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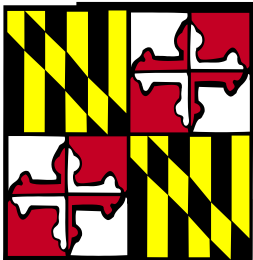
August 2, 6-8PM: National Night Out

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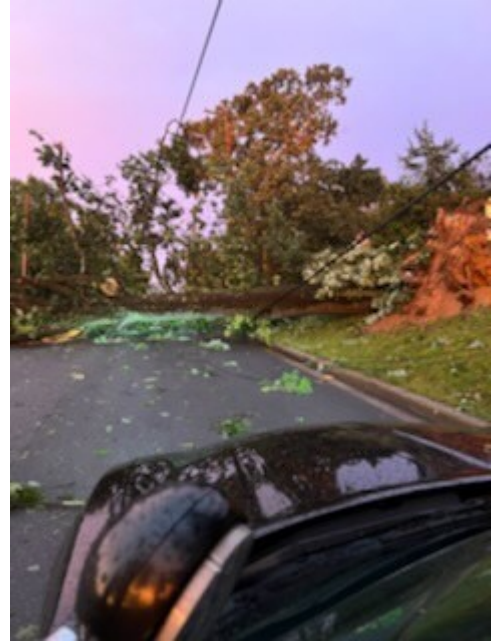
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JULY 12 STORM



On July 12, 2022 a massive thunderstorm hit the Town of Berwyn Heights. The storm hit the Town with the force of an EF1 tornado, but with straight line winds. The Town was without power for several days. At the time of this writing, many residents are still reporting issues with internet and email.

Some community organizations and Town pages were unable to submit their pages due to the storm before the Town needed to submit the Bulletin to the printer.



Historical Committee

***Reminder:** As usual we will not be meeting in August. We will meet again in person on Wednesday, September 28th.

Stop by our tent on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, on National Night Out. We will be there from 6 to 8 pm. See some of the history of Berwyn Heights!

***Election of officers** will occur at the September meeting for the 2022/2023 term.

The next meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 in the Love Room at 7:30 pm.

All other inquiries to:

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For more information visit our Website:

<https://berwynheightshistory.com>
and on Facebook.

Wine and Cheese Event coming soon (we promise)!

Worksession Minutes

June 6, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Also present was Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Town Manager Allen joined the meeting remotely. Also present were Dr. Dushanka Kleinman and Erin McClure of the University of Maryland School of Public Health and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Approval of the Agenda

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Hemby seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously 4-0 as CM Menjivar absent at the time of the vote due to technical issues.

Mayor

Executive Session Report Out

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that an Executive Session was held Friday, May 20, 2022 under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell, CM Hemby, CM Menjivar, and CM Papanikolas were present to discuss the performance of the Town Manager.

Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared a comment on the horrific gun violence in Uvalde, TX. She encouraged those who are hurting to reach out to their support systems. She also shared that residents of Prince George's County can call 211 to speak to a crisis counselor. MPT Brittan-Powell reiterated gratitude for the Council prioritizing mental health in Town. He also shared celebrations of all graduates, including children of three Councilmembers.

Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the purpose of this item is to keep tabs on upcoming meetings and events. She shared about the Green Team meeting on the 9th, Council attending Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference and Juneteenth being observed on the 20th.

News from the Town Manager

TM Allen updated Council that the Town is required to submit an annual report to the County on stormwater runoff and that she has submitted it. She also stated that the Town is working to get a new camera operator as the prior person has left for a new job. She was in attendance at the Government

Finance Officers of America conference in Austin, TX and she will have a report for Council soon.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she was moving citizen comments to the beginning of the worksession agenda so residents may have the opportunity to speak without sitting through the whole meeting if they prefer not to. Resident Mike Attick stated that he didn't understand moving the comments to the beginning of the meeting as it removes the opportunity for residents to comment on the discussions of the Council.

MML Conference Schedule

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared with the newer Councilmembers about the Maryland Municipal League and suggested that they consider registering with the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. Council went through the proposed schedule of the conference and determined which Councilmembers would attend each session.

Administration

“Public Health and Community Engagement: Understanding and Nurturing Local Level Needs of the Berwyn Heights Community” (presentation by Dr. Dushanka Kleinman, Principal Associate Dean and Associate Dean for Research, UMD SPH, and Erin McClure (she/her), Chief of Staff and Diversity Officer, UMD SPH)

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that the Town has been looking for expert opinions on ways to advance the health of the Town. He and CM Papanikolas worked together to take advantage of the proximity of the University of Maryland School of Public Health (SPH) to address both the health aspect and community engagement. Dr. Dushanka Kleinman gave a brief overview of the University and how the different schools are interconnected. The SPH defines Health as being “the state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity” (World Health Organization, 1948). She continued that Public Health services are broken into 3 areas, one of assessment, followed by policy development, and finally, assurance. She shared the SPH approach to community engagement: listening and learning, followed by identifying key issues, assessing health and well-being, and finally identifying priority findings to address. Erin McClure shared about several different partnerships and collaborations that the SPH has been involved in. Dr. Kleinman shared the bare bones of what a partnership agreement would look like with the Town:

- Agreed upon goals
- Responsibilities of each partner
- Timeline and milestones
- Oversight, monitoring, and roles
- Term(s) of Agreement would be mutually agreed upon.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the difference

between this program and what the Town is already doing through Campus Community Connection, and how or if the SPH would coordinate with that effort. Resident Meg Miller asked if the SPH was coming out into communities to address wellness or if they were also addressing mental health issues. Dr. Kleinman explained that after an “assessment of needs” period, the needs would be identified and brought forward. Ms. Miller continued, asking how needs would be assessed of the non-English speakers in the community. Ms. McClure stated that surveys and translators would be available in the languages required by the community. Resident Mike Attick asked if they work with Prince George's County schools, further detailing he wanted to know how the schools are calming aggravated children. Ms. McClure stated that while this was not an area that their program works directly with, there are schools in the University working on this type of engagement. Resident Claudia Barragan stated that 41% of the population in Berwyn Heights are Latino, greater than 60% are non-white and 42% are non-English speakers. She expressed concerns about the stated research portion, expressing that she believes that staff, students, and alumni, involved should be Berwyn Heights residents. She also had comments and concerns about the partnership agreement that was included as part of the agenda packet. MPT Brittan-Powell assured that there would be greater conversation about the agreement. CM Papanikolas stated that the project is not at the agreement stage yet. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that it is not a contract but rather a partnership agreement. She asked if there had been other communities they had partnered with where it had been solely residents of the community leading it. Dr. Dushanka shared about a Community Research Advisory Board (CRAB) which is where faculty bring their proposals before the Board and community members are able to give their feedback on the proposals. CM Hemby asked about for more information about the monitoring portion of the proposal. Dr. Dushanka replied that monitoring/surveillance is done to ensure that whatever program is implemented continues to function well and has the resources required to be effective. Resident Jose Valcarcel would like to know if there are examples of locations where this engagement has been effective. Dr. Dushanka shared that the beginnings of all partnerships are conversations. She also shared that this is not the type of project that ends in a report, but rather in more conversation. CM Papanikolas asked if there was a general consensus in moving forward with seeing what an agreement might look like and offered to take the lead on that. TM Allen asked about the level of staff time that would be needed for the proposal. There was discussion regarding the level of staff time that would be required.

Code Compliance

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs

Open Meetings Act Overview

CM Papanikolas shared a quick primer on the Open Meetings Act (OMA). OMA embraces the notion that sunlight is the best disinfectant for all governmental ills. It defines what doing business in public means, as well as what the public has a right to know and what they don't; including the situations in which a closed meeting can be held and what needs to be reported out. The OMA states that the public has a right to observe, not participate. The right to participate is a function of the Town Charter. OMA also defines what is a meeting and what is not, and defines the 6 functions of government. TM Allen mentioned the Town will notice events where a quorum of the Council might be present, just out of an abundance of caution.

MOU with Hyattsville for the Playground Inspections

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced and CM Papanikolas reviewed the proposed plan to have the licensed playground inspector from the City of Hyattsville perform inspections on the Town playgrounds. There was discussion over minor details of the MOU for some clarification, with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stating that a updated version had been produced but was not included in the packet. Resident Claudia Barragan asked why there are vacant positions in Public Works and why are we outsourcing instead of hiring and training someone in Public Works to be a certified playground inspector. TM Allen shared that Public Works is understaffed and that the training is time consuming. Based on a conversation with the former Director of Public Works, that they don't have staff to spare to send to training. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that this is an immediate need and the MOU would give us access to an inspector now, while the Town looks into getting someone trained from Public Works. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that there is a Council dedication to fully staff Public Works and make it competitive enough to keep people. Resident Jose Valcarcel asked who has the liability in this agreement and if the Town of Berwyn Heights could be held responsible if a child was injured at a playground. He followed with asking why the Town is looking to use the employee of another municipality instead of using a playground installation company to inspect the playground. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she would have concerns about the bias of a playground installation company performing the inspections. CM Papanikolas expressed a desire to have a mutual indemnification clause added to the contract. Resident Meg Miller expressed concerns that trainings are being given to staff that don't deserve it while others who are deserving are not. Resident Mike Attick asked what qualifies as expensive for the training and expressed that they cover for people being sick all the time, that coverage could be found for training. There was discussion by Council about if there is a mech-

anism to evaluate who gets trainings in the various departments.

Public Safety

Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the history of the project, expressly that it is a visioning plan not an engineering plan. She shared that she has some concerns about the "road diet" that would take the studied section of Greenbelt Road from three lanes in each direction to two lanes. She expressed that she believed this would divert traffic from Greenbelt Road onto the Berwyn Heights streets. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and MPT Brittan-Powell discussed concerns about general traffic flow and concerns as well on the impact of this change on emergency vehicles. CM Hemby expressed her concerns about the reduced number of lanes. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she'd support the State Highway Administration proposed changes of upgrading the crosswalks, reducing the speed limit, adjusting the timing on the lights. She'd like those changes to be implemented and studied before going on a "road diet". She said she'd like to have an evaluation done after those changes were complete, and before any other engineering changes were made. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he did not agree with the Mayor on this and that he would not want to stop the process of creating a boulevard for pedestrian and bicycle safety. CM Hemby reiterated her concerns about the safety on the streets on Berwyn Heights. CM Papanikolas shared that there are some fundamental safety issues in Town and while he understands the Greenbelt bias, if the intent is really supposed to be a true tri-city undertaking, that they need to consider the Town's concerns. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that the previous mayor had told the Visioning Board that cut-through traffic would not be a concern of the Town, but that the Town could take steps to remediate issues, such as timed entry, and one-way streets. Resident Meg Miller stated that she was on the Quality of Life Commission that studied cut-through traffic. Resident Dave Wolfinger asked why this plan only covered this section of Greenbelt Road and not the entirety of Greenbelt Road, especially down to Roosevelt High School, where the City of Greenbelt has jurisdiction on both sides of the street. MPT Brittan-Powell shared that the entirety of Greenbelt Road will be studied through the City of Greenbelt, but that they are doing the plans section-by-section. MPT Brittan-Powell continued to express that the science presented by the engineering firm would show marked improvement in traffic with the proposed changes. Resident Claudia Barragan shared that Vision Zero did not work in Montgomery County and DC. She stated that increased development leads to population density which will mean that the fire department will have more people to respond to. She shared the phased approach is intentional regarding development and density. CM Menjivar expressed that he would like to go deeper in this and see about the impacts on Public Safety. Resident Mike Attick shared about cut-through traffic and concerns about the Volunteer Fire Department. He followed up with the Metroland development and how

that did have an impact when the studies stated it wouldn't. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and MPT Brittan-Powell word-smithed the letter together. Resident Claudia Barragan added her concerns and shared about the nature of developers. CM Papanikolas shared that the traffic studies for this were done during the pandemic and expressed concern that it wouldn't be an accurate reflection of the true nature of traffic today. Claudia Barragan shared some issues with the current situation of commercial parking on Greenbelt Rd and how it negatively affects pedestrian traffic. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that they need to do a longer-term study, which is planned as part of the engineering phase of the project, but that this is a response to the visioning phase. Ms. Barragan and Meg Miller stated that the Town is limited in internal mitigation of traffic issues based on the size of the streets and that they implemented Quality of Life Commission recommendations. MPT Brittan-Powell asserted that the police are not pulling over people for running stop signs. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she understood that the town police know stop sign enforcement is a priority. CM Papanikolas stated that his understanding is that on a larger scale, police work has become more time consuming and as a result, police sacrifice the easy things such as traffic enforcement.

Public Works

Resident Mike Attick spoke up stating that he had issue with the inclusion of a full page of Spanish content in the Bulletin where no translation was provided. CM Papanikolas expressed that this is content provided by a recognized Town Organization. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that there is much content in English with no Spanish translation. Claudia Barragan shared that each submission in the Bulletin includes a contact for language assistance. Ms. Barragan also stated that she would like to see the ARPA "resident assistance" application be available in Spanish and also believes the application to be poorly designed.

Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12pm.

Town Meeting Minutes : /
June 8, 2022 | 7:00 pm

[Call to order](#)

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Also present were Town Manager Laura Allen, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Executive Session Report Out Executive Session (personnel matter) held under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto and (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice

5:05-6:30 pm in Town Council chambers, motioned by MPT Brittan-Powell and seconded by CM Hemby. The motion passed unanimously. Attendees at the closed session were all of the sitting Council, Town Attorney Suelen Ferguson, and TM Allen for item 3 only. No action was taken during the closed session.

MPT Brittan-Powell thanked all those who serve the community through volunteerism. He congratulated the many graduates in Berwyn Heights.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked TM Allen for some clarification on the consent process. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the consent agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that she had attended the PGCMA meeting on May 19 and that due to fundraising constraints over the last year they are planning on a conservative budget for Fiscal Year 2023. The meeting included a Mental Health Roundtable featuring local non-profits, where it was announced the 9-8-8 crisis call center should be ready by July of 2022. She also attended the Mayor's Association Meeting of Prince George's County on May 26. Lastly, she attended the County Council hearing on the Police Accountability Board on June 6. She then provided updates on the Maryland Primary elections. Resident Susan Jones asked if the Berwyn Heights Elementary School will be a polling location. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy did not have the final list of polling locations. She also shared a storm preparedness announcement from Pepco.

MPT Brittan-Powell thanked staff for working with a challenging AV situation during the June 6th meeting, and thanked residents for hanging in there. He is looking forward to working with staff on the Bulletin. He also shared that the University of Maryland School of Public Health presentation on June 6 added clarity and is looking forward to exploring the relationship.

CM Hemby shared that Memorial Day weekend was eventful with calls regarding Code Compliance. She has visited the vacant

properties in Town and has met with Code Compliance Director Goodwin and Town Manager Allen about what is going well and what needs to be changed, including how to best contact residents, and a welcome packet. She had calls about what appeared to be a contractor dumping yard waste in the street. She spoke to him and followed up and ensured that the waste was cleaned up.

CM Menjivar met with TM Allen and Director Pudner. He would like to meet with them regularly. He shared about trash complaints on the 8500 block of Cunningham.

CM Papanikolas shared that he has spent his first month working on PRECA getting to know the different groups. He was able to attend the meetings for the Green Team, BHH, and the Rec Council, missing the NW/EP Committee meeting due to a prior commitment.

Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee

CM Papanikolas said that he will be working with BHES to purchase the equipment in late June that was included in the budget amendment that the Council passed.

Green Team

CM Papanikolas shared that at their last meeting, the Green Team was planning for the year ahead and that there were many new volunteers signed up on Berwyn Heights Day. He continued that the Ivy Management demonstration with Director Pudner was successful. They are looking at changing the Town-wide Clean Up, looking to set up an "adopt a block" program instead.

Historical Committee

Debby Steele-Snyder shared about the Historical Committee's participation in Berwyn Heights Day. She stated that the June meeting will be cancelled, making the next meeting in July and that they won't be meeting in August, but that they do plan to participate in National Night Out. They are planning one wine and cheese event, highlighting that the Historical Committee is one of the main providers of adult-focused events in Berwyn Heights. She reviewed past events. Ms. Steele-Snyder also shared about attending the Small Museum Association. She reported that it was informative, interesting, and overwhelming. She advocated for Council support of State level funding for small museums.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the NW/EP planned to clean out the old trailer on June 19th in order to go through all the boxes. The new trailer is smaller and will not be able to accommodate all of the current inventory.

Recreation Council

On behalf of the Rec Council, Susan Jones thanked everyone for the success of Berwyn Heights Day. She shared especial thanks to MPT Brittan-Powell for making the pancake breakfast. The Rec Council has a lot of tee

shirts leftover and if you'd like one, please email Susan Jones. Ms. Jones also gave information on the Town-Wide Yard and Craft Sale that will be on June 18th. She encouraged residents to donate any leftovers that they have from the yard sale to charity. The opening concert at Lake Artemisia will be on June 23 from 6-8pm. On July 21st, Mike Hummel and the Mexican dance troupe from Berwyn Heights Day will perform. On August 18th the Seth Kibel band will play. September and October will be on Saturdays in the afternoon. The rain location will be in the Town Center. On July 14th from 6-8 pm will be the Town Social in the breezeway between Town Hall and the Senior Center. The Rec Council will have a table at National Night Out. She closed by saying that there may not be a meeting in August.

Old Business

Resident Assistance Program – Presentation

TM Allen gave a presentation on how to access the ARPA residential relief program on the Town website. She spoke on how to access the application through the "Community" tab on the website, what documentation needs to be provided and the steps that the Town has begun to provide the application in Spanish, possibly using the group CASA to provide a translation and assistance with applying. Resident Claudia Barragan responded that she believes that using CASA is unacceptable, expressing that she had concerns that third party non-profits would use the information for the benefit of that non-profit. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked what the alternatives are to using these non-profits. Ms. Barragan stated that it could be a community-led process and when asked if the Town could reach out to her, she agreed. She continued that the Town should prioritize hiring staff that speaks Spanish, but in the short-term using the Language Line assistance service through the County could work. She stated that there are several issues with the application, including that the description does not include the amount of money allocated to the program and that the language is inaccessible to non-native English speakers. TM Allen shared that the information on the amount allocated is part of the budget and has been provided. Ms. Barragan clarified how she would like to see the details added to the program description. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would, as the Administration liaison, be following this.

Greenbelt Road Corridor Comment Letter

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that this was the letter originally presented to the Council on June 6th. She shared that the original letter was available, showing the tracked changes. She continued that she wanted to make it clear that the Town supports immediate relief as well as requesting the engineering and design take the impact on Berwyn Heights into consideration. She shared that the deadline for submissions had been moved from June 9 to June 15th. CM Hemby moved to approve the Green-

belt Comment Letter to move forward. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion, CM Papanikolas shared that there are some grammatical changes he would like to see and MPT Brittan-Powell added that he would like the letter to close with a tone of appreciation. CM Hemby modified her motion to approve the letter as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. MPT Brittan-Powell shared that Greenbelt is willing to share a summary document of the project to-date as there is a new Council. He also would like to see a second person from Council appointed to the taskforce, since there is an opening for two representatives from Berwyn Heights and he is the only current member.

New Business

4 Cities topics and presentation ideas

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that Berwyn Heights will be hosting the Four Cities Meeting in July of 2022, which means that the Town is responsible for bringing in presenters for the meeting. She continued that historically they have had a representative from the Prince George's County Public School Board, but given the current climate of that board, they may not have anyone available. CM Papanikolas suggested seeing if someone from the PGCPD Capital Improvements board was available. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested a presentation on the running of stop signs. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added a suggestion of having a presentation on the new Police Accountability Board. Resident Claudia Barragan suggested several possible presentations on COVID recovery, possibly from the PG County Health Department, including the adverse impacts on black and brown residents' health, both physical and mental, the economic recovery and how social distancing has changed us. CM Hemby suggested that a presentation on the crime aspect of COVID, including increased neighborhood crime and mass shootings, and what people can do to keep themselves safe. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded everyone that the Council is trying to keep it to one presentation at the meeting, and that people will be contacted to find out who is available on the date of the meeting.

Resident & Community Comments

The Town phone line was not functioning. CM Papanikolas shared his cell number. Resident Mike Attick called to ask about the presenters and wanting to know when the meetings were supposed to take place. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that these were for the Four Cities meeting on July 28. MPT Brittan-Powell shared a letter submitted by an anonymous employee of the Town of Berwyn Heights discussing the stressors of being a front line/direct services provider and the impacts. The letter requested more mental health services for employees of the Town. TM Allen responded with information about the health insurance provided by the Town and that

the mental health offerings have been expanded as well as more information on accessing the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Worksession Minutes

June 21, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7PM. Also present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. CM Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Present were Carter Reitman, Olivia Ceccarelli-McGonigal, and Ashlee Green from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Ray Smith for the Senior Center. Residents from the Berwyn Heights community were also present.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Mayor

Announcements

MPT Brittan-Powell shared wishes for a speedy recovery for Mike Attick.

Presentations: Sustainable Communities Renewal

Mr. Carter Reitman reviewed the Sustainable Communities program. It started in 2010 as a part of a series of revitalization designations that began in 1995. Maryland incentivizes revitalization by making money available to specific localities. He differentiated Sustainable Communities from Sustainable Maryland Certified. Sustainable Maryland Certified is an environmental program developed by the Maryland Municipal League and the University of Maryland, whereas the Sustainable Communities designates geographical areas for State resources. The Sustainable Communities Act encourages local governments to identify areas of need and create an action plan. The action plan is good for 5 years and then it sunsets and needs to be renewed. DHCD is the lead agency, but there are several other state agencies involved such as the Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources. Seeking the Sustainable Communities designation grants access to a toolbox of State resources from hundreds to millions of dollars, depending on the projects. For some of the programs

the Sustainable Communities designation is required to access funding, while for others it simply makes the Town more competitive. Mr. Reitman reviewed the renewal process, which involves reviewing the previous application and action plan and then completing a comprehensive action plan by the sunset date (February 2023). He further explained that the action plan should be developed by a workgroup comprised of individuals from staff, elected officials, and community members. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if it was possible to work with other communities on the designation. Mr. Reitman explained that yes, the Sustainable Communities designation does not have to incorporate all of the municipal boundaries but can cross boundaries with cooperation between communities, and that in Prince George's County the most common partner for municipalities is the County itself. Ms. Olivia Ceccarelli-McGonigal further explained that if partnering with another municipality, there would need to be shared outcomes and authorizing documentation from both partners. Mr. Reitman shared slides of projects that have been funded by the programs available. He also shared that there is another opportunity available to Berwyn Heights based on its location within the Beltway. Ms. Ashlee Green gave more information about the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund, which can be used for façade improvement, pocket parks, sidewalks, and other Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Reitman explained the process of creating the action plan, which is the integral piece of the renewal process. He then opened the floor for questions. TM Allen stated that it was her understanding that the renewal process did not require the Town to start from scratch, but rather develop a new plan based on the current plan. This was confirmed by Mr. Reitman. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if this was akin to Buildable Communities and asked about collaboration with other departments within the State. Ms. Green further explained the funding process. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that many of the projects presented were on private property and inquired if funding was available for public spaces. Ms. Green replied that yes, funding is available for public spaces and stated that they have helped fund new buildings and expansions for municipal buildings, police stations, and more. CM Hemby asked about the construction process. Ms. Green replied that the municipality controls the construction process. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about residential façade improvement. Ms. Green shared that a program could be set up to either target certain geographical locations in Town or set up on a first-come, first-served basis. TM Allen asked if the Town would need to provide matching funds for a program. Ms. Green responded that it isn't necessary, but it is something that can show that the municipality is committed to the program. Ms. Ceccarelli-McGonigal further

explained that something like a façade improvement program for private property would need to be entirely public, on the outside of a home so that the impact is felt by the whole community. TM Allen asked about receiving technical support in the process of the renewal. Mr. Reitman shared that each municipality has different capacities and will produce a different product and that support is available. TM Allen asked if the DHCD would be able to help staff community meetings and provide document translation. Ms. Ceccarelli-McGonigal explained that translation is not in their budget, but that they could talk in-house about the possibility of helping staff meetings. Resident Meg Miller asked more about the possibility of using these funds to finance new municipal buildings, including looking for real estate and feasibility studies. Ms. Green replied that they don't do feasibility studies but they can help fund many parts of a large project. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Historical Committee was working to put together information for homeowners of historic homes and wanted to know if DHCD worked with historic residences. Ms. Green shared that it is a different department, the Historic Trust, that handles those requests but that all funding from their office is reviewed by the Historic Trust.

Calendar

TC Friesen reviewed the items on the Town Calendar. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she is going to be attending the Police Luncheon on June 22nd. She will also be attending a County public hearing on the 28th regarding a business on Ballew Avenue that is interested in digging a well instead of hooking up to WSSC. Resident Dave Wolfinger asked about the intended use and stated there are reasonable exceptions that could be supported by the Town. Ray Smith added that there is a Thursday game time for Seniors. Angie Wolfinger added the kickoff concert at Lake Artemesia.

News from the Town Manager: GFOA Conference Report

TM Allen shared about the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. She attended their conference in Austin and shared that she is on the board and is president-elect. She added information about trash pick-up changes triggered by Juneteenth and the completed light replacement work on the pedestrian bridge. She shared the Town Center air conditioner is repaired. Additionally, the ARPA review committee has approved the first application for residential relief. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there are any ideas from the GFOA meeting the TM would like to implement. She shared about wanting to provide phishing awareness, noting that a Town employee received a phishing attempt the same day. There will be an all-employee meeting on July 1 to give opportunity for staff to check in and receive information about the

healthcare offerings. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about disparity in treatment and resources of Town departments. He asked about the competitiveness of wages within the Town, and within departments themselves. TM Allen explained the process of a Town-wide salary survey.

Citizen Comments

Resident Meg Miller spoke about making the presenters at the previous worksession wait and appreciation that the presenters for this meeting were allowed to go first. She also encouraged that there be training among all the staff, not just department heads. She expressed interest in the presentation on Sustainable Communities and the possibilities it could bring for the community. Ms. Miller also asked about the application renewal process. TM Allen responded that there was a workgroup put together for the 2017 application and she imagines that something similar will happen for the renewal application.

Resident Dave Wolfinger expressed his frustration with a lack of stop sign enforcement. He also expressed dismay over the condition of the utility poles and the communication lines that are cut, tied, and left hanging on the pole.

Council discussed Mr. Wolfinger's comment on stop sign enforcement. CM Hemby stated that the police cannot take the position that they aren't going to do anything. MPT Brittan-Powell stated concern about a lack of accountability in the Police Department regarding enforcement. He would like to see accountability on the issue and see data about enforcement and to see if other comparable communities have data on their enforcement. TM Allen reminded Council that there is a grant for a traffic engineering study of all of the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights task force recommendations, starting July 1st.

Resident Angie Wolfinger asked that whatever traffic enforcement is done for stop signs also be enforced for cyclists.

Resident Ray Smith also expressed concern over the behavior of some cyclists in the community. He stated concerns about drivers ignoring the one way signage and that he'd like to see a large "Do Not Enter" painted on the street at the entrance of the 6200 block of Seminole St.

MML Conference Report Out from each attendee

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that all the Councilmembers attended the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Conference in Ocean City on June 12-15th. TM Allen also attended and TC Friesen attended Staff Expo Day. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy volunteered at the registration desk on Sunday and Monday. She attended the session on police reform, which included the recognition the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights has been repealed, the creation of the County level Police Accountability Board, the mandatory use of body worn cameras, additional re-

porting requirements, and the change in the definition of "use of force", from reasonable to "necessary and proportional". She attended several other sessions including Public Speaking for Municipal Officials, the "Small Towns" discussion forum (which addressed the Maryland technical assistance program for ARPA and hiring and recruitment of public employees), the Maryland Mayors Association luncheon, the Prince George's County Municipal Association breakfast, and the gubernatorial candidates forum. She also attended sessions on collecting Personal Property Taxes, which will have changes in 2023 and may have implications for the Town's revenue. She attended the "Mental Health and Public Safety" workshop and learned about the Hyattsville employees "Mental Wellness Check-in" program. Finally, she shared that she attended the COVID-19 lessons learned session, where most municipalities reported a significant impact on services but not much impact with revenue. It also covered transitioning to a new normal in post-COVID times.

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that this was his first MML conference in person and found that it was very helpful to speak with vendors and other municipalities of similar sizes. He valued the conversations and connections highly. He also commented on his difficulties with finding his records for certification in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

CM Hemby stated that this was her first conference and she was pleased to see the Mayor volunteering. She thanked TM Allen for helping guide her throughout the building. She took the first-time attendee class which introduced her to new Councilmembers from other municipalities. She took several Academy core courses including classes on Effective Meetings, the Open Meetings Act (OMA), Risk Management, Ethics, and Municipal Budgeting. She felt that the OMA and Risk Management courses were very eye opening, but that the Budgeting course attempted to convey too much information for one class. She also attended a course on Code Compliance/Enforcement that she was appreciative of.

CM Papanikolas attended an HR class on recruiting the next generation. He shared that the new generation entering the workforce is values oriented and want to live the values of the community that they work for. He continued, stating that everyone is having the same difficulties in filling positions in Public Works and Police Departments. He also attended the Economic Update and shared that all the economists agreed that we are going to have a recession in the next year and that inflation will continue on the current trend for a while. He shared that he attended the "Large City" forum, which Berwyn Heights is not, but found that they were discussing the same topics that small communities were: hiring, police reform, and ARPA compliance. He also attended the "We Can't Do That" session on

Code Compliance/Enforcement as well as the Snap session that the OAG (Office of Attorney General) put on about use of force investigations as well as the cyber security roundtable. CM Papanikolas and TM Allen discussed training options for Town Staff on cyber security.

TM Allen shared that she is also a graduate of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance and that she volunteered as well. She attended the OMA and Ethics sessions. She attended the department directors and board of directors meetings for MML as well as the Snap session on the Sustainable Maryland silver level. She had good conversations with engineering firms whom might be good partners in working on stormwater issues through ARPA. She attended the economic outlook session as well and highlighted that interest rate changes take 12-18 months to ripple through the economy. She also attended the social media session and found it informative. She highlighted that if elected officials want to have a media page that features their elected positions it should be separate from their personal page.

TC Friesen attended the Staff Expo Day and went to a session on Equity in Climate Resilience, the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association luncheon, the Snap session presented by the OAG and the Ethics core class.

Code Compliance

CM Hemby shared that during MML, she received a call and reviewed the process that was undertaken for addressing the complaint. She encouraged residents to share or call staff regarding code compliance issues or to reach out to her.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs

Seniors Club Town Center Use Agreement Renewal

CM Papanikolas reviewed that the Seniors Club joint use agreement is due for renewal. The language proposed is identical to the agreement that has been in place since 1987. Mr. Ray Smith thanked the Town Council and Government on behalf of the Seniors. He stated that he is not aware of any changes that need to be made to the agreement and would like to see it extended for two years with a one year extension. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy inquired about the status of the G. Love Room, asking to clarify if it was considered part of the Senior Center or if it was a separate Town facility. TM Allen stated that the G. Love Room is part of the Town facilities as the room is managed and reserved by the Town and not the Seniors. Mr. Smith also stated that the Love Room is not part of the Senior Center, though they might use it from time to time if it is open and available. TM Allen suggested a 5 year renewal instead of a 3 year renewal with extensions. Language in the agreement will be updated to reflect

that the status of the G. Love Room and for a 5-year agreement. Mr. Smith asked for confirmation that the Seniors will still have access to the computers in the G. Love Room when it is not reserved. Finally, Mr. Smith shared that the last meeting of the summer for the Seniors Club will be on June 28th.

Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Primary election is July 19th with early voting from July 7th-14th. Only registered Republicans and Democrats are able to vote unless there is a non-partisan race in the voters district. The closest early voting location is the College Park Community Center and the closest drop box for mail-in ballots is the Berwyn Heights Community Center.

Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan Committee Member

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the recent Town election has left the current Greenbelt Road taskforce with only one of two representative spots filled. MPT Brittan-Powell shared some background. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked what remains for the taskforce to complete. There was discussion about refilling the position or waiting until the next phase of the project. Generally, it was agreed to leave the position unfilled.

Public Works (no report)

Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell inquired about the possible use and future discussion of hiring a lobbyist. CM Papanikolas shared that his conversations have led him to understand that most small municipalities engage a lobbyist if there are several projects they are seeking funding for at a State level. He shared it costs about \$3000/month for the length of the legislative session. Resident Meg Miller shared her positive experiences within her work.

TC Friesen read a question from Joan Hayden sent by email requesting a copy of the MML material that Council received. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that if the information is public, we can post a link to requested information. Ms. Hayden also asked about the welcome packet and if older residents can get a copy of the package as well. CM Hemby shared that the welcome package will be delivered to all residents of the community to begin with.

Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King

President@BHESPTA.org

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Robin Harris

rcrestwell@yahoo.com

Vice President: Brandi Cowgill

brandie9105@gmail.com

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Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

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jbknutson@verizon.net

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therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

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dsteelesny@yahoo.com

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info@incbh.org

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jjmosley45@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler

bhnwep53@aol.com

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag

quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones

violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



Workgroup Members Needed!

Goal: Develop an advocacy and training video series for schools and other organizations to raise awareness, enhance learning, and a sense of belonging for students with special needs

Timeline: Meetings and production for 6 months

Who: Anyone, including youth (great for service hours!)

How to volunteer: email

ipapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov and arez86@me.com

THE EAC meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7PM in the G. Love Room or Zoom.

Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 A.M. to 2P.M.— Next to the Town Office
on 57th Ave. Phone 301-474-5000

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August 15	Merrill Weinrich
August 17	Roger Agonyony
August 26	Pat Raum
August 30	Darlene Erickson
August 30	Laura Waltz

It's AUGUST!
Don't forget to visit the

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AUGUST ACTIVITIES

BINGO - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM

WII BOWLING— Every Wednesday
10:30 AM (pick up games during summer)

BOARD GAMES— Every Thursday at
11AM

POOL—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

BOARD GAMES— Every Friday at 7PM

POTLUCK & MOVIE – Second Saturday
at 5PM

BREAKFAST at the DINER third
Thursday at 9:30AM

CRAFTS - Last Friday 11AM

MEETINGS - No meetings in July and
August



The Bugle



August 2022

Our Meetings are the first Friday of every month at 7pm via ZOOM, please email us at info@berwynheightsbfc.org to get the meeting link.

Registration has begun for our Fall 2022 Soccer Season. Register early to ensure your player's spot!

La inscripción comienza este mes para nuestra temporada de fútbol de otoño de 2022. ¡Regístrate temprano para asegurar el lugar de tu jugador!

Please register online at

www.berwynheightsbgc.org

We have teams for
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Please consider volunteering to help coach or manage a team!



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ayudar a entrenar o administrar un equipo!

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.

El Club de Niños y Niñas de Berwyn Heights da la bienvenida a niños de todos los niveles y habilidades y actualmente ofrece programas de atletismo y fútbol para niños de 4 años en adelante.

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

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Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



Summer Fun Continues!

Tuesday, August 2nd , 6-8pm—National Night Out—5700 Berwyn Road

Stop by the Rec Council Table & say hello! Learn about our events and how to get involved, or just drop off some suggestions on how we can improve or what new events you'd like to see! We will have small prizes for kids.

Thursday, August 18th, 6-8pm—Summer Concert—Lake Artemesia*

Join us for the next concert in our Summer Concert Series, the Seth Kibel Quartet.

(Bring something to sit on)

**In case of rain or extreme heat, concert will be moved to the upstairs party room at the town center, 5700 Berwyn Road.*

And be on the lookout for additional details about upcoming events like our Ice Cream Social Thursday, September 15th; Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 22nd, & Trivia Night in Friday, November 18th!

We will not be meeting in August due to NNO. Our next in person meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm in the G. Love Room at the Senior Center. New members, or even drop in members, are always welcome. If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question but can't make it to our meetings, your emails can be sent to violindreams@verizon.net

New FREE Activities

For questions and comments contact email: berwynheightsfun@gmail.com

Craft Day- Work on a wide selection of fun craft projects, held monthly. The first meeting will be **Saturday August 27 at 11 AM** in BH Senior Center Room and is open to all ages.

Game Night- Come play card games, board games, and trivia games **EVERY FRIDAY at 7PM** It will be held at the Berwyn Heights Senior Center Room and is open to all ages. New games are welcome!

Book & Movie Discussion- The Shining by Stephen King + the movie The Shining (1980). We will discuss the differences between the book and movie and how they represent a major shift in the culture over the last few decades. Meeting will be in BH Senior Center Room on **Sunday August 28 at 3pm.**

Walking Club- Get outside, exercise, and talk with your neighbors. **Every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY at 8 AM.** Please meet at Sports Park parking lot.

Outdoor Trip- Trip to go see the gardens and walk at Brookside Gardens on **Saturday August 20.** Please meet at the **Town Center parking lot at 10 am.** We will try to carpool to save gas.



Berwyn Heights GreenBee

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

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam



Our next virtual Green Team meeting will be Thursday, August 11 at 7:00 pm

Email us to get the link to join remotely.

All residents are welcome to attend and contribute their priorities!



Storm Recovery

Is that tree on your property still healthy after the storm? These tips will help you care for your trees and ensure your safety:

arborday.org/media/StormRecovery



These volunteers adopted areas for the Berwyn Heights Beautify-a-Block program.

Litter is visibly reduced in these areas thanks to your efforts. You are making a difference!

Paul & Pamela Kavanaugh: Edmonston S of Osage, near Lake Artemesia entrance

Abigail Reznick: block surrounding 7-11 on Seminole & Tecumseh

Anita & Christopher Cardwell: Edmonston btw Charlton & Osage

James Wilkinson & family: Community Center side of BHES

Amanda & Blake Dewey: Ruatan btw 63rd & 60th

Tom Capon: Ruatan & Cunningham

Sue & Tom Jones: Pontiac St

Alan Guthrie: Indian Creek Trail

Karen Simon: 6100 block of Quebec

Laura & Jeff Knutson: Edmonston N of Osage

Jade Olson & Taylor: Pontiac & Berwyn btw 57th & 58th

Therese Forbes & family: Cunningham btw Berwyn & Goucher

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy & Janet Wygel: Seminole & Tecumseh btw 62nd & 63rd



Want to help? Share photos with bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com and inform us of areas that need attention!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



There will be no meeting in August- Instead join us at National Night Out on August 2 from 6-8PM.

EXTREME HEAT

In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Conditions that can induce heat-related illnesses include stagnant air and poor air quality. And we live in an area where asphalt and concrete, by storing heat longer and gradually releasing heat at night, produces higher nighttime temperatures known as the "urban heat island effect."

To prepare for extreme heat, you should:

- Install window air conditioners snugly.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated. This will help you to conserve electricity and reduce your home's power demands for air conditioning.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers.
- Keep storm windows up all year. Storm windows can keep the heat out of a house in the summer the same way they keep the cold out in the winter.

To cope with extreme heat, you should:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun. Stay on the lowest floor, if air conditioning is not available.
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day; consider walking or playing with your dog in the cooler morning or evening hours. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
- Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors as they will absorb the sun's rays.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Outdoor dogs must have a cool place in the shade and plenty of cold water. Consider bringing your animals inside when the temperature spikes.

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8603 57th Avenue
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Berwyn Heights, 20740
301-474-5000, Press "4"

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 10 am to 2 pm

Our next meeting will be on September 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room

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Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting: August 11 at 7PM

Contact: Amanda Dewey, amandamdewey@gmail.com



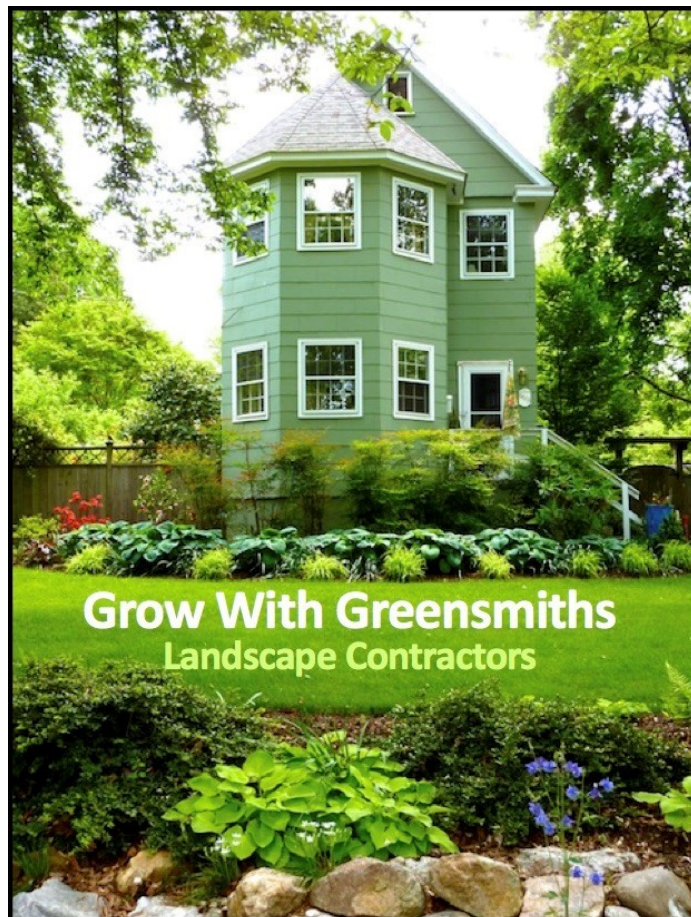
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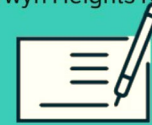


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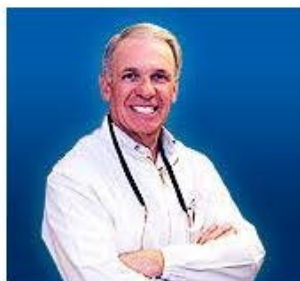
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June Incidents

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 2:07pm **'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

On 6/1/2022 At approximately 1407 hours. PFC Herriot #1454 along with SGT. Krouse #1447 responded to the Staples parking lot located at 8904 63rd Avenue in Berwyn Heights, MD., for theft from an auto. Upon arrival, he spoke with the owner of a Honda Accord Bearing MD Tag #9EC3837. The victim advised that he parked his vehicle at 1345 hours, went into Staples, and returned back to his vehicle at 1400 hours. Upon returning to his vehicle, he discovered his left rear passenger window down and noticed his black and gray Adidas bag missing from the back seat. The victim advised that the bag contained his gray steel HP laptop computer and power cord along with his appointment book. CCTV could not be viewed at this time. Staples only has inside cameras.

Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 1:00 pm, **'CITIZEN ROBBERY PURSE SNATCH'** On June 2, 2022 at about 8:00 PM, Ofc Lowndes# 1456 responded to 56** Seminole Street, Berwyn Hts for a report of a purse snatching. Officer met with the victim who stated to the reporting officer earlier this afternoon at about 1 pm. The victim was walking on the trail in the area of 8900 56th Ave Berwyn Hts. The unknown suspect was operating a motorized scooter and snatched the victim's bright green purse off her shoulder. The victim lost her balance and fell to the ground. The victim suffered no physical injury during the incident. The victim described the unknown suspect as a male, medium build, 5ft Sin, wearing a black mask, grey sweatshirt, and jeans. The unknown suspect fled the scene towards the town of Berwyn Hts. Maryland Park Police will be investigating this case since it happened within the MD Parks jurisdiction

Friday, June 3, 2022, at 8:15 am, **'THEFT'**

On 6/3/2022 At approximately 0817 hours. PFC. Heriott# 1454 responded to 63** Seminole Street Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for a complaint of theft. Upon arrival, he met with a resident who advised that a caregiver stole money from her step-father's drawer. Officer spoke with the caregiver who advised that she knew why the officer was there and admitted to stealing \$600.00 dollars US currency from a dresser, however, could not remember the dates that she admitted to stealing the currency. The investigation continues by Berwyn Heights Police Department.

Monday, June 6, 2022, at 1:30 am, **'COMMERCIAL BURGLARY'**

On 06/06/2022 at approximately 0145 hours while on

routine patrol in the area of Edmonston Rd. and Pontiac St., College Park MD Cpl. Ramirez #3747 was approached by the reporting person. The reporting person who is a manager for the victim, which is located at 6323 Greenbelt Rd., College Park MD stated that while he was working inside an unknown suspect came in through the roof. The reporting person states this occurred on 06/06/2022 at approximately 0130 hours. The reporting person states he witnessed the unknown suspect walk to the cash register; it was at this time the reporting person fled the scene to notify the police. The unknown suspect then stole items and fled the scene. Berwyn Heights will be handled all further investigations. The victim was advised.

Monday, June 13, 2022, at 9:20 pm, **'THEFT'**

The victim, a 58 Y/O, B/M, of Berwyn Heights, MD reports that he went to the Giant Grocery store in Greenbelt to shop. The victim reportedly rode his bicycle from his home on Ruatan St., to the store. The victim reports that he purchased several grocery items and proceeded home. The victim reports that he pushed his bicycle across Greenbelt RD with his groceries to the area of Greenbelt RD and 60TH Ave. The victim believes he was followed by two suspects who grabbed his bicycle and groceries and fled. The victim reports that no force was used, and he did not put up any resistance. Both suspects are described as B/M in their late teens or twenties. One suspect reportedly was dark skin with light clothing, and the other had on a sleeveless shirt. An area check was performed however numerous bicyclists were in the area with various types of bicycles.

Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 9:50 pm, **'THEFT'**

On 6/18/2022 at approximately 9:50 PM, Cpl. Rufino along with Sgt. Roberson were approached at 711 located at 8900 Edmonston Rd. Victim stated that she had entered the 711 to purchase some items and after paying for her items, left her wallet. (V) returned to 711 I in an attempt to locate her missing wallet. Upon reviewing the security video, it was discovered that a male later identified as#### (S) had taken the wallet from the counter and placed it in his pocket. (V) states that after her wallet was taken a transaction of \$100 had been made with her ATM card to a cash APP. (V) called the bank and reported her card stolen. Officers reviewed the security camera and were able to get a description of the (S) vehicle as a white Toyota sedan. Cpl. Rufino gathered (V)'s information and provided (V) with the officer's contact information along with case number. Sgt. Roberson while canvassing shortly after the incident in the area of 6100 Blk of Greenbelt Road, located the suspect and was able to recover the wallet in (S) possession. The wallet was returned to the (V) minus the \$100 in US currency. Investigation pending and will be forwarded to Det.

Krouse.

Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 1:06 am, **'CHECK ON WELFARE'**

Officers responded to 62-- Ruatan St. Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 for a check on welfare. Once on scene, W/H/M was found sleeping behind the wheels of the listed vehicle. After knocking on the driver's window, the Field Interview woke up and advised that he was resting in his vehicle after meeting with some friends. The Field Interview advised that he worked from 9 am until very late in the day and needed to rest his eyes. The Field Interview's driver's license was checked resulting to be valid. The Field Interview was asked to exit his vehicle and was checked for weapons with negative results. The Field Interview decided to go home using a taxi and called an Uber.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 3:39 pm, **'HIT & RUN ACCIDENT'**

An unknown truck struck a parked BHPD vehicle and left the scene without leaving information.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 7:36 pm, **'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

At approximately 1936 hrs, 6/22/2022, Cpl. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police received a station call for a reported stolen license plate. Cpl. Hollowell met with the victim, at 62-- Seminole Place, Berwyn Heights, Maryland. The victim reported his rear license plate, Maryland YCF-3439, 6/2022 expiration was taken off his 2002 Grey Volkswagen Golf, VIN# 9BWGP6J324016148. The vehicle was parked on the street in front of his residence. The tag was last seen on 6/21/2022 at approximately 2100 hrs, while parked in the driveway. Currently, there are no investigative leads at this time. The victim was notified to contact MYA for further action.

Friday, June 29, 2022, at 9:45 pm, **'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Cpl. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to the 8700 block of 60th Avenue for a reported theft from an auto. On scene, Hollowell met with the victim who explained overnight, unknown suspects went into the listed vehicle and stole items. The vehicle was not locked at the time of the incident. V2 states her purse was in the center console of the vehicle. Inside the console was her purse that held \$200 in US currency and her infant child (V3) Social Security card, Medicare card, and other miscellaneous childcare documents. The victims also indicated they believed the next-door neighbor at 87-- 60th Ave, video camera may have captured the incident and suspects. There was no additional damage to the vehicle. The case will be forwarded to Berwyn Heights CID for follow-up.



BERWYN HEIGHTS

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Recent Working Incidents

July 10th— Volunteer staffing Rescue Squad 14 and Paramedic Ambulance 14 were alerted to the 9300Blk of Cherry Hill Rd in College Park for a report of an explosion in a high-rise apartment building with fire. Units arrived to find structural issues and minor fires in the upper floors of the structure. Squad 14 joined up with the County Technical Rescue Team to investigate and stabilize the structure.

July 9th— Volunteers staffing Rescue Squad 14 were alerted to the 4800Blk of 66th Ave in Landover for a reported house on fire. Units arrived to find fire showing. BHVFD volunteers operated for several hours.



July 8th— Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the 9300Blk of Cherry Hill Rd in College Park for a high-rise apartment fire. Units found fire in the trash compactor.

July 5th— Ladder Truck 14 and Ambulance 14 were alerted to the 9100Blk of Edmonston Ter in Greenbelt for a reported apartment. BHVFD arrived to find fire in the walls of an apartment building.

June 23rd— Truck 14 was alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to assist units with a House Fire in the 1400Blk of Kanawha St in Adelphi.

June 22nd— Truck 14 was alerted to the 4300Blk of 46th St in Bladensburg for a commercial building on fire. Units arrived to find heavy machinery on fire in a warehouse.

June 28th— Rescue Squad 14 and Ambulance 14 were alerted to the area of Cathedral Ave and Good Luck Rd in Lanham for an accident with people trapped. Units arrived to find a serious crash with two cars of people trapped. The BHVFD volunteers split crews and simultaneously extricated patients from both vehicles.

BHVFD Responds to Damaging Storms

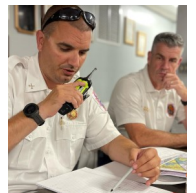
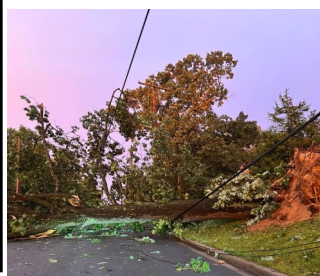
On Tuesday, July 12th, 2022, at around 6pm, the Town of Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt, Lanham, and surrounding communities were hit with a sudden and devastating storm with heavy rains and strong winds clocking near 90MPH, equivalent to that of a low-end EF1 tornado. The storm brought down dozens of large trees, power lines, and many houses were hit with trees. Within minutes afterwards, the Prince George's County 911 center received hundreds of 911 calls from the area that overwhelmed available Fire/EMS units.

BHVFD volunteers staffing Rescue Squad 14 and Ambulance 14B were the first units out, with additional volunteers quickly responding to the station to staff Ladder Truck 14, Utility 14, and BHVFD chief SUVs and begin heading out to handle the dozens and dozens of calls in the Town of Berwyn Heights and surrounding areas.

























About 30mins after the storm, Prince George's County Fire/EMS requested a large-scale mutual-aid response into area, including a collapse rescue team from Washington DC Fire/EMS and additional fire units from Montgomery County. The Berwyn Heights VFD Station was quickly set up as the Fire/EMS command post and resource staging area.

Units spent the evening and following day responding to over 360 calls for service in the area ranging from trees into structures, wires down, gas leaks, vehicles accidents, and reported structure fires. Berwyn Heights Public Works crews and police worked for several days with the cleanup effort. BHVFD volunteers were kept busy over the next few

days handling the additional call volume and investigating wires down all while the station was without power.



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Worksession 7PM 	2  NNO 6-8PM 	3 	4 	5	6
7	8  	9  	10  Town Meeting 7PM 	11  Green Team 7PM	12	13
14	15  Worksession 7PM 	16  	17 	18  Lake Artemesia Concert 6-8pm	19	20 Rec Council Outdoor Trip 10AM
21	22  BHEAC 7PM	23  	24 	25 	26	27 Rec Council Craft Day 11AM
28 Rec Council- Book & Movie Discussion 3PM	29  PGCPS Back to School	30  	31 			

A quorum of Town Council Members may be present at any community organization meeting. No action will be taken by Council at any community organization meeting. Location of meetings is subject to change after publication. To join community meetings, please contact the meeting organizers or use the contacts on page 26.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



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Town Manager

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

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