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## INTERIM TOWN MANAGER HIRED

Town Manager Maria Broadbent resigned, effective August 1, to accept another position in Massachusetts. The Town engaged a search firm to locate a new town manager. In the interim, Laura Allen, CPFO, ICMA-CM, has been appointed to manage Town affairs.

Ms. Allen served as the Town Administrator of Berlin, Maryland from 2013 through 2019. Before moving to the east coast in 2013, she was the City Manager of the Town of Colma, California for five years.

Ms. Allen has a Master's Degree in Public Administration along with over 30 years of public sector experience. She is a graduate of Leadership ICMA and the Senior Executive Institute (SEI) at the University of Virginia, Darden Graduate School of Business.

Ms. Allen currently serves on the Executive Board of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and as the Vice-President of the Maryland City/County Management Association (MCCMA).

## Town Council Actions From July 8 Town Meeting

- **Resolution 10-2020:** Appointment of Interim Town Manager adopted.
- **Discussion** of PGC Charter Amendment to raise Homestead Tax Credit cap (TRIM).

Meetings are broadcast live on BHTV FiOS 12, or Comcast 71 and streamed on the Town's website, [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov)

Public comments will be taken over the telephone at 301-474-9570.

## CoVID-19 Closures Expected to Continue through August

### Changes in Town Government Operations

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Administration and Code Compliance are working from home. Police and Public Works are on duty fully staffed.

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website;
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Rental inspections suspended until further notice;
- Emergency notary service performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd. Call 301-474-6774 to inquire.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Check the Town website for the latest updates  
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

## Cambios en el Gobierno del Pueblo Operaciones por CoVID-19 Estado de Emergencia.

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. La Administración y el Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando desde casa. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web;
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta nuevo aviso;
- Servicio notarial de emergencia realizado por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd. Llame al 301-474-6774 para preguntar.

Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS. A 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Visite el sitio web de la ciudad para obtener las últimas actualizaciones <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>



## Pop's Park is Open

- Use at your own risk.
- No groups of more than 10.
- Maintain social distancing of 6' and/ or wear a mask.

## Pop's Park está abierto

- Use bajo su propio riesgo.
- No se reúnan en grupos de más de 10.
- Mantenga un distanciamiento social de 6 pies o use una máscara

### 2 for 1

#### Help Plan Pop's Park's Future

Take a brief online survey ([www.lidcenter.org/popspark](http://www.lidcenter.org/popspark)) to provide feedback to the Low Impact Development Center (LIDC) on how Pop's Park can best serve all community members; and

#### Help a Charity

In the survey, vote for a favorite local charity. The organization receiving the most votes will receive a **\$100** donation from LIDC.

### 2 por 1

#### Ayuda para planificar el futuro de Pop's Park

Participa en una breve encuesta en línea ([www.lidcenter.org/popspark](http://www.lidcenter.org/popspark)) para brindar comentarios al Centro de Desarrollo de Bajo Impacto (LIDC) sobre cómo Pop's Park puede servir mejor a todos los miembros de la comunidad; y

#### Ayuda a una caridad

En la encuesta, vote por la caridad local favorita. La organización que reciba la mayor cantidad de votos recibirá una donación de **\$100** de LIDC.

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# FOOD SCRAPS COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Residents of Berwyn Heights!

We are happy to announce our new partnership with a locally-owned food scrap recycling service, Compost Crew. You can help make a positive environmental impact in our community by bringing your food scraps and other compostables to our NEW drop-off site.

- Service begins July 22, 2020
- Bins located behind Town Hall:  
5700 Berwyn Rd,
- Hours: 8:00 am - 7 pm daily
- Our drop-off site open to all Berwyn Heights residents wishing to participate

Together we can help reduce the amount of trash that goes to our landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions that pollute our environment, and revitalize our soils. For more information, go to:

<https://compostcrew.com/>

## FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF

### WHAT CAN I DROP OFF?



**ACCEPTED**

- ✓ Fruits & Vegetables
- ✓ Coffee Grounds & Tea Leaves
- ✓ Dry Goods
- ✓ Breads, Pasta, Nuts, Rice & Grains
- ✓ Dairy Products, Eggs & Egg Shells
- ✓ Meat, Fish, Poultry & Bones
- ✓ Cooked or Uncooked
- ✓ Food Soiled Paper Products
- ✓ Napkins, Paper Towels, Teabags & Coffee Filters

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- ✗ Plastic products of any kind
- ✗ Pet Waste or Diapers
- ✗ Clam or Oyster Shells
- ✗ Grease or Fats
- ✗ Ash from wood or charcoal

**IF IN DOUBT,  
LEAVE IT OUT!**

Empty contents loosely in container, or use compostable bags\*

\*NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED



**Town of Berwyn Heights**

For more information & questions:  
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department/pages/how-dispose-refuse-recycling>

# COMPOSTAJE DE DESECHO DE ALIMENTOS

Residentes de Berwyn Heights!

Nos complace anunciar nuestra nueva asociación con el servicio local de reciclaje de desechos de alimentos, Compost Crew. Puede ayudar a lograr un impacto ambiental positivo en nuestra comunidad al traer sus desecho de alimentos y otros compostables a nuestro NUEVO sitio de entrega.

- El servicio comenzará en julio 2020.
- Contenedores ubicados detrás del Ayuntamiento: 5700 Berwyn Rd,
- Horario: 8:00 am—7:00 pm
- Nuestro sitio de entrega abierto a todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights que deseen participar.

Juntos podemos ayudar a reducir la cantidad de basura que llega a nuestro vertedero, reducir las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero que contaminan nuestro medio ambiente y revitalizar nuestros suelos. Para obtener más información, vaya a <https://compostcrew.com/>

## DESECHO DE ALIMENTOS BAJAR Ó DEJAR ALGO

### ¿QUÉ PUEDO DEJAR?



**ACEPTADO**

- ✓ Frutas vegetales
- ✓ Café molido y hojas de té
- ✓ Lencera
- ✓ Panes, pastas, nueces, arroz y granos
- ✓ Productos lácteos, huevos y cáscaras de huevo
- ✓ Carne, Pescado, Aves y Huesos
- ✓ Cocido o Crudo
- ✓ Alimentos Productos de papel manchados
- ✓ Servilletas, toallas de papel, bolsitas de té y filtros de café

**NO ACEPTADA**

- ✗ Productos plásticos de cualquier tipo
- ✗ Desechos de mascotas o pañales
- ✗ Almejas o conchas de ostras
- ✗ Grasas o aceites
- ✗ Ceniza de madera o carbón.

**EN CASO DE DUDA,  
DEJARLO FUERA**

Vacíe el contenido sin apretar en el recipiente o use bolsas compostables \*

\* NO SE PERMITEN BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO



**Town Of Berwyn Heights, Department of Public Works**

Para más información y preguntas:  
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department/pages/how-dispose-refuse-recycling>

## Town Meeting Minutes June 10, 2020

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, which prohibits large gatherings and advises Marylanders to remain socially distant. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to comment by telephone and email.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were outgoing Mayor Stephen Isler, incoming Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CM) Jeffrey Jay Osmond, and Ethan Sweep, Mayor Pro Tempore-elect Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmember-elect Christopher Brittan-Powell. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Lieutenant Daniel Unger, Detective Scott Krouse, Police Clerk Mercy Muralles, Code Director Hollyce Goodwin, Public Works Clerk Rosalie Jones, and Co-Chairs of the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH) Drew Carlisle and James Wilkinson.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Isler requested a motion to move consideration of a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to New Business. CM Sweep so moved. CM Dewey seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 2. Ceremonial Items

**CI-05 – Cpl. Krouse Life Saver Award:** On behalf of Chief Antolik and the Berwyn Heights Police Department, Mayor Isler awarded Cpl. Scott Krouse the Life Saver's Award for bravery and selflessness in the line of duty by preventing a suicide on the Cherrywood Lane bridge over the Capital Beltway in February 2020. He also awarded an Exceptional Duty award to Cpl. Krouse on behalf of the Council. Cpl. Krouse thanked Chief Antolik and the Council for the recognition and his colleagues for assisting in the rescue, which he considers having been a team effort.

**CI-06 – Employee of the Year Awards:** On behalf of TM Broadbent, Mayor Isler awarded Employee of the Year awards to Police Clerk Mercy Muralles, Public Works Administrative Assistant Rosalie Jones and Clerk Kerstin Harper for going beyond their normal duties to carry on the operations of their departments under the state of emergency declared due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

**CI-07 – Citizens of the Year Awards:** On behalf of the Council, CM Dewey presented Citizen of the Year awards to Drew Carlisle and James Wilkinson for chairing the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force. WBBH worked hard to draft a comprehensive report outlining a vision and actionable recommendations for making Berwyn Heights safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Wilkinson thanked the Council for the award and said that they plan to stay involved.

**CI-08 – Pride Month Proclamation:** Mayor Isler read a Proclamation expressing the Council's support for the LGBTQ community of Berwyn Heights. CM Dewey moved to proclaim June 2020 Pride Month in the Town of Berwyn Heights. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

CM Sweep moved to approve the May 13 Town meeting minutes. MPT Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 4. Unfinished Business

There was none.

### 5. New Business

**Resolution 07-2020 – Amending Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule:** TM Broadbent said it is proposed that the Comprehensive Fee and Fine Schedule be amended to raise the notary fee from \$1 to \$2 per page to more accurately reflect the cost of the service. CM Osmond moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the amended Fee & Fine Schedule. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Resolution 08-2020 – CARES Act Funding Request:** TM Broadbent explained that Prince George's County was authorized to disburse Coronavirus relief funds released by the U.S. Treasury Department. Berwyn Heights applied to be reimbursed for \$193,836 in expenses related to the emergency, including personal protective equipment, hazard pay, vote-by-mail election, support for enabling employees to telework, small businesses relief funding, and disinfecting Town facilities. Council action to approve the funding request is required as part of the application.

Code Compliance Director Goodwin gave an overview of her Department's outreach efforts to the Berwyn Heights business community, one of the funding requirements under the CARES Act. Businesses were asked whether they are open or closed, had layoffs, and/or made changes to operations. Some 40 businesses said they have remained open throughout the emergency, another 20 had recently reopened and 5 remain closed. Most busi-

nesses reported changes in procedures to implement social distancing, PPE and disinfecting measures, and some had reductions in staff.

Cpl. Krouse said he worked with the Code Department to follow up on the outreach efforts. Businesses were very appreciative of the Town making contact and most are ready to go back to work full time.

CM Osmond made a motion to approve the Resolution. CM Sweep seconded. The Council thanked TM Broadbent for being proactive in identifying opportunities for Berwyn Heights at the State and County level. The motion passed 5 to 0.

TM Broadbent gave an update on the Coronavirus State of Emergency. Berwyn Heights declared a State of Emergency on March 13, which was amended on March 23 to make its end coincide with that of the State of Maryland. Prince George's County has recently experienced a steep increase in COVID-19 cases, probably precluding an opening of Town facilities prior to Labor Day. The Council may want to add worksessions to its meeting schedule, but meetings would likely continue to be held via video conference.

**Resolution 09-2020 – Approval of Contract for Professional Janitorial Services:** TM Broadbent explained that a request for bids was put out for providing janitorial services at all Town buildings. Three bids were received. One was very expensive, another was withdrawn, and the third was from the current contractor. She recommends extending the contract with the current vendor, Ash Maids, for another year. CM Dewey moved, and CM Sweep seconded to approve the contract. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Letter re: FCC Declaratory Ruling regarding Small Cell Facilities:** TM Broadbent explained that the Council in 2019 adopted Ordinance 125 to authorize the Town to review applications and issue permits to companies seeking to install small cell facilities in the Town right-of-way. The Council has submitted a letter objecting to a proposed rule by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that would further limit the power of municipalities to review and impose standards on the deployment of 5G infrastructure. The letter of opposition has been placed on the agenda for the record.

## 6. Department Reports

CM Dewey moved to receive all department reports for the record. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Administration:** MPT Papanikolas reported that the Town held a successful vote-by-mail election and thanked the Board of Election Supervisors and Clerk Harper for the fast implementation of a new election process. He also commended TM Broadbent and Treasurer Rodriguez for working closely together to keep the Administration Department running.

Mayor Isler said he was present during the counting of ballots and confirmed that the Election judges completed the canvassing and counting of the 673 ballots in approximately six hours.

TM Broadbent commended Treasurer Rodriguez for being elected President of her professional organization, the International Public Management Association for Human Resources.

**Code Compliance:** CM Osmond said he is proud to report that, under his tenure, the Code Compliance Department became fully staffed and implemented a system of tracking data that will allow it to spot long-term trends and stay ahead of the curve. He hopes to leave this as a legacy for the next Council.

**Public Safety:** Mayor Isler commended BHPD for doing a great job in protecting the Town. They are forward looking, innovative and friendly to anyone visiting their station.

**Public Works:** CM Sweep thanked the Public Works crew for continuing to pick up trash and recycling despite the ongoing pandemic. Residents appreciate it greatly. He reported that more litter is present on Town streets since the monthly Town cleanups have been suspended. He asked residents to refrain from littering and possibly help pick it up on their own.

**Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:** CM Dewey thanked the Board of Election Supervisors and Clerk Harper for their fast turnaround in implementing a vote-by-mail election and the voters for voting in great numbers. She also reminded everyone to continue to adhere to all safety procedures to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus while businesses and public facilities are reopening.

CM Dewey reported on the activities of Town organizations. The Green Team has suspended its Town cleanups for the duration of the pandemic but will lend its

tools to anyone who wishes to pick up litter individually. It is also working on completing the Town's Sustainable Maryland recertification, and is holding another 'Trees of Distinction' contest. The Education Advisory Committee is working with the PTA to keep the Berwyn Heights Elementary school in its position on the PGCPs' facilities improvement plan.

The Recreation Council is arranging a series of virtual concerts throughout the summer and BHPD is planning a virtual celebration of 'National Night In' on August 4.

## 7. Councilmember Statement re George Floyd Protests & Discussion

CM Dewey moved to receive Councilmembers' statements on the George Floyd protests. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Isler said the Council received an e-mail asking the Council to issue a statement regarding the killing of George Floyd, an unarmed African American man, by a white police officer on May 25, 2020 and the ensuing protests. Councilmembers each drafted individual statements that were published on the Town website and social media. Councilmembers also wanted to read their statements into the public record tonight.

Mayor Isler, MPT Papanikolas, CM Sweep, and CM Dewey read their statements condemning the killing of George Floyd, the behavior of the officers who detained Mr. Floyd, and the continued existence of racism in policing and in American society, generally. CM Osmond made a brief remark regarding prejudice and racism.

Chief Antolik condemned the killing of George Floyd and explained BHPD's approach to policing. He said that BHPD's policies on the use of force already comply with recommendations put forward by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in response to the George Floyd incident and that he holds his officers to the highest standards in their interactions with the public. He welcomed Councilmembers to ride along with officers on patrol and to review BHPD policies and practices.

There ensued discussion about available training opportunities for BHPD officers, the proposed removal of school resource officers from Prince George's County schools, policing in the context of the racial makeup of Prince George's County, methods of engaging youth and the community generally, and building a respectful relationship with LGBTQ individuals.

## 8. Announcement of Election Results

Clerk Harper announced the results of the June 9 Town Council election. Out of 2073 active registered voters in Berwyn Heights 675 voted, approximately double the number of recent elections. Amanda Dewey was elected Mayor with 500 votes (74% of those who voted); Jodie Kulpa-Eddy was elected Mayor Pro Tem with 461 votes (68%); Jason Papanikolas received 383 votes (57%); Chris Brittan Powell 326 votes (48%); and Ethan Sweep 311 votes (46%).

## 9. Outgoing Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Isler thanked residents for their support of him as a first-time Councilmember and Mayor throughout a difficult term. He decided not to run for another term because he cannot give the job his full attention at this time and does not want to do a disservice to the Town. He thanked the Council, TM Broadbent and Chief Antolik for working together to produce a large package of legislative accomplishments.

Incoming Mayor Dewey asked if CM Osmond had some final remarks. CM Osmond said he stepped up when there was a need to fill a vacancy. It was a pleasure to help and serve. He would do it again if given the opportunity.

## 10. Swearing-in of Council

Mayor Dewey said she was sworn in the afternoon by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro and will now swear in the remaining Councilmembers. The paperwork will be signed after the meeting in Councilmember's driveways. She swore in MPT Kulpa-Eddy first and then CMs Papanikolas, Sweep and Brittan Powell.

## 11. Incoming Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Dewey thanked everyone for their support. She said it will be an honor to serve the Town about which she cares so much. It is also a responsibility, which will require leadership during an ongoing pandemic and a national conversation about racial inequality. She believes the Town will get through it together if everyone is open and brave about facing the challenges.

Mayor Dewey announced the departmental assignments of the incoming Council. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will lead Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs (PRECA), CM Papanikolas the Administration Department, CM Sweep the Public Works Department and CM Brittan Powell the Code Compliance Department.

Mayor Dewey said she is looking forward

to working with the new Council. Her priorities include better communication with residents, tending to local partnerships with neighboring cities, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, conservation and sustainability, education, and improving walkability and bikeability of the Town.

## 12. Remarks of the Incoming Council

MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked the voters for reelecting her. Having been on the Council before, she hopes to bring her experience and historical perspective to discussions on challenges and opportunities the Council might face during this term.

CM Papanikolas said he looks forward to working with this well qualified Council and pledged to always listen and respect their opinions even if he is not in agreement. He thanked the voters for voting in a new way in record numbers, as well his family and friends for helping with his campaign.

CM Brittan Powell said he loves Berwyn Heights where he raised his children and where he will spend the rest of his life. He thinks this will be a good Council and looks forward to working with everyone to get the Town through what he believes will be an economically tough time.

CM Sweep thanked the voters for reelecting him. He was a novice during the previous term and pledges to continue to learn from other leaders to become a better Councilmember. He is excited to continue the work begun during the last term to make the Town better and to make Berwyn Heights voices heard at the county and state levels.

Mayor Dewey concluded saying she believes there is no limit to what the Council can achieve working in partnership with the Town's great staff.

## 13. Citizen Discussion

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, called to congratulate Councilmembers on their election.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

## Worksession Minutes June 15, 2020

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, which prohibits large gatherings and advises Marylanders to remain socially distant. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to comment by

telephone and email.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Lieutenant Daniel Unger, and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

### 1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that Prince George's County has started phase two of reopening following the COVID-19 related closures; that the Recreation Council is hosting a virtual live-streamed concert on June 18 and that the BHPD has concluded its food drive.

### 2. Discussion Items

**Policing policies review and discussion:** Mayor Dewey welcomed Chief Antolik and Lieutenant Unger for what will be an ongoing discussion about BHPD policing policies and practices following the protests over the killing of George Floyd. The discussion will seek to 1. answer questions, including those received from residents, 2. Inventory what BHPD is already doing in terms of good policing practices; 3. Identify practices that might be formalized as policies and 4. Consider new ideas and initiatives that might be adopted.

Chief Antolik gave an overview of BHPD's policing policies and practices with a focus on use of force and accountability. He said BHPD's policies, as outlined in its Administrative and Operational Manual (General Orders) posted on the Town website, parallel those in the process of being drafted at the national level. They provide for the following:

- Forbid chokeholds;
- Mandate progression of force, beginning with verbal interactions and escalating to various levels of force only if necessary;
- Engage with the community;
- Demonstrate accountability by responding to calls for assistance around the clock, and answer citizen inquiries and complaints.

### Q & A:

Chief Antolik and Lt. Unger responded to Councilmembers questions about policing:

Civilian bystanders who are witnessing a detainee experiencing a medical emergency while being arrested by police should tell a supervisor who may be on scene that he requires help, but not risk

their own safety by intervening. BHPD officers are bound to protect life and have a 'duty to intervene' if a detainee is at risk of serious injury or death.

BHPD has a rigorous hiring process to find officers that are a good fit for Berwyn Heights. It includes a state-mandated psychological screening, polygraph exam, drug screening and a physical fitness test, as well as an agility test and a written exam. As part of the background investigation, the BHPD detective interviews neighbors, co-workers, family and others and performs credit and social media checks to screen candidates. The entire process usually takes 6 to 8 months to complete.

The Maryland Training Commission is vested with the authority to certify law enforcement officers. All officers undergo regular in-service and firearms training to be recertified every two years. The Commission also maintains a list of decertified officers.

BHPD develops its policing policies by reviewing the policies of other agencies and adapting them for Berwyn Heights. One of the Chief's goals is to obtain accreditation for BHPD, but this is not possible with the station being in the current leased location. The building does not meet security requirements.

BHPD has an open-door policy for residents to voice concerns about policing issues. This includes Black residents and others who may experience anxiety about the current tensions between police and their communities. Officers who experience stress have access to counseling and they may be ordered to get counseling if they have been involved in a traumatic incident. Within Berwyn Heights' small police force supervisors are able to tell if an officer is not himself and requires help.

BHPD has been proactive in developing programs to engage different populations, from Latinos to seniors to youth, and is trying to find new ways to reach out during the pandemic.

BHPD officers do not respond to calls for service unarmed, even if the situation seems not to require an armed officer. Firearms are part of their uniforms. BHPD makes use of its officers who have counseling and social service backgrounds to de-escalate situations and encourage voluntary compliance with the law. However, not every incident can be de-escalated.

In the event BHPD receives a call from a person who may harm him or herself, officers are required to get them help. Depending on the seriousness of the situation, the person may be taken to a hospital to be evaluated.

#### Discussion:

Councilmembers sought to clarify which things BHPD does in practice that could be written down as policies to make policing standards transparent and applicable in the future. Chief Antolik and Lt. Unger responded as follows:

- When responding to a call, BHPD will seek to engage the persons involved. De-escalation of conflicts is the objective but is contingent on the situation. It may be a written policy.
- BHPD is required to use a force continuum as part of its written use of force policy. The policy is reviewed regularly in training and will be re-evaluated when national standards are enacted.
- BHPD officers are required to intervene if an officer uses excessive force or abuses a suspect. It is a written policy in the General Orders posted on the website.
- With respect to the acquisition of equipment and vehicles, guidance was not provided to BHPD when the Council decided to return a controversial Humvee obtained in 2017 as an emergency vehicle through a military surplus program. However, BHPD did go up the chain of command to obtain approval from the Town Administrator and Mayor and does so for any other significant equipment purchases. A policy for acquiring novel equipment might be useful.
- Berwyn Heights is too small to require military type equipment for policing. In terms of uniforms, BHPD officers mostly wear traditional police uniforms when on duty and khakis and polos when engaging with the community. They do not have military style uniforms.
- BHPD officers are required to wear body cameras when on duty per written policy. When interacting with civilians they must announce that the camera is recording and turn it off if requested to do so. Cameras have a monitor in which people can see themselves being recorded. Upon return to the station, the footage is uploaded for storage and may be viewed by the public upon request, with exception of footage taken in private homes. Lt. Unger is responsible for the camera program and randomly reviews footage. Footage marked as evidence is kept for 2 years.

#### New ideas & initiatives:

Chief Antolik and Lt. Unger said they believe their relationship with Town residents is good and that they are ahead of the curve in community policing. Prior to the pandemic, BHPD engaged with the community on a regular basis. Right now, morale is low because of Covid-19 restrictions and the nationwide protests. Once things return to normal, BHPD and the Council might get together to come up with new outreach programs, while reviewing what works in other cities. BHPD would also like to have a new headquarters so that it can become an accredited agency.

In response to Council questions and suggestions, Chief Antolik said:

BHPD is willing to work with a citizens' accountability board that would review police conduct and use of force and make recommendations for improvements.

- BHPD is not currently a member of a police union. Larger police departments often have a union or a Fraternal Order of Police to collectively bargain with their employers.
- BHPD will look into hosting a virtual coffee with a cop.
- BHPD officers normally attend many workshops and seminars to train for the wide variety of service calls they respond to, from wellness checks to domestics to armed robberies. Training is made available to all officers and the clerk, not just the leadership. Some training is mandated by the State and often seeks to address current trends, such as dealing with autism or an increase in fraud. Currently, the training is mostly virtual, which is not as effective.

Mayor Dewey suggested it would be beneficial for the Town and its police officers to participate in a police program offered by the University of Maryland's Lab of Applied Social Science Research covering implicit bias, virtual reality and providing community resources. She will look into cost and dates and come back with specifics.

#### Citizen & Council Comments:

Shira Singer, Berwyn Road, asked via email whether BHPD would be interested in undertaking a racial justice campaign, possibly using yard signs or other publicity. Chief Antolik replied he is interested in anything residents suggest and recommended contacting him for setting up a conversation.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for Chief Antolik and Lt. Unger agreeing to have this difficult conversation

and working together to make the Town more welcoming. The conversation showed that BHPD already has many accountability measures in place, one of them being the posting of its policies online for all to see. BHPD's ride-along program was recommended as valuable for Councilmembers to understand what the police are experiencing on the beat.

#### **3. Minutes**

There were none.

#### **4. Department Reports**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced a virtual concert on June 18. CM Brittan Powell reported he is setting up meetings with the Code Director and staff to learn in more detail how the department operates. CM Sweep reported that the Public Works Department is running smoothly and reminded everyone not to litter. Further, he noted the Supreme Court ruled that gender identity and sexual orientation are covered by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, thus outlawing discrimination in hiring LGBTQ people. CM Dewey said the Green Team is not holding Town cleanups during the pandemic but will lend its grabbers to anyone who wants to pick up litter individually. When visiting crowded Lake Artemesia park, everyone is requested to follow the one-way rule and other social distancing measures.

#### **5. Town Council Schedule**

The Council will attend a virtual conference of the Maryland Municipal League on June 29-30, hold a worksession on July 6 and Town meeting on July 8 via video conference.

#### **6. Citizen Comments**

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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 Consejo pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

[www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019)



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Also a **Big Thank You !!** to all the 1<sup>st</sup> responders and essential workers, I am so thankful and have so much gratitude for all that you do!

**\*TEXT Me\*** If you need hand sanitizer or pack of 10 masks, please reach out. Text me and I'll drop off at your front door.

I hope you and your families are well and safe. Please **enjoy** getting out and about a little more. Enjoy your summer, with friends and family! Remember if you want to buy or sell call/text or email me for info. The market is fantastic for both buyers and sellers!

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- LICENSED IN MD & DC
- 20 YEARS + OF REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE
- TOWN RESIDENT

#### **Just a few of my Listings/Sales last 30 days!!**

**"Homework" is what I do best, let me do your "Homework" too!**  
SOLD-7512 Sweetbriar Dr 4 BR 3 BA Rambler (above \$ ask) \$403K.  
SOLD-5804 Seminole St As-is 3 BR cape cod.....\$285K.  
SOLD-8718 62<sup>nd</sup> Av 3BR 2 BA cape, lg lot, gar (above \$ ask) \$390K.  
SOLD-7305 Baylor Av 4 BR 3 BA rambler (multiple offers!) ....\$425K.  
UNDER CONTRACT-5713 Seminole St Victorian 3BR 1.5 BA  
UNDER CONTRACT-7603 Marietta Ln Split Lvl 3-4 BR 2.5 BA  
NEW LISTING-6100 Westchester Park Dr 1 BR in high rise \$139,900

If your property is currently listed with another broker, this is not a solicitation of that listing.



# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Open Monday thru Friday, 10 AM to 2 PM — Next to Town Office on 57th Ave — Phone 301-474-0018

## 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

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

**CANCELLED:** All regular Senior's Club activities have been suspended due to COVID-19 State of Emergency. Please check the Town website for updates .



*BHFPD interviewed Senior's Club members Richard Ahrens, Patti Dennison, Jodie Kulpa -Eddy, Ron Luftman, and Ray Smith . Tune in to BHTV Comcast 71*

*or FiOS 12 every morning at 10 am and evenings at 6 pm to watch.*



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## Needle Arts Society

**Meetings  
Cancelled until  
further notice—  
CoVID-19**

Normally the College Park Needle Arts Society meets Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road. Enjoy camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! No group projects and no dues.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email [CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net](mailto:CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net)



## Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

PGCPS will begin the 2020-2021 school year on **Monday, August 31** with distance learning for all grades. Good luck to all students, teachers, and families as we start this unusual school year!

Registration for new students is online.

See <https://www.pgcps.org/registration/>

Berwyn Heights Elementary is a summer meal site. Pick up through August 13, Monday -Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

After the first day of school, meals will be offered for twice-weekly pickup at all schools.

Join the PTA's Facebook page: Berwyn Heights ES PTA.



### NATIONAL NIGHT IN - AUGUST 4 - 7 pm

The Historical Committee will participate in a parade, organized by BHPD, to help celebrate *National Night Out* in a socially distanced form. Keep an eye out for this spectacle as it wends its way through Town.

### VIRTUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES

Two BHHHC members have agreed to a virtual showing of their historic homes: The Graves-Keleher-Fuerst House and the Traver-Williams house. You will be able see photos of the interior of these admirably restored houses on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/BHhistory/>

### NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL) | AUGUST 26 | 7:30 PM

To participate, please contact Sharmila Bhatia at [sharmila\\_bhatia88@hotmail.com](mailto:sharmila_bhatia88@hotmail.com)

All other inquiries to [dicka247@gmail.com](mailto:dicka247@gmail.com)



January 1963: Commissioner George Lauterbach (left), inspects a group of police cadets. Lauterbach became Police Chief in April 1958 after earning his certificate at the University of Maryland Law Enforcement Institute. In August 1958, he and the Board of Commissioners established a 5-member youth cadet auxiliary police corps, which earned them many plaudits across the U.S. and even abroad as an innovative program. Lauterbach resigned as police chief in 1960 to run for Town Commissioner. He was elected chair of the Board in 1962.

Check out our website: [www.berwynheightshistory.com](http://www.berwynheightshistory.com)





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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[www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam](https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)

Join us at our ZOOM meeting Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m.

## Bee City USA



## Volunteers Needed

Help us by working together to make a difference in reversing the threat currently facing native pollinators around the world!

Berwyn Heights would like to join cities across America by becoming a certified Bee City USA affiliate. We can only do this with **YOUR help!** Berwyn Height Green Team would like to create a sub-committee with residents interested in helping the pollinators and people who may have some expertise in the field is always a bonus! Families welcome!

### Benefits to our community:

- Ensuring survival of vital animal species
- Improve our local food production
- Stimulate our local plant nursery market
- Engage community in removing invasives
- Address pest problems less toxically
- Heighten awareness of seasonal changes
- Increase small business opportunities

### Interested in joining the BH Bee City USA sub-committee?

Please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)

To learn more about Bee City USA, go to [beecityusa.org](http://beecityusa.org)

Look for our Green Team car at  
"National Night In" parade on  
August 4<sup>th</sup>!



**\*\*Want to volunteer at any events? Please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)\*\***



# Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

## *Our Virtual Summer Concert Series continues...*

### **The American Made Duo, all the way from L.A.**

Premiers Thursday, August 13th, at 7pm,  
and re-plays on Sunday, August 16th, at 6pm



Each of these will be shown on  
BHTV channels **Comcast 71** or  
**Fios 12** and also will premier on  
YouTube at this link:

<https://bit.ly/bhrecyoutube>

or by scanning this code:  
(concert will remain on YouTube after premier)



## **Virtual “Home Hacks” Hosts Wanted!**

Anyone interested in participating in our virtual  
“Home Hacks” online instruction classes, please  
contact Susan at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).  
We are looking for anyone interested in sharing  
their talents in cooking, baking, sewing, home  
repairs, auto repairs, computer instructions, etc.



## **Also Coming Soon:**

Keep an eye out for the Rec Council “Float” in the  
National Night-In Parade, Tuesday, August 4th!

Another Virtual Concert & Virtual Team Trivia Night in September, dates TBA.

Until the Rec Council can safely resume in-person meetings (normally the 1st  
Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm) we are conducting our  
business via email. If you would like to be added to our email list, or to make  
a suggestion, please email [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)



## JUNE INCIDENTS

### Friday, June 5, 2020, at 4:45 pm, 'VANDALISM'

On Friday, 6/5/2020, at 4:45 P.M. Cpl. Ignowski checked the premise of Sports Park at the end of 5600 Osage Street, Berwyn Heights, MD. The park is a joint venture, under the regulation of both the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Town of Berwyn Heights. The two entities have a memorandum of understanding (M.O.U.). Officer noticed someone (S-1) used red color spray paint to deface the tan-colored walls of a paved roller-skate hockey rink. At 7:00 P.M., BHPD notified the M-NCPPC dispatcher of this report number (RMS).

### Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 7:10 am, 'COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY'

Lt. Unger, along with the Chief of Police, responded to the Xtra-Fuel located on Greenbelt Road for an armed robbery of the said gas-station. On scene, the victim who is the cashier attendant stated that a black male came into gas-station, pointed a black pistol at him, and demanded money. The subject fled down 60<sup>th</sup>—avenue towards Seminole Street after receiving an undetermined amount of cash and tobacco products. Prince George's County K-9 assisted with the tracking. However, the suspect was able to avoid capture.

### Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 1:00 pm, 'DEATH INVESTIGATION'

Det. Krouse, Pvt. Scales and Lt. Unger responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Medical facility for an unresponsive male in a vehicle. On scene, Det. Krouse notices that the subject was unresponsive and not breathing. He, along with Lt. Unger, immediately administered CPR until the medic unit arrived. The elderly male subject was later pronounced, and the investigation continues.

### Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 3:40 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the T-Mobile in reference to a theft in progress. Witness stated that three black males fled from the store in a silver vehicle after a smashed and grabbed. While fleeing from the store, the vehicle collided with other vehicle in the area of Greenbelt Road and Rhode Island Ave-

nue. All three males fled from the vehicle and were apprehended and the stolen merchandises were recovered from the suspects. All subjects were arrested and charged.

**ARRESTED:** 17 Y/O, B/M of Baltimore, MD. Marcus Cager GRAHAM, 18 Y/O. B/M of Baltimore, MD. George Isac CARTER 20 Y/O, B/M of Baltimore, MD.

### Friday, June 12, 2020 at 3:36 pm, 'THEFT'

On Friday 6/12/2020 at 3:36 P.M. the police Channel 1 dispatcher assigned Berwyn Heights MD Police to a theft in progress call for service. Lookout was for three black males on bicycles. Pvt. L. Scales responded to the 7-11 Store at 5815 Greenbelt Road. Victim reported three black males walked into the store and pretended to be customers, shopping in the east end of the store, then walking past the candy aisle toward the sales counter. Suddenly, all three males began looting the candy aisle in a swarm-theft manner, quickly grabbing candy. All three then ran from the store, failing to pay the clerk for anything, stealing sports drinks and candy. The three jumped on bicycles outside the store and rode west, across 58th Avenue, and across the parking lot at 5701 Greenbelt Road, across 57th Avenue, and west and south on the M-NCPPC Indian Creek bike path.

### Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 6:00 am, 'THEFT'

On Monday 6/15/2020 at 1:55 P.M. Victim of the 5700 block of Berwyn Rd., reported that on 6/14/2020 at 6:00 A.M. she found that her two bicycles were stolen from her residential front porch. One bike is a men's 7 speed, the other bike is a women's 6 speed. The bicycles were not secured by cable or chain. No security video exists of the thefts.

### Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:54 am, 'CPR / UNATTENDED DEATH'

On 6/21/2020 at 10:56 A.M. the police Channel 1 Dispatcher assigned Cpl. J. Ignowski and University Park Police Officer Gregory Fuoco #0132 to a call for service with EMS for an unresponsive male at 6200 block of Ruatan Street. Decedent was found deceased lying on his right-side in a bedroom in the basement of the home. Officers conducted a preliminary investigation. Reporting person reported that he is a tenant in the basement

of the home and checked the welfare of the decedent at 10:40 am, and found him unresponsive and called Communications, 911 for EMS. Reporting person last saw the decedent, who was alive on Friday 6/19/2020 at 4:30 pm., and sitting in a chair in his own basement room. Investigation revealed that the decedent was being treated for [heart failure], and was admitted to Doctor's Community Hospital for a month in February 2020 being treated for pneumonia, flu, and COPD as well as a heart problem. The decedent has resided in Berwyn Heights for 12 years.

The decedent was transported to Borgwardt Funeral Parlor at 4400 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD. These events occurred in the municipal jurisdiction of the Town of Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland.

### Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 7:15 am, 'VANDALISM'

On Sunday 6/28/2020 at 7:15 A.M. Victim reported a vandalism to motor vehicle. Officer responded to the 8400 block of 57th Avenue. Victim reported that she owns a Toyota car with MD tags 5DZ8971. The car was parked unattended in front of the residence. It was on the north side of the street facing west. There was a white color woman's purse with straps on the right front passenger seat. Someone used a chunk of concrete and hit the right front passenger door, door frame, and roof above the door frame to try to break the window. Witness reported that he maintains a security camera facing the street. Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Ramos-Romero both showed me a cellular telephone screen and a video showing two Hispanic males trying the door handles of all vehicle's in the camera's view. The suspect-1 approaches the passenger side of the car holding a 8 inch long, 8 pound chunk of concrete and throws it twice into the left front door window. The window does not break, but the missile dented the metal body work of the Toyota at the door and roof. **Suspect 1: 18 Y/O, W/H/M, 5'08, 180 lbs. Suspect 2: 18 Y/O, W/H/M, 5'04', 140 lbs.**

### Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 7:50 am, 'RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO'

On Sunday 6/28/2020 Cpl. J. Ignowski was working the day work shift at the Berwyn Heights MD Police De-

partment. At 9:17 A.M. he visited the 6300 of Seminole Street following up three hit-and run investigations (PP200628-0640, 0703, and 0679). The victim reported by telephone that she was not aware her vehicle was missing from in front of her house on Seminole Street. Victim reported her maroon color 2005 Scion (Toyota) XA four-door car with Maryland registration plates 1BX0256 (exp 02/2021) stolen. On 06/28/2020 at approximately 1725 hours, officers responded to the 7400 block of Garrison St. Hyattsville, MD 20784 for report of a suspicious auto. Upon arrival, officers observed the listed vehicle parked on the street. A registration check was conducted and after further investigation, it was determined that the listed vehicle was stolen earlier today. The Owners were notified and responded to the scene. Once on scene it was determined that the listed vehicle was not drivable. The listed vehicle was impounded with the listed items by Duley's Towing.

**Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 7:15 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

On Sunday 6/28/2020 at 7:17 victim reported two men going through people's cars. Victim reported that he owns a white color 2017 Chevrolet Malibu, 4 door, with Maryland Registration Plates 9DD1403 (exp 11/2021). The Chevrolet was parked unattended in the paved driveway of his residence. Someone entered the unlocked doors of the Chevrolet and removed the contents of the glove compartment and center console and dumped papers and items on the front seats and floor. Victim showed officer the screen of a cellular telephone of two Hispanic men checking the car doors of every vehicle in the camera's view. *Suspect 1: 18 Y/O, W/H/M, 5'08, 180 lbs. Suspect 2: 18*

*Y/O, W/H/M, 5'04', 140 lbs.*

**Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 10:47 am, 'ATTEMPT THEFT FROM AUTO'**

On Sunday 6/28/2020 at 10:35 am. victim visited the Berwyn Heights MD Police Department (BHPD) to report an attempted theft. Victim reported that her neighbor told her that at 5:00 this morning he saw two men trying to get into everyone's car on Berwyn Road, so he made his presence known so they would leave. Victim then checked her residential security camera and discovered that at 5:05 A.M. the two men (suspects 1 & 2) came into her paved residential driveway at the front of her home and one opened the unlocked door to her white color Honda Insight, 4 door car, with Maryland Registration Plates 3BY2478 (exp 4/30/2021) A video showing suspect-1 come onto her property, open the left front driver's door, go inside and sit in the Honda, and dump contents of the glove compartment and center console onto the right front seat and floor of the car. Suspect-1 then exited the car with nothing in his hands.

*Suspect 1: 18 Y/O, W/H/M, 5'08, 180 lbs. Suspect 2: 18 Y/O, W/H/M, 5'04', 140 lbs.*

**Monday, June 30, 2020 at 7:36 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

On 06/30/2020 at 7:36 am, PVT. Scales #1452, arrived at 8400 block of Cunningham Drive. for a theft from auto report. Victim advised that her white, 2014 Acura MDX bearing Maryland registration 8CL9330, had items stolen from it. It is highly likely that the doors of the above listed vehicle were unlocked, due to Robles last account of exiting the vehicle.

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MAY	CITATIONS
STATE	14
TOWN	143
WARNINGS	15
SERO	00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172</b>



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*Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.*

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# BERWYN HEIGHTS

## Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

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*In Case of Emergency Call 911!*

### Recent Working Incidents

June 24th: Ladder Truck 14 and Ambulance 14 were alerted to the 8900Blk of 56th Ave in Berwyn Heights for reports of a house on fire. Company 14 arrived to find a small fire on the back deck, which was extinguished, and units checked for extension into the house.

June 27th: Rescue Squad 14B was dispatched as the Technical Rescue Support Unit for industrial farm accident in the Glenn Dale for a worker whose leg was trapped under a mini skidsteer. With the heavy rains that had come through the area in the days prior, conditions were more difficult to operate on due to the soft and wet soil. BHVFD operated for approximately 45 minutes and were able to extricate the patient.

June 28th: Ladder Truck 14 was alerted as the 3rd due Special Service to the 3400 block of Morlock Lane in Bowie for reports of smoke in the house. Units from Bowie VFD arrived to find a two story single family home with fire showing, and requested the working fire dispatch.

July 8th: Truck 14 was alerted to the 6300blk of Cheswold Pl in Lanham for the reported house fire. BHVFD volunteers arrived to find a fire in the basement with hoarding conditions, and conducted searches, opened up the walls to expose the fire, and controlled utilities.

July 8th: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to assist units in the 3200Blk of Powder Mill in Beltsville with an overturned vehicle with the driver trapped. Montgomery County Squad 715 (Burtonsville) was on scene but could not get the driver out. The volunteer crew from BHVFD took over the extrication, removed two doors and lifted the vehicles with rescue airbags to remove the driver.

July 13th: Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to assist units with a working apartment fire in the 11200Blk of Evans Trail in Beltsville. Upon arrival BHVFD split crews operating on the 1st and 2nd floors conducting searches, opening up, and controlling utilities.

July 13th: Rescue Squad was dispatched to NB Balt Wash Pkwy at Laurel Bowie Rd for an accident with the driver trapped. The volunteer crew arrived and quickly extricated the driver who was transported to a trauma center with life-threatening injuries. While returning, the Squad was alerted to another accident on the Parkway NB at Greenbelt Rd. Co 14 arrived and extricated the trapped driver.

### Part-Time Position Open



The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking applicants for a part-time Recruitment & Retention Coordinator position. This position is funded by the Department's FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants program. The applicant would work with the Department's leadership and membership committee to actively recruit and retain volunteer firefighters.

Please email [ksnyder@bhvfd14.org](mailto:ksnyder@bhvfd14.org) for additional information and how to apply.

### Berwyn Heights VFD's Technical Rescue Team

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is one of the only volunteer specialty-rescue teams in the region, and the only volunteer Technical Rescue Team in the County. There are three Technical Rescue Teams in Prince George's County located in the northern, central, and southern areas of the County: Fort Washington Co 47 (PGFD Career Staffed), Springdale/Largo Station 6 (PGFD Staffed), and Berwyn Heights Co 14 (Volunteer Staffed). These companies respond to all specialty rescue within and outside the County, including but not limited to: Confined Space, High Angle/Rope Rescue, Trench, Swift Water, and Collapse Rescue calls.



Berwyn Heights VFD became a Technical Rescue Support Company in 2010. Our volunteer members complete advanced trainings in all the different specialty rescues, and we are dispatched as necessary to technical rescue calls County-wide. As a result of BHVFD's rescue capabilities, we have been instrumental in numerous advanced operations including several high-profile roller coaster rescues at Six Flags America that received national attention, the construction trench collapse rescue at the Greenbelt Lake, and many more.



Interested in joining?  
Visit [www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org) today!



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

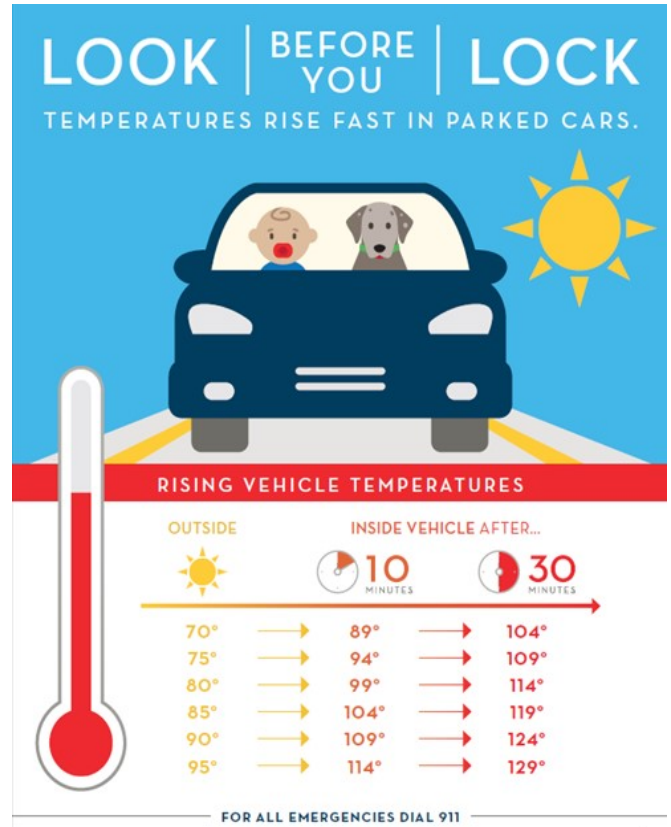
NO MEETING until further notice

CHAIR: Mike Attick, Tel. 301-335-1633

**Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children, pets, or older adults unattended in a parked car.**

- Look Before You Lock. Get into the routine of always checking the back seat of your vehicle before you lock it and walk away.
- Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the car. Alternatively, place your phone, briefcase, or purse in the back seat when traveling with your child.
- A Routine Check. If someone else is driving your child, or you alter your daily routine, always check to make sure your child has arrived safely.
- A Key to Safety. You know to keep your vehicle locked, but also keep your keys out of reach; nearly 3 in 10 heatstroke deaths happen when an unattended child gains access to a vehicle.

Learn more extreme heat preparedness at [www.ready.gov/heat](http://www.ready.gov/heat). If you would like to help Download the [FEMA App](#) for heat advisories and safety tips.



# BERWYN HEIGHTS NEEDS TREES



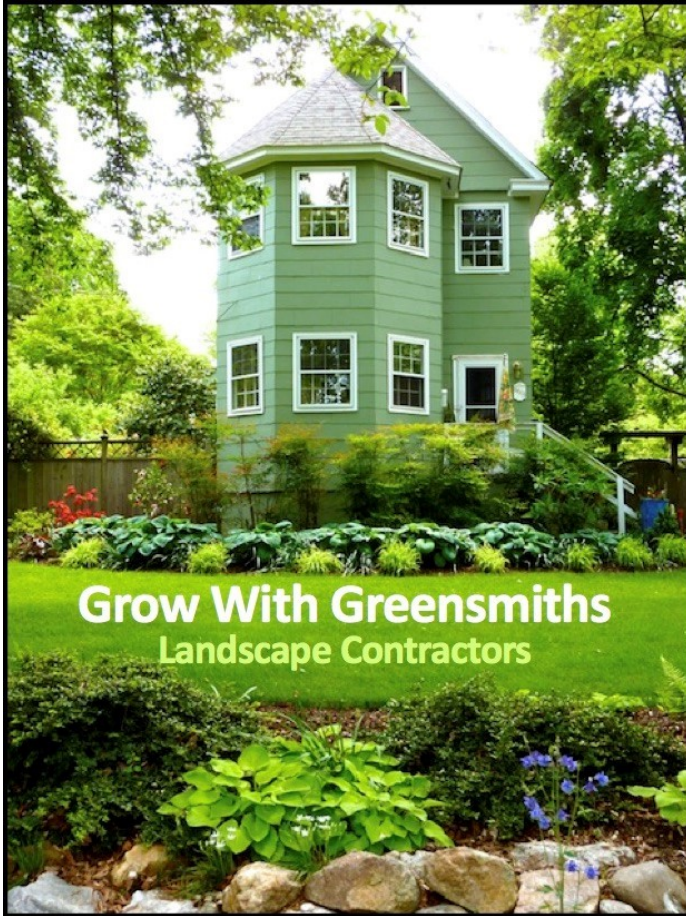
Trees in cities reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings in urban areas.

In one year, a mature tree will absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. ([arborday.org/trees/treefacts](http://arborday.org/trees/treefacts))

To celebrate the special trees that give so much to Berwyn Heights, the Shade Tree Board is excited to announce the 2020 Trees of Distinction winners! Visit [bit.ly/2020TOD](http://bit.ly/2020TOD) to see the honorees!

Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board  
Next meeting: August 13, 2020, 7 pm, Virtual Meeting  
Contact: Amanda Dewey, [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)





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## BULLETIN BOARD

**Wanted:** Used exercise equipment. Please call Nancy at 301-345-2022.

**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.

**Yard work:** 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 onetime job, weekly job, or just when you don't feel like sweating through mowing your lawn. CALL Gannon @ 301-982-7115.

**Approved Childcare of Essential Personnel** Opening for infant to 12 years old. Licensed and approved by the State to provide childcare during COVID-19. Meals provided. Openings Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939 or [karunae-meldarozario@outlook.com](mailto:karunae-meldarozario@outlook.com).

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

**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.

**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.

**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 [jeinekanyudo@gmail.com](mailto:jeinekanyudo@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.

**New Home Brewing Club** – Calling all homebrewers and mead makers in Berwyn Heights to help inaugurate a home brewing club. Let's get together to

brew, taste, and exchange ideas. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert. Just send me an email and let's get brewing. Contact:

[jason.michel@comcast.net](mailto:jason.michel@comcast.net)



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**Virtual Meeting  
Monday, August 24 | 7pm**

PGCPS announced that all classes will be held virtually 5 days a week. [See https://tinyurl.com/y56w4aj4](https://tinyurl.com/y56w4aj4)

We will discuss how we can best support teachers, students & families in this new virtual environment.

Please contact: [joannaswhitaker@gmail.com](mailto:joannaswhitaker@gmail.com) if you would like to join the virtual meeting and a link will be sent to you to participate.



**Reunión Virtual  
Lunes 24 de agosto | 7pm**

PGCPS anunció que todas las clases se llevarán a cabo virtualmente 5 días a la semana. Ver <https://tinyurl.com/y56w4aj4>

Discutiremos cómo podemos apoyar mejor a los maestros, estudiantes y familias en este nuevo entorno virtual.

Póngase en contacto con: [joannaswhitaker@gmail.com](mailto:joannaswhitaker@gmail.com) si desea unirse a la reunión virtual y se le enviará un enlace para participar.

# CODE COMPLIANCE

## CoVID-19 Operations

Please note, the Code Compliance Department continues to operate with modified procedures in response to the CoVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

- Rental inspections cancelled until at least May 15, 2020;
- Rental license application due dates and applicable fees remain the same, but must be submitted via e-mail to [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov) or US mail by check or money order;
- All other license applications (building, roll-off, POD and right-of-way permits), must be submitted by e-mail to [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov) or by U.S. mail;
- All payments for licenses & permits, fees & fines must be submitted by U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Drop-off payments are not accepted.

For additional information please call the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

## Appliance & Tire Pickup Service

The Public Works Department removes old refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, AC units as well as tires. To arrange for a pickup please submit an application and payment of \$25.00 per appliance, or \$5.00 per tire.



The application can be downloaded from the Town website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>. The completed application should be mailed to the Town of Berwyn Heights, or dropped into the mail slot of the Town Hall located at 5700 Berwyn Road. We will contact you about a pickup date once we receive the application with payment.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King

[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton

[bhbgc@gmail.com](mailto:bhbgc@gmail.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

[thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com)

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Jeffrey Knutson

[jbknutson@verizon.net](mailto:jbknutson@verizon.net)

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes

[therese@celticclans.com](mailto:therese@celticclans.com)

### Historical Committee

Chair: Richard Ahrens

[dicka247@gmail.com](mailto:dicka247@gmail.com)

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch

[bhmovieclub@gmail.com](mailto:bhmovieclub@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick

[mikeattick@verizon.net](mailto:mikeattick@verizon.net)

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

[Brett.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.bentley@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag

[quilttag1@yahoo.com](mailto:quilttag1@yahoo.com)

### Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones

[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

Secretary: Theresa Beck

[beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



# AUGUST 2020

Sun

Mon





















Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

2	3 	4  7:00 PM National Night In Parade	5 	6 	7	8
9	10  VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Worksession	11 	12  VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Town Meeting	13  VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Green Team Mtg. 7:00 PM Summer Concert	14	15
16	17  VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Worksession	18 	19 	20 	21	22
23	24  VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM BHEAC Meeting	25 	26 	27 	28	29
30 	31  BACK TO SCHOOL	1 	2 	3 	4	5



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

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Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554  
Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
Email: [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
Email: [publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7886  
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

#### Mayor and Council

Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529 [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345 1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Code Compliance  
Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Administration  
Ethan D. Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
Laura Allen — Town Manager [lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)

#### 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

#### 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](mailto: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 [kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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