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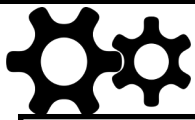
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Independence Day Holiday Trash Collection

The Town will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day. Please note the holiday trash and recycling week schedule

- Monday, July 3, 2023: Town-wide Trash
- Tuesday, July 4, 2023: Independence Day Holiday, No Trash Pick-up
- Wednesday, July 5, 2023: Town-wide Recycling
- Thursday, July 6, 2023: Town-wide Yard Waste and Food Compost
- Friday, July 7, 2023: Town-wide Trash

Streetsweeping

The Four Cities streetsweeper will be in Town the week of July 24-28. Please don't park vehicles next to curb areas with debris so we can maximize the benefits of this service.

Greenbelt Electronics Recycling Event

Greenbelt Public Works will hold their quarterly electronics recycling event Saturday, July 22, 2023. Berwyn Heights residents are welcome to drop off recycling for this event as well. Please see the attached link for additional information about location and what items are accepted.

[Electronics, Styrofoam, and Paint Recycling | Greenbelt, MD \(greenbeltmd.gov\)](https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/electronics-recycling)

Recolección de basura del Día de la Independencia

Las oficinas de la ciudad estarán cerradas el martes 4 de julio en celebración del Día de la Independencia. Tenga en cuenta el horario de basura y reciclaje para la semana:

- Lunes, 3 de julio de 2023: Basura en toda la ciudad
- Martes, 4 de julio de 2023: Feriado del Día de la Independencia, no habrá recolección de basura
- Miércoles 5 de julio de 2023: Reciclaje en toda la ciudad
- Jueves, 6 de julio de 2023: Desechos de jardín y alimentos en toda la ciudad
- Viernes, 7 de julio de 2023: Basura en toda la ciudad

Barrido de calles

El barrendero de las Cuatro Ciudades estará en la ciudad la semana del 24 al 28 de julio. No estacione vehículos junto a las aceras con escombros para que podamos maximizar los beneficios de este servicio.

Evento de reciclaje de productos electrónicos Greenbelt

Obras públicas de la ciudad de Greenbelt llevará a cabo su evento trimestral de reciclaje de productos electrónicos el sábado 22 de julio de 2023. Los residentes de Berwyn Heights también pueden dejar reciclaje para este evento. Consulte el enlace adjunto para obtener información adicional sobre la ubicación y qué artículos se aceptan.

[Reciclaje de productos electrónicos, espuma de poliestireno y pintura | Greenbelt, MD \(greenbeltmd.gov\)](https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/electronics-recycling)

Good Neighbor Campaign: Summer 2023

As you head outdoors this summer, consider how your actions may affect others.

Ordinance 153: Noise prohibits noise above 65 dBA during the day and 55 dBA at night. Examples of 65 dBA noises are a conversation in a restaurant, the interior of a car at 60 mph, or a vacuum cleaner. Examples of 55 dBA would be a normal conversation, background music, or heavy rainfall.

- Normal use of lawn and power tools is allowed during regular day time hours
- Modified mufflers and excess noise from a vehicle is NEVER permitted in Town.
- Report noise violations to the Berwyn Heights Police Department.

Worksession Minutes

May 1, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Councilmember Jason Papanikolas had an excused absence. Also present were staff members Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Residents from the community were also present.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell asked about adding a conversation on a Town composting policy. He also asked about the structure of the agenda and asked if the discussion on the ARPA budget process should happen before the budget discussion, citing the ARPA supporting documents under Budget Discussion. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Budget Discussion will be focused on the General Fund budget. TC Friesen explained that she was asked to post the documents but did not receive clarification on which of the two items they were intended for. The supporting documents will be moved to the ARPA Budget Process Discussion. MPT Brittan-Powell will address composting as part of his Administration report. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded all to speak into the microphone. CM Papanikolas has an excused absence but may try to join the meeting later if possible. She also asked all to wish MPT Brittan-Powell a happy birthday.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there was still interest in holding an executive session to meet with Department Directors. The consensus was that the executive session is still desired. Council discussed what format the meeting would take, with conversation between MPT Brittan-Powell and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy on the open portion of the meeting. CM Hemby asked if there could be an opportunity for residents to submit questions for the Council to ask the Department Directors. Council discussed if this meeting needed to happen prior to the May Town Meeting or if it could happen in June. There was discussion about the impact of a closed meeting on the budget and the proposed reorganization of Public Works. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy will send an administrative poll to determine when staff and Council are available. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed a desire to have a meeting to discuss ARPA only. There was discussion on a date, settling on sometime during the week of May 22-25.

c. Quantum Companies Discussion with David Sullivan

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced Quantum Companies as the owner/developer of the former Staples building which is slated to become an Aldi grocery store, and shared the Council's request for green infrastructure. Mr. Marc "Kap" Kapiatan thanked the Council for their input and letter and expressed his appreciation for Town Staff. Mr. David Sullivan shared the architectural renderings of the front elevation and site plan. He highlighted that the parking lot will be straightened out with wider and more accessible parking spaces. He also answered Council questions, stating that while they haven't had a long time to review the Council suggestions, some of them seem viable such as bike racks and sidewalk extensions. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the installation of EV chargers. Mr. Sullivan replied that EV chargers are in the lease and can be installed when Aldi desires them. He added that Aldi has site plan approval, and all changes have to be approved by Aldi as well. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that demonstration projects are part of the stormwater mitigation plan in ARPA and would encourage Aldi to consider being a demonstration site. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about incentives from the Town to encourage Aldi to include more green strategies on site. CM Hemby asked about hiring practices and if it would be possible to ask Aldi to give preferential hiring to Berwyn Heights residents. Mr. Sullivan stated that he can provide contacts with Aldi regarding that. Mr. Sullivan added that the anticipated opening for the Aldi will be late October. MPT Brittan-Powell asked Council again to consider incentives to encourage green development of the space and parking lot.

d. Stormwater Mitigation Grant

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the stormwater grant application stating that she reviewed and revised the application that ITM Jones had put together. She asked to clarify and remove portions of the application. CM Hemby asked for some revision on the wording to make the definitions and distinction clearer on what type of flooding is eligible for reimbursement. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested adding a sample list of eligible projects. Council discussed if the portion on Historic Homes was necessary and affirmed that it is important to ensure that proper permitting has been done through the County. ITM Jones added that the Town Attorney had expressed some concern about the sliding scale reimbursement, and it was concluded to remove the income questions and to set reimbursement at 50% of costs for all applicants. There was also discussion about increasing the maximum award from \$5,000 to \$7,500, which will be included in the version of the application that will be sent to the Town Attorney for final approval. Council also affirmed the need to have the application available in Spanish. MPT Brittan-Powell commented on the delay in getting this program launched for residents.

e. Budget Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that the Council is only discussing finalizing the General Fund Budget, as it will need to be voted on at the

May Town Meeting. She asked questions regarding some sources of revenue that she felt were not accurate. This included conversation on speed and red-light cameras as well as the possibility of adding more cameras along Greenbelt Road. MPT Brittan-Powell asked what the differences between the last version of the budget and the current version are. TT Lightfield reviewed the differences. MPT Brittan-Powell also asked about the enhancements that were requested by the Department Directors, wondering if they were in the General Fund budget. ITM Jones stated that these were currently in the ARPA budget proposal. There was discussion regarding the proposed Public Works reorganization. TC Friesen read an email sent by CM Papanikolas regarding his proposal for a three-year phase in for the reorganization. CM Menjivar stated that he respected CM Papanikolas' position and the work he has done to understand the situation at Public Works but felt that it was unfair to keep Public Works in limbo for three years. Council discussed funding the reorganization in the FY24 budget so that they had the option to implement a form of the reorganization when they've had time to work on amending any ordinances that would need to be changed.

Council discussed areas of the Operating Budget that could possibly be cut to help balance the budget. There were some minor line-item adjustments. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about his proposed software upgrade to Microsoft Suite.

At CM Hemby's request, TT Lightfield reviewed the reserve fund balances and explained the purpose and balance in each fund. ITM Jones expressed concern about running the Town with a structural budget deficit. MPT Brittan-Powell and CM Hemby reviewed this is only the plan for this year and that next fiscal year will see an increase in real estate tax revenue.

Action items from the meeting are:

- * Fund the Public Works reorganization on a separate line item at \$35,000.
- * Move the funds for the decibel meters from Police Equipment to National Night Out.
- * Adjust all building utilities for anticipated increases in cost.
- * Fund the Pops Park refurbishment at \$22,878.75.
- * Move the Public Works pickup and "dingo" from the APRA budget to the General Fund.
- * Move both proposed vehicles for the Police Department vehicles from the ARPA budget to the General Fund.
- * Reduce the amount of backfilling the vehicle reserve fund by the cost of one vehicle for the Police Department (approx. \$340,000 instead of \$400,000).
- * Move the Public Works building roof from the ARPA budget to the General Fund and use the Metroland reserve fund

to pay for the repair.

f. Resident Comments

Resident Paul Kavanaugh thanked the Council for their serious deliberations. He shared that 40% of the Town is Hispanic as is 60% of the elementary school students. He shared his comments in both English and Spanish. He stated that he's asked several times if the police are patrolling between the hours of 11PM-4AM and has not received a response. He added that he found it interesting to see what is in the ARPA budget and what was in the Town reserves. He stated that he's offered several times to help the Town with grant writing and no one has taken him up on that offer, encouraging the Town to explore the Inflation Reduction Act which has billions of dollars for environmental projects. He suggested that if the Town purchases 100 cisterns at \$1700 apiece, several million gallons of water would be removed from the storm drains. He added that the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland would be interested in working with the Town to solve the Town's environmental problems.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded to Mr. Kavanaugh's question about police patrols stating that she had spoken to the Chief. Chief Antolik let her know that they are temporarily short one patrol officer while she is in the Academy. While they are able to cover most shifts with overtime, there have been occasions when shifts have not been fully covered. The Chief will not advertise the shifts where there is short coverage. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that the Town is always covered by Prince George's County Police Department.

2. Public Works

CM Menjivar shared that Public Works is counting down to Berwyn Heights Day. They've done a lot of prep work. The forecast looks good and it should be a good day. He added that the new garbage truck will be in the parade.

3. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell noted that while this is a positive time of year, there is also a sadness due to residents leaving the community due to housing costs and aging-in-place issues. He asked Mayor Kulpa-Eddy to update the Council on the Town Manager search. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that the recruiter is managing the advertisement and search. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the status of the partnership with the UMD School of Public Health. ITM Jones shared that they had sent an update earlier in the day and would forward it to Council. MPT Brittan-Powell added that a composting program seems aligned with the sustainable purchasing policy and would like to pursue that.

a. ARPA Budget Process Group Discussion

MPT Brittan-Powell said that he would like to get a sense from the Council on how to move forward with the ARPA budget. He would like to determine if Council would like

to consider the budget in broad areas or if they would like to get into the fine details. He noted that CM Menjivar has stated the high priority of stormwater, but wondered if any Councilmember had plans that they would like to share. CM Hemby replied that she's been focused on the General Fund and would like to address ARPA once that is concluded.

b. Stormwater Update

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that beyond the relationship with Campus Community Connections, Mr. Andrew Fellows is knowledgeable in stormwater management and would be happy to share his expertise with the Town. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if Mr. Fellows could be given time to present during the May 10 Town Meeting. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it is already a packed agenda and she would reach out to Mr. Fellows to determine his availability to meet at another time. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested that Mr. Fellows attend the ARPA focused meeting.

c. Community Development Decision Making Process

MPT Brittan-Powell reviewed that community development is one of the areas that he would like to see focused on during ARPA discussions and asked Council and residents to bring forward ideas on ways to advance community health.

4. Code Compliance

CM Hemby stated that "No-Mow April" has ended, and that Code will be less lenient in the coming weeks if the grass in your lawn is over 10 inches high. She also reminded residents who are doing renovation that they may need a permit. If you are unsure of what you need a permit to do, call Code Compliance or County DPIE. Code Compliance has seen an increase in driveway renovations and stated that any driveway renovation requires a permit. Code Compliance will be having a table at Berwyn Heights Day, and she would appreciate a Spanish speaking volunteer to help.

5. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

There was no PRECA report.

6. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) met on April 27th and had a presentation from the police on public safety and from ITM Jones on the APRA business relief grant. The CDMA voted to accept the proposed PSTD tax increase. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and MPT Brittan-Powell both attended the Four Cities Meeting, also on April 27th. She noted that University Park is looking to organize a Stormwater Consortium. She updated the status of the plastic bag legislation in College Park and Greenbelt, noting that the County is considering a plastic bag ban as well. She also reviewed the steps that Greenbelt is taking regarding crime at Franklin Park apartments. She also attended the Berwyn Heights Elementary School Health and Wellness fair and addressed residents' complaints about noise coming from the concert at RFK stadium in DC.

7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.

Town Meeting Minutes : May 10, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 6:59PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were students from the University of Maryland from the Campus Community Connections program and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy excused CM Menjivar. She wished a Happy 102nd Birthday to long-time resident Howard Johnson. She read a proclamation declaring May 2023 "Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month".

2. Approval of Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. In discussion, CM Papanikolas asked to amend the agenda to include under "New Business" an action item to remove a Berwyn Heights Historical Committee member. MPT Brittan-Powell also requested to add a resolution on the residential property tax rate under "New Business". Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested tabling the introduction of the Ethics Commission members until the June Town Meeting. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

3. Public Hearing:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that all three of the Public Hearings were opened in April and have been held open to allow Council to continue to listen to residents on these issues.

FY23 Budget Amendments Ord 185-E

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the State of Maryland requires municipal budgets to be passed by ordinance. As budgets are amended by unexpected expenses, those changes also need to be passed by ordinance. The proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023 budget include costs for the search of a permanent Town Manager and the severance pay of the former Town Manager. The hearing was opened at 7:10pm. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:12pm.

FY24 General Fund Ord 187

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared highlights of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, including that the budget as proposed includes a significant deficit that will require the use of approximately two thirds of the Town Reserves to

balance the budget.

Resident Paul Kavanaugh shared a physical copy of an email he received from the Director of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland and highlighted that the Town is a Certified Sustainable Community which is a program that is administered by the Environmental Finance Center. He highlighted that the Environmental Finance Center will offer technical assistance in applying for grants. He added that there are millions of dollars available if we just ask. With no further comments, the hearing closed at 7:17pm.

FY24 PSTD Ord 188

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the Public Safety Taxing District encompasses the commercial and industrial areas of Town and finances the costs for one police officer. The FY24 PSTD budget proposes a small property tax increase that was approved by the Commercial District Management Authority.

The hearing was opened at 7:19pm and with no comments, closed at 7:20pm.

4. Presentations:

Campus Community Connections

Mr. Andrew Fellows, the Campus Community Connections supervisor, shared that this is a capstone project for the students and then gave the time over to the students. The students introduced themselves and their roles within the project. The students reviewed the project context which was a request by the Town to have a "Stormwater Dashboard" that tracks and displays stormwater and flood related information. The students' goal was to create a webpage that displayed information on best practices, historical data and ArcGIS location using Town provided data as well as other public resources. After meeting with their Town point of contact and Charlie Griffith from the County the project was revised to create a virtual map through ArcGIS software alongside the report. This map is capable of filtering layers to show specific data and locations as well as raw data. Students reviewed the layers of the map which show forested buffers, stormwater ponds in the area, details of rivers and streams, as well as Maryland Department of Transportation National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System conveyances (such as pipes and ditches) and structures (such as manholes, connections, and pumping stations). They noted that much of the data was found on the State level which is why most of the mapping shows stormwater management practices surrounding Berwyn Heights rather than within Berwyn Heights. The students also shared possible options for expansion of the project in the future.

The students answered questions including what kind of information they would recommend adding to this map. They noted that the Town is vulnerable to stormwater events and could consider

adding a database on historical events as well as Town-specific stormwater management sites.

Ethics Commission Members

This presentation was tabled until the June Town meeting.

5. Consent

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

6. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she had a number of resources she would like to share regarding assistance on residents' property tax bills at the State and County level. She highlighted the Homestead Tax Credit; you only need to apply for this once during your time in your home. The Homeowners Property Tax Credit is not automatically granted, is now available on-line and must be renewed annually with an application deadline of October 1st. This credit has residency and income requirements. If you qualify for and receive the State Homeowners Property Tax Credit, you can apply for the Berwyn Heights Homeowners Tax Credit. Additionally, the County introduced the Elderly Property Tax Credit which is available to residents 65 and over who meet the residency requirements. This application is also due by October 1st. Finally, for renters, there is a Renters Tax Credit for those who qualify, which can result in a check of up to \$1000 directly from the State.

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed appreciation for all those who came out to celebrate Berwyn Heights Day as well as all the volunteers who made it possible. He stated that the event could not happen without the volunteers in Town. He would like to encourage residents to stay, be involved and volunteer next year. He also asked for continued input on ARPA budget priorities.

CM Hemby also recognized all the volunteers who made Berwyn Heights Day special. She also thanked the staff, especially the Police Department for escorting Mr. Howard Johnson around for the day. She highlighted the parade with displays of dance and culture.

CM Papanikolas shared CM Menjivar's thanks to Public Works and the Police, as well as interactions with Code Compliance.

CM Papanikolas expressed that he was glad to see Berwyn Heights Day back to what it was pre-pandemic. He shared that he was able to interact with County officials who heard stormwater concerns from many in Town. He shared that the parade was larger and more inclusive. He spent the rest of the day manning the beer truck. He thanked all who came out.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Education Advisory Committee: None
- b. Green Team: Paul Kavanaugh thanked

the Council for the conversation with the owner and developer of the Aldi property, adding that while they are interested in making as much money as they can, Aldi is more sustainable than other conglomerates. He was glad to see they are making the property more accessible for those with physical difficulties. He added that the Green Team is invested in the County effort to ban plastic bags. He noted that it is impossible to prevent a parking lot from becoming a heat island without breaking it up with landscaping or a solar canopy. He encouraged efforts to engage Aldi to install a solar canopy.

c. Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder shared that they had a wonderful Berwyn Heights Day and were very busy. They had two new "historical house" magnets to give away. She added that they are working to get their pamphlets updated and formatted before National Night Out. She reviewed the BHHC "Meet the Author" event that was in April and are working on a Fall event. She also encouraged residents to volunteer if they want to see more activities.

d. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated the NW/EP Committee also had a successful Berwyn Heights Day. They gave away a lot of informational pamphlets and had people signing up for future life-saving training in CPR and AED.

e. Recreation Council: CM Papanikolas shared that they had a debrief of Berwyn Heights Day. He highlighted two outcomes of that debrief, which is to have better signage regarding composting and the possibility of hiring an event coordinator in the future as the event grows. The summer concert series will begin with a concert on June 1st. The Town-Wide Yard Sale will be June 17th.

8. Old Business

a. Ordinance 185-E: FY23 Budget Amendments:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 185-E. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adopt the amendments. CM Papanikolas seconded. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if the services for the Town Manager search will be concluded in this fiscal year. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it is the goal to have a permanent Town Manager on July 1st, but there are variables outside the Council's control. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance 187: FY24 General Fund Budget Adoption

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that these are the funds that run the general services of the Town, from trash to public safety and administrative needs. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adopt Ordinance 187. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell sought confirmation that the changes requested in the last worksession were included in the budget. He asked about capital costs for

Public Works vehicles. CM Papanikolas stated that he could not in good conscience vote to approve a budget that has a million-dollar deficit and leaves the Town at financial risk, requiring a future tax increase beyond what some residents could bear, especially during an election year. He advised returning the planned vehicle purchases to the ARPA budget. There was discussion regarding how the proposed deficit would change with moving the vehicles back to the ARPA budget, as well as how vehicle purchases fit within the Council accepted guidelines. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the election year statement. CM Papanikolas stated that Council would be hard pressed to raise property taxes 7 or 8 cents during an election. He added that moving the vehicles to the ARPA budget gives the Council flexibility while still making a significant contribution to stormwater management. CM Hemby seconded CM Papanikolas' suggestion, stating that she would rather pay for the vehicles out of ARPA and look for additional grants to fund stormwater practices, adding that there is not going to be a way to make everybody happy. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked TT Lightfield for confirmation that the ARPA budget contains approximately \$2.5million and that moving the vehicles would still leave \$2.2million in the ARPA budget. CM Papanikolas reiterated his amendment to not purchase any vehicles out of the FY24 general fund budget but to add them to the ARPA budget. There was detailed discussion on how the line items would change. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy seconded the amendment to the budget. With no further discussion the motion passed 3:1 with MPT Brittan-Powell opposed.

c. Ordinance 188: FY24 PSTD Budget Adoption

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adopt Ordinance 188. CM Hemby seconded. During discussion Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded everyone that the CDMA had already met and approved the changes. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 03-2023: FY24 Fees and Fines Resolution Adoption

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed changes to the Fees and Fines Schedule which include changes for some parking and traffic violations under Ordinance 119 and changes to fines under Ordinance 114: "Peace, Order and Nuisances". CM Hemby moved to approve Resolution 03-2023. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Action taken on behalf of the BHHC to remove a member who is no longer able to attend meetings (amended agenda item)

CM Papanikolas reviewed that a long-time member, Hank Becker, of the BHHC

is unable to continue attending meetings. Mr. Becker's membership on the committee affects their quorum requirements. Mr. Becker was thanked for his long service. CM Papanikolas moved to remove Mr. Becker from membership of the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee. CM Hemby seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4-2023: Establishing the Basis for Setting a Residential Property Tax Rate Conducive to Maintaining the Town's Fiscal Health (amended agenda item)

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that he feels this resolution is now moot, but that the goal was to hold the Council's feet to the fire to raise property taxes next year. TC Friesen read the resolution into the record. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she is not comfortable making such a commitment for FY25. CM Papanikolas expressed concern about tying the hands of a new Council by passing this resolution. MPT Brittan-Powell removed his request to have the resolution considered.

10. Resident & Community Comments

Resident Paul Kavanaugh congratulated the achievement that Berwyn Heights Day was also a composting fair. He added that the Center for Engagement at UMD has recently hired two GIS experts. He shared that the Center for Assistance to Families (CAF) is also able to provide information on housing assistance in Spanish and English. He shared briefly on the successes of the CAF. He added that he liked seeing diverse people celebrating together at Berwyn Heights Day.

10. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Worksession Minutes **May 15, 2023 | 7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Mr. Andrew Fellows from the University of Maryland was present as were Mr. Terry Quattlebaum, Mr. Leon Swain, and Ms. Therest Segears from the Cornerstone Grand Council. Ms. Cynthia Jackson from the Berwyn Heights Community Center joined remotely.

Approval of the Agenda

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. During discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell moved to amend the agenda to include an item on the School of Public Health Proposal, stating that in his conversations with SPH they indicated that the Town had already missed deadlines. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it

is her understanding there were no deadlines that were pending and that this topic could wait to be placed on the May 25th meeting (focused on ARPA projects). CM Menjivar seconded the motion to add the item. The motion was passed 2:1 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opposed. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to add an additional item on ARPA project planning. CM Menjivar seconded. The motion passed 2:1 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that Councilmembers Shinita Hemby and Jason Papanikolas had excused absences. MPT Brittan-Powell thanked several people who had helped the pancake breakfast go well.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that there was consensus for a 7PM start of the May 25th meeting to discuss ARPA projects, planning, and budget. CM Menjivar stated that he was not available on May 25th but could be available for May 24th. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he also might not be available on the 25th. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there were presenters for the 25th that would not be available on the 24th. There was continued discussion on the possibility of moving the meeting. CM Hemby and CM Papanikolas had both texted they were available to start at 7PM on May 25th, ensuring a quorum would be present.

c. Presentation: Andrew Fellows, Stormwater Management Projects

Mr. Andrew Fellow introduced himself and shared his experience and work history. He informed the Council of several opportunities that are available through the University of Maryland that can help with the stormwater projects and planning. He highlighted that the County is one of the best in the Country on stormwater and there could be some good partnerships and expertise to utilize there. He stated the Town has some very interesting topography regarding water management. He reviewed how the University's Environmental Finance Center and Sustainable Maryland program can help with finding financial resources. He added that the Town has been a leader in rain gardens, and encouraged private property owners to install rain gardens, stating that one alone doesn't do much, but altogether they can make a significant impact on the amount of water that reaches storm drains during a storm. He added there could be several innovative things that could be done in commercial spaces. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed concern about the possibility of Indian Creek flooding. Mr. Fellows stated that with the climate crisis, flooding will be getting worse. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about working with other municipalities. Mr. Fellows stated that there is a loose consortium of municipalities that is organized by the Environmental Finance Center. He added that the Chesapeake Bay Trust is particularly interested in serving the Anacostia watershed and there could be finance opportunities there. He encouraged innovative projects. CM Men-

jivar asked about the infrastructure needs. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the hydrologic and hydraulic studies that have been done to date. Mr. Fellows also advocated for the Council to reach out to our County Councilmembers as well.

d. Discussion: Boys and Girls Club & BHCC, Activity Options for Young People

Ms. Cynthia Jackson from the Berwyn Heights Community Center joined remotely. The Boys and Girls Club was unable to send a representative. Ms. Jackson stated she is happy to come again when the rest of the Council is available. She shared that the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) is always willing to help with programing, but that since the MNCPPC plans several months in advance, they are not able to do things at the last minute. Ms. Jackson shared extensively about the summer programs at the Community Center. She highlighted the discounts available to households with eligible income levels. She reviewed evening activities, such as "Because it Matters, Manners" classes, t-ball, basketball, hockey, cheerleading, and dance. There are also evening STEAM classes. She reviewed the summer "Playground" program which offers activities from 9AM-3:30PM, weekdays, for five straight weeks during the summer. BHCC will be a "Playground" site this summer. While there is no fee assistance for this program, if families have an EBT card, there is a percentage off the registration fee. Council asked about programs for teens. Ms. Jackson indicated that some of the teens who have been involved are aging out and they need new young teens to become involved. MPT Brittan-Powell asked what kind of space she would like to have available. Ms. Jackson shared her dream expansion that involved having access to the tennis and basketball courts outside, as well as an expanded building. She commented there is a need for expanded restroom facilities. When asked about programs for young adults, Ms. Jackson stated that she needs to know what activities would actually get folks to attend and she can work to make them happen. CM Menjivar asked about the Teen Night on Fridays. Ms. Jackson confirmed that these events are still happening from 7-10PM every Friday and are available for ages 10-17, adding that the program needs more 10-14-year-olds involved.

e. Discussion: Cornerstone Grand Council (nonprofit organization) Town Assistance

Mr. Terry Quattlebaum of the Cornerstone Grand Council spoke with the Town Council about ways that the Grand Council might be able to assist the Town with some of their goals. He reviewed his work history at Walter Reed Medical Center and how his experiences there

translated to the philanthropy of Cornerstone Grand Council. He shared that he heard several needs during the presentation from the Berwyn Heights Community Center that they could help meet. He highlighted they are a 501(c)(8) organization. He reviewed a proposed model in which the Town would oversee services, but that the services could be facilitated by the Cornerstone Grand Council. He emphasized that they are able to do so much more than just a brunch and a fish fry. He also emphasized tapping into resources such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as 42% of the Town is Hispanic. He added focus on helping veterans and their families.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy pointed out the Cornerstone Grand Council is the organization that facilitated the Black History Month event in February. Mr. Swain stated that they are here to help in whatever way the Community wants. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he realizes that the Town is not equipped to accept the assistance being offered. ITM Jones shared that we do not need anything formal but the Town needs to provide a sense of the direction for this group so they can see how they might fit in. Mr. Quattlebaum indicated that the model proposed is fluid. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested that this be reengaged after the Needs Assessment is completed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated there is a need for more cultural activities and at a minimum, this could be a starter project to introduce them to the Town. CM Menjivar expressed that he would like to have their contact information for follow up.

f. Resident Comments

Resident Kenneth Whitlow emailed in a statement expressing that he appreciated what Mr. Quattlebaum was saying and that he would like to see a job and career fair in Town.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated he had an email from a resident asking to see more Town activities. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that if residents have ideas for more Town activities, to reach out and participate in seeing them come to fruition.

2. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that Administration is in a bit of a decompression time after the busy budget season. He asked about the Residential Stormwater Mitigation Grant. ITM Jones shared that Town Attorney Ferguson had a few comments. There was discussion that the answers to her questions could be found in previous meetings, and it was determined to review those decisions rather than have additional discussion. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that when TA Ferguson confirms the application is approved, it will be released to residents.

a. Town Manager Search update.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded to MPT Brittan-Powell's request to share the

schedule of the Town Manager search. She reviewed that the contract for ITM Jones ends on June 30th, but there may be possibility of extending it if needed. The deadline for applying for the TM position is May 31st. MPT Brittan-Powell requested a list of dates on when certain deadlines will be met in the hiring process. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that there will be information in the June Bulletin recruiting for a panel of residents to interview the candidates. CM Menjivar asked if there were any candidates to date. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there have not been any that have been shared.

b. ARPA Process Discussion

MPT Brittan-Powell shared a spreadsheet with a list of projects he identified from previous meetings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the list shared is not comprehensive. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he had sent it to Council and asked for input. They discussed the list and its completeness. MPT Brittan-Powell would like Council to identify how they would like group projects; for example, take each project individually or to group them as "like" projects. The pros and cons of each approach were briefly discussed. CM Menjivar asked what the goal of the discussion is. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that it was to be prepared for the ARPA meeting. CM Menjivar stated that he was going to need some time to digest the list before providing comment.

c. School of Public Health Proposal

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that the Town needs to make a decision on the project. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that she believed that the Town already had made a decision on the project by signing the MOU. MPT Brittan-Powell would like to add a scope of work to advance Latino and immigrant communities. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed she believes the scope should emphasize identifying and creating a sense of community among all residents in Berwyn Heights. There was discussion on adding an additional scope of work to the project, but it was realized this could require a new proposal and delay the start of the project. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that she will be meeting with ITM Jones the following day regarding the proposal. MPT Brittan-Powell asked to formally state to the School of Public Health that we agree with their timeline. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that they can confirm with the SPH that we are ready to advance with their timeline which begins in July/August.

3. Code Compliance

There was no Code Compliance Report.

4. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

There was no PRECA report.

5. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the last day of school for students will be Tuesday, June 13, highlighting early dismissal on

both June 12th and 13th, and encouraging residents to drive carefully and watch out for students. She also shared the NW/EP Committee is holding a training class on June 20th covering hands-only CPR, use of an AED, and the PulsePoint App from 6-8PM at the Town Center.

6. Public Works

CM Menjivar reviewed that after Berwyn Heights Day, Public Works is focusing on maintenance. He added that he stopped by the WSSC work site on Edmonston Road. He stated that now that he has seen the project he understands why it was taking so long, as special fittings had to be installed. The project is getting closer to conclusion. ITM Jones added that WSSC won't pave all of Edmonston until all the small projects are done. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested that Director Pudner or his appointee take pictures of all phases of the work to review and ensure it is being completed satisfactorily.

7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

Worksession (ARPA Budget) Minutes May 25, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were representatives of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. In discussion MPT Brittan-Powell expressed concern that the ARPA portion of the agenda was only allocated 30 minutes. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy agreed to extend the time as necessary to facilitate a full discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that Councilmember Faustino Menjivar has an excused absence. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read the summary opinion of the Open Meetings Act Compliance Board which found that the Town violated § 3-302 of the Act because the notice only referenced the closed session and did not include notice that the Council would first meet in open session which the public could attend. While the Council always meets in open session which the public can attend before going into closed session, the Town will be sure to include this as part of the notice in the future. The Board found that the Town did not otherwise violate the Act. MPT Brittan-

Powell added that he has spoken to CM Menjivar and that CM Menjivar has concerns about a preparedness plan for the upcoming rainy season.

2. Calendar

a. Discuss possibility of moving June 20 WS to the 21st or 22nd

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the CPR/AED training is scheduled for June 20th, and the Town Clerk is now unavailable for that date. She asked if it would be possible to move the meeting to June 21st or 22nd as the next week the Council will be at Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference. MPT Brittan-Powell asked to consider the question after the ARPA discussion as there may be items that require immediate response. CM Papanikolas suggested taking an administrative poll after the meeting via email. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy will reach out to CM Menjivar to find out his availability.

3. City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program

MPT Brittan-Powell introduced members of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, noting that due to the smaller size of Berwyn Heights, we have been looking into collaborating with our larger neighbors. He expressed his appreciation for how the program in Greenbelt has developed and works. Ms. Christal Parker Batey from the GAIL program gave a brief history of the GAIL program, noting that it started with a three-year grant in 2001 to determine what the needs of the community were. After two years, the recommendation was not to build a brick-and-mortar facility, but rather to empower the residents within Greenbelt to age in place. The needs assessment revealed that there was a need for information and referral. Greenbelt hired a resource advocate, who utilized supports from volunteers. At the end of the three-year period, residents petitioned the Greenbelt Council to make the program permanent, and the GAIL program began to grow. Ms. Parker Batey shared that her goal was to develop partnerships with existing programs from around the region that she could access for free. There was an informational stage, where they pushed out information about the program through a variety of media and then began to work on the issues that were occurring behind the closed doors of residents. They applied for a Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) grant and added supports from public health, social work, and nursing interns, working to teach the interns that there was more to aging than nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In 2008, when the economy collapsed, the program began to help younger people, realizing that many needed the same supports that the aging population did. They expanded the program to include all ages and have partnered with the Capital Area Food Bank and the DC Diaper Bank to help meet the needs of

residents. She emphasized that these programs require volunteers to be successful. She also highlighted the importance of adaptability to meet the needs of the time, such as during Covid, when many programs moved to virtual. She shared that many of the programs expanded during Covid.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked how they would see the Town working with Greenbelt. Doctor Liz Park, Director of Greenbelt Cares, stated that a needs assessment would be vital so you would know where to start a program. She added that Town residents are welcome to participate in Greenbelt programs, especially those that are virtual. Ms. Parker Batey stated that presenting information in a variety of media to meet the residents where they are at is important. ITM Jones asked about the timing of interns. Ms. Parker Batey noted that you need to have someone to supervise the interns and that you start with someone to build the program based on data, resident buy in, and then build the program that residents want and support. Resident Paul Kavanaugh asked about where the grants came from for the Greenbelt program. Ms. Parker Batey stated that the original grant came from NORC but that grants pay for programs, not staff. ITM Jones asked about how the program was paid for once the grants ended. Ms. Parker Batey stated that it became part of the general budget, where program costs are minimal but primarily for salary and benefits for staff. She again highlighted that data collection is imperative. She added that she would like to visit the Senior Center and meet with some of our seniors. There was discussion on what the School of Public Health needs assessment and the timeline.

4. BHVFD Funding Support Request

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that a letter was submitted during the budget process. She highlighted that the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is often the first line for many emergency services. The BHVFD is asking with assistance to help purchase a replacement utility truck, as the vehicle is instrumental in responding to inclement weather and area trail emergencies. The letter of request also shares challenges the BHVFD is facing and upcoming major projects. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that there are residents who did not receive support from the VFD during the storms of last summer. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that the VFD is dispatched by the County and to access the services of the BHVFD residents need to call 9-1-1 and not call the department directly. CM Hemby stated that she would like to have a representative from the BHVFD make a presentation in addition to the letter. MPT Brittan-Powell wondered if there could be more involvement from the BHVFD in youth programs in Town to encourage the youth to volunteer when they are old enough. CM Papanikolas added that due to some specialized equipment and location, the BHVFD is the busiest fire house in the County.

5. UMD-SPH Proposal

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that they had a meeting with the School of Public Health this morning to follow up on the proposed work plan they had sent to the Town. The SPH was clear that they want this to be a community driven approach with a Community Advisory Team (CAT) developing the community assessment plan. The opportunity to serve on the CAT will be advertised in a variety of ways, and should be in place by August. They are looking for a diverse group of volunteers, including length of residency, for the program. CAT members may receive a \$250 a month stipend for their participation, with a total of \$50,000 for the entire budget of the program. The SPH has warned that it will look like things are moving quite slowly, but it is all about getting good data. MPT Brittan-Powell added that information will be gathered by the group in a variety of ways.

6. Proposed ARPA Budget

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that in the packet before Council are the budgetary guidelines that the Council had agreed upon, a review and proposed process for the remaining ARPA funds as well as the proposed budget that has been before Council for a few months. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the goals and how does the Council wish to meet the needs of the community. He asked about what is needed to facilitate the discussion. He expressed his preference to group projects together by type and shared the list that he put together from what he had heard in past meetings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that several projects that have been mentioned are missing from the list. CM Hemby asked about the dollar amounts in the proposed budget under stormwater management, particularly the item "Construction". ITM Jones shared that most of the numbers came from the County, with his anticipation of needing \$1,000,000 for construction costs and matching funds for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). MPT Brittan-Powell stated that his understanding is that the Town needs to dedicate \$300,000 to show to the County that we are serious. CM Papanikolas asked if MPT Brittan-Powell was stating that we don't need to include construction costs as part of the budget. ITM Jones reiterated that the USACE will require a 25% match and that the County and the USACE is developing a project list and plan and that the Town needs to be on that list. MPT Brittan-Powell added that there will need to be both green and grey projects. When asked he explained that the "green" projects are the projects that keep stormwater from entering the storm drain system, such as stormwater ponds and rain gardens. "Grey" projects are concrete projects. He continued that utilizing the wetlands and working with partners would be ideal. He expressed a desire to "rent" someone from an organization such as Chesapeake Bay Trust to work with and encourage residents in green mitigation on their own properties. There was discussion regarding bringing in outreach people with MPT Brittan-Powell advocating for a second outreach person, solely to focus on green projects. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the proposed budget divides ARPA funds into stormwater and non-stormwater projects, some of which are from the FY23 goals. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if Council had an interest in

focusing more on the dollars or on the projects. He added that he would take a million dollars off the stormwater projects. If construction is unlikely to begin in the next 18 months, it won't be needed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the funds only have to be obligated, not spent by December 2024 and if the funds would be needed into 2026, they could be set aside. There was discussion on spending the money wisely and advocating for the County to take on the bulk of the project. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that the FY24 County budget has been released; there are a number of items of interest to Berwyn Heights and the Council should meet with County Councilman Eric Olson to discuss these. ITM Jones reminded Council of the USACE needing a 25% match. There was discussion regarding applying for other funding to supply the 25% match. CM Papanikolas asked if the ARPA budget will be a living document with the ability to move funds around within categories. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the proposed plan of introducing an ARPA budget ordinance in June, with a public hearing and second reader and adoption in July. ITM Jones warned against using Treasury funds as a bank, but rather they want to see a spending plan in place. CM Hemby asked about the project list as she would like to see the Boys and Girls Club, Teen Volunteer Program, Young Adult (ages 19-23) Program, and a Teen Tutoring Program on the list. She really appreciated the Greenbelt presentation where the project took several years with preparation to become a permanent program. She would like to see the youth programs as separate line items, rather than under "support community health and wellbeing". In process discussions, it was determined for Council to submit to MPT Brittan-Powell all the projects that they note are missing from the list by May 31st. Then MPT Brittan-Powell will group complimentary projects together by June 5th after which, the Council will receive those and complete rank choice voting by June 7th.

a. Stormwater Consultant Draft Position Description

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed concern about some possible conflicts with the description. He explained that the USACE are not allowed to compete with private industry and if we advertise for a position that the Town would like to have the USACE also work on, then the USACE may have a conflict and not be able to work on the project. There are some caveats to this however, such as working with a non-profit, but the Town needs to be sure before moving forward. A deadline for clarification was set for June 1st.

b. Community Outreach/Engagement Coordinator Draft Position Description

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated this is the same job description that was previously advertised but the Council decided to postpone hiring until the Interim Town Manager was on board. As the Council has considered the needs of the Town, this position has grown and changed and needs to be rewritten. CM Papanikolas stated that this could be a quasi-Public Information Officer position, facilitating communications and functioning as the PRECA aide. They could also function as the staff person assigned to the CAT team developed by the SPH. There was discussion on what, if any role, this position would have to do with grants administration. The conclu-

sion was that grants administration would likely be a second part-time position. There was also discussion about the role of the Community Engagement and PRECA aide. There was conversation about if the Grant Writer could be a volunteer. Mr. Paul Kavanaugh stated that despite his willingness to be a volunteer grant writer, it wouldn't hurt to put out an RFP for a grant writer as many work on contract or commission. There is a lot of money out there for programs, but not as much for people. He continued, having a plan is important when you are seeking funds and it's important to put money where you want to grow and to use ARPA funds as seed money for long term projects.

ITM Jones asked about items on the projects list to seek clarification on whether they will end when ARPA ends or if they will continue into the future from General Funds. There was discussion regarding if ARPA funds can be used to pay contract staff until the end of December 2026.

MPT Brittan-Powell asked on behalf of CM Menjivar if the Town has a heavy rainfall on how to respond. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that we have an emergency operations plan and that the Town has sandbags and gates available at Town Hall. CM Papanikolas added that some of it is preparation and some of it is response.

c. MPT Brittan-Powell Project List Suggestions

This list was covered during the ARPA discussion.

7. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

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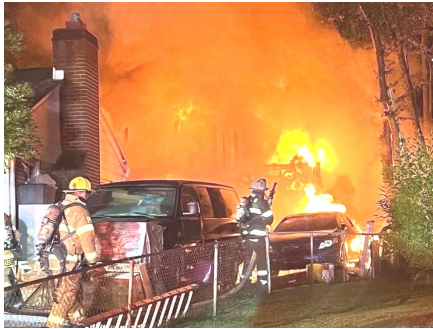
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Recent Working Incidents

May 23rd- Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to respond as the Search Company to the 7100Blk of Lois Lane in Lanham. The Rescue Squad arrived and completed searches and checked for extension.

June 6th- **Berwyn Heights House Fire** At around 1:30AM, Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew responded to the 6200 Blk Seminole Place, in Berwyn Heights to find fire in a single-family home, garage, and multiple vehicles on fire. Three residents were removed and evaluated for minor injuries, no transports. Cause is under investigation.



Smoke Detector Checks: After the Seminole Place Fire, BHVFD Volunteers went door-to-door in the Town to check on house's smoke detectors and install new ones for free as needed. Residents who are in need of a smoke detector



and/or would like their existing smoke detectors checked can contact the firehouse at 301-474-7886

High-Angle Rope Rescue Training: In June, BHVFD hosted a Tower Rescue class for its members who were given multiple scenarios each with varying difficulty. We'd like to thank the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 77 for use of their facility. BHVFD is the northern-county component of Prince George's County's Technical Rescue Team.



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July 18	Vavi Hawes
July 23	Diana Agonoy
July 25	Lori Young

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GAME NIGHT— Board Games and Pool Every Friday at 7:00PM

POTLUCK & MOVIE – Second Saturday at 5PM

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MEETINGS-No Meetings in July and August

CHAIR EXERCISES— Monday and Friday at 11 A.M.

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Summer Happenings:

Thursday, July 6th, 6-8pm—Free Music Concert @ Lake Artemesia

Take a trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras with the sounds of the Wild Anacostias! Bring something to sit on, and a picnic if you wish. The Karate Club will sell snacks and cold drinks. Rain location will be upstairs in the Town Center.

Tuesday, August 1st, 6-8pm—National Night Out @ Berwyn Heights Town Center

Stop by and say hello! We'll have games and flyers for upcoming events at our table.

Thursday, August 3rd, 6-8pm—Free Music Concert @ Sports Park

Come enjoy the Totoro Band playing Pop, Rock and Contemporary Covers. Food Vendors may be on site. Rain or extreme heat location will be upstairs in the Town Center

Other Free Activities Continue:

CRAFT DAY—Every **SATURDAY**, 12-3pm at the Town Center, 1st Floor

GAME NIGHT—**FRIDAY** evenings, 7:30pm at the Town Center, 1st Floor

WALKING CLUB—Meeting every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY** morning at 9am at the Sports Park Parking Lot.

Have any suggestions for new events or how to make our existing events better? Our next in person meeting is **Monday 7/3 at 7pm** at the Town Center, 1st Floor. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Or email us at violindreams@verizon.net

Eventos de verano:

Jueves, 6 de julio, 6-8pm—Concierto de música gratis @ Lake Artemesia

¡Haz un viaje a Nueva Orleans para el Mardi Gras con los sonidos de los Anacostias salvajes! Traiga algo para sentarse y un picnic si lo desea. El Club de Karate venderá bocadillos y bebidas frías. Si llueve, el concierto se mudará al segundo piso del Town Center.

Martes, 1 de agosto, 6-8 p. m.—National Night Out @ Town Center

¡Pasa y saluda! Tendremos juegos y folletos para los próximos eventos en nuestra mesa.

Jueves, 3 de agosto, 6-8 p. m.—Concierto de música gratis @ Sports Park

Ven a disfrutar de la banda Totoro, que tocara Pop, Rock y música contemporánea. Quizás haya vendedores de comida. Si llueve, o en caso de extrema calor el concierto se mudará al segundo piso del Town Center.

Otras actividades gratuitas continúan:

DÍA DE ARTESANÍA—Todos los **SÁBADOS**, de 12 a 3 p. m. en el Town Center, 1er piso

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CLUB DE CAMINATA—Se reúne todos los **LUNES, MIÉRCOLES Y VIERNES** por la mañana a las 9am en el estacionamiento del Sports Park.

¿Tiene alguna sugerencia para nuevos eventos o cómo mejorar nuestros eventos existentes? Nuestra próxima reunión en persona es el **lunes 3 de julio a las 7am** en el Town Center, 1er piso.

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Originally featured in our May 2018 Bulletin Article as the “Mystery House”
Capitol View of Goucher Drive is for sale!

BHHHC MYSTERY HOUSE



Capitol View, once sitting on an oversized lot 9 in block 17 at 5802 Goucher Drive, was the BHHC mystery house featured in the May Bulletin (see “Wive Pailcot” word puzzle). The house is currently owned by Mark Gratchen, who purchased it in 2006 and has since restored it beautifully. During renovations he uncovered hidden windows and doors, the foundation of a summer kitchen among and an old well. Interestingly, the side facing Goucher Drive is the original back of the house. The original front with columns supporting a portico is now in the back yard. The “carriage entrance” was formerly accessed from Berwyn Road.

Post from the June 2018 Bulletin

For more information on the house check out the July 2018 Town Bulletin Page 17 on the Town Website <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

Information on the **Prince George’s County Historic Property Grant Program** is available on the Town Website!

Summer Meeting Schedule: *(All meetings held in the Love Room at Town Center)*

Wednesday, July 26th 2023, 7:30pm

August- No Meeting!

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, 7:30pm (Election of Officers)

All other inquiries to: dsteelesny@yahoo.com

For more information visit our Website:

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Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 pm

in the G Love Room, Town Center. All residents of Berwyn Heights are welcome.

Nuestra proxima reunion del Equipo Verde sera el jueves 13 de julio a las 7:00 pm

en la sala G Love Room, Town Center. Todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights son bienvenidos.

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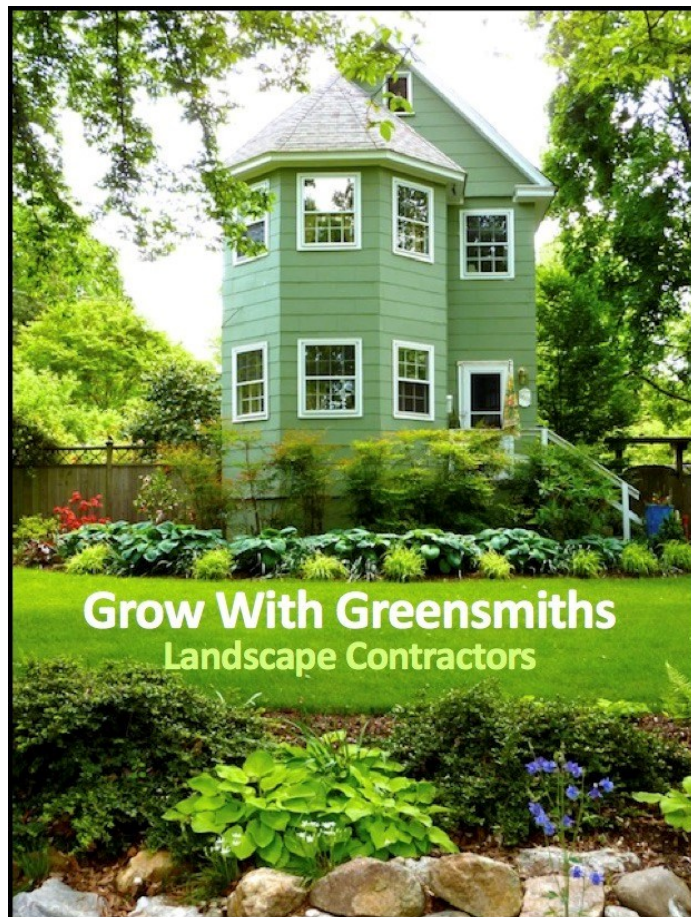
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Know that some people are sensitive to loud sounds, like fireworks, and find this noise uncomfortable. The hearing of many animals is much more sensitive than it is in humans, so the explosions of fireworks are even worse for them and they will try to run away from the noise. And hearing unexpected loud noises from fireworks can trigger post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) reactions in people.

Please be considerate!



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Newport Mill Local Park (Wheaton):
July 1
Bladensburg Waterfront Park: July 3
Town of Morningside: July 4

College Park: No display this year
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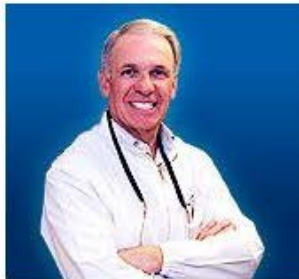
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Welcome to Summer and vacations and hopefully a few lazy days! A few upcoming events this month and a little quiz!

July 4th fireworks Univ of Md, Takoma Park- please do not set off fireworks in your own yard!

July 14- 80s Rock Concert (Friday night Live) city hall College Park.

Saturday mornings- farmers market Hollywood/ Mom market parking lot.

Sunday Mornings farmers market Roosevelt Ctr Greenbelt.

Sat mornings 9:15 free Yoga at Lake Artemesia.

Quiz- can you name 5 of the oldest homes in Berwyn Heights by address? Text me and win a prize!

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May Incidents

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 AT 1:00 PM, 'ATTEMPT **STOLEN** VEH.'

On May 2, 2023, at about 1:25 PM, Ofc Lowndes was dispatched to 6001 Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism to a 2014 black Hyundai bearing Maryland license plate # 8CN7079. Ofc Lowndes arrived on the scene and met with the victim. She stated between the listed dates and times an unknown suspect broke out the rear passenger window and attempted to steal her vehicle by stripping the key ignition and steering column. The vehicle was parked at Shell gas station located at 6001 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD. No property was taken from the vehicle. The reporting officer requests this case report to be administratively closed due to no suspect information. The Shell Gas Station outside surveillance cameras were not operational at the time of the incident.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023, AT 8:00 AM, 'VANDALISM.'

On May 3, 2023, at about 8:00 AM, reporting Officer Lowndes spoke with the victim via telephone. He wanted to report an attempt to break into his room at 59** Seminole Street, Berwyn Heights MD, 20740. The residence is a two-level boarding house in which the owner of the house rents out several rooms. The victim stated he discovered pry marks on the hinges of his room door which he kept locked when he is at work. Entry was not gained, and no property was taken.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023, AT 6:01 PM, '**THEFT**.'

On 05/03/2023 at approximately 1801 hours, Cpl. Rufino was dispatched to a call for theft by an employee at the Checkers located at 6051 Greenbelt Rd, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Upon arrival, she met with the store owner who reports that his employee has been voiding orders and taking cash out of the register during her shift. He further reports that during the period between 4/26/2023-5/02/2023 this employee stole over \$350 or more from the register in cash. The manager reports that he has evidence to support that this employee has taken over \$1500 in cash from the register in this past year. The manager would like to press charges and is gathering all documentation, as well as in-store video recording to provide CID for possible prosecution. This report will be forwarded to Detective Krouse at BHPDCID for further investigation.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023, AT 5:30 PM, '**THEFT** FROM AUTO.'

On 05/04/2023 at approximately 0532 hours officer responded to 85** 60th Ave for theft from auto. Upon arrival, the Reporting Person advised that between 05/03/2023 1600

hours and 05/04/2022 0515 hours, an Unknown Suspect was able to open his business/Victim (Canyon Contracting Inc) vehicle white Ford F350 pick-up truck bearing Maryland tag 1EC9003 and stole the listed item in plain view of the front seat. The Suspect fled in an unknown direction. The Reporting Person could not provide any further suspect information. There was no video footage of the incident.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023, AT 8:00 AM, '**THEFT** FROM AUTO.'

On May 4, 2023, Officer Lowndes received a station call at 8:00 AM for a report of theft from an auto. That occurred at 88** 62nd Ave at 3:09 AM. Officer Lowndes arrived on the scene and met with the victim who stated he had personal property taken from his White 2012 Mercedes C300 bearing Maryland tag 6ZC8381. His wallet had been taken from his center armrest. The victim's wallet contained the following: (Debit ATM card from Navy Federal) (2 American Express Credit Cards) (Credit Card from Federal Union) (Maryland Gun Permit) (Maryland Driver's License) (MD Health Insurance Card). After discovering this he immediately froze his accounts and reviewed his camera footage from the ring camera. In the digital recording he forwarded, 3 suspects are seen but their identity is unknown, what is seen is 3 Males wearing Gray sweatpants and dark color hoodies. One of the unknown suspects was seen approaching the victim's car, finding it unlocked then searching and taking the victim's personal belongings from the middle armrest. The second unknown suspect is seen across the street rummaging through a neighbor's vehicle. After the unknown suspects were seen fleeing the scene in a vehicle driven slowly behind the two suspects on foot on the victim's ring camera surveillance digital video.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023, AT 8:00 AM, '**VEHICLE TAMPERING**.'

On May 4, 2023, Officer Lowndes received a station call at 10:12 AM for a report of theft from an auto. That occurred at 62** Seminole Place at 3:08 AM. Officer Lowndes arrived on the scene and met with the victim who stated he had an unknown suspect attempt to take his personal property from his vehicle a white 2015 Toyota Corolla bearing Virginia license plate # VGD2113. The unknown suspect also made an attempt to enter the victim's residence by opening the front window screen but was unable to gain access. The victim Martinez stated he went to his vehicle around 9:30 AM and saw his personal items scattered on the floor. After discovering this he immediately reviewed his camera footage from ring camera. The victims ring camera recorded the incident. The ring camera was unable to capture a clear visual digital recording of the unknown suspect. The ring camera digital video recorded the unknown suspect fleeing on foot toward 62nd Ave. The victim was unsure if anything was taken from

his vehicle but wanted to report the incident.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT 9:20 PM, 'DEATH INVESTIGATIONS.'

On 05/08/2023 at approximately 2115 hours Cpl. Rufino along with Sgt. Roberson were dispatched for a death call with Ambulance 814 to 58** Seminole St. Berwyn Heights, MD 20740. Upon arrival they met with Reporting person, who reported that her Uncle 99 Y/O, W/A/M was experiencing shallow breathing earlier in the day. When she arrived at the house later tonight at approximately 2115 hours she observed that he was not breathing and called 911. The decedent was 99 years old and was being cared for by Dr. Paul Rhodes geriatrics physician located at House Calls practice from DC. Officer spoke with Dr. Rhodes on the phone who stated that the decedent was under his care and that he was diagnosed with dementia and heart failure. Dr. Rhodes confirmed that he would sign the death certificate for the decedent. The decedent was pronounced by EMT Shank badge #2768 (company 14 Berwyn Heights Fire Department) at 2132 hours. Medical examiner was notified. Officer spoke with ME Cathy Boyd and provided her with all the information regarding the decedent including the contact information for his primary care physician. ME case#2305831. Prince George's County homicide was notified (Det. Hannon ID 3733 call sign M93). The decedent was transported by Borgwardt Funeral home.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023, AT 1:30 PM, '**THEFT**.'

On May 9, 2023 at 13:39 PM, PFC Lowndes received a call for T- Mobile 8904 62nd Ave Unit B Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 for theft of property. The reporting officer PFC Lowndes arrived on the scene and met with the complainant, who stated the unknown suspect who was wearing a black hoodie and black sweatpants with a face mask covering took two iPhone 14 pro max from the store displays. The unknown suspect fled the scene on foot towards 62nd Ave and Seminole Street. Sgt. Krouse and PFC Herriot conducted area checks for the unknown suspects their results were negative. At the time of the report, the complainant was unable to provide surveillance video because he said he would need prior authorization from his district manager. Sgt. Krouse arrived on the scene and advised him to forward the surveillance videos after being able to obtain them. The unknown suspect did not display any weapons or threats of force when the theft occurred.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023, AT 1:15 AM, '**TAMPERING**.'

On 05/10/2023 at approximately 0115 hours officers responded to a call for a

break in progress located at 57** Berwyn Rd., Berwyn Heights, MD 20740. Upon arrival, reporting person advised officers that while she was upstairs, she heard a noise as if someone was tampering/attempting to break into the above listed address. Officers canvassed the area with negative results. There were no signs of tampering or forced entry to the above listed address (windows and doors).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023, AT 9:20 AM, 'FRAUD.'

On May 10, 2023, at 9:20 AM a station call was received for suspected fraud. PFC Lowndes responded to the call. A resident of 59** Quebec Street Berwyn Heights MD 20740 found a fraudulent order placed on her Walmart account for 2 sets of 6 ignition coils for Mercedes and another 2 sets of 6 for Ford make vehicles, as well as a women's long sleeve top size large. PFC Lowndes confirmed the victim has her granddaughter and her boyfriend living in her basement. She was advised on how to contact her bank and she was given case number 23-0027704 to file a claim with her bank. The total of the fraudulent order was \$470.15. The victim also expressed fear of having suspects approach her home as the order was placed with her own address for shipping, she asked if we could keep a premise check until she was able to cancel the order. The victim was advised that the Berwyn Heights Police Department will periodically conduct premise checks on her property from now on.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 AT 8:30 PM, 'ARMED ROBBERY'

On May 13th, 2023, at approximately 2030 hours Officers responded to the 7-11 located at 5815 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland for the report of a commercial armed robbery. The investigation revealed the Suspect entered the store, posing as a customer. The Suspect picked up a bag of chips, placed them on the counter and provided Victim 1 with a \$20 bill. Once Victim 1 opened the register the Suspect produced a handgun, pointed it at Victim 1 and demanded store funds. Victim 1 complied, turning over approximately \$200 in store funds from both registers to the Suspect. The Suspect fled on foot, leaving with the store funds, the initial \$20 he provided and the bag of chips. Victim 2 is the store Owner and was present behind the counter during the robbery. CSID was not contacted as the Suspect did not touch anything in the store and the exterior scene was contaminated. All further investigations will be handled by the Major Crimes Division Robbery Unit.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 AT 8:30 PM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 05/16/2023 at approximately 0550 hours officer responded to 58** Quebec St for a theft from auto. Upon arrival, contact was made with the Victim who advised that an unknown suspect broke into the listed vehicle between 05/15/2023 at 1700 hours and today at 0550 hours. The suspect stole the listed

items from the vehicle. The Victim did not hear or see anything. No latent prints were recovered from the vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, 17, 2023 AT 11:00 PM, 'SEXUAL ASSAULT'

The victim of 8500 block of 63rd Avenue reported that she was assaulted involving her husband on 03-20-2023. The investigation concluded and he was subsequently arrested and charged.

WEDNESDAY, 17, 2023 AT 8:09 PM, 'THREAT COMPLAINT'

On 5/17/2023 at approximately 2009 hours, PFC. Herriott was dispatched to 56** Seminole Street Berwyn Heights MD 20740 for a threat complaint. Upon arrival, he spoke with the resident who advised that he was receiving threatening text messages from an unknown person. The unknown person texted and alleged that he was going to post disturbing memes of him on social media sites, calling him a pedophile and other derogatory names. The unknown person also stated that if the victim did not give him \$1000.00 dollars, he is going to punch him in the face. Upon further investigation, the officer discovered that the unknown person took pictures of the victim's house along with his parent's house. The victim also claims that the unknown person took mail out of his mailbox without his permission. The victim is a practicing attorney, he believes that the unknown person is someone from his past who was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. This incident is currently under investigation and will be forwarded to Detective SGT. Krouse. of CID.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 AT 11:15 AM, 'FRAUD.'

At 11:14 hrs, 5/24/2023, Cpl. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched on a station call at 89** 59th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Maryland. Cpl. Hollowell met with the victim regarding a fraud incident. The victim explained that on 5/23/2023, around 1900 hrs, he was going through Amazon for purchases while on his cell phone, he noted a new pair of Jordan brand sneakers selling for \$149.00. Thinking he found a deal; he scrolled through Amazon for a customer service number. The victim wanted to transfer funds to another account and wanted clarification through Amazon. He located 1-805-613-0402 as a customer service number. Once he called, he explained his situation and was recommended to use Cash App as a mode to transfer money to complete the purchase. The person requested that he provides a name and number of a person to verify he in fact was the victim. After the victim completed the request his phone mode changed. A screenshot of TEAM VIEWER QUICK SUPPORT came on his cell phone. The victim described he could not do anything to his phone and that it was apparently being hacked. The victim was

later contacted by a relative who had provided information to the 800 and was angry his phone had been hacked.

On 5/24/2023, the victim went to Truist Bank, 5600 Greenbelt Road, and met Jill Munoz, Vice President. During the meeting, it was disclosed a transaction of \$2000 was made to a Zelle account BBT177112079, not authorized by the victim. At 1907 hrs and 1928 hrs, 5/23/2023, a CASH APP withdrawal of \$3000 and a PAYPAL withdrawal of \$2000 were made. These withdrawals were from the victim's account in the last four of ****. Cpl. Hollowell was able to verify the transaction during a meeting with Ms. Munoz at Truist Bank. This information will be forwarded to BHPD CID for further investigation.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 AT 2:30 PM, 'FRAUD.'

On 5/25/2023 at approximately 1430hrs D/ S Krouse was dispatched to 57** Pontiac Street Berwyn Heights Md. 20470 for a fraud incident. Upon arrival, he met with Victim who stated that she had written check # 320 to the Maryland State Comptroller's Office for taxes totaling \$235.00 on 4/29/2023 and sent it by USPS. The victim received a call from Bank of America (BOA) on 5/25/2023 regarding a check that seemed suspicious to their fraud department. BOA advised her that someone had cashed check 330 for \$2,450.00 on 5/22/2023, the victim learned and advised BOA she was still in possession of check 330 in her checkbook. The victim utilized her online baking application and found that five checks were cashed fraudulently, each check totaled \$2,450.00 and a grand total loss of \$12,250.00. The victim contacted her bank (Capital One) fraud department and advised them of the fraudulent activity, she was given a reference number (230525155670553)

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023 AT 11:20 PM, 'DISORDERLY & DUI'

On 5/26/2023 at approximately 2321 hours Cpl Rufino (#1451) along with Pfc Herriott #1454 and Sgt. Roberson #1445 were dispatched to a disorderly call at the McDonald's located at 6219 Greenbelt Rd, Berwyn Heights MD. The caller stated that the driver was refusing to move from the drive-through lane. Upon Arrival, Pfc Herriott approached the black Jeep displaying Maryland license tag A392271. The Jeep was in the drive-through lane impeding the flow of traffic. Cpl Herriott proceeded to wake up the driver who was not responding to his voice. The driver who later was identified as Julio Edgardo Mejia Pinto a 30 Y/O, W/ H/M suddenly came to and was disoriented. Pfc Herriott explained to the driver that he was asleep behind the wheel, while talking to the driver officers detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Officers also noticed his eyes were bloodshot red and his speech had a slur. Officers instructed Mr. Mejia Pinto to turn

the vehicle off and to step out of the vehicle. He was asked how many beers or alcoholic beverages he had but he stated he didn't know.

BHPD called Greenbelt Officer Kipkey #178 to assist with Standardized Field Sobriety Test and to assist as a breath technician. Officers believed the driver was under the influence of alcohol and asked if he would take a sobriety test. The driver agreed and the first test was a Horizontal gaze nystagmus. Officers advised the driver to stand straight and keep his arms to the side, then advised him to follow the tip of the pen with only his eyes and his eyes only. The driver indicated that he did not wear glasses and that he did not have any medical conditions that impeded him from participating in this test. Upon the beginning of the exercise, the driver complained about the illumination from the officer's flashlight and the officer turned the illumination off and began the test again. Officers observed unequal tracking and at maximum deviation on the right and left his eyes began to twitch.

The next test was the Walk and Turn. The test was explained and demonstrated to the driver. The instructions were to stand up straight place hands on the sides and keep them there. Then place one foot in front of the other heel to toe and take 9 steps heel to toe in a straight line. Once on the 9th step take small steps and turn around. The officer asked the driver to count out loud each step. The driver stated that he had problems with his right knee and that his feet were swollen. The officer asked if he would be willing to try and he said yes. The driver walked but was wobbly and kept missing heel to toe. After turning around he was unable to count out aloud as instructed.

The next test was the one-leg stand. The test was explained and demonstrated to the driver. The instructions were to raise one leg of choice and lift a foot 6 inches from the ground while keeping his arms to the sides. Once the foot was raised look down at the toe and count out loud and do not stop until instructed. The driver was asked to use whichever leg he felt was stronger. The driver complained of the knee but was willing to try. The driver was able to lift his left leg and toe slightly off the ground for a short moment but placed his foot down prior to the officer's instruction for him to put it down.

The officer asked the driver if he would submit to a PBT Preliminary breath test, but the driver refused. The officer asked the driver if he would submit to a breath test but he also refused. The driver was placed under arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol. The driver was read the DR15 in Spanish and advised of his rights both in Spanish and in English. His driver's Maryland license was confiscated to be returned to MVA. The driver was provided with a copy of DR15, a Temporary License that will expire in 45 days, citations, and officer contact information. The driver was advised on how to retrieve his vehicle.

All tests were explained and demonstrated to before each exercise. The driver was placed under arrest and released on the scene.

Due to safety and concern for the well being of the driver, I remained on scene until appropriate transportation arrived to transport the driver home.

I am trained through NHTSA in conducting Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

The driver issued vehicle was impounded by Greenbelt shell. Driver was advised to pick up vehicle release at 5411 Berwyn rd, Berwyn Heights Police Department on Tuesday 5/30/2023.

This incident Occurred in Berwyn Heights, Prince George's county Maryland.



YARD SIGNS

The Town has ordered 50 yard signs encouraging drivers to slow down and come to a complete stop at stop signs. These signs will be available to residents on a first come first serve basis until they are gone. The signs will be at Town Hall beginning July 3rd. One per household please.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Lilly Ridge

President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Angie Wiens

Treasurer: Sara Jacobsen

Boys & Girls Club

President: Robin Harris

rcrestwell@yahoo.com

Vice President: Brandi Cowgill

brandie9105@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas

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Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary:

Athletic Director: Darryl Harris

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Fundraising Chair:

Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Allison Holmes

thebheac@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Jeffrey Knutson

jbknutson@verizon.net

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes

therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder

dsteelesny@yahoo.com

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info@incbh.org

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Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch

bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden

jjmosley45@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler

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Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag

quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council


























President: Susan Jones

violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Rec Council 7PM Worksession 7PM  	 4 th JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room 	6 Summer Concert 6-8PM Lake Artemesia 	7 	8
9	10  	11  	12 Town Meeting 7PM Council Chambers  	13 Green Team 7PM G. Love Room 	14	15
16	17 Worksession 7PM Council Chambers  	18  	19 	20 	21	22 Greenbelt Elec- tronics Recy- cling 9-12
23	24  	25  	26 	27 	28	29
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A quorum of Town Council Members may be present at any community organization meeting. No action will be taken by Council at any community organization meeting. Location of meetings is subject to change after publication. To join community meetings, please contact the meeting organizers or use the contacts on page 26.

The Street Sweeper will be in Town July 24-28. Please park off the street whenever possible.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling



BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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PRESORT STANDARD
U. S. Postage Paid
College Park, Maryland
Permit No. 5442

POSTAL CUSTOMER BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire & Rescue 9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
Fire Department (301) 474-7886
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
Town Office (301) 474-5000
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mayor and Council

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Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
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Faustino (Tino) Menjivar (240) 854-7845 fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works
Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
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
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly and in confidence.

Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12**

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Melanie Friesen, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov
Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov
Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month