will be provided for the tour guides.

If you are interested in any of the above volunteer positions, please contact Aleetalynn at: aleetalynn@comcast.net or (202) 491-5895. For more information on the BPA please go to: <http://www.burkittsvillepreservationassociation.org>.

Contributed by Aleetalynn Schenesty-Stronge



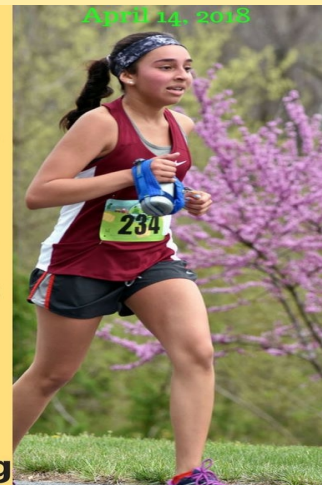
Babbling Brooks
Spring Blossoms

THE PRETTIEST 10K IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Burkittsville's South Mountain Heritage Society invites you to join them for a scenic Spring jaunt on the quiet, rolling country roads surrounding Catoctin Creek Park and Nature Center in Middletown, Md.

Finisher's Medals!
Tech Tees!
Chip Timing!

www.makinhay10k.org



Second Annual Makin' Hay 10K Is Comin' Our Way!

The 2018 Makin' Hay 10K, which benefits Burkittsville's South Mountain Heritage Society (SMHS), is coming up fast! On Saturday, April 14th, runners from across the region will depart the nearby Catoctin Creek Park and Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. and run a challenging but beautiful 6.2-mile loop course on the roads encircling the park.

The redbuds should be glowing in their spring glory, other springtime flowers showing off their buds and the 3 streams that run alongside the course should be babbling gently with spring runoff.

If you're not going to run, and would like to volunteer, we are always looking for willing help!

Contact spookhill4mile@gmail.com to lend a hand.

Proceeds that the event generates will be used by SMHS to cover operational expenses and to help support our mission of putting together yearly exhibits that highlight the unique history of our little town. To register for the run go to www.makinhay10k.org

Contributed by Bill Susa, Race Director

GATs, The Second Year

GATs (Gravid Aedes Traps) are affordable standing mosquito traps that lure the egg-laden pests; simple Canola Oil traps and kills them effectively. Burkittsville started a neighborhood-wide GAT program to address the problem of mosquito borne diseases and to **take back our yards** in 2017.

The first year met with varied success, as expected. We should see a strong improvement as the community pulls together to achieve proper coverage of a larger portion of the town.

Mayor's testimonial:

"The Burgoyne-Hongell household had very good luck with two traps. My Husband was bitten for the first time in late August as The GAT volunteer (me) forgot to clean them.

Remember, the more coverage we have the better the GATs will work."

GAT Links

GAT owner's manual:

<https://www.bioquip.com/search/DispProduct.asp?pid=2797>

Last year's overview, including Zika and West Nile Information:

<http://burkittsville-md.gov/Links.php>



This GAT was placed outside on 3/3/18 and is still standing after the storm. The secret? A rock inside the bottom of the GAT.

Get The Most From Your GAT

- **Remove** any standing water from your yard.
- **Monitor** your GAT daily to make sure it has water.
- **Replace** canola oil once a month.
- **Remind** your neighbors, make a plan, ex. "GAT Day" 1st Sat of the Month

Contact the Mayor or Council for more GATs.

Protect Our Town From Insect Borne Diseases, Get & Use Your GATs

**Want to start
YOGA?**

**Start by bending over and
picking up your
dog poo
...known as the
"downward dog" position...
then put it in the trash.**

Burkittsville Pet Waste Ordinance #2017-01

Get FREE pet waste bags at our Pet Waste Stations at the pond or the park!

To view the Dog Waste Ordinance, go to <http://burkittsville-md.gov/Government/Pet-Waste/BurkittsvillePetWasteOrdinance2017-01.pdf> or contact the Town Office.

Pet waste stations are located by the pond and Memorial Park. We have met with success, but have a way to go.

Last year, one issue was that we ran out of bags occasionally- which means lots of folks used the stations- but if you don't walk your dog near the stations (or just in case a station is out) it's smart to have a bag handy.

**Walk to Philidelphia Challenge
We're Winning With HEAL**

The Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Initiative For the Mid Atlantic region encourages and helps Municipalities to adopt Health policies to complement or include in their Comprehensive Plans.

Sounds pretty serious, doesn't it? It is, but that doesn't mean that HEAL isn't fun. Just ask anyone who took on the HEAL "Virtual Walk To Philadelphia Challenge"!



Erika Burgoyne-Hongell & Aleetalynn Shenesky-Stronge

Winners were Erika Burgoyne-Hongell who virtually arrived at the City of Brotherly Love on Feb 23rd, and Aleetalynn Shenesky-Stronge, who hit the 170 mile mark on March 11th. Both chose a gift certificate to The Common Market Co-op out of the prize options; adding Healthy Eating to their Active Living.

The idea of Healthy Eating thrives in the Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange. Share your favorite Spring Harvest recipe with friends on the BBPE, host a canning or cooking class, explore alternative gardening, traditional agriculture, boost our local Farmers Markets (you don't need to garden to enjoy local produce).

We're looking for people to share photo journals of crops or flowers. Tell us about interesting events, like International Compost Awareness Week. There's even talk of shorter Virtual Walks, how far would you like to go? Bring your ideas to the table!

Half Off Your 1st Rain Barrel

Have you thought about getting a rain barrel? If this is this your first in Burkittsville, we've got some good news for you.

The town of Burkittsville makes it easier to participate in this traditional method of water conservation (with an extra sustainable twist), the town will pay for ½ the price of your household's **first** rain barrel from the Scott Key Center.

It's not too late to get in on the Rain Barrel Program, add this special item to your yard or garden. Fun fact: The barrels come with a screen for mosquito management and installation information. Find out about these *recycled, repurposed* barrels at www.scottkeycenter.org or call (301) 600-1600.

Contact the Town Office to take advantage of the **First Barrel Half-Off Deal**
Write to the Town Office, PO Box 485 or email townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov

Burkittsville Relay For Life Team To Walk In Hagerstown Event and May 19th Baked Goods Fundraiser

Our team has decided to participate in the Relay for Life event on Friday June 15th, in Hagerstown, MD at 7pm. It will be held at the YMCA at 1100 Eastern Blvd N. The event includes an opening ceremony, survivor/caregiver walk, luminaria ceremony, and closing ceremony.

The event begins by "...honoring everyone who has been affected by cancer and everyone who has contributed to the success of this year's Relay season. During the luminaria ceremony, everyone touched by cancer is represented with a luminaria. Each light represents a life—a life taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer, or a support for a person still fighting the disease. It's a powerful demonstration that gives people the opportunity to grieve but also offers comfort and hope. The closing ceremony is the time to commit to take action and help lead the fight for a world free from cancer. It's a time to celebrate what we've accomplished together and a time to unify for the work that needs to be done moving forward."

The Burkittsville Relay For Life Team would love to have anyone and everyone come and join us at the event. There is no need to RSVP.

Our team has also decided to hold one last fundraiser before the event, which will take place during the House and Garden Tour on May 19th. Anyone can come and purchase delicious baked goods to help the cause. We appreciate the incredible support that we have received from our friends and neighbors.

(Get in touch if you have questions about the fundraiser ramcmaho@syr.edu)

The quote is from the event page, visit to learn more here: http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=88617&pg=informational&sid=212807&name=event-details

Burkittsville Town Information

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

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Town Meetings: 500 East Main Street

Mayor

Deborah Burgoyne

mayorburgoyne@gmail.com

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

Planning & Zoning: Andrew Burgoyne-Hongell, Chair

PZCTofBurkittsville@outlook.com

Mark Carroll, Laurel Gilligan, Keith Murray, Rick Poloway

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

Webmaster: Carl Snook **Town Website:** www.burkittsville-md.gov

Editor/PIO: A. Elwell Cox burkittsvillenewsletter@gmail.com

Town Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Burkittsville.Maryland

What is the Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange? Find out here:

www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange

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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To have an issue placed on record with the Town, request that an issue be placed on a town meeting agenda or for a copy of Town Meeting minutes, please **put it in writing** and send to:

townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov or

Town of Burkittsville P.O. Box 485,

Burkittsville, MD 21718

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