

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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#### Greetings and a few reminders:

The street sweeper will be in town on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area. They will not be here again until May 2022.

The next time Greenbelt will be collecting your electronic recycling is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm. Accepted items include CPUs, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires & power cords, fax machines, cameras, flat-screen televisions, telephones, radios, DVD players, and VCRs. Also, block Styrofoam #6. Paint recycling – cost \$5 per container. DO NOT MIX PAINT in other containers. For info call 240-542-2153.

This link may be very helpful when you have questions or concerns about Public Works, such as trash days for your neighborhood, what we pick up, etc.: <a href="https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department">https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department</a>

April 15<sup>th</sup> is a ½ day holiday for public works personnel but should not affect your trash/bulk or yard waste pickup. Feel free to check the Berwyn Heights page online, or the Berwyn Heights facebook or twitter pages if you are having trouble getting in touch with our personnel.

Please be aware that Public Works is handing out 'Blocked Trash Notices' that read: "We could not pick up your trash today because it was blocked by a vehicle. If your vehicle can be moved by 10:30 am, please call the Public Works Department at 301-474-6897 and we will do our best to come back. If we do not receive a call by 10:30 am, it will need to wait until your next pick-up day."

#### Saludos y algunos recordatorios:

El barrendero estará en la ciudad desde el lunes 4 de abril hasta el viernes 8 de abril. Estacione su automóvil fuera de la calle cuando vea al barrendero en su área. No volverán a estar aquí hasta mayo de 2022.

La próxima vez que Greenbelt recolectará su reciclaje electrónico es el sábado 23 de abril de 9 am a 12 pm. Los artículos aceptados incluyen CPU, monitores, teclados, ratones de computadora, impresoras, computadoras portátiles, equipos de grabación, parlantes, escáneres, protectores de sobretensión, cables y cables de alimentación, máquinas de fax, cámaras, televisores de pantalla plana, teléfonos, radios, reproductores de DVD y VCR. Además, bloquee la espuma de poliestireno n.°6. Reciclaje de pintura: cuesta \$5 por contenedor. NO MEZCLE PINTURA en otros contenedores. Para obtener información, llame al 240-542-2153.

Este enlace puede ser muy útil cuando tenga preguntas o inquietudes sobre las obras públicas, como los días de basura para su vecindario, lo que recogemos, etc.:

#### https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-worksdepartment

El 15 de abril es un feriado y medio día para el personal de obras públicas, pero no debería afectar la recolección de basura/desechos a granel o de jardín. No dude en consultar la página de Berwyn Heights en línea, o las páginas de Facebook o Twitter de Berwyn Heights si tiene problemas para ponerse en contacto con nuestro personal.

Tenga en cuenta que Obras Públicas está entregando 'Avisos de basura bloqueada' que dicen: "No pudimos recoger su basura hoy porque estaba bloqueada por un vehículo. Si puede mover su vehículo antes de las 10:30 am, llame al Público Departamento de Obras Públicas al 301-474-6897 y haremos todo lo posible para regresar. Si no recibimos una llamada antes de las 10:30 am, deberá esperar hasta el próximo día de recogida".

#### Worksession Minutes February 7, 2022 | 7:00 pm

#### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Also present were Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell as well as Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Councilmember Ethan Sweep was excused. Also present were several of the applicants for Board of Election Supervisors as well as residents of the Town.

#### **Announcements**

Mayor Dewey reviewed logistics for meeting in person, including wearing a mask that covers both nose and mouth, overflow for building capacity and requested that all residents speak at the podium. CM Brittan-Powell announced on behalf of the Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights Taskforce that they are not in support of bicyclists running stop signs.

#### Approval of Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. **Discussion Items** 

## Board of Elections Supervisors- review of applications

Mayor Dewey invited the applicants that were present to take a moment to introduce themselves. Susan Kelley, Sharmila Bhatia, and Debby Steele-Snyder introduced themselves. Brandon Wong was present but did not speak.

CM Brittan-Powell asked if there was any advice from the experienced judges on structure. Ms. Bhatia explained that some of the structure will be determined closer to the election but that ballots are to be in both English and Spanish by law based on the Census. Mayor Dewey asked if it was helpful to have more than 5 judges; the Charter requires at least five, but the Town Council can appoint more. Ms. Bhatia explained that having more judges is helpful as it allows for breaks and rotation of election staff.

Resident Angie Wolfinger expressed that the broadcast during the vote count in the prior election was very poor and would like that rectified should there be a broadcast of the vote count in this election.

#### **Greenbelt Planning- Staff presentation**

TM Allen introduced Holly Simmons from the Greenbelt Planning Department. The Town of Berwyn Heights was supportive of a grant that the City of Greenbelt was able to obtain to do this project, the "Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan". Ms. Simmons reviewed that they obtained a grant through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (COG). The study area spans three jurisdictions, following Greenbelt Road from Rte. 1 to Kenilworth. The purpose of this project is to develop a cohesive vision for a nearly 2-mile span of roadway. The City of Greenbelt will

be working with consulting firm Kittelson and Associates who will develop short- and longterm recommendations. The timetable for the Plan began in October and is now beginning the public engagement phase. The next step is a visioning meeting, which will be a public meeting 7-9PM Thursday, the 10th of February. At this time an interactive virtual map for public comment will be open. On March 16 another public meeting will be held as part of a Greenbelt City Council Worksession. Kittelson will have the report completed by the end of June. You can find more info on the project webpage (https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/ government/greenbelt-road-md-193-corridorplan).

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification on what a virtual comment map is. Ms. Simmons explained that it is an interactive online map where you can click different buttons on a side panel that will allow you to see existing conditions, comments already provided by others, and allow you to pick a specific place along Greenbelt Road to add your own comment. She also stated if you have a general comment, pick a less populated spot on the map and make a note that the comment is for the whole of Greenbelt Road. CM Brittan-Powell expressed thanks for the consideration and collaboration between the communities. TM Allen stated that not all of the community will embrace a virtual meeting or Virtual Map. Ms. Simmons stated that comments could be physically mailed into her at 15 Crescent Rd in Greenbelt 20770. MPT Kulpa-Eddy pointed out that the Visioning meeting is the same time as the Green Team meeting. Ms. Simmons stated a recording of the Visioning meeting will be posted to the project webpage.

### ARPA Projects; high, medium low assessment and creation of ARPA fund

Mayor Dewey reviewed that the timeline document, results of survey and community meetings and the list of goals will be included with every ARPA discussion. The project list was to be presented to TM Allen, and staff will conduct initial research. TM Allen will be reaching out to Council for more clarification on projects. The second part of the discussion will be to discuss the establishment of an ARPA fund.

Mayor Dewey invited Council to present information that will inform staff research.CM Brittan-Powell thanked the Wolfingers and Susan Jones as well as others for their assistance with one of the projects. He shared a handout on a proposed project for a permanent structure that could house outdoor events. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the assignments of projects to single categories. TM Allen explained that Treasury has several codes that projects can fall under. However. projects cannot be attached to multiple codes and so they will be designated into a single category that best fits the project. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if this changes how we consider prioritizing projects. TM Allen confirmed that projects may need to be restructured to fit Treasury's accounting codes, but that the substance of the project won't be lost. CM Brittan-Powell expressed his understanding that this was reported through the Maryland

Department of Budget and Management. TM Allen explained that the Town reports directly to the US Treasury. CM Brittan-Powell shared information that he had put together in response to his conversations with the Department of Budget and Management. TM Allen shared that the final guidance from Treasury allows for the whole of what Berwyn Heights will be receiving to be allocated as revenue loss, which is different than the interim guidance that was initially received. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that some things are still prohibited (e.g., lowering taxes). CM Brittan Powell further suggested that the goals list could be reduced to two goals. CM Papanikolas stated that Council needs to be cognizant of staff effort. CM Brittan-Powell provided a document to the Council that shared how he thought the goals could be summarized. Mayor Dewey stated CM Brittan-Powell had added several goals during the last meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that she was comfortable with the previous set goals. CM Brittan-Powell requested that Council begin to think of projects in two categories: physical or services.

TM Allen suggested that Council create an ARPA fund in addition to the existing General Fund and Public Safety Taxing District Fund. This would create a third "bucket". She further recommended designing the project presentations in such a way that it can be easily uploaded into the Treasury portal. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked where the fund would be kept. TM Allen explained that from a bank account standpoint, it is in the same bank account as the General Fund, but from an accounting standpoint it will be separate. The fund will be established by resolution at the Town Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Department Reports**

Mayor Dewey reported that she swore in the new police officer, Officer Lowndes, a little over a week ago. She shared that the MML legislative committee will be meeting biweekly with the next meeting occurring on Wednesday of this week. She reviewed having attended several Berwyn Heights committee meetings as well as 4 Cities and Mayors Association of PGC. The 4 Cities meeting was good and productive. She also reviewed the MML Young Municipal Leaders meeting and shared about the upcoming Greenbelt Corridor meeting as well as the extension of the indoor mask mandate through March 9. She reviewed that tests and masks are available through the County and you can locate information on pickup spots at health.mypgc.us/COVIDsupplies

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked at the beginning of her report if the Town has test kits available for residents. Mayor Dewey stated that the Town does have kits available at the BHPD, one kit per household while supplies last and that a stack of kits will be distributed at the Senior Center during their next meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued her report, stating that on

January 28th she attended the Maryland Association of County Park and Recreation Administrators/MML Parks and Recreation meeting, which is the joint meeting for the Counties and Municipalities in Maryland to get together. During the meeting there were several grant opportunities mentioned from the State DNR that may be useful for community parks and playgrounds. She also attended a "Municipalities in the Know' webinar presented by Parks and Planning Youth and Countywide Sports Division, where it was mentioned the County will offer baseballleagues this year. She highlighted changes to the PGCPS school calendar, that incorporates the Juneteenth holiday and pushes the last day of the school year back to June 23rd. Finally, she shared information about the Explore Lakeland virtual event taking place on Thursday, February 10 at 6:30PM.

CM Papanikolas stated that there have been no new building permits in the past couple of weeks, but that these usually pick up around this time of year. He shared that Code Compliance issues brought to the attention of the Town are being dealt with. CM Brittan-Powell expressed that he has had people mention concerns over the number of people living in rental housing. CM Papanikolas asked for clarification as to whether the residents were talking about shared housing or rental housing. He explained that there is a difference in what Code can do between the two categories, and that if residents have concerns about this to have them bring it to the attention of Code.

CM Brittan-Powell shared appreciation to the Administrative staff for all their hard work on the ARPA planning. He shared that he has some numbers worked up for his projects/goals. He also spoke with someone at MML regarding the summer intern program that could be used by staff.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

Mayor Dewey expressed heartfelt condolences to the City of Hyattsville and the loss of Mayor Kevin Ward. CM Brittan-Powell stated he has had conversations with other communities regarding economies of scale for ARPA projects.

## There were no other residential comments. **Adjournment**

CM Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:21PM

(handouts provided during the meeting can be found on the Town website at https:// bit.ly/3tXdHnm)

#### own Meeting February 9, 2022 7:00PM

#### Call to Order

Mayor Amanda Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Dewey,

Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, as well as Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were the Board of Election Supervisor applicants Sharmila Bhatia, Paul McNulty, Brandon Wong, and Debby Steele-Snyder.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Announcements:**

Mayor Dewey highlighted several Covid test options, including the rapid tests available at the Berwyn Heights Police Department and from the County. The County is also distributing KN95 masks.

#### Approval of Agenda

Mayor Dewey asked the Council to consider an amendment to the agenda regarding a letter of support for Maryland Senate Bill 376. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the amended agenda; CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

## Approval & Appointment of Board of Election Supervisors

Mayor Dewey reviewed that the Town Charter calls for a five (5) person Board of Election Supervisors. She noted that appointing more than five members would be an exception requiring Council approval. CM Brittan-Powell moved to appoint a seven (7) member Board of Elections Supervisors; CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. CM Papanikolas moved to approve the seven (7) applicants to the Board of Elections Supervisors; CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Swearing in of Board of Election Supervisors

Mayor Dewey swore in the four applicants that were present at the meeting, explaining that the others (Lee Fuerst, Tracy O'Heir, Susan Kelley) would be sworn in at a later date. CM Brittan-Powell moved to appoint Sharmila Bhatia as Chief Election Judge; CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Consent

CM Sweep moved to approve the consent agenda; CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimous-lv.

#### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Mayor Dewey reviewed that the Greenbelt Corridor Visioning Meeting will be on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and that there will be a recording of the meeting made available as well as the interactive map open for public comment for about a month and a half after the meeting. She reviewed that the County has extended the indoor mask mandate until at least March 9. She further reviewed Covid testing options.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared that School Library

Month is coming up in April and shared the Maryland Association of School Librarians is sponsoring an "I Love My School Library" contest and that information on how to submit an entry will be posted to the Town website. She also shared that the Talented and Gifted Lottery applications for Prince George's County Public Schools is available on the PGCPS website and that those applications should be submitted by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that one of the members of the Boys and Girls Club (Michael Hawke, Goalkeeper) has been signed to the Maryland Bobcats FC.

CM Papanikolas reviewed that there has been a decrease in the failure to get permits and that within the monthly written Code report there is an education piece on exterior property condition violations, including the three levels of violations: imminent threat, hazardous, and non-hazardous conditions. He reviewed the time that is generally provided to correct these violations.

**CM Brittan-Powell** reviewed that Administrative Staff is busy with ARPA and budget season.

**CM Sweep** shared that Public Works has been busy with January snow. They assisted the Police Department in painting over the 25mph signs on Edmonston Road, as the speed limit has been reduced to 20mph. He also reviewed the modified trash schedule for Presidents' Day and when the street sweeper will next be in Town. In conclusion, he added that since snow was expected this weekend, residents should watch the Town website and social media for updates to services.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### **Education Advisory Committee**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the next meeting will be Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM which will be virtual. They are accepting the second round of education grant applications through the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and particularly encourage applications that will benefit middle and high school students. They will also be reviewing the impact of possible school boundary changes on Town residents and any effect there may be on the Berwyn Heights Elementary School.

#### **Green Team**

Mayor Dewey shared that their virtual meeting will be Thursday, February 10 at 7PM. She added that the Town's Bee City, USA application has been accepted. There are plans for a Townwide clean-up on March 12, that will focus on vine and invasive species removal. The Green Team submitted a letter of support for the County Climate Action Plan. Finally, a name has been chosen for the Thriving Earth Exchange project: "Canopy Defenders".

#### **Historical Committee**

Debby Steele-Snyder shared that the next meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm and that the meeting will be virtual. The BHHC plans to participate in Berwyn Heights Day

and they are planning a wine and cheese event to be held in May. The BHHC is working on revising and expanding the walking tour, again working with Parks and Planning who helped develop the current walking tour. Ms. Steele-Snyder shared that the Prince George's County Historical Society has been hosting History Chats. The chats are available online at pghistory.org and past chats are available on YouTube. The BHHC is continuing to work on the oral history project.

### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Dewey shared that NW/EP met on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. They had opportunities to meet with the Police Department. The group continues to work on the trailer inventory. They discussed Narcan training. The next meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> and they are still meeting virtually. Finally, a phone number to receive the federally distributed Covid rapid tests has been made available. That number is 1-800-232-0233.

#### **Recreation Council**

Ms. Susan Jones spoke for the Recreation Council. The Valentine's Day card making and cookie decorating event will be on February 12 from 2-4 and will have both indoor and outdoor options. It is family friendly, and the Rec Council will provide all the supplies. In March, there will be a potluck, held jointly with the Seniors. It may be outside if the weather cooperates. Also, the regifting "Christmas in April" party has been rescheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and will be an adult only event. May 7<sup>th</sup> is Berwyn Heights Day, and everything will be outside, except the Seniors Club bake sale.

#### **Old Business**

Establishment of ARPA Fund/ Resolution 2-2022

Ms. Susan Jones asked that a permanent pavilion structure be built behind the senior center as part of the ARPA fund spending, including fixed outdoor heaters.

CM Brittan-Powell asked Mayor Dewey to clarify the purpose of the resolution. TM Allen explained that the purpose of this fund is to function as an accounting mechanism, similar to the General Fund and Public Safety Taxing District accounts. It insures transparency and ease of reporting. The Resolution does not commit the Council to any form of spending on projects of any kind. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the resolution; CM Brittan-Powell seconded. During discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy requested that the fund be housed in an interest-bearing account. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Mayor Dewey reviewed that the Maryland Municipal League requested municipalities consider a letter of support for Senate Bill 376. The bill streamlines the process for municipalities that want to take over responsibility of their streetlights from utilities. The Council engaged in discussion on if there were changes to be made to the letter language. CM Brittan-Powell stated for clarification that this is

not something that Berwyn Heights is currently considering but it gives us (and other municipalities) the option to do so. CM Sweep believes the bill might give leverage to work with Pepco for lights and repairs, while CM Papanikolas agreed that this bill could give the Town more power to negotiate with Pepco. CM Sweep moved to approve the letter as written; CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

During resident comment, MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that the school flashing lights on Pontiac Street are flashing at all times of the day and night. TM Allen stated that staff is aware and an electrician is being asked to look at it.

#### Adjournment

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting; CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

#### Worksession Minutes February 24, 2022 | 7:00 pm

#### Call to Order

Mayor Amanda Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. Also present from the Council were Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell and Councilmember Ethan Sweep. Staff present were Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Additionally, Mr. Bob Diss from Lindsey and Associates was present for the Audit presentation. Mayor Dewey stated that immediately prior to this meeting, the Council had met in Executive Session under Provision 1, personnel matters.

#### **Announcements**

Mayor Dewey shared that the County Executive will be holding a press conference tomorrow (Feb 25) for a Covid update. She also reported that the Berwyn Heights Police Department still has at-home Covid tests available to Town residents. CM Sweep shared that Town-wide trash pick-up will be on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.

#### Approval of Agenda

CM Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### **Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. Bob Diss of Lindsey and Associates presented on the status of the audit for the Town. He shared that the audit should be done by now, but it has come to his attention that there is a bank account for the Recreation Council that isn't on the Town's books. He elaborated that this is considered a material weakness because there were funds that belong to the Town where the revenue and expenditures aren't being recorded. TM Allen explained that staff are getting the bank account information from the Rec Council

and that the information will be sent to the auditors. The Council and Staff discussed if there were other bank accounts that needed to be accounted for. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that receiving the bank records from the Rec Council may be delayed because the person on the account is on vacation and that only the Rec Council president is able to access the account. CM Brittan-Powell asked if there were a way to facilitate the community groups and community engagement without it becoming onerous on the volunteers. The Council reviewed with Mr. Diss how to handle donations to community groups. Mr. Diss reviewed the circumstances that would reguire the Town to include accounts from community groups as a part the Town records, depending on what EIN number was used to open the account. Mr. Diss also defined materiality in the context of Town finances, and suggested the Town develop a "cash/currency policy". MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked the Council to consider why the account exists: to facilitate purchases for events where it would be difficult for committee members to wait for reimbursement from the Town. TM Allen stated the Town is happy to work with community groups to facilitate solutions. Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield is requesting an extension from the State to complete the audit pending information from the Rec Council.

#### **Draft Budget**

TM Allen reviewed the draft budget, highlighting that this is a status quo budget that keeps things the same, with the expectation any large projects would likely be ARPA related or funded through other reserve accounts. She also reviewed the areas where there were changes, including some staffing expenses. Council discussed issues such as vehicle replacement and the Audio/Visual equipment replacements. CM Brittan-Powell asked when a large repair would be considered significant enough to warrant its own line item. TM Allen explained that generally a repair would not be its own line item. MPT Kulpa-Eddy further defined that if a repair was \$10,000 or more, it would come before Council for approval. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that one committee is interested in requesting more funds than has been proposed, and asked how they could go about asking for an increase. TM Allen stated she had reached out to each group and asked about funding, and she had not heard back from anyone about needing more funding, but they could present a justification at an upcoming budget worksession. She stated that each committee is being given a proposed increase from ARPA funding for reengagement. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that she is concerned presenting the funding in this manner could be misunderstood to be considered an ongoing obligation rather than a one-time ARPA expenditure. CM Brittan-Powell expressed he is thankful to see reengagement being a consideration. He also asked if there were any concerns about future budgets. TM Allen replied that the largest concern she sees at this time is inflation. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if the

budget includes the current tax rate or the Constant Yield tax rate. She expressed there is concern about the recent rise in property values that effects the tax bill amounts that residents pay. TM Allen stated that this budget is for the current tax rate. CM Papanikolas encouraged residents to check their property assessments, pulling their records from the State Department of Taxation (SDAT). Mayor Dewey shared that MML is keeping an eye on two bills that change the notification requirements for the Constant Yield tax rate. TM Allen concluded by saying that she still owes the Council information on the Public Safety Taxing District and vehicle replacement reserve fund.

#### **Debt Policy**

TM Allen shared that this policy clarifies and updates the 2011 debt policy. This policy includes definitions, updates language to reflect that it is following State law, and limits arbitrage. She would like to have the updated policy passed before the budget is passed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked that whenever a policy references the Town Charter, it should cite the relevant section of the Charter. She also had specific language to modify the draft policy that would grant the Town more flexibility in debt issuance and asked TM Allen to confirm the ability to work with the State to issue bonds is allowed under this policy.

#### **Reserve Policy**

TM Allen reviewed that a reserve policy is a key financial policy that the Town should have. MPT Kulpa-Eddy had shared with the Town Manager that a policy had been drafted in 2011, but TM Allen could not locate an adopted version. The policy mirrors what is already in place but codifies it. She stated the Staff recommends creating two new reserves: a Disaster Recovery reserve and a Stabilization reserve. She also reviewed the current categories of reserves that the Town has. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the Greenbelt Station money, as she believes it to be restricted or committed. TM Allen stated that the auditors did not define it as restricted, but she will look into it. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the road tax, which should be a committed fund for infrastructure. The Council discussed the Stabilization fund, which reserves approximately 3 months of Town expenditures and the Disaster Recovery reserve which would set aside \$250,000 the Town Manager could allocate to respond to a natural or man-made disaster. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated she is not sure of the value of a Disaster Recovery reserve. The Council spent time discussing the pros and cons of establishing a Disaster Recovery reserve and the function of this reserve compared to expenditures allowed under the Town's emergency management plan. After discussion, the Council verbally agreed to remove the Disaster Recovery reserve from the policy and increase the Stabilization reserve from 20% of annual expenditures to 25%.

#### Council Rules, 1&2

Council reviewed the draft documents for Council Rules 1&2. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification in Council Rule 1 on the process to amend the consent agenda. CM Sweep noted that Council Rule 2 previously included the meeting minutes formation and review processes, and since that has been moved to Council Rule 1, Council Rule 2 is open to address a new topic. Council Rule 2 is now proposed by CM Papanikolas to define the roles of Council and Staff. The Council had a generally positive response to the new Council Rule 2, asking for some citation and clarification. TM Allen offered to meet with residents who are running for Council during the election period. She encouraged those running for Council to come to meetings, ask questions and get to know the process prior to the election.

#### **Department Reports**

**Mayor Dewey** reported that Council will be back in session on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March for a worksession. She also reviewed the upcoming meetings for the Education Advisory Committee which will be virtually held on February 28<sup>th</sup>,and the Rec Council meeting on March 8, which is moved from March 1. She shared again about the County Executive's pending press conference as well as Covid testing at Wells Ice Rink and the Berwyn Height's Police Department take home Covid test kits. She highlighted a Booster Shot Clinic at the Sanctuary of Kingdom Square. She gave thanks to the BHPD for all the work they have done to stem catalytic converter theft. Additionally, she shared that County Councilmember Glaros will be having a Resource Fair and Town Hall on March 21st in a hybrid format. Finally, she shared about a county sponsored expungement

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared that the County Council Redistricting map was overturned in circuit court and that the County has appealed that decision. The State Court of Appeals will be hearing the case on March 4. She shared that the BHEAC will be meeting on the 28th and will be drafting a letter on the potential impact of school boundary changes on Berwyn Heights. She also shared that the Rec Council meeting has been moved to March 8. On Wednesday, March 2 the NW/EP meeting will be held virtually. Finally, she encouraged families to sign up with the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club for soccer and track by the end February, as most practices begin in March. CM Brittan-Powell asked if there was an opinion among the affected residents of the proposed school boundary changes. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated she has heard anecdotal comments from individuals, but not from the community as a whole. Those she has spoken to would prefer our College Park neighbors continue to attend Berwyn Heights Elementary School. CM Papanikolas shared that the County is

making an effort to have the schools match the demographics of the areas. Mayor Dewey stated she was most comfortable relying on the EAC recommendations in this matter.

CM Papanikolas shared that there were four new building permits in Town. He also stated that in regard to the expungement clinic, if you've had a conviction in Maryland for a drug that has now been decriminalized, you will need to have that record expunged. He also stated that the same is true for those who have received probation before judgement.

**CM Brittan-Powell** stated that the whole of this meeting and the previous executive session was covering what has been happening in Administration.

CM Sweep shared that Friday is Northand South-side trash collection and that next week the schedule is back to normal. He also reported that freezing rain is possible for Thursday night and Public Works will be monitoring the situation to see if they need to respond. He gave the PGCMA update which focused heavily on the loss of Hyattsville Mayor Kevin Ward and mental health resources for elected officials. He also shared about the status of the legislative session in Annapolis, highlighting SB376, for which the Town has already written a letter of support, as well as HB1184 (the Police Accountability Board Bill) hearing on March 1 and HB0227 which would recognize Juneteenth as a State Holiday.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that a resident noticed the school zone flashing light on Pontiac Street is fixed. CM Sweep told MPT Kulpa-Eddy that he had received several comments that the Town wide trivia event was appreciated. Mayor Dewey shared that the Town had received several compliments for the Public Works crews. There were no other community comments.

#### Adjournment

CM Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.



#### **Public Hearing Notice**

FY 2023 Budget Introduction and No Change to the Tax Rate - April 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council will introduce its FY 2023 Budget and hold a public hearing at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting in the Council Chamber, 5700 Berwyn Road. The Budget assumes the real property tax rate remains at \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment.

The meeting will be broadcast live on BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 7) and streamed on the Town's website, <a href="www.berwynheightsmd.gov">www.berwynheightsmd.gov</a>. Public comments will be taken in person during the meeting, over the telephone at 301-474-9570 and by email to Mayor Dewey at <a href="mailto:adew-">adew-</a>

ey@berwynheightsmd.gov.

The proposed FY 2023 Budget will be posted on the Town website at <a href="https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget">https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget</a>.

#### Aviso de audiencia pública

Introducción al presupuesto del año fiscal 2023 y sin cambios en la tasa impositiva - 13 de abril de 2022, 7:00PM. El Concejo Municipal presentará su presupuesto para el año fiscal 2023 y realizará una audiencia pública en la Reunión Municipal del 13 de abril en la Cámara del Concejo, 5700 Berwyn Road. El Presupuesto supone que la tasa del impuesto a la propiedad inmobiliaria se mantiene en \$0.545 por cada \$100 de tasación. La reunión se transmitirá en vivo por BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 7) y se transmitirá en el sitio web del Pueblo, www.berwynheightsmd.gov. Los comentarios públicos se recibirán en persona durante la reunión, por teléfono al 301-474-9570 y por correo electrónico a la alcaldesa Dewey a ADewey@BerwynHeightsMD.gov. El presupuesto propuesto para el año fiscal 2023 se publicará en el sitio web del pueblo en https:// www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget.

# Election Information

The Berwyn Heights Town Council Election will be held on May 3, 2022 from 7AM to 7PM.

The Election is scheduled be held in the Senior Center at 8603 57th Ave, subject to change based on COVID protocols.

Registered voters are able to vote by absentee ballot for any reason. A copy of the application is included in this edition and may be replicated. A fillable PDF is also on the Town Website at <a href="https://bit.ly/3wiI6PW">https://bit.ly/3wiI6PW</a>. The first day to request an absentee ballot is April 4, 2022. The last day to request an absentee ballot is April 26, 2022. All absentee ballots must be received by 7PM on May 3, 2022 to be counted.

Questions? Call Melanie Friesen, Town Clerk at (301) 474-5000.

The following Candidate Profiles are presented in alphabetical order by last name.



#### **Chris Brittan-Powell**

This election is fundamentally about civics – not politics. It's about making the community work and not about making noise.

It is about how we rebuild our community from the harm caused by COVID. This is a critical time for Berwyn Heights and ardent leadership is needed.

We need to continue to build up our existing community groups (educational, seniors, athletic, etc.), and provide needed supports to promising new ones (young adults, Latinos, dog lovers, and more). We will address shared struggles such as social isolation, mental and physical health, substance and domestic abuse, and learning loss – all of which have become more prevalent due to COVID.

A genuinely dedicated Town Council can advance the well-being of all our community - across ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Please vote for people who you think will be deeply involved in the actual governing of the Town and who will not overly delegate their responsibilities to staff. The millions of dollars in federal ARPA funds that the Town was given belongs to you. It should not be spent frivolously but instead on things that the community really needs.

I ask for your vote for Town Council. Honesty, hard work, and fairness will continue to characterize my work on it.

I chose to raise my family here because of our strong diverse community. Now, I want to foster our growth so that my grandkids can experience it too.

Please vote. When you do, please think of voting for me.

Thank you

Chris



#### **Shinita Hemby**

When my family moved into Berwyn Heights in 2007, we received such a warm welcome from the whole community that we felt like we had become part of a town-wide family. I am so grateful for, and proud to be part of, the Berwyn Heights community. I channeled my passion for mentoring and leadership abilities into serving as President, with my husband Vice President, of the Boys and Girls Club until my duties with the Federal Government required that I serve our nation via US Embassy duty abroad. It was wonderful coming back to our Berwyn Heights a few years later.

In my career, I developed mastery in the fields of finance, budget, and international business and serve as a team leader in all these areas. Therefore, I am both a no-nonsense expert in business, budget, and finance, and a mom who mentors teens in the US and abroad for over 28 (twenty-eight) years. I make sure the job gets done - and done right. I hold people to their responsibilities by being supportive but firm. I will bring these same qualities in serving you as a Town Council member.

Berwyn Heights is a great place to live, raise a family, meet new lifelong friends, and is full of diversity and opportunities for the entire community. I would love to hear your concerns and help to improve existing opportunities and support programs for our seniors, children, and for all our families.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Shinita



#### Jodie Kulpa-Eddy

Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!

My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and I am running for my sixth term on the Town Council. I retired from my career as a veterinarian with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2019. I have lived on Ruatan Street since 2000, and share this home with Eric, my husband of twenty years.

I have volunteered on the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee and Rec Council, worked at Berwyn Heights Day and National Night Out, and hosted Team Trivia Night. I have served as Councilmember, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor; and have been the Department Head for the Administration, Code, PRECA (Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs) and Police Departments. I graduated as a Fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland in September 2013.

My accomplishments on Council include the installation of emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center, updating Ordinance 101 adding standards for the humane

care and treatment of animals, and re-launching the e-Newsletter.

I know the past two years have been challenging. Looking forward, I want to focus on two main areas:

- (1) Funding granted by the American Rescue Plan Act is providing an unprecedented opportunity for the Town. I want to ensure these funds are used to address the immediate needs of our residents, as well as support a long term strategic investment in public safety. We began exploring options to acquire improved Town facilities in 2016, and the ARPA funds can be used to bring this to fruition.
- (2) Volunteers are the lifeblood of Berwyn Heights, and I want to ensure they are adequately supported. I encourage residents to organize and participate in volunteer activities, and I would love to hear new ideas on how we can improve community spirit.

I first ran for the Town Council to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I hope to continue to apply my experience towards this goal, and would appreciate your vote on May 3!



#### **Faustino Menjivar**

Hola My Berwyn Heights' Amigos!

My name is Faustino Menjivar. Please call me Tino.

I am running for the Town Council of Berwyn Heights and I am asking for your vote.

In 1999, I brought my family (my wife and high school sweetheart, Blanca- and our two-year-old son Faustino, Jr.) to Berwyn Heights. Our next child Justin joined us a few years later and is now getting ready to go to College- probably Penn State or Virginia Tech. I love my family and I love Berwyn Heights.

My father was the long time mayor of my hometown. As his oldest son, I saw how his deep dedication and intense involvement made him a hero to the Town. He showed me that a leader has to be more concerned about the success of the community than his own.

As an athlete, I was in the semi-professional leagues and nearly made pro. Up to now, I have stayed clear of politics and instead channeled my community service into coaching for our Boys and Girls Club-helping our youth find their inner champion by engendering the skills and discipline needed to succeed in life. The same discipline that has helped me professionally advance to an executive position at one

of the region's largest construction firms.

Yet, I feel my dad telling me that I need to do more for the Town. In honoring him, I would be honored to serve you on the Town Council.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Tino



#### Mary Margaret "Meg" Miller

Hello Berwyn Heights residents! My name is "Meg" (Mary Margaret) Miller, and I'm a lifelong Marylander. Berwyn Heights has been my home for thirty-plus years. I am a mother to one son (Jeremy) and a grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren. My son grew up here and that allowed us to be active in all of the Clubs/Organizations within Town.

I am a retired businesswoman and former VP of Admin & Property Management for a commercial R.E. Development Company out of Bethesda, MD. My past experience includes Retail Management, Regional Sales Management and Marketing/Promotional work. I attended St. Mary's College of MD and Shepherd College in WVA to study Graphic Design and Business. I went on to attend classes at Michigan State Graduate School of Business. My Professional Accreditations include: CSM/CPM; American Bankers Association: Mortgage Law I & II; Income Property Underwriting I & II; and Construction Lending for Income Properties.

I am an action-oriented individual that loves Berwyn Heights and I want what is best for our residents. The Pandemic was an opportunity for our leaders to show their true grit and resolve to come to the aid of our residents with forward-thinking solutions. Yet, instead, I was extremely disappointed to observe great

disconnect transpire with residents, the Town Council/Town Administration. I observed personal agendas put forward versus what was best for our residents. I want to see better accountability at all levels of leadership and ensure Ethical Leadership is implemented and maintained. Please consider voting for me. Thank you!



#### Jason Papanikolas

It has been my distinct honor to serve as a Councilmember and I hope that you will allow me to continue serving you.

I have been actively involved in the Berwyn Heights community for nearly two decades - at the school, through the Boys and Girls Club and PTA, and now as an elected leader. My wife teaches at our elementary school and both of our boys attend public school.

My family is grateful to have found a community like Berwyn Heights. As we have watched our town grow and change over time, we are happy to see that it has retained the character that makes it a welcoming place for visitors and residents alike. Berwyn Heights is truly a community of neighbors.

COVID has affected that sense of community greatly and, as we begin recovering, it is time to rediscover our neighbors. To that end, I will:

Prioritize outreach and meeting space for underserved populations.

Create a Charter Review Advisory Committee to suggest improvements to our Town Charter.

Solve Berwyn Heights two most pressing issues – parking and speeding.

Let's keep Berwyn Heights the greatest small town inside the Beltway. I hope that you'll support me on May 3rd.



#### **Ethan Sweep**

Hello friends and neighbors. My name is Ethan Sweep and I hope you will consider voting for me in the upcoming election on Tuesday, May 3. I have been serving on the Berwyn Heights Town Council since May 2018 and I would be honored to continue to serve.

When I moved to Berwyn Heights after finishing graduate school, I remember it only being a short time before I felt welcome. I am incredibly grateful for the numerous residents around town whom I consider to be family. Outside of Berwyn Heights, I do research on sustainable cropping systems at the USDA: Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. My primary focus is quantifying the effect of cover crop implementations and addressing the barriers to entry that some growers may face when trying to adopt more sustainable practices.

During my time on council I have been a part of many projects; such as, from assisting the Walkable-Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force in development and implementation of their recommendations, collaborating with colleagues from Greenbelt and College Park on the redevelopment of Greenbelt Road, adoption of our sustainable purchasing policy, and working with the county to increase support for the LGBTQ+ community. If re-elected I will continue to push these long-term projects forward and ensure that the voices of our community are heard in the process. I will also commit myself to continue soliciting input on how the Town should spend the remaining allocation of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This funding is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it is vital that everyone provides input on how it's spent in upcoming cycles.

I hope that you'll participate in our election, on Tuesday, May 3, and local government no matter who you choose to support. The more that the Council can hear from residents in any form, the more we can better represent our wonderful community!



#### David A. Wolfinger

Hello, my name is Dave and I am running for town council. I am a native Washingtonian and have lived in the town since 1976. I have raised six children in the town, two with my first wife and four adopted with my second wife. They were members of the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club and I coached during the years they were in the club. I also served two years on the club executive board as treasurer and was involved in most of the club functions during that time. I have been retired since 2021 and my wife and I discussed where we wanted to be after I retired. We both kept coming back to Berwyn Heights as where we wanted to live. Over the years I have watched the area change and to some extent the town

change but still retain the close-knit feel that makes Berwyn Heights the place it is. I would like to work to keep the "small town feel" while moving into the future. I have no agendas of my own but have three things I feel strongly about. First is the welfare of our children, they are our future. Second is the welfare of our seniors, they are our past and still have much to give. Third is public safety, we all can benefit from this. If elected I will work with the council and the residents of the town to make Berwyn Heights the best small town that it can be. Thank you. Contact Info: 1-240-401-8640 IUOE99@gmail.com



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(name of designee)	
☐ I request that the Absentee Ballot be mailed t	•
Signature of Applicant (no electronic signatures acce	pted) Date
Assistant Signature (Required if the voter received help on this form) Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that this voter nedisability or is unable to read or write. The voter authorize this form, I printed the voter's name and wrote my initials	ed me to complete this form. If the voter could not sign

Return application to: Town of Berwyn Heights, Attention Town Clerk, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 or drop it off at the above location.

PLEASE NOTE: An Absentee Ballot will not be sent to you unless you are registered to vote in Maryland or the Town of Berwyn Heights. You can check your registration status with the Prince George's County at 301-341-7300 or on-line at <a href="https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch">https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch</a>

Absentee Ballots WILL NOT BE mailed after April 22, 2022 to ensure sufficient time for postal processing. Any ballots requested after April 22, 2022 must be picked up at Town Hall. The last day to request an absentee ballot is April 26, 2022.



# The Bugle



**APRIL 2022** 

Our next meeting is Thursday 4/7 at 7pm via ZOOM.

# **Practice for Spring Soccer Has Begun!!!**

¡¡¡Comenzó la práctica de Spring Soccer!!!!

# Please register online for Soccer or Track at www.berwynheightsbgc.org

Por favor, se registra en línea en www.berwynheightsbgc.org

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Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer? Interesado en ser miembro? ¿Tienes sugerencias o ideas? ¿Quiere ser voluntario?

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See you on May 7th from 12 noon to 4 pm!

The next meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:30 pm in the Love Room

#### All other inquiries to:

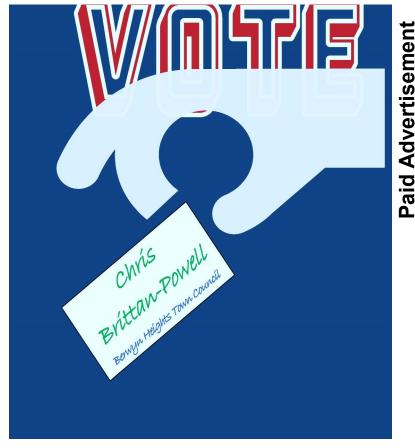
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For more information visit our Website:

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### Is there a Wine & Cheese Event in our future? Find out in the May Bulletin!!



#### Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Scholarship

Who may Apply: Current high school seniors, fulltime and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

How to Apply: The application is available online at senatorpinsky.org. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship application.

**Award Criteria:** Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500 - \$2000.

Renewing an Award: If you received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress.

**Questions:** 301-858-3155 or paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us

Deadline: April 3, 2022

# **Berwyn Heights Recreation Council**

Join us at these upcoming events:

# Saturday, April 9th—2-4pm at the Senior Center (Outside if weather permits)

"Christmas in April" Regifting Party (ADULT ONLY)

Our Annual Re-Gifting Party got rescheduled, so come enjoy this

Adult-only, White Elephant-style event with wine, cheese, snacks and PLENTY
of laughs amongst friends and neighbors! So grab that gift that you didn't
want and maybe you'll take home a real gem! Please bring a **NEW**, wrapped
gift to participate in the game, but spectators are also welcome!

# Welcome Back, Berwyn Heights Day! Saturday, May 7th

We'll have something for everyone! Start the day off at the Town Center for our Annual Fun Run at 8:30am (Registration at 8am), Free Pancake Breakfast starting at 9am, and the Senior Bake Sale going from 9am til they sell out.



Other festivities kick off at noon, starting with our Parade down Pontiac Street to Sports Park where there will be Craft Vendors, Kids Rides, Live Music by "Heroes and Friends, DJ, Free Train Rides, Food & MORE! Fun for the WHOLE family!

\*In the event of severe rain, all activities will be at the Town Center.

Next Rec Council Meeting is on Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm in the G. Love Room at the Senior Center (or via Zoom). New members, or even drop in members, are always welcome. If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question, your emails can be sent to violindreams@verizon.net.

# Berwyn Heights Day **FUN RUN** May 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia with post-race refreshments!

Registration and race begins at the Town Center and will proceed to nearby paths

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Cost is \$10.00 per adult town resident, and \$5.00 per child 13-17 and \$2.00 12 and under. Strollers are free, \$15 for non-town residents.

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April 23	Sue Sheehan		
April 25	Martha Baxter		

#### **APRIL ACTIVITIES**

BINGO - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM
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POOL—Every Thursday at 7:00PM
LATE LUNCH & MUSIC VIDEO- First Friday at 12:30PM

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM **BREAKFAST** at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30AM

**MEETINGS** - Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11:00AM. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Potluck.

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# Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee April 25 at 7p

Are you interested in aspects of education and learning? Do you have interest in early childhood education, K-12 education, homeschooling, or adult learning? Would you like to support our community?

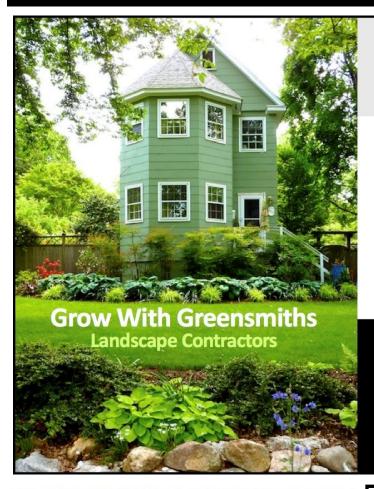
Join the committee! Come to a meeting! Share your ideas! We would especially love to hear from students. Help plan our 2022 activities!

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7pm

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#### **Recent Working Incidents**

#### **Volunteers Handles Bowie Confined Space Rescue**

<u>Feb 21st-</u> Rescue Squad 14 was dispatched as the Technical Rescue Support, along with Chief 14A, to the 4900 block of Enterprise Road in Bowie. Units arrived on scene to find a patient stuck in a concrete residential well approximately 20 feet down. The volunteer rescue squad crew and its technical rescue technicians set up the haul and lower systems and assisted

the other Technical Rescue Units (6 & 47) with getting a rescuer to the victim as well as removing both of them safely from the well. Units operated for just over an hour before returning to service.

<u>Feb 20th-</u>Truck 14 (using a County Reserve) & its volunteer crew were dispatched as the first due truck to the 8500 block of



Greenbelt Rd in Lanham for the Apartment fire. Units went on scene with fire showing from a first-floor apartment. Chief 14-A established command and Truck 14s interior crew searched the fire apartment while opening up for the engine company. The exterior crew laddered the building and rescued 5 civilians off



the balcony of their 2nd-floor apartment. The fire was held to the apartment of origin. Truck 14 operated for just under 2 hours before returning to service.

Feb 17th- Truck 14 (using a County Reserve) operated as the 3rd due truck in the 6400 Blk of Old Landover Rd in Landover for fire in the attic. The crew searched and opened up

for the engine company.

<u>Feb 15th-</u>Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to respond to the 13000 blk of Youngwood Turn in Bowie. Upon arrival the truck crew set up the RIT, forced entry, ventilated, checked for extension, and secured utilities.

### **Grilling Safety Tips**

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Tips provided by the National Fire Protection Association

#### A Look back into BHVFD History



Did you know that the Town's Senior Center was initially hand-built by the volunteers of the Berwyn Heights VFD to serve as the Department's 2nd fire station in the 1950s? Once the current station was built in the late 1960s, the Department sold it to the Town for \$1 to be used for community activities. Learn more about your volunteer fire Department's history on our website <a href="www.bhvfd14.org">www.bhvfd14.org</a>

#### **Trees of Distinction**

The annual Trees of Distinction program wants to recognize and inspire appreciation for trees. If you have a tree that is special to you or stands out, please nominate it to receive an award by emailing bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com. Trees will receive awards in four categories: size and/or age; unusual growth habit or form; historical significance; and beauty or aesthetic value. Your tree may be on your personal property or in public space. We also encourage you to reach out to neighbors to nominate their amazing trees.

Trees can be nominated through the end of April as we celebrate Arbor Day. Submissions will be displayed on the town website, social media, and on our local TV channel.

In your email, please include your contact information, the location of the tree, nomination category, tree species (if known), and a statement about what makes the tree special.



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# **Berwyn Heights GreenBee**

Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com



Our next Green Team meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm

at the G. Love Room at the Town Center. *Note special date and in-person location.* 

All residents are welcome to attend and contribute their priorities!

Saturday, April 2, 10 am:

## Garlic Mustard

#### **Help Remove Garlic Mustard**

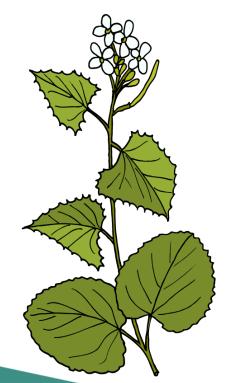
Meet at Nevada & 58th. Wear shoes for walking off trail.

Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that suppresses other plants and can take over an entire forest.

It's easy to pull up. County Parks & Rec has given us permission to remove garlic mustard from the woods.

Plus, it's delicious! After we clear garlic mustard from the woods, we'll taste fresh garlic mustard pesto.

Email bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com to sign up or to ask questions.



### **May 7:**

### Visit The Green Team Booth

All ages can make seed bombs!

Learn about composting and recycling.

Sign up to Adopt A Block!

Learn how to remove ivy to protect your trees.

See you there!



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

# Join us April 6, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554 Or email <a href="mailto:mmuralles@berwynheightsmd.gov">mmuralles@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>

#### APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH / STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Many volunteers start at an early age either as part of summer vacation or as part of an afterschool program. Most organizations in small towns, rural counties and the largest cities would not function without volunteers. In some families, the act of volunteering is handed down from generation to generation.

Rural fire and ambulance departments remain staffed due to the efforts of volunteers. The underprivileged receive much needed medical care thanks to volunteers. Long overdue repairs and upgrades are made to a senior women's home thanks to an organization's annual call for donations and skilled workers. A woman answers a call on a suicide hotline because she cared enough to give up a few hours to train and listen to someone desperate and alone. A team sets up tables at a soup kitchen every week. Another group delivers meals to people who can no longer cook for themselves. Children sell ice cream sandwiches during a fair to raise money for a homeless shelter.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. They pick a cause and make a difference in someone's life. Sometimes the difference is a drop in the bucket. Other times it creates a tidal wave of change. From the anonymous volunteers who donate their resources to those whose efforts are part of larger national organizations like 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, or American Red Cross or a local grassroots group, their missions provide valuable support to communities in times of need.

#### **HOW TO OBSERVE**

Thank a volunteer. Volunteer! Many volunteers will tell you it is a rewarding experience. You do not have to have a ton of time. Do you have a special talent or skill that may benefit a charity or organization? Offer your services or ask how you can be of help. Use #NationalVolunteerMonth to share on social media.

#### **HISTORY**

April became National Volunteer Month as part of President George H. W. Bush's 1000 Points of Light campaign in 1991.

#### STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Stress Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in April. Have you ever been in a situation that was a little (or a lot) overwhelming, you had deadlines approaching and a mile-long to do list, and you were just in way over your head? Well, you are definitely not alone. Everyone feels stressed from time to time, especially as we get older, and the responsibilities really pile onto our plate. The thing about stress is, a little bit of it is not necessarily a bad thing, but too much of it can be detrimental to our emotional and physical health. Learning to find that healthy balance is the best way to live a productive, happy life.

A small amount of stress once in a while is a good thing, because it means you are working hard, and you care about what you are doing. If you were never stressed, that would probably mean you are living a lethargic lifestyle without a whole lot of work involved. However, too much stress does not allow us to think straight and is overbearing and counterproductive. Prolonged stress even leads to real physical problems and can cause strokes, IBS, ulcers, diabetes, muscle and joint pain, miscarriages, and many other problems.

This month, recognize the difference between good and bad stress and try to find your happy place within the madness.

#### **HOW TO OBSERVE**

Use #NationalStressAwarenessMonth or #StressAwarenessMonth to post on social media. This month, we are all challenged to keep our stress levels low, and our peace levels high. Here are some great ways to keep your mind clear and de-stress if you find yourself getting too overwhelmed.

**Exercise**. You have heard this one before, and even though it is probably not exactly what you want to do when you are feeling stressed (because laying on the couch and watching movies sounds more appealing), exercising gets endorphins pumping through your brain, which triggers a happy feeling. Exercise lowers your body's stress hormones like cortisol, and releases chemicals that make you feel more at peace.

Think about taking natural supplements to help you feel more at ease. Natural remedies like lemon balm, omega-3 fatty acids, ashwagandha, green tea, and essential oils are extremely helpful.

Light a candle or turn on the oil diffusers, put on some soft, soothing music and dim the lights. Take a deep breath and count your blessings.

Caffeine intake reduction can help (even though it is tough to kick the coffee) because caffeine tends to make us jittery, which can cause stress and anxiety.

Spend time laughing with friends and family. Let yourself have a good time and get your mind off the busyness of the real world.

#### **HISTORY**

Stress Awareness Month is supported every year by the Stress Management Society.

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National Day Calendar 2013 – 2022 NW/EP Group

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Prep for growing season now!!Whether your passion is growing your own food, or you prefer ornamental landscaping, or both, creating a plan is your first step. Take stock of last year's successes and failures and adjust this year's plan accordingly. There are many garden-planning tools and apps available online to help you:

Gardeners.com offers a kitchen garden planner.

Gardena.com offers a garden planner for landscaping.

Don't forget about the trusted Old Farmer's Almanac Planting Calendar, your local guide to knowing when to plant specific plants to ensure optimal growth and production.

Once you have a plan, make a list of what you'll need to purchase. Seeds or seedlings? Will you need soil amendments? Which plants have you been eying in nursery catalogs over the way-too-long winter..... Want a free seeds or market analysis? Text me!

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#### **BULLETIN BOARD**

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**Meals-on-Wheels** needs your HELP! This 45-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12p if available.

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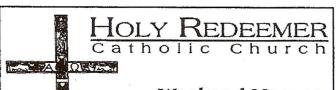
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#### Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 8:36 pm, 'DUI

On 02/02/2022 at 8:36 pm, Officer Wright conducted a traffic stop and the driver was found to be driving while under the influence. The driver was identified as a 31 Y/O, W/H/M, Villa-Reyes, Denis Mauricio of Berwyn Heights. He was arrested for DUI and his vehicle was impounded.

#### Friday, January 4, 2022, at 1: pm, 'FRAUD'

On 02/04/2022 Ofc Wright #1455 responded to the BHPD station for a station call. He met with the reporting person who wanted to report an incident. Victim stated that someone might have opened up a bank account in his name without authorization, or information might have been given out to TD Bank. Victim stated that no money was taken out as of now, and just wanted the police to be on notice in case anything further was to happen regarding his status. Victim was given information about account fraud, and was also told to contact his bank, which he already did. Victim was provided with a reporting number. No other information was able to be given about the information.

#### Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 6:29 pm, 'CARJACKING'

On 2/5/2022 at approximately 6:29 PM I Cpl. Rufino Sgt. Roberson was dispatched to 5815 Greenbelt Road for a report of a carjacking. Once on the scene, an orange Nissan with a Texas tag was located unoccupied, running with the doors open. Several minutes later V-1 was located on 59th Ave. V-1 reports that she entered the 7-11 store to buy a drink and while entering the store, she observed two males standing in front of the business. V-1 was leaving the store and remotely started her vehicle. One of the males (suspect 1) addressed her, pointed a gun, and demanded her keys. One of the males (suspect 2) entered the passenger side of the vehicle and the other suspect (1) noticing that the vehicle was running entered the driver side. V-1 seizing this opportunity to escape and in fear ran to 59th Ave and hid behind a truck. V-1 had the vehicle key fob still in her pocket thus rendering her running vehicle inoperable. The suspects were unable to carjack the first vehicle then ran to U.S Fuels at 5901 Greenbelt Rd which is adjacent to the 7-11 store and attempted to carjack V-2. V-2 was approached by the same suspect who pointed a gun at him and demanded his keys. V-2 reports that he did not relinquish his keys and the suspect then fled. V-2 then went inside the U.S Fuel to report the incident to the cashier. While inside the store he observed from the glass window V-3 being approached by the same suspect. V-3 reports that he was inside the U.S Fuel store. As he was exiting the store towards his truck a suspect pointed a gun at him and demanded the keys to his truck. V-3 threw the keys to the suspect and the suspect drove away in the victim's vehicle. The carjacked vehicle is described as a 2013 Chevy Pick-up Truck displaying Maryland registration 6BG6041. The Chevy pickup truck is white in color displaying "Grunley Construction" in large blue lettering on the side of

The carjacking task force was notified and arrived on the scene and assumed the investigation.

Note.

Suspect 1 was described as a black male approximately 5'9" slim wearing a ski head mask, dark green jacket, and possible jeans. He had a gap between the middle of his teeth and a goatee.

Suspect 2 was described as a black male short in stature, wearing black ski mask, black jacket and blue jeans.

#### Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 2:30 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 02/06/22 at 1640 hours Sgt. Roberson responded to 6301 Greenbelt Rd., Berwyn Heights MD for a report of a vehicle being broken into. Officer met with the complainant who reports that she parked and secured her vehicle while attending church services. When the victim returned to her vehicle, she discovered that a window to her vehicle was broken out and the property was removed. The victim is a nurse and in her backpack which was stolen, contained several medical instruments. A blood pressure cuff, rubber gloves, hand sanitizers, and a thermometer. The backpack was navy blue and had 'Med-Star" inscribed. An unknown tool/object was used to break the right rear passenger window.

#### Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 8:22 pm, 'VANDALISM'

On 02/10/2022 at 2127 hours Ofc Wright #1455 responded to 86XX Cunningham Dr. for the report of vandalism to a vehicle. Upon his arrival, he met with the victim Mr. XXXXXXXX who daughter's his that boyfriend Mr.XXXXX DOB XXXXXof Washington D.C may have thrown a rock through his front windshield. Mr. XXXX was not positive but could almost guarantee that it was him. He stated that Mr. XXXXhas been aggressive and hostile towards his daughter and his family ever since she broke up with him in the past. The broken window is valued at \$250.00 dollars. The family was advised to go to the commissioners and get a protection order against him. Nothing further was able to be gathered about the incident.

#### Friday, February 11, 2022, at 3:20: pm, **'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

On February 11, 2022, at about 3:28 pm Cpl. Holloway # 1449 was flagged down by a citizen in the parking lot of Lake Artemisia. A citizen advised Cpl. Hollowell that he saw an unknown Hispanic male wearing a black puffy coat removing a catalytic converter from a blue Honda CRV bearing Maryland license plate MSL2642. As the BHPD officers arrived, the suspect fled the scene on foot through the creek and wooded area. Sgt. Roberson #1445 Pvt. Herriott #1454 and Pvt. Lowndes #1456 canvassed the area for the said Hispanic male. Pvt. Herriott found the unknown Hispanic male hiding behind a tree with a red duffle bag in his possession. A search of the red duffle bag revealed a cut catalytic converter belonging to the victim's vehicle a 2006 blue Honda CRV. The unknown Hispanic male was later identified as Edward Monge and he was placed under arrest for theft from auto. Further investigation revealed, the defendant Monge used a Ryobi electric cutting tool to remove the catalytic converter. The approximate value of the stolen catalytic converter was \$120.00, and the approximate value of property damages was \$500.00. The victim/owner of the blue 2006 Honda CRV did not know or give permission to the defendant Monge to cut and remove the catalytic converter from his vehicle. All events occurred in the town of Berwyn Heights Prince Georges County Maryland. Further investigation revealed, the defendant Edward Monge was with his mother Haydee Monge and they drove to the scene prior to the incident. There were two other cut catalytic converters in the rear seating area of the Toyota Forerunner. The 2011 Toyota Forerunner was impounded for evidence. Sgt Roberson contacted Prince Georges Det. L. Rivera # 2897 and he was interviewed the defendant Edward Monge at the Prince Georges County Police Division I in Hyattsville. Pvt. Herriott and Pvt. Lowndes transported the defendant Edward Monge to the Upper Marlboro detention center for presentation to District Commissioner.

#### Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:14 am, 'MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION

On 2/15/22 At approximately 0714 hours. PVT. Herriott#1454 responded to the Shell gas station located at 6001 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights, MD. 20740 for vandalism. Upon arrival, Officer met with employee XXXXwho advised that an unknown black female entered the premises and became upset when she could not retrieve gas from the pump. The unknown female then kicked the door causing the glass to break. The female left in an unknown vehicle traveling in an unknown direction. Per Mr.XXX the owner did not want to pursue charges at this time.

### Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 8:15: pm, 'ACCIDENT WITH DUI ARREST'

On 02/16/2022 Ofc. Wright #1455 of the Berwyn Heights Maryland Police Department in marked uniform patrol vehicle #1909 was alerted to respond for an accident with injuries in the area of Greenbelt Rd (RT 193) and 63rd Ave in the Town of Berwyn Heights Maryland 20740. Upon his arrival, he observed a tan Toyota Highlander bearing Maryland registration 3DX4161 in the grass area in front of 6301 Greenbelt Rd, The Berwyn Presbyterian Church. The vehicle crashed into the front sign of the church destroying the sign and the vehicle. The officer observed tire tracks coming from the corner of the nearest intersection at Greenbelt Rd (RT 193) and 63rd Ave leading to the final resting place of the vehicle. At this time, Ofc. Wright immediately observed the driver's slurred speech and his bloodshot and glassy eyes. The male subject could not stand up without swaying and using the vehicle to stand upright. The male had a very strong smell of an alcoholic beverage emanating off his person and breath. PGFD Ambulance 811 obtained a patient refusal from the driver of the vehicle declining any medical treatment. During this time the male was identified as Mr. Zabaih Ullah Akbari of Burtonsville through his Marvland State driver's license. Defendant Akbari was asked if had anything to drink tonight which he stated no. Defendant Akbar also mentioned that another vehicle may have been involved in the incident. Greenbelt City was also on the scene of a vehicle that was flipped over at Greenbelt Rd and Kenilworth Ave. Defendant Akbar stated that he hit this vehicle but could not say anything else about it. At this time, through BHPD officers' training, knowledge, and experience, Pvt. Wright deemed that Defendant Akbar was impaired by alcohol.

Due to the positive clues of impairment observed during SFST, Defendant Akbar was placed under arrest. Defendant Akbar was placed into handcuffs and was transported to the Greenbelt Police station for the intox test. Defendant Akbar's vehicle was inventoried and impounded by Greenbelt Rd Shell.

# **CODE COMPLIANCE**

#### **Vehicle Condition and Storage**

Some of the most common Ordinance 107 Clean Lot violations occur under <u>Vehicle Condition and Storage</u>: Inoperable vehicles and improper vehicle storage.

# We remind residents of the following per Ordinance 107:

Non- roadworthy vehicles should be stored in garages or residential driveways under a tightly fitted, fully encasing cover made for the vehicle

- Non- roadworthy, inoperable vehicles include those without current registration, that are abandoned, wrecked, disassembled, have flattened tires etc.
- Ill-fitting car covers and makeshift covers e.g. tarps secured with bricks, bungee cords, etc. are not acceptable vehicle covers

There is a limit of (2) non-roadworthy vehicles that can be visibly stored at each residence.

Vehicles must be parked on an approved, paved surfaces. Yards may not be used for parking vehicles (including motorcycles, boats, and trailers). All wheels of a vehicle must be parked on a paved surface.

Extending driveways to create additional paved surface is not allowed unless the extension has been approved through permit from the Prince George's County and the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is the goal of our office to communicate and work with residents and business owners to correct violations. If there are questions or concerns about Notices from Code Compliance, we welcome recipients to contact us to discuss.

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

#### **BH Elementary School PTA**

President: Marilyn King
<a href="mailto:President@BHESPTA.org">President@BHESPTA.org</a>

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson &

Kimberly Bills Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

#### **Boys & Girls Club**

President: Robin Harris
rcrestwell@yahoo.com
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brandie9105@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas tif.papanikolas@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

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Athletic Director: Darryl Harris darryl.harris@aimdgroup.com

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#### **Education Advisory Committee**

Chair: Allison Holmes thebheac@gmail.com

#### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitaor: Jeffrey Knutson jbknutson@verizon.net

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes therese@celticclans.com

#### **Historical Committee**

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder dsteelesny@yahoo.com

#### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

#### **Movie Club**

Jonathan Loutsch bhmovieclub@gmail.com

## Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden jimosley45@gmail.com Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler bhnwep53@aol.com

#### **Karate Club**

Leon Swain 301-728-2881 Brett Bentley 240-678-9103 Brett.bentley@gmail.com

#### **Quilter's Club**

Coordinator: Janet Freitag quilttag1@yahoo.com

#### **Recreation Council**

President: Susan Jones violindreams@verizon.net

#### **Seniors Club**

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# April 2022

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(301) 474-6897				
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov				
(301) 474-7886				
(301) 474-0018				
(301) 345-2808				
(301) 474-5000				

#### **Regular Trash Collection Schedule**

Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

North of Pontiac...... Mondays & Thursdays South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town

#### **Mayor and Council**

Amanda Dewey (443) 646-3529 <u>adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor — Public Health & Safety

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 <u>jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 -2578 <a href="mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov">cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov</a> Councilmember — Administration

Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 <u>jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Councilmember — Code Compliance

Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 <u>esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Councilmember — Public Works

Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 <u>lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Town Manager

#### **Town Helpline**

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?

Email Town at

contact@berwynheightsmd.gov

Be assured that your communication
will be answered promptly
and in confidence.

#### **Watch Council Meetings**



On Comcast channel 71 FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M. 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M. 3rd most recent mtg: Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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