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Burkittsville Newsletter

Winter 2019

Ring in the New Year 2019 Our 150 year old tradition continues!

Since at least as early as the 1870s, Burkittsville residents have gathered on **New Year's Eve** to ring the church bells in town. This tradition of marking the New Year has continued for almost 150 years with this year being no different. Residents and guests gathered at 11:30pm on December 31st 2018 at the South Mountain Heritage Society for a small reception with light refreshments. The museum was still decorated for the holiday season and made a pretty backdrop to celebrate the end of 2018 and to welcome 2019. Just before midnight the gathering moved to the bell towers in both the Heritage Society and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. As we counted down to midnight, Mayor Debby Burgoyne, Resident Don Hongell, and Jody Brumage, Vice President SMHS took their places to start

the ringing. At the stroke of midnight the celebratory knell could be heard throughout the surrounding valley. After everyone present took turns ringing the bells, Mr. Brumage tolled a single bell in the tower of SMHS 19 times signifying the beginning of 2019, literally ringing in the New Year. Hope to see you there next year!



OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS

Ian and Katie Schultz and their dog Bryson. Ian is a financial analyst and Katie teaches 4th grade.

Justice Paul Hargett was born to Jenna, Justin and proud big sister Katie at 9:00am on October 27th 2018. Weighing in at 9.2 lbs. 21.5 inches long.

Katie Medley moved into the parsonage. She is a Dental Hygienist at Dr. Weiser's Office in Brunswick.

Welcome to Burkittsville!



SMHS Race Series - pg 5
Makin' Hay 10k -- Saturday April 27th 2019

Spook Hill Cider and Wine 4 Mile Run -- Saturday October 19th 2019

Country Breakfast - pg 5
Country Breakfast -- Saturday March 9th 6am-10am

Holidays in Burkittsville

Burkittsville knows how to celebrate the holidays! We would like to extend a big thank you to all of our volunteers, decorators, event planners, hosts, and participants. It's been a jolly holiday season in Burkittsville!

To begin the holiday season we had the hanging of the greens around town. Thank you to our volunteers Don Hongell and Paul Beaver for adorning each of our town signs. They used over 190ft of garland for this festive decoration.

St. Paul's Hosted the Kokopelli Winds Concert which featured timeless carols and music. On December 2nd after the concert, the town Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and love light dedication took place and was well attended. A small reception followed in the Parish Hall



Museums by Candlelight

South Mountain Heritage Society participated in Museums by Candlelight again this year. The museum was decorated in a traditional holiday style for the event.

Visitors throughout the day were able to learn about Burkittsville History, enjoy some refreshments, engage with town residents and members of SMHS, and listen to Jody Brumage play

hymns and carols on the historic Pomplitz and Rodewald Pipe Organ. Resident volunteers Paul Koch and Alex Byrd pumped the historic pipe organ.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For event and exhibit information visit www.southmountainheritagesociety.org

OR CONTACT US
southmountainhs@gmail.com

(240) 818-1610

SMHS is also offering Digital Displays and photo galleries on their website. Including recent events and museum collections and exhibits.

Green Team Update

By: Nan Huddy

As part of our Sustainable Burkittsville – Sustainable Maryland efforts, Burkittsville residents continue to participate in the Green Homes Challenge by taking meaningful actions to be more green.

The Green Team has been leading Burkittsville to BE GREEN! See the table for statistics for 2018.

If you have an idea for a project or initiative related to energy, clean air or water, or environmentally friendly lifestyles or municipal activities, please share your ideas via email or by attending one of our Green Team Meetings. All ages and ideas are welcome.

As of December 31, 2018	Burkittsville
Number of households in Burkittsville	17 households
Actions taken	1,063 actions
Total tons of CO2 averted	311 tons
Estimated expenses avoided	\$37,003 dollars
Total kilowatt hours of electricity saved	192,209 kw-hours
Total gallons of water saved	1,434,101 gallons
Total gallons of gasoline saved	5,717 gallons
Pounds of nitrogen pollution reduced	12 pounds
Pounds of phosphorus pollution reduced	1 pounds
Pounds of sediment pollution reduced	3,467 pounds
Square feet of impervious area reduced	139,367 sq ft
Ranking out of Frederick County Green Teams	12 out of 37

To learn more about The Green Team visit:

www.sustainablemaryland.com If you would like to join in and BE GREEN!, sign up at www.frederickgreenchallenge.org and get credit for your efforts. Even the smallest actions make a difference.



Remembering Diane Morton

By: Jody Brumage and Catherine Cox Murray

The South Mountain Heritage Society is saddened by the loss of our friend and associate, Diane Morton, on December 19, 2018. She was devoted to the old Resurrection Reformed Church. During her board presidency, Diane obtained a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust and oversaw the major restoration that brought the building back to its 1896 Victorian appearance.

For many visitors to the heritage society, Diane was the first person they met and the one they remembered most. Over many years, Diane volunteered her Saturdays every October to be at the used-book sale, greeting customers, engaging in

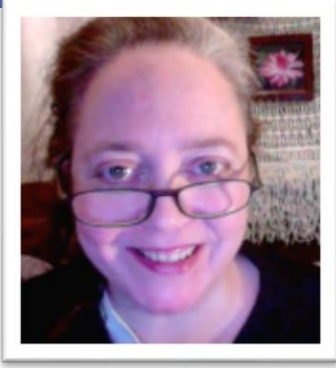
conversations, and sharing her love for and diverse collection of music. Each Christmas, during the annual “Museums by Candlelight” program, Diane designed unique Christmas ornament crafts for our younger visitors to construct and take home with them afterwards.



South Mountain Heritage Society owes much of what it is today to Diane’s steadfast leadership, creativity, and dedication to preserving this place for future generations to engage with the unique history of our community.

At Diane’s request, no services have been held. Because of her love of animals, the family requests that any memorial donations be made to a local animal shelter.

Left: Photo of Diane Morton taken in June 2013 at a garden party for the heritage society membership, during which she was honored for her service to the museum.



THANK YOU ANDREA COX

Andrea Cox has served as Editor in Chief for the Burkittsville Newsletter for 10+ years and we would like to thank her for her hard work. She has created a great catalogue of town events and history over the past decade. Each newsletter she worked on was beautifully and comprehensively done. Ms. Cox will continue to serve as a contributor to the newsletter and the social media pages. Acting Editor in Chief will now be **Erika Burgoyne-Hongell**. For any new articles, events, or announcements you would like included in the newsletter please email Erika at burkittsbugle@gmail.com

RECORD RAINFALL!

Burkittsville has had a record rainfall of over 85 inches in 2018! Mr. Richard Pry of Needwood Farms has been keeping track of the rainfall every year for over 80 years. He reported that 2018 has been the wettest year this town has seen!

Town Elections: Call to Action

Elections for Mayor and Council to be held this Spring with nominations beginning in May. Consider getting involved! You can make a difference in your local community by participating in the democratic process. The old saying “it takes a village” also applies to taking care of our little community. You moved to Burkittsville for a reason. Getting involved in the town government means you can help to preserve our historic and rural legacy. Burkittsville has kept the same borders for over 200 years; it needs work and contributions from town residents to keep it historic and beautiful.

It is easy to get involved! The Nominating Convention will be held the First Monday in May. May 6, 2019, starting at 7:00pm. Elections will be held Monday, June 3, 2019. Both the Nominating Convention and the Elections will be held at St. Paul’s Parish Hall in the center of town. We encourage your attendance!

Winter Road Safety Reminders



- **SLOW DOWN!** The Sheriff will begin enforcing the new speed limit of 20mph once the new speed limit signs are posted. Expect this change to come into effect in January or early February pending weather.
- **ICE! ICE! ICE!** As we get deeper into winter let’s remember to be considerate of our neighbors. Please do not let your gutters flow and freeze on the sidewalk and road. Last year a resident slipped and suffered a head injury. Remember to use caution – especially during inclement weather!

Welcome! The New Cemetery Board

The Burkittsville Union Cemetery Company Inc. has a new volunteer board to oversee the cemetery and we look forward to a productive new year! Board members include Mark Carroll, Nan Huddy, Sam Brown Jr. Michele Beller, and Shelby Beaver.

Additional information can be found at

www.burkittsvillecemetery.org

As always, the cemetery is open to all visitors through the pedestrian gate. If needed, cars may also enter through the large vehicle gates; please just close them when you leave.

Pictured Left to Right: Nan Huddy, Cemetery Board, Randy Huffer, Volunteer of the year, Shelby Beaver, Cemetery Board, Wayne Haupt, Volunteer of the year, Bob Miller, Former Volunteer of the year. Burkittsville Thanks You!



Upcoming Events and Dates to Watch

- **Town Meetings are held every other month, on odd numbered months of the year.** The second Monday of each month, starting at 7:00pm, at 500 East Main St, Ruritan Club Building, *unless otherwise noted.*
- **The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the first Monday of each month.** Starting at 7:00pm at the SMHS, 3 East Main St.
- **SMHS Race Series!**
 - **Join SMHS at the Makin’Hay 10K, April 27, 2019!** This scenic and rolling 10K course will take you on a journey through the heart of Frederick County’s dairy production region. Learn more at <https://www.makinhay10k.org/>
 - **The Seventh Annual SMHS Spook Hill Cider & Wine Run, October 19, 2019** is a scenic Burkittsville, MD 8:30am Start. Come for the Run then Explore the Wine Trail. Learn More at <https://www.spookhill4mile.org/>
 - **Register Soon! Price goes up after February 28th.** Bundle registration for both races and save 5%
- **The Burkittsville Ruritan Club will hold a Country Butchering on March 8 & 9, 2019 at the Ruritan Community Center, 500 East Main Street, Burkittsville, MD.** All types of fresh pork products will be on sale on Friday, March 8, from 8 AM - 5 PM, and on Saturday, March 9, from 8 AM - 12 Noon.
 - Advance orders are due by Sunday, March 3. Call 301-371-7795 to place an order or for additional information. **The Burkittsville Ruritan Club will hold a Country Breakfast on Saturday, March 9, 2019,** at the Ruritan Community Center, 500 East Main Street, Burkittsville, MD, from 6 AM - 10 AM. The menu includes AYCE fresh sausage, sausage gravy, pancakes, puddin, hominy, scrambled eggs, coffee, orange juice and milk. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6-12, and under age six free. For information call 301-371-7795.

WHO TO CALL

NON-EMERGENCY SHERIFF LINE:
(301) 600-2071

Please use this or 911 to report crime, 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

To have an issue placed on record with the town, placed on a town meeting agenda or to request Town Meeting Minutes, put it in writing.

Mail to:

townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov

or

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

Recycling Days

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