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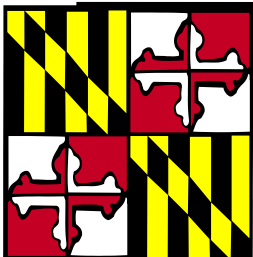
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### Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

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 presencialmente en el Ayuntamiento, sujetas a cambios por COVID. Consulte la agenda de la reunión publicada en el sitio web de la Ciudad para conocer la ubicación.
- 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](mailto: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 in person at Town Hall, subject to change due to COVID. Check the meeting agenda posted on the Town website for the location.
- Rental inspections are underway with COVID protocols in place.
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- 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/>

## Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee

**February 28 at 7p**

Are you interested in aspects of education and learning? Do you have interest in early childhood education, K-12 education, homeschooling, or adult learning? Would you like to support our community?



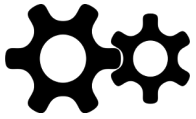
Join the committee! Come to a meeting! Share your ideas! We would especially love to hear from students. Help plan our 2022 activities!

**Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7pm

**Contact us:** [thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com)



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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[PublicWorks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@berwynheightsmd.gov) TEL: 301-474-6897

Greetings and a few reminders:

The next time Greenbelt will be collecting your electronic recycling is Saturday, April 23rd 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, and VCRs. 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 Presidents' Day holiday on February 21st. Therefore, the trash schedule changes to the following:

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY – February 21st  
Monday**

Tuesday, February 22nd – Town-wide trash/bulk

Wednesday, February 23rd – Town-wide recycling

Thursday, February 24th – Town-wide yard waste

Friday, February 25th – Town-wide trash

Saludos y algunos recordatorios:

La próxima vez que Greenbelt recolectará su reciclaje electrónico es el sábado 23 de abril 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 de sobretensión, cables y cables de alimentación, máquinas de fax, cámaras, televisores de pantalla plana, teléfonos, radios, reproductores de DVD y VCR. Además, bloquee la espuma 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 las obras públicas, como los días de basura para su vecindario, lo que recogemos, etc.: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>

Además, la ciudad observará el feriado del Día del Presidente el 21 de febrero. Por lo tanto, el horario de basura cambia a lo siguiente:

**FERIADO DEL DÍA DE LOS PRESIDENTES – Lunes  
21 de febrero**

Martes, 22 de febrero – Basura/a granel en toda la ciudad

Miércoles 23 de febrero – Reciclaje en todo el pueblo

Jueves, 24 de febrero – Desechos de jardín en toda la ciudad

Viernes, 25 de febrero – Basura en todo el pueblo

## Worksession Minutes December 6, 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 e-mailing Mayor Dewey at [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov).

### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present at the meeting were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Christopher Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, and Councilmember Ethan Sweep. Staff present were Town Manager Laura Allen, Public Works Director Brad Pudner, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were students Marwa Mansour, Baylee Martin, and Jason Haslup from the University of Maryland for the CCC Student Presentation, Jennifer Hawkins from Prince George's County 311, Claudia Marin and Patricia Blackwell for Employ Prince George's Inc., Tony Ruffin and Barbara Gonzolez from Pepco, and Steve Beckham and Jim McGinnis for the Men's Basketball League.

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey reported that the Prince George's County indoor mask mandate has been extended until at least late January. She also let everyone know that the Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 will be the first in-person meeting since the Covid-19 pandemic, and that there will be a 15 person capacity limit, including Council and staff. She added that overflow will be in the Senior Center and masks will be required. Residents may still participate remotely, by calling in or sending emails as the meeting will be live streamed to the Town website and the television channels.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Discussion Items

#### CCC Student Presentation

Director Pudner introduced the students and expressed gratitude for working with the students. The students of UMD spoke about the ArcGIS mapping of the public trees in the south section of Berwyn Heights, including preparing visualizations that could differentiate between tree type and condition, and creating a plan for future tree inventories of Berwyn Heights. The final report will include an online map with the sample data, visualizations of the findings, and the plan document for inventory maintenance. There were graphs and documentation of the different types of tree diversity, visualizations of the invasive species, and tree conditions and tree maintenance recommendations. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the "other" category

of tree species. This category was used when there were only one or two of that tree type in Town. The mapping of the trees will identify the individual trees and species. CM Papanikolas inquired about the technology used and if tree maintenance was done, could things be updated in real time. The students explained that if an ArcGIS license was purchased by the Town those things could be updated in real time. Director Pudner and the students discussed either the possibility of an intern to continue the program or an ongoing relationship with UMD to complete the inventory.

#### 311 New System Orientation, Jennifer Hawkins

Jennifer Hawkins reviewed the new County 311 system, including the 311 On the Go system. She reviewed the mobile app and web portal as well as the current 311 call center. The launch will be happening soon. The County is in the final stages of testing the mobile app and the web portal. The service request types have been reduced from over 150 types to around 60. There are new features such as FAQs, the ability to find services, add photos, locations, and tracking service requests. The new system will be easier to use than ever before. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if the municipalities will be notified when a request is made that would not be in the jurisdiction of the County, but rather the Town. Ms. Hawkins explained that the person submitting the request would receive a notification that the request is outside the jurisdiction of the County and then direct the requestor to the correct agency in order to make that request.

#### EPG returning citizens program presentation

TM Allen introduced Patricia Blackwell and Claudia Marin from Employ Prince George's, Inc (EPG). She was excited to present the possible collaboration with Hyattsville and EPG to fill vacant positions in Public Works. EPG is a bridge between job seekers and businesses. Ms. Marin shared the types of *Demographic Programs* (and which populations are served by each), and the *Industry Bridge Program* options, which provide training for in-demand jobs. Ms. Blackwell shared the customized proposal for the Town. The goal is to hire returning citizens who reside in Berwyn Heights and the surrounding areas. Four participants would be recruited through information sessions that would result in 12 weeks of training and work experience with the Town. Participants are paid a stipend of \$12/hr by EPG during the training period; if hired, Berwyn Heights would be expected to continue to pay a minimum of \$12/hour. The proposed schedule would have the training ending in late July 2022. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the participants and what parameters would be included in choosing candidates. Ms. Blackwell explained those requirements are up to the Town to determine. TM Allen reported that beyond the training the Town would follow their normal hiring process. Ms. Marin reiterated that the Town needs to be clear about what they want in candidates. CM Brittan-Powell asked for clarification and Ms. Blackwell stated that this is

not a work release program. CM Papanikolas asked where in the release process that EPG begins working with candidates. Ms. Marin explained that they work with them throughout the release process.

#### Pepco charging stations, Tony Ruffin

Pepco is working with municipalities to place public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the public right of way: present were Tony Ruffin and Barbara Gonzolez. TM Allen reviewed the parameters of the program, including that the chargers must be accessible to the public and not too close to the existing charging stations that the Town already has. A location near the police department in the public right of way was located. Users would purchase the electricity via an app. The Town Attorney has reviewed and suggested changes to the agreement that Pepco has agreed to. The charging stations are level 2 charging stations, but they are 7.7kw, making them a faster charging Level 2 station. CM Brittan-Powell raised the question of where the stations are being placed, expressing concerns about the location that was chosen. Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Ruffin explained the details of the program stating the reasons why the current location was chosen, however Pepco is open to looking at additional locations. Mr. Ruffin also clarified that the chargers are part of Pepco's program and at no time is Pepco going to be asking the Town for maintenance. Ms. Gonzalez suggested that the Town contact the Maryland SHA to request signs to direct people to the new charging stations. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if it was required to reserve the parking spaces for EVs. She had concerns about the availability of parking for police vehicles which are not EVs. It was mentioned the Police Chief is supportive of this location, as BHPD will be getting EVs. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also had a question on the ability of the Town to cancel this agreement in the future (if necessary); TM Allen will work with Mr. Ruffin to clarify language in the License Agreement. CM Brittan-Powell expressed interest in having a Level 3 charger in the Town. Ms. Gonzalez stated that Level 3 chargers need to have a large amount of traffic to be qualified for Level 3 chargers (DC fast chargers), to justify that type of investment in infrastructure.

#### M-NCPPC Community Center Use Agreement Extension for Men's League Basketball

TM Allen presented a draft resolution that will give the Mayor the authorization to execute an extension agreement with Park and Planning in order to allow the League use of the BHCC basketball courts while negotiations continue on a new agreement. There was considerable discussion on the differences between the current use agreement and the proposed use agreement. Present from the Men's League were Steve Beckham and Jim McGinnis. Mr. Beckham informed that despite the name, women are eligible to play as well. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested

an edit in the resolution language to reflect that the Men's Basketball League is an official Berwyn Heights Town Organization and remove the language about it being a "parks and recreation league". The revised resolution will be on the December 8, 2021 Town Meeting agenda.

### Outside meeting equipment/heaters

CM Brittan-Powell opened discussion on the feasibility of creating meeting areas outside during the COVID times, so that in-person events can occur outside. He expressed interest in purchasing propane heaters and tenting for the Town to use to facilitate outdoor events during colder months. CM Sweep asked if CM Brittan-Powell had any options and prices to present to Council to consider. CM Brittan-Powell stated that he has not researched this yet, as he is seeking feedback before doing so. CM Papanikolas stated that he'd be willing to help research the costs. Mayor Dewey stated that she would not be in favor of purchasing heaters for Town Council meetings at this time because when she has engaged residents about the subject she has not heard favorable comment. CM Sweep remarked on the logistical issues in moving Council meetings outside, such as cameras, noise, and weather; it may be necessary to acquire electronics designed for outdoor use. Mayor Dewey expressed that Maryland Open Meetings Act requires reasonable access and adequate notice. The Councilmembers discussed their concerns regarding meeting notice and cost. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Papanikolas expressed a desire to see cost estimates before getting into details of how a meeting area might be organized.

### Election schedule

TM Allen presented the staff report, mentioning the two dates that have some flexibility and emphasizing the rest of the dates are set by Ordinance, either by a specific date or a specific time interval between events. MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she believed Council should not be involved in the decision-making regarding selection of the election judges, to avoid the appearance of any political pressure being placed on the judges. She believes the Election Ordinance asks the Town Clerk to select and present the slate of judges to the Council. CM Papanikolas agreed that there should be a layer of separation between election judges and Councilmembers that may be running for reelection. Staff will revise the election schedule to reflect that staff will present a slate to Council to review, rather than "interview" the applicants. CM Sweep pointed out an error in the dates in April which Staff will remedy and represent to Council at the Town Meeting. There was support for the "League of Women Voters" to moderate Candidate's night.

### County Climate Action Plan Comment Letter

Mayor Dewey reviewed the Climate Action Plan letter. CM Sweep suggested a couple of edits to the language. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if there is data on how marginalized

communities are disproportionately affected by the threats of climate change. Mayor Dewey and CM Sweep shared instances of how some populations are more affected than others.

### Proposed ARPA spending process

The Mayor and Council spent considerable time discussing the next steps in the ARPA spending process. Mayor Dewey stated that Council has completed the public engagement process that the Council had outlined earlier in the year. This agenda item is presented to engage the next steps in the process. CM Brittan-Powell stated that he would like Council to determine their selection criteria. Council discussed using either a rubric to determine projects or rather using a more fluid approach. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the final deadline to make a decision. Mayor Dewey and TM Allen explained that the timeline is self-imposed but is a function of it being incorporated in the FY23 budget. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that Council wasn't elected knowing that they'd have an additional 2.75 million dollars to spend, and that waiting to commit some of the funds could potentially wait until after the election. Mayor Dewey stated that there has been a public engagement process and every Council meeting is a public meeting open to community input. TM Allen also stated that the budget process is a public process and public engagement would continue then. CM Brittan-Powell suggested that the projects proposed may not be equitable in terms of access to residents who are generally underserved. He also suggested the idea of hiring an ARPA consultant. Mayor Dewey stated that from her perspective projects would always be viewed with an equity lens and that consultants would be chosen for specific projects based on their area of expertise. CM Papanikolas stated that he understood that many communities using consultants are using them on ways to manage the actual funds from an accountability point of view rather than to how to use the funds.

### Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reminded everyone that the indoor mask mandate has been extended until late January and encouraged everyone who is eligible to get a booster of the Covid vaccine. She reminded everyone that the Town Meeting will be in person, but with a 15 person capacity based on the room size with overflow space provided. She reviewed the Legislative Dinner. She noted that PGCMA is hosting a legislative "meet and greet" that she will be attending with CM Papanikolas. She thanked everyone involved in the tree lighting and craft fair. She reviewed the Holiday Town office closures. She flagged two upcoming Police Department events, including Cocoa with the PoPo and Santa's Mailbox. She also reminded people of the house watch form available on the Town Website.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared that she spoke at the Prince George's County Council meeting, providing public comment on the County redistricting map. Unfortunately, the County Council decided to carve up District 3. She attended the joint meeting of the Prince George's County and Montgomery County chapters of the

Maryland Municipal League, the District 3 Leaders Appreciation Reception, the Berwyn Heights Virtual Legislative Dinner, and the Prince George's County School Board Transformation Task Force meeting. She also had four announcements, including the PG County Executive's Virtual Town Hall on Covid, the Prince George's County School Board Transformation Task Force listening session, Maryland Health Care Plans open enrollment period, and the Emergency Broadband Program, which is being replaced but still taking applications until the end of the year. All the links for more information on these announcements are posted on the Town website. She also mentioned the Rec Council will be meeting virtually and in-person in the G.Love room on December 7.

CM Papanikolas deferred his report until the Town Meeting.

CM Brittan-Powell also deferred his report until the Town Meeting and he thanked TM Allen for attending the Tree Lighting.

CM Sweep reviewed that snow was predicted for Wednesday and that it could impact the recycling schedule. He encouraged everyone to check the Town Website and Social Media for updates. He reviewed that the Town is looking into a text message alert system to share this type of information and mentioned there are changes to the trash schedule due to the Holidays.

### Resident & Community Comments

There were no resident or community comments.

### Adjournment

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by CM Papanikolas. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 pm.

### Town Meeting December 8, 2021 7:00PM Call to order

Mayor Dewey called the Town Meeting to order at 7PM. This is the first in-person meeting since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, and Councilmember Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager Laura Allen, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, and Committee Representatives Allison Holmes for the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC), Debby Steele-Snyder for the Historical Committee (BHHHC), and Susan Jones for the Rec Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey reviewed that masks are required over the nose and mouth the entire time of the meeting, including while speaking, and that should the room reach capacity, overflow will be available in the Senior



Center.

### Approval of Agenda

Mayor Dewey requested an amendment to the agenda, moving 6c to 6a. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the agenda as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Consent

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

### Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Dewey reminded everyone that the mask mandate was extended by the County until at least late January. She encouraged everyone who is eligible to get boosters for their vaccine. She attended a meeting with Senator Cardin's Office regarding Congressional Earmarks and the new process in making requests and what is eligible. She also reviewed that Friday will be the annual employee appreciation lunch and Town Offices will be closed in the afternoon. She reviewed the upcoming Legislative Meet and Greet, Cocoa with the Popo, Letters for Santa and that Town Offices will be closed Dec 24, 27, and 28.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy recognized residents may want to show extra appreciation for people who serve the Town of Berwyn Heights, and reviewed guidance for ethical governmental gift giving.

CM Papanikolas reported that page 26 of the Bulletin has the Code Compliance article. He also highlighted two areas in the monthly department report: business license returns have decreased from 105 licenses to 49, and that while last year the Town had 207 active rental units, this year it has 187.

TM Allen responded that staff are looking at ways to encourage compliance with business licensing.

CM Brittan-Powell reported that the budget season is pending and will be taking up a great deal of time; ARPA funding discussions will be taking up time as well. He also reported hearing from residents the need to focus on people, and acknowledge and encourage the importance of social activities.

CM Sweep reported that leaf collection is going well, despite the leaf vacuum vehicle breaking down earlier in the week, and the crews are back on schedule. He reviewed that loose leaf collection will continue through the end of the month. He also expressed excitement to see Director Pudner work with students at UMD to catalogue the trees in Town. He reviewed the trash schedule changes for the week following Christmas, with recycling pick-up on December 29 and Town-wide trash day being on December 30.

### Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: Allison Holmes reported the BHEAC has been busy this past year. They had a successful summer camp scholarship program. She reported that despite the lag in gathering feedback

from the students, they expressed excitement about the STEAM camp projects, and families noted that this program was not available in past years. The BHEAC supported 3 students to the STEAM camp. The committee may ask the Town to sponsor more students in future years. MPT Kulpa-Eddy read a few comments from the students. CM Brittan-Powell asked about the learning loss that is occurring during COVID. Ms. Holmes replied that estimates of the impact of the pandemic indicate learning loss will last the next 5 years, and that the biggest loss is in social interactions and mental health. This will be considered during the grant period and addressing learning loss will require a holistic approach. Ms. Holmes stated the BHEAC meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, with no meeting in December but returning in January. She also reviewed the next round of education grant funding will be coming up in February. Green Team: Mayor Dewey reported that there is a holiday light recycling bin in front of Town Hall. She also attended two different Route 1 Green Team summits with Director Pudner. She reported that the Thriving Earth Exchange Invasive Species Survey has about 10 volunteers conducting the survey now. She also reported the Green Team submitted a letter of support for the County Climate Action Plan. The next meeting for the Green Team will be January 13, 2022 via Zoom.

Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder reported the BHHHC is having a virtual meeting on December 15. They may have a volunteer to edit their existing raw footage to produce new videos. The BHHHC is making plans for a Spring Wine and Cheese event that may be either indoors or outdoors depending on the state of the pandemic. The committee is interested in getting a dedicated email address for the team. She reported that they still have wine glasses available for \$7 each and to contact Ms. Steele-Snyder if interested. The committee is also putting together an information package for people seeking grants for their historic homes, as a way to offer some guidance on the process. Lastly, she reminded everyone that Berwyn Heights was incorporated 125 years ago.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Dewey reported that they met last week and continued the trailer inventory and the goals for the trailer. There were no new financial transactions but they are still looking to purchase a generator for the trailer. She reported that the next meeting is January 5, 2022. She also reviewed holiday best practices including the house watch program.

Recreation Council: Susan Jones reported for the Rec Council and thanked everyone who came and helped make the tree lighting a success. Public Works did a fantastic job and it was so charming. She also reviewed that the Craft Fair was great and lots of people showed up to shop. The Rec Council is looking toward January and will have a regifting party. It will be Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm, for adults only, as wine is served. In February, they would like to

have the annual Valentine card-making and cookie-decorating on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm. She reported there will hopefully be a joint summer concert series with College Park this coming summer. The next meeting will be Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> and the Rec Council will be beginning the Berwyn Heights Day discussion. Please email Ms. Jones if you have ideas for BH Day.

### New Business

BHEAC Education Grant Funding Recommendation(Moved to agenda item a): MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave an update on the grant funding history. Ms. Holmes gave thanks to the other members of the Committee for their support in processing the grant applications. The Committee received good applications. The BHEAC is recommending the application from BHES to improve the school garden. It would benefit a number of people within the community, as well as students and staff. The garden is intended to improve BHES' connection to the Town and residents, as well as provide sustainable food. Mayor Dewey expressed excitement about the partnership that could keep the garden going over the summer to be a provider of food. CM Brittan-Powell expressed gratitude for the garden. CM Papanikolas expressed concern that background checks are required to enter the building, even in the summer when no students are present and that the proposed garden is in an interior courtyard. CM Brittan-Powell asked if other areas of the school were considered. Ms. Holmes reported that she did not know as the grant application that was presented identified the interior courtyard. CM Sweep asked if they know how many garden beds will be installed and if students will be involved in the construction of the raised beds? Ms. Holmes replied that they don't know how many beds are planned. CM Sweep stated that he thinks this is a wonderful way to introduce new foods to students. CM Brittan-Powell moved to award the grant for \$2000 to the Berwyn Heights Elementary School for the construction of the garden. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Pepco Charging Stations Agreement: Mayor Dewey reviewed the meeting on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> with Pepco during the worksession. TM Allen reviewed that MPT Kulpa-Eddy had concerns about the limitation on getting out of the agreement if the Town were to have issues. She reviewed the conversation with Pepco that amended the agreement to a one year commitment with the ability to withdraw anytime after that with a 90 day written notice. CM Sweep moved to approve the Pepco charging stations agreement, CM Brittan-Powell seconded. During discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked Pepco for their prompt responsiveness after the previous worksession. The motion passed unanimously.

County Climate Action Plan Comment Letter: Mayor Dewey reviewed the Climate Action Plan process. She also briefly re-

viewed what the CAP plan entails. CM Sweep requested a change that changes one reference to "Climate Action Plan" to "CAP" as was previously identified in the letter. CM Brittan-Powell moved to approve the climate action plan letter as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

M-NCPPC Community Center Use Agreement Extension for Men's League Basketball: Mayor Dewey reviewed the need for the extension, given that the current Memorandum of Understanding is expiring at the end of the month. This resolution grants the Mayor the authority to execute a one year extension of the current terms of the agreement. CM Sweep moved to approve Resolution 12-2021. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed gratitude for the language change recognizing the Men's League as a Town organization. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Resident & Community Comments

Residents could also comment by calling (301) 474-9570 or emailing Mayor Dewey at [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)

A resident emailed the mayor expressing a continuing issue with the sound. TM Allen reported that Wordly translated transcriptions are available. CM Papanikolas expressed concerns about issues with the microphone. TM Allen reported that staff are seeking quotes on replacing the entire AV system.

#### Adjournment

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

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**We hear you!** Since the summer of 2021, the Council has been hard at work taking public comment on how the Town should spend the ARPA funds provided by the federal government.

The Town has the first allocation of funding (\$1.3 million).

The Council has developed goals for this first cycle of funding and may authorize immediate disbursement as well as funding for activities in the FY 2023 Budget that supports these goals.

Here's the list of goals they developed at the January 19, 2022 Worksession.

#### **Summary of ARPA Cycle 1 Spending Goals from January 19, 2022 Worksession**

- Goal:** Support mental and physical health of Berwyn Heights residents in light of pandemic effects on mental and physical health
- Goal:** Provide emergency assistance to Berwyn Heights residents experiencing financial hardship, with a particular focus on marginalized/underserved residents
- Goal:** Support educational growth and emotional wellbeing of students and families in light of pandemic-related educational challenges
- Goal:** Reduce flooding and improve stormwater management in Berwyn Heights
- Goal:** Strengthen community connections and improve communication between residents and town government, with a particular focus on marginalized/underserved residents
- Goal:** Support health and safety of Berwyn Heights residents and staff
- Goal:** Hire a public health expert to advise the Council on community needs and public health disparities
- Goal:** Develop indoor and outdoor Town infrastructure and resources to facilitate community activities and relations

**¡Te oímos!** Desde el verano de 2021, el Concejo ha estado trabajando arduamente para recibir comentarios públicos sobre cómo el Pueblo debería gastar los fondos ARPA proporcionados por el gobierno federal. El Pueblo tiene la primera asignación de fondos (\$1.3 millones).

El Consejo ha desarrollado metas para este primer ciclo de financiación y puede autorizar el desembolso inmediato, así como la financiación de actividades en el presupuesto del año fiscal 2023 que respalde estas metas.

Aquí está la lista de objetivos que desarrollaron en la sesión de trabajo del 19 de enero de 2022.

#### **Resumen de los objetivos de gasto del ciclo 1 de ARPA de la sesión de trabajo del 19 de enero de 2022**

- Meta:** Apoyar la salud física y mental de los residentes de Berwyn Heights a la luz de los efectos de la pandemia en la salud física y mental
- Meta:** Brindar asistencia de emergencia a los residentes de Berwyn Heights que experimentan dificultades financieras, con un enfoque particular en los residentes marginados/desatendidos
- Meta:** Apoyar el crecimiento educativo y el bienestar emocional de los estudiantes y las familias a la luz de los desafíos educativos relacionados con la pandemia
- Meta:** Reducir las inundaciones y mejorar la gestión de aguas pluviales en Berwyn Heights
- Meta:** Fortalecer las conexiones comunitarias y mejorar la comunicación entre los residentes y el gobierno de la ciudad, con un enfoque particular en los residentes marginados/desatendidos
- Meta:** Apoyar la salud y la seguridad de los residentes y el personal de Berwyn Heights
- Meta:** Contratar a un experto en salud pública para asesorar al Consejo sobre las necesidades de la comunidad y las disparidades en la salud pública
- Meta:** Desarrollar la infraestructura y los recursos de la ciudad interior y exterior para facilitar las actividades y las relaciones comunitarias



# CODE COMPLIANCE

## Maryland Lead Paint Law: Rental Property Requirements

In an effort to reduce the incidence of lead poisoning, Maryland State Law requires that all Rental Properties built before 1978, regardless of renovation history, comply with The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)'s Lead Poisoning Prevention Program regulations.

### Lead Paint Hazards

Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint and are at risk for lead hazards. Dwellings built before 1950 have the highest risk. Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose danger to the health of those exposed, especially children under the age of 6.

While lead-based paint that is in good condition and not on an impact or friction surface such as a window is usually not a hazard, deteriorating lead-based paint --peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged paint-- needs immediate attention. Lead-based paints found on surfaces that children can access can be extremely hazardous



Lead poisoning can occur by breathing or swallowing lead dust, and by ingesting paint chips containing lead. Lead dust can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Lead dust also forms when painted surfaces containing lead get bumped or rub together.

### Requirements

Owners of Town Rental Properties built before January 1, 1978 must:

- o Provide all tenants with the "Notice of Tenants Rights," and "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" brochures as well as a copy of the current inspection certificate upon inception of the tenancy and every two years thereafter.
- o Be registered with the State of Maryland Department of Environment.

Registration requires a tracking number, completed application, and obtaining a Lead Free or Risk Reduction inspection certificate. Complete a renewal form annually and pay fees to MDE. To obtain a tracking number, application, or renewal form please call MDE at 410-537-4199 or 800-776-2706.

- o Registration fee is \$30 per unit, annually

A new lead inspection certificate is required for any turnover in tenant or change of occupancy. Compliance with the MDE's Lead Poison Prevention Program is required to obtain a Rental License. The State of Maryland, Department of Environment manages and primarily enforces the Prevention Program. The State may apply civil and administrative fees and penalties for noncompliance. The Town of Berwyn Heights is required to report noncompliance to MDE.

**For more information, please contact the Maryland Department of the Environment at 410-537-4199 visit their webpage at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Land/LeadPoisoningPrevention/Pages/LeadRegistration.aspx>**



# *Historical Committee*

## **Highlights of the Legends and Lore of Berwyn Heights Walking Tour**

In 1874 Haddaway Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church was build on land donated by Jonathan T. Walker. It was named in honor of the Reverend Samuel W. Haddaway. In the 1890's the Trustees of the Church saw the need of a "burying ground" and a cemetery was added to the grounds of the church.

In October of 1907 the janitor of the Church was burning old leaves and grass as part of the Fall clean up when a sudden gust of wind caused the fire to burn out of control. Unfortunately the Church could not be saved as it was built of wood.

To be continued....

**The next virtual meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:30 pm.**

**To attend this virtual meeting contact Sharmila Bhatia at [sharmila\\_bhatia88@hotmail.com](mailto:sharmila_bhatia88@hotmail.com).**

**All other inquiries to [dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com).**

**For more information visit our Facebook Page at BHHC Website.**

### **Answers for the Pumpkin Quiz.**

- 1. Pumpkins are a fruit.**
- 2. A typical pumpkin contains approximately 500 seeds.**
- 3. Pumpkins were first named by Jacques Cartier, a French explorer, in 1548. He called them "gros melons" which translated to "pompions" in English.**
- 4. Pumpkins grow or are grown on every continent except Antarctica.**
- 5. The U.S. produces 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins every year.**

Inclusivity is very important to us, and we are striving to make our town website accessible to all, such as our multilingual readers.

Our website is equipped with Google Translate. It translates the website into dozens of languages. To try it, look for the drop-down box at the top of the website. It works well; however, it only translates Word documents.

La inclusión es muy importante para nosotros, y nos esforzamos por hacer que el sitio web de nuestra ciudad sea accesible para todos, como nuestros lectores multilingües.

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# The Bugle



February 2022

Our next meeting is Thursday 2/3 at 7pm via ZOOM.

**Registration for Spring Soccer Is Open!!!**  
*¡La inscripción para Spring Soccer está abierta!*

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Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?  
*Interesado en ser miembro? ¿Tienes sugerencias o ideas? ¿Quiere ser voluntario?*

Contact us at: [info@berwynheightsbgc.org](mailto:info@berwynheightsbgc.org)

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**POOL**—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

**LATE LUNCH & MUSIC VIDEO**- First Friday at 12:30PM

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM

**BREAKFAST** at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30AM

**MEETINGS** - Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11:00AM. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Potluck.

**CRAFTS**— Last Friday at 11:00

**SUPER BOWL**— Come Watch Sunday, Feb 6 at 4 PM

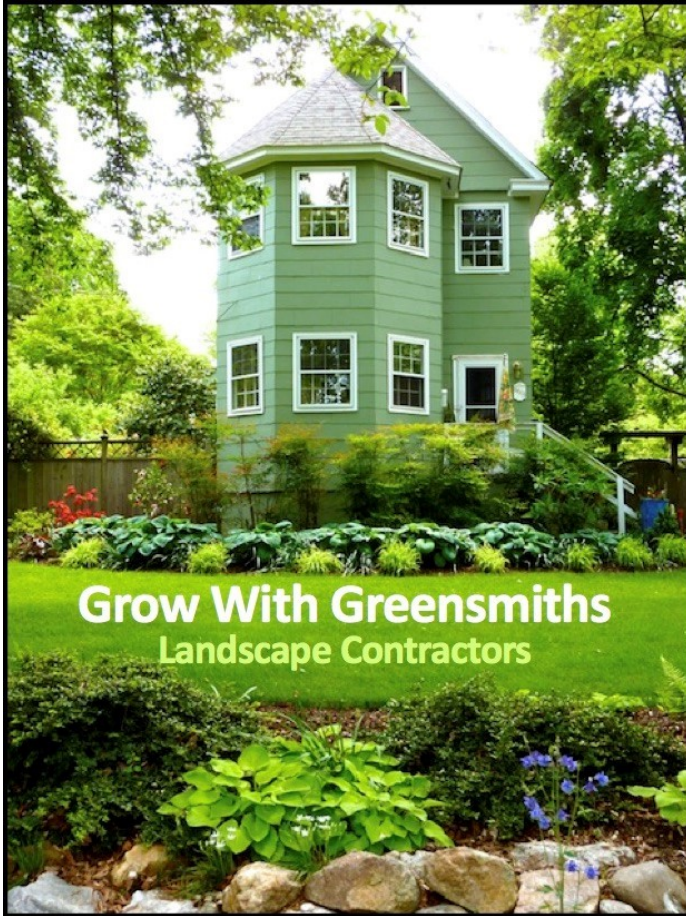


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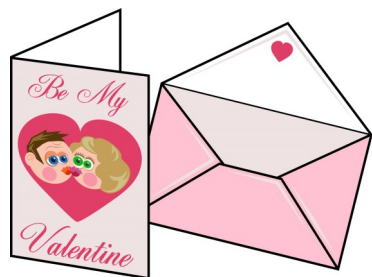
Saturday, February 12th, 2-4pm

Valentine's Card Making &  
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*Located at the Senior Center, next to Town Office*



Make cards and decorate cookies for Valentine's Day! All art supplies, cookies, and decorating goodies will be supplied, as well as bags to take your cookie masterpieces home. This is a family-friendly event, so all are welcome to come and express your artistic side. Please be prepared to wear masks and have your temperature checked upon entering.



Stay tuned for upcoming events for March and April, including a rescheduled date for our Regifting Party!

Berwyn Heights Day is just around the corner! Join us Saturday, May 7th, for a full day of fun activities!

Additional info will be shared as we firm up details. Have any ideas or suggestions, or just want to be

involved with Berwyn Heights Day or any other events?

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

Next Rec Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 1st, 7pm in the Love room. Zoom link available if requested in advance.

# Berwyn Heights Day Vendor/Information Booth Application Saturday, May 7, 2022

Contact Person:

Business:

Address:

Phone Number and Cell Number:

E-mail:

Items for Sale/Distribution (Please be specific as no more than 2 craft vendors selling similar items will be approved):

**The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution.** Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors.

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc are acceptable – individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.), no Silly String, no Colored Hair Spray

All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Ave and Berwyn Road).

**Set-Up Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Please drop off items no later than 10:15 am to begin your set up.**

**Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Check ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2022)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table Yes NO Chairs? (Supply is limited): 1 or 2

Will you need a canopy? (Canopies available for \$15; supply limited): YES NO

Mail or drop-off registration form at Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by April 29, 2022.

For more info, contact: Susan Jones at 301-602-8926, [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

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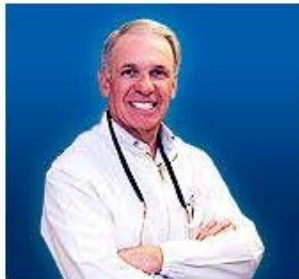
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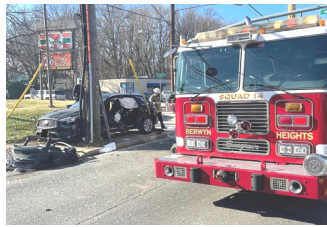
# BERWYN HEIGHTS

## Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

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### Recent Working Incidents

Dec 16- Rescue Squad 14 & BHPD were alerted to the area of Greenbelt Road and 58th Ave in Berwyn Heights for a reported vehicle accident with one trapped. Squad 14 arrived to find a car into a telephone pole in front of the 7/11 with a female driver and infant trapped. The Squad crew worked to stabilize the vehicle and extricated the driver and the infant who were transported to area hospitals.



Dec 19th- Truck 14 and its volunteer were alerted to and operated as the 3rd due truck in the 8300 Blk of Snowden Oaks Place in Co. 49s (Laurel) are. Units had smoke showing and a working kitchen fire. Truck 14 searched, checked for extension and conducted overhaul.

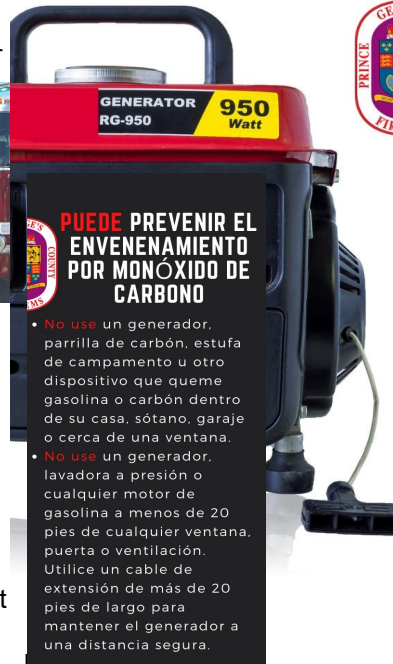
Dec 21st- Truck 14 operated in the 7400Blk of Parkwood St in Landover for a working house fire.

Dec 21st- Truck 14 operated in the 4100Blk of Oglethorpe St in Hyattsville for a working house fire.

Dec 31st- Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the 9300Blk of Good Luck Road in Lanham to assist units on scene with a vehicle accident with people trapped. The Squad arrived and extricated the patients who were transported to area trauma center.

Jan 1st- Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were dispatched to an accident with one overturned in the OL of I-495 at the split to I-95 in Beltsville. Units arrived to find one trapped, and the Rescue Squad crew went to work stabilizing the vehicle and removing the roof to extricate the patient.

Jan 2nd- After clearing a rescue local, Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew was dispatched as the Search Company to the 3400 block of Newton St in Mt. Rainer for a house on fire. Squad 14 was first arriving special service. The crew forced entry into the house and while performing searches the crew located a fire on the top floor. Units opened up and the fire was quickly extinguished.



### YOU CAN PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

- **Don't** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, garage, or near a window.
- **Don't** use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Use an extension cord that is more than 20 feet long to keep the generator at a safe distance.

### BHVFD Responds to COVID19

Over the past few months, our volunteer Firefighters & EMTs have been dealing with a surge of 911 calls which has overwhelmed the EMS system and area hospitals.



#### WHEN TO CALL 9-1-1 ABOUT COVID-19

Are you exhibiting emergency warning signs of COVID-19 that may include a high fever, difficulty breathing/shortness of breath, persistent pain/pressure in the chest, confusion, or bluish lips/face?

No

Don't call 9-1-1

Yes

Call 9-1-1

If you are experiencing mild symptoms (such as a low fever and cough) or have been in a common space with someone who has COVID-19, then you should contact your primary healthcare provider or visit your state or local department of health website for guidance. More info on COVID-19 is available at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19).





## Protecting our Tree Canopy



Shade trees provide many benefits for our town. For starters, trees:

- Provide energy savings. Trees can block wind in winter and provide shade in summer, reducing utility costs.
- Reduce stormwater runoff that contributes to flooding and allows harmful substances to enter waterways.
- Beautify our neighborhood and make Berwyn Heights a better place to live!

Do you have ideas about how to protect our tree canopy? Please don't hesitate to share them!

**Please join the Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board at an upcoming meeting or reach out!**

Next meeting: February 10th, 7 pm, Virtual meeting  
Contact: Amanda Dewey, [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Join us February 2, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554**  
Or email [mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov)

Just a couple of weeks ago we all watched as drivers of tractor trailers, cars, and trucks, were stranded on I-95 in Virginia due to a snowstorm. SO, for February's article, here are some tips for traveling our roadways during winter weather. Listed below are some driving tips found on the NHTSA's website at [www.NHTSA.gov/winter-driving-tips](http://www.NHTSA.gov/winter-driving-tips):

Snow, sleet, and ice can cause extremely dangerous road conditions. There were 440 fatal crashes and an estimated 33,000 injury crashes during 2019 during the winter months. So, Preparing yourself and your vehicle for winter weather is essential.

Some basics for winter travel first and foremost, is slow down. It is harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road. Increasing your following distance enough so that you have plenty of time and space to stop your vehicles ahead of you. Don't crowd the snowplows or travel beside the truck. Snowplows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exits the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay far enough behind it and use caution if you must pass it. It is always better though to stay behind the snowplows. They have the salt mix they put down on the roads and the snowplows to push the snow off the roads.

What to do in an Emergency? If you are stopped or stranded in wintery weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car and your surroundings.

- Stay with your vehicle and don't overexert yourself

- Let your vehicle be seen – put your bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on

- Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning; make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically – just long enough to stay warm; don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space

Some tips for Preparing your Vehicle for Winter Weather & Traveling Our Roadways:

- Check your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and interior lights; also check trailer brake lights and turn signals, if necessary

- Make sure your vehicle's reservoir is full of high-quality winter fluid with de-icer before winter weather hits as you can go through lots of windshield wiper fluid in a single snowstorm; make sure defrosters and all windshield wipers work and replace any worn blades; consider installing heavy duty winter wipers if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice

- Ensure you have enough coolant in your vehicle and that it meets the manufacturer's specifications; see your owner's manual for recommendations; check the cooling system for leaks, test the coolant, and drain or replace the old coolant; you may also want to check with your mechanic for a tune up and ask them to check for leaks, badly worn hoses or other needed parts, repairs, and replacements

SO, BEFORE YOU GO AND DO ANY TRAVELING –

- Stock your vehicle:

- Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving related tasks plus supplies you might need in an emergency such as:

- A snow shovel, broom and/or ice scraper

- Sand or Kitty litter in case your vehicle gets stuck

- Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares, emergency markers)

- Blankets for protection from the cold, and

- A cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medications

- Gas Up or Plug It In:

- Keep your gas tank close to full whenever possible

- For electric and hybrid electric vehicles as well as gasoline vehicles, decrease the drain on the battery; lower temperatures drain the batteries

- Plan your Routes

- YOU KNOW THE RULES - DO NOT TEXT OR DRIVE DISTRACTED; obey posted speed limits; and always drive sober; both alcohol and drugs can impair safe and responsible driving by affecting things such as coordination, judgement, perception, and reaction time; AND REMEMBER, always wear your seatbelt!!!!!!

So go to their website and read the entire article for some helpful hints on driving in winter weather. [NHTSA.gov/winter-driving-tips](http://NHTSA.gov/winter-driving-tips)



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February has 28 days because, to the Romans, the month was an afterthought. In the 8th century BCE, they used the Calendar of Romulus, a 10-month calendar that kicked the year off in March (with the spring equinox).

February (do you see that extra "r"?) is one of the most frequently misspelled words.

For more than 40 years, February has been Black History Month.

It's the month for a lot of other causes, too. February also marks American Heart Month, ...

February got its start as a spring-cleaning festival. Well, kind of. It's named after Februa a Roman festival

Holidays Valentines Day, Presidents Day, Groundhog day to name a

FEB 21

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- NATIONAL/ INT'L WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
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- 20 YEARS + OF REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE
- TOWN RESIDENT

I've been working hard! I Love to do "Homework". Let me do your "Homework" too! A few of my recent transactions.

SOLD-6307 Tecumseh PI 3 BR 2 BA Bungalow, FP...\$375,000  
SOLD- 7504 Wellesley Dr 4 BR 2.5 BA split lvl as is..\$412,000  
SOLD-5804 Quebec St 3 BR 2 BA renovated rambler\$458,000  
ACTIVE-6209 Ruatan St 3 BR 2 BA rambler w/addtn..\$400,000  
COMING SOON 6208 Seminole St - 4 BR 2 BA all brick  
rambler sold as-is \$350,000's.

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 [karunaemeldaroz-ario@outlook.com](mailto:karunaemeldaroz-ario@outlook.com).

**Piano Lessons** in your home. Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-8225. 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 [jeunekanyudo@gmail.com](mailto:jeunekanyudo@gmail.com)

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

**New Home Brewing Club** – Calling

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

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

**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

**Estate Sale** at 5610 Berwyn Rd. Berwyn Heights. Nice furniture, pictures, mirrors, piano, and organs. Appointment only, please call 301-474-2128 or 410-643-0326.

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](mailto:angelalazo1@hotmail.com)

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**HOLY REDEEMER**  
Catholic Church


**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](http://holy-redeemer.org)  
Email: [parish@holy-redeemer.org](mailto:parish@holy-redeemer.org)

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Berwyn Heights Resident  
Admitted to Practice, MD, DC, VA  
Over 45 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 long-time 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



5101 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20781  
don@gobrent.co | C: 301.213.6332 | O: 301.565.2523





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee

Email us your ideas at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)

Website: [www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com)

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

Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 pm

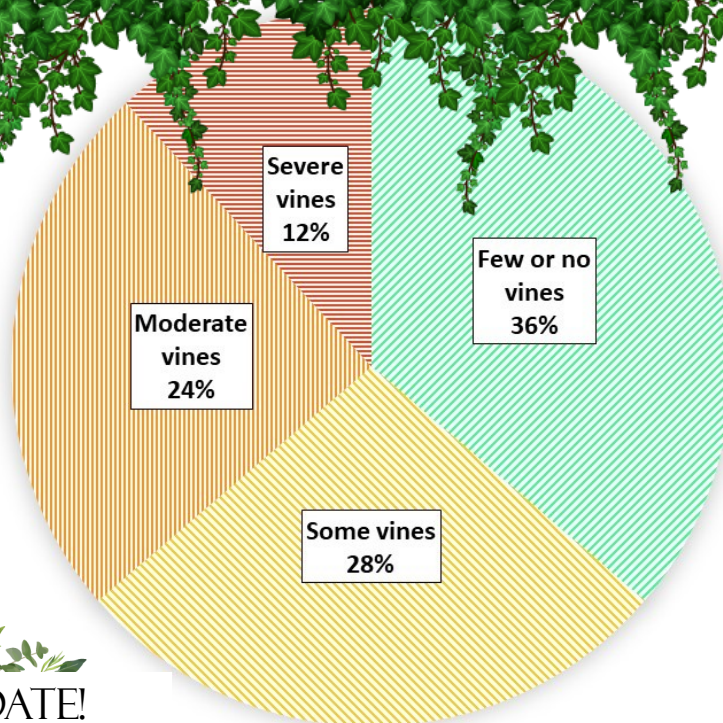
All residents are welcome to attend. Please email us for the virtual invitation.



## The Invasive Vine Survey Results are In!

Volunteers looked for invasive vines like English Ivy that are threatening our tall shade trees. Observing from the street, volunteers gathered 615 data points from across Town! A scientist analyzed the data.

This pie chart shows about how many Berwyn Heights homes have trees that are threatened by invasive vines. Fortunately, most homes have minimal vine presence. However, over a third of homes have trees that seem to be threatened.



SAVE THE DATE!

On March 12, a professional will demonstrate how to trim invasive vines to protect a tree. Look for more details in the March bulletin.

Would you be interested in having a volunteer come to your home to show you how to trim vines to protect your trees? Email us! [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)



To neighbors who have been keeping their area beautiful by gathering litter ...

**THANK YOU!**

Email us if you'd like a trash picker.





## December- Incidents

L.O.I.: Intersection of Cunningham Dr and Osage St., The male then quickly noticed that the roadway did not continue straight. The male then slammed on his hand breaks sending the motorcycle into an intense ARRESTED: 20 Y/O, W/H/M, Gerber Antonio Orellana of Riverdale.

**Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 11:30 pm, 'ARREST, RESISTING / HINDERING'**

L.O.I. : Greenbelt RD and 60th Ave.

ARRESTED: 25 Y/O, B/M, James Williams Owens of Glen Arden, MD.

**Monday, December 6, 2021 at 9:24 am, 'FRAUD'**

L.O.I.: SECU Credit Union located at 6011 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights MD, 20740.

**Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2:45 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

L.O.I.: 57XX Berwyn Road.

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 11:30 am, 'THEFT'**

L.O.I.: 6001 Greenbelt Rd (Shell Gas Station).

**Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 9:49 am, 'CHECK FRAUD'**

L.O.I.: 89XX 57th Avenue Berwyn Heights MD 20740.

**Saturday, December 11, at 8:25 am, 'VANDALISM'**

L.O.I.: 56XX Ruatan St. Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 12:55 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

L.O.I.: Shell Gas Station located at 6327 Greenbelt Rd.

**Friday, December 17, 2021 at 11:00 am, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'**

L.O.I.: Swarthmore Dr.

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 12:22 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'**

L.O.I.: 63rd Ave in Berwyn Heights.

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 1:30 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'**

L.O.I.: 58TH AVE.

**Friday, December 31, 2021 at 9:03 am, 'RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE WITH ARREST'**

L.O.I.: 8700 block of Edmonston Rd.

ARRESTED: Ponzo, Yoni, 33 Y/O, W/H/M.

Further information can be obtained through a request to the BHPD at (301) 474-6554

# Call 911

**For 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.

## Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Scholarship

**Who may Apply:** Current high school seniors, full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

**How to Apply:** The application is available online at [senatorpinsky.org](http://senatorpinsky.org). Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to Senator Paul G. Pinsky's scholarship application.

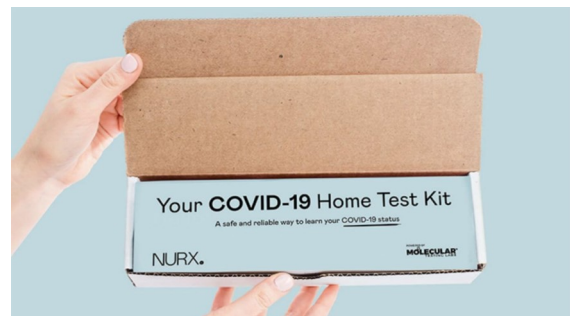
**Award Criteria:** Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need, and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500 - \$2000.

**Renewing an Award:** If you received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, your award will be renewed automatically as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress.

**Questions:** 301-858-3155 or [paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us](mailto:paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us)

**Deadline: April 3, 2022**

The White House is now providing free rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits. Every home in the U.S. is now eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. You must provide your name and residential mailing address. Tests will ship through the mail within 7-12 days of ordering, with no shipping fees. To order your tests, visit: [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov)



# May 3, 2022

## Election Day

### Important Dates

TUE	Mar. 01	Candidates filing deadline. Petitions for Candidacy due at Town office 5PM
TUE	Mar. 15	Candidate profiles due to Town office by 5PM
TUE	Mar. 15	Deadline for withdrawing candidacy for Town Council, by 5PM
MON	Mar. 28	Special supplemental voter registration at Town Office, 7PM-10PM
MON	Apr. 04	Last day to register with Town to vote in Town Council election, by 5PM
MON	Apr. 04	First day to request absentee ballot
TUE	Apr. 11	Campaign signs can be posted on private property with permission, incl. right-of way
TUE	Apr. 26	Last day to request absentee ballot, by 5PM
TUE	Apr. 26	Candidates' Night, 8PM
TUE	May 3	Election Day – Poll hours 7AM to 7:00PM Absentee ballots must be received by close of polls

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

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

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Robin Harris  
[rcrestwell@yahoo.com](mailto:rcrestwell@yahoo.com)

Vice President: Brandi Cowgill  
[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)

### 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






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### Abacus Int'l Tax

**Lily Qi**  
ENROLLED AGENT

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- Tax Planning
- IRS Audit and Notice Support
- Curbside Drop Off & Virtual

Appointment : (301)-474-2638 | EM: LLYQI99@GMAIL.COM

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Rec Council 7PM	2  NW/EP 7PM Virtual	3 	4	5
6	7  Worksession 7PM 	8 	9  Town Meeting 7PM 	10  Green Team 7PM Virtual	11	12
13	14 	15 	16 	17 	18	19
20	21 Most Town Offices Closed 	22  	23  BHHC 7:30 Virtual	24  Worksession 7PM 	25 	26
27	28  BHEAC 7PM Virtual					

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 Feb 22-25. 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  
Recycling Collection





# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
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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

Amanda Dewey (443) 646-3529 [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Administration  
Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Code Compliance  
Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
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)  
Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month