

Burkittsville News

Ruritan Fund Raiser

The fundraiser to help rebuild the Pavilion and Ice Cream Parlor has raised about \$12,000 so far, and has a goal of being able to rebuild by Carnival.

If you want to help meet this goal, please send your donation to:

Burkittsville Ruritan
PO Box 424

Gingerbread Houses & Lights from the Heart



House and photo from Erika Burgoyne Hongell

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Burkittsville News. I'm happy to be able to continue a few things from last winter, for example, featuring a stunning gingerbread house on our front page!

Another is reporting that the sponsoring of Love Lights is going strong. Last year I wrote an editorial about them; It's beautiful to see them shining on the Town tree this year, knowing the tradition continued.

CHRISTMAS TREE
PICK UP IS ON
JANUARY 11TH
& JANUARY 18TH

COUNTRY
BUTCHERING -
JANUARY 11-14TH,
CALL RANDY
HUFFER FOR
ORDERS.

COUNTRY
BREAKFAST,
RURITAN, SAT 14,
6:30- 10:30

BURN PERMITS
IT'S A GOOD TIME
TO GET YOUR
BURNING DONE.

Notes About Our Alley Signs

You may have noticed that our alley signs are finally here.

The "No Thru Traffic" signs became necessary to prevent the public from speeding through the alleys to avoid using Main Street.

Speeding through the alleys endangers the lives of residents and pets.

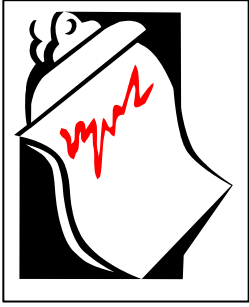
Homeowners are still allowed full access to the alleys; observing common sense speeds, as always.

A benefit of the signs is that we can now block off parts of the alleys for temporary use if needed. Orange traffic cones will be provided to residents who wish to do this. Call Town Hall or email mayor@burkittsville-md.gov for more information.

Should anyone approach you with concerns about the signs, feel free to let them know that the signs were posted for safety reasons.

The signs are simply making sure through traffic stays on Main Street.

Fake Charity Calls In Our Area



*Arm yourself with a notebook. Remember, you have a **right** to ask these questions. Some callers are trained to bully or guilt people out of their money. You can turn the tables with this simple list. Good luck!*

Recently there have been phony charity calls in our area. Here are a few ways to make sure you are talking to a legitimate organization.

1. Ask the caller for their full name.
2. Are they being paid to make the call? If so, by what company?
3. Ask for the full name, address and phone number of the charity.
4. Is the charity (or paid fundraiser) registered with the office of the Secretary of State?
5. Where are they calling from?
6. What is the purpose of their organization?
7. What percent of total income does the charity spend on its program?
8. What part of your donation is tax deductible?

A good thing to know - anything you promise on the phone to these fundraisers (an oral pledge) is not binding.

Volunteers of the Year Award Winners



*Bob and Maureen Young
accepting their
award*

Bob & Maureen Young of West Main Street are the 2011 winners of Burkittsville Volunteers of the Year Award.

Bob and Maureen have been a constant presence during many changes at the SMHS, putting in countless hours of effort to preserve local heritage.

In recognition of their many years of this tireless service to the Town Of Burkittsville, Bob and Maureen Young were presented with a Certificate of Thanks and a gift certificate of a dinner for two.

The Mayor and Council selects the Volunteers of the Year during November, Municipal Works Month.

We know there are many unsung volunteers out there. If you would like to nominate someone for special recognition in November, drop a line to the Town Office!



"Tomato and Mayo", oil on panel. 8x8 inches, recently on view as part of Lesa Cook's solo show at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S ART

Lesa Cook recently had a solo show at The Delaplaine in Frederick. "Drawings, Paintings and Sculpture" featured new work in all three mediums. She primarily does portraiture and figurative work, but lately has also been exploring a series of still lifes. To view images from the show, go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/delaplaine/6389283649>.

To view Lesa's website, go to www.lesacook.com

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The Mayor is On the Mend

Here's wishing Mayor Debby Burgoyne a full and peaceful recovery from her New Year's injuries.

Suffering from fractures in her shoulder, elbow and a broken kneecap, Debby is quick to point out that 2012 can only get better from here on in.

Debby and family are very vocal about how grateful they are for all the help and support they've received from the community.

GET WELL SOON!



