



# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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## December 3rd: 11-4 Craft Sale & 6PM Tree Lighting

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The Berwyn Heights Town Council decided not to extend the contract for Town Manager Laura Allen, and her last day was November 10, 2022. The Town is conducting a search for an Interim Town Manager, and you can view that announcement here:

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/news/interim-town-manager>.

The deadline for applying was November 30, and the Council will be holding an Executive Session on December 5, 2022, to review applications. In the meantime, Department Directors will cover this position on a rotating basis. If you have any questions or concerns and need to contact the Town Office, please call (301) 474-5000 or email [contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov).

MERRY  
**CHRISTMAS**  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

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

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

**BINGO** - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM

**WII BOWLING**— Every Wednesday 10:30AM

**POOL**—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM  
(December 10)

**MEETINGS**—Second Tuesday, December 13 at 11:00A.M. This is the Christmas Party and Potluck. No meeting on the 27th.

**CRAFTS** - Last Friday 11AM

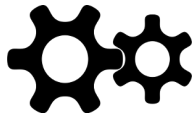
**BREAKFAST** at the SILVER DINER is also on tap  
December 15th at 9:30

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

**HAVE A NICE HOLIDAY!**

**See you December  
3rd at the Town Tree  
lighting 6PM.**





# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Streetsweeper:** The Four Cities Streetsweeper will be in town the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. If you have debris along your curb, please do not park cars over it to assist in getting the streets cleaned up.

**Leaf Collection:** Public Works began leaf collection on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be continuing through January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are alternating weeks between North of Pontiac Street and South of Pontiac Street. Please keep leaf piles on top of the curb to avoid interfering with storm water drainage, and do not park cars next to leaf piles.

Here is the December schedule, weather permitting:

Week of November 28-December 2: South of Pontiac

Week of December 5-9: North of Pontiac

Week of December 12-16: South of Pontiac

Week of December 19-22: North of Pontiac

Week of December 27-29: No leaf collection (Christmas holiday and New Year's Eve holiday)

Week of January 3-7: South of Pontiac

*Any leaf piles left out by January 7<sup>th</sup> will be picked up the following week regardless which side of town.*

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Public Works will again be putting up the Christmas tree at Town Hall in time for the lighting ceremony on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Snow Removal:** Public Works will be watching the weather and activating staff for winter weather to keep Town facilities, roads and public sidewalks/bridges cleared. Residents are responsible for shoveling the walkways in front of their house.

**Barrendero:** El barrendero de las cuatro ciudades estará en la ciudad la semana del 12 al 16 de diciembre. Si tiene escombros a lo largo de la acera, no estacione automóviles sobre ellos para ayudar a limpiar las calles.

**Recolección de hojas:** Obras Públicas comenzó la recolección de hojas el 7 de noviembre y continuará hasta el 7 de enero. Estamos alternando semanas entre el norte de Pontiac Street y el sur de Pontiac Street. Mantenga montones de hojas en la parte superior de la acera para evitar interferir con el drenaje de aguas pluviales y no estacione automóviles al lado de montones de hojas.

Aquí está el calendario de diciembre, si el clima lo permite:

Semana del 28 de noviembre al 2 de diciembre: Sur de Pontiac

Semana del 5 al 9 de diciembre: Norte de Pontiac

Semana del 12 al 16 de diciembre: Sur de Pontiac

Semana del 19 al 22 de diciembre: Norte de Pontiac

Semana del 27 al 29 de diciembre: Sin recolección de hojas (vacaciones de Navidad y vacaciones de Nochevieja)

Semana del 3 al 7 de enero: Sur de Pontiac

*Cualquier pila de hojas que quede fuera el 7 de enero se recogerá la semana siguiente, independientemente del lado de la ciudad.*

**Ceremonia de encendido del árbol de Navidad:** Obras Públicas volverá a colocar el árbol de Navidad en el Ayuntamiento a tiempo para la ceremonia de encendido del 3 de diciembre.

**Remoción de nieve:** Obras Públicas observará el clima y activará al personal para el clima invernal para mantener despejadas las instalaciones del pueblo, las carreteras y las aceras/puentes públicos. Los residentes son responsables de palear los pasillos frente a su casa.

## Worksession Minutes October 3, 2022 | 7:00 pm

### Call to Order:

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Staff present were Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Councilmember Jason Papanikolas was out with an excused absence.

### Approval of the Agenda

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to amend the agenda to include Natural Disaster Relief Application and a workgroup for Community Engagement. There was discussion about holding a closed session and if a vote was required in open session to hold a closed session. CM Hemby seconded the motion to amend the agenda. The motion passed 3-1 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opposed, stating that the community should have adequate notice on the discussion items.

### Mayor

#### Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the Maryland Municipal League Fall conference schedule and shared that she and CM Papanikolas are registered. MPT Brittan-Powell, CM Hemby and CM Menjivar expressed interest in possibly attending. MPT Brittan-Powell encouraged all residents to get the updated Covid vaccine.

#### Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the calendar, adding a fire safety workshop on October 8<sup>th</sup> with the Volunteer Fire Department and MML Fall Conference dates. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if this would be a good time to review when to schedule someone to fit the houses for flood doors. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that it be discussed later in the meeting.

### News from the Town Manager

#### Report on Streets List

TM Allen reviewed that the Town will be using one of the County-approved paving vendors to begin work on the identified streets, beginning with 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the first week of October, addressing curb and gutter repairs before road re-pavement. "No Parking" signs will be placed along the work area. TM Allen also updated that the other identified roads in poor condition will be repaved by WSSC during the summer of 2023. There was discussion regarding the delay on the WSSC repair of Edmonston Road and the need to at least fix the potholes.

#### Update on the Grant Manager RFP

TM Allen gave a verbal report on the RFQ for an ARPA Grant Administrator. She stated that she had clarified with the Mayor that the Business Grant was also going to be included in this person's responsibilities. She shared that the Business Grant application had been reviewed and comments made by several local businesses. There was discussion about setting up a review committee among Council so that the Business Grant program can go forward quickly. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if the Grant Administrator

would also connect residents to other resources. CM Hemby agreed to help set up the Business Grant review committee.

### Resident Comments

CM Hemby reported a comment from David Wolfinger that a tutorial should be given on how to use items to prevent flooding at home and perhaps to have a session on how to fit a flood door. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested that perhaps this could be an item for Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) to take on. MPT Brittan-Powell shared that he had received comments from residents wondering why the ARPA relief payments haven't been sent and concerns about using ARPA funds to build a police department. He also shared thanks for CM Hemby and David Wolfinger helping residents with sandbags.

### Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that Trunk or Treat will be on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8, but that the Police Department will not be able to participate this year. She added that the last Lake Artemesia Concert of the year will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and that Team Trivia event will be back in November.

### Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also gave thanks to CM Hemby and Dave Wolfinger for helping with filling sandbags and reaching out about activating NW/EP. She also reviewed in greater detail about the fire safety event with the VFD. She shared about the "Prince George's County Goes Pink" breast cancer awareness initiative. The closest event to the Town will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October at 8955 Edmonston Rd, in Greenbelt. The "Mammovan" will be on-site for free screenings. On October 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a webinar called More Healthy Days, highlighting wrap-around services for residents in need. Finally she shared that she attended the steering committee meeting for BHES and the Multicultural event held by the Police Department highlighted by several good dance troupes.

### Public Works

CM Menjivar asked about access during road repaving. TM Allen confirmed that the vendor is good about making sure that residents will have full access to their residences during the project. CM Menjivar then shared about the new curbside option for composting that will begin on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about food items that will and won't be accepted. TM Allen also explained that there have been consistent issues with the current compost vendor which prompted the change, as well as the County now accepting compost mixed in with yard waste.

### Administration

#### Community Bulletin Board

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that there used to be a community bulletin board at Pops Park and discussed the possibility of adding one at Town Hall as well. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested that a bulletin board at Town Hall could replace the parking lot signage. TM Allen shared that Chief Antolik and Director Pudner reviewed a number of options for bulletin boards and shared their recommen-

dations. She further stated that it was possible to purchase one or two bulletin boards within the current budget but that if the Council wanted more, those would have to be worked into the FY24 budget. There was discussion about where to place the bulletin boards and who would maintain them. There was also a brief discussion of replacing the meeting notice board on the front of Town Hall.

### Berwyn Heights Natural Disaster Mitigation Workgroup

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that CM Papanikolas had suggested the Disaster Mitigation committee might work better as a workgroup. He also shared that CM Menjivar has been working in Town with residents who have experienced flooding. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and MPT Brittan-Powell discussed the organizational differences between a workgroup and a committee. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also asked for more information on the Prince George's County Mitigation Advisory Committee which MPT Brittan-Powell referred to in the memo to Council. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked why this work would not be a part of NW/EP. MPT Brittan-Powell said that CM Menjivar would be working with outside agencies to help with known factors for flooding. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that this seems focused on the flooding issues. There was discussion about the approval process for a workgroup, with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy advocating for the involvement of NW/EP. MPT Brittan-Powell agreed to meet with NW/EP and make some changes to the workgroup document, such as stating that the workgroup is temporary.

### Enhancement of Community Life Workgroup (amended agenda item)

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that this would be similar to efforts previously initiated in Town. This workgroup would include CM Hemby and MPT Brittan-Powell and appointed residents working on ways to enhance community life in Town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification on how this is different than the Quality-of-Life Commission, which had open applications for participation. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern that without an open application process, there is the appearance that Council is handpicking the decision makers for the Town. CM Hemby offered to help facilitate an application. There was discussion on how to disseminate the application so that there could be broad access while getting the workgroup started in a timely manner. A resident submitted comment anonymously stating, "If a workgroup is being 'appointed' by council, it should be more than one council member determining who would be part of said group."

### Ordinance 183B-ARPA/UMD School of Public Health Collaboration amendment

MPT Brittan-Powell reviewed that the purpose of this budget amendment is to ensure that money is available to use for costs associated with the collaboration



with the UMD School of Public Health. TM Allen sought clarification on the funding source, which is the unallocated ARPA funds. TM Allen reviewed the ordinance number presented is incorrect as the Budget Ordinance for FY23 is Ord. 185 and this amendment should actually be Ordinance 185A. TM Allen also requested that the amendment address the fact that Council is increasing its budget for FY23 rather than reallocating funds within the set budget. TM Allen asked for clarification on if the expense will be contractual so it can be reflected in the Ordinance. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed a desire to make sure there is resident input on allocations.

#### **Ordinance 183C- Stormwater**

This Ordinance was introduced at the last Town Meeting. The Ordinance also will be renumbered to reflect the appropriate designation. This program will allocate \$80,000 to a stormwater study. After discussion, the program will be named The Berwyn Heights Watershed Model. The public hearing for this budget amendment will be held during the October Town Meeting. There was discussion on which meeting this would be voted on and it was concluded that it will also be voted on during the October Town Meeting.

#### **Residential Retrofit Program-Update**

MPT Brittan-Powell opened the conversation by inquiring about the need to have an application for the program as the science will determine what addresses are eligible to receive the funds. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy detailed the legal benefits to having an application. CM Hemby sought clarification about flood doors versus the portable flood gates to be used in the program. There was considerable discussion about whether the program should be a voucher program or if the Town would be involved in the installation and inspection afterwards. CM Hemby said we'd need to include a "hold harmless agreement". Discussion concluded that the Town Attorney would need to review the program. MPT Brittan-Powell advocated for using vendors vetted by College Park. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about the differences in reporting requirements for ARPA funds between disbursements to individual residents and payments to contractors. TM Allen agreed to reach out to the City Manager of College Park. CM Hemby expressed concerns about the program being a refund, as for some families affected, it may be difficult for them to pay for items upfront. CM Menjivar expressed a desire to make the program effective quickly.

#### **Natural Disaster Relief Fund (amended agenda item)**

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that at the last worksession he was asked to incorporate feedback from Council on the Application for the Natural Disaster Relief Fund. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there was also to be feedback from Council on the program itself. MPT Brittan-Powell focused on the application. There was discussion regarding a definition of "Natural Disaster" as well as whether all types of disasters should be considered eligible. There was discussion about

what type of expenses would be eligible for payment. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed a desire that this should be direct financial compensation. TM Allen inquired about where the funding for the program would come from, if it would be from Town reserves or ARPA funding? She also explained the differences between setting up a separate accounting fund or a line item in the budget, explaining that the latter would require a budget amendment. There was discussion on if the relief would be per person or per household and how to address multiple households at one address. There was discussion on the frequency of eligibility, as well as eligibility requirements and if this relief would be for recent past incidents or for only future incidents. The consensus was that this program would be for future incidents. There was discussion about how the source of funding will affect the eligibility requirements. The discussion also included how applications might be prioritized. There was continued discussion regarding how to best reach out to those who would need applications after a disaster, about the signatures required, and the necessity of a release and "hold harmless" agreement. Council questioned if relief funds would be given only to residents or if landlords who reside outside the Town would be eligible along with their tenants. There was considerable discussion over what expenses would be eligible for relief and Council encouraged residents to prepare documents required to complete an application ahead of time and keep them in a "go kit". Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and MPT Brittan-Powell discussed if changes were required on the application to address the issues discussed.

#### **Town of BH Community Viewing of World Cup-Edgar Moctezuma**

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that resident Edgar Moctezuma is passionate about the Town sponsoring a viewing of the World Cup. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested that this may fall under the PRECA purview, while MPT Brittan-Powell suggested it may fall under the proposed Community Life Workgroup and offered to work directly with Mr. Moctezuma to advance the showing. Logistics of the viewing were discussed.

#### **Code Compliance**

CM Hemby shared that there were reports of children playing in the yard of a home that is still uninhabitable after the windstorm. Code Compliance responded to the concerns quickly. CM Hemby also will be looking at concerns about the rental license process to make sure that landlords are providing safe spaces for their tenants. She encouraged tenants to speak to Councilmembers if they have concerns.

#### **Adjournment**

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

#### **Town Meeting Minutes : October 12, 2022 | 7:00 pm**

[Call to order](#)

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to

order at 7:01 pm. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Town Clerk Melanie Friesen as well as several residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights were also present. Town Manager Laura Allen had an excused absence.

Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Announcements**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported out on the Executive Session that was held on October 6, 2022, from 6:00-7:17 pm. The Session was held pursuant to General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Present were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell, CM Hemby, CM Menjivar and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson. CM Papanikolas was absent. The Council discussed legal advice regarding the continued employment of a Town employee, hiring practices, and a potential litigation matter. Council took action during the meeting and has decided to not renew the contract of TM Allen when it expires next month.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also shared about the passing of Resident John Scanlon and the visitation details.

MPT Brittan-Powell wished TM Allen well and thanked her for her service.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to amend the agenda to include several items 1) identifying appropriate funding sources for the Police Department, 2) Establishment of a Natural Disaster Mitigation workgroup, 3) Establishment of the Berwyn Heights Community Engagement workgroup, 4) the Disaster Relief Fund. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she was concerned about the repeated amending of the agenda as well as the fact that the Town Meeting is for formal action after the work has been done in a worksession. She shared her thoughts publicly on the separate items and stated why she thought it was inappropriate to amend the agenda. With further discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he did not share the Mayor's thoughts on the previous proceedings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called the motion to a vote. The Council voted 2-2-1, with MPT Brittan-Powell and CM Menjivar in favor of amending the agenda, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and CM Hemby opposed and CM Papanikolas abstaining. Without a majority, the motion failed and the agenda proceeded as published.

#### **Public Hearing Ordinance 185A- Budget Amendment for a Holistic Watershed Model**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy gave background on the purpose of the budget amendment and shared that the program has been officially named the Berwyn Heights Watershed Model. MPT Brittan-Powell provided the background for the need of a watershed model and the plans to work with the County and WSSC where appropriate to address flooding issues in Town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the previous Council had approved a watershed study, but that this Council had reallocated those funds.

*Resident Debby Steele-Snyder* asked if anyone has looked at old maps of the Berwyn Heights area to see where the streams once ran and wondered if those have been erroneously diverted overtime. She lives on Pontiac Street and feels that there may have been a stream behind her yard. She also shared that she has been told that there is marine clay throughout the area, and this does not absorb water very well.

*Resident Claudia Barragan* stated that she was present as a representative of INCbh and stated that she was not going to adhere to the 3 minutes as she does not agree that any ordinance gives the Council the ability to limit time for resident comment. She shared that INCbh is in complete disagreement with the ordinance. She stated that the County did a drainage study in 2021 and that the Town has been thoroughly studied on this issue and that on Page 4 of that study are the County's findings and recommendations. She continued that the money should be spent on repairing and retrofitting homes that have been damaged and that passing the ordinance would create a slush fund that the Council could spend on College Park vetted contractors that would need to be scrutinized for conflicts of interest. Ms. Barragan stated that the Town should spend the \$175,000 already allocated for home retrofitting before allocating any more funding. She also asked Council to discuss the 2021 report with the County during the next worksession. She asked why the \$35,000 in the approved budget for architecture and engineering studies isn't being utilized for this. She continued that ARPA funds shouldn't be used for this and that the Councilperson who proposed this and anyone who supports it is negligent. She also asked why the \$10,000 that was allocated for flood gates hasn't been spent.

*Resident Joan Hayden* on Seminole St shared that there is an issue with the sound volume for those watching on cable. She stated that she also doesn't think a study for the Town is necessary as there have been multiple studies done over the last 15-20 years. She suggested that the Town needs to hire someone who knows how to handle water and that the Town isn't doing the job that they are paid to do. She also stated that there are trees down in Indian Creek from the July 12 windstorm and would like to see those addressed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded regarding the trees on Indian Creek, stating that those trees are on Park and Planning property and they have to wait for the Army Corps of Engineers to approve any work that is done on waterways. They have, however, cleared out the trees that fell in Indian Creek south of Berwyn Road.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that regarding citizen concerns about funding that hasn't been spent yet, that those were a part of the agenda amendments that did not pass.

*Resident Helen Weinrich* urged the Council to do something about the flooding, rather than conducting study after study. It makes a big difference to the residents who have been directly affected by the flooding.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there were any further comments. Seeing none, she closed the public hearing on Ordinance 185A.

### Consent

CM Hemby moved to approve the consent agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that on October 5<sup>th</sup> she attended the municipal tax differential kick-off meeting and explained how the tax differential program ensures that residents of the Town do not pay the County for services that are already provided by the Town. She also attended a Pepco municipality streetlight ownership process meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> and will be forwarding that information to the Green Team to explore the possibility of purchasing the streetlights in Town. This may be a way forward in changing the lights away from the sodium halogen lights and toward LEDs. She attended the Maryland Municipal League Fall conference and attended sessions on stormwater management, employment issues and conducting community engagement with an equity focus. She added that the County's Juvenile Curfew has been extended through the end of the calendar year.

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that the most important issue has been addressed, which is that the Town will be ending the relationship with our current Town Manager. He reiterated best wishes to TM Allen and asked Mayor Kulpa-Eddy to explain the process for the search for a Town Manager as well as an interim Town Manager. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that Council will interview applicants that best meet the requirements of the position, and that resident and employee panels will be included in the decision making process. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he met with Town Treasurer Lightfield, reviewing the current budget and reserves available to help during difficult times. He added thanks to TC Friesen for handling an additional workload while TM Allen is out of town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that she forgot to mention that TM Allen is attending a conference and is unavailable for this meeting.

CM Hemby thanked residents for all they have done to help keep the Town clean during the recent disasters. She extended special thanks to David Wolfinger for all his help filling sandbags prior to a predicted storm. She added that she had received two calls from residents who had Code Compliance issues. She added that those were addressed quickly. She encouraged residents to check if a permit is required for construction projects. She highlighted that Code has

assessed no fines or fees for property violations, as these were suspended in September for storm repairs and clean-up. She added that Code Compliance will be putting a snapshot of what projects require permits. She also added if residents have issues with landlords not being fair, to please contact Code Compliance.

CM Menjivar shared that road construction has begun on 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The planned projects will take 4-6 weeks depending on weather. Leaf curbside pickup will begin next month.

CM Papanikolas stated that \$175,000 has been allocated for the retrofit program but that the application is being held up by the Town Attorney. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that actually the issue is how the program will be managed, if it will be a grant or a new Town service. CM Papanikolas expressed his frustration with the delay. Resident Claudia Barragan offered to translate for the Spanish speaking residents in the room. MPT Brittan-Powell interjected that if his amended agenda items had been approved, these issues would have been addressed. CM Papanikolas stated that one of his responsibilities as the Civic Affairs liaison is to help residents communicate with their government. Council discussed if the program has been affirmed as a Town contractor program or a grant to residents. CM Papanikolas continued his report stating that the 10-year review of school boundaries has concluded and that PGCPs appears to be going with Proposal 2, which will extend the boundaries for BHES a little further into Riverdale, increasing the ESOL population of Berwyn Heights. He shared the proposed phased changes for middle and elementary schools; boundary changes for high schools will be done at a later date. He shared about upcoming public hearings on the Proposal, and that the links will be provided on the Town website.

### Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: was covered by CM Papanikolas' Council Report.

Green Team: No one was present from the Green Team to give the report. CM Papanikolas shared that he knew that they were discussing some grant applications as well as working with INCbh regarding a tree grant.

Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder reported that the Historical Committee met in September but did not have a quorum and so were unable to vote on the officers for the upcoming year and postponed them until the October meeting. She shared that on November 6<sup>th</sup> an afternoon of history will be held with Maya Davis of the Riverdale Museum. She mentioned the Oct 24<sup>th</sup> PG Historical Society History Chat, which is held free over Zoom. She reviewed the last PG History Chat which addressed historic homes and tax breaks available for them. The Historical Committee has information for residents wishing to pursue Historic Home designation. The November meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the December meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> to address the holiday season.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that they had a collaborative event with the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department on October 8<sup>th</sup>, giving away smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. She added that trick or treating will be held on Halloween night from 6-9PM and asked for those not participating to turn off their porch lights. The NW/EP and Police Department will be patrolling on Halloween as well. The NW/EP Committee is interested in learning more about the proposed Hazard Mitigation Workgroup.

Recreation Council: Angie Wolfinger reported for the Rec Council. She reviewed the last concert event of the season and upcoming events, such as Craft Day, Trunk or Treat, a Sensory Friendly Halloween Event with glowsticks but no loud noise, and the monthly book club discussion. She added that Game Night continues every Friday at 7:30 pm and the Walking Club is continuing.

### Old Business

Adoption of Ordinance 185A- Budget Amendment for a Holistic Watershed Model

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adopt 185A: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET TO ADD \$80,000 OF ARPA FUNDING FOR A WATERSHED MODEL. CM Menjivar seconded. In discussion, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed hearing resident concerns about the amendment. She stated that this will make money available if the opportunity arises to make progress on this, but it does not require the money to be spent. With no further discussion, she called for a vote. The motion passed 3-2 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell and CM Menjivar in favor and CM Hemby and CM Papanikolas opposed.

### New Business

Ordinance 185B Budget Amendment/UMD Agreement

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the purpose of this amendment is to set aside funding to cover the Town's share of expenses that may arise as part of the agreement reached with the University of Maryland's School of Public Health. She invited MPT Brittan-Powell to add more information. CM Papanikolas added a point of order indicating that the Amendment needed to be introduced. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 185B: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET TO ADD \$100,000 IN ARPA FUNDING FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. CM Papanikolas seconded. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that the Town does not have our own Public Health Department and that we are looking to develop a community health model, not only to address medical health, but also community relationships. He added that there will be expenses associated with the working

relationship and this will provide the funding as it is needed, that this amendment will make the funding available in a timely manner. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that the Ordinance be reformatted to the standard format for Town Ordinances. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The public hearing for this Ordinance will be held during the November Town Meeting.

### Council Meeting Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that every year the Council considers the upcoming proposed meeting dates for the calendar year to address known conflicts. CM Papanikolas stated that while the first worksession of September was skipped in the 2022 calendar, he would like to have that worksession added back in for 2023. TC Friesen shared that she has a known conflict for June 5<sup>th</sup>. CM Hemby moved to approve the Town Council Calendar as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### 9. Resident & Community Comments

Resident Helen Weinrich on Cunningham Drive stated that she was reviewing materials from a past meeting and asked about the proposal to use some of the ARPA funds for a police station, stating that her understanding of the purpose of ARPA funds is to provide relief to residents. She asked why the Council would take the funds out of the hands of residents to build a police station. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that it would be inappropriate to have a discussion during this resident comments section, but that the purpose of the line item is to consider further study of the project, not to allocate any funding to the building of a police station at this time. Ms. Weinrich stated that she would like to propose that this item be taken to the residents to vote on it.

Resident Claudia Barragan expressed her dismay about the UMD agreement and expressed sadness that the Council was not prevented from taking that step. She sent an email to the UMD School of Public Health asking if they approve or support the allocation of \$100,000 out of resident's hands, stating that the amendment is poorly written and provides inadequate information. She continued that in March of 2022 she submitted a 12-page report requesting \$4,000 and that Mayor Kulpa-Eddy (MPT Kulpa-Eddy at the time) was opposed. She believes that three Councilmembers are "in cahoots" for the proposal. She stated that the Council is misusing ARPA funds and that she believes there will be consequences when "the Feds come knocking". She added that with every amount that is approved, the Council should review the proposal for conflicts of interest and that she hopes that UMD will oppose the Ordinance. She expressed frustration at the \$175,000 not being available to residents yet and that MPT Brittan-Powell has been misusing his

Council stipend, which is funded by taxpayers, working on Ordinances. She continued that CM Menjivar has a responsibility to represent immigrants and that she believes that he has not even read the 2021 drainage study done by the County. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy tried to enforce the 3-minute time limit and Ms. Barragan stated that she will be taking the 3-minute limit to Maryland PIA (Public Information Act) to review. Ms. Barragan continued, asking why no funding has been spent on streetlighting and asked Council to really take a look at the "Budget to Year-To-Date" comparisons, expressing concern over the amount of money spent on legal work. She stated that she believes there will be consequences when the audit occurs, also expressing concern over the increase of the audit budgetary line item. She stated that residents expected better of CM Menjivar and to not waste residents time anymore and that it is horrible.

Resident Debby Steele-Snyder asked if leaf collection could be extended into January as leaves have been dropping later in recent years.

CM Menjivar stated he would check. He also asked that residents don't push leaves into the street as they can clog storm drains, but rather keep them at the edge of the yard, above the curb.

Resident David Wolfinger on Ruatan Street stated his support for a 3-minute time limit for resident comment. He commented that he has noticed an increase in Police Department activity in Town for stop sign runners, but that there is more work to be done. He stated at the last several Council meetings and Worksessions that there have been Town residents calling out Councilmembers and basically slandering them and that it needs to be controlled. He continued that there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that residents aren't always privy to and that he believes Council is generally doing a good job, despite not agreeing with everything.

Resident Angie Wolfinger on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue added that Council takes a lot of crap, and does a good job maintaining composure. She would like to see less bickering on Council. She would also like to see fewer items on the agenda, so the Council could spend more time focusing and making significant progress on items. She also responded to a previous meeting where there was discussion regarding starting a new group similar to the Quality-of-Life Commission that was in place in 2018. She was on that Commission and believes that resident voices have already been heard and rather than spend time developing another group, spend time implementing the suggestions from the 2018 Commission.

Adjournment:

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

ly and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

## Worksession Minutes October 17, 2022 | 7:00 pm

### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Town Clerk Melanie Friesen was in attendance and Town Manager Laura Allen had an excused absence. Also present remotely were Charlie Griffith from Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), Jeff DeHan from the Department of the Environment (DoE) Dawn Hopkins-Nixon and Frank Galosi also from the DoE were present. Rodney Taylor, special assistant to the director of the DoE was in attendance for observation.

### Approval of the Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he doesn't believe items were placed on the agenda appropriately, that the items a and b. under Administration should not be included as they were excluded from the Town Meeting agenda when he attempted to amend that agenda. He continued that he believes that under Robert's Rules and Council Rules that they should have been approved and would like them addressed in a Town Meeting as soon as possible rather than a worksession. There was discussion over the Town Meeting agenda amendment process with MPT Brittan-Powell stating that process was violated and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and CM Papanikolas in disagreement with him. CM Papanikolas suggested that MPT Brittan-Powell address his concerns to the Ethics Commission. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to exclude Administration items a and b from the agenda. There was no second for the motion.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy moved to bring administration items a, b, and c under the Mayor section as items f, g, and h. CM Papanikolas seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, CM Hemby, CM Menjivar, and CM Papanikolas in favor and MPT Brittan-Powell opposed.

### 1. Mayor

#### a. Announcements

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he's heard numerous people in Town have expressed concern that the Council isn't functioning according to Council Rules and Robert's Rules. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that this comment would be more appropriate under Resident Comments.

#### b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy highlighted the upcoming PGCMA meeting. She also shared about General Election deadlines and early voting dates as well as reminding residents

that Election Day is November 8th.

### c. Presentation-County Drainage Study of Berwyn Heights- Charlie Griffiths

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced Charlie Griffith of DPW&T and gave background on the storm drain issues in town. She shared that the drains were constructed by WSSC about 50-70 years ago and turned over to the County in the 1980s. After the storm event in 2014, the drains were evaluated and found to be inadequate for a 10-year storm event. She reviewed the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that was conducted shortly thereafter, and the need for a feasibility study before engineering and construction could begin. Work was done on the storm drain inlets in Town in 2018. Lastly, she mentioned the Town recently received a 2021 study from the County. Mr. Griffiths shared that he is the associate director for storm drain maintenance. Mr. Jeff DeHan from the DoE introduced his team, including Dawn Hopkins-Nixon who is the associate director of the DoE and heads the drainage investigations program and municipal storm drain acceptance program. Mr. Frank Galosi is with the stormwater management division, drainage remediation and has a broad scope throughout the County, including working towards implementing CIP projects. He reviewed that the County has a 2010 agreement with multiple jurisdictions and many stakeholders involved to address issues across the Anacostia watershed. Mr. Rodney Taylor is the special assistant to the director of the DoE and is here to listen and learn.

Mr. Griffith stated that he was formerly with the Office of Engineering and Project Management and has been involved in Berwyn Heights since the 2014 storm. He added that all the different offices have a different focus and one of the goals is to help municipalities know who they need to reach out to. Mr. Griffiths gave an overview of work done in 2018 (upsizing 20 inlets throughout the town) and the updated hydrologic model done in the 2021 study, adding that the original price tag of \$10 million to fix the problem is old and that those numbers would have increased since the initial estimates. He encouraged residents to report drainage issues through "PGC311" as well as an emergency dispatch number for the Town.

Mr. DeHan shared about a few of the programs from the DoE at the municipal and residential level, including grant and rebate programs to help address stormwater issues. He specifically highlighted the Rain Check Rebate Program available to residents. He shared about initiatives through the Clean Water program and implementing on-the-ground projects to remove pollutants in the waterways.

Mr. Frank Galosi shared the project map of the PG County portion of the Anacostia watershed, adding that many of the projects are water quality projects. Much of the completed work has been done since 2014. The map also shows the portions of the waterway that under the jurisdiction of

the Army Corps of Engineers. One of the projects that the Army Corps of Engineers will be working on is part of Indian Creek that is proximate to Berwyn Heights. He added that a goal is for the work that they accomplish to also improve areas beyond water quality (such as slope stabilization). He spoke about the micro-bio retention areas that were built at Town Hall in 2004 and then updated again in 2017. He also presented on the outfall stabilization project at 58th and Nevada in Berwyn Heights that was completed in 2020. He added that Osage Street is still on the County's radar, but it would not help reduce peak water flow due to it being on the low point of a dead-end road.

Ms. Dawn Hawkin-Nixon explained that the Municipal Storm Drain Acceptance Program (MSDAP) was established to allow Municipalities to bring their storm drains up to standards that would be acceptable for entrance into the County stormwater maintenance program. Many of the systems were turned over from WSSC to municipalities. The team maintains a storm drain inventory and mapping for all municipalities in the County, except Bowie. The map shows which storm drains have been accepted into the County's maintenance program and which storm drains remain in the municipality's jurisdiction. The program allows for municipalities to request assistance from the DoE for storm drain improvements. The municipality could bring that to the County's attention via "PGC311". The DoE would then research responsibility for maintenance and work with the municipality to arrive at a solution. She continued that sometimes the resolution will be that the municipality is responsible. Once a storm drain system is determined to be eligible for an upgrade through the MSDAP, the DoE will review cost estimates and oversee project design and construction while the municipality takes the lead and functions as project managers. She also gave an overview of the Rain Check Rebate program, which allows for residents to apply for rebates to implement improvements to reduce the amount of stormwater that leaves a property.

Mr. DeHan also spoke about the Stormwater Stewardship Program, which is administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, targeted for non-profit organizations including municipalities in three primary tracks 1) Water quality projects 2) Tree planting projects and 3) citizen awareness and engagement. The grant cycle opens next month with eligibility for projects to begin in January.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Town Manager has been asking for several months about the Town's responsibility for the storm drains and asked that any information the County has be shared with her. Ms. Hawkins-Nixon stated that the MSDAP has a map, and she will share it, but added that it may be the municipalities have information that the County does not have. MPT Brittan-Powell says he was provided with a lot of questions from residents. He stated that his perception is that this presentation is about the "green and the grey", that is, environmental and physical infrastructure, such as plumbing. He stated that he understands

that the onus is on the municipality to act as project manager under the MSDAP. He asked about next steps. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked Ms. Hawkins-Nixon if the Town has already been accepted into the County storm drain maintenance program or if they still need to go through the MSDAP. Ms. Hawkins-Nixon stated that the Town can request a meeting with her team and will work through the responsibilities to implement a project. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked what the next step are if the storm drains have already been accepted as the County's maintenance responsibility. Mr. Griffiths explained that the Town would need to contact the DPW&T, who would work to get it on the six-year CIP but reiterated that the CIP projects are County-wide and cost benefit analysis is done on every project to determine its placement. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if there is an expectation for the Town to prepare a plan and proposal to discuss with the County on both the "green and grey" side of stormwater. Mr. Griffiths stated that would depend on the project. Mr. DeHan shared that as projects are identified, it would also need to be determined who the Town would partner with, be it DPW&T, DoE, or MSDAP and there are opportunities with many agencies around the County. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the inclusion of green solutions along with storm drains. Mr. Griffiths expressed that it is everyone's responsibility to address solutions. MPT Brittan-Powell also asked if the Town can delineate a floodplain, explaining that some residents have told him that they are unable to purchase certain types of insurance due to not being in a floodplain. Ms. Hawkins-Nixon explained that the County has taken the lead delineating floodplains in partnership with FEMA. She explained other ways residents can request a floodplain study, including through DPIE and DoE. Mr. Griffiths also explained that one of the issues with being designated a floodplain is there is a threshold minimum of 50 acres, and it is unlikely that something in Berwyn Heights would meet that threshold. Mr. Griffiths and Ms. Hawkins-Nixon explained that anyone can purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance regardless of floodplain status.

The Mayor opened the floor to resident questions.

Ryan Wagner from the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department stated that they had 13 inches of water on their property from the August 10th storm. He asked what they need to do to get that looked at. Mr. Griffiths stated that a team member was supposed to come and look at the property and will follow up to ensure it happens.

Resident Jimmy Diamond on Berwyn Road stated that he had \$31,000 worth of damage from the 4ft and 6 inches of water on August 10th. In 2014, he had more than \$21,000 in damages. He asked what made this flood so different that everyone is now involved and what was done between 2014 and now? He asked why this wasn't worked on 8 years ago.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked what kind of timeline it would take to address these issues. Mr. Griffiths responded there is no easy answer to that.

Paul Kavanagh shared that he is new to the area and asked what "PGC311" is. Mr. Griffiths explained that it is service request intake platform, giving you a variety of ways to report issues. Ms. Hawkins-Nixon continued that it is essentially the County's call center, adding that there is a mobile app as well.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she believes the next steps are to narrow down the focus and suggested having a Town Hall devoted to just this subject.

#### d. Four Cities Meeting Agenda Items

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Four Cities Coalition will be meeting on October 27th and be hosted by New Carrollton. She asked if Council had any agenda items. CM Papanikolas stated he'd like stormwater management. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said there has been a discussion of a Route 1 stormwater study. CM Hemby asked if the Coalition had sent the letter to the County on stormwater. She understood that Greenbelt was to take the lead on that letter, but Mayor Kulpa-Eddy did not recall signing such a letter. CM Hemby would like to have that revisited. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also would like to have a discussion on wayward shopping carts.

#### e. Resident Comments

There were no additional resident comments.

#### f. Home Retrofit program and application (amended agenda item)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the history of the Home Retrofit program. She asked if the results of the stormwater survey conducted as background had been shared publicly. CM Hemby stated that it had been shared with the Green Team. The request was made to put the results on the consent agenda for November Town Meeting and that they be discussed at the next worksession. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy identified several areas that needed to be addressed on the application. First, she asked if the program would be limited to the three specifically identified areas in Town or if it would be opened up to the whole community. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that it was never only three areas of Town and that the money was never restricted to just this program. CM Hemby asked where the money for the storm gates is coming from, and she understood that the Town Manager had spending authority of up to \$10,000. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he understood the flood gates would be eligible to come from this fund. CM Hemby asked what the delay was in purchasing the storm gates. CM Menjivar stated he doesn't see why the Town doesn't just order the gates and believes that the Council is taking a lot of time and there is a lot of confusion about what is happening. CM Hemby stated that she sees a lot of tug-o-war about adding in items when it is delaying the purchase of the flood gates. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that flood gates are separate from the Home Retrofit Program. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Town would need an application even to give out flood gates. There was discussion regarding the confusion

between flood doors and flood gates. CM Hemby stated that the Town should have some flood gates on hand. There was a discussion regarding how many and who would want them. CM Papanikolas asked about the criteria to be eligible for the program. CM Menjivar asked about who would determine who is eligible. CM Hemby suggested that this responsibility could fall under the grants manager. There was discussion about the requirements to show that a home had been flooded in the past, including pictures and receipts for construction. There was discussion on flood insurance and getting that information out to residents. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if the Town wanted to make having flood insurance a requirement. There was discussion about Code Compliance adding such a requirement to the rental license application.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Council wanted this to be a new Town service or if it was a reimbursement grant. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that WSSC may handle the backflow preventors. There was a brief discussion about what items would be included in items eligible for reimbursement. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that his concern is that a properly trained person be the one to do the installation, otherwise the specialty items to prevent flooding will be ineffective. CM Papanikolas stated that the advantage of a reimbursement grant is that the responsibility is on the homeowner to ensure that the project is completed to specifications, or the reimbursement doesn't occur, suggesting that an inspector could be hired to inspect projects before reimbursement is disbursed. There was discussion about how a "hold harmless" agreement would affect the Town's responsibility. There was discussion about if estimates would qualify for the Town to disburse funds, so those who may be reluctant to take on a project due to financial constraints could begin.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if the program was open to all homeowners or only to those with low-to-moderate income and is it open to renters. CM Papanikolas stated that as it is ARPA funds that only those of low to moderate income be eligible, as ARPA funds for individuals is restricted by income level. MPT Brittan-Powell stated as a point of clarification that adding financial eligibility would be altering the program. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that renters aren't able to make permanent changes to a residence so that they would not be eligible. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy clarified that temporary measures, such as storm gates, could be open to renters. CM Hemby asked if this is penalizing residents who have the ability to pay out of pocket. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if stormwater management is an eligible expense, couldn't all residents be eligible. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy clarified that ARPA funds are eligible for stormwater management on public lands, not private property. CM Papanikolas stated again that ARPA funds for individuals are restricted by income levels,



where stormwater management on public property has no such restrictions. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if they wanted to put a cap on how much is reimbursed. There was discussion about the cap for the program. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy will reach out to College Park to see where they've placed the cap. MPT Brittan-Powell wants to ensure that we are reaching out to known affected property owners proactively. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for how long applications would be accepted. CM Papanikolas suggested until ARPA ends or funds have been expended. Council discussed who would review applications until a grants manager has been hired. CM Hemby offered to be on the review committee, which will consist of two Councilmembers and the Town Treasurer. CM Papanikolas volunteered to be the second. CM Hemby would like to have verbiage included that describes what types of construction would be allowable.

**g. Disaster Relief Fund and Application (amended agenda item)**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that this is another piece of the program, helping residents when natural disasters occur. She continued that there are some inconsistencies between the application and the original proposal. She asked if Council wanted to review them tonight or if Council wanted to look at it independently and come back to it at the next worksession. She pointed out that under the section "philosophy behind the fund" it states that applicants need to demonstrate financial need, but the application doesn't include showing evidence of financial need. There was discussion regarding the difference between financial need vs using financial need for prioritization of disbursements. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that this program was once labeled a disaster relief fund of last resort, to be considered after all other resources are utilized. There was discussion whether the fund really was for last resort, or to provide immediate relief while residents wait for longer term solutions. CM Hemby asked for clarification that this is the fund that would be used if a resident needed to have a few nights in a hotel because their home was uninhabitable. CM Menjivar expressed that he wanted to ensure that all residents were eligible regardless of whether they were homeowners or tenants. MPT Brittan-Powell wanted to clarify that each household would be considered, not the address, recognizing that multiple households may share a residence. Additionally, CM Papanikolas, CM Menjivar, and MPT Brittan-Powell all expressed a commitment that any information obtained during disaster relief efforts would not be used for enforcement. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern about the Town supporting private fundraisers and would like to remove it, as the Town has no control over how that money is distributed. There was discussion about if residents would only be eligible to apply for disasters going forward or

if it would be retroactive to the August flood. CM Papanikolas proposed that this be a fiscal year program and be retroactive to July 1, 2022. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the dollar amount set aside for the fund. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it was \$80,000. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about addressing Questions 9 through 11 on the application, whether these would be required or continue to be optional. CM Papanikolas suggested that they would not be optional but used for prioritization. Council discussed eligibility and outreach. There was discussion about who would declare an emergency or release the funds.

**h. Quality of life application process (amended agenda item)**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that this Mayor's report is about the 2018 application process used for the original Quality-of-Life Commission. She would like to let it be added to the Council prioritization list further in the agenda. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that resident Meg Miller brought this forward several weeks ago and wants to know why it was not moved forward at that point.

**2. Public Safety**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that Monday, October 31st is Halloween with Trick or Treating between 6-9PM. She asked that residents turn off their porch lights if they are not planning to participate. She also shared about a County "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Behavioral Study Listening Session" on October 19th. She added that the Maryland Transportation Authority's video toll waiver grace period is set to expire and MDTA is urging customers to pay their unpaid video tolls by midnight on November 30, 2022. Lastly, PGCPHS and Hazel Health are partnering to provide free healthcare services to middle and high school students, expanding to include elementary school students in November

**3. Public Works**

CM Menjivar had no updates for Public Works.

**4. Administration**

MPT Brittan-Powell was provided some information about what other municipalities have done to mitigate stormwater, from a small group of citizens who have been victims of stormwater and are also invested in green issues. He suggested looking at the Low Impact Development Center (LIDC).

**5. Code Compliance**

CM Hemby thanked residents for following the permit process and stated 7 new building permits have been issued in Town.

**6. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic**

**Affairs**

CM Papanikolas had no updates for PRE-CA

**a. Education Technology Grant**

CM Papanikolas shared that he and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy have been updating the rolling education grant application. They have one request from the Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA, but that the grant needs to be advertised to other schools, primarily the other boundary schools for Berwyn Heights. As BHEAC does not seem to be active at this time, the Council will review applications and the application deadline is October 31st.

**b. Council Project Accountability and Tracking**

CM Papanikolas shared that the information on the document is old information, but the template is the point. He would like to update this template to help Council track projects internally. He would like a regularly updated spreadsheet to be added to the consent agenda for each Town Meeting, so residents are able to see what Council is working on. The actual projects will need to be updated, with the lead Councilmember and the name of the project. He will be changing "start date" to "prioritization" and will add an additional column to show the next action item for each project. CM Hemby asked if Council would be updating this at another meeting. CM Papanikolas would like Council to populate it with their own projects then bring it back to the next worksession. Council discussed who will be responsible to update the list.

**7. Adjournment**

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:11PM.

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- December 2022 --

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, at 7 pm in the BHES cafeteria. We will be doing holiday crafts, eating treats, and distributing coats from our coat drive. All are welcome!

Starting your holiday shopping? If using Amazon, please go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA as a non-profit to receive a donation every time you shop. It costs you nothing, is quick and easy to set up, and gives money right to the school!

Por favor únase a nuestra próxima reunión de la Asociación de Padres de Familia (APF) el jueves 6 de diciembre a las 7pm en la cafetería de la Escuela. Estaremos haciendo manualidades de invierno, comiendo golosinas y distribuyendo abrigos de nuestra colecta de abrigos. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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### Important Dates/

### Fechas Importantes

#### **December 6th**

PTA meeting, BHES cafeteria, 7 pm  
Reunión de la PTA en la cafetería de BHES, 7 pm

#### **December 23, 26-30**

Winter Break - No School  
Vacaciones de invierno - No hay clases

#### **January 2, 2023**

New Year's Holiday - No School  
Año Nuevo - No hay clases



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# Historical Committee



*To all who came out spend the afternoon with us on November 6<sup>th</sup> -Thank You! We had a great time and hope you did too. Special thanks to Maya Davis, Executive Director of Riversdale House Museum, for making time in her busy schedule to spend a Sunday afternoon with us.*

Officers for the 2022/2023 Term:

Debby Steele-Snyder, Chair

Lee Fuerst, Vice-Chair

Sierra Langford, Secretary

**The next meeting of the BHC is on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in the Love Room at 7:30 pm.**

**All other inquiries to:**  
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We are always looking for new members and visitors are always welcome. Stop by one of our meetings! 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month! (Except Nov & Dec).  
***Everyone is welcome!***

## **December History FUN Facts**

**December 7, 1931– Ford produces the last Ford Model A**

**December 10, 1958 First US commercial jet flight.**

**December 14. 1947 NASCAR is formed**

**December 17, 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.**

**December 18. 1966 Animated version of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas premiered on CBS**

**December 27, 1932 Radio City Music Hall opened in New York City**



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# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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**Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm.**

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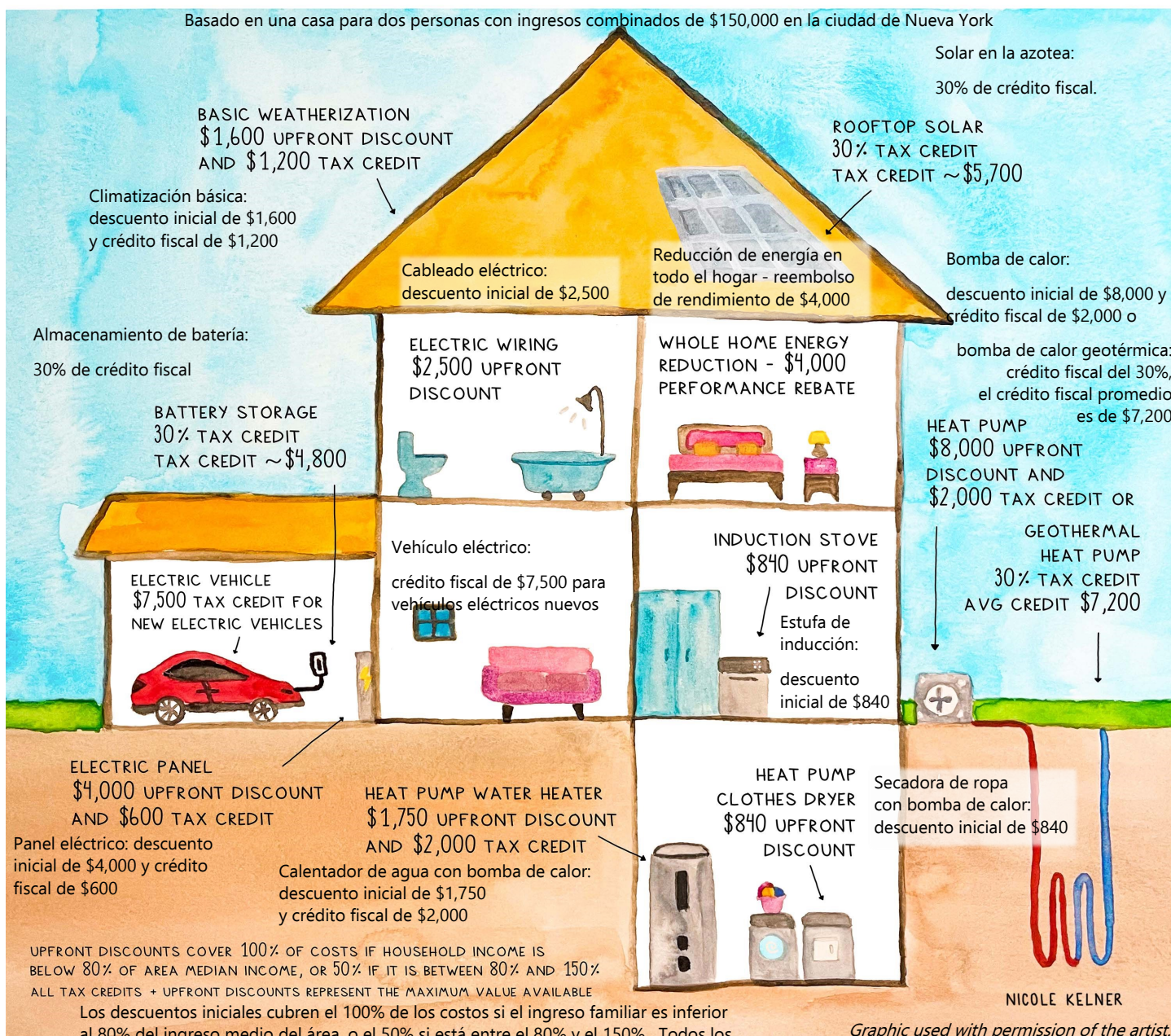
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Join us **Saturday, December 3rd** for a full day of Holiday Cheer at the Town Center. Start working on your holiday shopping list with some great, hand-crafted gifts from local vendors at our **Craft Fair from 11am-4pm** located in the upstairs party room. Jewelry, crochet items, pottery, children's books, and more! Finish the evening at our **Annual Tree Lighting Party from 6pm-7pm**. Grab one of our ornaments to help decorate and watch as we light the Town Christmas Tree. Hot cocoa, caroling, cookies & goodies for the kids... and maybe a visit from good ol' Saint Nick! (Party will be outside of the Town Office. In case of rain, we will move inside)



Don't forget our Toys for Tots Drive! New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the specially labeled boxes located at the Town Office, Senior Center and the BHPD.



**CRAFT DAY** will take place every **SATURDAY** now through **December 17th!** Town Center (1st Floor) Make a gift for someone special or just be creative and take something cool home with you.

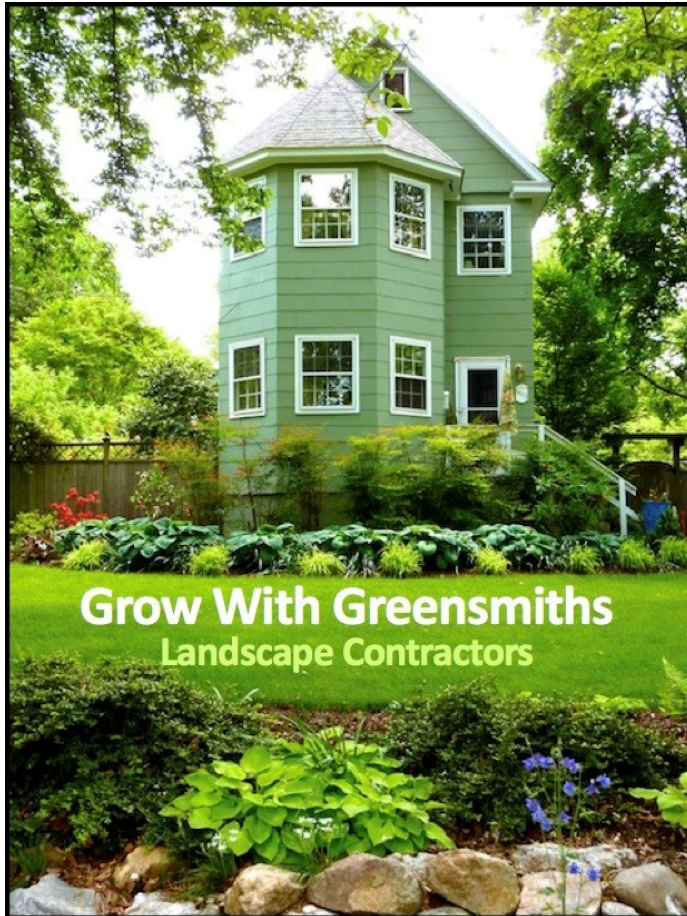
**GAME NIGHT** continues every **FRIDAY NIGHT, at 7:30pm** Town Center (1st Floor) Join in with our collection of board, strategy & card games, or feel free to bring your own!



Our **WALKING CLUB** meets at the Sports Park Parking Lot every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY morning at 9am**

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Our next in person meetings will be **Tuesday, 12/6 and Tuesday, 1/3 at 7:00pm in the G. Love Room at the Senior Center. ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
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# HOLIDAY SAFETY



### On-Line Shopping Tips

Secure your device by updating your security software. Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to “verify” your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.

Use secure websites for purchases. Look for the icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or “https” in the URL address. Beware of “bargains” from companies with whom you are unfamiliar. Shady third-party sellers are rampant on Amazon, Walmart, Google and in social media ads. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Pay with a credit card, not a debit card. You may be thinking you can avoid getting into debt by paying with your debit card, but a credit card purchase offers more consumer protections than a debit card.

Look out for fake shipping text messages and emails. Don’t click on anything in a text or email. It could be legit, but why take the risk? Instead, go to the retailer’s website and type in your shipping or purchase code to double-check details about your order.

Don’t leave mail and packages unattended, if possible. Have a neighbor, friend or relative stop by and pick up expected deliveries if you won’t be home. Check to see if the on-line retailer offers a delivery option where you can pick up your items at a delivery hub near you.

*And when the holidays are over... don’t leave boxes for expensive items by the curb for everyone to see!*

### Going out of town?

Ask someone to pick up your mail or stop your mail

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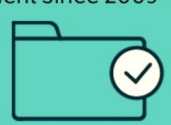
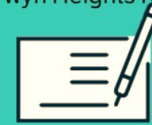


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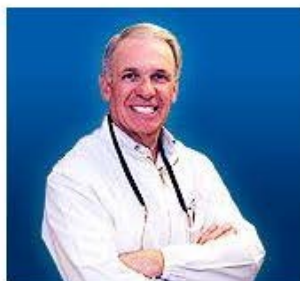
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## October Incidents

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, AT 7:59 PM, 'ATTEMPT SUICIDE'

On 10/07/2022 at approximately 7:59 pm, Cpl. Rufino along with Sgt. Roberson were dispatched to a suicide call located at 85\*\* 60th Place Berwyn Heights, MD. Upon arrival, they met with a Physician who advised them of the patient's psychiatric condition and provided paperwork for a petition for emergency evaluation. Upon making contact with the Evaluatee, Cpl. Rufino explained the reason for the call and explained the request for an EPS from her mental health provider who was concerned for her wellbeing. The evaluatee understood and complied with the officers. The physician remained on scene and Cpl. Rufino transported the evaluatee to Capitol Regional Hospital for a petition for emergency evaluation.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, AT 8:30 PM, 'EPS'

On 10/07/2022 At approximately 2036 hours PFC. Herriott#1454 along with SGT. Roberson #1445 responded to 57\*\* Nevada Street located in Berwyn Heights MD. 20470 for a check on welfare. Upon arrival, BHPD officers spoke with the resident who advised that a female later identified as \*\*\*\*\* has been yelling and screaming for about 2 hours. BHPD officers then entered the residence and observed a white female with several cuts to the body including a small laceration to the left side of the face. She was speaking incoherently and appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. Due to Officer's observation, the subject was transported to Capitol Regency Hospital for an evaluation.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022, AT 9:53 PM, 'UNATTENDED DEATH'

On October 7, 2022, BHPD was notified of an unattended death at 57\*\* Nevada Street, Berwyn Heights, Maryland, 20740. Officers responded to the scene and observed the Decedent, a 33 Y/O/W/M laying face up in his bedroom. He was identified by his Maryland driver's license. Earlier, Sgt. Roberson had responded to a 911 call at approximately 8:26 pm for an EPS and transported a female who appeared to be high on an unknown drug. The Prince George's County Fire/EMS department received a second call at approximately 9:08 pm for an unresponsive person at the same address and when they arrived, they located the decedent unresponsive in the bedroom and attempted to resuscitate the decedent without success. CSI responded and photographed the scene. Officers observed a Tupperware con-

tainer containing a hard crystalline substance suspected to be methamphetamine, a glass pipe with burnt residue on the bedside table, as well as a plastic baggie with a white powder residue next to the decedent. The items were photographed and recovered by CSI. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner was notified, and Forensic Investigator responded to the scene and conducted an inspection of the body. No signs of trauma or foul play were noted, and the body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore for an autopsy (OCME #22-13132).

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022, AT 8:00 PM, 'MISSING / RUNAWAY JUVENILE'

On 10/12/2022 At approximately 1936 hours PFC. Herriott responded to 85\*\* Cunningham Drive Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for a missing child. Upon arrival, he spoke with the mother of the missing 17 Y/O/W/M. The mother advised that her son and his father had a verbal altercation because his father would not allow him to take his bike out of the house. The juvenile then left the house walking southbound towards the park. The mother later found her 17 Y/O at Whole foods located in Riverdale. The 17 Y/O advised her that he did not want to ride with her back home and that he would walk back home.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022, AT 11:16 AM, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'

At 1116 hrs, 10/14/2022, the listed victim pulled into 6327 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt Road Shell gas station. The victim parked her Red 2004 GMC Yukon, Maryland tag 8AW-4459, into the gas pit area to pump gas. The victim went and rendered a payment for the pump and returned to the vehicle to dispense fuel. While doing so, the suspect vehicle, a blue 4-door Lexus, bearing what appeared to be a Virginia tag, 0Z-GUR15 pulled along the victim's vehicle on the passenger side. The suspect exited the vehicle and opened the front passenger door of the victim's vehicle. The suspect removed the victim's phone and wallet, both sitting in the console and seat. The suspect re-entered his vehicle on the driver's side and drove off towards Kenilworth Ave with the property. Video surveillance footage maintained by Shell was viewed and depicted in the incident. The video footage was also able to capture the license plate on the rear of the suspect vehicle. The investigation also determined the same suspect vehicle has been involved in several similar incidents county-wide.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022, AT 2:05 AM, 'PEDESTRIAN HIT & RUN FATALITY'

This morning between 2:00 - 4:00 am a pe-

destrian was struck and killed on Greenbelt Road in the area of the 6300 blocks East Bound. The driver drove away from the scene. The pedestrian is 20 Y/O/B/M resident of Columbia MD. Although this occurred in the jurisdiction of Greenbelt, County Police will be investigating.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022, AT 4:21 PM, 'BANK ROBBERY'

At approximately 1621 hrs, 10/26/2022, Berwyn Heights Police, Cpl. T. Hollowell, #1449, and Pfc. J. Herriot, #1451 were dispatched to 5600 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a bank robbery. While en route dispatch communications indicated the suspect walked away from the bank with money and had implied a weapon. The suspect walked towards the Shell Gas station at 5550 Greenbelt Road, Beltway Plaza Shell. The suspect was seen by the caller, a bank employee entering the gas station. The suspect was described as a 16-17 y/o old male with a hooded jacket with white stripes, grey jeans, and white shoes.

BHPD Officers Hollowell and Herriot arriving on the scene, cleared customers out of the gas station lobby once established the suspect may be in the restroom. The suspect was ordered out of the restroom at gunpoint, secured, and handcuffed. The suspect, matching the given description by communications had in possession funds from the bank. PGPD CID/ROBBERY was notified and along with evidence responded. The suspect was transported to the PG Major Crimes unit.

Johnny Kelly Adanuty, 18 Y/O, B/M of Elm Grove Circle, Silver Spring, MD 20905

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022, AT 6:50 PM, 'STOLEN VEHICLE'

The owner of the listed vehicle contacted the police after he discovered his vehicle removed from the driveway of his home. The owner/victim reviewed the security footage from his house camera after he discovered his vehicle missing. The footage reveals a man dressed in all black entering the victim's driveway and getting into his vehicle. This officer reviewed the footage as well. A key was used to the ease and speed of entry into the vehicle. The vehicle was blocked in by another vehicle however the suspect was able to drive off in the vehicle through the adjacent yard. The victim reports that he is up to date on his car payments and that he pays every two weeks. This officer checked with teletype for impound and reposition and there was no record of either. teletype notified 2240hrs C-1249.

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It is with profound sadness that the Berwyn Heights Volunteer regrets to announce the sudden death of active volunteer Firefighter Michael Guido.



Michael J. Guido, 25, of Brighton Twp., died Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at UPMC Children's Hospital, due to complications following surgery. Born January 26, 1997, he was the son of John Guido and Tracy Prentice, Brighton Twp. He was employed as a firefighter/medic for Montgomery County Fire & Rescue and was a live-in volun-

teer firefighter/medic at the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department.



Ladder Truck 14 and Rescue Squad 14 crossing the Pennsylvania State line enroute to

Ladder Truck 14, Rescue Squad 14, Chief 14, Chief 14A, Chief 14B, and Utility 14 with approximately 40 volunteers members departed BHVFD and headed Brighton Pennsylvania to attend the funeral services.

Many thanks to Kentland VFD for providing a volunteer crew to staff Rescue Squad 14B, and to College Park VFD for staffing Ambulance 14, from Friday-Sunday to cover the station to allow our members to attend the service.

*Rest in Peace Guido, you will be missed.*

### Christmas Tree Sale 2022

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad is once again holding our Annual Christmas Trees Fundraiser Sale in the rear parking lot of the Firehouse. This decades-old tree sale is one of our most important fundraisers of the year, with trees being sold by our volunteer firefighters & EMTs. We would like to thank everyone in advance for your support!

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*Sale runs from late November until trees are sold out.. **Trees sell out fast, get yours today!***



### Santa on a Fire Truck Christmas Eve!!

Our volunteers will, per tradition, be escorting Santa around the area on **Saturday December 24th, 2022**, from approximately 7pm until around 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.



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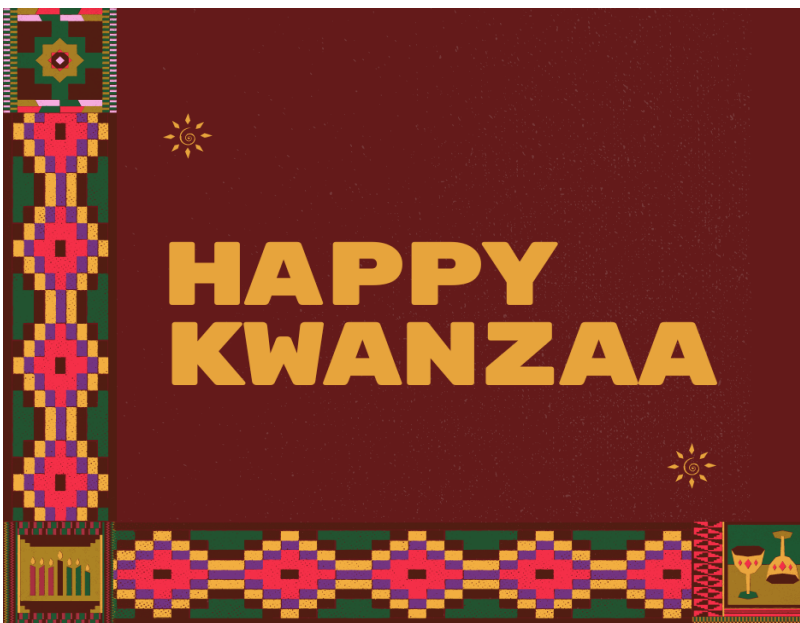
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[brandie9105@gmail.com](mailto:brandie9105@gmail.com)

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
[tif.papanikolas@gmail.com](mailto:tif.papanikolas@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga  
Secretary:

Athletic Director: Darryl Harris  
[darryl.harris@aimdgroup.com](mailto:darryl.harris@aimdgroup.com)

Fundraising Chair:

### Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Allison Holmes  
[thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com)

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Jeffrey Knutson  
[jbknutson@verizon.net](mailto:jbknutson@verizon.net)

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes  
[therese@celticclans.com](mailto:therese@celticclans.com)

### Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder  
[dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com)

### Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights (INCbh)

POC: Claudia Barragan (301)458-0288  
[info@incbh.org](mailto:info@incbh.org)

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Movie Club

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

### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden  
[jjmosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jjmosley45@gmail.com)

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler  
[bhnwep53@aol.com](mailto:bhnwep53@aol.com)

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881  
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103  
[Brett.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.bentley@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag  
[quilttag1@yahoo.com](mailto:quilttag1@yahoo.com)



























### Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones  
[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3 Craft Fair 11-4 Tree Lighting Party 6-7PM
4	5  Worksession 7PM 	6  Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	7  NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room	8  Green Team 7PM G. Love Room	9	10
11	12  	13 	14  Town Meeting 7PM  BHHC 7:30	15 	16	17
18	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 Town Offices Closed	24
25	26 Town Offices Closed	27 	28 	29 	30 Town Offices Closed	31
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The streetsweeper will be in Town from Dec 12-16. Please move your car off the street when possible.

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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling



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**Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799**

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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](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
**Email: [publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7886  
Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Mayor and Council

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786-2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration  
Shinita Hemby (301) 771-0969 [shemby@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:shemby@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Code Compliance  
Faustino (Tino) Menjivar (240) 854-7845 [fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 [lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Town Manager

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

**Heavy Trash Day:**  
Monday for North of Pontiac  
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

**Recycling Schedule:**  
Wednesdays for the entire Town

#### Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?  
Email Town at  
[contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly 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](mailto:mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
**Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: [yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
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