



# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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## February



**February 4: 2 to 4PM Bluegrass Concert  
featuring**

**The Rock Creek Revival**

**February 7: 7PM Narcan Training**

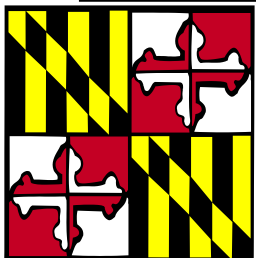
**February 19: Presidents Day: Office  
Closed**

**February 24: 1-4PM CPR/AED Training**



Some content inside provided in Spanish and English

Algunos contenidos internos se proporcionan en español e inglés.



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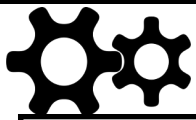
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Elections**

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**Emergency  
Training**



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Presidents Day Holiday Trash Schedule

Monday, 2/19/24: Presidents Day Holiday-  
No Trash Pick-up

Tuesday, 2/20/24: Town-wide Trash

Wednesday, 2/21/24: Town-wide Single  
Stream Recycling

Thursday, 2/22/24: Town-wide Yard  
Waste & Food Compost

Friday, 2/23/24: Town-wide Trash, Second  
Pick-up

## Streetsweeper

Week of February 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

To maximize benefit of this service, please  
don't park cars over debris in the curbs so  
streetsweeper can get streets as clean as  
possible.

## Recycling Reminder

A few recycling reminders:

- For single-stream recycling (glass, cans, bottles, paper, cardboard), please place items loosely in the Town-provided blue cans. Do not place them in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not accepted at the recycle center.
- For food compost, it can be placed in a paper yard waste bag, or a compostable bag and put out to the curb on yard waste day. Please do not place in plastic bags. It can also be combined with yard waste. If you are interested in a Town-issued food compost container, please email the Director of Public Works, Brad Pudner at [bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) or call or visit the Town Office.

Horario de recolección de basura durante las  
festividades del Día de los Presidentes  
Lunes, 2/19/24: Día festivo del Día de los  
Presidentes: no se permite la recolección de  
basura

Martes, 2/20/24: Basura en toda la ciudad

Miércoles, 2/21/24: Reciclaje de flujo único  
en toda la ciudad

Jueves, 2/22/24: Desechos de jardín y abono  
alimentario en toda la ciudad

Viernes, 2/23/24: Basura en toda la ciudad,  
segunda recogida

## Barrendero

Semana del 20 al 23 de febrero

Para maximizar el beneficio de este servicio,  
no estacione los automóviles sobre los es-  
combros en las aceras para que el barrende-  
ro pueda dejar las calles lo más limpias posi-  
ble.

## Recordatorio de reciclaje

Algunos recordatorios de reciclaje:

- Para el reciclaje de un solo flujo (vidrio, latas, botellas, papel, cartón), coloque los artículos sin apretar en las latas azules proporcionadas por la ciudad. No los coloque en bolsas de plástico. No se aceptan bolsas de plástico en el centro de reciclaje.
- Para el abono alimentario, se puede colocar en una bolsa de papel para desechos de jardín o en una bolsa compostable y tirarla a la acera el día de los desechos de jardín. Por favor, no lo coloque en bolsas de plástico. También se puede combinar con los desechos del jardín. Si está interesado en un contenedor de abono alimentario proporcionado por la Ciudad, envíe un correo electrónico al Director de Obras Públicas, Brad Pudner, a [bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) o llame o visite la Oficina de la Ciudad.

## Worksession Minutes December 4, 2023 | 7:00 pm

### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Town Manager Kyle Snyder and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Staff from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and their project partner Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) were present for the Walkable-Bikeable Berwyn Heights (WBBH) presentation. Residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights were present.

### Approval of the Agenda

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

### 1. Mayor

#### a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed condolences to the residents and Council of the City of Greenbelt for the loss of Councilmember Ric Gordon. MPT Brittan-Powell thanked all who came out for the holiday events over the past weekend and wished all a happy holiday season. He also encouraged residents to get involved in the upcoming elections as judges and candidates as well as to be engaged with the upcoming budget season.

#### b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the PGCMA legislative dinner will be held soon and to let staff know if there is interest in attending. She noted that the employee holiday party will be on December 15th and encouraged Council to take time to join if they are available. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if Council was available for a closed session at 6:30pm on December 18th. MPT Brittan-Powell disagreed that the purpose of the meeting should be closed and requested that it be discussed in open session at the Town Meeting. Council agreed that they would be available, and a closed session will be scheduled.

#### c. M-NCPPC WBBH PAMC Presentation

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy gave a background of the project to-date. Mr. Eric Tang of VHB introduced Mr. Connor Klein, the project manager from M-NCPPC. Mr. Klein thanked the Council, the Police Department, and residents including those from WBBH task force for their input. Also present were Evan Tanenbaum from M-NCPPC and Heather Gade and Sammy Snyder from the VHB project team. Mr. Tang reviewed that the project had been narrowed down to 4 locations in Town, noting that while there was concern from residents that all the selected areas ran east/west, many of the types of treat-

ments recommended for the identified intersections would be applicable to similar north/south intersections. The identified areas are 1) Ballew Ave; 2) Pontiac Ave intersections with 58th Ave, Cunningham Dr, and 60th Ave; 3) Berwyn Rd between Charlton and 60th Ave; and 4) intersection improvements at Quebec St/ 62nd Ave and Goucher Dr/ Cunningham Dr.

Mr. Tang noted the idea is to have an action plan listing projects the Town can prioritize and implement as funding is available. He encouraged Council to mark up the draft action plan they have received for comment. The draft action plan also includes a toolkit which describes each of the recommended treatments. He noted Council has also received an addendum, which are photographs that show examples of each of the proposed treatments. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that many of the treatments focus on pedestrians and wanted to know if the solutions would also work for cyclists. Mr. Tang noted that particularly on Ballew Ave, the treatments are focused on cyclists. Mr. Tang reviewed the identified areas and the potential countermeasures in detail. Council had questions about specific treatments for each area and Mr. Tang addressed each concern. He also emphasized that it would be important to get input from residents prior to implementation. Mr. Tang also will be checking on the application of a couple of Council suggestions, such as use of mirrors on curves and to determine if doubling stop signs is more effective than flashing stop signs. Council discussed holding a Town Hall for resident and partner input prior to sending in comments on the draft action plan.

Resident James Wilkinson, who was the chair of the WBBH taskforce, voiced his full support for any of the interventions that the Council is able to do. Resident Debby Steele-Snyder commented that she was also on the WBBH taskforce and noted she has difficulty seeing traffic when she travels northbound on Charlton towards Berwyn Road. She noted that it is a dangerous intersection and would suggest that restricting parking to only one side of the street could increase visibility. She also commented on the "sign clutter" on Pontiac Street, which leads to people ignoring signs.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked who are the partners that need to be invited to a Town Hall. Mr. Klein replied it would need to be partners like the police and fire departments, as well as public school transportation, public transportation, and Public Works, as well as himself. He also noted that M-NCPPC would primarily be interested in input from partners.

Resident Dave Wolfinger noted that he agrees with Ms. Steele-Snyder on the sign clutter. During his ride-along with the police, a driver ran a stop sign with the squad car right at the intersection and the violator stated that they didn't see the stop sign. He also said that he doesn't know if the excuse is valid as there is pretty much a stop sign at every corner. He mentioned he doesn't see a lot of bicyclists in Town and that every

change in favor of bikes takes makes it more difficult for drivers. Mr. Tang replied that it is about building a culture of safety and inclusivity for those who do not have or may not want to drive cars as well as reinforcing safer road use behavior by all vehicles. Mr. Wolfinger reiterated that he just doesn't see the bike traffic in Town to justify such changes and that most homes in Berwyn Heights have multiple vehicles. He also asked how Ballew became a major bike route. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that it was part of the East Coast Greenway bike trail system.

Resident Paul Mulholland on Nevada St commented that blinking stop signs would increase their visibility at night, and enforcement would be easier if they were blinking. He also noted the visibility issues in his area and would like to see interventions to slow traffic and increase safety for pedestrians and vehicles.

CM Menjivar asked about increasing safety of the crossing at Indian Creek Trail and Berwyn Rd.

There was discussion about scheduling a Town Hall, which will be discussed in greater detail at the December 18 Worksession.

#### d. Review Stormwater Engineer Proposals

TM Snyder reviewed that during the last worksession the Council had some questions they wanted to have clarified by the responding firms. He noted that LIDC added a townwide survey, which increased their price by about \$16,000. He noted that LIDC indicated they chose the two systems in their proposal as those that have the highest chance of success and grant funding opportunities. TM Snyder reported completing a reference check for CPJ, receiving positive feedback and noting that many nearby municipalities have used them and that they have worked with municipalities to obtain grants. CM Menjivar asked about which stormwater drainage study would be used. TM Snyder noted that all the firms would use existing studies as a starting place and would do additional work as needed. Finally, TM Snyder noted that RK&K has been used by the City of College Park and has positive feedback as well. TM Snyder noted that only LIDC provided a total for their project where CPJ and RK&K provided billable hourly rates.

CM Papanikolas asked for clarification on the goal of the discussion and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed a desire to come to a consensus on which firm to hire, to then vote on a resolution at the Town Meeting. She stated a preference for CPJ because of their ability to complete the scope of the work, having done work in Town on previous projects, and providing the lowest price. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he believed the Mayor to not

be taking into consideration the type of solutions that the firms might present to Council. He shared his belief that both CPJ and RK&K will present the Town with more “grey” solutions rather than “green” solutions and that LIDC is green focused and that certain staff at LIDC know the Town issues well. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that while the firms may present solution options, it is ultimately up to the Council to decide which “green” and “grey” solutions will be implemented. CM Hemby asked why hourly prices were not listed for some of the personnel types across the three firms. TM Snyder explained that not all firms listed the same employees in their price sheets, but that does not mean the firm does not have the capacity to complete the work. CM Hemby asked MPT Brittan-Powell to explain his preference for LIDC. MPT Brittan-Powell reiterated that LIDC will be focused on “green” solutions and that the other firms will be focused on “grey” or concrete and pipe solutions. CM Hemby stated that she believes that the solution may need to be a “grey” solution and would be uncomfortable with solutions that are solely focused on “green” solutions. CM Menjivar stated that all the firms are capable of doing the work but expressed comfort with RK&K, having worked with them before. Council discussed having the firms come to present on the 18th of December to answer any remaining questions. CM Papanikolas stated that all the firms will present solutions but ultimately the Council would be making the decisions as to which solutions are implemented. He also stated that all the firms are able to do the work and a presentation will not change that and ultimately the decision will need to be made on price. The majority of the Council concluded to move forward with a resolution to hire CPJ as the stormwater engineering firm at the December Town Meeting.

#### e. Resident Comments

There were no resident comments.

#### 2. Public Safety:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy thanked the BHVFD for delivering Santa to the tree lighting party.

##### a. Students Walking to BHES and GMS

TM Snyder reviewed that in the light of the recent tragedies in Riverdale there is concern about students walking to Greenbelt Middle and Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools. He noted that the focus is on BHES as the crossing guard for GMS is on Greenbelt Road and that it seems to be a higher priority to dispatch guards to that crossing, likely due to the heavy traffic on the roadway. BHPD officers have been dispatched to BHES to assist in crossing guard duty 22 times since September with all but 4 of those times working at the rear access to the school. He noted that the County is actively recruiting crossing guards and will have that information shared in the E-Newsletter. He also noted State Delegate Anne Healey has introduced a bill to allow for stop sign cameras and other vehicle monitoring devices and that

the Town has submitted a letter of support for the bill. CM Papanikolas noted that even the school staff has had to help at times with crossing guard duties and noted that the parking lot of the school is an issue as well. He encouraged parents and guardians to be responsible drivers in the parking lot of the school. CM Hemby shared her support for Delegate Healey’s bill as well.

#### 3. Public Works

CM Menjivar noted that leaf collection is going on heavily this month. TM Snyder noted that after December 15th, residents would need to bag their loose leaves for pick-up.

#### 4. Administration.

There was no Administration report.

##### a. Budget Calendar Review

TM Snyder reviewed the draft budget calendar for FY2025, noting that the Council will see the first draft of the budget during the second worksession in March. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing and requested that the Public Safety Taxing District Budget be added to the calendar. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the tax rate and when the Council will be able to present their wish lists. TM Snyder noted that the February 5 Worksession would be the opportunity to discuss Council priorities and that the Town would receive tax rate information from the State in mid-February.

#### 5. Code Compliance

There was no Code Compliance report.

##### a. Ordinance 101 Amendments

TM Snyder noted that there were no changes to what the Council had discussed last Worksession, but that the Council can now see the redlined version. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested a format check and to include language about the ability to appeal. The Council will introduce the amended ordinance at the December Town Meeting.

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

There was no PRECA report.

##### a. BHC: Condition of Sportland

TM Snyder reviewed that a couple of historic properties in Town have had alternations made, possibly without correct permits. The Town notified the County’s Historic Preservation Commission and their DPIE inspector has taken the lead in investigating the issue. The Town is deferring to the County on these properties. CM Papanikolas wondered if there was any kind of disclosure made during the sale of a historic-designated property. TM Snyder stated that a “stop work” order had been issued for the property on Natasha, but that the property on Ruatan has permits, however, they are trying to determine if they are the right ones. There was discussion on the desired outcome as well and grant funding opportunities for historic properties. Resident Debbie Steele-Snyder noted there is a preference to have the properties restored and that there is documentation on those properties. She will try to determine if there is a disclosure in the sale of a historic proper-

ty. She thanked the Town for the quick response to their concerns.

#### 7. Adjournment

TM Snyder issued a correction on loose leaf collection, noting that regular North/South leaf collection ends on December 15th, with Town-wide pick up taking place as time allows until January 5th which will be the final pick-up of the season. After that, leaves must be bagged and will be picked up on regular yard waste collection days.

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:28PM.

### **Town Meeting Minutes :** **December 13, 2023 | 7:00 pm.**

#### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:12PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Town Manager Kyle Snyder, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights were present.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### 1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy made an announcement for a closed meeting to be held on Monday, December 18th at 6:30PM. The meeting will be closed pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(3): “To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto” (specifically, to discuss the feasibility of purchasing a commercial property to use as space for public activities, the Town’s Police Station and other Town services.). She also noted that CM Menjivar had an excused absence for this evening. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed his wish that issues with past closed meetings on this issue do not repeat themselves. He encouraged residents to participate in elections. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called for a point of order, stating that these items are not announcements, but rather should be made under the Councilmember reports. The point of order was sustained by CM Papanikolas.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 3:0:1 with MPT Brittan-Powell abstaining.

#### 3. Variance Request--6107 Seminole Street

Director Goodwin introduced Mr. Nick Lorenz, the homeowner and Mr. Robert Hyman, the contractor on the project. She explained that the property was severely damaged in the windstorm of July 2022.

The original extension project was granted a building permit by the Town and County. After the project began, it was determined that the water table was too high to go forward with the planned project and the project was redesigned as an overhang extension that the County determined would require a variance.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the overhang in the pictures, which show the work as being completed. Mr. Hyman explained that the project was completed before the need for a variance was discovered. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the type of ground surface under the overhangs. Mr. Hyman stated that it is dirt and plantings.

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed his sympathies to all the Lorenz family has suffered. He asked for confirmation that the footers are adequate to support the addition. Mr. Hyman stated that the project was reviewed by their structural engineer. Mr. Lorenz added that the house was found structurally sound, minus specific areas of damage from the storm.

CM Papanikolas confirmed that the work has been completed and the variance is to approve work that has already been completed. He moved to approve the variance. CM Hemby seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lorenz thanked the Council as well as thanking Director Goodwin for all her support and encouragement during this process. CM Hemby also thanked Director Goodwin.

#### 4. Consent

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

#### 5. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy wished everyone Happy Holidays. She reminded everyone to check their health care insurance coverage. She noted that Maryland Health Connection has affordable health coverage options. She noted that Medicaid is not automatic and to watch for your renewal notices as well as making sure you have updated your contact information. She reviewed her participation in several meetings, including the District 22 Legislative Dinner where she asked for funding support to purchase a property to house the Police Department and other community events. She attended a meeting with Board of Education Member Jonathan Briggs who expressed concern about students at Greenbelt Middle School not getting the resources they need. She encouraged residents with students at Greenbelt Middle School to reach out if they are in need of support. She also attended a webinar hosted by Congressman Glenn Ivey on congressional earmarks as well as a webinar on water infrastructure and stormwater management grants.

MPT Brittan-Powell apologized for his

delay in joining the meeting. He noted that he may have to leave early for a family issue. He encouraged residents to consider running for Council or serving as an election judge. He noted that he will try to speak to issues that residents have brought up to him throughout the week, particularly the flag policy and stormwater management resolutions.

CM Hemby also wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She noted the increase of pets wearing lighted vests at night and that it is appreciated. She also thanked everyone who made the Tree Lighting a success. She highlighted how the different departments work to keep the Town safe and once again encouraged residents to reach out to Code Compliance Director Goodwin for support on Code issues.

CM Papanikolas updated residents on the leaf vacuum schedule as CM Menjivar was absent. He also celebrated that Gary Stanton has been with the Town for 10 years. He attended the PGCMA Legislative meeting and noted that there is a push to increase stormwater management funding to reach the municipal level as well as reducing tax duplication for residents between the County and the municipalities. He added that there is a push to hire crossing guards. MML is looking to help support revenue streams for local governments as well as supporting legislation that would allow for a trained staff member to review stoplight and speed camera tickets instead of an officer.

#### 6. Committee Reports

a. Green Team: There was no Green Team report.

b. Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder noted the BHHC did not meet in November as there was not a quorum. They will be meeting on December 20th at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room and all are welcome. They are working on updating the digital walking tour and pamphlets. Copies of the two reformatted pamphlets are available in the museum. She noted that historic properties need special permits to work on the outside of the home and encouraged residents to look at the Town website for more information as well as to reach out to Code Compliance and the County's Historic Preservation Commission. She noted that a historic home is currently for sale in Town. She also noted that the Gohr House Christmas display is back on the corner of Ruatan and 58th.

c. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that recent Police-sponsored events have gone well. She noted that the trailer inventory has been offered to Town Departments and then will be offered to other emergency management agencies in the County. She noted two upcoming trainings, Narcan and AED/CPR/First Aid. She noted that the CPR training has a \$70 per person fee, to be covered by the

NW/EP.

d. Recreation Council: Ms. Steele-Snyder reviewed that the last Rec Council meeting was a review of recent community events. She noted the Regifting Party will be on January 13th. The Rec Council is looking to host another team trivia night in the spring. A bluegrass concert will be hosted in February and they are already looking forward to options for Berwyn Heights Day and the Summer Concert Series. She provided an overview of the Friday Game Night activities when asked by MPT Brittan-Powell.

7. Old Business: There was none.

#### 8. New Business

a. Introduction of Ordinance 101, amended

Council reviewed that this amended ordinance was due to resident complaints of pet owners not picking up waste. While the current ordinance this as a violation, there was no mechanism to assess a fine. CM Papanikolas moved to introduce the ordinance and waive the first reading. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested some changes to the "Whereas" section and to make some minor changes to formatting. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about how this would be enforced. Director Goodwin noted that it would be challenging for Code and BHPD to enforce, but this will also apply to homes and that will be easier to enforce. CM Papanikolas asked about the appeal process as he understood that a Council hearing would not be a step in the appeals process and that it would go directly to District Court. The motion to introduce the ordinance passed 4:0.

b. Resolution 12-2023 Flag Policy Resolution

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed this is due to the 2022 Supreme Court case, *Shurtleff vs. The City of Boston, MA*, where the Court ruled that when a flag is flown on government property it is government speech, and recommended municipalities adopt a policy to clarify which flags may be displayed on government property. CM Hemby moved to adopt Resolution 12-2023. CM Papanikolas seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell asked for a definition between governmental and non-governmental flags. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the definitions that are included in the policy. CM Papanikolas reported that he was asked why the policy was needed. He noted that without a policy, every request for a flag to be flown must be honored. Instead, residents must now bring their requests to Council for consideration. TC Friesen read the resolution into the record. The motion to adopt passed unanimously, 4:0.

c. Resolution 13-2023 Stormwater Engineer Contract

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that in June 2023, Council approved the job descrip-



tion and requested that the stormwater consultant job description be posted as soon as possible. Three responses were received, and this resolution awards the contract to CPJ & Associates. CM Papanikolas moved to approve Resolution 13-2023. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that the process has been very confusing and that the outcomes desired were not clearly defined. He requested a friendly amendment to include the outcomes of a draft RFP as the outcomes desired from the firm. There was discussion on the job description versus a RFP. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed concern that this will not do what the Council has promised to do. CM Papanikolas noted that once the contract is awarded it is up to the Council to direct the contractor and Town Manager toward the desired outcomes. MPT Brittan-Powell requested that the outcomes from the RFP draft be the direction for the contractor. TC Friesen read the resolution into the record. The motion to adopt passed unanimously, 4:0.

#### 9. Resident & Community Comments

Resident Cassandra Kirk on Ruatan St. commented by phone, noting a rat infestation on Ruatan St and that she has been working with Code Compliance to get it resolved. She stated she has trapped 18 rats between November 9 and December 12th. She expressed a concern about the infestation spreading. Code Compliance Director Goodwin gave a brief update and expressed an expectation that the issue will soon be addressed. TM Snyder noted that the County Health Department has a "rat helpline" and checklist.

MPT Brittan-Powell left the meeting at 8:35pm.

#### 10. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously (3:0) and the meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

### Worksession Minutes November 20, 2023 | 7:00 pm

#### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:19PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Also present were Town Manager Kyle Snyder, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights. Students from the University of Maryland joined for their presentation.

#### Approval of the Agenda

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4:0).

#### 1. Mayor

##### a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that CM Papanikolas had an excused absence for the worksession, although he was present for the closed meeting. She reported on the closed meeting that happened immediately prior to the meeting, from 6:38PM to 7:09PM in Council Chambers. The purpose was to consider the acquisition of real property. Those in favor of entering closed session were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, CM Papanikolas, and CM Menjivar with MPT Brittan-Powell abstaining. CM Hemby arrived at 6:48PM and affirmed her vote for the closed session. Also present in the closed meeting was TM Snyder and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson. The meeting discussed the feasibility of acquiring a commercial property to host public activities as well as the Police Department and other Town services. Council voted 4:1 to direct TM Snyder to obtain an appraisal of a property.

##### b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the first worksession of 2024 is on a Tuesday and to look for schedule updates on yard waste pickup.

##### c. Presentation from UMD Stormwater Students

UMD Students John Luke Iglesias, Aelina Pogorian, Saloni Gupta, and Jasmi Kevadia reviewed the project which resulted in a brochure, available in both English and Spanish, highlighting the stormwater drainage infrastructure in Town while also covering ways to reduce stormwater runoff. The brochure contains QR codes to connect to the County Rain-check Rebate program and to request services for the storm drains. Each of the students reviewed the case studies which informed their recommendations within the brochure.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy thanked the students for all their work and asked for an editable version of the brochure, so minor changes might be made, as well as to include credit for the students' efforts. MPT Brittan-Powell asked the students if they were surprised by how well low impact interventions can work. Ms. Gupta replied that it was interesting to note how much impact private rain gardens can have and noted their reasonable cost. CM Hemby expressed that the map is informative but wished that it were easier to read. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the electronic version, available on-line as a supporting document to this agenda item is quite clear. MPT Brittan-Powell noted how well the green interventions on his property worked during the heavy rains over the past weekend.

##### d. M-NCPPC WBBH PAMC Action Plan Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the action plan is still not to be made public at this point because it does not yet comply with the County publication standards, but that the County is looking for feedback by January 5th. She asked that everyone make sure to take time to look at the draft action plan and be ready with specific feedback to discuss during the January 2nd worksession.

##### e. Architecture/Placemaking Proposal Reviews

TM Snyder reviewed that the Town had an excellent response from the RFP. Staff will be evaluating these and bring the top three candidates to Council for their review. He did affirm that Council will have all responses to review,

not just the three staff choices. He recommended Council allow time for each recommended candidate to give a presentation to Council, as this will be a public-facing role and how the contractor interacts with residents will be important. Council offered their feedback on criteria staff should consider when deciding which candidates will be chosen to present to the Council. CM Hemby thanked TM Snyder for making this a smooth process.

##### f. Resident Comments

Resident Paul Kavanaugh thanked TM Snyder and MPT Brittan-Powell for their assistance with a neighbor applying for grants to pay PEPCO bills. He also expressed concerns about the deaths of students walking to elementary school in Riverdale and would like to have had a public response from the Town. He commented on the importance of the Shade Tree Board. He also shared his concerns about the risks of the walkability and drivability of the Edmonston/Pontiac intersection which can be chaotic at times.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that grant assistance is available through the ARPA residential relief program. She referred Mr. Kavanaugh to the December 4th Worksession during which Council had a productive discussion about the Town's ongoing efforts to maintain and improve school pedestrian safety in light of what happened in Riverdale. At MPT Brittan-Powell's request, she also spoke briefly about the Emergency Assistance Fund available to residents experiencing a natural or man-made disaster.

##### 2. Public Works

CM Menjivar reminded residents that the last day for vacuum leaf collection will be January 5th. He shared compliments to the Department of Public Works on keeping the Town clean. He encouraged residents to check the calendar in the Bulletin for the pick-up schedule through the holidays. MPT Brittan-Powell added compliments to Public Works for delivering sandbags to high risk areas during the storm over the weekend.

##### 3. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed gratitude to all who have given support to his family in recent days. He requested that residents consider making a New Years Resolution to be more civically engaged and involved and consider running for Council or volunteering as an election judge. He shared his experience with an interfaith event. He recounted that many residents have shared their frustration with the Council with him. He thanked temporary staff who filled in at Town Hall and welcomed new office coordinator Janée Williams who started today. He noted staff is working on catching up on the Town audits. He reiterated that ARPA assistance is still available. He asked for residents to keep nudging the Council and highlighted a desire to continue to work toward empowerment and inclusion of minority groups in Town.

##### a. Election Calendar Review

TC Friesen reviewed the calendar noting that most of the dates are determined by the ordinance. There was brief discussion regarding a date that is defined as "30 days before the election" which falls on a weekend; the County recommends making the deadline the day

following the weekend. The calendar will also include the updated swearing-in date for the new Council.

**b. Leadership Compliance with Berwyn Heights' Town Charter and the Open Meetings Act- in Spirit and Specifics**

MPT Brittan-Powell shared there was a closed meeting held several months ago that he found problematic. He highlighted that his concern is that as much Town business that can be conducted in open meetings should be done so. He expressed that it is not that his concern is not about what is being decided, but rather with how issues are decided and that he does not want even the perception of something being done in secret. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that the Open Meetings Compliance Board found no issues with the purpose for the closed meeting, or the way it was conducted, only with how the meeting had been noticed, which is an issue that has been corrected. She noted that Council briefly discussed holding a closed session for reviewing placemaking contractors earlier this evening, but determined that an open session for this task was in line with the way these decisions have been made in the past.

**4. Code Compliance**

CM Hemby asked about using the Code Com-

pliance report to discuss any issue. She wanted to note and highlight all the positive reports from residents on Code Compliance and Public Works. She noted that all the departments are working for the good of the Town. She has not heard any of the complaints and negativity. She requested a document that noted all the accomplishments of the Council. She expressed frustration with the focus being made on the negative and would like to focus on the accomplishments of Council. CM Menjivar expressed his agreement to focus on positive items. CM Hemby also thanked resident Michael Bloom for his help on the welcome packet.

**5. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs**

There was no PRECA report.

**a. Re-establish the Shade Tree Board**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the Town has been advertising for volunteers to be appointed to the Shade Tree Board. She reviewed the Urban Forest Ordinance which establishes the board. There was brief discussion on the ordinance, with the proposal to lower the number of members needed. TC Friesen noted that a Tree Board is part of the requirements for Tree City Certification. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested Council attempt to recruit members for the board.

**b. PRECA/Outreach position split**

TM Snyder reviewed the position as was established in July but is suggesting that the role be split into two positions, one focusing on a PRECA aide, and the other focused on an Outreach worker. He expressed his belief that the positions could be filled quickly if they were separate. CM Hemby noted a strong preference for the Outreach person to speak Spanish. Council consensus was to split the original role into two separate part-time positions.

**6. Public Safety**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared community concerns over a potential anti-Semitic poster that was seen on a utility box outside of the new Aldi. She noted it was already gone before the police and TM Snyder went to remove it. Staff is exploring possible solutions to make the surfaces of these SHA traffic control boxes less convenient for posters.

**7. Adjournment**

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.



# Town Elections



**The Berwyn Heights Town Council election will be on May 7, 2024.**

**Petitions of Candidacy are currently being accepted. Petitions will be accepted until March 5th. All election forms as well as a full calendar of election deadlines can be found on the Town Website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections>**



# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

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## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

February 3	Phil Waltz
February 4	Dave Wolfinger
February 15	Doris Loutsch
February 15	Ron Luftman
February 23	Karen Reznek

**CHAIR EXERCISES**— Monday and Friday at 11 A.M.  
**BINGO** - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM  
**WII BOWLING**— Every Wednesday 10:30AM  
**GAME NIGHT**— Board Games and Pool Every Friday at 7:00PM  
**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM  
**BREAKFAST** at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30  
**MEETINGS**-Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Pot Luck.

**“Everyone should try to learn before they die  
what they are running from and to and why.”- Annon**



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For more information, contact Theresa Beck 301-237-2829 ([becktheresaq@gmail.com](mailto:becktheresaq@gmail.com)), Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 ([Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com)) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881





# Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

**Sunday, February 4th, 2-4pm - Free Bluegrass Concert by  
The Rock Creek Revival**  
at the Town Center, 2nd floor (8603 57th Avenue)



**Friday, March 15th, 7-9pm—Team Trivia!**  
at the Town Center, 2nd floor (8603 57th Avenue)  
Teams will compete in a night of trivia fun! Feel free to bring your  
own snacks and beverages. (Adults Only).  
Don't have a team? Show up and we will place you on one.

The rec council is in the planning stages of Berwyn Heights Day.  
If you have any ideas or suggestions, want to be a craft vendor, know of a good food vendor,  
want to be part of the parade... We want to hear from you!  
Our next two meetings are Tuesday, February 6th, and Tuesday, March 5th, at 7pm in the  
Love Room. Feel free to join us at a meeting, or email your suggestions  
to [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)



**Domingo, 4 de febrero, 2-4pm - Concierto gratuito de  
Bluegrass de The Rock Creek Revival**  
en el centro de la ciudad, 2do piso (8603 57th Avenue)



**Viernes, 15 de marzo, de 7 a 9 p.m. - ¡Noche de trivia!**  
en el centro de la ciudad, 2do piso (8603 57th Avenue)

¡Los equipos competirán en una noche de diversión y trivia! No dudes en traer tus propios  
bocadillos y bebidas. (Sólo para adultos). ¿No tienes un equipo? Preséntate y te ubicaremos  
en uno. (Las preguntas estarán en inglés)

El consejo de recreación está en las etapas de planificación del Berwyn Heights Day.  
Si tienes alguna idea o sugerencia, quieres ser vendedor de artesanías, conoces a un buen  
vendedor de comida, quieres ser parte del desfile... ¡Queremos saber de ti!  
Nuestras próximas dos reuniones son el martes 6 de febrero y el martes 5 de marzo, a las  
7 p.m. en el centro de la ciudad, 1er piso (8603 57th Avenue). No dudes en unirse a nosotros  
en una reunión o enviar tus sugerencias por correo electrónico a [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)



## *Historical Committee*



End of the WSSGRR streetcar line, 1920  
Corner of Berwyn Road & 58th Avenue

Did you know Berwyn Heights had a streetcar service? The above photograph shows the terminal of the Washington, Spa Springs & Greta Railroad (WSSGRR) which served Berwyn Heights from 1912 to 1921. This railroad used a battery-powered railroad car built by Thomas Edison and Ralph Beach to complete the last part of the journey into Berwyn Heights.

Read more about the WSSGRR here: <https://berwynheightshistory.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/wssgrr-pamphlet-5-2-14.pdf>

Read more about Edison and Beach:

[https://www.heritagehistory.com/index.php?  
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<https://www.midcontinent.org/rollingstock/builders/railwaystorbat.htm>

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Love Room.

**All are welcome!**

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

**For more information visit our Website:**

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

***Visitors are always welcome!***





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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

Facebook: @BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next Green Team meeting will be / Nuestra proxima reunion del Equipo Verde sera

Thursday, 2/8/24, 7:00 pm, G Love Room, Town Center.

All residents of Berwyn Heights are welcome. / Todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights son bienvenidos.

With winter storms on the way, we need to de-ice our steps and walks to prevent dangerous falls!

But salt damages our walkways, rivers, plants, and pets.

Coffee grounds or sand are a

more environmental traction material. Or, lay down a dark tarp before the snow falls.

¡Con las tormentas invernales en camino, debemos descongelar nuestros pasos y caminatas para

evitar caídas peligrosas! Pero la sal daña nuestros caminos, ríos, plantas y mascotas.

Los posos de café o la arena son un material de

tracción más ecológico. O coloquen una lona oscura antes de que caiga la nieve.



Check out our de-icing recommendations, including a recipe for DIY de-icing spray!



Consulten nuestras recomendaciones para descongelar, ¡incluida una receta de spray descongelante casero!





## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Join us for two free Training Classes in February



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### LEARN EMERGENCY SKILLS!

**NARCAN TRAINING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7,**  
**2024**  
**7:00pm to 8:00pm**  
**G. Love Room, Town Center:**

We are experiencing too many opioid-related overdose deaths in Prince George's County. In response to this public health crisis, the Prince George's County Health Department has created a program for residents to be trained to administer Naloxone (a drug that reverses opioid overdose symptoms), while increasing awareness and education as it pertains to Fentanyl, Xylazine, and all related opioids.

All interested residents must register in advance: in-person at the Town Office; by calling 301-474-5000, Option 5; or by emailing [contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov).

Residents who register by February 1, 2024 will receive a Narcan kit upon completion of the training class.

**CPR/AED and FIRST AID**  
**TRAINING**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024**  
**1:00pm to 4:00pm**  
**Second Floor, Town Center:**

Make sure you have these life-saving skills in an emergency situation.

Topics will include:

- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- How to act in an emergency
- Preventing disease transmission
- Bleeding and wound care
- Responding to a choking incident

All interested residents must register in advance: in-person at the Town Office; by calling 301-474-5000, Option 5; or by emailing [contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov).

Residents who register by February 22, 2024 will be awarded an official CPR certification upon completion of



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## Recent Working Incidents

Jan 2nd— Truck 14 was alerted to the 1700Blk of Spanish Oak Ln in Largo for a working house fire, fire in the kitchen.

Jan 4th- Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to respond as the first due truck to the 8000 blk of 51st Ave in College Park. Units arrived on scene to find smoke showing and a fire on the second floor. The crew of Truck 14 laddered, searched, and completed overhaul for the engine company.

Jan 8th— Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to Edmonton Rd at Sunnyside Ave in Beltsville for an accident. Units arrived to find a multi-vehicle accident that resulted in major power line damage and a fatality.

Jan 10th— Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were dispatched for the accident with reported entrapment in the area of Goodluck Rd. Squad 814 arrived on scene to find a patient pinned on the passenger side of the vehicle. Squad 814 performed a doors, roof, dash removal and was able to free the patient from the vehicle.



Jan 12th— Ladder Truck 14 was alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch assignment to assist units with a working house fire in the 4900Blk of Smithwick Ln in Glenn Dale.

Jan 14th— Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted at 1:30am for a reported accident on the Capitol Beltway. Squad 14 arrived to find a car crashed into the works with the driver trapped. The crew performed a side wall and extricated the driver.

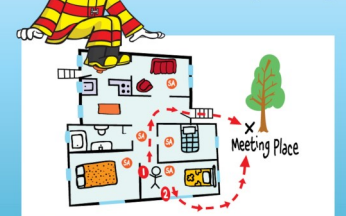
Jan 14th— At 3:32am, Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to another accident this one on Edmonston Rd near Sunnyside Ave. Beltsville Engine 31 arrived to find one vehicle off the roadway with the driver trapped. The Squad crew stabilized the vehicle and performed a side wall removal to extricate the patient.

## Home Fire Escape Planning!

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A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.

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## December Incidents

**Saturday, December 6, 2023 at 7:26 am, 'STOLEN AUTO'**

At approximately 0726, 12/6/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to the LOI for a reported fight. While responding Hollowell was notified via communications dispatch that the accused was trying to steal a vehicle and was fighting with the owner. Hollowell arrived on the scene seconds later and saw the victim struggling with the accused. The accused was being held down by the victim. Hollowell was able to handcuff the accused without further struggle. It was indicated the accused was pepper sprayed by the witness who had assisted the victim. The Fire Department, Berwyn Heights ambulance #814, treated the victim and the accused. The accused was secured in the ambulance.

The investigation disclosed the victim was inside the LOI paying for items as the listed vehicle was being pumped with gas at pump #4. The accused removed the nozzle from the listed vehicle and then entered the driver's side. The accused started the vehicle after getting the keys from the seat. The victim ran out to the vehicle, opening the driver's door in an effort to stop the accused. The accused put the vehicle into gear and drove off at a high rate of speed with the victim hanging on. The accused drove the vehicle around the gas station building clipping the pump island. That action threw the victim and accused out of the vehicle and the victim's property. The vehicle unattended continued in motion onto

Greenbelt Road. It finally stopped at Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane after hitting the median. The victim and accused continued struggling on the ground. At some point, the witness pepper sprayed the accused in an effort to control him.

The accused was taken by ambulance to Doctor's Hospital for treatment. While traveling to the hospital it was determined the accused had ingested PCP, heroin, and a type of MDMA(Molexy). The accused was under the influence of some type of narcotics. The accused was admitted for detoxification and treatment of injuries. He was identified as, a 42 Y/O/M, JAMES, Ramond of Montrose Va.

At 1433 hrs, 12/6/2023, Sgt. Hollowell was able to obtain an arrest warrant through the District Commissioner. Warrant # D230217190, charging the accused with attempt carjacking, attempt stolen auto, 2nd-degree assault, rogue and vagabond, and attempted theft, less than \$100, was obtained. On the release of the accused from Doctor's Hospital he was taken to Prince George's County Department of Corrections to go before a court commissioner. No further investigations are pending.

**Monday, December 11th, 2023, at 2:15 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

PFC Lowndes # 1456 Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 6327 Greenbelt Road for a reported stolen Maryland license plate # 4EC6485. PFC Lowndes met with the victim, and he stated that an unknown suspect removed and took the rear Maryland license plate that was attached to his regis-

tered motor vehicle. The stolen rear license plate was entered into NCIC.

**Friday, December 15th, 2023, at 7:58 pm, 'CHECK ON WELFARE'**

Officers were dispatched to check on the welfare call to the 8900 Block of 62nd Ave. Once on scene officers checked with the person in question, completed appropriate checks and person(s) were sent on their way.

**Saturday, December 16th, 2023, at 4:57 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Officers were dispatched to a theft from an auto call at the Shell Station located in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. A suspect entered her unlocked vehicle, stole a purse and fled the scene as the victim was in the store paying for gasoline.

**Monday, December 18th, 2023, at 7:58 am, 'MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT'**

Officers responded to the area of Greenbelt Station Pkwy and Greenbelt Road for a motor vehicle accident involving a bus. The crash report was handled by Prince George's County Police as it involved a county-owned vehicle.

**Wednesday, December 27th, 2023, at 7:17 pm, 'VEHICLE ACCIDENT'**

Officers from BHPD, Greenbelt PD, and Prince George's County PD, responded to a motor vehicle crash around Greenbelt Road and 62nd Ave. The crash involved three vehicles and the accident caused temporary road closures in that area.

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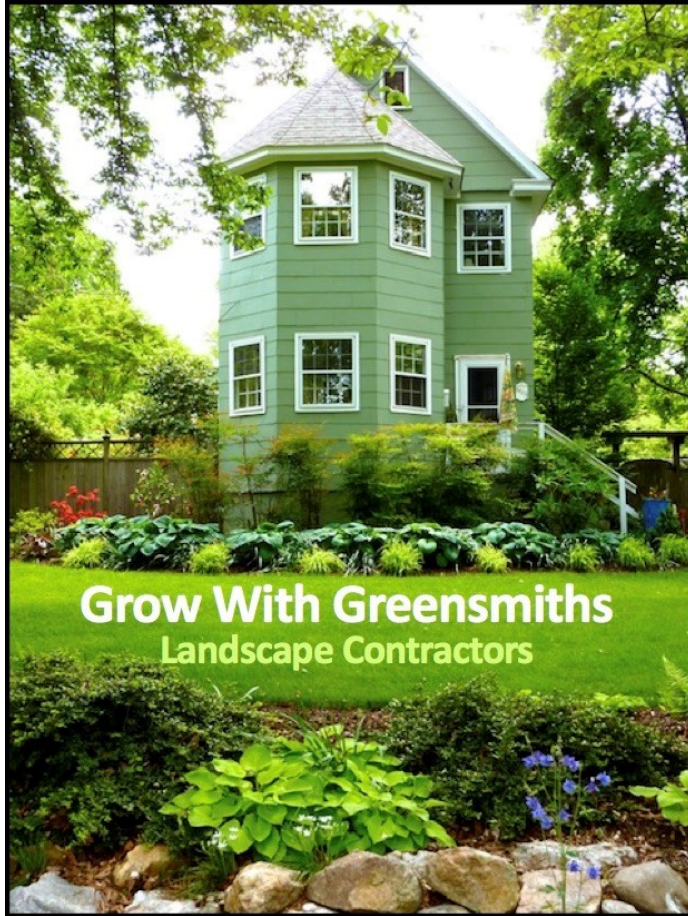
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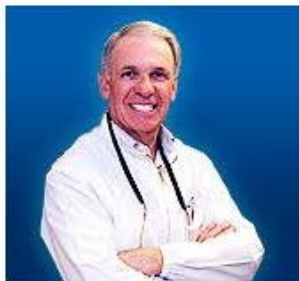
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SOLD-9605 Van Buren St Lanham 4BR 1.5BA,\$450K.

Coming Soon-6216 Seminole Pl 4BR 2 BA brick rambler w/FP, HDWD flrs.....\$440,000.

SOLD-6004 Osage St 3 BR, Lg Yd& garage. \$450,000.

Reduced- 8612 Edmonston Rd 3+ BR, rancher, garage, pool, lg yard, 2 fireplaces, a sunroom and more.... \$594K.

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**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.

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Martin David Williams, "Dave", born in Beirut, Lebanon on June 12, 1956, died after a brief battle with cancer on January 9, 2024. Dave is survived by his devoted husband and partner of 47 years, Henry Becker, III, his sisters, Rachel Williams of Asheboro, NC, Joan Williams of Brussels, Belgium, his niece, Lauren McCloud of Belfast, No. Ireland, numerous cousins and many friends who have known and loved him. Dave earned an Associates of Fine Arts degree in Theater from Montgomery College

Maryland in 1983 where he performed in many productions. He continued to support the college with generous contributions to the College's Foundation for low-income students who want to study Theater Arts. From 2007-2021, Dave was Town Clerk for the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, receiving "Clerk of the Year" in 2013 from the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association. He was an active volunteer for the Historical Society of Berwyn Heights, Maryland where he lived and donated thousands of hours. Dave was an active member of the Chesapeake Bay Bears and GNI, gay fraternal organizations that raised thousands of dollars for patient care during the AIDS crisis and for other minority and LGBT healthcare organization. Since his retirement, Dave was a devoted primary caretaker of his husband, who remains in their home with full time nursing care. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Town of Berwyn Heights, Town Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 8603 57<sup>th</sup> Ave, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

President: Liz Looney Lorenz  
[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

Secretary: Angie Wiens  
 Treasurer: Sara Jacobsen

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Doug Bodenschatz  
[bhbgc2019@gmail.com](mailto:bhbgc2019@gmail.com)

Vice President: Nick Lorenz  
 Registrar: Angela Wiens  
 Treasurer: Anna Branderska  
 Secretary: Laura Bowers  
 Athletic Director: Justin Van Denend

### Education Advisory Committee

Inactive

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Shira Francis  
 Co-Facilitator: Michael Bloom  
[Bgreen.berwynheight@gmail.com](mailto:Bgreen.berwynheight@gmail.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  
[jimosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jimosley45@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

**Town Election Time**  
 is upon us. Please consider running for a spot on the Town Council - and critiquing other candidates like me. This is your Town - help make it thrive.

*Chris Brittan-Powell*  
 Berwyn Heights Town Council

# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4 Bluegrass Concert 2-4PM Town Center	5  Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	6  Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	7  Narcan Training 7PM G. Love Room	8  Green Team 7PM G. Love Room	9	10
11	12  	13  	14  Town Meeting 7PM Council Chambers 	15 	16	17
18	19 Town Offices Closed 	20  Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	21  BHHC 7:30PM G. Love Room 	22  	23  	24 CPR/AED + training 1PM Town Center
25	26	27 	28 	29 		

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



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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) 730-7134 [shemby@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:shemby@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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Faustino (Tino) Menjivar (240) 854-7845 [fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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Tuesday for South of Pontiac

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

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