

A GIFT OF CHRISTMAS PAST

DATES TO WATCH:

OPENING ON P & Z

Official Interest in serving on P&Z **must be expressed in writing by Jan. 30th** to TownOffice@burkittsville.md.gov or to the **Town Office P.O. Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718**

Valid candidates must be 18 years of age, reside within Burkittsville or directly adjacent to Town, be able to meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 pm and be willing to complete a free State training course online. If you have questions, contact Brandon Boldyga, Zoning Administrator (443) 404-0053 or planning.burkittsville.md@gmail.com

PLANNING & ZONING

Effective immediately, P&Z will meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the South Mountain Heritage Society, 3 East Main Street, Burkittsville, MD 21718. *Citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings to discuss land use, zoning and planning matters within the Town.*

ZUMBA

Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Parish Hall, 5 E. Main St.
\$5 a class.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING & DISCOUNT

Recycle your old lights into useful components & get a 15% discount on new, energy efficient lights. How? Bring old lights to MOM's Organic Market, fill out a form and get a coupon for 15% off HOLIDAYLEDs.com Drop-Off until Jan. 31st, ship to HOLIDAYLEDs.com all year.

Santa's sleigh could be seen displayed at the Boyer Farm on Broad Run this Holiday season. Originally displayed on the front lawn of the Guyton Residence in town, this mechanical, hand-made decoration is a small piece of Burkittsville History. Built in 1945, it was loaned to the Guytons by a Mr. Robert E. Greenwood of Petersville, who told Mr. Guyton if he wanted it he knew where it was.

In 1957 Mr. Greenwood and his friend Ralph F. Ridgeway were attempting to fly a plane under the bridge at Point of Rocks. The two-seater, single engine Ercoupe crashed. Tragically, neither man survived. Mr. Greenwood, 35, a WWII Marine veteran, and a 10 year member of the Brunswick Elks, left Santa and the reindeer in Burkittsville.

The Guytons displayed the sleigh every holiday season from 1950-1965, where Rudolf and the rest of the display were animated by its ingenious machinery, adding holiday cheer to the town. It was then stored in at the end of 1965. It is now displayed by Mr. Wayne Guyton's daughter, Denise, in her front yard accompanied by a sign listing a few facts about the decoration. Also displayed in Burkittsville with Santa's sleigh was a manger scene that Wayne and his mother bought in Hagerstown in 1950. Wayne's son displayed the manger on his property on Picnic Woods Road.



With many thanks to the Guyton Family

Photos & Story by Erika Burgoyne-Hongell



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YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste will be collected the First Tuesday of the month until further notice.

SUPER BOWL SOUP & SUBS

Saint Paul's will be selling their famous Home-Made Soups and Subs again this year: Quarts of Bean or Vegetable soup \$5, Fresh Cold Cut Subs & Delicious Turkey Subs also \$5 each – Order forms available January 18 at Church, call (301) 834-9866 (leave order & your details) or contact Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church-Burkittsville-Maryland/112451555434330>
Pickup date for food: Jan 31st,
Due Date for Orders: Jan. 25
See link to flier on website home page.

Town Meetings are held every Second Monday of the month, 7:30-8:30 PM at the Ruritan. If you have a concern, please submit it in writing to the Town Clerk at TownOffice@burkittsville-md.gov or PO Box 485

The Burkittsville Ruritan Club will be holding a **Country Butchering** on March 6 & 7, 2015. All types of fresh pork products can be picked up at the Ruritan Community Center, 500 East Main Street, Burkittsville, MD, on Friday, March 6 (8 AM - 6 PM) and on Saturday, March 7 (8 AM - 12 Noon). Advance orders will be accepted through Sunday, March 1, by calling 301-371-7795.

The Burkittsville Ruritan Club will be holding a **Country Breakfast** at the Ruritan Community Center, 500 East Main Street, Burkittsville, MD, on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 6 AM - 10 AM. The menu includes all-you-can-eat fresh sausage, sausage gravy, puddin, hominy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, coffee, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (ages 6-12), and under age six free.

Bell and History Day April 11th marks the beginning of the Museum Season in Frederick County. (See right)

SMHS Preservation Projects Supported by MHAA Grant

Last summer, SMHS was awarded an \$11,000.00 grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to support necessary maintenance and improvements to the historic Resurrection Reformed Church.

The first project completed was the re-flooring of the center section of the front porch. This section of the building dates to 1860 and is the main entrance for visitors to the museum. Water damage and rot had weakened several of the boards. With this repair completed, the porch is once again safe for visitors to walk on.

Poor drainage of water from the roof and exposure to weather had severely damaged some of the east windows of the church. Installed during the renovations of 1860, the church's large Gothic windows are essential to the building's historical integrity. Several panes that had worn loose from the muntins were replaced and the windows were re-glazed. A protective outer covering of Lexan, a polycarbonate plastic, was placed over the exterior of these windows to protect them from damage as well as improving the indoor climate efficiency by sealing off air leakage.

Due to the museum's location on a hillside, water drainage posed a serious threat to the back wing of the museum. This section of the building, added in 1894, is of balloon-frame construction and is covered in clapboard. A new drainage ditch keeps water from resting against the siding, causing wood rot.

We appreciate the support of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority in providing the grant money to fund these essential improvements and the Heritage Society is very grateful to our Burkittsville neighbors Ed Quinn and Jad Drake for their fine work.

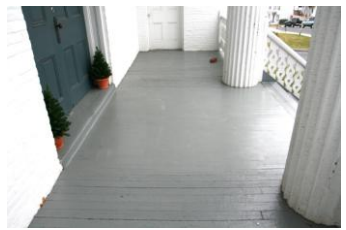
- Mr. Jody Brumage, Curator, Acting Vice-President of the South Mountain Heritage Society



Before

After

Drainage Correction



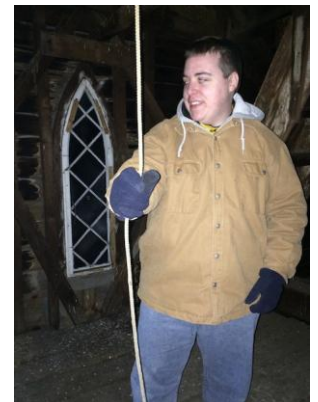
New Porch Floor

Bell & History Day - Saturday, April 11, 2015

Join us as we ring in a new museum year at SMHS.

The historic 1896 church bell will be rung at 10:00 am as we begin a day of guided museum tours and a walking tour of Burkittsville.

Please visit the SMHS website to stay updated on our events for this exciting day! The museum will be open from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Curator and Vice President of the SMHS Jody Brumage rings in 2015 on New Year's Eve!



Sustainable Burkittsville Survey

Thirty-three Burkittsville residents from 23 households responded to the Sustainable Burkittsville survey. This represents a household response rate of roughly 37%.

As a result of the survey, the Green Team gained new members: Paul and Shelby Beaver, Kim Hughes, John Marston, and Chuck Rounds have joined Green Team Leader Lisa Orr, Co-Leader Deborah Burgoyne, Charlie Cottingham and Kirsten Mortimer. The team will be meeting in the near future to assess the survey findings and develop an action plan. Some preliminary key survey findings include:

*55% of respondents indicated they were very familiar with and interested in sustainability and it factored into their lifestyle choices. They are actively taking steps to increase their home's energy efficiency or adopt environmentally friendly practices.

*65% said their household should do as much as possible to create a safe and sustainable future for their families, the Burkittsville community, and the planet, while 23% went further and said they should serve as an active role model and leader for sustainability in our community.

*The Natural Resource topics of greatest concern to residents were water pollution and drinking water quality, followed closely by fertilizer/pesticide run-off, illegal discharges, septic system problems, and loss of songbirds, bats and wildlife habitat.

Visit www.burkittsville-md.gov and click the link "Sustainable Burkittsville Survey Results" above the town seal to view the complete survey results. Many thanks to the Town of Burkittsville and Drake's Eggs for providing the incentive for taking the survey. Twenty-four coupons for a dozen free eggs were requested by survey respondents.

-Lisa Orr, Burkittsville Green Team Leader

Burkittsville's Younger Generation Catches the Acting Bug!

Kaz Stronge, one of Burkittsville's seasoned young actors, bagged a plum role in the MET's (Maryland Ensemble Theatre) production of A Christmas Carol – no, not Tiny Tim- rather, the character that serve's as Scrooge's liberation from his nightmare state, and not only delivers the lines that let the old miser know it is not too late to repent, but serves as the first agent of his new-found good will: The Turkey Boy! Kaz pursued this part, and performed it the nights of Dec. 19th & 20th, 2014 at the Weinberg Center for the Arts.

Director Julie Herber also designed the remarkable costumes, and accomplished actor Tad Janes, who played Scrooge, doubled as set designer. The production was very well received by young and old, an impressive feat for any form of entertainment! Bravo, Kaz!



Kaz Stronge (center) in A Christmas Carol



And the shows go on!

The Valley PTA School Play this year at Valley Elementary, Jefferson, MD, is a musical called "Oz!" and it's in full swing! An enthusiastic cast is preparing right now to present you with this contemporary musical adaptation of L. Frank Baum's 1900 enduring childhood classic, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, widely held to be America's first original fairy tale.

Valley is privileged to have Julie Herber, the irrepressible, multi-talented Director from Maryland Ensemble Theatre's Fun Company leading this year's students down the yellow brick road and up onto stage.

"Oz!" will feature *three* young actors from Burkittsville. Kaz Stronge, a fifth grader who is no stranger to the limelight, will play the part of the scarecrow. Nadia Remaley, a fourth grader, will tackle multiple roles. She will be a crow, a cyclone, part of the china forest, and a flying monkey. Samara Campbell, second grade, will be making her debut as a citizen of Oz.

The performances will be on the evenings of March 20th and 21st, unless the weather makes changes necessary (snow dates are March 27th & 28th.) The shows are scheduled to start at 7 P.M. each night, for cancellation information, look at the Valley Elementary PTA website - accessible through the Valley Elementary Website: <http://education.fcps.org/ves/>, Tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Money from the show helps the PTA cover the cost of production. Refreshments are sold at the concession stand, as are flowers for the actors. Keep an eye out for more information, and come enjoy the talents of our local youth!

Groundbreaking Anticipated

In March, 2015, if weather permits, two great undertakings are expected to begin!



First off, repair to street drainage is expected break ground in March. The state of the drains is an issue that has caused much concern around town. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather cooperates, and next thing you know, we may be saying goodbye to all the orange barrels and cones.

A less "hot button" project is also in the works with a tentative March date. The Harry Pfeifer Scenic Overlook Information Center (The Green Little Red Barn) is moving forward. The Center, made possible in part by a \$37,000 Project Open Space grant, is called "Green" for the sustainable nature of the intended building materials and fixtures. This Center should provide an area with access to local information, a public, accessible rest room and a section for storage. Ask how you can help with this worthy effort!

Saint Paul's Welcomes Interim Pastor

There's an interim pastor that will be serving St. Paul until a permanent Pastor is called. Her name is Pastor Jeanne Befano. She is a second-career pastor, entering into the seminary at the age of 50 after working as a journalist and before that, in sales.

Pastor Jeanne has served several local congregations and is also a Spiritual Director, training at Shalem Institute for Spirituality.


Pastor Jeanne told us "I have known Pastor Kim through the years and she has always had wonderful things to say about the folks here in Burkittsville".

Feel free to visit Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5 East Main Street, introduce yourself to Pastor Jeanne and welcome her to Burkittsville.

Hey, folks, we have a request that citizens be as proactive as possible when it comes to finding out Town information. While we do our best to keep you informed with a personal touch, please make a point of checking The Bugle (the bulletin board across from the Post Office), The Town Website www.burkittsville-md.gov, the Town's Facebook Page as well as the Newsletter to keep up to date; it just isn't always feasible to go door-to-door. Contact the Town Office with any questions, and thank you!

During Severe Weather collection times or days may be changed, check the website, use the app or call for updates.

<https://frederickcountymd.gov/3447/Curbside-Collection-Schedule> 301-694-6498 frederickrecycles@republicservices.com



2015 Frederick County Curbside Recycling Schedule


Burkittsville, MD's Recycling Day is the Same: Red Tuesday

Recycling carts/bins should be set out no later than 6am of your collection day.

- ✖ = Holiday, no collection
- ↶ = Holiday collection shift

Month	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
JANUARY					2	3	
FEBRUARY			9	10	11	12	13
MARCH			8	9	10	11	12
APRIL			5	6	7	8	9
MAY			3	4	5	6	7
JUNE			1	2	3	4	5
JULY			1	2	3	4	
AUGUST			9	10	11	12	13
SEPTEMBER			6	7	8	9	10
OCTOBER			4	5	6	7	8
NOVEMBER			1	2	3	4	5
DECEMBER			1	2	3	4	5

This calendar shows regularly scheduled curbside recycling collection days. To be alerted of adjustments to this schedule (such as for storms) as well as notification of special programs (such as Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events, Christmas tree drop-off dates and sites, etc.), please download our **free mobile app!** It can provide reminders of when to set your cart at the curb, answer questions about what is and is not recyclable and even be used to report curbside issues. **Download today at: www.my-waste.mobi/FrederickMD**



Burkittsville says Goodbye to two of our own.

Mary Ann Quinn and Lillie Morris

Our thoughts are with their families at this time.



~REMEMBER ~ IF WE HAVE MISSED YOU, OR IF YOU ARE NOT ON THE BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY LIST, OR YOU WOULD LIKE A SPECIAL EVENT MENTIONED IN THE PRINT VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL US AT BURKITTSVILLENEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM OR WRITE TO THE TOWN OFFICE, P.O. Box 485

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WHEN SUBMITTING ARTICLES, PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU ARE COMFORTABLE HAVING IT SHARED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PHOTOS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS!

Thank you to all the people who gave freely of their time to provide photographs, dates, articles and tech support to the News, Facebook Page & website Current Events in 2014!

Without you, none of these projects would be possible.

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Who To Call:

- **NON-EMERGENCY SHERIFF NUMBER: 301-600-2071**
- **Animal Control:** 301-600-1546 (911 after hours)
- **Poison Control:** (call with questions, too): 1-800-222-1222
- **Abuse Help & 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
- **Town Government Issues:** 301-834-6780
- **To have your town issue put on record:** write a detailed email about your issue to: townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov or mail a letter to: Town of Burkittsville P.O. Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718
- **If you want to report a natural event/disaster that isn't life threatening,** take shelter right away then call 1-301-600-1603 (911 after hours) **If you have any doubt about the seriousness of the situation, CALL 911,** your call will be routed to the proper responders.
- **For Traffic and Travel Alerts, Delays & Emergencies check:** 511

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