



MASON DRAKE AT THE BURKITTSVILLE ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL – SHELBY BEAVER

Burkittsville Newsletter

July - August 2015

Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter.

On Mosquito Reduction

By Andrew Burgoyne-Hongell

Mosquitos are insects that trouble us all throughout the summer months with their always-obnoxious, sometimes-noxious, bites. Mosquitos have very short life cycles, often only living a few weeks after emerging from their eggs, and their only purpose is reproduction: to that end they suck our and our pets' blood.

First a mosquito lays its eggs most often in or near standing water such as: bird baths, rain collection barrels, puddles and any number of other places water might collect and remain undisturbed for several days. With the recent commonality of thunderstorms and afternoon showers its very easy to find a pool of stagnant water. After hatching the mosquito larvae feed on bacteria for several days and often look like plant debris floating in the water. The larvae then metamorphose into pupae and subsequently into adult mosquitos to begin the cycle all over again.

We can disrupt the life cycle of mosquitos and the pestilential effects of mosquitos in a variety of ways all of which work best when used in concert with the others:

- We can dump standing water from things like bird baths and place lids over rain collection barrels to deny mosquitos places to lay their eggs.
- Fix holes in our yard where puddles could form.
- Keep watering cans and buckets upturn when not in use.
- · Many of us have a small stream, Burkitt Run, flowing through our yards. Keeping it clear of debris prevents the water from pooling.
- · Avoid spending time out-of-doors during dawn or dusk, when mosquitos are most active.
- · And, of course, use insect repellent.

Reducing the mosquito population is of benefit to us all, minimizes irritation from their bites, and reduces the chance of infection. Prevention is the best protection.

Notice!

There will be NO town meeting for the month of July

Next meeting will be August 10
7:30pm
Ruritan Club

Waste Updates & Reminders!

Yard waste pickup is the *first* Tuesday of every month

Recycling Pickup Dates:
July 14 & July 28
August 11 & August 25

Street Work!

Starting **July 20**, lasting up to two weeks – there will be work on East Main Street
Expect delays and plan accordingly!

Needwood Farms

Run by Tim Pry

LocalHarvest.org is a great website that can help you find locally grown produce. You can use the map to find farmers markets, family farms, CSAs, farm stands, etc near you or you can type something in by name to find the listing.

Needwood Farms is among the local listings for our area. Owned and operated by Tim Pry,



Needwood Farms offers "exceptional quality beef, bred for tenderness and flavor". Their family farm is environmentally friendly and they do not use hormones, antibiotics, or stimulants. They care about the quality of their product and customer service.

To find out more about Needwood farms and the beef packages they offer please visit their listing at LocalHarvest.org

BURKITTSVILLE BACKYARD PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Do you have extra produce from your personal garden? Do you have a special crop you'd like to share with your neighbors? If so, join our group and exchange your produce with other Burkittsville Residents!

THE DIRECT FACEBOOK LINK FOR THE GROUP IS...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1611486002422498/>



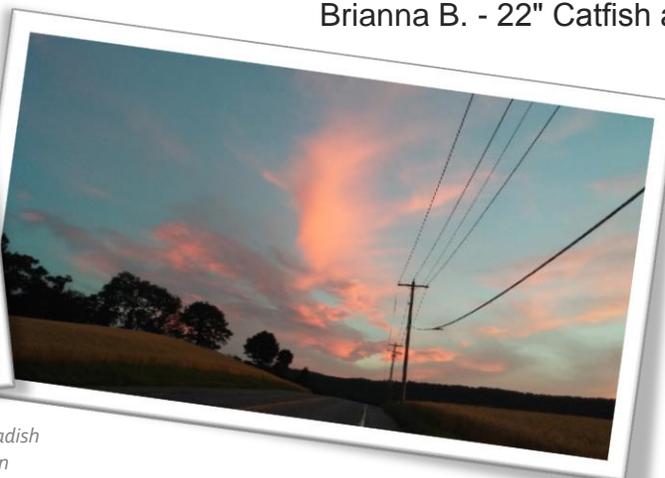
Annual Fishing Derby

The Burkittsville Ruritan Club and the Town of Burkittsville sponsored the Annual Fishing Derby at the town pond in Burkittsville on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

The winners were: Caroline Pichon - 5" Bluegill, Ella M. - 16 1/2" Catfish, Leo S. - 5" Bluegill, Payton W. - 18" Large-Mouth Bass, Joshua R. - 21 1/2" Catfish, Ethan M. - 17" Catfish, Cierra F. - 19 1/2" Catfish, Ethan B. - 23 1/2" Catfish, Brianna B. - 22" Catfish and Jessica S. - 23 1/2" Catfish.



A proud photo of an extra-large radish from resident Larry Beller's garden



A Burkittsville Sunset after a Storm - Debby Burgoyne

July Notices

The Planning and Zoning Committee would like to extend a welcome to our newest commissioner: Mark Carroll!

IT'S CARNIVAL SEASON AGAIN!



July 12-18

Midway rides will be provided by M&M Amusements and games will be available for all ages. The food stands open at 5:00 pm each evening and the Ruritan Club is known for its excellent food!

The live music schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, July 12: Donnie Wood and the Front Porch Boys**
- **Monday, July 13: Debbie Williams and the City Slickers**
- **Tuesday, July 14: Inside Out**
- **Wednesday, July 15: River's Bend**
- **Thursday, July 16: Silver Eagle Band**
- **Friday, July 17: Brushfire**
- **Saturday, July 18: Lonesome Highway**

For more information visit:
www.burkitssvilleruritan.org



South Mountain Heritage Society Presents:

Craggy Island – Sun. July 26, 2015 7:00pm

Craggy Island is based in nearby Knoxville. The group plays a mixture of Irish and American traditional music and you won't want to miss their unique sound and performance.

Burkittsville's own Charlie Isemann is competing at the M&S Harley-Davidson's Backyard BBQ Competition on **July 25**

The competition is from **9am-4pm** at 160 Falling Spring Road Chambersburg, PA 17202



**October 24, 2015
8:30am**

Register online at raceit.com
By searching "spook hill"

The Great Frederick Fair will be here soon!
September 18-26
For more information, including how to enter your creations for shows, visit:
www.thegreatfrederickfair.com

August Notices

**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH SUMMER
MUSIC FEST**

SAVE THE DATE!



**South Mountain Heritage Society
Presents:**

Civil War Storytelling w/ Wedgewood
Winds – Sat. August 8, 2015 7:00 pm

Wedgewood Winds will return for a unique performance of Civil War Era music paired with storytelling and ghost lore. This performance will follow an evening reception and a chance to learn more about getting involved with SMHS!



On August 8th at 4:30 pm St. Paul's Lutheran Church us hosting a Summer Music Fest at the Burkittsville Ruritan. Featuring the musical groups:

- Buck and Debbie Fisher
- The Hefners
- The Harmony Band



There will be plenty of good food including Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Country Ham Sandwiches, can cut fries (etc). There will also be an ice cream truck!



Come prepared for the White Elephant Table and the Cake Auction as well! And if a cake isn't what you're after then stop by the Bake table for a smaller treat!



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Reminders from Mayor and Council

Tree Blossoms – Rebecca Remaley



Dear Burkittsville,

You are the Town and the Town needs you. Your Mayor and Council have received all kinds of wonderful ideas submitted by you, such as:

- Community Picnics*
- Parades*
- Winter Sunday Afternoon Board Game Days. The South Mountain Heritage Society (SMHS) has offered its space.*
- Parks rejuvenation*
- Caroling*

...And More!

While these are all great ideas, they are not a function of government. To bring your ideas into action we need a Social Committee and/or Parks Committee. The Mayor and Council will support and work with you. These committees are open to citizens of all ages.

Please send your expression of interest to townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov or PO Box 485 Burkittsville, MD 21718

*Sincerely,
Mayor and Council*



Town Picnic and Street Curb- Andrea Cox

Reminder: We do not have a Public Works Department. We also do not have the budget to pay for street cleaning. Please remove all debris and vegetation from sidewalks, curbs and gutters contiguous to your property. If this has already been done for you thank the Neighbor helping Neighbor spirit in Burkittsville. Please do not take advantage of it.

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WHO TO CALL

Non-Emergency Sheriff Line: 301-600-2071
(Use this number to report speeding, vandalism or other crimes)

Animal Control: 301-600-1546 (911 after hours)
Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222
Abuse Help & Information: 1-800-422-4453
National Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Recycling Questions: 301-694-6498
Trash Collection: 301-668-8282 (Key Sanitation)

To have your town issue put on record: write a detailed email to townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov (please caption email accordingly) or write a detailed letter to Town of Burkittsville PO Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718

To report a non-life-threatening natural event/disaster, Take shelter right away then call 301-600-1603

For traffic alerts, delays, and emergencies: 511

As always, in an emergency, dial 911

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