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PUBLIC WORKS

Publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov TEL: 301-474-6897

Curbside Leaf Collection

November 4 - December 28

Holidays Excluded

Your Public Works Department offers curbside loose leaf collection through the end of December. You may continue to set out leaves in brown paper yard waste bags, to be picked up on yard waste collection days.

Reminders

Please rake your leaves to the curb or to an existing sidewalk, but NOT into the street.

Do not mix loose leaves with sticks, rocks, trash or debris, as they can damage the leaf machine.

Do not mix loose leaves with thick branches. They are collected separately.

Do not park cars in front of or near leaf piles, as this hampers access by the leaf machine.

Be advised that it takes approximately 2 weeks to complete a round of leaf collection in the Town.

Colección de hojas en la acera

4 de noviembre - 28 de diciembre

Vacaciones excluidas

Su Departamento de Obras Públicas ofrece la recogida de hojas sueltas en la acera hasta finales de diciembre. Puede continuar colocando hojas en bolsas de desechos de jardín de papel marrón, para ser recogidas en los días de recolección de desechos de jardín.

Recordatorios

Rastrilla tus hojas hacia la acera o hacia una acera existente, pero NO hacia la calle.

No mezcle hojas sueltas con palos, rocas, basura o escombros, ya que pueden dañar la máquina de hojas.

No mezcle hojas sueltas con ramas gruesas. Se recogen por separado.

No estacione automóviles frente a pilas de hojas o cerca de ellas, ya que esto dificulta el acceso de la máquina de hojas.

Tenga en cuenta que lleva aproximadamente 2 semanas completar una ronda de recolección de hojas en la ciudad.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Christmas Week

Mon	12/23/19	Northside: Trash , Bulk, Yard Waste
Tue	12/24/19	Offices Closed: NO PICKUP
Wed	12/25/19	Offices Closed: NO PICKUP
Thu	12/26/19	Southside: Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste
Fri	12/27/19	Town-wide: Recycling

New Year's Week

Mon	12/30/19	Northside: Trash , Bulk, Yard Waste
Tue	12/31/19	Offices Closed: NO PICKUP
Wed	01/01/20	Offices Closed: NO PICKUP
Thu	01/02/20	Southside: Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste
Fri	01/03/20	Town-wide: Recycling

Please Do NOT Leave Trash out
Over the weekend

Advertising Rates For the BH Bulletin

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT

APPLICATION DUE DATE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 1

On September 11, 2019, the Berwyn Heights Town Council approved Ordinance 180 authorizing a Residential Tax Credit Program. Berwyn Heights resident homeowners who have applied and received the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit are eligible to receive up to a 10% credit on their Town real property tax bill. The program has both residency and income eligibility criteria.

Resident homeowners must submit a completed application for the Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit, along with a copy of both their application for and approval from the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit by 5 p.m. on January 1, 2020.

The Berwyn Heights tax credit application is available on the Town website under [Forms/Administration Department](#). Information about the State's Homeowners Tax Credit program is available at the [Maryland Department of Assessment & Taxation website](#).

Please contact Town Manager Broadbent for more information: mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

Holiday Decorating Contest

Judging: December 14-20

Do you have a neighbor who goes all out decorating for the holidays. Does their house remind you of a winter wonderland? If so, please nominate them for the Berwyn Heights Holiday Cheer Award.

Send your nomination to Mayor Isler at sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov by 12/18/19.

Please include:

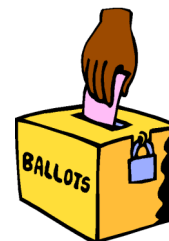
- Nominee's Name & Address
- Reason for Nomination
- Nominator's Name

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

TUESDAY, May, 7am - 7pm

Become an Election Judge

The Town of Berwyn Heights is accepting applications for positions on a 6-person Board of Election Supervisors for the next Town Council election to be held on May 5, 2020. The term of an election judge is for two years, starting from the date of swearing-in at the February 12 Town meeting.



Qualifications:

Resident of the Town, registered voter in Prince George's County or the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Responsibilities:

- Participating in a course of training to become familiar with the Town's election process and legal framework
- Staffing polling station (BH Senior Center) on Election Day, including.
- Setting up polling station;
- Checking in voters and verifying registration;
- Assisting voters as needed;
- Counting ballots
- Certifying election results
- Advising on election matters as needed.

Application: please submit a statement of interest and application form (available on Town website) to Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk at: kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov or drop off at Town office at 5700 Berwyn Road. Completed applications must be received by January 31, 5:00 p.m.

IN CASE OF SNOW...

Public Works starts applying salt/ ice melt when snow or ice shows signs of sticking the ground, Plowing begins when accumulations reach 2" with a focus on major roadways, You can help by:

- Moving vehicles into driveway, where possible;
- Parking vehicles in yard, if there is no space in driveway;
- Clearing snow off sidewalks.

Happy Holidays!

...from the Berwyn Heights Rec. Council



Saturday, December 7th, 6-8pm

Ring in the holiday season at the town's Christmas Tree Lighting Party! Join your neighbors for some cookies and hot chocolate, sing some Christmas Carols along with Phil Ventura on accordion, and watch the town's Christmas Tree light up for the holidays. Crafts for the kids, and a visit from Ol' Saint Nick himself! Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to the annual Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the US Marine Corps Reserve. Donations can be made during the Holiday Party or at the Town Office.



Sat. Jan. 11th, 2-4pm @ Senior Center—Regifting Party (Adult only)

Bring a *NEW* wrapped gift you'd like to part with and maybe go home with a treasure in this whacky White Elephant-style gift exchange. Wine, cheese & other goodies. (Viewers are welcome too!)

Sat. Feb. 8th, 2-4pm @ Town Center (Upstairs) —Valentine's Event

Valentine Cookie & Card Decorating Party, fun for the whole family!

Fri. Feb. 21st, 7-9pm @ Town Center (Upstairs) - Trivia Night (Adult Only)

Show off your local knowledge—or at least bluff and get some laughs. Snacks & refreshments provided. Teams and singles welcome!

Stay tuned for more details in next month's bulletin...

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

email Susan at violindreams@verizon.net

Next Meetings: Tue. 12/3 & Tue. 1/7



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MEETING: December 4 | 7:00 pm

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

WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO A BIOLOGICAL PANDEMIC

DECEMBER 15 | 9:00 AM—1:00 PM | TOWN CENTER

This training workshop will use movie scenes to showcase the *'unrealized'* effects a biological outbreak will have on a community and to prompt discussion amongst attendees as to what planning and preparation needs to be done beyond the basic State Health Department plan to dispense medication.

We will begin with a brief training overview of some known biological agents: their classification, signs and symptoms, and what makes them a threat. The review will be followed by a modified-tabletop exercise using scenes from a movie that accurately depicts the ripple effects a biological outbreak as the scenarios for our group discussions. We will track an unknown biological agent from its initial appearance in 'patient zero' to its explosion as a worldwide pandemic. As the movie progresses, we will stop it, look at the events that have taken place up to that point and discuss what effect these events would have on Prince Georges County and the surrounding areas.

Who should attend this workshop? ... Government officials and other community leaders, law enforcement, fire, first responders, health department and medical personnel, business leaders, CERT members & other community response organizations and citizens... basically everyone!. ***If/when this happens, it will truly take a community working together to make it through.***

For more information please contact Mike Attick at mikeattick@verizon.net.

Sign Up at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-effects-of-a-biological-pandemic-tickets-76922221435>



Next Meeting

Monday, January 27
7pm | G. Love Room

Join the Education Advisory Committee for a community listening session on Adult Education. What type of classes should be offered for adults? What support do you need to further your education & increase your knowledge?

We're interested in hearing our ideas and suggestions on this topic. The meeting will be held at the Town Centr in the G. Love Room. We hope to see you there.

All Residents Are Welcome

Please contact the BHEAC for more information, at: thebheac@gmail.com.



Siguiente junta

Lunes 27 de Enero
7pm | G. Love Room

Únase al Comité Asesor de Educación para una sesión de escucha comunitaria sobre Educación de Adultos. Qué tipo de clases deberían ofrecerse para adultos? Qué apoyo necesitas para avanzar en tu educación y aumentar tu conocimiento?

Estamos interesados en escuchar nuestras ideas y sugerencias sobre este tema. La reunión se llevará a cabo en Town Centr en la sala G. Love. Esperamos verte ahí.

Todos los residentes son bienvenidos

Póngase en contacto con BHEAC para obtener más información en: thebheac@gmail.com.

Worksession (Draft) October 7, 2019

Present were Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, presiding, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep, and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Mayor Stephen Isler had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Election Judges Sharmila Bhatia, Lee Fuerst and Debby Steele-Snyder, as well as developer [Jay Endelman](#) [code appellant Jason Meier](#) and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler was absent due to a medical appointment. MPT Papanikolas, CMs Dewey and Osmond will attend the upcoming MML Fall Conference. BHES sixth graders are at North Bay Adventure Camp this week, supported with funds raised by their teacher Bret Goldstein who rode his bike to the camp. Last Friday, employees enjoyed a staff development day on the skipjack 'Stanley Norman.' The sailboat is owned by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which uses it to give educational tours on the Bay.

2. Discussion Items

Vote by mail - Election Judges Report: MPT Papanikolas welcomed Berwyn Heights election judges Sharmila Bhatia, Lee Fuerst and Debby Steele-Snyder. He said the Council is thinking about adopting a vote-by-mail component to the Town Council election process and asked the Board of Election Supervisors to look into it. CM Dewey clarified that there are no plans to replace the current in-person voting system but to add an option for voting by mail.

Chief Election Judge Sharmila Bhatia said the Board of Election Supervisors recently filed a report with the Town laying out concerns the Board has about voting by mail, i.e. sending ballots to every registered voter in the Town through the mail. She said the Town's current election process already makes voting by absentee ballot available on request to all registered voters for any reason. It affords residents the convenience of voting at a time of their choosing in the month prior to the election. The Board's concerns about voting by mail include:

- Ballots and ballot envelopes would have to be redesigned to conform with USPS standards;
- USPS post office serving Berwyn Heights has bad service record. The report includes several examples of customer complaints;
- Challenges with validating ballot signatures during tallying of the vote.

Ms. Bhatia continued the Board recognizing

the Council's concern about low voter turnout and provided recommendations to increase voter turnout to include:

- Improve voter education about the Town's form of government;
- Advertise election on social media, e.g. Twitter, Facebook, Next Door, in addition to Bulletin;
- Post banners and signs about the election along Town streets;
- Send out election mailers;
- Increase door-knocking by candidates;
- Utilize Facebook to advertise the election and possibly live-stream candidates' night.

In the ensuing discussion, the Council agreed with the Board's recommendations for increasing voter turnout but had questions about the process. Ms. Bhatia, Clerk Harper and TM Broadbent sought to answer their questions about signature validation on mail-in ballots; the role of the Prince George's County Board of Elections; voting by absentee ballot; and appointment of the Board of Election Supervisors.

CM Sweep and CM Osmond expressed skepticism whether the Town can fit all the pieces together to implement voting by mail in time for the next election and would prefer to spend the money on voter education and outreach. CM Dewey said if it is not possible, she would like the Town to publicize the absentee voting option. TM Broadbent asked Councilmembers to e-mail her their concerns, and she will attempt to provide answers for the November 4 worksession.

Variance 94-2019 8906 58th Avenue:

MPT Papanikolas welcomed property owner Jay Endelman, who plans to build a new single-family home at 8906 58th Avenue. Mr. Endelman was invited to explain the variance request. The Council will hear the variance tonight but will not make a formal decision until the next Town meeting.

Mr. Endelman said he needs two variances to build a house because his property does not meet the current development standards: 1) zoning regulations now require each lot to have a minimum of 6,500 square feet, but his property has only 6,315 square feet; 2) each lot must be at least 65 feet wide along the front building line, while his property is only 50' wide. Mr. Endelman said this lot was created by a deed of re-subdivision at a time when development standards were different, and the lot size and frontage would have been acceptable. He requested Town support for the variances.

TM Broadbent noted that parking opportu-

nities along the property's frontage are limited. The site plan calls for a driveway that can accommodate only two vehicles parked in a line. A second driveway might be an option to create more off-street parking. The Council expressed concerns about reducing stormwater runoff and maintaining shade trees. Mr. Endelman replied his current plans, approved by the County, call for gutters and downspouts to manage stormwater and the planting of a pin oak and an ornamental cherry. No large shade trees will be removed. The Council suggested that Mr. Endelman consider adding more sophisticated stormwater management facilities and plant another shade tree instead of the cherry.

TM Broadbent said the Council will take Mr. Endelman's variance request under advisement but will likely request environmental improvements before recommending approval to the Board of Zoning Appeals. She asked, and Mr. Endelman agreed to provide the Town with landscape plans showing additional stormwater management features and trees prior to the Town meeting.

Code appeal – 5716 Berwyn Road:

MPT Papanikolas welcomed Jason Meier, owner of the rental property at 5716 Berwyn Road, to make appeal concerning his rental license renewal application. The Council will take testimony tonight but make a decision at the next Town meeting. TM Broadbent recommended that Mr. Meier be allowed to present a timeline of events relevant to his appeal, followed by Code Compliance Director Goodwin's presentation of a timeline and applicable law.

Mr. Meier stated that he bought his house in 2007 and resided there until 2017. He relocated to Washington, D.C. and now rents the house. He is appealing the validity dates of his current license, which was issued on August 21, 2019, but has a licensing period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. He disputes a license can be valid prior to its date of issuance and completion of licensing requirements such as passing an inspection and obtaining a lead-free certificate. He thinks his license should be valid from the date of issuance, August 21, 2019 – August 20, 2020. He has spoken with TM Broadbent on August 29 about the matter but was informed that the dates would not be changed. He also stated his complaint at the last Town meeting and was advised to file this appeal.

Mr. Meier further stated he believes Berwyn Heights' rental license renewal process is 'broken' and does not permit

enough time to complete all requirements for license renewal before the old license expires. He received an email on May 31 notifying him to submit his application and fee by June 28, two days before the license expiration date, June 30, 2019.

Director Goodwin explained all rental homes operate on fixed licensing schedule: if a rental license was valid between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, the same licensing period would apply for following year. Second, if the Town were to issue a license valid between August 21, 2019 and August 20, 2020 it would violate Ordinance 120 Section 4D, which requires that licensing periods run from the 1st day of the month of issue. Ordinance 120 Section 4D also requires a rental homeowner to apply for a license renewal 20 days prior to the expiration date, leaving time for processing the application and performing an inspection. Lastly, had this year's license not been made effective for July 1, Mr. Meier would have operated his rental home without a license and could have been fined.

Mr. Meier said he does not have an issue with the process as it is laid out in the Ordinance but the Town, in his opinion, did not follow it. If the license must start on the first of the month, he would like the Town to issue a license with a start date of September 1 and an end date of August 30. The Council responded making the following points:

- The Town is bound by Ordinance 120 to follow a certain process;
- It is the home/ business owner's obligation to know what the rental licensing process is and to ensure that the rental home is inspected and licensed prior to expiration of the license, regardless of whether there was a notification problem;
- Mr. Meier had the same issue last year and might have filed his license renewal application earlier this year to avoid the problem.

After further discussion, CM Osmond said the Town cannot violate its Ordinance to accommodate Mr. Meier's request but apologized for any miscommunication on the part of the Code Compliance Department and the length of time it took to renew the license. The Town will review the notification process and make any necessary changes. Mr. Meier is encouraged to submit his license renewal application at least 20 days prior to its expiration next year, as required by Ordinance 120. Mr. Meier accepted the apology and withdrew his appeal.

Education Advisory Committee funding request: CM Dewey said the BHEAC will hold a series of listening sessions to

better understand existing educational needs, concerns and initiatives. The BHEAC will invite parents with school-aged children and other education stakeholders, provide translation service, as well as light refreshments. The BHEAC asked if the Town might be willing to support this activity. The Council agreed to give up to \$300 for the BHEAC listening sessions from the Town Council's outreach fund.

Legislative dinner date: The Council set November 6 as the first choice for the Town's legislative dinner, and November 12 and 14 as alternative dates.

Employee appreciation lunch date: Staff proposed December 13 as the date for the annual employee appreciation lunch. The Council agreed.

M-NCPPC correspondence: CM Sweep moved, and CM Osmond seconded to table the item to the November 1 worksession. The motion passed 4 to 0.

3. Minutes

CM Sweep moved, and CM Osmond seconded to approve the September 9 worksession minutes. The motion passed 3-0-1, with CM Dewey abstaining. Approval of the September 16 worksession minutes was tabled to October 21. The September 11 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

4. Department Reports

CM Sweep reported that road construction continues but is nearing the end. He thanked residents for driving carefully in construction zones. He cautioned residents about cutting their grass too short or having open fires in their yards because the area is experiencing a drought. TM Broadbent added that the planned tree planting has been postponed to the spring.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, said it may be advisable for residents to water their homes' foundations because the prevailing clay soils shrink during droughts and may cause cracking of foundations. He also wondered whether remedial street work was done at the contractor's expense. He was assured it was.

CM Dewey reported that the Green Team hosted a very successful and fun pet event last Saturday. Two cats and 2 dogs were adopted, 11 dogs were micro-chipped and some 40 pets vaccinated. The vendors who came out to participate were not disappointed. CM Dewey also worked on the resident survey, on a tree planting plan and with the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming Town Council schedule. No changes were made. An M-NCPPC planning official will attend the October 21 worksession to brief the Council on the new zoning regulations.

6. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura thanked CM Osmond for apologizing for mis-steps in the code enforcement process and MPT Papanikolas for defending the Town's election process. Further, he said that the recycling market is becoming increasingly restrictive. Many recycling processors are no longer accepting glass containers and are asking collectors to sort paper and cardboard items.

TM Broadbent replied the Town has to go by what the Prince George's County recycling facility does and they have not made any of the changes Mr. Ventura describes. CM Dewey added this is why the Green Team always recommends consuming less first.

Blake Dewey, Quebec Place, commented that opportunities for voting should be increased even if it means that traditional processes would have to be changed. He encouraged the Town to advertise and expand absentee voting as a way to give residents more opportunities to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Town Meeting October 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey and Ethan Sweep. CM Jeffrey Jay Osmond had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin, BHVFD Representative Matt Huddle and citizens.

1. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Isler requested that the Public Works report be moved up before the Administration report. MPT Papanikolas moved to approve the amended agenda. CM Sweep seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Ceremonial Items

CI-12 Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Mayor Isler read a proclamation calling on everyone to prevent acts of domestic violence and support victims of these crimes. TM Broadbent added that

this is a statewide initiative promoted by the Berwyn Heights Police Department (BHPD).

3. Approval of Minutes

CM Dewey moved, and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the September 11 Town meeting minutes. The motion passed 4 to 0.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler thanked CM Dewey and the Green Team for a wonderful pet event that was held last Saturday. Several people adopted pets including a BHPD intern. He was surprised to find that one of his cousins is living in this area as a dog trainer and participated in the event. Mayor Isler also reminded residents to be mindful of students being back in school and to drive carefully near school buses. CM Dewey thanked Mayor Isler and MPT Papanikolas for judging the pet costume and talent contests.

5. Department Reports

Public Works: Director Hall introduced Foreman Cardenas, who may give the Public Works reports in the future. Director Hall reported that the streetsweeper will be in Town October 21-25. Streets north of Pontiac Street will be swept on Monday of that week and those south of Pontiac Street on Tuesday. The remaining days will be for cleaning up missed areas. Residents are requested to park off-street where possible. The new recycling containers are in the process of being delivered to residents and the work should be finished by the end of next week. The street repair work is also drawing to a close with perhaps a few touchups remaining.

CM Dewey thanked Director Hall and his crew for getting the Town Center parking lot repaved, just in time for the pet event. TM Broadbent said Public Works also cleaned up debris from the removal of several trees in the back of the Town Center. One of the large oaks was removed because it was dead. Residents are encouraged to have their trees checked out if they already have brown leaves. They may be dying due to the recent drought. Planting of new trees in the Town right-of-way has been postponed to the spring because of the drought. Residents can request to have the Town plant trees on private property by contacting the Town office if they are willing to maintain them.

Foreman Cardenas said the Public Works Department is getting everything ready for curbside leaf collection in November. For now, residents are requested to continue to place leaves into brown paper yard waste bags for disposal. He also

asked residents to drive carefully around trash trucks when crewmen are collecting refuse. The truck drivers are not always able to see approaching vehicles. The new recycling containers that are being delivered come with information about what to do with the old recycling bins. The information packet comes with stickers for the old recycling bins to mark them for yard waste.

CM Sweep cautioned residents about having fires in their yards because of drought conditions. He also thanked TM Broadbent for arranging a staff retreat on the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's skipjack. He enjoyed learning about the environmental improvements in the Bay and Chesapeake Bay history. TM Broadbent said the skipjack was the iconic boat of the Chesapeake Bay but only a few of them remain. The excursion was financed from a rebate staff earned by using health insurance judiciously.

Administration-Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for September. She said that revenues and expenses have been normal. The Town was able to sell an old pickup truck for \$6,200 via online auction. The money was deposited in the vehicle replacement reserve. A Town ride-on mower will go on the auction block tomorrow. Further, transfers to reserves from FY 2019 revenues were processed, including the infrastructure reserve, the vehicle replacement reserve and the NW/EP trailer reserve. Responding to CM Dewey, Treasurer Rodriguez said that the audit is on track and is due to the State by the end of October. TM Broadbent added that the auditors may present to the Council in November.

Town Manager's Report: TM Broadbent reported that this will be the last Town meeting at which department directors will give their monthly reports in person although the reports will still be provided to Council and entered into the public record. Instead the directors will give a status report on their projects at the second worksession of the month. The project list will be reformatted to show the origin of each project and to be published on the Town website. The Police Chief may continue to give a monthly report to satisfy reporting requirements, and other directors may come to the Town meeting on a quarterly basis.

Code Compliance: Code Director Hollyce Goodwin gave the code activities report. Currently there are 283 rental units, 210 of them active. The Department issued 7 rental licenses and performed 17 inspections and 3 re-inspections. Further, the Department is-

sued 13 clean lot violations and a few courtesy notices. Most clean lot violations pertained to vehicle storage issues. Residents are reminded that vehicles having no tags or expired tags must be covered with a vehicle cover or stored in a garage.

Director Goodwin said the Department continues to process business licenses. Of 110 applications sent to Town businesses, ninety have now been returned. Compliance stands at approximately 80%. Businesses that fail to submit a license application are subject to an initial \$50 fine and then a \$25 fine per month. The Department also issued 2 building permits, 5 dumpster permits and 1 right of way permit.

The Code Department continues to monitor the McDonald's reconstruction, which should be finished, and the restaurant reopened in mid-November. At the moment, the construction site is chaotic as the contractors are rushing to get the project done. Last Saturday, the Code Department took part in a multi-cultural day hosted by the Police Department. There was food and music and it provided a good opportunity to engage with residents.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, asked whether the Code Department has an update on removal of a dead oak tree that grows in a resident's yard. Director Goodwin said the Department sent out notices to a number of homeowners asking them to remove dead trees giving them a period of 60 days to comply. Most property owners have complied, some have asked for extensions. She has not heard anything from this property owner and will check into it.

CM Dewey asked whether homeowners are required to use a certified arborist to cut down large trees and whether the Town can make sure they actually do. TM Broadbent said that homeowners are required to use a Maryland-licensed tree care expert, but not necessarily an arborist. The Town does not enforce tree care licensing. Residents are encouraged to make sure that the contractors they hire are licensed and insured. Licenses can be looked up on the Department of Labor website at <https://www.dlir.state.md.us/pg/>.

Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:

CM Dewey reported that she has been working on the resident survey and is expecting submissions of survey questions from the staff and Town organizations by next week. She also attended the second meeting of the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH). The group is doing a lot of research and discussing interesting ideas. She is look-

ing forward to hearing their recommendations. She thanked all those who helped with, and came out for, a great pet event last Saturday.

Public Safety/ Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department: Matthew Huddle reported that the BHVFD was awarded a \$70,000 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for two self-loading power stretchers and two new stair chairs for the ambulances. This equipment should reduce the potential for injuries while loading patients into ambulances. The Department is waiting for updates on the new rescue squad that is in the process of being built. Fundraising letters have gone out to the residents. This will be the only way the Department contacts residents. No calling or door-to-door soliciting will take place. The BHVFD has received the Town's donation and appreciates the support.

In response to TM Broadbent and CM Dewey, Mr. Huddle said the Department does not track fire danger levels. However, the County Fire Department works with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to publish fire risk warnings. Prince George's County does not allow bonfires and burning of leaves in open areas, but fires in fire pits and hearths are permitted. Currently, he recommends not burning anything outside.

Police Department: Detective Unger gave the police activities report as Chief Antolik was on vacation. In September there were 8 Part I offenses: 2 assaults, 1 burglary and 6 thefts, which is higher than the 5-year average of 6.8. The Police issued 118 State and municipal citations, made 3 arrests, impounded 4 vehicles, and patrolled approximately 3,006 miles.

In response to questions, Detective Unger said to prevent thefts of packages delivered to the doorstep, residents might consider getting a video doorbell that is connected to one's smartphone. They act as a deterrent and if there is a theft, police can be provided some documentation. For any internet purchases made through Craig's List, Letgo, Offerup and similar vendors, BHPD has established safe exchange zone in the BHPD parking lot that has video surveillance.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey said the BHEAC will hold a series of listening sessions during its meetings, starting on October 26, 6:00 p.m. In this session, students and parents of students in middle and high school, public and private school are invited to attend the sessions to share their needs and concerns. Future sessions will focus on dif-

ferent age groups and topics. The next regular meeting will be on November 25.

Green Team: CM Dewey said the Green Team will participate in Trunk or Treat with a telescope stargazing activity and after Halloween trick-or-treating hold a special Town cleanup on November 2. There will be refreshments and prizes for maintaining a clean perimeter on one's property or participating in the cleanup.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee continues to prepare for its fall reception on November 10. This year the BHHC will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Berwyn Heights Company with the dedication of a historic marker, a slideshow and a meet & greet of descendants of the people who ran the Company.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: There was no report.

Recreation Council: President Susan Jones reported that the Recreation Council hosted a successful series of summer concerts at Lake Artemesia. There are plans for doing it again next summer expanding it to include College Park. The Recreation Council also intends to start a singer/ songwriter program and invites anyone to contact them if interested in participating. The ice cream social was very well attended by a diverse set of residents. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 19, with setup at the Community Center starting at 6 p.m. There will be prizes for best decorated cars and costumes. On November 3, 3:00 p.m., the 'Turtle Heroes' will give a bluegrass concert at the Town Center, and on December 7, 6:00 p.m., the annual tree lighting celebration will be held in the Senior Center.

This Friday at 7:00 p.m. will be the first showing of a movie by a newly established movie club. The club plans to convene every Friday evening in the G. Love Room to watch and discuss a movie, while covering a wide selection of genres. CM Dewey said people should also watch out for Trivia Night, which will come back early next year.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Variance 94-2019 8906 58th Avenue: TM Broadbent said the applicant for the variance wants to develop a lot at 8906 58th Avenue and attended the last worksession to explain his situation.

Director Goodwin said that the property owner, Jay Endelman, needs two vari-

ances to build a new house on his lot. His property does not meet current development standards. He is requesting variances of 185 square feet of net lot area and 15 feet for the front building line to meet the minimum requirements of 6,500 square feet of net lot area and 60 feet of front building line width. At the last worksession, the Council and staff expressed concern about parking limitations, storm water management facilities and lack of shade trees at the property and set the following conditions for approval of the variances:

- Addition of two dry wells in the front and rear of the dwelling; and
- Addition of a large shade tree in the southwest corner of the property.

Both changes are to be shown on a revised landscape plan that will be submitted to County for the record. Mr. Endelman agreed to make those changes and staff recommends approval.

CM Dewey asked whether the property owner might also be asked to add rain barrels and/ or a rain garden as additional storm water mitigation devices. TM Broadbent advised against it as Mr. Endelman has already gone beyond the County's requirements for storm water mitigation. Further, some homeowners will not want to maintain rain barrels or a rain garden, limiting their utility if the house is sold.

CM Sweep moved to recommend approval of Variance 94-2019 to the Board of Zoning Appeals with the above conditions, plus adding rain barrels at his discretion. MPT Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Citizen Discussion

Darald Lofgren, 58th Avenue, said two lots adjacent to the Public Works yard are vacant and may be available for purchase. When he was on the Council, he had supervision of the Public Works Department and knows that it would be beneficial to have more space for all the trucks and equipment. The vacant lot may even be large enough to accommodate a new Police Department. He suggested the Council look into purchasing it if available. CM Sweep said he believes the previous Council discussed the purchase with the owners, but they wanted more money than the property is worth. TM Broadbent offered to talk to the owners.

Phil Ventura said that the new rain barrels installed around the Town Center overflow during heavy rains with water

splashing down next to foundation. The old barrels were designed to slowly drain through a hose directed away from the building.

Blake Dewey, Quebec Place, asked the Council to consider supporting a repeal of the pit bull ban instituted in 1997 that is now being taken up by the Prince George's County Council. A 2003 task force studied the effects of the ban and found that it is expensive to enforce, has few public safety benefits, and reduces the ability of the County's Animal Control agency to effectively enforce animal regulations in other areas, such as leash laws and animals at large. The task force recommended a repeal of the ban to free up resources and shelter space. The saved money could be used for other animal control activities, including promoting responsible dog ownership.

CM Sweep said he personally agrees with a repeal of the ban and believes that pit bulls are not innately more vicious than other dogs. A CDC study about dog bites has confirmed this. The County Council is expected to take the issue up in the next legislative session and he would be in favor of this Council writing a letter to support repeal. TM Broadbent suggested adding it to the agenda for the legislative dinner.

Susan Jones said the Prince George's Parks & Recreation Department recently renovated the stage at Lake Artemesia. Performers would like to have a roof put onto it to keep the sun or rain off. She has talked to a number of people about a roof, including the park ranger, and most support the idea. She asked whether the Council could raise the issue with the Parks & Recreation Department. TM Broadbent said she would be happy to do this.

Darald Lofgren said when Lake Artemesia Park was established, the Town told Park & Planning that it wanted the park to be a quiet recreational area. Asking them to make upgrades to the stage conflicts somewhat with the original intent. It may bring more concerts and people to the Lake, who would most likely be parking in Berwyn Heights.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

Announcements

The Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC) will hold a listening session/focus group for middle and high school students and their parents on October 28. Councilmembers had fun judging the Trunk or Treat event last Saturday. The Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department participated with a creatively decorated car and truck.

Discussion Items

MNCPPC zoning update: Mayor Isler welcomed Master Planner Chad Williams to give an overview of the Prince George's zoning rewrite. Mr. Williams said the County adopted a new zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations for the first time in 40 years. The process took 4 1/2 years but will not be effective until a county-wide map amendment has been approved about a year from now. The map amendment will apply the new zones to properties.

The new zoning ordinance has simplified the land uses found in the County from around 1200 to around 250, which are more flexible and easier to use. They are intended to diversify the County's tax base and bring in new investment. Design standards were upgraded to ensure more high-quality development.

A Guide to New Zones, adopted by the County Council, prescribes the process by which new zones will be applied to the old zones. For the most part, the zones will remain the same with only about 3% being rezoned. The rezoned areas are mixed-use zones, such as transit-oriented development and activity centers, as well as a Route 1 Innovation Corridor, which includes Route 193 to Hannover Parkway.

The Planning Department is doing outreach to inform everyone about the map amendment through website, social media and open houses. The nearest event to Berwyn Heights is on November 7 at College Park Airport. In addition, planning staff will give a briefing to any municipality or civic group that requests it. In March 2020, the Planning Board and County Council will hold a joint public hearing on the proposed zoning map, at which people can testify. Through the summer, the

County Council will hold a series of worksessions on the map amendment and then a 2nd public hearing around September, with a final approval anticipated for late October early November 2020. After that the map amendment will go into effect.

Mr. Williams then demonstrated the proposed new zone comparison map, which can be accessed at zoningpgc.pgplanning.com. Here people can see the new zone for their property or neighborhood using a zoning swipe tool or typing in an address. In Berwyn Heights proper, there are few changes: the residential zone will remain residential, designated as RS65; the business district will become commercial general office or CGO; the light industrial properties along Balley Avenue will become an industrial employment or RE zone; and open space will become agricultural preservation. To the north of Berwyn Heights, the metropolitan center will become regional transit district and with high intensity zoning. Greenbelt Station and Beltway Plaza will become mixed use and commercial zones, respectively.

Census 2020: CM Dewey requested the Council to discuss the decennial census that will take place in spring 2020. The Census will determine government representation as well funding for a variety of federal and local programs. It is therefore important to get as close to a complete count as possible. Prince George's County calculates that for every person not counted it loses approximately \$18,000 over 10 years. CM Sweep noted that there is an under-count of young children in Prince George's County, which results in schools being underfunded. Further, residents should be assured that the Census is strictly confidential and personal data will be kept private.

The Council discussed ideas on how to increase participation in the 2020 Census. Ideas included:

- Town hosting a Census Day event on April 1, and making computers in the Senior Center available to take the Census online;
- Encouraging local schools to hold a Census Day of their own allowing parents to use their computers, while serving a light meal and providing activities for students; CM Dewey offered to raise the idea with the PTA and the BHEAC.
- Developing a social media campaign around the Census;
- Town staff wearing Census 2020 t-shirts and putting stickers or flags on their trucks;
- Town departments coming up with additional ideas to advertise the Cen-

sus;

- Town advertising Census jobs opening now.

In addition, the Council agreed that Census publicity should highlight the different ways in which the Census can be taken (online, by mail, and in door to door survey), as well as the starting and end dates. All Census related information can be found at the website www.census2020.gov. The Council plans to continue discussing the Census at future worksessions.

Legislative Dinner agenda: Mayor Isler said the Town's legislative dinner is scheduled for November 6, 6:00 p.m. at the Greenbelt Crowne Plaza hotel. A draft agenda has been provided. It includes a list of Berwyn Heights priorities, e.g. Sports Park, Dog Park, Census 2020 Complete Count, Educational Involvement, and Stormwater Management Projects. CM Dewey asked to add Pepco vegetation management legislation to the agenda, and Mayor Isler the repeal of the pit bull ban. Assistant to the Town Manager Odoi said the Administration Department would like to discuss possible state funding for Town Center improvements, including a new roof, elevator replacement, emergency generator power panel reconfiguration, and adding bathrooms for G. Love Room. The Council had no objections.

Four Cities agenda: Mayor Isler said the next Four Cities meeting will take place on October 23 in New Carrollton. The Town of Berwyn Heights portion of the agenda has the repeal of the pit bull ban. No other items were added. CM Dewey asked whether BHPD could provide a short memorandum on Berwyn Heights' purchase of hybrid police interceptors, which New Carrollton plans to bring up.

MML debrief: CM Osmond reported that he took many of the Academy's core courses towards certification. He found the workshop on the Structure of Municipal Government most interesting. He learned that a municipal government does not always function the way it is organized. CM Dewey said she also took this workshop. What stood out to her was the discussion on the municipal charter, its import and meaning and the difference to other parts of the municipal code. She also attended a workshop on walking and biking infrastructure, which gave insight on the different types of amenities available and opportunities for learning what other municipalities are doing in this area.

Town Council -e-newsletter

Mayor Isler said he did not have time to work on the newsletter because of the demands of his teaching job. He will strive

to compose a newsletter for November.

Minutes

The Council reviewed the September 16 worksession. CM Sweep moved, and CM Dewey seconded to adopt the minutes. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Department Reports

Mayor Isler thanked everyone who came out for Trunk or Treat. Upcoming events include the Police Department's 'Cocoa with a Popo' community event and the Tree Lighting. He reminded drivers to slow down for walkers and bikers, and bikers to obey the traffic laws.

CM Sweep said he attended the Trunk or Treat event and was impressed by the elaborate decorations of the cars. Further, there was an incident this morning during which a driver swore and spat at a Public Works employee because she could not pass a crewman who was collecting the trash. He finds this behavior unacceptable and asked everyone to be patient when being held up by trash trucks.

CM Dewey said she had fun at Trunk or Treat and saw many cute costumes. Prizes went to a 'Banana' as the funniest, a 'Unicorn' as the cutest, and a 'Skeleton' as the scariest costumes. Upcoming events include a special after-Halloween Town cleanup, where prizes will be awarded for most trash collected. For this event, the Green Team is partnering with the Volunteer Fire Department to dispose of used jack-o-lanterns. Participants can drop their pumpkins from the fire truck onto a tarp if they make a donation to the BHVFD. The smashed pumpkins will be composted at the community garden. In addition, the Green Team will sponsor a social media contest about keeping Halloween green. CM Dewey concluded with an announcement of upcoming events.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming Town Council schedule. No changes were made.

7. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura commented that he always gets a lot of trick or treaters on Halloween. This is one of the events in which Latino families like to participate. Many children are dressed in home-made costumes reminding him of the olden days. Mr. Ventura also noted that TM Broadbent announced at the last Town meeting that department directors will no longer attend every Town meeting but may attend quarterly. He cautioned the Council to not allow such decisions to be made for them. Residents like to see the directors and hear from them directly.

Mayor Isler and CM Dewey replied that

Councilmembers were apprised of the proposal before the Town meeting and gave their approval, and also discussed the proposal at a previous worksession. It was felt that the reading of statistical reports does not tell the Council a lot about what is being accomplished. Instead, the directors will be asked to attend worksessions to give updates on projects they are assigned to carry out based on the Council's priorities. If residents have a concern or a question about a department issue, they would like a director to address, the director can be asked to come in and report. If the Council concludes that the new arrangement does not work, it can always be changed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

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<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019>

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For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email

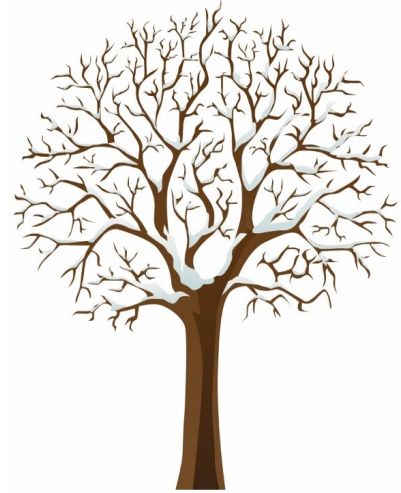
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Next meeting: January 9th, 2020, 7 pm, G. Love Room

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SOLD- 6115 Quebec Pl 3 BR 2 BA Rambler....\$335k.

SOLD- 5812 Swarthmore Dr 4BR 3 BA Split Lvl\$400k.

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





Historical Committee



A MEMORABLE CENTENNIAL

Nearly forty guests attended our 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Berwyn Heights Company. Lively discussions about the Company and Berwyn Heights history took place around the exhibits, which included two large plat maps from 1928 and 1965. BHHC Chair Richard Ahrens delivered the welcome address and unveiled the historic marker to be posted at the Benson house, the onetime office of Berwyn Heights Company.

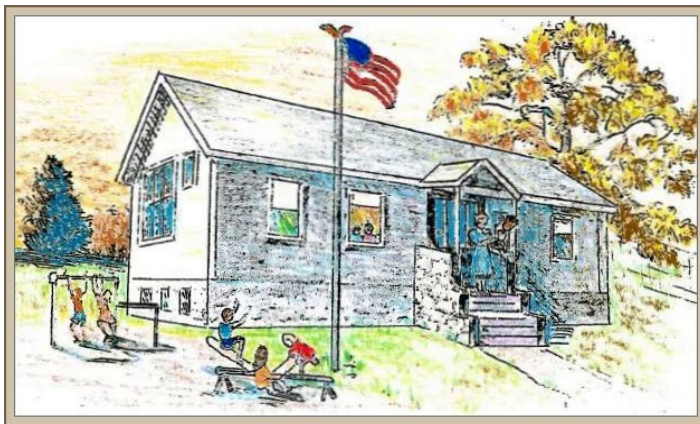
The slideshow presentation was a collaboration between BHHC members Kerstin Harper and Sharmila Bhatia and resurrected the almost forgotten history and legacy of this real

estate and community development corporation. We thank James Benson for allowing us to use photos and documents of the Benson family he collects on his ancestry.com site.

We were happy to have Bruce Tobin with us, who supplied interesting details about the Company's CEOs, his grandparents Clarence and Helen Benson, his uncle William Benson and his parents Mildred and Robert Tobin. Bruce also brought the original BH Company Minute Book, which got this whole celebration started.

The slideshow, brochure and historic marker can be found at the BHHC website www.berwynheightshistory.com.

Check out the new BHHC Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/BHhistory



Drawing by Ruth Ellsworth from her book 'Rutatan Street'

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, JAN 22, 2020

For information please contact
Richard Ahrens at dicka247@gmail.com

Mark your Calendars

MARYLAND MILESTONES HOLIDAY MIXER

December 10 | 6:00—9:00 pm

Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center
4318 Gallatin Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781

PGC HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

December 15 | 2:00—5:00 pm

Beechwood Historic Home
2301 SW Crain Highway
Upper Marlboro

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



Happy Holidays!



Walkathon Sponsors

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Walkathon for 2019! We surpassed our goal of raising \$6,000—our total was an amazing

\$7,144.33



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Website: www.BHESPTA.org

Upcoming Events

* December 3, Tuesday

PTA Social, 6:45

* December 23-January 1

Winter Break

* January 7, Tuesday

Next PTA Meeting



Sip Some Cocoa at the PTA Social

December 3, 6:45 pm, Cafeteria

For our December PTA meeting, we're having a social for parents and kids with hot cocoa and cookies. We'll have a brief meeting with parents, board games for the kids, and plenty of time to socialize.

We're having a uniform swap—bring your gently used uniforms to the social or drop them off in the office anytime.



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Recent Working Incidents

Oct 17th— Truck 14, Ambulance 14, and Chief 14B (Kiernan) were alerted to the 11300Blk of Evans Trail in Beltsville for a reported apartment fire. While enroute County Police were added to the call due to reports of a set fire after an argument. Initial units arrived to find heavy fire showing from the 2nd & 3rd floors, and a 2nd Alarm was requested to the scene. The crew of Truck 14 operated as the search company, Chief 14B was assigned 2nd floor supervisor, and Ambulance 14 reported to the EMS/Rehab area. Units operated for several hours before returning to Station 14.

Oct 20th— Rescue Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 were alerted to NB Kenilworth Ave near Pontiac Street in Greenbelt for an accident with reports of people trapped. BHVFD arrived to find a pickup truck overturned & impaled on a guardrail, and requested additional EMS units before working to extricate the trapped driver.

Nov 9th— Rescue Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 were alerted to the intersection of Edmonston Rd at Sunnyside Ave in Beltsville for a traffic accident with reports of one trapped in the wreckage. Units from BHVFD arrived to find a head-on collision between a box truck and a pick-up truck, with one trapped in the pick-up. The crew of Squad 14 worked to extricate the driver.

Nov 12th: Truck 14 was alerted to the 9500blk of Nordic Dr in Lanham for a reported House Fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from the basement. The crew of Truck 14 operated for approximately 2 hours before returning in service

Live Christmas Tree Safety

It's that time of year, and BHVFD's Christmas Tree Sale Fund-raiser is underway! While live trees have their benefits, if not properly cared for they can pose a fire safety risk. Follow these steps to ensure everyone's holiday is safe and enjoyable!

Picking the Tree: Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the Tree: Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the Tree: Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas: Get rid of the tree after Christmas. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Christmas Tree Safety



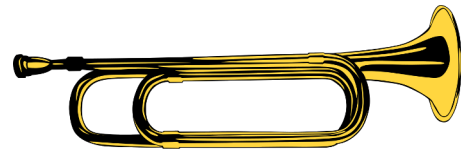
American Legion Awards

The Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 held its 32nd Annual Public Safety Awards program on October 25th, and BHVFD is proud to announce that two BHVFD members were recognized as Fire Fighter of the Year for their efforts to rescue a trapped occupant from a House Fire in Berwyn Heights this past August. BHVFD is proud to have such an outstanding membership!



BHVFD Call Volume: October 2018	
Rescue Squads:	143
Ladder Truck:	99
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	0
Ambulance:	229
Total Runs Oct 2019:	471





The Bugle

**Congratulations to our soccer teams for a
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**We would like to give a special shout-out to our U-10
PGCBGC League 2nd Place and U-14 PGCBGC League
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Registration will be opening on December 1st for Spring 2020
Soccer and Track!

Save \$10 if you register and pay before February 29th!

Meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday at 7pm in the Love Room. All are invited to attend.

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.

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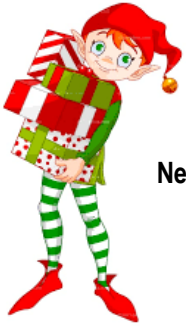
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December 14	Dora D'Ambrosio
December 16	Kay Angell
December 26	Susan Jones
	Alan Sinclair
	Charles Thomas
December 30	Patricia Slavinski

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M..

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.,
Except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

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

POTLUCK & MOVIE — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
(December 14)

MEETING — Second Tuesday (December 10) at
11:00 A.M. This is the Christmas Party and Pot Luck.

REDSKIN FOOTBALL — Come watch the game,
and share a pot luck late lunch. Game Time 1:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS



DECEMBER 6 — *Meal at a local restaurant, followed by trip to Bowie Playhouse to see the play, "A Christmas Carol."*



DECEMBER 7 —
Santa will be at the Senior Center to talk to all the kids from 6:30 to 7:15 P.M.



DECEMBER 16 — *Annual trip to Brookside Gardens to see the Model Railway and go out to eat. You can always be sure there will be good food when the Seniors get together.*



OCTOBER INCIDENTS

Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 6:45 pm, 'PURPLE LIGHT NIGHT.' Lt. D. Unger, representing the BHPD and the Town of Berwyn Heights, and PG County Sheriff High attended the Domestic Awareness Month 'Purple Light' at the PGCC.

Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 12:20 pm, 'FRAUD.' Pfc. C. Rufino responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan Street for a fraud complaint. Victim states that at approximately 0900 hours, her son received a call from Sunrise Credit Collection stating that she owed Optimum Cable company over \$600. The victim reports that she never opened a cable account with Optimum cable company. The company states that someone used her Social security and personal information to open an account to an address located in New York. Victim states that she was a victim of identity fraud in 2008. All information has been forwarded to CID LT. Unger.

Friday, October 4, 2019, at 7:37 pm, 'THEFT / SHOPLIFTING.' The store manager of the T-Mobile store (8904 62ND AVE Berwyn Heights MD) contacted the police after three cellular phones were stolen from the store. The manager reports that three suspects entered the store and approached the cell phone display area. The suspects cut the security cables that were attached to the phones and fled with the phones. The suspects are described as three 1/M between 18 and 20, wearing sweaters. The suspects cut the security cable with what appears to have been a wire cutter tool as the cut was clean. The suspects walked out of the store simultaneously and walked towards Seminole ST.

Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 2:41 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.' On Saturday, 10/12/2019, at 2:45 P.M., Victim called police to 6201 Greenbelt Road suite M-7, Berwyn Heights, Maryland, to report a theft. Victim showed a BHPD officer a 2001 BMW car with MD registration plates 3DD7615 parked and backed-into a handicap parking space across from suite L-7. Victim reported that between 1 P.M. and 1:30 P.M., someone (S-1) entered the BMW because he failed to lock it and that the suspect removed four one-dollar bills from the interior of the driver's compartment. The suspect released the trunk latch and entered the trunk, and removed \$300 U.S. dollars from the zippered pouch of a brown canvas carry-bag. The suspect unzipped the main compartment of the carry bag and removed an additional \$500 U.S. dollars from a man's black leather

wallet.

Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 4:04 pm, 'IDENTITY THEFT.' The victim contacted the Berwyn Heights Police Department to report that her identity had been compromised. The victim reports that her name was used to open a phone account without her authorization or knowledge. The victim is now receiving correspondence from a credit collection company about a fraudulent account.

Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 3:50 pm, 'CREDIT CARD THEFT.' On Monday, 10/14/2019, at 12:25 P.M., at 5815 Greenbelt Road, victim approached a BHPD officer to report a theft. Victim reported that on, 10/13/2019 at 3:50 P.M., he made a purchase at the 7-11 convenience store at 5815 Greenbelt Road. He placed his credit card in the credit card machine on the cashier's counter inside the store. He forgot to take the card out. He went back to get the card, and it was gone. He researched activity on his card. On 10/13/2019 on P.M. hours the card was used more than two times at a Taco Bell restaurant and at a Peruvian Restaurant in Lanham, MD. He returned to the 7-11 store to ask the manager if he could view the video at the time he used his credit card in the store. The video revealed a black male (S-1) taking a credit card from the credit card machine, place it in his right front pocket, and then use a second card to make his own purchases.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 4:30 pm, 'VANDALISM.' On 10/16/2019, at approximately 4:30 PM, a Berwyn Heights resident walked into the Berwyn Heights police Station located at 5411 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. The Berwyn Heights resident stated that he observed in front of 8907 60th Ave that the sidewalk had been spray-painted with gang-related graffiti. Upon arrival there, the officer discovered the graffiti on the sidewalk. This property is adjacent to 8911 60th Ave where there is usually continuous traffic of people who come and go to the recording studio. Photos were forwarded to Prince George's Police Department Gang Unit for further investigation.

Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 6:00 pm, 'TRUNK-OR-TREAT.' Police Clerk Ms. Muralles, along with her PSA volunteers, decorated the police SUV and participated on the Berwyn Heights annual Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 20, 2019, at 3:00 am, 'CITIZEN ARMED ROBBERY' Officers responded to 6300 block of Seminole St, Berwyn Heights, MD for a citizen robbery report. Victim's 1 and 2 advised that on

10/20/2019 at approximately 0300 hours they were arriving home from a night out at Galaxy Night club. Victim 1 advised me that she was getting ready to open her door, when she was approached by an unknown male wearing a face mask, armed with a knife, and demanding the listed property. The Victim advised that she surrendered her property in fear for her life. At the same exact time Victim 2 was approached by an Unknown male, also wearing a face mask and armed with a black in color handgun, demanding his gold chain. Victim 2 advised that he surrendered his property in fear for his life. Victim 1 advised that family from inside the house came outside while the robbery was occurring and startled the unknown males, who then fled in a black Honda 4D sedan towards 63rd Ave. Both Victim's advised they delayed on calling police to the scene due to fear.

Monday, October 21, 2019, at 8:50 am, 'ASSAULT' BH DPW men reported that at approximately 8:50 A.M. at eastbound 6100 block of Ruatan Street, they were working as a town public works refuse collection crew with a Freightliner trash truck for the Town of Berwyn Heights MD. They were stopped at a collection site, loading the truck with refuse. A westbound school bus and a gray Ford Explorer SUV approached the work crew. Both bus and SUV wanted to pass by the trash truck. The driver of the SUV ordered the truck crew to move out of the way. The SUV driver drove past the truck and stopped at the rear of the truck, the driver rolled the left driver's side window of the SUV down and spat on the left shoulder and shirt of one of the DPW employees. Furthermore, the SUV driver called the crew members explicit languages and displayed the middle finger of one hand to the crew members as she drove away going west on Ruatan Street. At approximately 9:42 A.M. suspect visited the BHPD. The suspect reported that she was involved in this incident on Ruatan Street. She reported an identical sequence of events as the work crew, but she left out the spitting, cursing, and middle finger.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 1:15 am, 'COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY' Officers responded to the 7-Eleven located at 5815 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a report of a Commercial Armed Robbery. Upon arrival, the Victim advised that he was working alone in the store office area when he heard the front door open. The Victim went to enter the sales area and encountered the Suspect at the doorway. The Suspect pointed a black short barrel assault rifle at the Victim and said, "Go open the cash register and give me all the money." The Victim complied

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with the Suspect's demands, opened the cash register, and put the money in a plastic 7-Eleven bag. The Suspect took the bag from the Victim and ordered the Victim to walk outside with him. The Victim walked out of the exit door while the Suspect walked behind him pointing the rifle. Once outside, the Suspect told the Victim to start walking away from the store. The Victim did as he was instructed. The Suspect turned and fled up Greenbelt Road in the direction of 59th Avenue.

PG PD responded to the scene with his K-9 who tracked to 62nd Ave at Seminole Street. On October 22, 2019 at 1350 hours, Officer Giardini of the Greenbelt City Police Department was on routine patrol in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland. Officer Giardini observed a male subject, later identified as the arrestee (White, Dondre Maurice) in a wood line reaching into a black object on the ground. When Officer Giardini exited his police cruiser the arrestee quickly walked away from the object. Officer Giardini approached the abandoned object on the ground and observed that it was a backpack. Protruding from the backpack was a barrel of a rifle. The arrestee was taken into custody. A search of the backpack revealed what appeared to be a black short barreled rifle. Also, inside of the backpack was a laptop owned by the arrestee and next to the backpack was a thick black jacket. Later inspection of the rifle revealed that the weapon was a realistic Sig MPX pellet gun. The Sig MPX pellet gun had a sling attached to it and a black metal flashlight mount protruding from the right side of the barrel of the gun, consistent with the weapon seen in surveillance footage. The arrestee had physical characteristics consistent with the suspect seen on surveillance video. Further, the 7-Eleven was located only approximately 900 feet away from where the arrestee was stopped. The arrestee was transported to the Criminal Investigation Division / Robbery Section for an interview. The arrestee waived his Miranda rights and agreed to speak with detectives. During the interview, the arrestee (White, Dondre Maurice) confessed to robbing the 7-Eleven. A consent search was later obtained for his residence and detectives recovered additional clothing consistent with what the suspect wore at the time of the robbery. **Arrested:** WHITE, Dondre Maurice, 34 Y/O, B/M, of Greenbelt, Maryland.

Thursday, October, 24, 2019 at 3:40 PM, 'TAMPERING TO VEHICLE' Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of a tampering. Victim stated that she parked her 2011 Toyota Versa in her driveway on 10/23/2019 at about 1800 hrs. Upon returning to her vehicle on 10/24/2019 at about

1500 hours, she discovered that the property that was located in the console of the vehicle was thrown around inside the car. Victim stated that as far as she observed nothing of value seemed to be taken.

Thursday, October, 24, 2019 at 10:51 AM, 'RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY' Cpl. T. Hollowell was dispatched to 8400 block of Cunningham Drive for a residential break-in that was in progress. Officers responded to the location and met with the victim, who stated she just returned from school and went into the house finding items had been moved in the house. The victim responded to the house after being called by the reporting person. As the reporting person responded back to the home he saw a suspect fleeing through the backyard of the LOI over a fence. A perimeter was established and canine responded to do a search for the suspect. The results of the track were negative. A subsequent neighborhood canvas was conducted and video identifying a possible suspect fleeing from the scene. A check of the residence by the listed victim was unable to establish any items missing at this time.

Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 2:40 pm, 'THEFT' On Thursday 10/24/2019, at approximately 2:40 PM, a Town resident walked into the Berwyn Heights Police Department and stated that, on Sunday 10/20/2019 he discovered that his father's "Smith and Wesson" 357 Caliber pistol was missing from its case. He searched all over the house and couldn't find it. On Tuesday 10/22/2019 he discovered that his 24 Karat Gold chain was also missing. On Wednesday 10/23/2019 he discovered that his "Rigid" drain cleaning machine with all its accessories were missing. The victim believes that his daughter's boyfriend, who has been identified and been staying at the house off and on for the past two months, has stolen these items. Furthermore, the suspect is currently homeless and unemployed.

Thursday, October, 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM, 'RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY' Cpl. Krouse and two other PG units were dispatched for a breaking and entering located at 5700 block of Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740. Upon arrival, officers met with victim, the home owner. Victim states that he arrived at his home at the above aforementioned address at approximately 7:00 PM and noticed his front door was slightly opened. At first the victim thought he might have left the door opened when he left for work that morning at approximately 8:15AM but when he entered the house he noticed cabinet drawers were opened, things were moved out of place and the back sliding glass door was slightly opened. While clearing the home officers discovered a window

that was open in the basement through which the suspect was believed to have entered the house after removing the screen. On the window was a large handprint but it displayed a glove pattern. At this time nothing of value was taken.

Friday, October, 25, 2019 at 7:36 am, 'THEFT' Cpl. T. Hollowell was dispatched to 5815 Greenbelt Road, 7-11, Berwyn Heights, MD., for a report of a lost wallet. Victim stated that around 5:15 am she used the 7/11 restroom. After using the facility, she left the store heading to work. The victim later realized her wallet was still in the restroom. The victim called the 7/11 and advised the witness (store attendant) that she had left her wallet and was on her way back. Further investigation indicated the witness had allowed the suspect, whom he had thought was the victim who called, into the restroom at her request. The suspect after using the restroom left the store. A short while later, the witness got another call from the victim indicating she was still on her way. The witness realized that the female suspect he allowed in the restroom was not victim. He then solicited the assistance of a female co-worker to go in the restroom and check for the wallet, which she did and brought the wallet out. Once the victim arrived at the 7/11, she discovered her credit cards and about \$45.00 in cash gone. The victim was able to contact the card companies and cancel out the existing cards. The card companies revealed an attempted usage of one card and successful usage of a Bank of America card Walmart store, 6210 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, Maryland.

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 5:17 pm, 'WARRANT SERVICE' Cpl. P. Roberson stopped a suspicious subject in the area of 60th, Avenue and Greenbelt Road. The subject was identified as 33 Y/O Lewis Thomas of Berwyn Heights, MD. Mr. Lewis had an open warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's office and was subsequently arrested.

Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 6 pm – 9:00 pm, 'HALLOWEEN PATROL' BHPD Officers were out patrolling the Town and handing out glow sticks to Trick-or-Treaters along with the Neighborhood

Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 02 | Assault = 01 | Burglary = 02 | Larceny/Theft = 04 | Stolen Auto = 00



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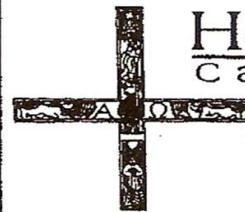


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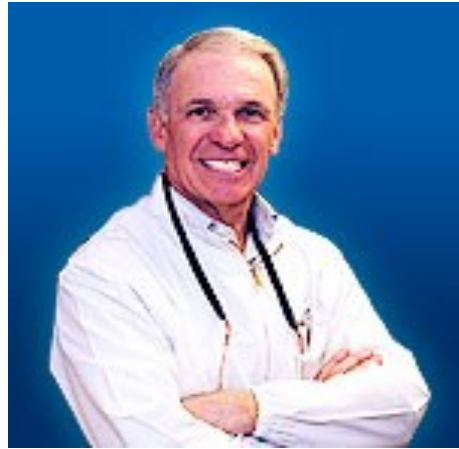
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Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center
All residents are welcome to attend!

Monthly Town Clean-up

ON HOLD! Resuming in March. Please feel free to pick up trash on your walks around town. If you need a trash grabber, please email Diana at dagonoy72@yahoo.com.

SAVE your trees! The Berwyn Heights Green Team would be happy to try and help you remove vines that may be climbing up your trees. Please email the Green Team at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com if you need some assistance and we will see what we can do to help!



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Recycle Broken Tree Lights



A decorated box will be available for your old lights outside the Town Center office beginning the Wednesday before Thanksgiving through the holidays.

Our local MOMs store also offers recycling for baby food pouches, shoes, snack bags, cork, etc. <https://momsorganicmarket.com/recycle-center/>

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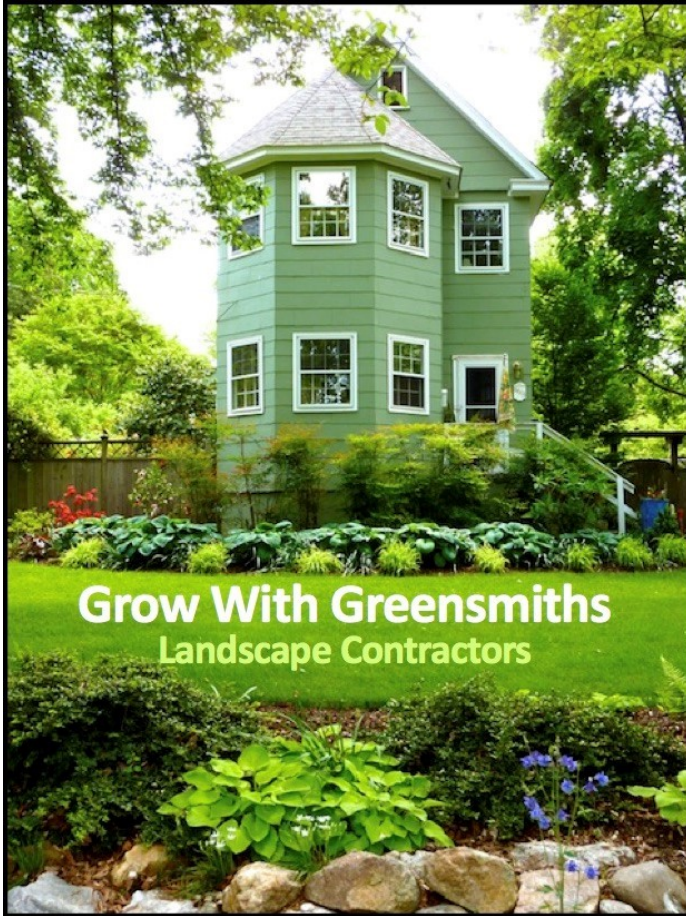
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- **\$150.00** annual fee for Prince George's County Short Term Rental License.
- You may no longer advertise as a short term rental, if you do not reside in the Air BnB property.

Here is a link to the Short Term Rentals Page on the Prince George's County website:

<https://md-princegeorgescounty.civicplus.com/3234/Short-Term-Rentals-STR>

Here is a link to the "Short Term Rental License Checklist" from Prince George's County.

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Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 1 STREET SWEEPER	2 7:00 pm Worksession	3 7:30 pm Rec. Council Mtg	4 7:00 pm NW/EP Mtg.	5 	6	7 6:00 pm Tree Lighting Party
8 3:00 pm Movie Show	9 	10 	11 7:00 pm Town Meeting	12 7:00 pm Green Team Mtg	13	14
15 9:00 am Bio-Pandemic Workshop 3:00 pm Movie Show	16 7:00 pm Worksession	17 	18 	19 	20	21
22 3:00 pm Movie Show	23 	24 Christmas Eve Town Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day Town Offices Closed	26 	27 	28
29 3:0 pm Movie Show	30 	31 New Year's Eve Town Offices Closed	Jan 1 New Year's Day Town Offices Closed	2 	3 	4



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Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
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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
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.

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