

Winter 2011

Burkittsville News

Gingerbread House Takes The Cake!

DATES:

January 18:

Christmas tree pick-up

Ham sandwich

orders are being taken until

January 30! They can be picked up on

February 5 and 6

in time for the super bowl

Call 301-834-3942

Proceeds benefit

St. Paul's Church

Feb TBA: Dan Fout will

speak on his gift of soldiers' letters to the SMHS. See Bugle for details.

March 26: Annual

Father and Son Banquet, 6:30 pm Church Parish Hall

March TBA:

Rainer Rothen will give a talk on Bluebirds, Look at Bugle for info.

April 16: Pot Pie Dinner

Church Parish Hall.

May, 2011, First Sunday COMMUNITY PICNIC!

Mark your calendar!



This detailed model of P J Gilligan's Store was made by Caleb Hughes, age 9, and his Grandmother, Jean Galey. It was crafted for the "Sweets and Treats of Frederick" art contest. This is definitely eye-candy, thanks, Caleb!



Love Lights

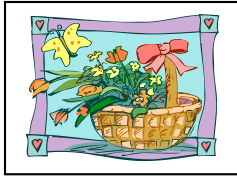
Along with the usual activities this winter, such as ringing in the New Year with chilly hands as a small crowd waits for their turn at the bell-pull, a new tradition was started this season in Burkittsville.

I think it is one that deserves special mention. The bright (energy-efficient) lights that graced the new Town Tree were all donated in memory of friends and loved ones,

making their shine especially meaningful. Each name was read at the lighting ceremony.

In a time when the whirl of the holidays can simply overwhelm one, I think this new, simple practice of remembering those we love with light is exactly what many of us need.

Thanks go out to the McBride Family for organizing this. I hope it grows into a tradition as old as the ringing of the bells. ~ed.



*From the Town of
Burkittsville to our
Secretary/Clerk,
Michele Beller*

*We all hope you are feeling better
soon. Your hard work during hard
times has not gone unnoticed!*

One of the famous BlueBird
Boxes! Don't miss Rainer's Talk
on their progress!



Burkittsville's Website is Growing!

Have you stopped by <http://www.burkittsville-md.gov/> recently? If not, check out its impressive new look. It is now a delightful work in progress, content rich, full of lovely photographs and updates.

We hope that it can be a place for people to visit regularly, as well as a place for web-travelers to get a clear picture of our Town and rich history.



Opening on the Board Appeals:

Please send your letter of interest to the Town Office by **Feb. 15th**! If you have questions about the position, we have answers. Join in, we're getting more interest in the town and government daily.

RECYCLING DATES FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

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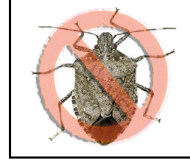
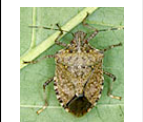
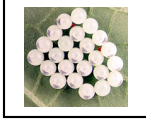
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Stink Bugs - Getting creative and Getting Even In Our Homes

The many faces of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug:

Eggs: light green stage 1 stage 2 Adult F. Adult M. **IDEAL**



<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/stinkbug/identify.asp>

I know there has been contention over identifying these bugs vs. local brown stink bugs. I'm reporting what conclusions have been reached by experts. I know those could be wrong, too, but it's what we have to work with. For now, these bugs are not being considered native, and their numbers are not considered part of a normal growth cycle.

What We Can Do In Our Homes

I hope that this section encourages people to look at new, effective home solutions for stink-bug control, and most importantly, to share ideas with neighbors!

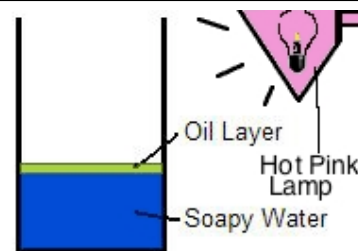
The best defense against **eggs** indoors is the vacuum. Taking down curtains, looking everywhere twice and continuing your mission is said to be most effective.

The Bugs are something else again. They can be **killed** with common dish soap, ammonia (yellow windex), nicotine jars and sticky traps, but how to get them without the smell has resulted in some interesting inventions!

They are attracted to fruity, sweet smells, bright colors, especially yellow (though blue and hot pink work) and they will go toward light. Most of these are used in **traps**. I've even seen an indoor buglight with some modifications that works quite well.

Repelling the bugs: Garlic smell repels stink bugs. Go figure! Please write in if you hear of more repellent inventions.

I'll include one invention here, and then give you a couple **links to more resources**. Also, there is one commercial product out there that I keep hearing about- 'bugzooka.'



You'll need a can which is wide enough to hold a decent quantity of bugs (I caught 80 in the first two days of using this), and it should be tall enough so that a family pet can't try to drink from it. Into this, put an inch of water and scented dish soap. Pour a little cooking oil on top, this surface smothers the bug's discharge if they get set off, and the soapy water smothers them as they sink. It'll still smell, but nowhere near as bad as one going off in the open air.

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/home-made-stink-bug-trap.html>

<http://www.doityourself.com/stry/using-household-products-to-kill-stink-bugs>

for those of you who missed it:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/27/us/27stinkbug.html>

http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2010/10/stink_bugs_bothering_you_delaw.html
(I like this guy's style!)

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BE PART OF THIS FUTURE!

The Town Planning & Zoning Commission is starting its *final* update of the Burkittsville Comprehensive Plan at its regular meeting on January 25th (The 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Town Office). It will continue reviewing the document during the forthcoming months. *Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and provide input during the process.* **The P & Z** has presented two items for council review and possible adoption: **1st:** Updates to the existing Property Regulations Ordinance **2nd:** A new ordinance addressing 'Demolition by Neglect.'

For a copy of these, write to the Town Office or check our Town Website.

Town meetings are on the second Monday of every other month.