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Public Hearing Notice

FY 2021 Budget Amendment, Fee & Fine Schedule Resolution June 9, 7:00 pm

The Town Council will hold public hearings before adopting an FY 2021 Budget Amendment regarding CARES Act Funding and an updated Fee & Fine Schedule at its June Town meeting.

The meeting will be broadcast live on BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 7) and streamed on the Town's website, www.berwynheightsmd.gov. Public comments will be taken during the virtual meeting over the telephone at 301-474-9570 and by email to Mayor Dewey at adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov. Check the agenda for Zoom link details about joining the meeting.

The proposed FY 2021 budget amendment and Fees and Fines Schedule are posted on the Town website at www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget.

TELL US which days of the week are most convenient for you to attend Town Council meetings. Call 301-474-5000 or send an email to Clerk Harper: kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Memorial Day

Mon	05/31/21	Offices Closed - NO PICKUP
Tue	06/01/21	Town-wide Trash & Bulk
Wed	06/02/21	Town-wide Recycling
Thu	06/03/21	Town-wide Yard Waste
Fri	06/04/21	Town-wide Trash

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash out
Over the Weekend

CoVID-19 Town Government Operations

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Administration and Code Compliance are working in shifts in the Town office and from home. Police and Public Works continue to provide services in person in a safe manner.

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website.
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to code@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- Rental inspections suspended until further notice.
- Emergency notary service performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd. Call 301-474-6774 to inquire.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Check Town website for the latest updates
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. Departamentos de Administración y Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando en turnos en la oficina de la ciudad y de forma remota. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web;
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta nuevo aviso;
- Servicio notarial de emergencia realizado por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd. Llame al 301-474-6774 para preguntar.
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS a 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Visite el sitio web para obtener la información más reciente <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

LET'S ALL GET VACCINATED

The FEMA Community Vaccination Center at 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive is now offering the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine during its final weeks of operation. Book your appointment at <https://onestop.md.gov/govax>.

Vaccinations are also available through hospitals, local health departments and pharmacies. Find a location near you at: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator>

Vacunemonos Todos!

El Centro de Vacunación Comunitaria de FE-MA en 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive ahora ofrece la vacuna Johnson & Johnson de 1 inyección durante las últimas semanas de operación. Reserve su cita en <https://onestop.md.gov/govax>.

Las vacunas también están disponibles a través de hospitales, departamentos de salud locales y farmacias. Encuentre una ubicación cerca de usted en: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator>

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MEET THE TOWN MANAGER

Monday, June 7 | 11:00 AM

Join Town Manager Laura Allen for an informal, outside gathering in the breezeway between Town Hall and Town Center from 11 am to noon on Monday, June 7th. Drop in with any questions you have or information about the Town you'd like to share with her. We'll follow Prince George's County Covid protocols in place that day. We will reschedule if it rains.



Joseph R. Chlopicki, 89, passed away on April 28, 2021 at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital due to complications from Covid-19.

Born on August 17, 1931 at Columbia Hospital in Washington, D.C., Joseph lived his entire life in the 1889 Victorian known as the Stoner/ Chlopicki House on Ruatan Street in Berwyn Heights. His parents moved into the home in 1921 and bought it in 1928. In 1950, at 19-years-old, Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the convoy aircraft carrier U.S.S. Bairoko in the Pacific until 1954. Joseph retired from a successful 46-year career as a Technical Specialist at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, MD in 2001. He was a proud member of the American Legion for over 60 years.

He leaves behind beloved daughters Sharon Tobing (Joseph) of Rockville, MD, Lisa de Sylva of Tallahassee, FL, Carol Cheney of Wilmington, NC, and nephews Robert W. Fisher (Ellen) of Flushing, MI, Joseph W. Fisher (Linda) of W. Columbia, SC, Michael S. Fisher (Julie) of Flint, MI and David H. Fisher of Flint, MI, as well as many dear friends who will miss him greatly. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Kline Chlopicki in 1998 and his sister, Sophie C. Fisher in 2011. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, 8811 60th Ave., Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Redeemer Parish in College Park on May 19. A catered luncheon in his honor will take place at the American Legion in Greenbelt after Covid-19 restrictions in Maryland are lifted. Burial will be at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, MD.

Family (or Adult) Scavenger Hunt 2021

Family or Individual Name: _____

Email / Phone #: _____

All of these items can be found around Berwyn Heights and Lake Artemesia. Indicate where you saw each one by address, intersection or describe what it is near. Return your answers electronically to violindreams@verizon.net, or put in town office drop box by May 8th. All participants correctly identifying all items will be announced in the town website and the June Bulletin.

A Bridge _____

A Decorated House _____

10 mph Speed Limit Sign _____

A Historical Marker _____

Butterfly Seat _____

A Large Magnolia Tree _____

Memorial bench _____

Bicycle Repair Station _____

Painted Mural _____

A Gazebo _____

Pedestrian Overpass _____

Berwyn Heights Police Station _____

U.S. Postal Service Mailbox _____

Luther Goldman Sign _____

Composting Bins _____

Solar Cell Phone Charging Station _____

A Firetruck _____

Fishing Pier _____

*Bonus: Heavy Metal Heron _____

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council - June 2021

Thank you for joining us for our modified Berwyn Heights Day festivities (virtually or from a distance).

We would like to thank all entries in the House Decorating Contest.

The winners were:

Most Creative: 8422 57th Ave

Most Festive: 8508 Cunningham

Most Unique: (Tied!) 5804 Ruatan St. and 5802 Swarthmore Dr.
check out the Town [ENewsletter](#) for pictures.

We didn't get any completed scavenger hunt entries, but for those of you that tried to look for everything, I hope you enjoyed looking for things around town, and got a bit better acquainted with your neighborhood in the process. If you got stumped on anything and would like a hint, feel free to email violindreams@verizon.net.

Town Wide Yard Sale! ***Saturday, June 19th, starting at 8am (Rain or Shine)***

For everyone who has spent the past 14 months cleaning out their closets, attics and garages, fret no more, the Town Wide Yard Sale is back. As in the past, it's the third Saturday in June.

We are happy to list your address and 3 of the most prominent items you have for sale, and possibly get them onto a map, so folks know where to buy what. To register for the list/map, send an email with your address and 3 items for sale to violindreams@verizon.net.



Please follow current CDC guidelines and Prince George's County Covid regulations.

RELEASE:

Participants hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Town of Berwyn Heights and the Parks & Recreation Council, its employees, volunteers, coaches and other participants from any act of commission or omission which may result in any personal injury or property damage arising out of the above named participant's participation in this program. Participants further agree to save harmless the Town of Berwyn Heights and the Parks & Recreation Council, its employees, volunteers, coaches and other participants from all losses, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs), settlement payment (whether or not reduced final judgment) and all liabilities, damages and fines paid, incurred, or suffered by the Town of Berwyn Heights and the Parks & Recreation Council by reason of, or arising out of injuries to persons (including death) or property damage caused by or attributed to the above named participant's participation in this program.

Next Recreation Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1st at 7pm.

**To join the meeting, or to share ideas for future activities,
please contact violindreams@verizon.net**

Worksession Minutes April 5, 2021

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Prince George's County representatives Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Associate Director of the Sustainability Division, Department of the Environment (DOE), Moses Fadiran, Section Head, Engineering Services Section, Sustainability Division, Department of the Environment (DOE), Vernon Stinnett Jr., Associate Director, Office of Highway Maintenance, Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), and Michael Snyder, Division Chief, Storm Drainage Maintenance Division, Office of Highway Maintenance (DPW&T).

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced new Covid vaccine eligibility criteria. All adults 16 years and older are now eligible to be vaccinated and are encouraged to register. A new vaccination site will open at Greenbelt Metro Station this week.

2. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the agenda was approved 5 to 0.

3. Discussion Items

Drainage worksession: Mayor Dewey said Berwyn Heights has a lot of stormwater drainage problems due to its geography. Solutions require homeowners and different government agencies to collaborate. Representatives from Prince George's County's Department of the Environment (DoE) and Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) have been invited to discuss drainage issues and answer questions. TM Allen added this discussion was requested by MPT Kulpa-Eddy in response to a recent Code Compliance Department monthly report in which drainage issues were highlighted. Code Director Hollyce Goodwin is present tonight to give a presentation on stormwater drainage issues encountered by Code staff.

Director Goodwin welcomed Prince George's County DOE and DPW&T representatives Michael Snyder, Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Moses Fadiran, and Vernon Stinnett, Jr. Director Goodwin then presented an overview of:

- Common drainage issues reported by Berwyn Heights residents;
- Measures to address and mitigate

various drainage issues;

- Town and County regulations about proper discharge of stormwater collecting on a property;
- Permit requirements for working in Town right-of-way and making changes to infrastructure;
- Contacts for seeking help with stormwater problems.

The main reasons for stormwater runoff problems on residential properties are improper grading of a property, being in a low-lying area, extant ground water, excess impervious surfaces, improper outfall from sump pumps, and/ or inadequate stormwater infrastructure. These problems can often be fixed by homeowners by re-grading the property, cleaning rain drains, extending downspouts, installing foundation drains and sump pumps, installing French drains and gravel trenches, and resodding bare spots in lawns to prevent erosion.

If homeowners plan to connect new drains to the public stormwater system or perform work that affects curbs, gutters and roadways, permits are required. Stormwater pipes may not be discharged into neighbors' yards or into curbs, per County regulations adopted by the Town. Permits for working in the right-of-way can be obtained from the Department of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) and the Town's Code Compliance Department.

Prince George's County operates a Raincheck Rebate Program which provides funding and technical advice to homeowners who are implementing one or more of several types of stormwater runoff improvements including: installation of rain barrels, cisterns, green roofs, permeable pavement or rain gardens, or planting of new trees.

Moses Fadiran, Head of the DOE Sustainability Engineering Section, reported his findings from site visits to Berwyn Heights properties whose owners had submitted stormwater drainage complaints or inquiries to the County. He said over 70% of complaints are related to the existence of ground water which flows from one yard to next if properties are on a hill. In some cases, the County can make improvements to its stormwater system. However, most drainage problems occur along roads owned by the Town. Improvements, such as installing additional storm drains, are its responsibility and are best done in collaboration with the County and other stakeholders.

Mr. Faridan further noted that most complaints he investigated have been resolved, except one where the natural flow of surface water has been blocked, which is a code violation. Ms. Hawkins-Nixon said often property owners make improvements on their properties which inadvertently impede stormwater flow. Mr. Faridan can make recommendations on how to solve such situations but often neighbors talking

with each other can help.

In discussion, the following comments were made:

- Storm drainpipes discharging into the gutter of the road are very common in Town and this practice was allowed in the past. Curb cuts and holes were often made for drainpipes as part of road renovation projects. Policies on how to grandfather existing drainage curb cuts while enforcing new stormwater discharge regulations need to be devised.
- Berwyn Heights' stormwater system is inadequate to handle stormwater runoff from major storms. Alternative solutions to facilitate retention and soil absorption of stormwater should be promoted.
- The Town mandated egress windows for all basement apartments or rented rooms in response to a 2014 flash flood, which endangered the lives of some people living in basements.
- Remedies for stormwater drainage problems need to be developed on a case-by-case basis because the reasons for problems are varied.
- The County is requested to check whether a map of natural springs and streams in Berwyn Heights is available for use by the Code Department.

County representatives responded to questions as follows:

Potential impacts of climate change are being examined by a PGC Climate Action Commission. It is assumed that heavy rain events will occur with greater frequency and aggravate existing groundwater problems depending on the lay of the land. Tree planting and other stormwater management activities funded through the County's Raincheck Rebate Program can help mitigate impacts. The best way to avoid wet basements and standing water on one's property is proper grading around homes to allow stormwater to flow where it should.

There ensued a discussion of stormwater problems with property owners in the 6200 block of Ruatan Street who were present. The owner of 6215 Ruatan Street has repeatedly contacted the County, Public Works and WSSC seeking help with mitigating a constant flow of water coming from a neighbor's property at a higher elevation and destroying her driveway. Stormwater issues occur along all properties located on the hill of the 6200 block of Ruatan Street. County staff has visited these properties to examine water flow but has not found a violation related to stormwater drainage. County staff believes the problem is extant ground water that

flows downhill from higher to lower lying properties and requires a comprehensive solution. The Town may need to consider allowing these property owners to tie private drainpipes into the public storm drain system. As the nearest stormwater inlet is at the bottom of Ruatan Street, a new underdrain may have to be installed. The property owners who were present expressed willingness to cooperate and help pay for the infrastructure.

Mayor Dewey thanked the homeowners for bringing their stormwater problems to the Council's attention and encouraged them to stay in touch. The Council and staff will consider how best to address this complex problem. TM Allen said that installation of a new storm drain under the street would be the ultimate solution but presents a substantial financial challenge. She will explore various financing options, including the American Rescue Plan and a possible federal Infrastructure Bill. If funding fails to materialize, the Town may ask the homeowners in the 6200 block of Ruatan to help finance a storm drain project.

Pepco filing comment letter: MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained she provided a draft letter commenting on Pepco's filing regarding a proposed streetlights upgrade and associated rate increases. It represents a compilation of comments from other municipalities submitted to Pepco and made at a public hearing in March. TM Allen has drafted another comment letter, also included in background documents, which the Council may want to consider first as it includes points the Council decided are important to the Town at an earlier worksession.

TM Allen confirmed that her letter is based on the Council's discussion at a February worksession. She has since inquired whether Pepco's rate increases will be permanent or end when the streetlight project is complete but received no definitive answer. Points made in her letter include the following:

- Lighting project complies with guidance from the International Dark Sky Association and the American Medical Association.
- Pepco works in partnership with affected municipalities during project implementation;
- Multiple options for fully shielded and warm lighting are available;
- The cost of the project borne by local governments is fair across the project area;
- Information about the project is available in English and Spanish;
- Data generated by the smart nodes is available to the public.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy offered several additional points to include in the letter for Council's consideration:

- Request a later project implementation date to benefit from the newest technology available; Council agreed not to include a request for a particular time. Council believes LED streetlight technology will not change dramatically in the coming years.
- Request a sunset date for proposed rate increases, as the Town of Kensington has done, to understand the full cost of the lighting upgrade. Council agreed to request more information on the cost of the project, including a sunset date. A related request for information about cost savings from using more efficient LED lights and potential Pepco revenue losses could also be included.
- Request more information on the cost and usage of a proposed Smart Sensor Pilot Program. Smart sensors would monitor pollution, weather, traffic or gun shots in particular areas. Council agreed to request that data collected with smart sensors be made publicly available.

The final Pepco comment letter will be up for approval at the April Town meeting.

FY 2022 draft budget: TM Allen explained several changes made to the draft budget since the Council last discussed it on March 15 and provided answers to questions posed at that meeting. She noted that this budget is balanced at slightly above 4 million dollars, which is 2.4% higher than the FY 2021 budget. This is due in part to a \$205,000 bond bill the State approved for Berwyn Heights, which will be used to replace the Town Center elevator. Further, the FY 2022 budget maintains a real property tax rate of 54.5 cents per \$100 or assessed property value and generates an additional \$100,300 in revenue due to rising property values.

Revenue changes:

- +11,000 in building permit line item to reflect increased activity
- +205,000 in intergovernmental revenues for bond bill, with no required Town match.

Expenditure changes:

- -33.3% reduction in Administration salaries line item due to hiring of entry level Town Clerk.
- +14.1% increase in health insurance premiums. The higher-than-expected increase was offset by reductions in Administration capital equipment and miscellaneous benefits line items and shifting of the Senior Center stove purchase to bond bill expenditures.
- + 205,000 for Town Center improvements funded with bond bill.

TM Allen provided answers to Council's questions posed at the March 15 meeting.

- Town's rental licensing fee was set high

to cover costs associated with police having to respond to rental properties with greater frequency and to discourage irresponsible landlords.

- The difference between capital outlay and capital projects is that capital outlay is used for non-consumable products with a useful life of more than 1 year, such as computers, versus capital projects, used for big ticket items that add value to the Town's assets, such as new roads or building repairs.
- The Town's cable franchise fees do not include internet revenue.
- Berwyn Heights' Highway User Revenues (HUR) increased slightly over FY 2021, according to data posted by the Maryland Municipal League. However, last year's HUR receipts appear to have been recorded incorrectly and appear to show a decline in HUR receipts.
- The FY 2022 budget does not provide money to be transferred to the Vehicle Replacement Reserve per TM Allen's recommendation.
- The next real property reassessment will occur at the end of this year with the new assessments becoming effective starting in July 2022.
- The costs of the composting program appear higher than they are because an expense for signage at the composting station was posted with the operating expenses.
- The Town will inform residents about property tax relief programs through its weekly and monthly newsletters during tax season and again later in the year when applications are due.

TM Allen highlighted other salient features of the FY 2022 budget:

- Maintains status quo, pending information on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
- Town Clerk position becomes full-time with associated benefits and incorporates Public Information Aide position.
- Funds 1 ½ % Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and 1 % merit increase.
- Reprograms major projects deferred due to the pandemic, including:
 - \$210,000 for road repairs
 - \$50,000 for one hybrid police vehicle
 - \$353,300 for Public Works vehicles
 - US Treasury guidance on use of ARPA funds (approximately \$2.75-million for Berwyn Heights) is forthcoming.

TM Allen summed up that the Council will hold a public hearing and introduce the budget at the April Town meeting. Meanwhile, the Council is requested to provide further input.

In discussion, the following comments were made:

- Will there be enough money in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve for future vehicle purchases if no transfers are made this year? Yes, because vehicle purchases planned for this fiscal year were not made.
- What is the cost of converting to electric vehicles (for BHPD) and associated charging stations? At this point, the Town continues to plan buying hybrid police vehicles. Longer term, Maryland's Public Utility Commission is likely to require or request utilities to support electric vehicle charging stations that become available to municipalities at no or low cost.
- Residents' tax bills may go up by over \$100 next year due to increasing property values. The publishing of available tax relief programs for those struggling with the loss of income from the pandemic is appreciated.

IT possibilities to improve community engagement: CM Brittan-Powell said he has requested to discuss WiFi connectivity in Town as one aspect of facilitating communication and engagement. He believes IT infrastructure has become very important during the pandemic, as students must rely on it for attending class and accessing learning resources. Through his work, he is aware of different programs and models for improving student access to online academic resources. He would like to brainstorm some ideas on how Berwyn Heights can become a more connected community.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested CM Brittan-Powell attend an Education Advisory Committee meeting to discuss his ideas. CM Brittan-Powell agreed to attend an upcoming BHEAC meeting and to speak to any committee interested in this issue. CM Papanikolas suggested contacting the City of Seat Pleasant, which has done a lot of work in this area. It may also be useful to ask youths to attend a meeting where this topic is discussed to hear what they think.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey announced an April 7 NW/EP meeting. She said everyone 16 years and older is eligible to be vaccinated at the State's mass vaccination sites starting tomorrow, including one at Greenbelt Metro Station. Pre-registration is encouraged. All are asked to continue to follow all applicable COVID protocols.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that several interesting presentations were given at the last PGCMMA meeting, including one on the County's 3-1-1 call center, the 2020 Census results to be released on April 30, and a sign-up process to bring vaccination sites to the municipalities. Mayor Dewey added that no vaccination clinic is coming to Berwyn Heights in the near future. The County requires a minimum number of people to be vaccinated per day, which Berwyn Heights is not likely to meet. Apart from that, BHPD

has done a very good job helping seniors sign up for vaccinations and they are fine. However, the Town will continue to explore ways to enhance residents' access to vaccines.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued that Prince George's County is hosting another virtual meeting on April 8 on a cultural arts study, focused on transportation facilities and connectivity. The MAGLEV comment period has been extended to May 24 and people can also comment at several upcoming virtual public hearings. The Recreation Council will meet tomorrow to continue planning for Berwyn Heights Day. There will be a car parade and a home decorating contest. Another virtual trivia event is scheduled for April 23 in which people can participate individually or as group.

CM Papanikolas said he met with TM Allen and Treasurer Lightfield to discuss ideas about digitizing the signature process. In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TM Allen said that 5 people applied to serve on the Ethics Commission. Mayor Dewey will select 3 and make an announcement at an upcoming meeting.

CM Brittan-Powell thanked the Code Director for a great presentation on stormwater drainage.

CM Sweep reminded residents to continue to wear masks, especially at Lake Artemesia and to adhere to the one-way regulation when walking on the path around the lake. Prince George's County Memorial Library System has released a vaccine hunter hotline 240-392-3622, which people can call between 9am and 7pm on weekdays to get help signing up for vaccination appointments. In Public Works news, an electronics recycling event will take place on April 24 in Greenbelt and the next street sweeping will occur in the first week of May.

5. Resident and Community Comments

There were none.

On a motion by CM Brittan-Powell and second by CM Sweep, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Town Meeting April 14, 2021

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Chris Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. CM Brittan-Powell arrived at 7:20 p.m. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Lindsey & Associates Auditor Robert Diss, Historical Committee Chair Debby

Steele-Snyder and Recreation Council President Susan Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that Berwyn Heights received \$155,000 in bond bill funds from the State to replace the Senior Center elevator and make other repairs to the Town Center. She thanked the Town's state senator and delegates for their support. Further, all persons 16 years and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and can get their shots at a new mass vaccination site at Greenbelt Station. Lastly, some students have returned to school for in-person instruction. Drivers are requested to drive carefully.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Sweep seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved 4 to 0. (CM Brittan-Powell had technical difficulties joining the meeting)

3. Ceremonial Items

Flood Awareness Month Proclamation:

Mayor Dewey read the Proclamation observing Flood Awareness Month. CM Papanikolas moved and CM Brittan-Powell seconded to approve the Proclamation. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Dewey read the Arbor Day Proclamation, usually performed on Berwyn Heights Day. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, and second by CM Sweep, the Proclamation was approved 5 to 0.

4. Presentation

Mayor Dewey welcomed Robert Diss with Lindsey & Associates to review the Town's FY 2020 audited financial statements. Mr. Diss gave an overview of the audit report. He said the Town received a clean opinion, giving assurance that the financial statements are not materially misstated. The Management Discussion & Analysis, authored by the Town Manager and Treasurer, gives an overview of the Town's finances for the year. It includes a table comparing FY 2020 to FY 2019 outcomes. The report includes two sets of financial statements required by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The first set takes long term assets and liabilities into account and shows an increase in equity of \$434,000. The second set of financial statements only takes current assets and liabilities into account and shows the Town increased its fund balance by \$153,000.

Mr. Diss highlighted several Auditors' Notes pertaining to Cash & Investments, Property Taxes, Capital Assets and the Town's participation in the Maryland State Retirement Plan. Discussing the state-

ments comparing budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures, he noted that the Town uses reserves to balance its budget, and budgets on a “non-GAAP basis.”

Mayor Dewey thanked Mr. Diss for his presentation and advised that the audit report and other background documentation are available on the Town’s website. MPT Kulpa-Eddy requested a bound copy of the report, which Mr. Diss will provide. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Brittan-Powell seconded to accept the FY 2020 Audit Report. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5. Public Hearings

FY 2022 General Fund Budget & Tax Rate: Mayor Dewey said, as part of the FY 2022 budget process, the Town engaged residents via a survey and a budget meeting. The budget to be introduced tonight is a status quo budget balanced at slightly above \$4 million and maintains the current real property tax rate of 54.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. TM Allen is requested to present the details of the proposed budget.

TM Allen presented an overview of the FY 2022 budget. She said the budget is built around 4 priorities identified through the public engagement process and funded as follows:

- Condition of Streets and Sidewalks, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
 - * \$210,000 in roadway repairs
 - * \$30,000 for walkable, bikeable task-force recommendations
- Recreation and Parks
 - * Level funding of civic organizations
 - * National Night Out
 - * \$205,000 Town Center improvements (bond bill)
- Sustainability
 - * Green Team funding
 - * Thriving Earth Exchange tree protection program
 - * Campus Community Connection program
 - * Balanced budget
 - * \$16,000 Urban Forest budget
 - * Composting program continuation
- Effective Communication
 - * Development of communications policy
 - * Translation service by BHPD clerk
 - * Bulletin mailed to households
 - * E-newsletter published twice a month

TM Allen continued that the proposed budget maintains previous real and personal property tax rates, as well as the recycling fee of \$90 per household. Important changes on the expense side of the ledger include a 14% increase in health insurance premiums that required making adjustments in

other areas, COLA and merit pay increases for employees, and needed replacement of Public Works and Police vehicles that were deferred due to the pandemic.

The Town continues to effectively manage its financial, staff and capital resources. The Town’s most important resource, its employees, are supported through appropriate compensation and training, which helps assure they can deliver the best possible service to the residents. To date, the COVID-19 pandemic has had no significant impact on the budget, as property values and tax revenues have remained steady. The Town has held off on major purchases, continues to avoid debt financing and maintains a healthy fund balance to be able to mitigate any pandemic-related setbacks.

TM Allen said the Town’s current General Fund balance stands at \$2.5 million which she expects not to be significantly different by the end of the fiscal year. She then detailed the Town’s revenue sources, departmental expenditures and capital projects, as projected for FY 2022. In sum, the FY 2022 budget will be slightly higher (3.2%) than last year’s, mainly due to the State bond bill the Town received.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TM Allen said she projects income tax receipts to increase by \$25,000 based on past revenue patterns. While the pandemic has changed the timing of payments, she believes the Town will receive a substantial income tax disbursement at year’s end.

Clerk Harper read Ordinance 183 adopting the FY 2022 General Fund budget, and Mayor Dewey opened the public hearing.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, asked via email how she can obtain a copy of the budget. Mayor Dewey replied it is posted on the Town website with the agenda packet.

Alex Lopatka, Berwyn Road, asked via Zoom how the 14% health premium increase was absorbed. TM Allen replied that she had estimated a 10% increase in health insurance cost. The additional 4% was made up from reductions in the Administration capital equipment line item and miscellaneous benefits, and by shifting the Senior Center stove purchase to the bond bill.

With no further comments, CM Sweep moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to hold the record open for further comments. The motion passed 5 to 0.

FY 2022 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Mayor Dewey said this budget supports the cost of one police officer and outfitting with a special tax levied on the Town’s commercial and industrial district. TM Allen explained that the special public

safety tax is expected to raise approximately \$88,000 of which \$86,700 will be expended for the police officer dedicated to the commercial district. No increase in the tax rate is proposed. A meeting with the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) is being scheduled to receive approval for this budget.

Clerk Harper read a summary of Ordinance 184 adopting the Public Safety Taxing District Budget. In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TM Allen said the CDMA meeting will be noticed and Council provided an agenda.

Mayor Dewey opened the public hearing. There were no comments. CM Papanikolas moved and CM Sweep seconded to hold the record open for further comments. The motion passed 5 to 0.

6. Consent Agenda

CM Sweep moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 5 to 0.

7. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dewey thanked TM Allen and Treasurer Lightfield for their hard work on the budget, complicated by the pandemic and the departure of the previous Treasurer.

Ethics Commission Appointment

Mayor Dewey said Ordinance 110 provides for the Mayor to appoint a 3-member Ethics Commission, which reviews financial disclosures and any ethics complaints that might be received, for a 2-year term. The Town was fortunate to receive several applications from well-qualified candidates. From these she chose Taylor Hahn, Diane Beckam and Alex Lopatka to be sworn in at the May Town meeting. Mr. Hahn and Mr. Lopatka thanked Mayor Dewey for nominating them and said they are looking forward to serving on the Commission.

Mayor Dewey further reported the Town has received a bond bill to undertake some much-needed Town Center improvements, foremost the replacement of the elevator. The vaccination program has progressed to a point where all adults are now eligible to be vaccinated. The newly opened Greenbelt Station site is run by FEMA, but appointments must be made through the State’s registration system. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has paused the distribution of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine due to rare complications people have experienced.

Mayor Dewey continued that she has met with the Fire Department to discuss facility issues, had a monthly call with Councilmember Glaros about County matters, and attended Neighborhood Watch and Recreation Council meetings. Having

served on the MML Legislative Committee, she has had the opportunity to closely follow legislation MML had identified as priorities. The Legislature passed 2 bills related to support broadband availability. An MML sponsored HUR bill failed as did Senator Pinsky's Climate Solutions Now Act. A bill mandating that municipalities hold a special election whenever a Council vacancy occurs also failed, which allows municipalities to continue to follow their existing procedures for filling vacancies.

8. Councilmember Reports

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that residents' real property tax bills will be increasing by an average of \$150 this year due to rising assessments. The Town's proposed budget does not adopt a constant yield tax rate to prevent tax bills from rising. Unlike in previous years, she has not heard any comments about this and wanted residents to be aware of it.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy commended the Code and Public Works Department for improvements made to their monthly reports. She also announced that Metro is phasing out their old Smart Trip cards which can be cashed in according to a process described on Metro's website. County Councilmember Glaros will hold a virtual Town Hall meeting on April 19, at which the County's budget will be discussed. County Executive Alsobrooks and the heads of County agencies will be present to respond to constituents' questions.

CM Papanikolas thanked everyone who applied to serve on the Ethics Commission. He is glad that everyone is now eligible to get vaccinated and that the process is easy. Much of the financial information provided by the Administration Department has already been discussed as part of the budget hearings.

CM Brittan-Powell seconded MPT Kulpa-Eddy's commendation regarding the Code Compliance report. He noted that the report shows rental license revenue to be down because rental activity declined during the pandemic.

CM Sweep reported that the street sweeper will not be in Town until the first week of May. The Public Works building finally had the soffits repaired.

9. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the BHEAC completed the education grant application form and is now drafting a grant submission and review process. Prince George's County Public Schools have reopened, and some students are back in school. The BHEAC is also supporting an educational summer camp program at the Community Center for which scholarships will

be available.

Green Team: Mayor Dewey reported that the Green Team at its last meeting talked at length about the cicadas that are about to emerge and how to protect young trees from them. The Green Team also commented on environmental bills before the Legislature this session and the Pepco filing on street light upgrades. The adopt-a-block litter program is going well and has the potential of removing more litter from Town streets than the monthly litter pickup. Also discussed were the Bee City USA application and the community garden. Trees of Distinction nominations are due at the end of April. Trees may be renominated, and forms should be submitted with a photo to Mayor Dewey.

Historical Committee: BHHC Chair Debby Steele Snyder reported that the Historical Committee has drafted a disclaimer for the Duncanson Avenue marker, which has been sent to the Council for review. Plans for a Berwyn Heights Day scavenger hunt have been revised. The Committee will instead feature 2 quiz-type questions on its page in the Bulletin each month with answers provided the following month. The Committee also sent a letter to the editor of College Park Here & Now, which corrected a number of inaccuracies in an article about Berwyn Heights history.

CM Sweep thanked the Committee for spending the time to craft the explanatory language for the Duncanson marker.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Dewey said at its last meeting the Committee discussed the emergency trailer and where it should focus its work. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added the Committee elected new officers. Joan Hayden and Randy Fortwengler will be co-chairs and Georgina Dodge will serve as Secretary. The Committee plans to review its bylaws and other guidance documents to clarify its responsibilities. A trailer inventory is planned for warmer weather.

Recreation Council: Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced that a virtual Trivia Night is planned for April 23. Berwyn Heights Day planning continues. Activities include a scavenger hunt featuring places and amenities in the Town participants can identify, as well as a house decorating contest and a car parade, headed by BHPD and the Volunteer Fire Department, that will go to every street in Town. Last year's virtual concerts will be replayed on BHTV and YouTube throughout the afternoon. Special Berwyn Heights Day T-shirts have been ordered with some to spare should anyone else want one.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy encouraged residents to check out the e-newsletter for a jigsaw puzzle that is based on pictures of previous Berwyn Heights Day activities. Feedback

forms for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program have been sent to participants and should be returned to TM Allen by April 18.

Ms. Jones said the Recreation Council will wait to make a determination about whether or not to hold a Town-wide yard sale until the COVID situation is clearer. Lastly, she noted that she has seen BHPD enforcing stop sign violations, which seems to persuade some bicyclists to come to a halt.

10. Old Business

Pepco Comment Letter: Mayor Dewey said MPT Kulpa-Eddy and TM Allen have worked on drafting a comment letter for Pepco's multi-year plan regarding proposed street light upgrades. It lists the Town's priorities with respect to this project that were identified in several Council discussions.

TM Allen read the letter regarding Pepco's October 2020 filing with Maryland's Public Service Commission (PSC case number 9655) into the record. It states, while the Town is generally supportive of the modernization of the grid and LED lighting, the PSC is requested to ensure:

- Lighting project complies with guidance from the American Medical Association and the International Dark Sky Association;
- Pepco works in partnership with municipalities to meet lighting needs during implementation;
- Fully shielded and warm lighting options are available where requested;
- The cost borne by local governments for the project is fair across the project area;
- Pepco provides more in-depth rate tables enabling lay persons to understand the proposed rate increases. The Town supports the rate sunset request made by the Town of Kensington;
- Pepco produces written information about the project in English and Spanish; and
- Smart node data is made available to the public.

The letter is prepared for Mayor Dewey's signature but can be adjusted to have all Councilmembers sign. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested to leave it as is, since the letter is written on behalf of the Council. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Sweep seconded to approve the letter. The motion passed 5 to 0.

11. New Business

Ordinance 183 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2022 General Fund Budget: Mayor Dewey said the Ordinance was read and discussed during the public hearing portion of the meeting and invited additional comments. TM Allen noted that since the budget was last presented, the remaining balance of the emergency trailer re-

serve had been added to the Police Department budget. The funds will be used for purchasing decals and a propane generator for the emergency trailer.

CM Papanikolas moved, and CM Sweep seconded to introduce the FY 2022 budget. The motion was approved 5 to 0. (CM Brittan Powell's vote was recorded with delay due to technical difficulties)

Ordinance 184 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2022 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Mayor Dewey invited additional comments on the PSTD budget. There were none.

CM Sweep moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to introduce the PSTD budget. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Darryll Pines, UMD President Congratulations Letter: Mayor Dewey said, on a suggestion by CM Sweep, the Council agreed to send a letter congratulating Darryll Pines on his inauguration as the 34th President of the University of Maryland. CM Sweep moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to approve the letter as is. The motion passed 5 to 0. The letter will be signed by all Councilmembers.

Four Cities Agenda Items: Mayor Dewey said that next Four Cities Coalition meeting will take place virtually on April 22, hosted by Greenbelt, and asked if Councilmembers have any agenda items to suggest. Council had planned to submit the American Rescue Plan Act funding for discussion, but the US Treasury Department has not yet issued guidance on the use of these funds.

The Pepco and Maglev comment letters were proposed for the agenda. CM Sweep said the Greenbelt Road working group will make a presentation at the end of the meeting.

12. Resident & Community Comments

In response to CM Sweep, TM Allen confirmed that WSSC is required to repave the roads from curb to curb after completing their pipe replacement project on Edmonston Road and Goucher Drive. The Town is working with WSSC to install new underdrains to improve stormwater drainage in some sections before the final pavement is applied.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, commented by email that she cannot access the supporting budget documents on the Town website. Clerk Harper said the webhosting vendor was experiencing some technical difficulties today. Mayor Dewey said she can forward the budget to anyone requesting it.

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Worksession February 17, 2021

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. CM Christopher Brittan-Powell had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Thriving Earth Exchange Project Manager Irmaris Rivera-Llavona.

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that a vaccination site at Greenbelt Metro Station has opened and has walk-in availability.

2. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Sweep, the agenda was approved 4 to 0.

3. Discussion Items

Thriving Earth Exchange update: Mayor Dewey welcomed Irmaris Rivera, Project Manager for the tree canopy protection project to be undertaken by Thriving Earth Exchange and the Town. TM Allen said Ms. Rivera is a geoscientist who works for Puerto Rico-based EcoExplotorio, Inc. The project will be focused on making an inventory of invasive species to protect Berwyn Heights' tree canopy and providing resources on addressing invasive plant issues.

TM Allen and Ms. Rivera gave an overview of the project, with Ms. Rivera translating into Spanish. The Thriving Earth Exchange (TEX) is a program within the American Geophysical Union (AGU) with the goal of advancing discovery in earth and space sciences for the benefit of humanity and the environment. TEX seeks to strengthen collaboration among scientists, partner organizations and communities to build healthy, resilient, just and economically responsible futures. In this case, TEX provides a volunteer scientist to help Berwyn Heights improve the health of its tree canopy by making an inventory and limiting the impact of invasive plants.

TM Allen and Ms. Rivera continued with a more detailed explanation of the scientist-community partnerships. Examples of TEX community partnerships in Maryland include a water quality project with the Town of Berlin, where TM Allen served as Town manager, an air quality project with Brandywine, a stormwater project with Takoma Park and a flooding project with Frederick. A successful TEX project depends on availability of staff and volunteers, flexibility to adjust timelines, and a well-developed environmental ethic in the community.

The Berwyn Heights TEX project is expected to produce a property owners' toolkit for reducing invasive species. Beyond that, University of Maryland students have been approached about developing an app in the format of a game that awards points or badges for removing invasive species. Next steps include advertising for a volunteer scientist, an informational meeting with the Green Team, and finding project volunteers. The project is expected to start this summer or fall.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- Examples of invasive species include English Ivy and bamboo, i.e. plants which tend to spread quickly and crowd out native vegetation.
- The USDA and state agencies often provide lists of invasive plants for a particular region.
- The planned inventory of invasive plants will include invasive plant locations, to the extent feasible.
- Inventories should be conducted at different times of the year, as different species grow in different seasons.
- Project updates will be posted by Ms. Rivera on the TEX website. The most recent update is an advertisement for a volunteer scientist.

Mayor Dewey said she is looking forward to getting started on the project and thanked Ms. Rivera for participating in the presentation. CM Sweep said he is also looking forward to the project and volunteered to give advice and spread the word at work.

Greenbelt Road working group update:

CM Sweep gave an update on the working group that coordinates priority setting between Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park for improvements to the Greenbelt Road commercial corridor anticipated with the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza mall. The working group held a meeting on April 8 and was attended by County Councilmember Todd Turner. The group has made good progress and will be ready with recommendations before the redevelopment begins.

CM Sweep said next steps include a presentation about the working group's findings at the April 22 Four Cities meeting, and a discussion with County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros at the next working group meeting. Other guests on the invitation list include Senator Doug Peters and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff. CM Sweep asked if Councilmembers had concerns, they would like the working group to address.

In discussion, the following points were raised:

- Building a coalition of State, County, and local business leaders in support

of Greenbelt Road corridor improvements should be the priority at this point.

- Identifying funding sources and partners for redevelopment plans are also important.
- The cities participating in the working group may be asked to sign a letter expressing support for the working group.

Maglev DEIS comment letter: Mayor Dewey said that MPT Kulpa-Eddy has drafted a letter commenting on the Maglev Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which is based on Councilmembers' input from previous worksessions.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that this version of the letter includes input from the Council as well as the Green Team, which discussed the letter at its last meeting. The revised letter sets forth a broader range of concerns as a municipality within Prince George's County in the first paragraph and omits references to it being a pilot project for a larger rail system to serve the east coast. Otherwise, comments are focused on those items an environmental impact statement must examine, e.g. impact of a proposed trainset maintenance facility on nearby wetlands, waterways and forested areas, and impacts specific to Berwyn Heights. The letter should be approved at the May Town meeting so it can be submitted by the end of the public comment period on May 25.

In discussion, the Council sought and received clarification about the location of the train maintenance facility, and whether Beaverdam Creek is the only waterway impacting Berwyn Heights. Councilmembers offered no additions or changes to the letter.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey announced that Officer Frayer, who joined BHPD only 2 months ago,

has accepted a leadership opportunity in another municipality and will leave Berwyn Heights. All people 16 years or older are now eligible to be vaccinated. The only vaccine approved for 16- and 17-year-olds is the Pfizer vaccine, which is available at the Bowie Senior Center site.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended a PGCMA meeting at which State Senator Melony Griffith spoke about recently passed state legislation. Also discussed were commercial devices for monitoring indoor pathogens, and new facilities for

behavioral health care services and a maternal care pavilion at Doctor's Community Hospital. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that Mayor Dewey was nominated to serve on the PGCMA board of directors and asked about PGCMA participation credits for MML's Banner City certification. Mayor Dewey said she is tracking the credits and hopes certification can be obtained without the "If I were Mayor Contest," visit, as Berwyn Heights Elementary



MEALS ON WHEELS SEEKS VEGETABLE GARDENERS

Do you like to garden or know of someone who does? Do you know of a group of students or Boy or Girl Scout groups looking for a project for credit or recognition this summer? Meals on



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A generous donor is providing lots of seedlings ready for planting. We just need a plan, a plot, and helping hands to get started!

We are prepared to help you get started with a small stipend. If there is anyone who would like to contribute to the funding of this project, please let us know. If we truly have an overwhelming amount of produce, we will share with the College Park Food Bank or other kitchens.

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APRIL ACTIVITIES

REOPENING: Effective June 1, will follow Town and County protocols/ limitations.

FURNITURE: Replacement in main and back room remain a "work in progress."



Historical Committee

HISTORY QUIZ , CONTINUED

Two more clues:

1. Other than having a park named after him, what is 'Pop' Hudgins' claim to fame? _____
(Hint—check the BHVFD's website at <https://bhvfd14.org/about/history/>)
2. Spectators came from Washington D.C. and all around to watch this sport _____ at the Sportland Arena.
(Hint: especially popular during the 1920s)

Send you answers to BHHC Chair Debby Steele Snyder to receive a prize.

Solutions to May Bulletin Quiz Questions:

1. Victorian Gingerbread—5613 Seminole Street
2. Oldest Road in Town—Edmonston Road



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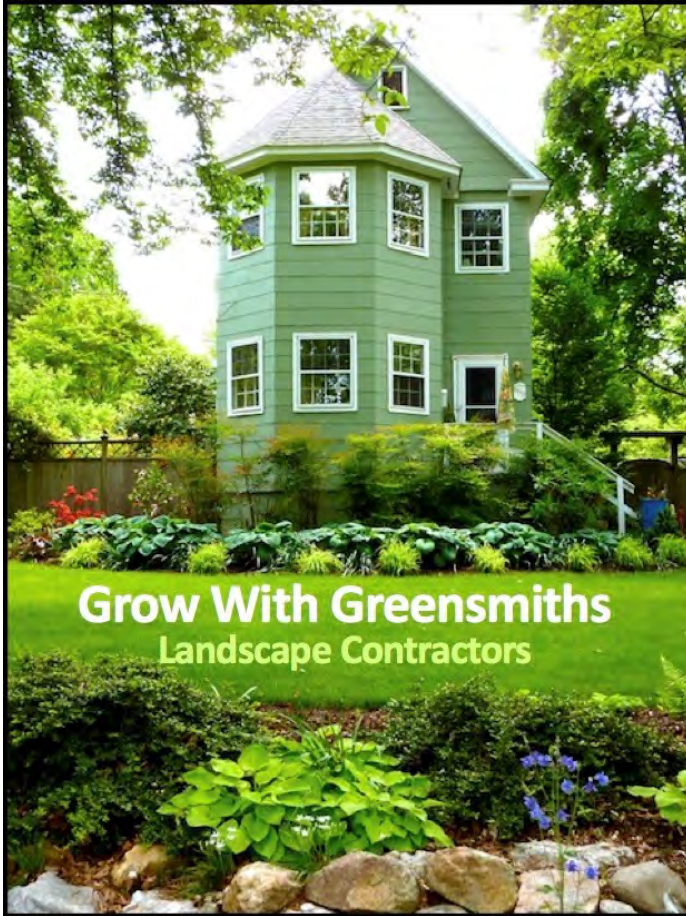
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Thanks to our donors and sponsors!

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Upcoming Events

June 15, Tuesday

Last day of school
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September 8, Wednesday

First day of school
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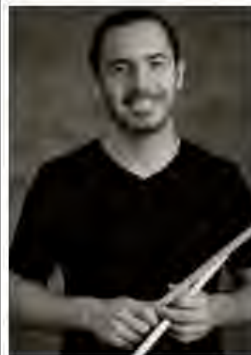
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BERWYN HEIGHTS EDUCATION GRANT REQUEST

Overview

The *Berwyn Heights Education Grant* was created to support, enhance, and improve learning opportunities and outcomes for the children and families of Berwyn Heights. Learning and education are inclusively and broadly defined to encourage innovation and creativity among respondents. We strongly support the learning goals of all members of our community and seek proposals that elevate the voices and opportunities for those historically underrepresented.

Eligibility

Organizations serving members of the Berwyn Heights community may submit proposals; priority will be given to established 501C3 organizations, teachers, and PTAs/PTOs serving Berwyn Heights.

Award

Funding of the grant is at the discretion of the Berwyn Heights Town Council and is based on the availability of funds. Number of grants awarded and amount per grant will vary each year. Awards typically range from \$250 - \$2500.

Proposal Specifications

Proposals must include all information below. The maximum length of proposals is 5 pages. Proposals should be emailed in pdf or word format to yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov. Write "Berwyn Heights Education Grant proposal" in the subject line.

Applicant Information:

Name (Org. or Individual):

Org./Individual's Address:

Contact's Email Address:

Contact's Telephone # :

Associated School (If Appl.):

Total Requested Amount:

Proposal Details:

- What are the objectives for this project?
- How is this project connected to the community of Berwyn Heights?
- When will this project take place? (Begin Date/End Date)

BERWYN HEIGHTS EDUCATION GRANT REQUEST

- Describe the project plan. Be specific and include planned activities, partnerships, and timelines.
- Who will benefit from this project? How many individuals will benefit?
- Provide a budget justification. How does the expenditure support the project objective?
- How will you measure the success of this project? How will you know you have achieved the outlined objective?
- Describe yourself/organization and all key partners involved for implementing this project. What are the capacities, skills, and attributes that make you well suited to accomplish the objectives of the project?

Key Dates

Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on a rolling basis dependent on remaining funding.

Round 1 Proposal Questions Due Date: July 20th

Round 1 Application Due Date: August 15th

Round 1 Notification Date: October 15th

Round 2 Proposal Questions Due Date: December 15th

Round 2 Application Due Date: January 15th

Round 2 Notification Date: March 15th

Post Award: Awardees are expected to provide copies of any documentation associated with the grant work (e.g. invoices, report on activities/results, etc.) upon completion.

Questions about applications should be sent to yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov by the above deadlines. Write "Berwyn Heights Education Grant question" in the subject line.

Selection Criteria

Section	Points
Impactful program for the Berwyn Heights community, particularly those historically underrepresented	25
Strong, specific, achievable plan for implementing program	25
Capacity to collect and describe success metrics for program	25
Effective and trusted organization/key partners able to implement program	25
Total points:	100

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Council (BH EAC) is announcing a new program to support students as they pursue opportunities for summer learning and enrichment. This will be done in conjunction with the Berwyn Heights Community Center (BHCC).

The BH EAC will award a full scholarship to three students with economic need who would like to participate in the Berwyn Heights Community Center's Summer S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) program. Details regarding this program are below.

What: BHCC in-person summer camp program for kids ages 6-12.

When: June 28th through July 30th (5 weeks). Monday thru Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Description:

Get In The Zone...S.T.E.A.M!

Enrich your child's life with a variety of S.T.E.A.M. activities designed to stimulate and educate. Participants will explore their intellectual and creative sides while building simple machines, exploring the science of food, making instruments and much more! A list will be provided for needed camp supplies. For select activities, a supply kit will be available for pick up. Please reach out to BHCC at berwynheightscc@pgparks.com for more details on camp activities.

To apply, submit the following items to the Berwyn Heights Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Rd. Attn: BH EAC S.T.E.A.M Scholarship or via email to thebheac@gmail.com.

- A statement about why they would like to participate in the Berwyn Heights Community Center's S.T.E.A.M program.
- Proof of eligibility for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals. Another statement of financial need may be accepted with justification.
- Applications are due by June 7th!!

Participants will be asked to provide a brief description of their experience with the BHCC S.T.E.A.M camp to be shared anonymously with the Council in a public meeting.

Application:

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Why do you want to attend BHCC's S.T.E.A.M Camp?

BECAS PARA CAMPAMENTOS DE VERANO

Al Comité Asesor de Educación de Berwyn Heights (BH EAC) está anunciando un nuevo programa para apoyar a los estudiantes mientras buscan oportunidades de aprendizaje y enriquecimiento durante el verano. Esto se hará en conjunto con el Centro Comunitario de Berwyn Heights (BHCC).

El BH EAC otorgará una beca completa a tres estudiantes con necesidades económicas que deseen participar en el programa S.T.E.A.M (Ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas) de verano del Berwyn Heights Community Center. Los detalles sobre este programa se encuentran a continuación.

Qué: Programa de campamento de verano en persona de BHCC para niños de 6 a 12 años.
Cuándo: 28 de junio al 30 de julio (5 semanas). Lunes a Viernes de 9 a 15 hs.

Descripción:

Get in the Zone... S.T.E.A.M!

Enriquezca la vida de su hijo con una variedad de S.T.E.A.M. actividades diseñadas para estimular y educar. Los participantes explorarán sus lados intelectuales y creativos mientras construyen máquinas simples, exploran la ciencia de los alimentos, hacen instrumentos y mucho más. Se proporcionará una lista de los suministros necesarios para el campamento. Para actividades selectas, habrá un kit de suministros disponible para recoger. Comuníquese con BHCC en berwynheightscc@pgparks.com para obtener más detalles sobre las actividades del campamento.

Para postularse, envíe los siguientes artículos a la oficina municipal de Berwyn Heights en 5700 Berwyn Rd. A la atención de: Beca BH EAC S.T.E.A.M o por correo electrónico a thebheac@gmail.com.

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Recent Working Incidents

April 19th- While out conducting tillerman driver-training, the volunteer crew of Ladder Truck 14 came across an accident with one overturned and trapped on the Outer-loop of the Capitol Beltway (I-495/I-95) near the Baltimore Washington Parkway. The Truck crew worked to stabilize the vehicle and begin the extrication process with the Amkus tools and extrication equipment carried by on the unit. The truck crew extricated the patient and turned them over the awaiting EMS units.

May 1st: **Berwyn Heights Day Parade** Volunteers from Company 14 staffing the Ladder Truck, Ambulance, Utility, and Chief 14B were honored to lead the BH Day "Parade around Town" using our Santa route.



May 7th: Truck 14 operated as the 3rd due truck in the 5000blk of Oglethorpe St in Riverdale. Units had a fire on the Charlie side of the structure from arching wires which extended into the home with hoarding conditions. After the power company secured the power, the volunteer crew of Truck 14 conducted exterior operations laddering, securing utilities, and ventilation. Company 14 operated for approximately 3 hours before returning in service,

May 8th: Volunteers from Company 14 staffing the Truck, Paramedic Ambulance, Utility, and Chief 14B were honored to lead the drive-by 100th birthday parade for longtime Town resident Howard Johnson.

May 8th: Rescue Squad 14B was alerted as the Technical Rescue Support unit to the 5000blk of Sable Ct in Greenbelt for reports of a vehicle into a building. Units arrived to find a vehicle into an end of the row townhome causing significant damage. BHVFD secured gas to the home and assessed the damage to the structure.

April 15th- Rescue Squad 14 and its blended volunteer & career crew were alerted to the 3100Blk of Madison Pl in Hyattsville for a reported house fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from a carport with extension into the house. Squad 14 operated as the search company.

Remembering Paul Martein

It is with deep sadness that the Berwyn Heights VFD announces the death of Treasurer Emeritus, Life Member and former BHVFD Board of Director Paul Martein. He was 86,



Paul joined the BHVFD as a firefighter in April 1961. In his early years, he was elected to serve on the board of directors. When the BHVFD was having a new firehouse built (at our current location), Paul was instrumental in ensuring construction of the firehouse was going according to plan. His schedule allowed him the flexibility to be around during the day to monitor progress and answer questions the contractors had.

In addition to administrative duties, Paul was an active firefighter and driver, and responded to countless emergency calls over his decades with BHVFD,

In 1990, Paul was elected to serve as the Treasurer. He held this position until 2012. During this time Paul was instrumental in all financial decisions of our department and ensured our financial records were impeccable. He helped to create a life insurance benefit that we offer to members of our department. You could find Paul at the firehouse every morning, Monday thru Friday, beginning at 8 AM and staying until Noon. Of course this was in addition to his regular attendance at meetings of the department. Shortly after he stepped down as Treasurer, the department unanimously elected him Treasurer Emeritus.

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad owes much of its success today to the 60 plus years of service Paul provided. There is no doubt that we would not be the successful corporation that we are today if it was not for his dedication and commitment to the Berwyn Heights family and the community we serve. He will be missed dearly.



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Add new cabinet hardware. New drawer pulls, knobs or handles can make a serious impact in both your kitchen and bathrooms. You might also think about switching out faucets and showerheads to match.

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NEW LISTING 5929 Natasha Dr 4 BR, 2 BA rambler.....\$385,000.
SOLD 11310 Cherryhill Rd 3 BR 2 BA updt condo.....\$170,000.
Rental- 6100 Westchester Park Dr 1BR and den.....\$1400mo

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



TREE CARE TIPS



The trees in our neighborhood are important for the health and well-being of Berwyn Heights! Ensure that the trees on your property are properly maintained by:

- Removing invasive vines from trunks.
- Using 2 to 4 inches of non-cypress mulch under young trees to keep weeds and grass that compete for nutrients and water away.
- Consult an ISA Certified Arborist when considering pruning a tree to ensure that pruning is done properly and avoids harmful, extreme pruning practices such as “topping.”

Thanks to those who nominated a 2021 Tree of Distinction! Look out for the award announcement in the July Bulletin!

Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board
Next meeting: June 10th, 2021, 7 pm, Virtual
Contact: Amanda Dewey, adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov



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Join us June 2, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554

Or email mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov

Every year May and June begin the Hurricane season across the United States. We are reminded every year of the steps we need to take to ensure that our families remain safe during this time. The NW/EP group every year passes on the reminders from FEMA along with other agencies that assist with preparations and safety measures taken during the hurricane season. The hurricane season usually runs through November 30. However, last year the season went through all the names that were identified for any hurricane that developed in the waters off the eastern part of the United States. The season lasted long enough to have many other named hurricanes identified. This year the list of names for any hurricanes that develop was just put out. As I sit here writing this article for the town bulletin, there is an unnamed storm that has been identified but is not expected to hit the United States - it is slated to stay out in the sea. There are many activities to take care of prior to a storm hitting our area (i.e. stay aware of any storms identified and discussed on TV, making sure you have prescriptions in case you can't get out for a period of time, ensuring you have necessities again in case you can't get out for a few days). The NW/EP group stays alert to these storms and prepares for all situations related to these storms (i.e. warming/cooling centers, etc.).



As hurricane season arrives, we are reminded that we need to prepare ourselves for emergency evacuations and shelter-in-place by using our emergency operations plan, planning for evacuations, communications and public outreach strategies. FEMA, MEMA and other Federal, State and Local Government agencies are there to assist us during disasters. However, we may need to take care of our town during the first 72 hours or so as these agencies will be focusing on hard-hit areas. One of these agencies, FEMA, has released a report titled "Improving Public Messaging for Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place: Findings and Recommendations for Emergency Managers from Peer-Reviewed Research". This report provides an understanding and decision-making process for evacuation and shelter-in-place protective actions and recommendations for improving public messaging to inform the public about risk and increase compliance with specific instructions as to when to evacuate and when to shelter-in-place.

Find out more at <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Come join the NW/EP group on the first Wednesday of each month to learn what to do in an emergency. Learn what steps to take to ensure your families and friends remain safe during these trying times.



April Incidents

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:40 am, 'VANDALISM'

On 04/01/2021, at approximately 10:40 am, Pvt. Frayer was dispatched to 8700 block of 58th Avenue, on a report of a vehicle window being smashed in. Upon his arrival, he met the Victim who advised that the front passenger door window of her silver colored 2003 Toyota Rav4 had been smashed with a brick. Officer confirmed that the window was smashed and a red brick lying on the floorboard. Victim further stated that at approximately 10:40 pm she heard two loud bangs outside, but did not get up to see what it was.

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 4:05 pm, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'

On 04/05/2021, a resident of Vernon Terrace entered the BHPD station to report a theft from auto. The victim stated that his vehicle is parked on the street in front of his house in the 5800 block of Vernon Terrace. When he attempted to drive it, he noticed a mechanical problem and took it to a repair shop. The shop mechanic informed him that the catalytic converter had been removed. The victim had delayed reporting the incident because he does not drive the car often.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 5:15 pm, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'

On 04/11/2021, a victim of a theft from vehicle reported that his vehicle was parked in the lot of P.G scrap on Branchville Road while he and his family were taking a walk on the park trail. Upon returning to his vehicle approximately one hour later, he discovered that property had been removed from the unlocked vehicle. The victim reported seeing 2 ATV riders in the area but had no information on a suspect.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 1:45 am, 'EPS'

On 04/11/2021 at approximately 1:53 AM, BHPD officers were dispatched to 5900 block of Natasha Drive, for a dispute with a weapon. Upon arrival, they met a 23 Y/O adult Latino male, who was standing outside of the residence. The reporting person advised that his son had threatened to kill himself and his family. He further advised that his son had consumed alcoholic beverages since yesterday and later he pointed a shotgun in the air, which he then stored in his bedroom. Officers contacted Laurel Reginal Hospital and were informed the hospital was accepting EPS. The EPS was taken into custody and transported to Laurel Reginal Hospital. The shotgun was recovered on scene and transported to District 1 station

for safe keeping. An NCIC check was conducted with negative results. Master Trooper Plumadore #2632 of the Maryland Gun Center was advised of the incident.

Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 2:00 pm, 'BURGLARY OF SHED'

A resident of the 6200 block of Seminole Street contacted the police to report that sometime between 5:00 PM on April 24 and 2 PM on April 25, the door to his storage shed had been kicked in, breaking the door frame, and property was removed. The storage shed is located approximately 60' from house in the victim's back yard that borders the backyard of a vacant home. The suspects most likely entered the victim's property from there. The victim did not hear anything suspicious, possibly due to an all night rain storm.

Wednesday, April 25, 2021 at 9:42 pm, 'SEXUAL ASSAULT'

On 4/25/2021, Sgt. Roberson responded to 7700 block of Edmonston Road and spoke with residents in reference to a sexual assault. Reporting person said that he contacted BHPD after he discovered that his 6 y/o daughter had been assaulted by a 15-year-old juvenile. Reporting person and his girlfriend, the mother of the child, stated that a friend from Takoma Park was visiting their home along with her 15 y/o son for a sleepover. Sometime during the night, the 15 y/o reportedly fondled the 6 y/o and initiated genital touching. The incident occurred 3/3/21 but only came to the parents' attention on 4/24/21 and they reported it the following day. Investigation continues.

Monday, April 27, 2021 at 3:45 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 04/27/2021, Cpl. T. Hollowell was dispatched to 8900 block of 60th Avenue for a report of a stolen vehicle registration plate. On scene, the victim indicated that his temporary plate had been stolen off the rear of his vehicle. The vehicle, a 2021 Toyota Rav 4, with a Maryland temporary tag number T0425279 with expiration date of 6/24/2021, was parked in his driveway since 3:45 PM on 4/26/2021. He noticed the missing plate and screws when he left his house on that day. No additional damage to the vehicle was found. There are no investigative leads to identify a possible suspect at this time.


Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 8:30 pm, 'CHECK ON WELFARE FORCED ENTRY'

On 4/27/2021 at approximately 8:35 PM, Pfc. Rufino was dispatched to a check on the welfare of a resident in the 8400 block of 58th Avenue. Upon arrival, she met with a neighbor who was concerned about the resident, a senior citizen who lives by herself. The neighbor stated that

he hadn't seen the elderly resident in more than two days and that her mail had accumulated in her mailbox. Upon investigation, the officer discovered a FedEx package delivered the previous day left behind the storm door. She further observed many oxygen tanks and insects crawling around. The inside of the house was dark. When she knocked on the door and no one answered, the Officer asked the dispatch to send the fire-board to the house for a welfare check with possible use of forced entry. Upon arrival, ID #26858 opened the door and officers entered the home but were unable to find the occupant. Officer called dispatch again to ask if there had been any previous calls to this address with a transport to a hospital. The dispatcher informed her that the Chief of Station 14 had called to advise the resident was with her son in law. Officer then contacted the son-in-law, and he and his wife met the Officer at the above address.

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

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WARNINGS	22
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Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

All residents are welcome to attend. Please email Mayor Dewey for ZOOM information.



The Thriving Earth Exchange



The Thriving Earth Exchange is working with the town to better understand invasive species in Berwyn Heights. "This project proposes to actively work on an inventory of invasive plant species and assist with the development of outreach materials that can be used to engage the community broadly on the issue of protecting the local tree canopy. There are many steps people can take in their own backyards to reduce the negative impacts of invasive species. Among those impacts are effects like climate change and biodiversity loss. The project involves:

- 1) Preparing an inventory of invasive plant species;
- 2) Identifying environmentally friendly actions property owners can take to reduce or eliminate invasive species;
- 3) Preparing outreach materials to promote these actions (including flyers, social media posts, articles for the town's print and email newsletters); and
- 4) Holding one or two public meetings to present the inventory and actions.

Scientist Wanted. The Town is looking for a scientist to help complete the inventory of this project.

Scientists can apply to the position at <https://thrivingearthexchange.org/project/berwyn-heights-md>



Thriving Earth Exchange está trabajando con la ciudad para comprender mejor las especies invasoras en Berwyn Heights. "Este proyecto propone trabajar activamente en un inventario de especies de plantas invasoras y ayudar con el desarrollo de materiales de divulgación que se pueden utilizar para involucrar a la comunidad en general en el tema de la protección de la copa de los árboles locales. Hay muchos pasos que la gente puede tomar en su propios patios traseros para reducir los impactos negativos de las especies invasoras. Entre esos impactos se encuentran efectos como el cambio climático y la pérdida de biodiversidad. El proyecto involucra:

- 1) Elaboración de un inventario de especies de plantas invasoras;
- 2) Identificar acciones respetuosas con el medio ambiente que los propietarios pueden tomar para reducir o eliminar las especies invasoras;
- 3) Preparar materiales de divulgación para promover estas acciones (incluidos folletos, publicaciones en redes sociales, artículos para los boletines impresos y por correo electrónico de la ciudad);
- 4) y Realización de una o dos reuniones públicas para presentar el inventario y las acciones.

Científico buscado. El Pueblo está buscando un científico para ayudar a completar el inventario de este proyecto.

We would like to thank the generous volunteers who have adopted the following areas as part of the Berwyn Heights Green Team Beautify-A-Block program. Litter is much reduced in these areas - you are making a difference!

Beautify-a-Block

Area 1: **Abigail Reznick**: block surrounding 7-11

Area 3: **Anita and Christopher Cardwell**: Edmonston Rd between Charlton & Osage

Laura and Jeff Knutson: Edmonston Rd. North of Osage

Area 5: **James Wilkinson and Family**: Community Center side of Berwyn Heights ES

Karen Simon: 6100 Block of Quebec Pl.

Area 15: **Jade Olson and Taylor**: Pontiac & Berwyn Rd. between 57th & 58th Ave.

Therese Forbes and family: Cunningham Rd. between Berwyn & Goucher

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy & Janet Wygel: Seminole and Tecumseh between 62 & 63rd



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5700 Berwyn Road | June 11, 2021 | 10AM - 11AM

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Col K K Gattuso-Antalok

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***Únase a sus vecinos y oficiales de BHPD
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CODE COMPLIANCE

CoVID-19 Operations

Please note, the Code Compliance Department continues to operate with modified procedures in response to the CoVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

- Rental inspections cancelled until further notice;
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For additional information please call the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

Noise Restrictions

As we are throwing open our windows and spend more time outside, please be mindful of the Town's noise regulations, as set forth in [Ordinance 153](#). Lower noise limits are in effect during night-time:

9pm-8am Monday-Thursday
10pm-9am Friday-Sunday.

Noises covered by the regulations include but are not limited to amplified music, shouting, dog barking, chainsaws, lawnmowers, power tools, automobiles and motorcycles.

If you have a concern about a noisy situation, please first reach out the person(s) making the noise, who may be unaware they are creating a disturbance. Otherwise contact the Code Compliance Department 301-513-9331 during regular office hours 8:30am-5:00pm or the police non-emergency number 301-352-12000 at night.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King
President@BHESPTA.org

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton
bhbqc2019@gmail.com

Vice President: Jeremy Weiss
bhbqc2019@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
bhbqc2019@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga
Secretary: Shantel Williams
Athletic Director: Vacant
Fundraising Chair: Brandi Cowgill

Education Advisory Committee

Co-Chair: Joanna Whitaker

Co-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

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch
bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden
jjmosley45@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler
bhnwep53@aol.com

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag
quilttag1@yahoo.com

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Memorial Day TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	1 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting (VIRTUAL)	2 7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting VIRTUAL	3 N & S	4 N & S	5
6	7 11:00 AM Meet Town Mgr. 7:00 PM Worksession	8 S	9 7:00 PM Town Meeting VIRTUAL	10 N & S 7:00 PM Green Team Mtg. VIRTUAL	11 10:00 AM Coffee wt Cop	12
13 	14 N	15 S	16	17 N & S	18	19 8:00 AM Town-wide Yard Sale
20	21 N 7:00 PM Worksession VIRTUAL	22 S	23 7:30 pm BHHHC Meeting VIRTUAL	24 N & S	25	26
27	28 7:00 PM BHEAC Mtg. VIRTUAL	29 S	30	1 N & S	2	3



Please do not park in the street, where possible, when the street sweeper is in Town.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling
Recycling Collection



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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
 Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Amanda Dewey (314-322-1080) adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Mayor — Public Health & Safety
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345 1516 jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
 Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Code Compliance
 Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Administration
 Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Public Works
 Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Town Manager

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:
 Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
 Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
 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.

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Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email kharper@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