

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**AUGUST 2019** 



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## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

## **ORDINANCE 179**

Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule Aug. 14 | 7:00 pm | Council Chamber

The Town Council will hold a public hearing with the adoption of ORD 179 which will combine fee and fine schedules attached to or embedded in various ordinances into one comprehensive fees & fine schedule. The comprehensive fee & fine schedule will be appended to the Town's code.

Contact Town Manager Broadbent with any questions mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

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# PUBLIC WORKS REMINDER

### Dear Residents,

Please do not place plastic bags in your recycling containers. This includes plastic bags of all types: from grocery bags, to product wrap, and newspaper bags. Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at local grocery stores.



Prince George's County's Materials Recycling Facility, the place where Berwyn Heights brings their recyclables, will reject loads with plastic bags because they cause their sorting machines to malfunction. We ask that you place only loose recyclables into your blue bins.

You may receive warnings and fines if you continue to place plastic bags in your bins. For more information on acceptable items to recycle please go to:

Recycle Smart Flyer

#### Estimados residentes.

Por favor, no coloque bolsas de plástico en sus contenedores de reciclaje. Esto incluye bolsas de plástico de todo tipo: desde bolsas de supermercado hasta envoltorios de productos y bolsas de periódicos. Las bolsas plásticas de comestibles se pueden reciclar en las tiendas locales.

La Planta de Reciclaje de Materiales del Condado de Prince George, el lugar donde Berwyn Heights trae sus materiales reciclables, rechazará las cargas con bolsas de plástico porque causan un mal funcionamiento de sus máquinas. Le pedimos que solo coloque materiales reciclables sueltos en sus contenedores azules.

Puede recibir advertencias y multas si continúa colocando bolsas de plástico en sus contenedores. Para obtener más información sobre los elementos aceptables para reciclar, visite:

Reciclar Inteligentemente

## **LEGISLATIVE CORNER**

## **Actions at July 12 Town Meeting**

- ORD 179—1st Reading & Introduction of Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule: Combines fee and fine schedules embedded or attached to various Town ordinances into one document. Requires review and public hearing of fees and fines as part of the annual budget process.
- Resolution 13-2019—Establishing a Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule: Establishes a comprehensive fee & fine schedule in conjunction with Ordinance 179 and becomes effective on the same date as the Ordinance.
- C 5-2019 Proclaiming July 10, 2019 as Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Day and Congratulating its Soccer Teams on a successful Year
- CI 6-2019 Promotion of Detective Unger to Lieutenant
- CI 7-2019 Promotion of Officer Duck and Officer Hollowell to Corporal

#### For Additional Information

Please contact Town Manager Broadbent at <a href="mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov">mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>

## **Bicycle Safety**

If your children ride their bikes to school or around the Town, make sure they follow basic safety rules:

- Always wear a property fitting helmet;
- •• Use bikes that are in good working order (breaks, tires)
- •• Follow rules of the road (stop at intersections, ride on right side of street, respect pedestrians if sharing sidewalk or trail)



More Information at NHTSA Kids Bike Safety Kit

## **Join the Education Advisory Committee**



## July 22 | 7:00 PM G. Love Room

The BHEAC is a Town Committee dedicated to supporting and strengthening the schools that serve the residents of Berwyn Heights by:

- Informing residents and the Town Council about educational issues and opportunities;
- Cultivating links with PGCPS administrators and the School Board:
- Liaising with neighboring cities' Education Advisory Committees; and
- Promoting community involvement in local schools.

### All Residents Are Welcome

Please contact Joanna Whitaker for more information, at joannaswhitaker@gmail.com

## Únete al Comité Asesor de Educación

22 de Julio | 7:00 pm

G. Love Sala, 5700 Berwyn Road

El BHEAC es un Comité de la Ciudad dedicado a la apoyar y fortalecer las escuelas que sirven a los residentes de Berwyn Heights mediante:

- Informar a los residentes y al Ayuntamiento I sobre temas y oportunidades educativas;
- Cultivar vínculos con los administradores de PGCPS y la Junta Escolar;
- Enlace con los comités consultivos de educación de las ciudades vecinas; y
- Promover la participación de la comunidad en las escuelas locales.

#### Todos los residentes son bienvenidos

Póngase en contacto con Joanna Whitaker para obtener más información, en

i joannaswhitaker@gmail.com





Extreme Heat often causes the highest number of deaths among weather-related disasters

# IF YOU ARE UNDER AN EXTREME HEAT WARNING

Find air conditioning, if possible.





Check on family members and neighbors.

Avoid strenuous activities.





Drink plenty of fluids.

Watch for heat illness.





Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

Wear light clothing.





Never leave people or pets in a closed car.

## Find more Information at <a href="https://www.ready.gov/heat">https://www.ready.gov/heat</a>

- ⇒ Check yourself for signs of heat exhaustion: profuse sweating, dizziness, headache, nausea and muscle cramps.
- ⇒ Recognize signs of heatstroke:

Red, hot and dry skin, body temperature above 103 F, rapid strong pulse, dizziness, confusion or unconsciousness.



Prince George's County maintains <u>cooling centers</u> open to the general public; the nearest one is College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue.

## The Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

Stop by the Rec Council table at National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6th at the Town Center for schedule of upcoming events and games & prizes for the kids!

## **Coming Soon:**



Thursday, August 29th, 5-7pm
Berwyn Heights All Stars
Concert at Lake Artemesia
Bring something to sit on, pack a picnic, and enjoy some music!

(Rain Location will be Upstairs Room at the Town Center)

Thursday, September 19th, 6:30-8:30pm Ice Cream Social at the Town Center Come socialize with you neighbors & enjoy some free ice cream at this family friendly event! (Some lactose free ice cream will be available)



**More Upcoming Events:** 

Saturday, October 19th—Trunk Or Treat
Sunday, November 3rd—Free Bluegrass Concert
Saturday, December 7th—Christmas Tree Lighting Party





We meet the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room, in the Senior Center. All are always welcome! If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question but can't make it to our meetings, email Susan at violindreams@verizon.net

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 3rd.

\*No Meeting on Tue. Aug 6th due to NNO\*\*



Would you be interested in joining a movie club? Please contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net

# WALKABLE BIKABLE BERWYN HEIGHTS

The Town Council is seeking residents to serve on a committee to devise a comprehensive plan to make the Town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The Committee would research best practices, seek input from a wide variety of residents and liaise with agencies and organizations that can assist with or are involved in the approval of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Please contact Drew Carlisle at mr.drew.carlisle@gmail.com

or any of the Councilmembers listed on the back of the Bulletin if you are interested in participating in this project.



# UN PUEBLO PARA PEATONES Y BICICLETAS

El Concejo Municipal está buscando residentes para formar parte de un comité para diseñar un plan integral para que el Pueblo sea más apto para peatones y bicicletas.

El Comité investigará las mejores prácticas, buscará la opinión de una amplia variedad de residentes y se pondrá en contacto con agencias y organizaciones que puedan ayudar o estén involucradas en la aprobación de instalaciones para peatones y ciclistas.

Si está interesado en participar en este proyecto, comuníquese con

mr.drew.carlisle@gmail.com

o cualquiera de los miembros del Consejo que figuran en la parte posterior del Boletín.



## Berwyn Heights Needs Trees!

Trees in cities reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings in urban areas.

One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and releases four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people.

Do you want to help protect our community and local trees? The Shade Tree Board is looking for volunteers! Don't hesitate to reach out for more information!

Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting:

August 8 | 7 pm | G. Love Room.

Contact Amanda Dewey adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov

## Interested In a film club?

Are you a movie buff? A self-proclaimed film critic? Or a cinema savant? The Berwyn Heights Rec Council wants to know if you'd like to be a part of a new film club. Please take a brief survey <a href="mailto:here">here</a> to let us know if you're interested! Or email Susan Jones at <a href="mailto:violindreams@verizon.net">violindreams@verizon.net</a>.

## Interesado en Un club de cine?

Eres un aficionado al cine? Un crítico de cine autoproclamado? El Consejo Recreación De Berwyn Heights quiere saber si te gustaría ser parte de un nuevo club de cine. Haga una breve encuesta <a href="majority">aquí</a> para hacernos saber si está interesado! También puede enviar un correo electrónico a Susan Jones a <a href="majority">wiolindreams@verizon.net</a>.

## W orksession June 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Ethan Sweep and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. CM Amanda Dewey had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

#### 1. Announcements

The Town again qualified as a Banner City this year, an award by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) recognizing active participation in League activities and showcasing municipal government. Schools will be out shortly, and everyone is requested to pay extra attention to kids playing outside.

#### 2. Agenda

A Parkdale High School grant request for a senior activity was added to the agenda.

#### 3. Budget Items

TM Broadbent said the budget amendments to be adopted at the June Town meeting were discussed at a previous worksession. She has nothing to add.

#### 4. Discussion Items

Beltway widening letter of opposition: CM Sweep provided an updated letter opposing the proposed widening of the capital Beltway for discussion. The letter adds details explaining the reasons for the Council's opposition to the widening and reiterates the most common objections voiced at public hearings on the matter. The Council agreed to send the current draft of the letter tonight, so that it reaches the Maryland Board of Public Works before it votes on the project tomorrow. This will ensure the letter becomes part of the record and will give the Town standing to comment on the project in the future. A more formal letter signed by all Councilmembers will be sent later.

**Town organizations policy:** Mayor Isler said that CM Dewey drafted a Town organizations policy the Council discussed at the previous worksession. An updated version that includes the Council's changes was provided for tonight's discussion. TM Broadbent also provided an updated resolution to adopt the policy that clarifies which organizations are committees as well as the requirements pertaining to them.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, said that the Seniors are unsure whether their Club would be audited under the new policy. They believe there is no need to be audited because the Club receives no money

from the Town. Mayor Isler said the Town is checking with the auditor about that requirement and will inform the Seniors and other organizations once it hears back. No further changes were made to the policy.

Resolution 12-2019 creating position of Treasurer/ Employee Benefits Manager and Assistant to the Town Manager: TM Broadbent said the Resolution formally creates a position of Treasurer/ Employee Benefits Manager and a position of Assistant to the Town Manager. The Council discussed the changes during the budget process and approved funding to implement them. The Treasurer will shed the human resource function excepting employee benefits administration and add asset management responsibilities. The Assistant to the Town Manager will take on the human resources function, including hiring, promotions and discipline, and employee policies. The position will add responsibilities for tracking projects, new initiatives and requests for service as well as administrative policy analysis. The old positions will remain on the roster but will not be funded. It was agreed to place the Resolution on the Town meeting agenda for adoption.

Backpack project: Mayor Isler explained the reasons for proposing a backpack project. As a schoolteacher, he sees many students coming back to school without proper supplies, including backpacks, writing utensils, copybooks and various types of paper. As part of the project, residents would be requested to donate backpacks filled with supplies from a wish list. He has headed up backpack projects for his school before, and the donated, supplies-filled backpacks have greatly benefitted students as well as teachers. Some of the items are basic classroom necessities, such as hand soap, tissues, and copy paper that schools often run out of.

In response to questions, Mayor Isler said that PGCPS does not always resupply classrooms in a timely manner. People, who want to donate, can donate a portion of the listed supplies rather than an entire backpack filled with them. Top necessities include pencils, composition books, lined paper, glue sticks and hand soap. Teachers can always use copy paper. The Council agreed to support the project and discussed different strategies for collecting the supplies. The project will be advertised in the next Bulletin and the Town office will provide a collection station.

Parkdale High School grant request: Mayor Isler said the Council received a request for assistance from Parkdale High School with a Fun & Fitness Day, which is similar to a field day, for rising seniors. The amount requested is between \$2,000 and \$2,500. A more accurate request will be coming forthwith. The Mayor & Council's FY 2019 education budget has \$4,500 to fund this type of grant request. Some of this year's funds have already been used for career day at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Mayor Isler asked if the Council would approve the grant.

In discussion, the following points were made: the backpack project might have been funded in this manner; the Town of Berwyn Heights has given grants to Parkdale in previous years; the request came from the Parkdale PTA, which must account for how its moneys are spent in an annual audit; the Town can require a report on the use of the grant funds. In a straw poll, all Councilmembers expressed support for the grant. CM Osmond requested information on whether other cities with students at Parkdale High School receive such grant requests.

#### 5. Minutes:

Approval of the April 15 worksession was postponed.

#### **Department Reports**

Mayor Isler reported that the Police are actively patrolling the Town and Clerk Muralles is working on the outreach program to the Latino community. Some complaints have been received about loud music played at night as more residents are having cookouts and parties outside.

CM Sweep wished all a happy gay pride month. The Public Works Department advises homeowners to remove dead trees as they pose a safety hazard. A number of complaints about mosquitos have been received. Mosquitos have been more numerous than usual as it has been a wet spring. Residents can protect themselves with mosquito repellents and by ridding their property of all standing water. If using a mosquito spraying service, residents are encouraged to hire only licensed technicians.

CM Osmond asked TM Broadbent how Code is managing with 2 vacant positions. TM Broadbent said that Code has populated the Comcate code tracking system with all relevant data and for the first time sent out business licenses using it. New violation notices and letters have been drafted, which will also be uploaded to the system and facilitate code enforcement.

Further, TM Broadbent noted that she has obtained the City of Newport's budget, which has won awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). and will make it available in her office. Council can peruse it at their leisure. She plans to submit the next Town budget for the award. As part of preparing for it she needs to get a compilation of the Council's goals, which will become the basis of performance measures by which that budget will be evaluated.

Mr. Ventura reported that wires are down at the intersection of Ruatan Street and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that a driveway expansion is underway at 5805 Seminole Street. He wondered if the Town knew about the work and/ or has approved a variance for that address. Mayor Isler said the Town will look into it.

#### 6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. The Four Cities meeting on July 24 was added to the calendar. The impending renovation of McDonald's restaurant and Town permits and requirements were briefly discussed.

#### 7. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, once more raised the issue of cars parking on the Berwyn Road bridge when Lake Artemesia Park has a lot of visitors, making it difficult for larger vehicles to get through the area, including emergency vehicles. In his opinion, the 'watch for pedestrians in crosswalk' sign makes the problem worse.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

#### Town Meeting June 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Cpl. James Ignowski, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, BHVFD Representative Matthew Huddle and citizens.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Isler asked to move 2 proclamations to the top of the agenda. MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 2. Proclamations

CI-3 Gay Pride Month: Mayor Isler said the Council wishes to support and honor members of the LGBTQ community and proclaim June as gay pride month. He read the Proclamation marking the month of June as gay pride month.

CI-4 Juneteenth: Mayor Isler read a Proclamation declaring June 19 as 'Juneteenth' in Berwyn Heights, where June 19, 1865 was the date when African Americans in Texas first heard about the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Lincoln on January 1, 1863 declaring all slaves to be free people.

CM Dewey said she is excited to have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate events that are important to the community and thanked those who drafted the proclamations. CM Osmond said he supports the celebration of all national heritage events recognized by the federal government.

#### 3. Public Hearings

ORD 175 B Amendment to FY 2019 Budget to Purchase Tippers and Toters: Mayor Isler opened the hearing at 7:06 p.m. and invited comments on the Ordinance. Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, asked what the dollar amount of the amendment is. Mayor Isler said the amendment appropriates \$53,180 dollars for the purchase of tippers and toters. The hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

ORD 175 C Amendment to FY 2019 Budget to Authorize the Purchase of a Mobile Speed Monitor and Handheld Speed Gun: Mayor Isler opened the hearing at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Attick said he thinks the speed monitor is a waste of money. The Police had a speed monitor before, but instead of discouraging speeding it encouraged drivers to test how fast they could go. The hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

ORD 175 D Amendment to FY 2019 Budget to Encumber Funds for a Town Center Architectural Study: Mayor Isler opened the hearing at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Attick asked if the Town knows whether this building will support a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. TM Broadbent said this is what the study will seek to determine; as well as what the options are for expanding the building to accommodate the police station. A request for proposal is in the works.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented he thinks the study is pointless because the building cannot be expanded until the Town has identified additional parking places. CM Dewey said parking will be one of the issues examined as part of the study. The hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep se-

conded to approve the May Town meeting minutes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler said school will be out on June 14 and asked residents to watch out for children playing outside. Berwyn Heights students sent thank you notes to the Council for participating in career day and for supporting fun educational activities. Mayor Isler noted that this Council has completed its first year in office and thanked residents for their support while they were learning the job.

#### 6. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Papanikolas said that the Department is running smoothly and deferred to TM Broadbent to report the details. TM Broadbent said the Department was focused on the budget, including evaluating the new budget process. She saluted Treasurer Rodriguez for working with her in learning and implementing a new budget process. The coming year, she plans to submit the Town's budget for an award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and will soon ask the Council to identify budget goals that will serve as performance measures for budget.

TM Broadbent said the Administration Department will hold a staff retreat on July 12 and Town offices will be closed. Funds from a wellness account will pay for the retreat as well as for new picnic tables to be set up next to the Town Center. Further, she is working on a comprehensive fee and fine schedule that combines in one place the different fee and fine schedules attached to or embedded in various Town ordinances to be reviewed at the next worksession. This should make it easier to set fees and fines during the budget process each year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez said she had a good pre-audit meeting with the Town's auditors. All staff is requested to complete purchases and turn in receipts before the end of the fiscal year. A wellness committee has been set up comprised of staff from each department to generate ideas on how to improve health and wellness of employees

Code Compliance: CM Osmond reported that the Code Department has finished uploading data into the Comcate code management system and is now using it as it was intended to be. For the first time, business license notices were sent out with it. Further, he received several comments about properties with tall grass and other property maintenance issues, which he has turned over to staff to follow up.

TM Broadbent announced that Hollyce Goodwin, who currently works as a part-time code officer, has been selected as the next Code Compliance Director. She has a legal background and is one of the kindest people she has met. TM Broadbent is looking forward to working with her to rebuild the Code Department. Her first day in her new role will be July 8. Councilmembers concurred that Ms. Goodwin is a thorough professional and has the right attitude in dealing with often sensitive code matters.

Mr. Ventura commented that the removal of dead trees on private property has been discussed at recent meetings. It may be useful to inform residents what the regulations pertaining to dead trees are. TM Broadbent said Town code covers dead trees under hazardous conditions on exterior property [of the Clean Lot Ordinance] and details will be published in the next Bulletin, on the website and social media. However, if a dead tree does not threaten to fall in the public right of way or a neighbor's yard it is not considered hazardous to the public. In that case, the Town would not take any action.

TM Broadbent further stated that Pepco has agreed to remove some diseased cherry trees in the back of the Town Center and plant magnolias. Pepco will also replant some of the trees that they planted along Edmonston Road but have died.

Park, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs: CM Dewey announced the upcoming Town-wide yard sale this Saturday that is coinciding with the Town cleanup and a jazz concert at Lake Artemesia on June 27. All civic organizations are requested to submit receipts for expenses as soon as possible so that the Treasurer can close out the books for FY 2019. On June 19, the Town of Fairmont is hosting a Pepco energy assistance day, where low income residents can get help with paying their electricity bills.

**Public Works:** Public Works Director Hall congratulated the Council on passing a successful budget and thanked them for approving equipment purchases that will make the job of his employees a little easier. He announced that the street sweeper will be in Town next week and requested residents park off the street so the sweeper can clean as much curbing as possible. On Friday he will take one of the trash trucks to Baltimore to have tippers installed. The vendor or he can train staff on using the tippers.

In response to questions, Director Hall said there has been improvement in

keeping plastic bags out of the recycling stream but there are still many residents not in compliance. The Department continues to send out cards and place stickers on bins to tell residents that recyclables with plastic bags will not be picked up.

Public Safety: Cpl. Ignowski gave the police activities report as Chief Antolik was on vacation. There were 9 Part I offenses. The Police issued 166 traffic citations and 172 speed camera tickets, including 21 on Pontiac Street. On June 4, there was a break-in on Berwyn Road, which occurred in a brief period when the homeowner was not at home. There have also been a number of thefts from vehicles, most from unlocked vehicles. In two cases, the suspect located keys to a second vehicle in the unlocked vehicle, then used them to steal the second vehicle. Both stolen vehicles were recovered in south-east Washington, DC and a suspect arrested. Residents are urged not to leave their cars unlocked and i or leave valuables in the car. In other news, Prince George's County police is requesting assistance with a homicide that occurred on May 22 in the 8700 block of Rhode Island Avenue, where a man was found with a gunshot wound to his head. Information about the case can be reported to Prince George's Police at 301-772-4925.

Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department: Matthew Huddle gave the report for the BHVFD. The rescue squad had 217 runs and the ambulance 258. The ladder truck had 44 runs because it has been out of service for repairs. The Fire Department has been unable to secure a backup truck from Prince George's County. Mr. Huddle advised to watch for kids as school is out for summer. During the hot months, everyone should make sure to stay hydrated and be alert to signs of heatstroke.TM Broadbent suggested the BHVFD help educate residents about the importance of wearing helmets when riding a bicycle, especially young children.

#### 7. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey announced the BHEAC will hold its next meeting on Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m. The Committee stepped up to engage with the School Board and PGCPS administrators to ensure that facility improvements at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) remained on track. The School Board has since voted to approve the facilities master plan amendments unchanged. BHES renovations will go forward as planned.

**Green Team:** CM Dewey said the Town cleanup is this Saturday at 10 am. Participants might check out yard sales going

on at the same time. Students can earn community service hours.

Historical Committee: BHHC Secretary Debby Steele Snyder reported that the Historical Committee will participate in National Night Out on August 6 and have available new refrigerator magnets of a historic home. The Committee is also starting to plan its fall event and continues to work on oral histories. The museum will soon have a playback device where visitors can watch oral histories the Committee is collecting. An oral history highlights reel is already available on YouTube.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** There was no report.

Recreation Council: Recreation Council President Susan Jones said approximately 30 residents have signed up to list their vard sales on a map for Saturday's Townwide yard sale. The map will be available at the Town office and the Community Center. She thanked Public Information Aide Tiffany Minor for advertising the event. The first concert in a summer concert series will be on June 27 at Lake Artemesia featuring her own Susan Jones Jazz Quartet, followed by the Jan Knutson Trio on July 18 and concluding with the Berwyn Heights All Stars on August 29. The Ice Cream Social is tentatively scheduled for September 17, followed by Trunk or Treat in October and another concert in November. New ideas for events are always welcome.

Town Organizations Policy (moved up on agenda): CM Dewey asked to move up the discussion of the Town organizations policy that is up for adoption as Resolution 11-2019 tonight. MPT Papanikolas so moved. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Dewey explained that the policy was initiated by the previous Council to formalize the relationship between the Town and the various committees and volunteer groups.

The policy to be adopted tonight seeks to clarify which organizations are covered by the Town's liability insurance and eligible for free use of Town facilities and the Bulletin. All Town organizations are classified as either committees or assemblies and both are eligible for free use of the Bulletin and Town facilities. However, assemblies are more independent and will not be covered by the Town's insurance. Nonetheless, assemblies must hold open meetings, abide by the Town's nondiscrimination policy and provide an updated membership list to qualify for the above privileges. All organizations receiving Town funds will be subject to audits by the Town's auditor.

CM Dewey said Committees are established by the Council through a resolution or an ordinance to fulfill a specific public function and are covered by the Town's insurance. Committees receive funds through the Town's budget process and must regularly report on how they spend their money. Assemblies may apply for grants.

There ensued an extended discussion about the policy. Angela Wolfinger, Susan Jones, Debby Steele-Snyder, Mike Attick and Phil Ventura commented, making the following points:

- Organizations that don't participate regularly in Recreation Council meetings or Berwyn Heights Day activities should not be entitled to the same privileges.
- As an umbrella organization the Recreation Council relies on representatives from organizations attending its meetings to develop events programs and avoid scheduling conflicts.
- To date, groups have often contacted each other directly to work out scheduling conflicts.
- It is difficult to require volunteer members of Town organizations to attend additional meetings.
- The Recreation Council could reach out to residents who are not members of other organizations to supplement their membership.
- The Town could make receipt of grant funds dependent on participation in the Recreation Council.

The Council agreed that it is desirable to have more groups attend Recreation Council meetings, but some groups would likely cease to exist if they were required to attend to qualify for the use of facilities. Instead an effort should be made to better inform the leaders of each group about Recreation Council meetings and events. Linking the dispensation of Town funds to participation in the Recreation Council was thought to be a more viable approach than mandating participation via the policy.

Clerk Harper read Resolution 11-2019 Town Committees & Assemblies. CM Dewey asked for corrections to be made to the section setting forth requirements for assemblies. CM Sweep moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the Resolution, as amended. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 8. Unfinished Business

ORD 175 B 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of FY 2019 Budget Amendments to Authorize Purchase of Toters and Tippers: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance.

Mr. Ventura commented he hopes the Town will not only get 64-gallon size Toters but some smaller sizes as well. The tippers can lift all sizes of toters. With no further comments, CM Sweep moved to adopt Ordinance 175 B. CM Dewey seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 175 C 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of FY 2019 Budget Amendment to Authorize the Purchase of a Mobile Speed Monitor and Handheld Speed Gun: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to adopt Ordinance 175 C. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 175 D 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of FY 2019 Budget Amendment to Encumber Funds for a Town Center Architectural Study: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. CM Osmond said he would like to review the RFP before it is posted. MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Osmond seconded to adopt Ordinance 175 D. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 9. New Business

Resolution 7-2019 Amending the Status of the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Dewey asked to replace the word 'organization' with 'committee' in the section "Be it further Resolved' to conform with the Town Organization Policy. CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to adopt Resolution 7-2019, as amended. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 12-2019 Creating Position of Treasurer/ Benefits Manager and Assistant to the Town Manager: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent said the current position descriptions were approved by a previous Council and therefore it is appropriate for the Council to approve any changes. The Council already discussed and approved funding for the altered positions during the FY 2020 budget process. MPT Papanikolas moved to approve the Resolution. CM Sweep seconded. TM Broadbent thanked the Council for making it possible for a long-serving employee to be promoted and take on more challenging work. The Council approved the Resolution in a 5 to

#### 10. Citizen Comments

Mike Attick asked what became of the attempt to ease congestion on the 8900 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue during rush hours. There continue to be problems with vehicles being able to make the turn onto or off Greenbelt Road. TM Broadbent replied BHPD made 2 recommendations that were discussed at a public hearing in March. Any changes to parking regulations would affect the UMD bus routes

and its Department of Transportation prefers not to make any changes during the regular semester. Angela Wolfinger suggested looking at removing a sidewalk on one side of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue to allow more traffic to pass through on that street. MPT Papanikolas said residents on that block already feel there is too much speeding, which would get worse if the roadway was widened.

Phil Ventura commented on the electric vehicle charging stations. He said the stations use electricity around the clock and are not a good use of taxpayer money. Further, the type of stations installed behind the Town office are not energy star rated and are not on a list that distributors normally sell. Apparently, they are only used when installed for free. He would prefer a system that allows only authorized users to charge their vehicles rather than subsidizing any driver of electric vehicles. Mr. Ventura was provided with a Pepco bill showing no increase in the use of electricity since the charging stations were installed. He was assured the Town will keep monitoring the use and has the option to convert the station to charge users via credit cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

### Worksession June 17, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. CM Ethan Sweep had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

#### 1. Agenda

The review of the Council's mid-monthly e -newsletter was added to the agenda.

#### 2. Announcements

School is out and more activity will take place out of doors. Residents are reminded to lock their cars as there continue to be many thefts from vehicles. Mayor Isler attended a 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of North Brentwood and had a great time. The Berwyn Heights U-15 soccer team competed in two soccer tournaments and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both. At the upcoming MML conference, CM Dewey will moderate an "Effective Meetings' workshop. Last Friday, she attended a meeting of the Pepco Community Advisory Board, where electric vehicle technology and other interesting topics were discussed.

#### 3. Discussion Items

All in one fee & fine schedule: TM Broadbent provided a draft comprehensive fee & fine schedule and accompanying ordinance and resolution to effectuate the consolidation of the current fee and fine schedules attached to or embedded in various ordinances into one document. Wherever a specific dollar amount is mentioned in an ordinance it was transferred into the comprehensive fee & fine schedule, leaving only a reference about extant fees and fines in that ordinance. The Ordinance effecting the change will also require the annual review with a public hearing of the comprehensive fee & fine schedule, but at this point no changes to the amounts of any fee or fine were made. In the future, the Council may want to undertake the codification of all its ordinances. This would combine the currently stand-alone ordinances into chapters organized by topic that are part of one Berwyn Heights code.

Walkable, bikeable Berwyn Heights plan: Mayor Isler invited Drew Carlisle, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to present his ideas for a more walkable and bikeable Berwyn Heights. Mr. Carlisle said he started to think about how to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities in Berwyn Heights when the Council held a public hearing on parking restrictions in the 8900 block of 60<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenues to ease congestion during rush hours. He has since interviewed some 25 residents about walking and biking improvements and received a variety of comments and suggestions. Suggestions ranged from adding sidewalks, bike lanes and better street lighting to implementing traffic cameras, speed humps and parking restrictions. He also received comments saying that the Town is already perfectly walkable and bikeable. A greater discussion needs to be had because people disagree on what should be done.

Mr. Carlisle said Berwyn Heights already uses traffic signs to regulate how a road is used. He thinks traffic regulations should aim to minimize conflict between motorized and non-motorized forms of transportation. This could be accomplished by redirecting vehicular traffic away from some to encourage walking and biking to popular destinations, such as the stores located along and across Greenbelt Road, schools and recreational facilities. Several people expressed interest in serving on a task force if it had a more formal framework. The Council would likely decide what kind of structure is appropriate for such a group.

In discussion, Mr. Carlisle, CM Dewey, TM Broadbent, Clerk Harper and Mr. Ventura made the following points:

The redevelopment of Beltway Plaza

- might be leveraged to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Greenbelt Road.
- A walkable, bikeable Berwyn Heights plan should aim to make infrastructure improvements over time as road projects or other opportunities come up.
- A survey of residents relating to a walk-bike plan might be combined with other topics on which outreach is desired, e.g. the decennial census, education issues, etc.
- Seminole Street might be considered for a 'Neighborhood Greenway' as an alternative to walking or biking along Greenbelt Road.
- Many bike-ped improvements could be low cost signage solutions.
- The Town's authority to review plans is limited and it may have to defer to the County or State to approve bikepedestrian facilities.
- A citizens' commission should include stakeholders from schools, athletic clubs, police and others to study best practices, grant funding, plan review authority, and coordination with local agencies in formulating a plan.
- Maryland Milestones/ ATHA might be approached for help in designing facilities and coordinating with local authorities.
- Pepco's program for upgrading streetlights, which was discussed with former Mayor White, might be explored in detail.

Next steps would include recruitment through the Bulletin, online forums, and at Town organizations meetings and events. It was agreed that the Council work on defining the framework for the task force and clarify desired outcomes starting at the next worksession.

Four Cities agenda: Mayor Isler said that Berwyn Heights will host the next Four Cities meeting on July 24 and should start thinking about an agenda. The Council discussed the format of the meetings and agreed they should focus more on issues that require action instead of updates on old initiatives. Presentations from experts and local government officials were deemed helpful in moving matters forward. Proposed agenda items included: Presentation by Pepco's municipal liaison Jerry Pasternak regarding electric vehicle charging stations; Update on Board of Education activities by Joshua Thomas; Update from County Council Representative Dannielle Glaros.

#### 4. Mid-monthly E-Newsletter

Mayor Isler provided a draft e-newsletter for June, containing proclamations adopted at the Town meeting, and articles on

the backpack project and Latino outreach initiative, plus a link to a Washington Post article on Berwyn Heights. Announcements of Town Office closings for July 4, 5 and 12; the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Plan were added.

#### 5. Minutes

CM Dewey moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the April 15 worksession minutes. The motion passed 2-0-2, with Mayor Isler and CM Osmond abstaining. The May 20 worksession minutes were reviewed. CM Osmond moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to table the minutes because they appeared to be incomplete. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### 6. Department Reports

Mayor Isler reported that Berwyn Heights Police is doing their job patrolling and keeping the Town safe. CM Dewey announced that the street sweeper is in Town next week. A Pepco Energy Assistance Workshop is scheduled for June 19 at the Fairmont Heights Municipal Center to help low income citizens to pay their electricity bills. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is on June 17 and the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet concert on June 27. CM Osmond encouraged residents to Code Department address problem properties.

### 7. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the Council calendar. No changes were made.

### 8. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, continued to discuss the electric vehicle charging stations. The cost to fully charge an electric vehicle is approximately \$4.80, depending on the model, or \$540 per year for the average user. This is not a trivial amount and he thinks the Town should not provide free fuel for drivers of electric vehicles.

Mayor Isler said that Mr. Ventura has brought this topic up repeatedly and the Council has made clear its position and its intent to monitor the cost of the program. He asked what else Mr. Ventura would like the Town to do that is not being done. Mr. Ventura replied he would like the Council to do more research on the cost of a new program before making a decision the next time. To him it looks as if the Council was not fully aware or did not care much about the costs.

CM Dewey, speaking for herself only, said nothing Mr. Ventura just said is surprising to her. She never assumed electricity is free or that the charging stations

don't cost the Town anything. She supports the program because to her the cost is worth incentivizing sustainable transportation. She might change her mind if the program turns out to cost thousands of dollars after a year of operations. TM Broadbent added that staff has looked at the spec sheets and possible costs before signing up for the free charging stations. The Council and the Town have done their research.

Drew Carlisle, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked if the Town has taken any steps to address the congestion problems on 60<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the intersection with Greenbelt Road. He was told that the Police is exploring options. No decision has been made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## MINUTOS DE REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO EN ESPAÑOL

El sitio web de Town of Berwyn Heights ahora se puede ver en diferentes idiomas usando Google Translate. Haga clic en el cuadro "Seleccionar idioma" junto al cuadro "Buscar" y elija su idioma.

Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejose pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

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# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SPANISH

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## **BC** Historical Committee

Stop by on August 6, 6-9 pm

## **National Night Out**

- Berwyn Heights Co. Exhibit on 100th Anniversary
- New Historic Homes Magnets
- Heritage Area Brochures and Information

## **Next Meeting – Election of Officers**

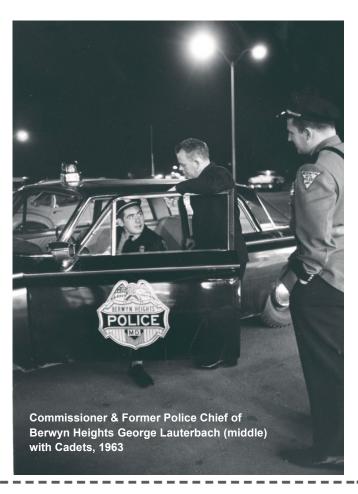
**SEP 26 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room** 

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BHHC website: berwynheightshistory.com



MD Milestones: <u>anacostiatrails.org</u>



## Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

## Kindergarten Screening

August 5 to 8 daily from 9 am to 12 noon



If you have an incoming Kindergarten student, please sign up for a screening time slot. To sign up, visit or call the school's front office @ 240-684-6210.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

Thursday, August 29, 1 pm

Kindergarten students and families are invited to come learn about the school and hear about what's coming for this year.

## **Classroom Sneak Peek**

Thursday, August 29, 6 pm

All students and families are invited to have a quick look at their new classrooms, meet new teachers, and drop off school supplies.

## **School Supplies**

You can download a list of supplies your students will need this coming year on the PTA website: <a href="http://bhespta.org/">http://bhespta.org/</a>



Tuesday, September 3, 9-10 am



Drop off your child in his or her classroom and then come socialize with other BHES parents while you enjoy a cup of coffee.



## **Upcoming Events**

August 5-8

Kindergarten Screening

August 29, Thursday

Kindergarten Orientation (1 pm) Classroom Sneak Peek (6 pm)

September 3, Tuesday

First day of school First day breakfast for parents

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## Tuesday June 4, 2019 at 1:15 pm, 'BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL'

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 5900 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a residential burglary. Victim stated that at about 1100 hrs she and some friends of the family went for a walk.. Upon returning two hours later she discovered that the home had been broken into and that property had been thrown about. Furthermore, she discovered that the screen in the window of her son's room had been removed allowing the suspect or suspects to gain entry. The suspect or suspects had emptied her son's Under Armor backpack and must have put the stolen property in it when they left. A lookout was broadcast describing the backpack.

#### Thursday June 6, 2019 at 4:54 pm, 'TAMPERED WITH PARKED CAR'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue for tampering of a vehicle. Victim reported that she has custody of her mother's Volkswagen Jetta car which she parked in front of her home for the night. Victim stated that, during the night, an unknown suspect gained entry to the Jetta The contents of the interior glove compartment and the front seat storage console were dumped onto the seats and floor of the car. Unknown what if anything was stolen.

The location of incident is directly across the street from 8911 60th Avenue, an office building with parking lot where the BHPD has an area-check to monitor homeless people using that property to loiter, drink alcohol. On 5/24/2019 the Greenbelt City Police recovered a BMW that had been stolen from the area..

## Monday June 10, 2019 at 4:50 pm, 'LOST PROPERTY'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 6215 Greenbelt Road for a report of lost property. Victim reports that she lost an envelope containing a cashier's check in the sum of \$4,000 and \$540 in currency. Victim believes she lost the envelope in the parking lot of her business located at 6215 Greenbelt RD. Victim states that she contacted the landlord of the building and inquired about the security camera system. Victim reports that the landlord checked the video and reports it captured a person picking up an envelope on the ground and entering the building. The landlord informed the victim that she should be available 6/11/19 to attempt to identify the person who picked up the envelope from the ground. The victim was able to cancel the cashier's check.

## Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 8:23 pm,

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a theft report. Victim reported that he lives at the Seminole Street address with a person known by the victim. Victim said he took a nap and, when he woke up, he discovered that the suspect

had rummaged through his wallet, and stolen a \$5 bill. In addition a credit card and a debit card were tampered with. The victim believes that the suspect has recorded the account numbers for possible theft of funds.

## Monday June 13, 2019 at 4:50 pm, 'FOUND MONEY'

Reporting person visited the Berwyn Heights MD Police Department to report he found property. The reporting person presented two \$20 bills to the BHPD Clerk Mercy Muralles. A report be made and the money stored according to agency directives. In the event that no owner has come forth in 30 days, the found property will be given back to the person who found the money.

## Thursday June 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6327 Greenbelt Road for a report of damage to property. Victim called police to Greenbelt Road Shell at 6327 Greenbelt Road. Victim reported that at 5:30 P.M. a U-haul truck number JH1493B ,with Arizona Registration plate AD59863 attached to the rear, attempted to drive eastbound in the Greenbelt Road Shell parking lot, between fuel pump #1 and the sidewalk at the front of the T/A building. The left rear of the truck hit the metal pole barrier in front of pump #1. The barrier suffered damage to the white painted surface and the metal pole was bent. The pavement anchoring the metal pole barrier was cracked from stress when the barrier was damaged.

## Tuesday June 18, 2019 at 11:10 pm, 'RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO'

BHPD Officers responded to the 8900 block of 56th Avenue for a report of a vehicle that was engulfed in flame. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen and dumped at the said location.

## Tuesday June 18, 2019 at 10:00 am, 'POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY'

BHPD officers including Mayor Isler and Town Manager Broadbent attended the annual Prince George's County Police and Sheriff of the Year Award Ceremony in Glenarden, MD. Det/Sgt. Unger, Cpl. Ignowski, Cpl. Krouse and Police Clerk Muralles were honored.

#### Friday June 21, 2019 at 7:51 pm, 'THEFT'

The Tech supervisor at Staples INC, contacted the BHPD after a subject entered the store and removed property. The suspect described as a B/M 40s, wearing a backpack, entered the store and began to wander the aisles. The subject reportedly has been in the store on previous occasions and shoplifted. The supervisor reports that the suspect placed unknown items in his back pack and fled the store, setting off the store shoplifting alarm. The suspect reportedly got into a gray vehicle with MD temp tag T955033, being driven by a B/M, and fled the area. The employee was unable to determine what items the suspect took. The store employee was advised to contact the BHPD immediately should the subject enter

the store again.

## Wednesday June 26, 2019 at 9:26 pm, 'ACCIDENT / DUI ARREST'

Pfc. C. Rufino responded to a crash located at the intersection of Greenbelt Rd and 63rd Ave. While talking to one of the parties involved, the officer detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from his person. Pfc. Rufino is trained through NHTSA in conducting Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. The tests are as follows: 1) HGN- Subject showed 5 out of 6 clues. Lack of smooth pursuit, distinct sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation and onset prior to 45 degrees, in both eyes. It was noted that equal pupil size and equal tracking existed in both eyes.

2) HEEL TO TOE- Subject was unable to maintain balance. He stepped on his left foot while attempting to touch his heel to toe. He was unable to count aloud. He was unable to keep both hands by his side and maintain balance.

3) ONE LEG STAND- Subject Lost his balance and was unable to maintain his foot suspended off the ground while counting. All tests were explained and demonstrated to the subject before each exercise and he was placed under arrest and transported.

#### Thursday June 27, 2019 at 9:00 am, 'PROMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT INTER-VIEW FOR SGT, UNGER'

A promotional assessment interview was given to D-Sgt. Unger by Chief Altoff [Brentwood PD], Maj. Alston [Mt. Rainier PD], Lt. Enig [University Park PD], and Capt. Sullivan [Edmonston PD].

## Friday June 28, 2019 at 6:00 am, 'ACCIDENT'

BHPD Chief of Police responded to an accident located on Kenilworth Avenue at Pontiac Street.

## Friday June 28, 2019 at 6:15, am, 'LOST CHILD FOUND'

BHPD Chief of Police responded to the 8900 block of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a found child. Investigation revealed that the caller has early stage dementia and did not recognizes her own daughter.

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August 28- O's vs. Nats at Nats Park.

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Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.

All residents are welcome to attend!

## Town Clean-up

Saturday, August 17th 10am – 12pm

## Meeting point at the Town Center

REMINDER! The monthly town clean-ups are an opportunity for students to earn SSL hours. The clean-up requires walking through the streets in town to pick up litter, so under 16 needs to come with a parent or adult, & under 18 needs their parent permission. Bring your SSL forms!

## **National Night Out**

Tuesday, August 6

Visit the Green Team at this year's National Night Out sponsored by the Berwyn Heights Police Department. Come out and meet our Town Police who keep us all safe.

We have lots to talk about and would love to hear what is on your mind for keeping Berwyn Heights beautiful, sustainable, and green.

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Thank you to the Town of Berwyn Heights for proclaiming July 10<sup>th</sup> as "Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club Day!"



Plus \$20 Uniform Fee for All New Players County Players must have an MVA ID Card!

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?

Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org.

www.berwynheightsbgc.org

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

**United Kingdom Aviation Tour:** College Park Aviation Museum is sponsoring 9-day cultural aviation tour, starting September 19, 2019. For information and sign-up, please contact Bob Kovalchik at 301-474-4240 or CPAM at 301 864 6029.

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Licensed Family Daycare: Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

**STRESSED!!!** Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

**Piano Lessons** in your home. Former PGCPS music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-2825.quote today. Call 202-820-0771.

**Lawn Mowing and Trimming**, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flex-

ible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

**Meals-on-Wheels** needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

**Get Out More!** Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

Help is Here. Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

**Loving, Licensed Child Care:** (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

Do you want to kick back and leave the dirty work to me? My name is Gannon Forbes, a teenager in Berwyn Heights, who would like to help you with your lawn care. Call me for a one-time job, weekly job, or just when you don't feel like sweating through mowing your lawn.

Reasonable prices. References are available upon request. CALL Gannon @ 301-982-7115.

Infant or Senior Care: Nurse/midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact:

joselynekanyudo@gmail.com

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at 301- 345-1746.



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## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

For Preschoolers and Younger

Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm In Town Center if Cold or Rainy

### Playground Rotation:

1st & 3rd Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground 2nd & 4th Monday of month - Pop's Park

Please contact Rachel Cicero (<u>rachelcicero55@gmail.com</u>) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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## THE TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS

# BACKPACK PROJECT



We are helping local students & teachers by donating supplies for the upcoming school year.



 Donate a backpack filled with all the supplies listed

· Donate your choice of the supplies listed in any quantity

## Items to fill backpack with or donate individually (quantity suggested, not required):

- 1 Pack of Construction Paper 3 Notebooks

3 Composition Books

- 1 Pack on Index Cards
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 2 Glue Bottles

3 Glue Sticks

2 Hand Soaps

3 Packs of Pencils

- 2 Hand Sanitizers
- 2 Highlighters

- 2 Boxes of Crayon
- 2 Paper Towel Rolls
- 5 Pocket Folders

1 Pack of Pens

- 2 Packs of Erasers 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Packs of Lined Paper

A small note with a few words of encouragement for the scholar you'll be helping, wishing them a successful school year is welcomed.

Drop off your donations at 5700 Berwyn Rd by Monday, August 19, 2019







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# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Next to the Town Office on 57th Avenue — Open Monday thru Friday, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. — Phone 301-474-0018

## BE COOL — VISIT THE COOL SENIORS AT THE COOL SENIOR CENTER The best Therapy in the World is Time Out with Your Friends!

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

August 4	Hank Becker
August 8	Arnie Powell
August 15	Merrill Weinrich
August 16	Jafari Freidouk
August 17	Roger Agonoy
August 20	Howard Kabran
August 26	Pat Raum
August 27	Robert Starner
August 30	Darlene Erickson
August 30	Laura Waltz
And a Belated Greeting (July 23)	Diana Agonoy





## BOWLING

Congratulation to the Tournament Champions:

Also, Congratulations to
ARUNA NADASEN

On his perfect (300 Score) Game

### **AUGUST ACTIVITIES**

**BINGO** — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M..

**WII BOWLING** — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. There will be pickup Games during the summer.

**GAME NIGHT** — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

**SELF DEFENSE COURSE** — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (August 10)

**MEETINGS** — No meetings in August.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TRIP:** August 6 to Twin Valley Distillery.in Rockville MD. Meet 12:30 P.M.

CRAFTS: August 30. Meet at 12:00 Noon.

## In the Planning Stage are:

- Sunday Baseball watching on the big screen.
- Breakfast at the Silver Diner (tentatively August 16).
- Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

# CODE COMPLIANCE

## **APARTMENTS TO CLEAN OUT?**

- Please make arrangements with the Public Works Department before you place large amounts of bulk refuse (over 3 cubic yards) at the curb. They will inspect it and give you a cost estimate for hauling it away. Alternatively, you can hire a private junk disposal service.
- Regular bulk refuse is collected Mondays on the northside of Town, and Tuesdays on the southside.

## APPLIANCE & TIRE PICKUP

The Town offers pickup service for appliances at \$25 per appliance and tires at \$5 per tire. You can schedule and pay for the pickup at the Town office. Applications are posted on the website under Forms/ Public Works.

## **TALL GRASS**

Please keep your grass cut under 10" to avoid receiving a code violation notice. Short grass helps keep mosquitos and other pests at bay.



## Interested in Knitting, **Ouilting**, Other Needle Arts **Projects?**

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net

## COMMUNITY **ORGANIZATIONS**

### **BH Elementary School PTA**

President: Marilyn King President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Velma Hamilton Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

**Bovs & Girls Club** 

President: Brandon Batton bbatt80@hotmail.com

Vice President: vacant

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga Secretary: Jianmei Zhu

Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov Soccer Commissioner: Vacant Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

## **Education Advisory Committee**

Contact: Joanna Whitaker joannaswhitaker@gmail.com

## **Green Team/ Shade Tree Board**

Chair: Amanda Dewey

amandamdewey@gmail.com Public Outreach: Therese Forbes therese@celticclans.com

#### **Historical Committee**

Chair: Richard Ahrens dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

**Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency** Preparedness/ CERT

> Chair Michael Attick mikeattick@verizon.net

### **Karate Club**

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

**Playgroup** 

Coordinator: Rachel Cicero rachelcicero55@gmail.com

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

Coordinator: Janet Freitag quiltag1@yahoo.com

#### **Recreation Council**

President: Susan Jones violindreams@verizon.net Secretary: Theresa Beck beck theresa@yahoo.com

#### **Seniors Club**

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 <b>N</b>	30 pm 7:00 pm Rec. Council Mtg.	31	Aug 1	2	3
4	5 7:00 pm Worksession	6:00 pm National Night Out	7 7:00 pm NW/EP Mtg.	7:00 pm Green Team Mtg.	9	10
11	12 N	13	7:00 pm Town Mtg. Council Chamber	15	16	17 10:00 am Town Cleanup
18	7:00 pm Worksession	20 \$	21	22	23	24
25	7:00 pm Education Advisory Ctee Mtg.	27 5	28	5:00 pm Lake Artemesia Concert: BH All Stars	30	31





Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection

Recycling Collection



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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## **TOWN INFORMATION**

## **Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.**

Emergency - Fire Rescue	9-1-1		
Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200		
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554		
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331		
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.go	ov		
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897		
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov			
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866		
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018		
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808		
Town Office	(301) 474-5000		
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm			
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331		

### **Regular Trash Collection Schedule**

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**

Stephen D. Isler (301) 537-2228 <u>sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor — Public Health & Safety

Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 <u>jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor Pro Tem — Administration

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

Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529 <u>adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

Jeffrey Osmond josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance

Maria Broadbent—Town Manager <u>mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd,gov</u>

### **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

### **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.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email <a href="mailto:kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov">kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
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