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HOW WE PLOW TOWN STREETS

When snow or ice shows signs of sticking to the ground, Public Works begins applying salt/ ice-melt to roads and walkways. Plowing of roads begins once snow accumulation reaches 2". Residents can assist Public Works by moving their vehicles off the road during snow plowing operations where possible.

The Town has 8 Public Works employees and 5 trucks with plowing capabilities. Larger trucks address major roadways and smaller trucks focus on side roads. Public Works also clears Town-maintained walkways.

Public Works works hand in hand with the Police to keep the Town safe during weather emergencies. If a snow or ice event occurs after hours, BHPD will notify the Public Works Director. Personnel are dispatched and are on scene within 1 hour. Snow and ice removal continue until the event ends, and finishes with application of additional layers of salt to maintain safe passage.

Amount of Snow	Time to Make Roads Passable	Time to Fully Clear Roads
< 4 inches	4-6 hours	1 day
4-6 inches	6-8 hours	2-3 days
> 6 inches	8+ hours	3-5 days

CÓMO ARRANCAMOS LAS CALLES

Cuando la nieve o el hielo muestran signos de pegarse al suelo, Obras Públicas comienza a aplicar sal / hielo derretido a las carreteras y pasarelas. El arado de las carreteras comienza una vez que la acumulación de nieve alcanza 2". Los residentes pueden ayudar a Obras Públicas al mover sus vehículos fuera de la carretera durante las operaciones de arado de nieve donde sea posible.

La ciudad cuenta con 8 empleados de obras públicas y 5 camiones con capacidad de arado. Los camiones más grandes se dirigen a las carreteras principales y los camiones más pequeños se centran en las carreteras laterales. Obras Públicas también despeja las pasarelas mantenidas por la ciudad.

Obras públicas trabaja de la mano con la policía para mantener la ciudad segura durante emergencias climáticas. Si ocurre un evento de nieve o hielo después de horas, BHPD notificará al Director de Obras Públicas. El personal es enviado y está en escena dentro de 1 hora. La remoción de nieve y hielo continúa hasta que finaliza el evento, y termina con la aplicación de capas adicionales de sal para mantener un paso seguro.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

MLK Day Week

Mon	01/20/20	Offices Closed: NO PICKUP
Tue	01/21/20	Northside: Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste
Wed	01/22/20	Southside: Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste
Thu	01/23/20	Town-wide: Recycling
Fri	01/24/20	Town-wide: Trash

Your Public Works Department regrets that curbside leaf collection has been delayed. The leaf vacuum machine broke down and was in the shop for repairs.

Public Works plans to collect any remaining leaf piles until mid-January.

Bagged leaves will always be picked up on regular yard waste collection days.



ELECTRONICS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING

**Saturday, January 25
9am - 12pm**

Recycle your old electronic devices and Styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard. Access is from Buddy At-tick parking lot located at

555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD
Tel. 240-542-2153

Old or broken Christmas light strings can be recycled at a designated drop-off in front of the Town office at: 5700 Berwyn Road.

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 7am - 7pm

Run for Town Council

File your papers by Tuesday, March 4

Forms and information are available at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Rd, Tel. 301-474-5000, or on our website: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections>

Qualifications:

- US citizen at least 21 years of age;
- Duly registered to vote in Maryland or Town of Berwyn Heights
- Town resident for at least six months prior to the date of the election

Be an Election Judge

Submit an application and statement of interest by January 31.

Application form is available at Town Office or on our website: www.berwynheightsmd.gov/files
For information or to submit application email Town Clerk at: kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

Qualifications:

- US Citizen at least 18 years of age
- Duly registered to vote in Maryland or the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Responsibilities:

- Attend Swearing-in
- Participate in course of training, March 24
- Staff polling station on election day, May 5, 6:30 am to 9:30 pm
- Advise on election matters, as needed

Register to Vote

Contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections (301-430-8020) to request an application; or download an application from their website, or fill out an online application at: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>

The Town of Berwyn Heights carries out **supplementary registrations** valid only for voting in Town elections. You can register up to April 6, 2020 at the Town office during office hours 9 am - 5 pm. Please bring a valid ID.

Vote by Absentee Ballot

You can vote anytime between April 6 and May 4, 2020 with an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available at the Town office or you can request one by mail by filling out an application available on our website: www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections/files/absentee-ballot-application-2020

CENSUS 2020 CENSO 2020

Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them. Our nation's founders believed this was so important that they mandated the decennial census in the Constitution. The US Census Bureau has posted information about the [2020 Census](#) on the web, including sample [questionnaires](#), how to become a [census taker](#) and [privacy](#) of the data collected.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- **Mid-March:** every household in Berwyn Heights receives an invitation to respond to the census online or by phone.
- **Mid-April:** all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire.
- **Mid-May:** census takers will visit households that have not responded to collect the information.

The Town of Berwyn Heights will participate in **Census Day, April 1, 2020**. Town staff and Councilmembers will be available to assist residents with using computers to complete the Census in the G. Love Room.

Una vez cada década, el gobierno federal realiza un censo de toda la población para contar a todos en los Estados Unidos y registrar información básica sobre ellos. Los fundadores de nuestra nación creían que esto era tan importante que ordenaron el censo decenal en la Constitución. La Oficina del Censo ha publicado información sobre [Censo 2020](#) en la web, incluidos [cuestionarios de muestra](#), y [la privacidad de los datos](#) recopilados.

Fechas importantes para recordar:

- A mediados de marzo: cada hogar en Berwyn Heights recibe una invitación para responder al censo en línea o por teléfono.
- A mediados de abril: todos los hogares que aún no han respondido recibirán un cuestionario en papel.
- Mediados de mayo: los encuestadores visitarán los hogares que no han respondido para recopilar la información.



Next Meeting
Monday, January 27
7pm | G. Love Room

Come join us on January 27th at 7pm for a community listening session on Adult Education. What type of classes should be offered for adults? What support do you need to further your education & increase your knowledge?

We're interested in hearing our ideas and suggestions on this topic. We hope to see you there.

All Residents Are Welcome

Please contact the BHEAC for more information, at: thebheac@gmail.com.



Siguiente junta
Lunes 27 de Enero
7pm | G. Love Room

Únase al Comité Asesor de Educación para una sesión de escucha comunitaria sobre Educación de Adultos. Qué tipo de clases deberían ofrecerse para adultos? Qué apoyo necesitas para avanzar en tu educación y aumentar tu conocimiento?

Estamos interesados en escuchar nuestras ideas y sugerencias sobre este tema. Esperamos verte ahí.

Todos los residentes son bienvenidos

Póngase en contacto con BHEAC para obtener más información en: thebheac@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events from the Berwyn Heights Rec. Council:



Sat. Jan. 11th, 2-4pm @ Senior Center—Regifting Party (Adult only)
Bring a ***NEW*** wrapped gift you'd like to part with and maybe go home with a treasure in this wacky, White Elephant-style gift exchange. Enjoy wine, cheese, other goodies & lots of laughs. (Viewers are welcome!)

Sat. Feb. 8th, 2-4pm @ Town Center (Upstairs) —Valentine's Event

Come and decorate your own Cookies & Cards for Valentine's Day at this family-friendly event for children and adults alike. Cookies & supplies will be provided by the Rec Council. (Gluten Free & Vegan Cookies available too!)



Fri. Feb. 21st, 7-9pm @ Town Center (Upstairs) - Trivia Night (Adult Only)

Show off your local knowledge—or at least bluff and get some laughs. Snacks & refreshments provided. Teams and singles welcome!

Sat. Mar. 14th, 5-7pm @ Senior Center - Pot o' Gold Pot Luck

Join us for our annual Pot Luck Dinner. Bring a dish to share & enjoy the evening with friends & neighbors.



***Berwyn Heights Day is only a few months away and we are looking to make our annual parade bigger and better than ever! Individuals, families and groups are all invited to decorate floats for a chance to take home a CASH prize!
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

Next Meetings: Tue. 1/7 & Tue. 2/4 @ 7:30pm

Worksession Minutes November 4, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep, and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Also present were Clerk Kerstin Harper, Assistant to the Town Manager Yvonne Odoi, and citizens. Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent had an excused absence.

1. Announcements

There were none.

2. Discussion Items

Resident survey: CM Dewey said this is an opportunity for the Council to take a final look at the resident survey before it is mailed out. First, she asked the Council's approval for increasing the sample size from 100 to 200 households, and prizes to win in a lottery, into which all returned surveys will be entered, from 4 to 6 at \$50 each. The Council had no objections. Second, a random sample of residents has been drawn and provided to Assistant to the Town Manager Odoi, who will mail them out. The survey comes in an English and a Spanish version. If the survey is needed in another language, a translation will be furnished at the time when a request is received.

CM Dewey asked the Council to review the draft survey tonight to make it shorter as this would increase the likelihood of residents filling them out and returning them. In discussion, the Council agreed that survey questions should be organized in a logical way, with some advocating for the use of headers. The following topic sections were discussed:

- Demographic questions;
- Satisfaction with Town services;
- Residents' communication preferences;
- Support for Town initiatives;
- Support for sustainability and livability initiatives;
- Questions from Town organizations;

CM Dewey summed up that she will rework the survey based on tonight's discussion, then submit it to Council by mid-week with a 24-hour period for last minute comments. She plans for the survey to be sent out to residents at the beginning of next week, asking recipients to return it by the end of November. Reminders to return the survey will be sent in early December and January. Additionally, it was decided to include the Spanish version of the survey in the initial mailing but not in the reminder notices.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, noted that there appear to be no questions from the

Seniors Club or topics relating to seniors' concerns. She offered to draft questions targeted at seniors to include in the survey. The Council replied that the Seniors Club was asked to submit questions for the survey, but did not.

While the Council is interested in the opinions of seniors, the cost of including a set of senior-focused questions is fewer people wanting to answer a longer survey. This survey is intended to be a quick general probing of "how the Town is doing in providing services." The coming decennial census and possible future surveys can help delve more deeply into perceptions of the Town's different populations.

Litter signage: CM Dewey said she received an inquiry from residents asking if the Town could post "do not litter" signs around Town, possibly including any applicable fines. She would like the Council's opinion before getting more information on litter regulations and the cost of such signs. Prince George's County offers a grant that may cover the cost of the signs. The Council had no objections. Additionally, she would like to explore obtaining a grant offered by the County in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to mark storm drains with stencils or art projects. The Council expressed interest in public art to draw attention to storm drains and supported requesting staff help for these initiatives.

Vote by mail: Mayor Isler explained that TM Broadbent provided a memorandum to address the concerns of the Town's Board of Election Supervisors about adding a vote-by-mail option to the election process. Concerns range from reliability of the U.S. Postal Service for delivery of mailed ballots, ballot design, voter education, verification of voter signatures, and additional time needed by election judges to process mailed ballots.

TM Broadbent has spoken with several officials to clarify requirements for voting by mail. College Park's USPS Election Mailing Coordinator Stanford Gibbs gave advice on the handling of mailed ballots and will provide guidance to ensure compliance of ballot envelopes with USPS election mail standards. Prince George's County Board of Elections Administrator Alisha Alexander confirmed that Boards of Election in Maryland do not verify voter signatures on any ballots. She believes that voting by mail will require fewer resources and welcomed a Prince George's municipality being a pilot. Rockville's City Clerk provided information on implementing Maryland's first vote by mail election. Rockville will rely only on mailed ballots to elect its Council. Voted ballots will be returned to designated secure mailboxes at city hall.

TM Broadbent offered several recommendations in the event a mailed ballot option is approved by the Council at the November Town meeting. Recommendations include improving voter outreach and education; publicizing election judge positions; establishing a USPS business reply permit for returning mailed ballots; and setting up a locked ballot box or mailbox for dropping off mailed ballots.

In discussion, CM Sweep, MPT Papanikolas and CM Osmond expressed reservations about rushing into implementing the vote by mail option for this election cycle against the recommendations of the Board of Election Supervisors.

Mayor Isler said he would like to have a timeline and cost analysis for implementation to see if it is feasible. CM Dewey said the Council needs to ensure that it is not involved in operational details beyond deciding whether or not to move forward. She is in favor of moving forward and thinks TM Broadbent's memo lays out how it can be done. All agreed that increased voter education and outreach should occur, regardless.

Clerk Harper said, if the Council moves forward with an advertising and education campaign as well as voting by mail, it would be hard to tell which of these efforts caused a presumed greater turnout. Further, the Board of Election Supervisors, having read TM Broadbent's memorandum, remain concerned about pushing ahead with the vote by mail system. They prefer to watch how Rockville's election turns out and look at 2022 for implementing a vote by mail option in Berwyn Heights with more time for planning.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented the Town may want to focus on publicizing the already existing absentee voting system as a way to make voting more convenient. After further discussion, the Council decided to hold off on implementing a vote by mail option but asked to be kept abreast of voter outreach and education. Particular attention should be paid to the absentee voting option.

Legislative dinner attendance: Assistant to the Town Manager Odoi said, to date, the following representatives have confirmed attendance for the Town's November 6 legislative dinner: Senator Pinsky, Delegate Healy, appointed Delegate Nicole Wilson, and County Councilmember Glaros. Delegate Washington has not yet replied, and School Board Member Thomas may be busy. All Councilmembers RSVP'd for the PGCM legislative dinner to be held on December 5.

3. Minutes

There were none.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Isler said Halloween went off without incidents. The cold weather held off and many families participated. CM Sweep said that curbside leaf collection has started. Residents are requested to deposit leaf piles near the curb but not in the street and not to park in front of the leaf piles they want have picked up. CM Dewey said she saw many great costumes on Halloween. On Sunday, she had fun attending the Recreation Council's bluegrass concert. The Turtle Heroes string band played to a full house. Upcoming events include the Historical Committee's fall reception on November 10 and the Tree Lighting holiday party on December 7.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming Town Council schedule. The next PGCMA meeting on November 14 will be held jointly with Montgomery County. CM Dewey plans to attend. Town offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday as well as for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

CM Dewey noted that the Green Team and Volunteer Fire Department hosted a joint post-Halloween cleanup. The high-light was dropping pumpkins from the ladder truck. The smashed pumpkins will be composted in the community garden.

7. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Town Meeting November 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. CM Ethan Sweep had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

1. Approval of Agenda

TM Broadbent advised that a motion to receive the written department reports needs to be made under the 'Department Reports' item. CM Dewey moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Approval of Minutes

CM Dewey moved, and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the October 9, 2019

Town meeting minutes. The motion passed 4 to 0.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler thanked everyone for coming out to Halloween Trick or Treating, which came off without incident. BHPD had all hands on deck patrolling and handed out glo-sticks and candy. He congratulated the City of College Park on re-electing Patrick Wohjan as Mayor, and the City of Greenbelt on electing Colin Byrd as Mayor. Everyone was reminded to stay safe over the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Isler entertained a motion to receive all department reports. CM Osmond so moved. MPT Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Administration: MPT Papanikolas reported that the Council held its legislative dinner on November 6. The District 22 delegation, including Delegate-select Nicole Williams, and County Councilwoman Danielle Glaros were in attendance. He knows Ms. Williams and believes she will make a great delegate. TM Broadbent explained the legislative dinner is an opportunity to sit down with all the Town's representatives and talk about legislative priorities. The Town plans to submit several items pertaining to Town Center improvements for State funding as a bond bill request.

MPT Papanikolas said he saw many recycling bins at the curb today but, due to the Veterans' Day holiday, the trash schedule was changed. Recyclables will be picked up on Thursday and the second trash pickup will occur on Friday. TM Broadbent added this is an attempt to implement a more predictable refuse collection schedule for holiday weeks.

Town Manager's Report: TM Broadbent said, after the Thanksgiving holiday, the Council can look forward to a few busy worksessions. On the agenda are a visit from the Town's auditing firm, budget preparations, and possibly a conversation about the approval of election judges. At the November 18 worksession, department directors and senior staff will be in attendance to report on the projects they are charged with carrying out. She hopes this will be more useful than giving a monthly report at the Town meetings.

Code Compliance: CM Osmond reported that revenues from licenses, building permits, fees and fines have gone up from FY 2019. He believes that this reflects an increase in productivity and is an indication of good management. He also noted that clean lot violations are down from last

year, which is a good thing. The careful tracking of code activities will be a basis for allocating resources during the budget process. TM Broadbent added that residents are looking forward to the reopening of the new McDonald's restaurant.

Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:

CM Dewey reported her department had a busy few weeks. She congratulated the Historical Committee on a successful 100th anniversary celebration of the Berwyn Heights Company. The Education Advisory Committee held its first listening session, at which middle and high school concerns were discussed. The Recreation Council hosted a fun and well-attended bluegrass concert. The Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH) met last night and continued discussing strategies for making the Town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. On December 7, the Recreation Council and Seniors will host the annual Tree Lighting holiday party, featuring caroling, crafts, and a visit from Santa. The Green Team has decided to pause its monthly cleanups during the winter months until March 2020 but is encouraging residents to continue to pick up trash on their walks and around their homes.

Public Safety/ Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department:

Mayor Isler noted that some residents have applied a yard waste sticker to the large new recycling bins. However, the stickers were provided to be applied to the old, round recycling bins if needed for yard waste disposal. CM Dewey asked whether residents could use the new recycling bins for both recycling and yard waste, if they have a lot of yard waste. TM Broadbent said she believes all trucks are equipped with cart tipplers and could theoretically empty the large bins filled with yard waste. She will seek to confirm this with the Public Works director.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, said he thought Prince George's County requires that recycling bins are used only for recyclables. TM Broadbent replied that the regulation does not apply to Berwyn Heights because the County does not provide recycling service in Town.

Police Department: Mayor Isler said the Police Department filed its monthly report and is available for residents to pick up or view online. Chief Antolik informed him that incidents of serious crimes are on par with previous years. The most prevalent crime remains theft from unlocked cars or, at this time of year, of packages delivered and sitting at the front door. For the holidays, residents can take advantage of a house check service provid-

ed by BHPD, which can be requested online. BHPD also provides a safe space for internet purchases in front of the police station, which is under video surveillance around the clock.

TM Broadbent said that 7 Eleven has added Amazon drop-off lockers where anyone can have their packages delivered securely. Other retailers also offer this service, including Safeway, Whole Foods and Home Depot. CM Dewey added that door-to-door salespeople must have a Town permit issued by BHPD. Residents should ask solicitors if they have a permit and can call the police non-emergency number to find out. This should be done while the solicitor is still in Town so that BHPD can follow up and talk with them. Neighborhood listservers, such as Next Door, frequently post notices about solicitors in the area, but these do not go to the Council or town staff. CM Osmond noted that religious and political groups are exempt from permit requirements.

TM Broadbent reported that she has invited a contractor, Underwood & Associates, specializing in the design of stream restoration projects to come to Berwyn Heights look at some of the areas with flooding problems. She is now exploring the possibility of a public-private partnership with them to find stormwater management solutions for these areas. This would involve the Anacostia Watershed Society applying for a grant to have this contractor undertake the design and construction on this project. She will next meet with Prince George's County and State of Maryland officials to discuss the project. The County is responsible for stormwater management systems and would receive credits for completing the project.

TM Broadbent further reported she will meet with a Planning Department official to discuss projects related to Sports Park and Indian Creek Park that are on the Town's wish list. There is a possibility for Berwyn Heights to work with the City of Greenbelt to construct a dog park on the old T-ball field, as Greenbelt is interested in a dog park in this area.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey said the BHEAC will hold its next listening sessions on November 25 and focus on adult education. At the last listening session, many questions were asked about the different educational options available, including various specialty programs, charter schools and private schools. More information about the programs and related deadlines have been posted on the Town's website and

Twitter feed.

Green Team: CM Dewey thanked everyone who participated in a special after-Halloween cleanup on November 2. Everyone had fun with the pumpkin smashing and the Green Team will likely do it again next year.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee's 100th Anniversary celebration of the Berwyn Heights Company went well. The Committee next plans to install a historic marker dedicated at the event at the property where the Berwyn Heights Company once had its office.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: There was no report.

Recreation Council: There was no report.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

Resolution 21-2019 Information Technology Services: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent said two vendors have provided a bid for the Town's IT support contract. It is recommended the Town renew the contract with Peake Technology Partners with whom the Town has worked for several years. Their proposal is for a package of services provided per year, rather than being priced by the hour. The contract includes two optional 2-year extensions. Peake specializes in providing IT service to municipalities and is used by a number of cities in this area.

In response to CM Osmond, TM Broadbent said usage of Peake's help desk service is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and is based on tickets. As far as she knows there is no limit on tickets issued. Additionally, Peake has personnel with security clearances, which is required for working on police computers. CM Dewey noted that Peake's proposal is a flat fee of \$200.00 per month as opposed to \$200.00 per hour charged by the other vendor. Using Peake makes sense to her.

CM Osmond moved, and MPT Papanikolas seconded, to award the IT contract to Peake Technology Services. The motion passed 4 to 0.

8. Citizen Discussion

Phil Ventura commented that he disagrees with the decision to stop having department directors coming to Town meetings to give their reports. As a taxpayer, he likes to see them pass across

the floor and observe how they handle themselves.

CM Dewey said the new arrangement does not mean that directors will never be asked to come to a Town meeting. Rather, the Council plans to have them in when there is something important to report. Mayor Isler added that directors will now be asked to come to a worksession quarterly to update the Council on projects. It is hoped this will be more productive. Although the format is different, there will be an opportunity for citizens to ask questions as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Worksession Minutes November 18, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Ethan Sweep. CM Jeffrey Jay Osmond had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin, Assistant to the Town Manager (TMA) Yvonne Odoi, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

1. Announcements

The PGCMA Legislative Dinner will be held on December 5. County Councilwoman Dannielle Glaros will host a Senior Resource Fair and Lunch on November 26. RSVPs should be made with Wanda Brooks at 301-952-3060. WSSC will hold an informational meeting about the upcoming water main replacement project on Edmonston on November 20, 6 p.m. in the Senior Center. TM Broadbent received a 30-year public service award from the International City Managers' Association (ICMA).

2. Discussion Items

Department projects: TM Broadbent explained that this is the first of future meetings at which department directors will brief the Council on projects they have been assigned to carry out. The projects may have originated in the budget process, been put forth by the Council, been proposed by a committee or task force or assigned by her to realize best management practices. The project updates will be given on a quarterly basis at worksessions, replacing monthly department reports at Town meetings. Each project is broken down into milestones with assigned dates, which Assistant to the Town Manager (TMA) Odoi is charged with tracking.

TMA Odoi introduced the projects assigned to particular staff members.

Public Information Aide (PIA) Tiffany Minor, who was not present, is working on website improvements, a welcome packet, and PSA videos on Town services.

Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez said she is working on implementing an asset management program to track major Town assets, such as vehicles, computers, tools and firearms. She is currently researching prices and functionality of asset management software with plans to acquire the software by January 2020. She is also developing a reconciliation form for bank statements and an accompanying policy to be completed by early December, and a comprehensive inventory of the Town's financial policies to be completed by the end of January. Electronic payment processing has been largely completed, as well as the merger of BHPD and Administration QuickBooks programs.

Code Director Hollyce Goodwin said several Code Department projects have been postponed because Code is still short-staffed. New iPads have been acquired and she is working with a vendor to fix a technical issue with using the Comcate code management software in the field. Starting in January 2020, personal property tax collection will be migrated to the Code Department, using Comcate. The department will also review Town ordinances to develop a list of proposed changes for Council, review the Town website for any code information that needs to be corrected, and work with PIA Minor on creating video clips to explain common code processes and problems. In December, she will seek to obtain an update on a study by the City of College Park to perform building permit processing in-house. Berwyn Heights contributed money to the study and expects to learn whether and how this could be done.

Town Clerk Kerstin Harper reported that a project to scan important Town documents is nearly complete. All that remains is a review of the scanned files and return of the documents. Conversion to paperless agenda packets for Council meetings has been completed, with Councilmembers using new iPads to view the documents. The Town's charter and ordinances have been reviewed and outdated sections identified with the help of indices that show amendment dates. This can serve as the first step to formal codification of the charter and ordinances. The creation of a list of all agreements and contracts is in the initial phases of locating the documents and receiving them from other departments. Adding a vote by mail component for Town Council elections has been postponed to the 2022

election after the Council discussed it with the Board of Election Supervisors. Website improvements are currently made piecemeal, but a systematic review and redesign of the website based on user statistics may be desirable. This will likely require a budget appropriation.

Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik reported that Officer Krouse is leading a team to improve communications with Town businesses and is drafting a schedule for regular meetings. The hiring of a new police officer is underway. Detective Unger and TMA Odoi have conducted some preliminary interviews, to be followed by formal interviews in December and a lengthy process of background checks. One of two budgeted hybrid police cars has been purchased but will likely not be received until mid-June 2020 because the model is on backorder nationwide. He and Director Hall are establishing a process for decommissioning old police vehicles, which should be in place by the end of December. A mobile speed monitoring sign was purchased but turned out not to be very mobile. The vendor has agreed to take the sign back and will propose a more suitable model. Additional radar guns have been purchased and are in service. Chief Antolik continued that he and TM Broadbent are reviewing the police ordinance and police-related charter sections to identify needed updates. Proposed changes will be presented to the Council in January for review and approval. Detective Unger is working with PIA Minor on ideas for producing educational outreach videos (PSA). He and Director Hall have monitored and discussed the traffic situation in the 8900 blocks of 58th and 60th Avenue. They agree that congestion during rush hour currently does not warrant making drastic changes to parking rules. CM Dewey said the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force is studying traffic problem areas and will likely have recommendations for the Greenbelt Road intersections.

Chief Antolik said he has compiled a list of MOUs and agreements affecting police operations and provided them to Clerk Harper to add to an inventory of agreements. Formal police station hours have been set and posted. He and Police Clerk Muralles are compiling a list of all police fees and fines and will provide a copy to the Administration Department by December. The website is being reviewed to ensure that all posted police fees and fines are correct.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that rush hour congestion on 60th Avenue at Greenbelt remains a problem, especially when large trucks and buses are coming through. Cars parked in front of two new rental houses are also blocking traffic.

Director of Public Works Kenneth Hall

reported that new recycling containers were delivered to all homes in Town and are now in service. Phase I and II of street repairs have been completed. Repairs to the Public Works building's gutters and fascia have been completed. Landscaping improvements and planting of trees were postponed because of drought conditions. Painting and carpeting of the Town offices are partially done. Rooms have been painted and two proposals from carpet vendors have been received, with one pending. Carpet installation is scheduled for January.

A bond bill request to make improvements to the Town Center is being handled by TM Broadbent and TMA Odoi. State funds are being sought to connect the elevator and HVAC system to the emergency generators, add a bathroom to the G. Love Room, and replace the roof. The bond bill application is due on December 1. Director Hall said the hiring of new full and part-time employees is ongoing. He hired one new crew member but lost another. An old surplus trash truck was sold at auction for \$6,000, which funds will be applied to the purchase of a second hybrid police car. He met with an electrician to discuss the installation of motion detecting lights in the Town Center but needs clarification on the type of lights wanted, as well as available grant funding.

Director Hall said Berwyn Heights is expecting to receive a set of 'Bigbelly' smart refuse containers, which have sensors to indicate when they are full. A grant application to purchase the containers has been submitted by the Four Cities Coalition. Notice of grant awards are due at the end of December. County officials have been in Town to discuss areas afflicted with stormwater runoff and flooding problems. They will report the findings to relevant County departments to come up with solutions and get back to him. CM Dewey asked whether one of two refuse containers installed at Berwyn Road and 58th Avenue can be moved to Berwyn Road and Cunningham Drive. Director Hall will look into it.

Phil Ventura asked why the emergency generators require more work. TM Broadbent said more Town Center functions should be connected to the generator, which requires rewiring the electric panels.

Town Manager Broadbent reported she plans to establish a committee of volunteers or hire a sign vendor to design a welcome sign for Town entrances. She recommended transferring the Berwyn Heights call-a-bus to the City of Greenbelt, which is already using it and paying for the upkeep. The Council agreed to transfer the call-a-bus.

TM Broadbent said she and TMA Odoi will start reviewing the employee hand-

book in December and propose a list of updates by March 2020. A GFOA budget presentation, planned for January 2020, will be postponed to 2021. An RFP to study of a possible expansion of the Town office building has been drafted, discussed by the Council, and will be put out to bid in December. A contract may be awarded in January.

Homeowners Tax Credit Program. TM Broadbent explained that the Town received 5 applications for the Homeowners Tax Credit Program (HTC) the Council adopted with Ordinance 180 in September. All were received after the advertised November 1 deadline. The Council is requested to decide whether to extend the deadline. CM Dewey said the Council adopted the Homeowners Tax Credit Program with an amended deadline of December 1. The Ordinance need to be checked to see whether dates are correct. The Council agreed to extend the deadline to January 1 because the HTC program was announced late.

2020 Census update: CM Dewey said she will attend a meeting of the Prince George's County Complete Municipal Count Committee next week. The Town's plans for boosting participation in the census remain as agreed upon at the last worksession: The Town will host a Census Day on April 1, for which Police Clerk Muralles offered act as an interpreter. Further, the Town plans to share information and coordinate outreach efforts with local schools. Schools, libraries and other public institutions are already making their own preparations for Census 2020 outreach.

Election judges' appointment: TM Broadbent said, in the process of researching vote by mail process, she reviewed Ordinance 109 – Town Council Election & Selection Processes, and found the Town is not following all its requirements. In particular, election judges' positions have not been advertised in the Berwyn Heights Bulletin in December and January prior to an election. Election judge terms are limited to two years and should be re-advertised before each election. All candidates should then be approved by the Town Council before being sworn in at the February Town meeting. She has asked Clerk Harper to draft an election judges' application form that includes a statement of interest, and an advertisement for the Bulletin. They are provided in the agenda packet for the Council's review.

TM Broadbent said she also asked Clerk Harper to look into the process for appointing the Town's 3-member Ethics Commission, which reviews the financial disclosures of Council candidates, Councilmembers and senior staff.

Ordinance 110 - Ethics does not specify the term length of Ethics Commission members nor a process for appointment. Clerk Harper said she did further research into the circumstances of adopting Ordinance 110. The Council passed a resolution in February 2012 appointing an Ethics Commission for a term of two years that was to expire in December 2014. However, when the time came, no new appointments were made, and the same people have continued to serve.

TM Broadbent said a process for soliciting applications to the Ethics Commission should also be established. In addition, financial disclosures should be filed by all Councilmembers and staff every year. Clerk Harper said this was done with the exception of 2019, which was an oversight. These financial reports are normally due on April 30 and are then reviewed the Ethics Commission. Clerk Harper added since she has started to work for the Town, she has taken steps to implement a more formal election process that conforms with the Town's Charter and ordinances, helping to update Ordinance 109 and creating a manual that documents every aspect of preparing and holding an election. While not perfect, the process is much better than it was.

Phil Ventura asked whether the current election judges will now be dismissed, and new ones hired. He suggested it may be better to wait until after the election to implement the changes. MPT Papanikolas said their term is about to expire, but the current judges are free to reapply. The Council is not making any changes, except to follow the Ordinance.

Holiday decorating contest: Discussed under E-newsletter.

3. E-newsletter

Mayor Isler provided a draft to the Council's e-newsletter for review. This newsletter will feature the Holiday Decorating Contest, in which the Council will award prizes to the best decorated homes and yards. He proposed that residents be allowed to submit nominations until December 18 and help the Council decide. Winners would be announced at the January Town meeting. The Council had no objections. Other items for this issue included a notice on where to recycle Christmas lights, Toys for Tots, outreach to the Latino community, and holiday refuse schedule.

4. Minutes

Adoption of the October 7 and October 21 worksession minutes was postponed for lack of a quorum.

5. Department Reports

Mayor Isler offered safety reminders for the upcoming holidays. If traveling, residents are encouraged to fill out a house check request with BHPD, suspend mail deliveries and keep their lights on. Those who have pets are reminded that holiday meals are not necessarily healthy for pets. If purchasing presents online through Craig's List, Facebook, LetGo, Offerup and other classifieds apps, residents are encouraged to use an internet exchange safe zone in front of the BHPD police station that is under continuous video surveillance.

MPT Papanikolas noted that the 7-Eleven on Edmonston Road has installed Amazon post office boxes, where people can have their Amazon packages delivered for safe pickup. This prevents having packages stolen that are delivered to the front door.

CM Dewey announced the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7, an Education Advisory Committee meeting on November 25 and a Seniors Lunch & Resource Fair hosted by County Councilwoman Glaros on November 26. Monthly Town cleanups will cease over the winter and resume in March, but residents are encouraged to continue to pick up trash on their walks and around their property. Several deadlines to apply for PGCPs specialty programs are coming up and should be published on the website and social media.

TM Broadbent announced that WSSC will hold an information meeting on November 20 about the upcoming watermain replacement project on Edmonston Road. Phil Ventura asked what project WSSC was doing on Pontiac Street recently. MPT Papanikolas said a new water and sewer hookup was installed and the road was not patched well afterwards. TM Broadbent clarified that this is a temporary patch, which will be replaced with a permanent one that reaches from curb to curb once the ground has settled.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming Town Council schedule. The January 20 worksession was moved to January 27 to accommodate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

7. Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked how long certain road repairs are covered by the contractor's guarantee. He was informed the guarantee on pavement is for one year. Mr. Attick also commented that new curbing on 62nd Avenue in front of his house was not scheduled for this year and has some problems. Lastly, the

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) Committee has not received monthly expenditure statements as they used to. He was told to request one in the office when needed. Monthly statements are not produced for NW/EP as a matter of course. CM Dewey offered to help with this.

Phil Ventura asked for clarification about a bond bill application the Town is planning to submit to the state. MPT Papanikolas said it refers to a pot of money state delegates are using to fund projects in their districts. The Town will apply to receive some of this money to pay for improvements to the Town Center. Mr. Ventura also commented on the architectural study to expand the Town office, the limitation on parking spaces due to lot coverage restrictions, and recommended consulting with a resident, who is an elevator expert, about repairing or replacing the Town Center elevator.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SPANISH

The Town of Berwyn Heights website can now be viewed in different languages using Google Translate. Please click on the 'Select Language' box next to the 'Search' box and choose your language.

Town Council Minutes can be found on the home page by clicking on the 'Minutes & Agendas' button in the Citizen Action Center.

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019>

MINUTOS DE REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO EN ESPAÑOL

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Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejo pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MEETING: February 5 | 7:00 pm

CHAIR: Mike Attick, Tel. 301-335-1633

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. A winter storm can last a few hours or several days; knock out heat, power, and communication services; and place older adults, young children, and sick individuals at greater risk.

Find out everything about preparing for winter storms at <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

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Stay indoors and
dress warmly.



Listen for emergency
information and alerts.

Prepare for
power outages.



Look for signs of hypothermia
and frostbite.



Check on neighbors.



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

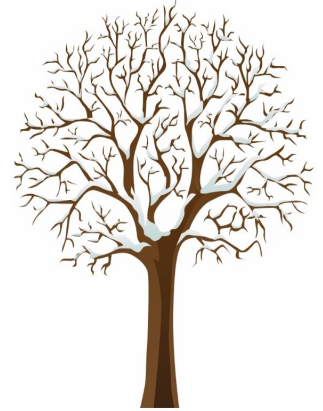
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PROTECTING OUR TREE CANOPY

Shade trees provide many benefits for our town. Among other things, trees:

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

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



Are you interested in protecting trees and our urban forest in Berwyn Heights? Please join the Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board at an upcoming meet or reach out!

Next meeting: January 9th, 2020, 7 pm, G. Love Room

Contact: Amanda Dewey, adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov



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1. Do 1 thing at a time, multi tasking brings stress.
2. Shop local and at year round farmers markets.
3. Dedutter a closet or your entry way, invite more calm!
4. Add more citrus to your cart year round.
5. Add blueberries, walnuts and bananas for lower LDL.
6. Add yoga and/ or meditation to your week.
7. Learn a new skill or language to improve memory.
8. Listen to audio books when you workout, walk, drive.
9. Practice self care
10. Volunteer

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Just a few of my Listings/Sales last 30 days!!

"Homework" is what I do best, let me do your Homework too!

SOLD- 7616 Charlton Av 3 BR 2 BA Rambler...\$350,000.

SOLD- 8515 58th Av 5 BR 3 BA Rambler w/lg addtn\$335,000.

SOLD- 7403 Radcliffe Dr Yarrow 3 BR 2.5BA Rambler \$359,000.

SOLD- 5616 Ruatan St 3 BR 2 BA Rambler \$345,000.

CONTRACT- 10 Greenway Pl Greenbelt 3 BR 2 BA Rambler

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





Historical Committee

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The BHHC recently received a set of photos of Berwyn Heights dating back to the early 1960s. The photos were taken by Meyer Keilsohn, a former resident of Pontiac Street. Neighbor Kathy Richardson rescued Mr. Keilsohn's photos from the roadside, after a cleanout of the house.

At left is the old fire house sitting in a slushy parking lot. In 1960, the BHVFD station was still located on 57th Avenue next to the town office. The building has undergone several renovations since then and today serves as the Senior Center/ Town Center. The clock tower elevator addition was constructed in 1993.



Next is a shot from Mr. Keilsohn's property at 6209 Pontiac Street looking out over the Berwyn Heights Elementary ball field to the recently opened Beltway Plaza shopping center. In 1964, S. Klein's Department Store dominated the mall, which was much smaller than today. Behind the mall is nothing but trees and fields; no Springhill Lake Apartments yet.

At the bottom, is a striking picture of Edmonston Road, taken near the intersection with Berwyn Road. The absence of trees and scrub in the strip between Edmonston Road and the recently opened Kenilworth Avenue affords a clear view of the new College Knolls subdivision. BHHC member Sharmila Bhatia, who grew up near this spot, says that one of her childhood pastimes was to watch the cars go by on Kenilworth Avenue.

The BHHC is happy to scan any of your old photos and publish them in the Bulletin.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, JAN 22, 2020

For information please contact:

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

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center
All residents are welcome to attend!

Project Drawdown Workshop

- Do you wonder what you can do about global warming?
- Are you ready to connect with your community and learn how you can make a real difference?

Project Drawdown is a revolutionary way of engaging with global warming as an opportunity to create positive change.

BH Green Team is very excited to share with you an inspiring, uplifting and empowering approach to the issue of global warming!

Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown is a 2-hour workshop that invites you to see both the possibility of reversing global warming and that you have an important role to play in that process.



DATE: Sunday, February 16, 3:00 – 5:00

LOCATION: Berwyn Heights Town Center, Geraldine Love Room, 5700 Berwyn Road

SIGN UP for the FREE workshop:

<http://bit.ly/DrawdownBH1>



Town Clean-up

REMINDER! Monthly town clean-ups are on hold for the winter months and will resume in March. In the meantime, please pick up trash around your home and while walking through town. Thanks for keeping Berwyn Heights clean and green!



Happy New Year!

Want to volunteer at any events? Please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com

Keep an Out!

- *Reusing and regifting are wonderful ways to make your holiday season more sustainable! Join the Rec Council on January 11, 2:00-4:00 for their Regifting Party (adults only).*
- *Gardening season will be here before we know it! Look to upcoming bulletins for Community Garden plot applications.*

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

January PTA Meeting: Positive Behavior Supports

Husky



Pride Days!

Tuesday, January 7, 6:45 pm,
school cafeteria

Learn about the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports from the PBIS Team. This includes Husky Pride days and other supports.

School T-Shirts and Hoodies

We are pleased to announce that we will have school logo shirts for sale and order beginning on January 7 at the PTA meeting. The T-shirts can be worn to school on Fridays. The hoodies can be worn any day, over a uniform polo shirt.



T-shirts (short-sleeve) - \$8 (child & adult sizes)

T-shirts (long-sleeve) - \$10 (child & adult sizes)

Hoodies - \$25 (child sizes only)

Family Movie Night

Friday, February 7, 6:30 pm
Berwyn Heights Community
Center Gym

Bring a blanket and get cozy on the floor to watch a fun family movie, broadcast on the big screen. Popcorn provided; other concessions for purchase.



Upcoming Events

January 2, Thursday

First day back at school

January 7, Tuesday

PTA meeting

January 20, Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No school

January 27, Monday

3 Hour early dismissal

No general PTA meeting on
February 4

February 7, Friday

Family Movie Night

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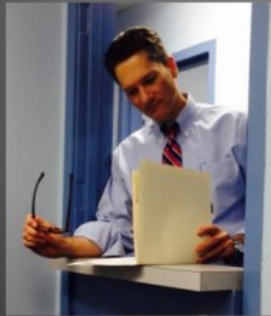
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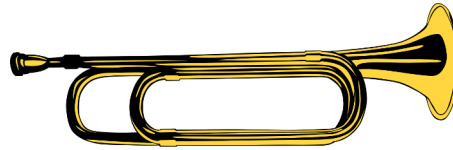
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The Bugle



**Congratulations to our soccer teams for a
GREAT Fall Season!**

**We would like to give a special shout-out to our U-10
PGCBGC League 2nd Place and U-14 PGCBGC League
2nd Place Teams!**

Registration will be opening on December 1st for Spring 2020
Soccer and Track!

Save \$10 if you register and pay before February 29th!

Meetings are normally held on the 1st Thursday at 7pm in the Love Room. All are invited to attend.

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?

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NOVEMBER INCIDENTS

Saturday, November 3, 2019 at 12:43 pm, 'TAMPERING'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 8500 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of vandalism to auto. Victim stated, when she went to her vehicle, she noticed that the contents of the glove-box and center console had been gone through and emptied out. Victim also advised after an inventory of the vehicle, no items were stolen or damaged.

Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:20 am, 'VANDALISM'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the Shell gas station located at 6001 Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism. Reporting person stated he did not know when the incident occurred. He had not been at the unit for weeks and he just happened to find it in damaged condition. It appeared that the unit was pried open and the coins removed. The unit was inoperable because of damage to the electronic components.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 3:01 pm, 'FRAUD'

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to 6215 Greenbelt Rd., Suite 302 regarding a fraud report. Victim stated that he had been defrauded of \$30,000 by a Mr. Frank White who resides in New York city. He had been contacted by Mr. White via Facebook regarding an investment training program. He transferred the money to Mr. White hoping to receive the training, but no training was given. When he attempted to contact Mr. White, he received a negative response. Case was turned over to BHPD CID.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:54 pm 9:00 pm, 'THEFT'

Pfc. C. Rufino was dispatched to 6300 block of Pontiac Street for a theft from auto. Victim stated that a suspect had entered his Ford Pick-Up truck and had stolen several power tools as well as a Garmin GPS unit. Victim has cameras outside his house facing the

driveway where the vehicle was parked. Video footage shows two suspects coming out of a vehicle and entering his Ford Pick-up truck.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 8:29 am, 'THEFT'

Cpl. T. Hollowell responded to the 8500 block of Edmonston Road for a theft from vehicle. Victim described coming out this morning and finding the interior of his vehicle ransacked. It appeared the suspects pulled items out of the glove compartment and console. Victim states the only thing he noticed missing was his work identification card. The victim believed he may not have secured the vehicle although he initially thought he did.

Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 4:38 pm, 'FRAUD'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Seminole St. for report of a fraud. Victim contacted the police after she discovered two disability checks she expected to arrive via the U.S mail had been deposited and cashed by someone unknown to her. Victim contacted the insurance company, First Unum Life Insurance Company, that had sent the checks. They informed her the checks had been cashed and that she needed to report the matter to the police. Victim was reportedly issued new checks. The stolen checks were in the amount of \$2,145.34 dated 9/10/19 and \$1,323.59 dated 8/11/2019. The checks were endorsed (Forged) by an unknown party and deposited into "United Capital Inc., United Capital Operating". Victim obtained copies of the checks and stated that the signatures are similar to hers but were forged. Victim has since arranged to receive her checks by direct deposit instead of U.S mail.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 3:42 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

On 11/12/2019 Pfc. C. Rufino was dispatched for a property damage report at the 7 Eleven at 8904 Edmonston Rd. Upon Arrival, Officer Rufino met with Mr. Earl Edward Winterling, manager of Asset Protection and Security for 7-Eleven Co. Mr. Winterling stated that at ap-

proximately 3:20 pm Mr. Robert Burger Jr., who drives a truck for Payne Trucking Co., backed into the retaining wall at the 7 Eleven and destroyed it. Mr. Winterling had spoken with Mr. Burger and obtained a copy of his driver's license, which he provided.

Friday, November 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm, '4TH DEGREE BURGLARY'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8600 block of 63rd Avenue for a complaint of property removed from a storage shed. The resident contacted the police after he discovered that the tool shed in his backyard had been broken into and property removed. The resident reported that the theft occurred approximately between 11/07/19 and 11/15/19. The shed was reportedly secured with a padlock. The lock was missing but no pry marks were observed, indicating the lock was cut or left unlocked. The storage/tool shed is located in the back yard approximately 150 feet from the house. A security camera in front of his house did not capture anyone entering or leaving the yard from the front of the property. The victim was unable to provide any serial numbers as he purchased most of the tools used.

Tuesday, November 17, 2019 at 3:10 pm, 'FRAUD'

The resident of 5700 block of Ruatan Street, Berwyn Heights MD contacted BHPD after he discovered that a personal check for \$5,571.00, he had written to Prince Georges County to pay his property taxes on September 21, 2019 had been altered and cashed. After receiving his statement in the mail, he discovered the check had been altered to read "Ijair Polen" and was cashed in that name. The signature had been altered as well. The victim received his statement from Bank of America around Oct 30. The victim reports that he mailed the check at the College Park post office and placed it in the mailbox outside for pickup.

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 9:00 pm, '2ND DEGREE ASSAULT / ARREST'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 60th Avenue for a report

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of a 16-year old young man having struck his mother in the face after an argument. The incident occurred in the family car in front of the home address. Upon responding to the scene, officer observed the victim bleeding from a small cut on her nose. The Juvenile admitted that he struck his mother during an argument over his involvement with an older woman. The victim further reports that her son has assaulted her several times in the past. The suspect is large in stature and the victim stated that he uses his size to intimidate her and her other son. The victim gave her son permission to leave on the bus and stay with a friend for the night.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 8:05 pm, 'RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE'

Victim reported that his 2010 Dodge truck was stolen from the driveway of a residence in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County where he stayed on 11/17/2019. He had reported the vehicle stolen to the Montgomery County police who entered the vehicle into NCIC. On 11/19/2019, the victim approached an BHPD officer in the parking lot of the 7-Eleven store at 8904 Edmonston Road and told him that he had recovered his vehicle. The vehicle had been taken by his uncle who notified him the next day that he had returned it to the victim's home address on Cunningham Drive.

Sunday, November 25, 2019 at 12:42 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 63rd., Avenue for a report of theft from a vehicle. The victim was visiting a friend at the above address in Berwyn Heights MD and had parked his vehicle on Ruatan Street at 63rd Ave. When the victim returned to his vehicle, he found that the vehicle been entered, the interior searched and property removed. A canvas satchel containing a company lap top computer and the victim's check book w/ personal checks (unknown quantity) had been stolen. There were no signs of forced entry into the vehicle indicating the possibility of an unlocked vehicle.

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 9:50 pm, 'DISORDERLY'

On 11/26/2019 at approximately 2150 hours Pfc. C. Rufino, along with Sgt. T. Moroney, were dispatched for a disorderly call at US Fuel at 5901 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights. Upon arrival, officers met with a clerk and the victim who stated that a black male, medium frame, approximately 5'6" in height became disorderly and spat in the victim's face. The suspect then fled in unknown direction. Officers made contact with the US Fuel manager to view video footage to identify suspect. The victim does not want to press charges at this time. The case will be forwarded to BHPD

CID.

Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 6:09 pm, 'EPS'

On 11/28/2019 at 1802 hours Sgt. T. Moroney along with Pfc C. Rufino responded to the 8600 block of 60th Ave. regarding a disorderly subject. Upon arrival the officers were approached by property owner who stated that his son was at his house and had become disorderly. The subject was present, yelling and gesturing with his hands. He said that he was going to kill his brother. The subject then left the scene but returned about 20 minutes later to confront his father. The confrontation became physical, at which time the father ejected the son from his property. BHPD returned to the property. The subject repeated the threat that he was going to kill his brother. After several attempts to get him to leave the property, he was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct. During the transport to Hyattsville, the subject made several comments about not wanting to live. Officers rerouted to PG Hospital where he was committed for psychiatric evaluation.

Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 00 | **Assault = 01** | **Burglary = 01** | **Larceny/Theft = 03** | Stolen Auto = 00

NOVEMBER	CITATIONS
STATE	41
TOWN	71
WARNINGS	20
SERO	08
TOTAL	140



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1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
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12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
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12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
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For more information please contact:

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Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com, or

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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M..

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Except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at
12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center

POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
(December 14)

MEETINGS — 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at
11:00 A.M. The 4th Tuesday is a Pot Luck.

HAPPENINGS

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REMEMBER

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REGIFTING PARTY— JAN 11

Receive something you can't use? Maybe someone else can. The Recreation Council will host a regifting party on Sunday, January 11, 2-4 P.M. in the Senior Center.

BASKETBALL—JAN 26

Trip to the University of Maryland to watch the Women's basketball team. Game time 1:00 P.M.

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In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents

Nov 23: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the intersection of Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road in Greenbelt. Once on scene, BHVFD crews found a vehicle on its side with the driver trapped. Crews quickly stabilized the vehicle and extricated the driver.

Nov 26: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the 6000Blk of Greenbelt Road for a fire alarm at the Burlington Coat Factory, and located a fire in a lower-level storage room. The assignment was upgraded to a 1st Alarm and crews worked to extinguish the fire.

Dec 4: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to NB Kenilworth Ave at Pontiac Street for an accident with reports of people trapped. BHVFD crews arrived to find a multi-vehicle accident and extricated several victims.

Dec 8: Truck 14 was alerted to the 5500Blk of Barker Pl in Lanham for a house fire. Units arrived to find fire in the garage.

Dec 9: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the area of College Heights Drive and Steed Court in New Carrollton on reports of a vehicle into a house. Squad 14 arrived to find a vehicle overturned into a house, the result of a brief police pursuit. BHVFD crews stabilized the vehicle and removed the driver, and checked the house for structural damage. The driver was pronounced dead on the scene.

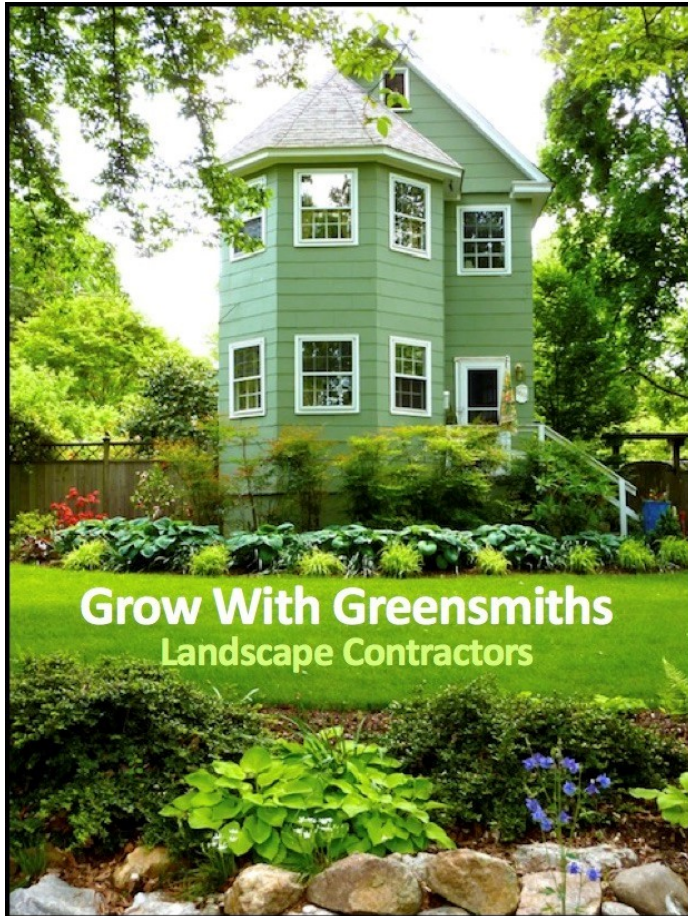
Dec 10th– Rescue Squad 14B was alerted for mutual aid to Montgomery County to assist units with a working house fire in the 7300Blk of Flower Ave in Takoma Park. BHVFD crews conducted searches and overhaul operations.

Co. 14 Call Volume: Nov 2019	
Rescue Squads:	194
Ladder Truck:	24
Ambulance:	228
Total Runs Nov 2019:	446

Remembering Shirley Sorenson

The Berwyn Heights VFD is sad to announce the passing of life member, and long-time Town resident, Shirley Sorenson. She could often be found taking care of numerous administrative duties around the firehouse. Prior to becoming a member of the BHVFD, she was a life member and Past President of the Berwyn Heights VFD Ladies Auxiliary, as well as a Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association. In addition to those roles, Shirley was also a professor at the University of Maryland and was preceded in death by her husband Paul Sorenson who was a Past Chief of the Berwyn Heights VFD. Shirley's daughter Anne is currently serving with the department as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Shirley Sorenson.





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Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different

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

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

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Jan 12 The Philadelphia Story (1940)
Jan 19 Bringing Up Baby (1938)
Jan 26 Phantom of Paradise (1974)

Every Sunday at 3:00 pm | Town Center - G. Love Room (Downstairs)

For any questions please contact: bhmovieclub@gmail.com

CODE COMPLIANCE

Clearing of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks



Please be reminded that property owners are responsible for removing accumulated snow and ice from abutting sidewalks within 48 hours after snow has fallen to a depth of 2 inches, or ice has accumulated as a result of inclement weather or runoff from abutting surfaces.

Property owners, who fail to clear the sidewalks within 24 hours of the snow event, will be issued a reminder notice/doorhanger by a Code Compliance Officer. Property owners, who do not take action within 24 hours of receipt of a reminder notice, may be assessed a \$100 fine.

Please contact the Code Department at 301-513-9331 with questions or concerns.

Storing of Fire Wood



If you are storing fire wood on your property, please ensure that it is kept off the ground. This will prevent rotting and creating hiding places for rodents and insects.

Section 4 (H) of Ordinance 107– Clean Lot permits the storage of wood on the premises, as long as it is elevated at least 6 inches above the ground.

There are numerous ways to store fire wood, such as using platforms, pallets, and rails, or better yet, placing the wood in a small shed.

Please contact the Code Compliance Department at (301) 513-9331 with any questions or concerns about storing fire wood.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King
President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Velma Hamilton
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton
bbatt80@hotmail.com

Vice President: vacant
Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary: Jianmei Zhu

Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov

Soccer Commissioner: Vacant

Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker
thebheac@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey
amandamdewey@gmail.com

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes
therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Richard Ahrens
dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch
bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
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Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag
quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council





















President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net
Secretary: Theresa Beck
beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 	31 New Year's Eve Town Offices Closed	Jan 1 New Year's Day Town Offices Closed	2 	3 	4
5 	6  7:00 pm Worksession	7  7:30 pm Rec. Council Mtg	8  7:00 pm Town Meeting	9  7:00 pm Green Team Mtg	10	11 2:00 Regifting Party
12	13  7:00 pm Worksession	14 	15 	16 	17	18
19	20 MLK Day Town Offices Closed	21 	22  7:30 pm BHHC meeting	23 	24 	25
26	27  7:00 pm Worksession 7:00 pm BHEAC Meeting	28 	29 	30  7:00 pm Four Cities Mtg. College Park	31	Feb 1



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Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
Fire Department (301) 474-7866
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
Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

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Mayor — Public Health & Safety
Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
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Jeffrey Osmond josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance
Maria Broadbent—Town Manager mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

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

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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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