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## TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

Mayor White announced her resignation on December 6, 2018 effective immediately. This leaves a vacancy on the Town Council. Residents interested in serving on the Council are requested to apply by **Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 5 p.m.** and keep open the evening of **Monday, January 14** for an interview with the Town Council.

Applications should include a letter of interest, resume and a financial disclosure form, available at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/files> or at the Town office. The envelope should be marked 'Council Candidate' and addressed to: **Mayor & Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740**. An application can also be emailed to [kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov) using 'Council Candidate' in the subject line.

Eligible applicants must be at least 21 years old, registered voters of Prince George's County, and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights for at least six (6) months. While serving on the Council, the person selected cannot hold a paid position in the service of any other municipality in the State. Town Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month and Council worksessions on the first and third Mondays of the month. Additional meetings may be required from time to time.

## NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT ON MAYOR PRO TEM

At the December 12, 2018 Town meeting, the Town Council held a hearing on Resolution 13-2018 to amend the Town Charter. Several comments were received and adoption of the Amendment was postponed to the January 9, 2019 Town meeting. The Amendment will become effective 50 days after its passage on February 28, 2019, unless a referendum petition is filed with the Town on or before the 40th day after initial passage of the Resolution.

**Summary of Charter Amendment:** Resolution 13-2018 amends Section 306.2 of the Charter of the Town of Berwyn Heights, MD to clarify when the Mayor is absent and the Mayor Pro Tempore assumes all or a part of the Mayoral Duties.

The purpose of the Amendment is to enable the Mayor Pro Tempore to sign documents and perform other Mayoral duties on behalf of the Town when the Mayor is absent, where absence is defined as: a) The Mayor notifies the Council that he or she will be absent and is unable to perform all or a part of the duties of the office; or b) the Mayor is unwilling to sign legislation duly adopted by the Council or those documents necessary to give effect to said legislation; or c) a super majority of the Council determines by a public vote that the Mayor has failed to perform all or a part of the duties of the office.

For more information, please contact Town Manager Maria Broadbent at [mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov) or Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at [kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov).



### Four Cities Meeting

*Open to the Public*

January 30 | 7:30 P.M.  
College Park City Hall  
4500 Knox Road



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**Saturday | January 26  
9am - 12pm**

Recycle electronics, block styrofoam and old paint at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard. ([see Greenbelt website for details](#)),

Access is from Buddy Attick parking lot located at  
**555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD**  
Tel. 240-542-2153

## LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### Actions Taken at December 12 Town Meeting

1. **Swearing-in of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem**  
Following the resignation of Mayor Lynn White, Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Isler assumed the position of Mayor and CM Papanikolas the position of Mayor Pro Tem, retaining their current department assignments of Administration and Code Compliance.
2. **Appointment of Historical Committee Members**  
Pursuant to Resolution 6-2005—Historical Committee Bylaws, Jim McGinnis and Mary Lou Milstead were appointed as new BHHC Committee members.
3. **ORD 175-A—Adoption of FY19 Budget Amendment to Purchase a Salt Spreader**  
This Ordinance reallocates funds in the amount of \$6,500 from the purchase of a new dump body to the purchase of a salt spreader.
4. **Resolution 13-2018—2nd Reading of Charter Amendment Clarifying the Mayor Pro Tems' Authority**  
The Council postponed adoption of the Amendment in response to citizens comments. At the December 17 worksession Section C was revised. See also page 2 notice.
5. **Resolution 15-2018—Approval of Contract to Purchase Garage Doors for Public Works Building**  
The Resolution awards a contract for the purchase and replacement of two overhead rolling doors at the Public Works garage to the lowest responsible bidder, Overhead Door Company of Washington, D.C. for an amount not to exceed \$21,996.
6. **Resolution 16-2018—Adoption of Revised Council Rules**  
Pursuant to Section 308 of the Berwyn Heights Charter, the resolution adopts an updated set of Council Rules following a 2-month in depth review of said Rules by the Town Council.

#### For Additional Information

Please contact Town Manager Broadbent at [mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov) or Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at [kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov)



### **LEAF VACUUMING HAS ENDED**

Curbside leaf collection ended December 28. Residents should bag their leaves for pickup, using brown paper yard waste bags or designated trash cans labeled 'yard waste'. Bagged leaves will be picked up on yard waste collection days.

### **RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES**

Remove all decorations, lights and stand and place (natural) tree at the curb on a yard waste collection day.

### **SNOW REMINDERS**

Please help the Town's Public Works crew clear the roads after snowfalls.

Move your vehicles onto your driveway or yard, where possible. The prohibition against parking on unpaved surfaces is suspended during snow clearing operations.

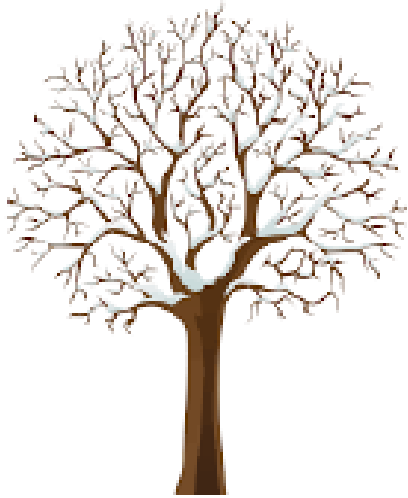
Please remember to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of your property.

#### Advertising Rates for the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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



# PROTECTING OUR TREE CANOPY



Shade trees provide many benefits for our town including energy savings, reduction of stormwater runoff and flooding, and beautification.

Do your part by protecting trees in your yard and consider planting native shade trees in the spring!

*Let us know where you want to see more trees in Berwyn Heights at [bit.ly/BHTrees](http://bit.ly/BHTrees)*

The Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board was appointed by the Mayor & Town Council to protect and maintain our urban forest.

**Next meeting: January 10, 2019, 7 pm, G. Love Room.**

Contact Amanda Dewey, [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)



**ANACOSTIA  
WATERSHED**  
SOCIETY

*Working to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed communities by stopping pollution, restoring natural systems, and reconnecting people to the river*

The [Anacostia Watershed Society](http://Anacostia Watershed Society) (AWS) attended the December 17 worksession to brief the Council on stormwater management and low impact development (LID). LID slows stormwater runoff by holding it on site through storage, infiltration, and evaporation. AWS promotes low impact development as one of the ways to improve the Anacostia River and its tributaries.

Berwyn Heights' stormwater systems date from the 1950s and 60s and are inadequate in handling increased runoff from a greater number of paved streets and additional homes built since that time. During major storms, this results in flooding of low-lying areas and turns Indian Creek into a rushing river. Residents can help reduce stormwater runoff by adopting such LID practices as installing rain barrels and cisterns, reducing paved surfaces, planting trees and installing rain gardens on their properties.

In the spring, AWS will assist the Town in restoring the raingardens installed in 2004 to capture runoff from the Town Center parking lot. Residents will be encouraged to participate in replanting the raingardens and learn how to do it themselves. Keep an eye out for an announcement in the Bulletin and the Town website.

AWS has set a goal to restore the Anacostia to a fishable and swimmable healthy urban river by 2025. You can look up the plan in the policy document [Waterway to 2025](#).

# HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

## NEW YEAR:

MON 12/31/18 Town Offices Closed  
 TUE 1/1/2019 Town Offices Closed  
 WED 1/2/2019 Recycling Pickup  
 THU 1/3/2019 Refuse & Bulk-Entire Town  
 FRI 1/4/2019 Yard Waste-Entire Town

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

MON 1/21/2019 Town Offices Closed  
 TUE 1/22/2019 Refuse & Bulk-Entire Town  
 WED 1/23/2019 Recycling  
 THU 1/24/2019 Yard Waste-Entire Town

Please Don't Leave Refuse Containers  
 At the Curb over the Weekend

## TRY THEM OUT

The Town is considering introduction of new refuse and recycling bins that can be lifted by mechanical tippers mounted on trash trucks.



The new bins would be larger and heavier—64 gallon and/or 96 gallon sizes—than those currently in use. The bins would have an attached lid and wheels to make them easier to move. Sample bins are on exhibit in the Town Office. Residents are encouraged to check them out and provide feedback.

The new bins would make it easier for residents to recycle more of household trash and reduce injuries of collection crew members.

# CODE

## November Activities

If you have questions about property maintenance, rental licenses, or want to report a code violation, please call 301-513-9331 or email [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)

<b>Property Maintenance</b>	13 of 24
Violations TOTAL	CLOSED
High Grass/ Tree parts	0
Building Materials	7
Vehicle Storage	3
Wood Storage	1
Other	2
Rental Permits	7
Building Permits	4
<b>Permits Issued TOTAL</b>	6
Building	2
Dumpsters	0
Portable Storage Units	4
<b>Rental Units TOTAL</b>	273
Active Rentals	219
Rental Licenses Issued	11
Rental Inspections	11
Rental Re-inspections	8

# Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

## Happy New Year!

**Regifting Party (Adults Only)**

**Sunday January 13th, 2-4pm**

**Upstairs Party Room at the Town Center**



Join the us for this White Elephant-style event featuring wine, cheese, and plenty of laughs! Not going to use that deluxe donut maker? No room for another coffee mug? Are you Moose-Munched out? Here's the perfect opportunity to find a new home for any unwanted gifts, and maybe go home with a real gem! Please bring a wrapped, new/unused gift to participate, or if you prefer to just watch that is fine too!



### Upcoming Events:

***Valentine Card Making & Cookie Decorating Party -***

***Sat. Feb. 9th, 1-3pm.***

***Pot O' Gold Pot Luck Dinner -***

***Sat. Mar. 16th, time TBD***



***...stay tuned for more details in next month's bulletin!***

Have any ideas for how to improve our community events, or have suggestions on new events? The Berwyn Heights Rec Council wants to hear from you! Our goal is to have a fun event happening in our community each month. We meet monthly at the G. Love Room at the Senior Center. New members, or even drop in members, are always welcome. If you would like to ask a question or make a suggestion but can't make it to our meetings, your emails are welcome and can be sent to [Susan at violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:Susan@violindreams@verizon.net).

Next Recreation Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th  
at 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room. All are welcome!



# BHHC *Historical Committee*

## TRIVIA NIGHT

BHHC members happily fielded a team for the first ever Berwyn Heights Team Trivia Night. No, we did not win first place but we had a great time. Kudos to Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and the Recreation Council for organizing the event. We are looking forward to a rematch.

## OFF TO A GOOD 2019

We changed our meeting date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and gained 2 new members. We are welcoming Mary-Lou Milstead and Jim McGinnis to our group. Both have grown up in Berwyn Heights and lived here most of their lives. They will bring a lot of living history with them.



## BULLETIN

JANUARY 1969

50 years ago, the January Bulletin issue contained news about the Establishment of a Charter Review Committee; A special assessment to finance street and storm drain projects; Reminders that citations can be issued by the Animal Control Warden for dogs who are running at large; The recent Christmas celebrated with 125 carolers serenading residents on every street in Town; and updates from a variety of community groups:

Bridge Club, Cub Scouts, Community Theater, Homemakers Club, and the Majorettes & Drum Corps, which had split off from Volunteer Fire Department.

(You can read about it on the [Town website/Bulletins](http://Town website/Bulletins))

## NEXT MEETING: January 23 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room

For information contact Richard Ahrens at [dicka247@gmail.com](mailto:dicka247@gmail.com)

Visit our website at [www.berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com)



## Free Karate Training !!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, five-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and member of Shihan John Roseberry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization.

Berwyn Heights Town Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | 5700 Berwyn Road

Open to all ages/all levels | Year-Round: Mondays & Fridays 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Executive Club (Senior Citizens): Thursdays 12:00 – 2:00 pm

For more information, contact Sensei 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 Quilting Club Loses Leader



**Lois Anne Williams, 86, died 5 December 2018  
in Adelphi, Maryland, after a long battle with cancer.**



Lois was born in 1932 in Appleton WI, to Lloyd and Ethel Vera (Wolters) Prasher. She was the second of four children. Lois is survived by her younger siblings, James (Sam) Prasher and Sue Krueger. Her older sister, Joan Hannemann, preceded Lois in death.

Lois met and married Richard Williams while she was in college in Wisconsin. They moved to the Detroit, Michigan area where Richard worked for the Ford Motor Company.

In Michigan, Lois reared four exciting, exasperating, and energetic children: Ellen Williams (who married Neil Gehrels), Susan Williams (who married John Muije), Howard (who married Linda Rich), and Lloyd (who married Heather McNabow). Lois was an involved mother, who gave her children opportunities and encouragement to try, test, and experience life. This often resulted in her children trying, testing, and exasperating Lois.

Lois was the devoted grandmother to four grandchildren: Johannes (Johnney) Muije, Margaret (Megan) Williams Gehrels, Thomas (Tommy) Williams Gehrels (now engaged to Alissa White), and Emily Williams Gehrels. After Megan's death in infancy, Lois moved part time to Maryland to help her daughter and son-in-law rear Tommy and Emily. The Williams Gehrels children were as trying, testing, entertaining, and exciting as Lois's own children, if not more so.

Lois was the vivacious and popular aunt and cousin to numerous nieces, nephews and cousins of all degree, most of whom live in the Wisconsin area. Lois has one surviving aunt, Helen Wolters, in Wisconsin.

While in Maryland, Lois returned to college and earned her BA in Education. She briefly taught preschool, then retired to devote more time to her grandchildren and her quilting. Lois moved to Maryland permanently after Richard's death in 1999.

Lois was a museum quality quilter, and enjoyed the companionship of quilting and stitching groups in Berwyn Heights, Maryland, and southern Michigan. Her friendships with the members of these groups were among her most valued experiences in her later life.

Lois donated her body to science via the Anatomy Gifts Registry in Hanover, Maryland. There will be memorial services in Maryland, Michigan, Wisconsin and Nevada. Her ashes will be interred with Richard's in Arlington Cemetery, in late spring 2019.

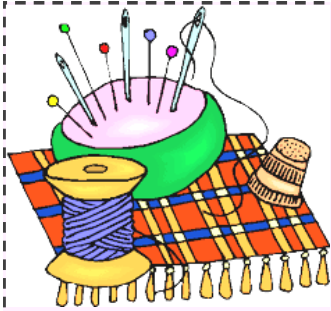
Lois spent her final months at Hillhaven Assisted Living in Adelphi Maryland. Their devoted staff made her remaining time pleasant and entertaining. Holy Cross Hospital Hospice was instrumental in making her comfortable in her last months.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Neil Gehrels Memorial Endowment in Astrophysics, with the University of Maryland. Lois was devoted to supporting education, and encouraging students to go into the sciences. Neil was her son-in-law, who passed away from pancreatic cancer two years ago.

<https://giving.umd.edu/giving/fund.php?name=neil-gehrels-memorial-student-support-endowment-in-astrophysics>







## Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email [CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net](mailto:CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net)



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### Winterize Your Car

If you use a car to get around in winter weather, it's important to prepare it for winter. Here's what you should know if you drive during winter weather:

- Stay off the road during and after a winter storm.
- Install good winter tires. Make sure each tire has enough tread.
- Keep your gas tank full. A full tank keeps the fuel line from freezing, and it's also useful if you lose power.
- Build an emergency kit with winter essentials. Include weather clothes, a blanket, and an ice scraper.

For the full list of items to keep in your car emergency kit, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/car>.



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### **BH Elementary School PTA**

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

Secretary: Velma Hamilton  
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### **Boys & Girls Club**

President: Brandon Batton  
Vice President: Angela Wolfinger  
[angela.wolfinger@gmail.com](mailto:angela.wolfinger@gmail.com)  
Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga  
Secretary: Leslie Wolfinger  
Athletic Director: Vacant  
Soccer Commissioner: Vacant  
Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

### **Education Advisory Committee**

Chair: Katie Curtis  
[windowdoll@gmail.com](mailto:windowdoll@gmail.com)

### **Green Team/ Shade Tree Board**

Chair: Amanda Dewey  
[amandamdewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandamdewey@gmail.com)  
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

### **Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT**

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich  
[mweinrich2@verizon.net](mailto:mweinrich2@verizon.net)  
Co-Chair Michael Attick  
[mikeattick@verizon.net](mailto:mikeattick@verizon.net)

### **Karate Club**

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

### **Playgroup**

Coordinator: Rachel Cicero  
[rachelcicero55@gmail.com](mailto:rachelcicero55@gmail.com)

### **Quilter's Club**

To be determined

### **Recreation Council**

President: Susan Jones  
[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)  
Secretary: Theresa Beck  
[beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)

### **Seniors Club**

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



# Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

## Recent Working Incidents

Dec 14: Truck 14 was alerted to the 1000Blk of Rhode Island Ave in College Park for a building fire. Truck 14 was first arriving unit and discovered heavy fire showing from a one story small commercial strip mall. Crew of Truck 14 searched and opened up the structure. Units operated for several hours until being released.

Dec 11: Truck 14 and Chief 14B operated on a Working Apartment Fire in the 200Blk of Lakeside Drive in Greenbelt, fire in the kitchen.

Nov 29: Truck 14 operated in the 11600Blk of 35th Ave in Beltsville for a Working House fire.

Nov 28: Truck 14, Squad 14, Ambo 14, Utility 14, and Chief 14B operated in the 5700Blk of Berwyn Road in Berwyn Heights for a working House Fire, fire on the 2nd floor.

Nov 16: Squad 14 & Chief 14B responded for Mutual Aid to MoCo, and operated in the 700Blk of North Hampton St in Silver Spring for the working House Fire, fire showing from the 2nd floor.

Nov 6: Truck 14 & Squad 14 operated in the 3300Blk of Major Denton Dr in Beltsville for a Townhouse Fire.

BHVFD Call Volume: November 2018	
Rescue Squads:	149
Ladder Truck:	101
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	3
Ambulance:	222
<b>Total Runs Nov 2018:</b>	<b>475</b>

## THANK YOU!

We want to thank all Town residents who contributed to our Annual Fund Drive mailer, and who purchased trees from our annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser this year! These are our two largest fundraiser we hold to raise funds to help our Volunteer Fire Department going! As usual our Tree sale sold out two weeks early thanks to the community's support!

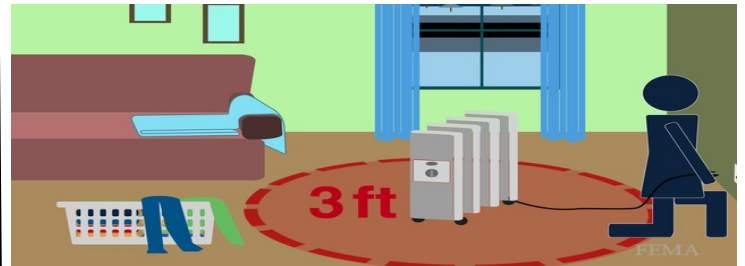
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In Case of an Emergency Call 911

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## HEATING SAFETY TIPS:

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

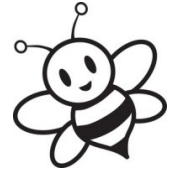


- Keep anything that can burn at least **three feet away** from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!

**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](http://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!



## Join the Green Team!

Do you care about environmental issues?  
Are you passionate about creating a more sustainable community? Then we need you!

As a member of the green team you'll help with planning fun and educational town events, talk to your neighbors about issues you care about and work toward making a positive change in our town together.

Start off the new year by joining our January meeting to get involved!

## Where Do You Want to See Trees?

Berwyn Heights plants trees annually and it is important to know where residents want to see trees. You are welcome to suggest any area, including your own home or another property, and we will investigate it for tree planting. Residential requests will be a top priority in planting!

Submit your input online: [bit.ly/BHTrees](http://bit.ly/BHTrees)

## Scoop That Poop

Did you know that dog poop is a major contributor to stormwater pollution? Pet waste left on the ground is picked up by stormwater runoff (also in the form of melting snow), washes into our drains, and ends up in our local waterways, where it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds.

Scoop It. Bag It. Trash It. #doyourdoody

## Town Clean-up

**Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month)**  
**10am – 12pm**

Meeting point at the Town Center  
Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free!

We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pickers). No need to pre-register. Dress warm!

## Worksession November 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Isler, presiding, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Jason Papanikolas. Mayor Lynn White and CM Ethan Sweep had excused absences. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Auditors Bob Diss and Christina Bartko of Lindsey & Associates.

### Citizen Comments

There were none.

### Announcements

CM Dewey announced that she will be able to assist people to get to the polling station to vote in the mid-term elections; that she will attend a workshop on growing the community forest; and that the Green Team will host a stream restoration information meeting on November 8.

### Presentation on FY 2018 Audit

Bob Diss and Christina Bartko, auditors at Lindsey & Associates, presented the audit of the Town's FY 2018 budget. The Council was provided draft copies of the audit. Information relating to the Pedestrian Bridge account remains to be clarified. In the Auditor's opinion letter, also in draft form, the Town is expected to be given a clean opinion.

Mr. Diss briefly discussed two sets of financial statements. The full accrual statement takes fixed assets, depreciation and long-term debt into account and shows a \$692,000 increase in assets. The escrow account, in which the pedestrian bridge funds are deposited, is highlighted because the auditors and the Town are still working on its reconciliation. The second statement deals only with current assets and liabilities and shows a \$680,000 increase in equity, or excess revenues over expenditures. Mr. Diss and Ms. Bartko also discussed several auditor's notes, in particular those relating to compensated absences and to prior period adjustments and provided clarification about various parts of the audit.

### 4. Discussion Items

#### **Quality of Life Commission follow-up:**

The Council discussed an email from Quality of Life Commission Chair Meg Miller-Shane, in which she proposes a possible framework for the Commission's continued operation, if its term were to be extended, including:

- Appointment of a new Commission chair and new members to replace retiring members;

- Monitoring implementation of Commission recommendations;
- Review of Town Council goals/priorities;
- Attendance of Councilmembers of Commission meetings;
- Outreach to Latino community.

CM Dewey said that the possibility of extending the term of the Commission had been raised by some Councilmembers and was potentially interpreted by Ms. Shane as a mandate. However, the Resolution creating the Commission set a limited term, which ended on October 31. As she sees it, the Commission accomplished the mission it was given through a great deal of diligent work. She is not in favor of extending its term and instead would like to encourage its members to become active in other Town organizations.

TM Broadbent said she plans to collate the Commission's recommendations into an electronic format and have staff track implementation and update the Council on a regular basis. She also suggested the Commission members might be asked to pursue setting up a 2020 US Census Complete Count Committee, which would require extensive outreach to the community.

CM Papanikolas agreed with not extending the Commission's term but said he sees value in repeating the process of impaneling a Commission every few years. MPT Isler added that a Commission might be set up for every new Council term, with a follow-up meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year to review implementation of any recommendations. It was agreed to communicate the Council's decision at the next Town meeting, while inviting an ongoing dialogue with Commission members.

**Council Rules revision:** The Council continued with a review of Council Rules, focusing on CR 7, 11-16. The following changes were made:

**CR 7 – Resolutions:** a minimum of 24 hours prior to a Town meeting was set when a resolution must be placed on the agenda and publicly posted to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Beyond that, each current Council may decide the time at which they want to see a resolution prior to its adoption.

**CR 11 – Duties of the Mayor:** 2015 proposed changes to the Rule were incorporated, specifically authorizing the Mayor to dispatch and request emergency aid, as provided in Section H. Authorizing the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency, as provided in the Town's Emergency Operations Plan was discussed. A provi-

sion giving Councilmembers recourse regarding their department assignment was to be added.

**CR 12-16:** Rules establishing Town Departments and their functions were left as is until their content can be moved to the Town Charter or an ordinance.

#### **Berwyn Heights Community Center agreement renewal:**

MPT Isler said the Town has had an agreement with M-NCPPC providing for the free use of the Community Center gym by the Men's League for the last 40 years, which has been renewed every 10, and more recently every 5 years. The current agreement ends on December 31, 2018 and is up for renewal. Park & Planning is reviewing its relations with the Community Centers and their revenue and expenditures streams. With the adoption of the next agreement, they plan to charge the Men's League for the use of the gym. He and TM Broadbent will meet with the Men's League this Wednesday to discuss the terms of the new agreement. Community Center staff has been invited.

#### **MOU with Electric Vehicle Institute:**

TM Broadbent said that Public Works Director Hall found out about the availability of grant funds to install electric vehicle charging stations through the Electric Vehicle Institute (EVI). This led to the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with EVI providing for the installation of a 2-plug charging station, plus technical support and 5 years of free maintenance and repairs. This will furnish the necessary infrastructure for operating the electric vehicle the Town purchased in October. The MOU is proposed for adoption at the November Town meeting.

#### **MOU with WSSC for repayment of street repairs:**

TM Broadbent explained that the Town has made repairs to the streets in two areas on behalf of WSSC, for which WSSC will reimburse the Town. One is a bus stop where a concrete pad has been poured to better protect underground utilities and another is a WSSC patch that was repaired in conjunction with the road resurfacing project. The MOU is a standard WSSC agreement for reimbursements. The Town will be paid at WSSC contractor rates. The MOU is proposed for adoption at the November Town meeting.

#### **Budget amendment to purchase salt spreader:**

TM Broadbent explained the FY 2019 budget appropriates \$18,000 for a new dump body for an older dump truck. After further consideration, she and Director Hall concluded that the money is better spent on a salt spreader costing \$6,000. The remaining \$12,000



will be left in the capital budget to spend on other Public Works needs, such as new garage doors. The shifting of funds requires a budget amendment, which are adopted by ordinance. The budget amendment is proposed for introduction at the November Town meeting.

**Town Center improvement study:** TM Broadbent explained that the FY 2019 capital improvement budget sets aside funds for a feasibility study for adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> story to the Town office building in order to move the Police Department to this location. The study would include a structural analysis on whether the building can support a second floor and update the program of requirements for both the police station and the administrative offices. TM Broadbent distributed a draft RFP.

TM Broadbent also suggested the Council establish a 7-member committee to work with the consultants on recommendations for the project. The committee might include 2 staff, 2 Councilmembers and 3 citizens with a background in engineering or architecture. UMD Outreach Coordinator Andrew Fellows might be able to help recruit UMD students or faculty to serve on the committee. The Council may want to consider whether the building should meet certain green building standards in terms of energy and water usage, and/or storm water management.

**MML legislative action requests:** TM Broadbent distributed a list of the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) legislative action requests, some of which the Town Council may want to support. One MML priority is municipal control over the siting and installation of small cell towers and antennas in municipal right-of-way. Cell phone companies have started to install small cell facilities in cities and towns to prepare for the advent of 5G transmission and are lobbying the General Assembly to preempt municipal authority. The City of Bowie, which is coordinating a collective response of several Prince George's County municipalities, has sent out invitations to hold a meeting on small cell facilities.

**Legislative dinner agenda:** The Council was provided a 2016 and 2017 legislative dinner agenda as examples for assembling this year's agenda. Some legislative priorities identified by previous Councils may still be relevant, such as small cell facilities, utilities' vegetation management and municipal tax differential. The Council added Greenbelt Road traffic, school security, and storm water management to the agenda.

**Town Center light-up:** MPT Isler suggested the Town consider installing

strings of white LED lights on Town Center buildings to make them stand out more from their surroundings, particularly when community events take place. Several residents have told him they do not know where the Town Center is because it blends into the neighborhood. After some discussion, the Council identified possible remedies:

- Better lighting;
- Prominent sign at the curb (identifying signage could be made design requirement for a rebuilt Town office building)
- Consistent naming in publications, including on Google maps.

## 5. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dewey and second by CM Papanikolas, the October 1 worksession minutes were approved 3 to 0 as amended. The October 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

## 6. Department Reports

MPT Isler noted that he and TM Broadbent will meet with the Men's League this Wednesday to discuss the renewal of the Community Center agreement. CM Dewey read a statement by CM Sweep about a string of air bag thefts from Honda automobiles in October, including his own. Residents are requested to report suspicious activities or relevant security camera footage to Berwyn Heights Police. It is recommended to use steering wheel locks to prevent such thefts. BHPD will sell them at the police station at 8418 Ballew Avenue. Volunteer Fire Department Chief McCoy informed CM Dewey that he plans to send staff to Town meetings more often. UMD's Department of Transportation cut shuttle service in Berwyn Heights because relatively more faculty and staff ride this bus than students. Shuttle service is funded from student fees. Residents are encouraged to contact Councilmembers if they have concerns about bus service from UMD, but without comments from citizens, expressing concern. CM Dewey doesn't recommend considering financial contributions to the shuttle service at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

## Town Meeting Minutes November 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Stephen Isler, presiding, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Jason Papanikolas. Mayor Lynn White and CM Ethan Sweep had excused absences. Also Present were Town Man-

ager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger and citizens.

## Approval of Agenda

CM Dewey moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to add Resolution 14-2018 Authorization of State Police Aid Grant Application to the agenda. The motion passed 3 to 0.

## Approval of Minutes

CM Dewey said she was absent during the last Town meeting and will abstain from voting on the minutes. On a motion by CM Dewey and second by CM Papanikolas, the approval of the October 10 Town meeting was tabled 3 to 0, due to a lack of a quorum.

## Citizen Comments

There were none.

## Mayor's Report

There was none as Mayor White was absent.

## Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Isler said the Council has been busy updating the Council Rules and preparing several resolutions for adoption later tonight. The Council also attended the Four Cities Coalition meeting hosted by Greenbelt on October 24, where the cities voted to approve a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) opposing the proposed disbanding of the Rider's Advisory Council. WMATA since then decided to take no action and instead to more closely align the work of the Riders' Advisory Council with that of WMATA's Governing Board. In other news, the annual state-wide "If I Were Mayor" contest has started and will be judged in spring 2019. The Council is looking forward to hearing what ideas students have about running the Town.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rodriguez gave the report for October. The Town received its quarterly payment of real estate taxes and cable TV franchise revenues. On the expenditure side, \$678,000 has been paid to date for the street renovation project.

**Town Manager's Report:** TM Broadbent noted the Town follows Prince George's County government for weather related closures. Town offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the Friday following. A presentation on Beltway Plaza redevelopment plans is scheduled for the November 19 worksession. MPT Isler added that newly-elected School Board Representative Joshua Thomas will also attend the November 19 worksession. He congratulated the District 22 Delegation

tion and County Councilmember Glaros on being re-elected.

**Code Compliance:** Code Compliance Officer Hollyce Goodwin, who joined the Department in October, reported for Supervisor Glass. She said the Code Department focused on enforcement of the Town's Clean Lot Ordinances 107 and 134 and the Building & Inspections Ordinance 104. Ordinance 104 was amended on October 10, 2018 to reduce the Town's building permit fees. For all construction with a value less than \$25,000 the permit fee will be \$75, and for construction valued above \$25,000 the fee will be \$125. With the mid-term elections over, election campaign signs should be removed from yards and right of ways. Home owners are also reminded that they must clear snow and ice from abutting sidewalks within 48 hours of the weather event. Snow is predicted for tomorrow. Lastly, the Department thanks all veterans for their service and wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

**Parks & Recreation:** There was no report.

**Public Works:** Director Kenneth Hall reported that the street project is nearing completion, with 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue being the last street to be renovated. The Department has started curbside leaf collection and is requesting residents not park in front of leaf piles. Residents are also requested not to park in the street where possible, during and after snow storms to facilitate the plowing of streets. There will be no refuse collection over Thanksgiving, but everything will be picked up the following week.

TM Broadbent added that she is working with Director Hall on obtaining bids for the replacement of the Public Works garage doors and purchasing a second salt spreader for a pickup truck. The purchase of the salt spreader requires a budget amendment, which will be on the agenda later tonight.

CM Dewey asked if there is a possibility for the Department to use road salt that is friendly to dog paws. TM Broadbent said that Berwyn Heights gets its salt from Greenbelt which gets it from the State. It is basic salt. A more environmentally friendly salt is used on sidewalks.

**Public Safety:** Chief Antolik said there was a good turnout for BHPD's 'Cocoa with a Popo' event and children enjoyed the gingerbread cookie decorating. Detective Unger gave the police activities report. He said there were 11 airbag thefts from Hondas in November so far. It is recommended residents use steer-

ing wheel locks to prevent such thefts. BHPD will be selling them at cost. In October, there were 10 Part I offenses as opposed to the 5-year average of 6.6, and 47 year-to-date versus the 54.2 5-year average. Detective Unger concluded with tips for celebrating a safe Thanksgiving.

In response to a question, Detective Unger said there was an accident on Pontiac Street, which caused a short power outage in Town on Monday. A mother who had dropped off her children at school ran into a telephone pole because, she claims, her brakes did not work. No one was injured except the driver who sustained a broken ankle. Detective Unger said BHPD posted news about the accident on its [Facebook](#) page which residents may follow for quick public safety updates.

CM Dewey reported that representatives from the County's Department of the Environment (DER) attended the last Green Team meeting and gave a very informative presentation on the stream restoration project next to the Nevada Street trail scheduled for next year. Berwyn Heights was one of five projects selected by DER from a pool of 1,200 possible storm water projects. Election yard signs can be donated to the Town for use by Town organizations. CM Dewey also noted that the UMD shuttle service on the Berwyn Heights route was cut because more faculty and staff use it relative to students. She does not plan to pursue the matter further unless more residents express concern.

#### Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Quality of Life Commission/ Historical Committee:** Chair of the Historical Committee Richard Ahrens reported the Committee held its fall reception on November 11, at which it commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World War I Armistice and enjoyed a presentation on the 'Taverns of Prince George's County' by Susan Pearl, Historian of the Prince George's County Historical Society. She had an interesting story about the Marquis de Lafayette spending a night at the nearby Rossborough Inn, now part of the University of Maryland. Further, the Historical Committee decided to move its meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, starting with Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Ahrens said he served on the Quality of Life Commission, which took up the issue of citations being issued for pop-up canopies. He asked whether the Town will require permits to erect canopies.

His family celebrates a crab feast once a year and sets up a canopy for the occasion. TM Broadbent said the County requires a permit, but it is more concerned about canopies that are used as car ports. The Town has no issues with setting up a canopy for family celebrations.

**Green Team:** CM Dewey reported that nearly 50 people attended the November 3 native species scavenger hunt with a Park Ranger, followed by a lunch and leaf crafts. More events like these will be on tap in the future. Everyone is encouraged to come out for the monthly Town cleanup next Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. The cleanups are making a difference in reducing litter around the Town.

**Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness:** TM Broadbent reported that she and Chief Antolik met with NW/EP members to learn what the status of their organization is in terms of membership and bylaws, so they can make recommendations to the Town Council on how to support them. She and two other staff members recently attended a Red Cross training on maintaining emergency shelters, one of the functions NW/EP is expected to perform.

**Recreation Council:** MPT Isler announced that this year's Tree Lighting holiday party will take place on December 8 at 6 pm at the Town Center. The Recreation Council asks residents to consider donating a new unwrapped toy to the annual Marine Corps 'Toys for Tots' drive. Donations can be made in the Town office.

#### Unfinished Business

There was none.

#### New Business

**Ordinance 175-A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Introduction of FY 2019 Budget Amendment to Purchase Salt Spreader:** Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. TM Broadbent explained that the FY 2019 Budget appropriates \$18,000 to purchase a new dump body for an older dump truck. She and Director Hall concluded that it makes more sense not to purchase the dump body and to spend a portion of the money on a new salt spreader that can be hitched to a pickup truck. Pickup trucks can be driven by crew members who do not have a CDL license. A budget amendment is needed to shift the money from the capital budget to the Public Works budget.

In response to a question, TM Broadbent confirmed that this would appropriate funds for a second salt spreader. CM Papanikolas moved to introduce the Ordinance, CM Dewey seconded. The motion

carried 3 to 0.

**Resolution 11-2018 – MOU with Electric Vehicle Institute regarding Vehicle Charging Station:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent explained that this Resolution will adopt an agreement with the Electric Vehicle Institute to install and maintain an electric vehicle charging station at the Town Center at no cost to the Town. Technically, the charging station will only be on loan to the Town and can be returned after a 5-year term. It will serve to charge a hybrid vehicle that Town has purchased in October as well as any electric vehicles owned by residents of the Town. The charging station will not come with a payment processor, but it can be added.

CM Dewey clarified that only one charging station will be installed but it has two plugs to charge two vehicles at the same time, one of them being the Town vehicle. In response to a question, TM Broadbent said that the Town will pay for the cost of the electricity, but may opt to add a charge if it finds the cost is high or vehicles are kept at the station too long. On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by CM Papanikolas, the Resolution was approved 3 to 0.

**Resolution 12-2018 – MOU with WSSC for Repayment of Street Repairs:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent explained that this Resolution adopts an agreement in which WSSC agrees to reimburse the Town for road repairs completed on WSSC's behalf. One is a bus stop on Pontiac Street where a concrete pad has been poured to better protect underground utilities and another is a WSSC patch on Ruatan Street that was repaired in conjunction with the recent road resurfacing project. The Town will be paid at WSSC contractor rates. With no further discussion, CM Papanikolas moved and CM Dewey seconded to adopt the Resolution. The motion passed 3 to 0.

**Resolution 13-2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Introduction of Charter Amendment Clarifying Mayor Pro Tem Authority:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent explained that the Charter Amendment was drafted by Town Attorney Ferguson and is intended to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign documents necessary to ensure continuity of operation, in case the Mayor cannot or will not sign such documents. This came up in August 2018 when the Mayor felt uncomfortable signing documents approving a bond issue which the Council as a whole had approved.

CM Papanikolas said the Charter

Amendment is a potential 'win - win' solution. It would allow the Mayor to refrain from signing documents when she has ethical reservations about doing so but also enables the government to continue functioning and complete projects the Council supports. He is in favor of moving forward with the Amendment.

CM Dewey said the Amendment is a simple, sensible solution that provides a way for the Council to move forward in a situation where the Mayor disagrees with the Council. MPT Isler said the Amendment adds specificity to Section 306.2 of the Charter by providing a definition of 'when the Mayor is absent.' This will clarify when the Mayor Pro Tem may assume the duties of the Mayor.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that he sees no good reason to change a Charter that has served the Town well for a long time. He believes the amendment is a way to get around the Mayor's decision to say 'no' to a bond issue that considers a waste money. He thinks this is not right and he objects.

MPT Isler replied that the Council had already adopted an Ordinance to approve the bond issue. In a 'Weak Mayor, Strong Council' system of government, which Berwyn Heights has, the Mayor is obliged to sign the executing documents, even if she disagrees with the legislation. The Town's Charter and Ordinances, in their current form, do not have enough specificity to allow the Mayor Pro Tem to assume signing authority in such a case. The Amendment is intended to remedy that.

CM Dewey said that the Mayor may have spoken for many residents in opposing the bond issue, but the way to voice their opinion is by voting in the next election rather than changing the system of government and introducing more risk to residents. The Mayor is not entitled to bypass the will of the Council to bring about her preferred policy outcome. TM Broadbent said that the Town's Charter does not give any Councilmember a veto. The Mayor's signing authority is 'ministerial' in that it ratifies what the Council as a whole decides.

CM Papanikolas said he listened carefully to what residents had to say at the September 5 worksession. They mostly agreed that this is a 5-member Council with no single Councilmember having a veto. If the Mayor is allowed to, in effect, veto the Council's decisions, then the Town would have a different system of government, one that is at odds with the Charter.

Mr. Ventura said he believes the Mayor

has always had a 'pocket veto' although it was never codified. Councilmembers replied they are not aware that a Berwyn Heights Mayor ever exercised a pocket veto. The refusal to sign the bond documents was a unique situation, one that has never happened in the history of the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) bond program.

CM Papanikolas moved and CM Dewey seconded to introduce the Charter Amendment. The motion passed 3 to 0.

**Quality of Life Commission Whether to Extend Term:** TM Broadbent said that she has requested the Commission to provide their documents electronically, so she can compile them into a coherent set of recommendations. The extension of the Commission's term is a matter for the Council to decide and should be based on specific issues they would like the Commission to address.

CM Dewey said that Resolution 2-2018 establishing the Quality of Life Commission set a limited term which ended in October. However, there have been suggestions from Council and Commission members that the term might be extended. Personally, she is not in favor of extending the term. Instead she suggests Commission members form a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census or join other Town organizations to help improve the quality of life in the community. She can also see a possible role for a Commission to review government priorities and processes every couple of years.

CM Papanikolas agreed, saying it would be useful to have a Citizen's Commission reconvene on a bi-annual basis to provide a list of their top concerns. This would be a good guidepost for a Council to formulate a strategic plan or list of priorities. MPT Isler added he would also favor a Citizens' Commission to provide periodic input but allow for members to be replaced or added, as different residents have different concerns.

CM Dewey moved and CM Papanikolas seconded not to extend the term of the Quality of Life Commission. The motion carried 3 to 0.

**Resolution 14-2018 Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem to Sign Police Aid Grant Application:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent explained that the Town wishes to apply for a State grant that supports the operations of local police departments. The application requires the Mayor's signature and is due tomorrow. Since the Charter Amendment permitting the Mayor Pro Tem to

sign such documents in the Mayor's absence has not been enacted yet, this Resolution specifically authorizes the Mayor Pro Tem to sign this document in the event there are any questions.

CM Dewey added that Mayor White was expected to be here tonight. The Resolution was added to the agenda after learning she would not be attending. CM Dewey moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to approve the Resolution. The motion carried 3 to 0.

### Citizen Comments

Phil Ventura commented on a successful Halloween; expressed his opposition to Ordinance 121 -Powers & Duties, which limits Councilmembers' departmental oversight responsibilities to policy issues; and criticized various aspects of the street renovation project.

Nathan Kite, 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked about the accident on Pontiac Street that resulted in a power outage and was told it was due to a driver running into a utility pole, which had to be replaced.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, commented by telephone that the TV broadcast started late tonight; asked why MPT Isler was addressed alternately as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem; whether copies of the Quality of Life Commission final report and the Charter Amendment are available to the public, and what the status of recycling bins with wheels is. She also urged the Council to be more responsive to citizen input during their term of office.

MPT Isler responded that his title is Mayor Pro Tem but he is Acting Mayor tonight, that the documents requested by Ms. Hayden are available online and at the Town office. CM Dewey said citizens ultimately have the power to remove Councilmembers they believe are not adequately representing them during elections and that she strongly agrees that the Council needs to be responsive to citizens' concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

## Worksession November 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Isler, presiding, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Mayor Lynn White had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Code Compliance Supervisory

Freddie Glass, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Beltway Plaza Representatives Kap Kapastin, Nat Ballard, Matt Leikan and Matt Tedesco, as well as School Board Member-elect Joshua Thomas.

### 1. Citizen Comments

There were none.

### 2. Announcements

An executive session prior to this meeting announced the previous Friday was cancelled. Town offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the Friday following.

### 3. Presentation on Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Plans

Kap Kapastin, General Counsel for Quantum Companies, introduced Matt Tedesco, Land Use Attorney at McNamee & Hosea, and Nat Ballard and Matt Leikan with Rogers Consulting. Mr. Kapastin said plans to update the mall have been underway for a number of years but were put on hold pending a decision on the FBI Headquarters relocation to Greenbelt Station. When the FBI Headquarters search was cancelled, Beltway Plaza moved forward with redevelopment.

Matt Tedesco elaborated that Beltway Plaza had submitted a conceptual site plan (CSP) for the redevelopment of the parking lot in the rear of the mall in 2011. The plan was shelved with the 2013 Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan Amendment, which rezoned the entire property to Mixed Use Infill (MUI). Redevelopment remained on hold while management waited for a decision on the relocation of the FBI Headquarters to Greenbelt Metro Station.

Mr. Tedesco said Beltway Plaza has now resumed planning to position the 1,000 square foot mall for ongoing changes in the commercial retail market resulting from the growth of e-commerce. The new CSP calls for a long-term redevelopment in six phases to ultimately create a "Lifestyle Center" with a mix of residential, commercial, office and recreational uses.

Nat Ballard of Roger's Consulting explained the concept plan in more detail. The Lifestyle Center will retain the current anchor businesses, e.g. the Giant grocery store, AMC Theater and Target but emphasis will shift towards more restaurants, entertainment and destination retail. Phase I of the redevelopment would transform part of the underutilized parking lot in the rear of the mall into residential town houses; Phase II would likely create multifamily housing

in the rear and center of the current mall utilizing the garage and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shops on the east side of the mall; Phase III would upgrade the neighborhood shopping along Cherrywood Lane to include a landmark building at the intersection with Greenbelt Road; Phase IV would create an events and entertainment open space in the mall's center with new access roads and pedestrian/ bicycle facilities; Phase V would redevelop the Target property; and Phase VI the pad sites along Greenbelt Road.

In response to questions, Mr. Tedesco and Mr. Ballard said there is no fixed time table for the completion of the project, but Phase I could begin within 18 months. Any improvements to pedestrian crossings of Greenbelt Road would have to be planned with SHA, since it is a state road. The recommendations of the recent Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (ULI TAP) may serve as guide posts for pedestrian improvements. Planned environmental improvements include more green spaces, trees, storm water retention features and required upgrades to buildings. No LEED buildings are planned. Quantum is open to locating civic services in the redeveloped center. Economic impacts are difficult to quantify in the absence of detailed site plans. However, Beltway Plaza's owners believe that doing nothing would have a substantial negative impact.

The Staples property in Berwyn Heights is likely to get new tenants within the next 2 years as Staples will probably not renew its lease. Quantum is soliciting bids from a variety of restaurants and gourmet grocers. Quantum also purchased the adjacent property and may eventually redevelop the entire site into a mixed-use center. In conclusion, Quantum Companies offered to furnish a list of other Lifestyle Center type commercial hubs as examples and expressed the intent to return to Berwyn Heights throughout the redevelopment process.

### 4. Discussion Items

**School Board Representative Joshua Thomas visit:** MPT Isler congratulated Mr. Thomas on being elected as District 2 School Board Member. Mr. Thomas thanked the Town residents for their support and briefly introduced himself. He grew up in Prince George's County and now lives in College Park Estates. He graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and earned his Bachelor of Science from Howard University. He then joined *Teach for America* and taught middle school science in Texas. Currently, he is a Manager of Recruit-



ment at Historically Black Colleges and Universities for *Teach For America*.

Mr. Thomas said since he will be new to the job he has a lot to learn. He hopes to work closely with municipal leaders, school staff, PTSAs and EACs to understand what each community's top concerns are. To that end, he has plans to establish a faculty-parent-student liaison at each of the schools in his District to represent the schools at the School Board and open new lines of communication. Once he has been seated he can be reached via his School Board-issued phone and email but for now his contact information is available at his website [www.joshuamthomas.org](http://www.joshuamthomas.org).

In discussion, Councilmembers raised some of their concerns, including overcrowding at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES), plans for rebuilding BHES, late-arriving buses, possible removal of the aftercare program, lack of responsiveness from the PGCPs central office, inadequate school security and too much testing. The Council invited Mr. Thomas and he expressed interest in attending community events where he could meet and speak with residents directly. Lastly, Mr. Thomas apologized for some of his election signs having been unintentionally placed in peoples' yards who did not want them. Signs still up can be discarded with recycling, donated to the Town or kept for the next school board election.

**Variance 37-15 driveway widening at 6216 Quebec Street.** TM Broadbent said the owners of 6216 Quebec Street, Ricardo and Herminio Portales, requested a variance from Prince George's County to widen their driveway. This would place a part of the driveway in the front yard, which is not permitted in Prince George's County zoning code.

Code Supervisor Glass explained that the property owners originally applied for a variance in 2015 but the Town Council at that time declined to support it unless a series of conditions were met, to include:

- removing existing driveway and building the new driveway and walkway with pervious pavers,
- maintaining the existing curb cut;
- protecting the dominant tree in the front yard;
- ensuring that any commercial vehicles parked in the driveway comply with Town ordinances.

The Portales' have since revised the plans to add 4' on the right side of the driveway rather than extending it all the way to the front stoops. This Council will

make a decision on whether to support or oppose the variance at the December 12 Town meeting.

**Refuse and recycling schedule:** TM Broadbent said a review of the refuse collection process is one of this Council's top priorities. The previous Council repeatedly discussed changes to the refuse collection process but did not budget for purchases of equipment necessary to be able to implement the changes, namely implementation of once-a-week trash pickup. Public Works Director Hall has given the matter some thought and is here to explain possible options.

Director Hall said the streamlining of the refuse and recycling collection process depends on investing into larger bins that would be emptied with an automatic lift. The total estimated cost of the investment would be \$165,200 but the cost would be offset by making fewer trips to the landfill, recycling a greater share of household refuse, and fewer injuries to employees from lifting heavy loads. A new refuse schedule could provide for collecting all household trash on Mondays, all yard waste on Tuesdays, and all recyclables on Wednesdays.

Director Hall recommended starting with revamping the recycling program and leaving the trash collection schedule as is. Public Works would purchase larger recycling bins (on wheels), of either 64 or 96-gallon size, and the automatic lifts for the trucks at a cost of around \$95,600. This partial change would be easier to adjust to while making it possible to increase the recycling rate.

In discussion, Councilmembers raised concerns about the difficulty some residents might have with moving and controlling 96-gallon bins on a sloping yard. Director Hall said elderly or physically unable persons would be offered help from Public Works employees with moving heavy totes. Additionally, DPW could provide both 64- and 96-gallon totes to pick from and have sample totes on display for residents to check out. Households that produce large amounts of trash could be offered a second tote for a charge. In the coming weeks, TM Broadbent and Director Hall will work on a proposal to finance the purchase of new recycling bins and exhibit samples in the Town Hall.

**Ordinance 175A budget amendment to purchase salt spreader:** MPT Isler said the budget amendment was introduced at the November 14 Town meeting. Tonight, he would like to address any additional questions Councilmembers may have. CM Dewey asked if there are plans for spending the left-over

money that was appropriated for a new dump body. TM Broadbent said the money could be used for the Public Works garage doors, if needed, or new recycling bins.

**Charter Amendment on Mayor Pro Tem Authority:** CM Papanikolas proposed a couple of changes to the Amendment of Section 306.2 of the Charter that is to be adopted at the December 12 Town meeting. Section 306.2 of the Charter currently mandates that the Mayor Pro Tem assumes the duties of the Mayor when the Mayor is absent. The Charter Amendment adds subsections A, B and C to clarify when the Mayor is absent. CM Papanikolas proposed to strike "or unwilling" from subsection A and "unable or" from subsection B.

The Council discussed the changes and agreed to strike those words. The revised Amendment thus lays out 3 scenarios for the Mayor Pro Tem to assume the Mayor's duties:

A. Mayor notifies the Council that he/she will be away and unable to perform the Mayor's duties;

B. Mayor is unwilling to sign legislation duly adopted by the Council that he/she disagrees with;

C. Majority of the Council determines by a public vote that the Mayor is unable or unwilling to

perform all or a part of the duties of the office (which addresses broad-based disagreement between

Mayor and Council or obstruction by the Mayor).

MTT Isler noted the Charter Amendment reflects input from Town residents, MML and the Town Attorney, who pointed out that the Charter currently does not have provisions to deal with a situation such as this Council encountered when the Mayor refused to sign bond issue documents after the bond issue had been approved by the Council. This Amendment protects the Council from an impasse in the event of disagreements between the Mayor and Council and ensures the government can continue to function. The proposed revised Charter Amendment will be posted at the Town office and on the website.

**Council Rules revision:** The Council reviewed Council Rules 17-19 and made the following changes:

**CR 17 – Town Property Acquisition and Use:** It was noted this Rule duplicates some provisions of the Town Charter and other Council Rules. It was clarified it pertains to real property only. In section B (2) the noticing requirement for changes in the use of Town real property was made to apply only to significant

changes. The notice period for a public hearing on changes to Town real property was rephrased to read "not fewer than 14 days prior to the hearing."

**CR 18 – Purchasing:** TM Broadbent said she plans to propose to replace the Rule with an internal purchasing policy that is more in line with current practices and the more limited role of Councilmembers in administering Town departments. It was agreed to keep the Rule until a new purchasing policy has been adopted.

**CR 19A – Take Home Car and Locality Pay Policies:** The Council agreed the content of this Rule pertains to internal operations of the Police Department and should be moved to the Employee Manual.

The Council agreed to revisit all changes made to Council Rules 1-19 at its next meeting prior to their adoption at the December 12 Town meeting.

**PGCMA Legislative Dinner attendance (discussed out of order):** MPT Isler, CM Dewey and CM Sweep plan to attend the legislative dinner for the Prince

George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) on December 5.

**Berwyn Heights legislative dinner agenda:** The Council discussed the format and draft agenda for the legislative dinner with its State and local representatives. It was agreed that the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem would act as chair of the meeting and each of the Councilmembers lead the discussion on particular topics of interest. The agenda for the legislative dinner was finalized.

#### 5. Minutes

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by CM Dewey, the October 15 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0, as amended. CM Papanikolas moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve the October 10 Town meeting minutes, which had been tabled for lack of a quorum. The motion passed 3-0-1, with CM Sweep abstaining.

#### 6. Department Reports

MPT Isler wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. CM Pa-

panikolas said that the Code Department hired a new part-time officer, Holylce Goodwin, who delivered the monthly report at the last Town meeting. He also reminded people to take down election signs. CM Sweep wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Town offices will be closed Thursday and Friday and there will be no refuse collection. CM Dewey advised everyone to keep warm over Thanksgiving, to include taking care of pets. Berwyn Heights Police can help if people or animals are freezing. BHPD can be reached by calling the County's dispatch service and asking for the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to respond.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk



# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

## Sip Some Cocoa at the PTA Social

Tuesday, January 8, 6:45 pm, in the cafeteria  
For our January PTA meeting, we're having a social for parents and kids with hot cocoa and cookies. We'll have a brief meeting with parents, games for the kids, and plenty of time to socialize.



## Contact

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## Upcoming Events

### January 2, Wednesday

First day back at school

### January 8, Tuesday

PTA Meeting / Social

### January 21, Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
No School

### January 28, Monday

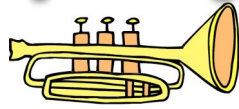
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### February 5, Tuesday

Next PTA Meeting



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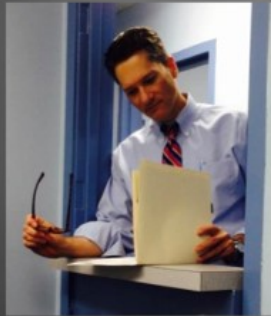
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## NOVEMBER Police Beat

### **Saturday November 3, 2018 at 10:59 am, 'DISORDERLY'**

Officers from the Berwyn Heights Police were dispatched to the 7 Eleven at 8900 Edmonston Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland, for a report of disorderly. Once on scene, they observed the suspect walking away from the store. The suspect matched the description provided to the police. He was stopped and a patted down for officers' safety. A check for warrants was conducted and the results were negative. He was advised and sent on his way.

### **Friday November 9, 2018 at 7:00 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Pvt. Rufino and Cpl. Krouse responded to the 8500 block of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for a report of theft of an airbag from a Honda.

### **Friday November 9, 2018 at 12:32 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Pvt. Rufino and Cpl. Krouse responded to the 8700 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of theft of an airbag from a Honda.

### **Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 9:30 am, 'ACCIDENT WITH INJURY'**

BHPD officers responded to the scene of an accident at Pontiac Street and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue where a car had hit a telephone pole. The driver was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

### **Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 11:00 am, 'SENIORS MEETING'**

Det. Unger and the Chief of Police attended the seniors meeting and presented the Security and Safety initiatives for FY 2020 budget proposal.

### **Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 8:22 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

Pfc. W. Duck responded to the 8900 block of 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a property damage report. The victim reports that she parked her vehicle (2015 Honda Civic) on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue on 11/09/19 at 13:30 hrs. When she returned on 11/13/19, she discovered that unknown person(s) had damaged the driver's side fender and bumper on her vehicle and had fled.

### **Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 11:10 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

Victim walked into the station and advised Pvt. C. Rufino that on 11/12/2018 between 9:30pm-10:00pm he was parking his car in the 8700 block of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue when an unknown vehicle damaged his vehicle superficially by striking it while driving by. He was unable to identify the other vehicle, stating it was dark.

### **Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm, 'TOWN HALL MEETING'**

Chief of Police and Det. Unger attended the Town Hall meeting and updated the Town Council and citizens on crime trends, monthly statistics and holiday safety for the previous month.

### **Saturday November 18, 2018 at 8:50 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 8700 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of a theft from a vehicle. On scene, officer found a white 4-wheel drive Honda in the driveway resting on red garden stones with all tires removed. The victim, parked his vehicle at approximately 17:30 hrs., 11/17/2018 and the next morning at approximately 08:40 hrs., 11/18/2018 discovered the tires were gone. Neither the victim nor his wife heard any noises overnight. Motion lights under the carport did not detect anything. The victim indicated the 19-inch tires had wheel locks. Two metal bolts were found on the grass by the rear of the vehicle. Victim indicated they were not his. No leads exist.

### **Friday November 23, 2018 at 7:37 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Pvt. C. Rufino and Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft from auto. Upon arrival, officers met with victim who stated that he parked his car last night 11/22/2018 at approximately 12:30 pm and this morning 11/23/2018 at 7:30 am he discovered his vehicle on top of two bricks with all four tires missing.

### **Friday November 23, 2018 at 9:04 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Pvt. C. Rufino and Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft from auto. Upon arrival, officers met with victim who stated that while she was inside the 7 Eleven when a suspect opened the car door and took her purse from the floor on the passengers' side. Suspect fled in unknown direction. Further investigation pending.

### **Friday November 23, 2018 at 9:44 pm, 'HIT & RUN'**

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a report of a hit and run. The Victim/ owner of the vehicle reports that her car was parked on the street in front of a family members' house. Investigation was unable to determine the cause of the damage. Victim was given a case number and advised to contact her insurance company.

### **Tuesday November 27, 2018 at 10:00 am, 'PG POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIA-**

### **TION MEETING'**

The BHPD hosted the monthly Prince George's County Police Chiefs meeting at the Town Center. Chiefs and PG Sheriff were in attendance as well as representatives from Federal Agencies. Federal Credit Union paid for food catered by Three Brothers. Town Manager Broadbent opened the ceremony with a warm welcome.

### **Wednesday November 28, 2018 at 6:02 pm, 'DOMESTIC ASSAULT'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the McDonald's Restaurant at 6219 Greenbelt Road for a fight and disturbance heard by the call-taker in the back-ground. Investigation revealed that suspect screamed at, then attacked a female and punched, choked, and dragged her by her hair in a dining room full of customers. An elderly black male tried to help the victim and the suspect attacked and beat him to the floor. Prince George's Fire Department, Berwyn Heights Volunteer F.D. Ambulance 814 responded under EMS PF181128-0304 and treated all injured persons. Cpl. J. Ignowski transported the suspect, who was identified as Mr. Hart, to the Department of Corrections for arrest, document preparation and a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. **Arrested: Donald Denzel Hart, a 24 Y/O, B/M of College Park, MD.**

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## HAPPENINGS

### REGIFTING PARTY - JAN 13

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### OSAKA GRILL - JAN 25

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	<b>30</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> Town Offices Closed—No Refuse Pickup	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Town Offices Closed—No Refuse Pickup	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm Worksession	<b>8</b>  6:45 BHES PTA Mtg.  7:00 pm Rec Council Mtg.	<b>9</b>  5:00 pm Town Council App. Deadline  7:00 pm Town Meeting	<b>10</b>  7:00 pm Green Team Mtg.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  2:00 pm <b>Regifting Party,</b> <b>Town Center</b>	<b>14</b>  7:00 pm Worksession	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  7:00 pm EAC Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  10:00 am Town Cleanup
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>MLK Day</b> Town Offices Closed—No	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  7:30 pm BHHC mtg.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  9:00 am Electronics Recycling—
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  7:30 pm Four Cities Mtg. College Park	<b>31</b>		



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Councilmember — Public Safety & Health  
  
Vacancy  
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

#### 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

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

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

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