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Craft Sale and Tree Lighting December 4



Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

Para garantizar los protocolos COVID adecuados, la puerta del Ayuntamiento permanece cerrada. No dude en llamar al 301-474-5000 para hacer una cita o a tocar la puerta para recibir servicio.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web:
- Las inspecciones de alquiler están en marcha con los protocolos COVID implementados
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a code@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- Los servicios de notario están disponibles en el Ayuntamiento y el Departamento de Policía con cita previa. Llame al 301-474-5000 para comunicarse con el Ayuntamiento o al 301-474-6554 para comunicarse con el Departamento de Policía para obtener estos servicios.
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS a 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Visite el sitio web para obtener la información más reciente https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/

COVID-19 Town Government Operations

To ensure appropriate COVID protocols, the door to Town Hall remains locked. Feel free to call (301) 474-5000 to schedule an appointment or knock on the door for service

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website.
- Rental inspections are underway with COVID protocols in place.
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to code@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- Notary services are available at Town Hall and the Police Department by appointment. Call (301) 474-5000 to reach Town Hall or (301) 474 -6554 to contact the Police Department for those services.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

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

TUESDAY, May 3, 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 Melanie Friesen, Town Clerk at: mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov or drop off at Town office at 5700 Berwyn Road. Completed applications must be received by January 31, 5:00 p.m.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PublicWorks@bewynheightsmd.gov TEL: 301-474-6897

Happy Holidays to all and a few reminders:

The street sweeper will be in town on Monday, November 29th through Friday, December 3rd. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area. They will not be here again until January 2022.

The next time Greenbelt will be collecting your electronic recycling is Saturday, January 22nd from 9 am to 12 pm. Accepted items include CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires & power cords, fax machines, cameras, flat-screen televisions, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. Also, block Styrofoam #6. Paint recycling – cost \$5 per container. DO NOT MIX PAINT in other containers. For info call 240-542-2153.

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

In addition, the town will observe the Christmas & New Year's holidays on December 24th, 27th, 28th, 31st & January 3rd. Therefore, the trash schedule changes to the following:

Monday, December 20th – North side trash/bulk/yard waste

Tuesday, December 21st – South side trash/bulk/yard waste

Wednesday, December 22nd – Town-wide recycling only

Thursday, December 23rd Town-wide trash

January 3rd

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – December 24th Friday
NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY – December 27th, 28th, 31st &

Wednesday, December 29th – Town-wide recycling only

Thursday, December 30th - Town-wide trash

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY – January 3rd New Year's day

Tuesday, January 4th - Town-wide trash/bulk

Wednesday, January 5th – Town-wide recycling only

Thursday, January 6th – Town-wide yard waste

Friday, January 7th - Town-wide trash

Felices fiestas a todos y algunos recordatorios:

El barrendero estará en la ciudad del lunes 29 de noviembre al viernes 3 de diciembre. No estacione su automóvil en la calle cuando vea la barredora de calles en su área. No volverán a estar aquí hasta enero de 2022.

La próxima vez que Greenbelt recolectará su reciclaje electrónico es el sábado 22 de enero de 9 am a 12 pm. Los artículos aceptados incluyen CPU, monitores, teclados, ratones de computadora, impresoras, computadoras portátiles, equipos de grabación, parlantes, escáneres, protectores contra sobretensiones, cables y cables de alimentación, máquinas de fax, cámaras, televisores de pantalla plana, teléfonos, radios, reproductores de DVD, VCR, baterías pegado en un extremo. También bloques de poliestireno n.º6. Reciclaje de pintura: cuesta \$5 por contenedor. NO MEZCLE PINTURA en otros contenedores. Para obtener información, llame al 240-542-2153.

Este enlace puede ser muy útil cuando tenga preguntas o inquietudes sobre Obras Públicas, como cuando son los dias de basura para su vecindario, lo que recogemos, y más: https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department

Además, la ciudad observará las vacaciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo los días 24, 27, 28, 31 y 3 de enero. Por lo tanto, el horario de basura cambia a lo siguiente:

Lunes 20 de diciembre: basura del lado norte/granel/ desechos de jardín

Martes, 21 de diciembre: basura del lado sur/granel/ desechos de jardín

Miércoles 22 de diciembre: solo reciclaje en toda la ciudad Jueves, 23 de diciembre Basura en toda la ciudad VACACIONES DE NAVIDAD - Viernes 24 de diciembre

VACACIONES DE AÑO NUEVO - 27, 28, 31 de diciembre y 3 de enero

Miércoles 29 de diciembre: solo reciclaje en toda la ciudad Jueves 30 de diciembre: basura en toda la ciudad

VACACIONES DE AÑO NUEVO - 3 de enero día de Año Nuevo

Martes 4 de enero - Basura/bulto en toda la ciudad Miércoles 5 de enero: solo reciclaje en toda la ciudad Jueves 6 de enero - Desperdicios de jardín en toda la ciudad

Viernes 7 de enero: basura en toda la ciudad



...from The Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

Saturday, December 4th
Join us for a whole day of
Christmas Festivities at the
Town Center (5700 Berwyn Road):

11am-4pm: Holiday Craft Sale at the Seniors Center. Don't wait for those backed up container trucks to bring goods to a store, do your holiday shopping right here, and patronize our wonderful neighborhood crafters.

6-7pm: Put on a warm coat, and come visit with your neighbors at our Annual Tree Lighting Party. Pick out an ornament to put on the tree or shrubs (or donate one of your own!). Hot cocoa, cider and cookies will be served. Special appearance by Santa with gifts for the kids, followed by tree lighting and caroling.

Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to our Toys for Tots drive. We will have a collection box at the party, and also at the BHPD November 29th through December 14th.

Stay tuned for news about our January Re-Gifting Party on Saturday, January 15th, 2022.

Next Recreation Council Meetings Tuesday December 7th, and Tuesday, January 11th, 7pm in the G. love room.

Thanks to all who participated in the Halloween House

Decorating Contest. You made our town so much more festive.

Congratulations to the winners:

Scariest: 8508 Cunningham

Tied for Most creative/unusual: 5809 and 5911 Pontiac

Most Festive: 5715 Ruatan

WorksessionMinutes October 4 2021 | 7:00 pm

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency and was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents could comment by calling (301) 474-9570 or emailing Mayor Dewey at adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov

Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, as well as Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Aspasia Xypolia from the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development joined the meeting for Discussion Item 3a.

Announcements

Mayor Dewey thanked all the residents who have already filled out the ARPA survey. She reminded everyone that the indoor mask mandate has been extended to at least Oct. 25, 2021 in Prince George's County and that includes all Town buildings, including the Senior Center and G. Love Room. She also reminded residents that Monday, Oct. 11th is Indigenous Peoples' Day and that trash services will be altered. Finally, she shared that there are new translation services for meetings for residents who join via Zoom, using the drop down under custom livestreaming service menu.

Energy Proclamation, Mayor Dewey

Mayor Dewey shared that Wednesday, October 6 is National Energy Efficiency Day and read a proclamation declaring the first Wednesday in October to be Energy Efficiency Day in Berwyn Heights.

Approval of Agenda

CM Sweep moved to approve the agenda. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

County Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) presentation: Mayor Dewey introduced Aspasia Xypolia from the County Dept. of Housing and Community Development. Ms. Xypolia shared a presentation that highlighted the mission of the DHCD. The focus of the presentation was on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) as well as the Homeownership Assistance Program. ERAP is designed to assist residents with delinquent rent and utility payments that began on or after April 1, 2020 due to loss

of income because of COVID-19. The Pathway to Purchase program provides first-time eligible home buyers with up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance. CM Brittan-Powell thanked Ms. Xypolia for her presentation and then asked about mortgage assistance for current homeowners. Ms. Xypolia explained that the mortgage assistance program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act did not go down to the local jurisdictions, but rather is being done at the State level. DHCD is working with home counseling agencies that are prepared and able to help homeowners when the final plan has been developed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about which department is responsible for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Ms. Xypolia explained that DHCD is responsible for those as well. MPT Kulpa-Eddy was invited to forward her emails and questions regarding the CDBG directly to Ms. Xypolia.

Draft Red Light Camera Ordinance (amendment to Ord. 149) TM Allen reported that the Town's current speed camera vendor, altumint is able to provide red light cameras for the Town. She also reported that in consultation with the Chief of Police, it made the most sense to amend Ordinance 149, the speed camera ordinance, rather than draft an entirely separate ordinance. The fee structure with altumint is 40% of the ticket fine goes to the vendor and 60% to the Town. Given that the current fine for a speed camera violation is \$40, TM Allen recommended that the Council set a red-light camera fines also at \$40 with a \$25 fine for late payment which is the same fine for a late payment on a speed camera. CM Brittan-Powell asked if the red-light cameras would have the portability to be used at different intersections similar to the speed cameras. TM Allen explained that they would be portable, but that eventually a permanent camera could be installed. Both CM Brittan-Powell and MPT Kulpa-Eddy pointed out areas of the draft ordinance that needed language updates to reflect the changes being made to include red-light cameras. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that Prince George's County is currently fining \$75 and wanted to know if there was a reasoning for setting the fine lower. She asked what other jurisdictions in the area are charging. She expressed that she would like to be consistent with other jurisdictions. CM Brittan-Powell asked how long a vehicle must be stopped before turning right on red. It was agreed that there should be an educational component to the length of time for a stop before a turn on red. CM Papanikolas suggested that perhaps the Council might consider making all intersections "no turn on red" intersections. CM Papanikolas spoke about the fact that he hears from residents that they maintain the main portion of traffic violations are from non-residents. He inquired if it would

be possible to learn from the red-light and speed cameras if the violators live in Berwyn Heights or not. CM Brittan-Powell stated he believed the opposite, that most violators are residents. CM Sweep expressed concern over the amount of data collected and what was done with it. CM Papanikolas stated that he would suggest a periodic snapshot of the camera data only to know if violators were residents or not. TM Allen stated that she would look into what information is available.

4 Cities Agenda Items- Discussion Mayor Dewey opened discussion on possible agenda items for the 4 Cities Agenda Items. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested that we add red-light cameras and fines to the agenda to inquire what our neighboring communities do. CM Papanikolas suggested that we ask about ARPA spending. With no other comments, Mayor Dewey suggested if there are other items, that Council feel free to email their ideas as it can be handled administratively.

MML Fall Conference Discussion Mayor Dewey provided an update on the MML Fall Conference. She stated that there are no plans for a vaccine or mask mandate. Her understanding was that the Montgomery County Municipal Association was going to be writing a letter in response to the lack of protocols. She also stated that some members of PGCMA had decided not to attend and expressed their concerns to MML at a recent meeting, but there was not an association-wide response. It is unclear if there were going to be changes in the voting protocols for the Legislative priorities. Mayor Dewey had decided not to attend and canceled her registration. Remaining attendees MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Papanikolas discussed which sessions they would attend.

Department Reports

Mayor Dewey began by thanking Delegate Washington and the Greenbelt Road task force for a successful and informative community safety walk. The Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday at 7PM. The organization has cleaned up their listserve so if you are interested in being included, reach out to Mayor Dewey or use the contact information in the Bulletin. Thursday, 5:30-7:30 there will be a gun violence prevention event held at Bladensburg hosted by the States Attorney's Office. The Police Department is hosting a trunk-or-treat and vaccine event on Halloween from 2 -5PM. Mayor Dewey reported she had

her regularly scheduled meeting with County Councilmember Glaros with other Mayors and municipal leaders. County Climate action plan advisory group that she is a part of will be meeting the following week and her term is ending at the end of October and the public comment period will begin in November. The Thriving Earth Exchange project is progressing. She thanked everyone who has engaged with her on the American Rescue Plan Act and filled out the survey. She let the community know that the deadline for the survey would be October 11. Finally, she addressed the proposed toll lane expansion of the Beltway. There is a supplementary draft environmental impact statement that is available on the project. MDot SHA is accepting public comments through November 15th. There will be two hearings where comments can be made. Both are November 1st, one at 2PM and the other at 6PM. Residents can learn more at https://oplanesmd.com/

MPT Kulpa-Eddy followed up by asking about which portion of the proposed Beltway expansion the DEIS referred to. Mayor Dewey confirmed that it was the American Legion Bridge to I-270 corridor section. MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported on a couple of school related issues, including that while meals are free to all Prince George's County Public School students, families who are eligible still need to fill out their Free and Reduced Meals applications to remain eligible and these are due by October 31. Additionally, PGCPS will be discontinuing free dinners for students that are not part of before- and after -school programs. There are weekly meal distributions for students who are virtual learners this term: the nearest site for pick up is Greenbelt Middle School. Additionally, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will see a change in their benefits effective October 1st, due to changes in the Cost of Living adjustment and the end of federal supports. She also reported on the Rec Council meeting that will be held both in person and virtually. The Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA will be having a PTA party on October 12 from 6-7pm in front of the school, as an opportunity to meet the new PTA and get in-

CM Papanikolas reported that the athletic fields at Parkdale High School were due to be renovated. The Parkdale student body president hosted a roundtable on diversity, equity, and inclusion with staff. He encouraged residents to contact the Town office if they have questions or concerns with Code Compliance issues.

CM Brittan-Powell stated that there was not much to report from Administration.

CM Sweep also stated there isn't much to

report for Public Works. The street sweeper will be in Town the week of the 18th and Greenbelt electronics recycling will be the 23rd. Please note the changes to the trash schedule for the week of October 11th, when the offices are closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day. Finally, for National Coming Out Day, there will be an event in Sports Park from noon to 2:30 pm.

Resident & Community Comments: MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked on behalf of a resident if/when the meetings will begin to be in person. TM Allen reported that this is a technical issue and the solutions are still pending. There were no other comments.

Adjournment: CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously at 8:15PM.

own Meeting October 13, 2021 7:00PM

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency and was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents could comment by calling (301) 474-9570 or e-mailing Mayor Dewey at adew-ey@berwynheightsmd.gov.

Call to order

Mayor Amanda Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, Town Manager Laura Allen, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Additionally, Brad Pudner Director of Public Works and Debby Steele-Snyder Chair of the BHHC were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Mayor Dewey let residents know there isclosed captioning available in Spanish on the Zoom meetings. She also gave a COVID update, including the expansion of the County mask mandate to include children, two years old and up. She reported on the vaccine clinic hosted by the Police Department, highlighting that booster shots will also be available.

Introduction of Brad Pudner, Director of Public Works

Mayor Dewey introduced Brad Pudner, the new Director of Public Works. TM Allen stated that Mr. Pudner has been learning the Berwyn Heights way of doing things and highlighted his experience with both plants and people. Mr. Pudner stated it's been a fun 3.5 weeks and expressed that he's learning the ropes and is gearing up for the leaf season and was grateful for the warm welcome. CM Sweep expressed that he was glad to have Mr. Pudner on board.

Approval of Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the agenda. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent

Mayor Dewey highlighted that there was an additional attachment, a conference report from TM Allen. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the consent agenda. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked TM Allen for answering her questions about the August Treasurer's report.

Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Dewey gave a COVID update, including the expansion of the mask mandate to include children aged two and up, and that the numbers for COVID have continued to improve in the area. She reported on the vaccine clinic hosted by the Police Department. She stated that the Thriving Earth Exchange project is ready for volunteers and to email her if anyone is interested in volunteering. She encouraged people to sign up for the Oct 19th Budget forum for the County's Planning Board. She thanked everyone who completed an American Rescue Plan Act survey.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported attending the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference, including the Academy Graduate Workshop on the "Role of Local Government in Driving Economic Prosperity", as well as other several other sessions. She also attended the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA get-together. Lastly, she highlighted the Prince George's County Public Schools Budget Forum on October 18 at 6PM. This will be a listening session on budget priorities for the 2023 fiscal year.

CM Papanikolas also attended MML. He reviewed the Code Compliance monthly report, emphasizing vehicle condition and storage, including non-roadworthy vehicles. He highlighted one permit that was issued which is the WSSC watermain replacement, replacing pipes in several areas of Town. He also shared a Boys and Girls Club fundraiser on Thursday October 21st with 2fifty BBQ. MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended ordering early.

CM Brittan-Powell asked about Halloween in the Town. Mayor Dewey stated that Halloween is not a Town organized event and recommended that people follow CDC guidelines on trick-or-treating. He stated that the streets seem to be full of parked cars and he's hearing a lot of concern about it. He also was reviewing minutes and had questions regarding strategic planning. Mayor Dewey stated

that she was aware of Council Priority setting and project tracking. MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the outcome of the planning session were vision and mission statements as well as some goals and action items. He asked TM Allen to provide an update on any Administration issues. TM Allen stated that there will be changes to the ways Town Staff use credit cards and that Town Staff are working on accepting credit card payments.

CM Sweep stated that leaf collection will be starting soon and encouraged residents to keep an eye on the website and Bulletin. He encouraged people to sign up for the Enewsletter which will include leaf collection updates.

Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: MPT Kulpa -Eddy gave the update and stated that they are looking for volunteers. The goal of the BHEAC is not to replicate PTAs but rather advocate for multiple schools.

Green Team: Mayor Dewey updated that there will be a Pumpkin Smash on Saturday November 6 with the help of the BHVFD. The Town clean-up will precede the pumpkin smash, starting at 10 am, with the smash at Noon. The Thriving Earth Exchange project will be coordinating with the Green Team for efficiency. Bee City USA subcommittee is still looking for volunteers. The Green Team received a weather station that will likely be placed in the Community Garden.

Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder reported that in September the committee had elections and that there is a new secretary, Sierra Langford. She reported a revised meeting schedule for the rest of the year, with the November meeting being on the 17th. The walking tour, "Legends and Lore of Berwyn Heights" will be held Oct 24 at 4:30 in the afternoon. Please email Ms. Steele-Snyder if you are interested in attending. The Historical Committee is looking for a volunteer to edit an oral history tape.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Dewey reviewed that they went through the Police report and trailer inventory. They met the new police officer who will be sworn in later in the week.

Recreation Council: MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated the next meeting will be November 2nd at 7PM in person. She also highlighted the "Trunk or Treat" event to be held on October 23rd from 6:30-8PM. There will also be a Halloween House-Decorating Contest, which will be judged during the week of October 25 with nighttime displays judged on the evening of the 29th. She suggested that residents may also consider entering the Prince George's County house decorating contest online. There will be a food drive in conjunction with the Town clean-up

and pumpkin smash. She noted the tree lighting event for December is a work in progress but will also include a craft fair.

New Business

Leaded fuel airplanes initiative sign-up

Mayor Dewey introduced the initiative stating that a resident from College Park had reached out to her regarding this and asked for neighboring communities to consider signing the petition by Earthjustice to demand the EPA regulate leaded fuel in small aircraft. Mayor Dewey reviewed that it is the practice of the Council to not sign petitions like this as a Council unless the decision to do so is unanimous. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that she was unsure how this directly effects Berwyn Heights and cannot see the Town signing on. CM Brittan-Powell expressed that leaded fuel is essential for safety in small aircraft and would be cautious. CM Papanikolas stated that he understands that the FAA is already requesting the industry to take action on this by 2023. Mayor Dewey stated that no action would be taken as a Council at this time. CM Sweep stated he would be interested in signing this as an individual, due to lead ending up in the soil and water. Mayor Dewey also stated she plans to sign it as an individual.

Old Business

Annual Calendar Approval

Mayor Dewey reviewed the purpose of the Calendar is to give residents plenty of advance notice for scheduled meetings. CM Sweep moved to approve the 2022 Town Council calendar. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Sustainable Purchasing Policy: Mayor Dewey invited TM Allen to review the Sustainable Purchasing Policy. TM Allen reviewed the language changes that were made at the request of the Council. She recommended that Council approve the Sustainable Purchasing Policy by resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked TM Allen for the language changes. Mayor Dewey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 9-2021. CM Sweep moved to adopt 9-2021. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for confirmation that this was a resolution not a policy adoption. TM Allen stated that she neglected to include the resolution, but that policy can be adopted by motion. Mayor Dewey asked for a second so that it would open the floor for discussion about how to MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. proceed. During discussion it was concluded to vote on the policy and not require a resolution. Mayor Dewey asked for a vote for the motion to adopt resolution 9-2021. After no discussion, the motion was rejected unanimously. CM Sweep moved to adopt the Sustainable Purchasing Policy. MPT

Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no further discussion the motion to adopt the Sustainable Purchasing Policy was approved unanimously.

Red Light Camera Ordinance 149

Mayor Dewey reviewed that in two previous worksessions the possibility of redlight cameras at locations along Greenbelt Road had been discussed and that implementing those would require passing an ordinance. TM Allen reviewed the staff report that amends Ordinance 149 to allow for red light cameras and recommends that Council waive the first reading of the ordinance. She reviewed the fiscal impact of the proposed program and discussed the associated fine, which after further discussion with the Chief of Police would be set at \$75. She reviewed and responded to the previous question regarding data collection and recommended that there not be any changes to the data that is collected under the speed camera ordinance, which then avoids the appearance of targeted enforcement. She also responded to the question of what does a "full stop" include, which is the vehicle coming to a complete stop for 4 seconds. TM Allen also reported that any red-light camera enforcement signage would be at the Town's expense. She also reported that no points would be added to a driver's license for a redlight camera ticket. Finally, she reviewed the next steps for adopting the ordinance and the amended "fees and fines" resolu-

In discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that education regarding the need for a full 4 second stop is critical. TM Allen clarified that any educational signs would be at the Town's expense vs the ven-CM Brittan-Powell asked what problem is this trying to solve; is it cut through traffic, pedestrian safety and how will the Town know if this is impacting it? Mayor Dewey replied that in conversation with the Chief, that the goal is to improve pedestrian safety. CM Brittan -Powell questioned if the cameras would really facilitate safety and felt that there would be a lot of headache and trouble from the cameras. CM Sweep thanked TM Allen on answering the questions and expressed interest in cameras for safety and also was in favor of educational signage. Mayor Dewey reported that this ordinance doesn't detail where cameras would go. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that this ordinance only allows for the installation of cameras but doesn't require it. TM Allen reviewed again that there would be a Public Hearing at the next town meeting and additional opportunities for community engagement. Mayor Dewey asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 149 and waive the first reading. CM Sweep moved to introduce Ordinance 149 and to waive the first

reading. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. In discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that she wanted to hear more from the public. The motion passed 4:1 with Mayor Dewey, MPT Kulpa-Eddy, CM Papanikolas and CM Sweep in favor of the motion with CM Brittan-Powell opposed.

Resident & Community Comments

Resident Mike Attick called and expressed his belief that the 4 second requirement for a stop isn't legal and suggested that the vendor should be able to calibrate the device to any amount of time.

Adjournment

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting with MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconding. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Melanie Friesen, Town Clerk

WorksessionMinutes October 18, 2021 | 7:00 pm

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Announcements

Mayor Dewey opened by letting everyone know that there was a time sensitive agenda item added to the meeting in regard to the County Council redistricting proposal and will be discussed later. She reminded everyone of the GoVax clinic with the Police Department on Halloween. She also mentioned the options available for following along with Town Zoom meetings in a variety of languages.

Approval of Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the agenda. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimous-lv.

Discussion Items

ARPA Funding/Strategic Planning Meetings in-person/virtual

Mayor Dewey began by thanking residents who filled out the surveys. TM Allen as part of her staff report reminded Council that the

Town is receiving \$2.6 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and that staff put together a survey to gauge interest on areas of allowed usage. TM Allen reviewed the nature of the 75 survey responses and the areas of approved usages that received the highest support: notably Stormwater/Drainage, Hazardous Duty Pay for Eligible Employees, Housing Assistance and Health/Mental Health Assistance. She asked for Council input on Community Meetings to engage the community further on ARPA funding and strategic planning. She stated that she is engaging with an outside organization to facilitate the meeting and hopes to hold the community meetings in the first two weeks of November, with meetings planned to be around 90 minutes each. Mayor Dewey opened the floor to Council to engage the question of in-person meetings. There was considerable discussion over location of the in-person meetings, including concerns about location, limitations based on maximum occupancy, time and day of meetings, as well as Covid concerns. Ultimately, Council settled on having 2 in-person meetings, to be held on Nov 4 and 8, with a virtual meeting taking place during the Worksession on November 15. Council then reviewed the survey results for areas of focus. Brittan-Powell asked that a focus be placed on social networking for Covid-like times and thanked residents for thoughtful Mayor Dewey highlighted comments. childcare as an area that the survey brought up, but she was unsure what support in that area would look like. She also asked what vaccine support would look like when the Town didn't get engagement in vaccine support efforts when they were offered. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that what stood out to her was the interest in housing, utility, and small business assistance. as those are more urgent needs and support would need to be implemented quicklv. She also needed more information as to whether or not these are needs that residents are requesting for themselves or if they are needs that are being requested on the behalf of others. Mayor Dewey identified that aid for these areas already exists and that identifying who needs help in order to connect them with assistance has been a challenge. Mayor Dewey asked what avenues of communication would be best to connect residents to resources. CM Brittan-Powell suggested partnering with other towns. He also expressed the desire to engage on the subject of learning loss that has occurred and the possibility of utilizing seniors as tutors. CM Sweep reminded Council that ARPA guidance states the Town should not create a long running program with the money because the funding will expire. CM Brittan-Powell engaged the idea of a Dog Park. Council discussed this item in some length. CM Sweep asked where residents are getting their Town information, so that the Town can focus communication on successful methods.

MML Conference Reports

MPT Kulpa-Eddy attended sessions including the Academy Graduate Workshop on "The Role of Local Government in Driving Economic Prosperity", which was more focused on larger communities who have the amenities. However, she did find that the segment on community branding to be interesting. She asked TM Allen if Code Compliance was in regular contact with businesses. TM Allen replied that they are; they update businesses regularly and the ARPA surveys were sent to business via a blast email. MPT Kulpa-Eddy updated on MML's legislative priorities, which continue to include HURs and getting local municipalities the ability to set up their own police accountability boards rather than rely on the Counties. She attended a session on maintaining mental health in difficult times and wanted everyone to know that they are not alone in feeling stressed. Resources were presented during the session that she hoped would be made available in a sharable format. She attended the "Large Cities" forum where vaccine mandates were discussed along with the opioid litigation settlement and ARPA projects. Lastly, she attended a Lobbying 101 session which was intended to show how to best approach projects that could benefit from State legislation support.

CM Papanikolas reported that Sustainable Maryland will be launching two new certifications in the next year, one on historic preservation and the other on transportation. He attended a session on cyber awareness. Take away would be that cyber updates are ARPA eligible. Additionally, Maryland's Department of Information Technologies has put together a cyber guide for counties and municipalities that will be due out in December and should give some resources for smaller communities. He attended the "Small Town" Forum which focused heavily on parking, including issues with EV chargers. It also focused on retention and the challenges of small police forces. He also attended the roundtable on Accessible Communities and how to adapt to an aging population.

Vaccine Requirement

TM Allen reviewed that in January of 2021 Council established a vaccine incentive policy that did encourage some employees to get vaccinated. She estimates that about 85% of Town employees are now vaccinated. She's been in conversation with both the Town Attorney and other local municipalities. She has provided a sample policy and reiterated

that it is legal for the Council to require vaccination. She highlighted two notable exceptions to the policy: (1) a medical exemption which would be in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which has clear guidelines, noting that with small municipalities it can be challenging as accommodations are not as accessible. For example, accommodations such as moving someone from a front-line job to a back-office job may not be available. The other exception is (2) a religious exemption, which is a less clear set of guidelines, but that this exemption does not seem to be a high occurrence in local governments. would be working with the Town Attorney to develop procedures to follow for this exemption. She asks Council to determine if they are supportive of committing staff time to prepare a policy? What kind of timing would the Council consider for the policy? Finally, what information is needed by Council, are there specific issues Council would like addressed and would vaccination be a condition of employment in the hiring process.

Mayor Dewey asked for a temperature read on if a policy is needed, and if so, timing of the possible mandate. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what OSHA is going to be requiring. TM Allen reported that local governments aren't subject to OSHA, but rather the Maryland version, MOSHA. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested that hearing more about what MOSHA might require could be helpful. CM Papanikolas stated that we should at least look at what a mandate would contain. but not dedicate a significant amount of time to it until at least the first of the year. CM Sweep stated he'd be in support of staff pursuing a policy now, because the first of the year starts the budget season and it's a very busy season. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also expressed concern that mandate could create retention issues among Town staff. Mayor Dewey expressed that the current climate of the Police Department is vaccine positive in general, not just in regard to the Covid vaccine. CM Brittan-Powell wanted confirmation that this is not a leading-edge issue, which TM Allen confirmed stating the Town would not be leading in this issue, but rather would possibly be in the first 1/3 of Maryland municipalities to implement a policy. CM Brittan-Powell asked if a "boiler plate" policy would be available for the Town to copy. TM Allen expressed confidence that the Town Attorney would be capable of writing a sound policy. Mayor Dewey summarized there is interest in pursing this policy, now. MPT Kulpa-Eddy confirmed that, with the provision that if MOSHA were to indicate that they are developing a policy for release in the next few months, that the Town wait for their policy. Mayor Dewey opened the floor for additional concerns. MPT Kulpa-Eddy raised the question about testing, who pays and if the employee gets time off for testing. CM Brittan-Powell asked if we currently require new employees to be vaccinated and if that could impact hiring.

Response to County Council District 3 change

Mayor Dewey reviewed the plan that was provided to the County by the Redistricting Commission. The proposed map made limited changes to District 3, which Berwyn Heights is a part of. However, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th a new map was presented by the County Council that is different than the map that was developed as part of the Commission's public pro-This new map removes College cess. Park from District 3 and adds Greenbelt in. She reiterated that this new map was not subject to the public comment period and that not even all members of the County Council had seen it prior to being asked to vote on it. The Mayor of College Park has written a letter to the County and asked the Town of Berwyn Heights to sign on. CM Papanikolas expressed that he had a strong reaction to the County's "late night shenanigans" and that he would be in support of sending a letter in opposition. CM Sweep pointed out that there are several districts that are changing and that he would be in support of signing a letter or writing one of our own. CM Brittan-Powell expressed that we should be proud of the representation that Berwyn Heights has had in fighting the corruption of years past and that allowing this new map to go forward would be returning to a previous time. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed that she is upset about the process and agrees with signing on to the letter. She also expressed the need to get the attention of the two at-large members of Council. She'd support signing the letter from College Park and then following up with a Berwyn Heights specific letter. Mayor Dewey encouraged each council member and any interested residents to follow up with individual letters as well.

Department Reports

Mayor Dewey shared she had the honor of swearing in the new police officer Brandon Wright. There was also the annual Berwyn Heights Police Department meeting, where new police legislation and equipment needs were discussed. She expressed gratitude for the BHPD being leaders in implementing new legislation. She also shared that the tennis courts and the basketball courts will be repaired and gave thanks to Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Monica Goldson and District 2 board member, Joshua Thomas to ensure that this happens. The Thriving Earth Exchange invasive species and tree canopy project is seeking volunteers. Please email Mayor Dewey to get on the list. She reviewed other upcoming events including the Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting, Trunk or Treat, and the Police Department's vaccine clinic.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser in association with 2Fifty BBQ, the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee meeting and their walking tour of Berwyn Heights, the Rec Council "Trunk or Treat" and house decorating contest, and the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee meeting, which is still seeking volunteers.

CM Papanikolas reported that there are no updates from Code Compliance.

CM Brittan-Powell shared that he understands that some of the land near the tennis/basketball courts is Town Property and asked to have confirmation of that. He also encouraged residents to go to the Prince George's County Council website to get the emails of Councilmembers and contact them in regard to the redistricting map. Additionally, that regarding Administration, there are no new updates.

CM Sweep reminded people to move their car from the street if they see the street sweeper. He also highlighted the Greenbelt Electronics Recycling event.

Resident & Community Comments

Mike Attick called to express his concerns that the Community meetings could be conducted in the 90 minutes proposed. He also asked for an email list of County aid requests so that he can ask county officials about it. Mayor Dewey replied that she would send him a copy of the survey and the results. Mr. Attick asked if draft minutes could be published in the enewsletter. Mayor Dewey suggested that if minutes have been approved during a Council meeting, a link could be provided to those minutes in the following enewsletter. He also commented on the redistricting process and that people should reach out to Councilmember Hawkins who might be willing to change his position.

Adjournment

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:18PM.

CORRECTION: during the meeting the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Division of Labor and Industry was referred to MOSHA when the proper acronym is MOSH.

Respectfully Submitted: Melanie Friesen, Town Clerk

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Historical Committee

Legends & Lore Recap

On Oct 24th, the BHHC held our Legends & Lore walking tour of historic sites around Town. This was held in partnership with the Town's PRECA Councilmember Kulpa-Eddy. A great turn out and we had beautiful weather. Thanks to SECU folks for their generosity and allowing us to use their parking lot as a starting point.



We are in search of a volunteer with video editing experience to help with a project. This is a short term commitment.

If you are interested, please contact Debby Steele-Snyder at

dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Our December 15, 2021 meeting will be held virtually at 7:30 pm.

To participate, please contact Sharmila Bhatia at sharmila bhatia88@hotmail.com

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POOL—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

POTLUCK & MOVIE – Second Saturday at 5PM (December 11)

MEETINGS - Second Tuesday, December 14 at 11:00 A.M. This is the Christmas Party and Potluck. No meeting on the 28th

CRAFTS— Last Friday at 11:00

BREAKFAST at the SLIVER DINER is also on tap December 16 at 9:30AM

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL – Come watch the 1PM Sunday games and share a potluck late lunch.



Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee



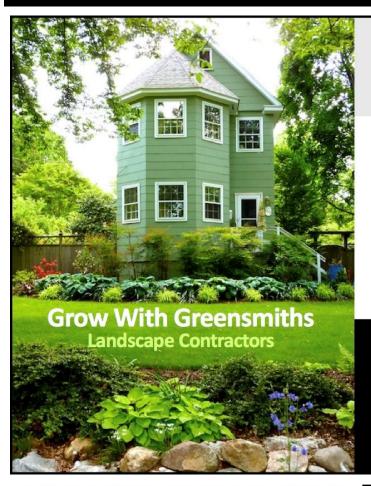
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December 2021

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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- December 2021 --

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Important Dates

Tues, Dec. 7th, 7:00pm PTA meeting on Zoom/ Reunión de la PTA en Zoom

Dec. 24th-31st
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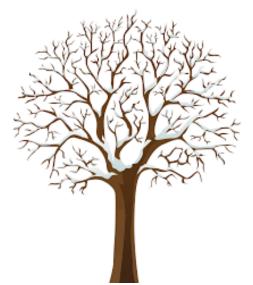
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Nov 7th- At around 2100 hours the volunteer crew staffing Truck 14 & Chief 14B were alerted to respond to the 6800 block of Distribution Drive in Beltsville for a reported building fire. While enroute communications received additional calls reporting fire through the roof. Engine 31 arrived on scene confirming fire through the roof and requested the working fire dispatch and fire task force. Truck 14's crew worked to gain entry through roll up doors. Once inside they preformed searches, checked for extension and assisted with extinguishment. Truck 14s driver and tillerman went to the roof to preform vertical ventilation and extinguish the fire on the roof.

Nov 11th— Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was dispatched as the 2nd due truck to the 7100 Blk of Greenvale Pky in Landover Hills. First arriving units had fire showing from the second floor of a house. The crew of Truck 14 operated on division one searching and checking for extension while the outside crew laddered the home.

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Christmas Tree Sale 2021

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9pm. We try our best to ensure Santa visits all streets in Berwyn Heights, College Park Estates, and Westchester Park. We will still be responding to any emergency calls during this time which may affect our rounds. Just listen for our sirens on Christmas Eve!



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December has many observances and awareness events for the month. The first of these observances we are going to share is **National Eggnog Day** which is December 24th every year. Eggnog is only available during the Holiday season beginning in November around Thanksgiving and ending around December 31, New Year's Eve. Eggnog is made using milk, sugar, spices, cream, eggs, and sometimes mixed with alcohol, and has been shared at family gettogethers for many years during the Holiday season. There are many theories of how and when Eggnog was created but one thing is for sure – many people will enjoy it!! SO, join thousands of people who will enjoy National Eggnog Day this year!!!! SEE NATIONAL EGGNOG DAY - December 24, 2021 - National Today for more information...

The second observance topic for December is **National Drunk and Drugged Driving Month**. During the Holiday season there are many drunk and impaired driving accidents. Drug and alcohol use impair judgment, delay reaction times, and can result in deadly consequences when driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drugs (i.e., marijuana & cocaine) are involved in about 18 percent of motor vehicle driver deaths while drunk driving accidents account for 31 percent of all motor vehicle accidents. Additionally, thousands of drivers and passengers lose their lives each year because of drunk and drugged driving. December is a time to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Many people can't imagine that celebrating with alcohol or drugs may result in accidents or injuries that could end with fatalities or imprisonment; driving while impaired comes with risks that are real and dangerous and often end in tragedy. Here are some tips for driving safely during the Holiday season:

- *Designate a non-drinking driver ahead of time.
- *If drinking alcohol at a party or other celebration, allow at least one hour between drinks. It takes one hour to get rid of one drink from your body (one drink is equal to a 12-ounce beer, 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1 ounce shot of liquor).
- *Set limits beforehand of the number of drinks to have and stick with it.
- *Alternate drinking alcoholic beverages with soda, juice or water and eat food.
- *Don't mix alcohol with other drugs, including over the counter and prescription medications.
- *Don't ride with someone who is impaired; Use other transportation (i.e. taxi, public transportation or driver that is sober).

If you are hosting a party, here are some steps to take to help your guests drive safely:

- *Plan and designate a sober driver.
- *Collect each guest's keys upon arrival and store in a designated basket.
- *Serve foods along with alcohol-free beverages such as soda, juice, or water.
- *If making an alcoholic punch, use fruit juice instead of a carbonated drink. Alcohol absorbs faster into the blood stream when mixed with carbonated drinks.
- *Stop serving alcohol 1 to 2 hours before the party actually ends.

If you take a medication that makes you drowsy, do not drive; ask someone to drive you home. During Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, recommit yourself to preventing the loss of life by reminding others to remain sober and drug free, and use safe driving practices on the road. Drink responsibly, drive responsibly and encourage family, friends, and co-workers to be safe and responsible drivers during the holidays and beyond. For more information or to seek help, See December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

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New Listing-6307 Tecumseh PI 3 BR 2 BA Bungalow w/FP, Ig
kit, sep DR, screened porch...\$379,900
New Listing-7504 Wellesley Dr 4 BR 2.4 BA split LvI
\$399.900.

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

BULLETIN BOARD

Help Wanted: Spanish Translator \$12/hr (Part-time) Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs 3pm-8pm & Sat 7am-12pm. Open Interviews Monday- Thursday at 11:30am, 6103 Greenbelt Rd.

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

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

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

Lawn Mowing and Trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

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

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy

have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-310-3807.

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

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

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

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

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

New Home Brewing Club - Calling

all homebrewers and mead makers in Berwyn Heights to help inaugurate a home brewing club. Let's get together to brew, taste, and exchange ideas. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert. Just send me an email and let's get brewing. Contact: jason.michel@comcast.net

Yard work: My name is Gannon Forbes, a teenager in Berwyn Heights, who would like to help you with your yard work. CALL Gannon @ 301-982-7115 for a one time or weekly job.

Vacation Pet Sitting and Doggie Day Care

Scott Magnus (Owner) 301-980-8567



Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials at reasonable price.

Call (240) 645-5140 or email angelalazo1@hotmail.com

Also ask about handyman services Angela's

Cleaning & Handyman

Services



HOLY REDEEMER

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n. Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

4902 Berwyn Road • College Park MD 20740 Tel: 301 474-3920 • Web Site: holy-redeemer.org Email: parish@holy-redeemer.org

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Berwyn Heights Resident Admitted to Practice, MD, DC, VA Over <u>45</u> years experience Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Trusts, Home Visits to Berwyn Heights Residents.

Don Bunuan | Realtor

Hi, I'm Don Bunuan. As your Berwyn Heights neighbor and longtime area resident, I'm a big fan of the Route 1 Corridor and everything it has to offer.

As a Realtor®, I provide unparalleled service to my clients and am proud to have been named a "Top Agent" in 2020 by Washingtonian Magazine.

If you're thinking about making a move, now is actually a great time to consider your options. I offer:

- Complimentary Staging
- 3D Matterport Home Tours
- Virtual Open Houses
- Free, no-obligation consultations

Call, email or text me today!





Hola, soy Don Bunuan. Siendo vecino de BERWYN HEIGHTS y residente del area hace mucho tiempo, soy un gran admirador del ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR y todo lo que tiene para ofrecer.

Como Realtor®, proporciono un servicio incomparable a mis clientes y estoy orgulloso de haber sido nombrado "Top Realtor" en 2020 por la revista Washingtonian.

Si usted está pensando en tomar acción para buscar o vender su hogar, ahora es un buen momento para considerar sus opciones. Lo que ofrezco es:

- Muebles para decorar la escena de la casa (staging)
- Tours de la casa en 3D
- Open houses virtuales
- Consultas gratuitas y sin compromiso;

Llama, envía un correo electrónico o envíame un mensaje de texto hoy!

Don is awesome! He assured us a stress-free selling process and he delivered. He listened closely to our needs and put us at ease all the way through settlement, despite a pandemic! Our house was sold faster than he could put a "For Sale" sign on it! We highly recommend Don and his team and would give him a 10 star review if we could.

- Patty Galati and Karen Jung





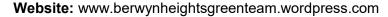


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Berwyn Heights GreenBee

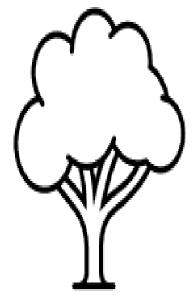
Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com



Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 pm

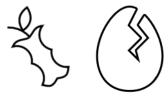
All residents are welcome to attend. Please email us for the virtual invitation.



As the next step in the Town's partnership with Thriving Earth Exchange, we are taking a preliminary survey of invasive vines that are harming trees in town. The ultimate goal is to provide advice for how homeowners can protect their shade trees and improve the Town's environmental health.

We need volunteers! Want to spend a few hours walking around town to identify priority areas where these vines are threatening our tree canopy? Send an email to bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com to get more details.

Residents: Over the next month, you may see our volunteers in orange vests surveying trees and vines from the street. If you want to help or have concerns, please send an email to the address above.





Got food scraps from your holiday gatherings? Turn them into dirt! Drop off your scraps in the compost bin at the Town Hall. Most food is acceptable, just not grease or fat.







You're setting up your holiday lights display and - oh no! - a string isn't working. Recycle it! Use the bin in front of the Town Center. String lights will be recycled via MOM's Organic Market.



Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Officer Herriott responded to The Presbyterian Church located at 6301 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740 for theft from auto. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with Victim who advised that an unknown person broke her right front passenger window of her 2020 Lexus bearing temporary Tag #M100664625047 and removed her black Donna Karin purse valued at \$4500. The victim also advised her purse contained a driver's license and multiple debit cards which she canceled. Upon canceling the cards, the unknown suspect attempted to use her Bank of America card at the Shell gas station located at 5505 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights Maryland. 20740 but was the card was unsuccessful. Officer did attempt to get video footage but was unsuccessful due to manager's availability. All information will be forwarded to CID Sergeant Krouse.

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm, 'VANDALISM'

Cpl. T. Hollowell, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 8914 56th Ave, Berwyn Heights, Prince Georges County, for reported vandalism to auto. The victim was met and described overnight an unknown male threw a brick into the windshield of the listed vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the driveway and observed around 7:30 10/4/2021. This morning they found a brick from their yard into the driver's side of the windshield. A review of the home security camera depicted what appeared to be a white male coming in the yard and picking up the garden brick. The video then stops and there is no time stamp present on the video. The victim indicates there are no current issues or disputes with anyone in the area. The residence sits next to a walking path of Indian Creek Park. There is no identification of the possible suspect involved.

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 1:10 pm, 'THEFT FROM AU-

TO'

At approximately 1310 hours Pvt. Herriott responded to Salvation Ministries Church located at 6321 Greenbelt Road for theft from auto. Upon arrival, officer spoke with the reporting person who advised that he parked his vehicle a 2015 Honda Pilot bearing TAG # 6EN2220 on the church parking lot on today's date 10/10/21 at approximately 1210 hours. Reporting person advised when he returned at 1310 hours he discovered his left rear passenger window broken and his green book bag missing which contained a black Sony play station, a gray HP laptop. Mr. Fields also advised that both his cell phones, Samsung 812's were stolen from the center console along with his Maryland driver's license. Reporting person had both phones turned off but could not remember serial numbers to any of his electronic items.

Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:20 pm, 'EPS EVALUA-TION'

On 10/11/2021 at approximately 1925 hours Sgt Roberson responded to 6201 Greenbelt RD Berwyn Heights MD a medical office complex, for a report of an unknown trouble type call. Upon arrival Officer immediately heard a subject screaming and yelling incoherently and pounding on doors of medical offices. Further, an employee reported that lab specimen containers that are routinely left out in front of medical offices were overturned. Sgt. Roberson observed several thrown about the medical atrium. The subject that was yelling and screaming and pounding on medical office doors was located on the second floor. Upon seeing the subject, it appeared that she was in some type of distress, yelling and screaming incoherently and very agitated. Sgt. Roberson is familiar with the subject. She was arrested after she assaulted store employees and damaged store computers on 9/18/21 at a location adjacent to the medical building. As the subject appeared to be a danger to others in a medical treatment setting and appeared to be having a mental health episode yelling (screaming, incoherently, pounding on doctor's office doors), coupled with the sergeant's knowledge of her previous violent episodes, she was taken into custody for a mental health evaluation. Sgt. Roberson was assisted by two PG Officers. The subject was transported to PG Community Health center via College Park 812 Bravo. This Officer rode in the rear of the ambulance. The EPS paper was completed and submitted after speaking with the E.R Physician.

Friday, October 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm, 'SWEARING-IN CEREMONY'

Officer Brandon Wright will be swearin by Mayor A. Dewey today. Officer Wright will be the youngest police officer that the agency ever had.

Friday, October 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm, 'BHPD DEPART-MENTAL MEETING'

BHPD will be conducting their end-ofthe-year annual departmental and training today. See attached agenda.

Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 2:00 pm, TRUNK-OR-TREAT'

The BHPD partnered up with the Maryland Department of Health and held their very first Covid-19 vaccination at the BHPD in addition to Town-wide Trunk-or-Treat.

CALL 911For Emergencies

CALL **301-352-1200** For Non-Emergency Police Assistance

Tell the PGC Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and ask that the on-duty BH Police Officer respond to your call.

Visit us online at:

http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/police-department





CODE COMPLIANCE

Ordinance 107 Clean Lot- Exterior Property Maintenance and Open Storage

Exterior property maintenance violations are amongst the most common Town Code Compliance cases.

Properties are cited for the open storage of construction materials for unpermitted uses or other miscellaneous items improperly stored on the property such as boxes, crates, interior furniture, car parts, appliances, etc. These items are prohibited from being stored on the exterior property. No storage is allowed in the yard, on the front porch, or within carports.

Property grounds not kept orderly, sanitary, or in good repair may also be cited. Generally, property owners are given an initial Courtesy Notice of the violation for first time occurrences. The Notice may be in the form of a Door Hanger, Letter, or discussion with Code Compliance.

Exterior property areas should not be utilized for the open storage of building materials, bathroom or kitchen fixtures, furniture, or lawn and garden equipment, irrespective of age or condition, except for routine garden maintenance equipment, outdoor lawn furniture, or materials used in construction or renovation projects with the appropriate Prince George's County and Town permits. per Ordinance 107.4G

All exterior property areas should be maintained in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of Debris—which include litter, rubbish, garbage, tree limbs or branches, or motor vehicle parts Per Ordinance 107.4A3

It is the goal of our office to communicate and work with residents to correct violations. If there are questions about exterior property maintenance and storage, or about Notices from Code Compliance, we welcome residents to contact us to discuss.

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
Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
tif.papanikolas@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary:

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

Fundraising Chair:

Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Allison Holmes thebheac@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitaor: Jeffrey Knutson jbknutson@verizon.net

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden <u>jjmosley45@gmail.com</u> 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

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NW/EP Virtual 7PM	2 Boys and Girls Club, Virtual 7PM	3	4
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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.

The Street Sweeper will be in Town Nov. 29-Dec 3. Please park off the street whenever possible while the Sweeper is in Town.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection

Recycling Collection







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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire & Rescue	9-1-1				
Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200				
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554				
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331				
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov					
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897				
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov					
Fire Department	(301) 474-7886				
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018				
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808				
Town Office	(301) 474-5000				

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town

Mayor and Council

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

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

Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov Councilmember — Administration

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

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

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

Town Helpline

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

Email Town at

contact@berwynheightsmd.gov

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

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71 FIOS channel 12

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

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

Questions — call Melanie Friesen, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month