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June 1: Summer Concert at Lake Artemesia 6PM

June 17: Town Wide Yard Sale 8AM

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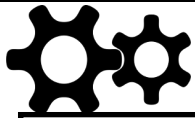
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Holiday Trash Schedules

Memorial Day Holiday- Monday, 5/29/23

Townwide Trash- Tuesday, 5/30

Townwide Recycle- Wednesday, 5/31

Townwide Yard Waste/Food Compost- Thursday, 6/1

Townwide Trash- Friday, 6/2

Juneteenth Holiday- Monday, 6/19/23

Townwide Trash- Tuesday, 6/20

Townwide Recycle- Wednesday, 6/21

Townwide Yard Waste/Food Compost- Thursday, 6/22

Townwide Trash- Friday, 6/23

Streetsweeper- June 12th to 16th

The Four Cities Streetsweeper will be in Berwyn Heights the week of June 12th-16th. If you have significant pollen/debris in your curb gutter, please make sure to not have it cars parked in those areas to maximize the benefit of this service.

Public Works June Projects

Over the summer months, Public Works will be repainting curbs and trimming overgrowth at stop signs and other right-of-way areas throughout Town. Please email Public Works Director Brad Pudner (bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) with any requests.

Horarios de basura

Feriado del Día de los Caídos - Lunes, 5/29/23

Basura en toda la ciudad- Martes, 5/30

Reciclaje en toda la ciudad - Miércoles, 5/31

Residuos de jardín/compostaje de alimentos en toda la ciudad - Jueves, 6/1

Basura en toda la ciudad- viernes, 6/2

Diecinueve de Junio - Lunes, 6/19/23

Basura en toda la ciudad- Martes, 6/20

Reciclaje en toda la ciudad - Miércoles, 6/21

Residuos de jardín/compostaje de alimentos en toda la ciudad - Jueves, 6/22

Basura en toda la ciudad- viernes, 6/23

Barrendero de calles del 12 al 16 de junio

El barrendero de cuatro ciudades estará en Berwyn Heights la semana del 12 al 16 de junio. Si tiene una cantidad significativa de polen/desechos en la cuneta de su acera, asegúrese de que no haya autos estacionados en esas áreas para maximizar el beneficio de este servicio.

Obras Públicas Junio Proyectos

Durante los meses de verano, Obras Públicas volverá a pintar los bordillos y recortará la maleza en las señales de alto y otras áreas de derecho de paso en toda la ciudad. Envíe un correo electrónico al Director de Obras Públicas Brad Pudner (bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) con cualquier solicitud.

Beautiful Berwyn Heights Day



Worksession Minutes

April 3, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Also present was Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen.

Approval of the Agenda

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

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

MPT Brittan-Powell wished everyone a good Easter and Spring Break. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also mentioned that we are in the middle of Ramadan. CM Papanikolas asked for residents to be careful as students are on Spring Break and will be out during the day.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the calendar for April, highlighting the Committee meetings and the budget listening session prior to the April Town Meeting.

c. Quantum Companies discussion on new tenant at the old Staples property:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the discussion with Quantum Companies will need to be rescheduled. ITM Jones added that they did make contact regarding the renovations and stated that they seemed open to enacting some green practices.

d. DHCD Sustainable Communities Council Review

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced that this is the application the Town will be voting on during the April Town Meeting. The Council reviewed the document and made requests for some changes. In particular, the demographic information will be checked and some corrections made. In the Environment Action Plan section, additional strengths such as being a Bee City USA and the installation of pet waste stations will be noted. Additional requested action items for Environment were to make the "drainage problem areas" strategy more robust, including to work with State and community partners to implement projects. Under Economic Development, there was a request for more specificity on grant funding opportunities, as well as to highlight the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Program report from 2018. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also asked for clarification on the call-a-bus program, stating that it was the Town-sponsored program run by Code Compliance that had been cancelled, not the County's call-a-bus which is still available to residents. Discussion of the Transportation portion of the application did not result in any requested changes to the application, but CM Papanikolas asked about the status of the Dragon handheld

camera for police officers. CM Hemby asked about "local traffic only" signs and if they should be larger and at more entrances to Town. CM Papanikolas added that "local traffic only" signs signal Google Maps to avoid routing traffic through Town as a bypass route. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed some concern that when there are too many signs they get ignored. There was also discussion asking for follow-up with the police department on the status of temporary speed bumps and LED stop signs.

CM Papanikolas stated that he does not care for the action items for improving communication with Town residents and businesses, stating that surveys have been conducted in the past. CM Hemby added that she is distressed by the weaknesses in the Quality-of-Life portion of the application, especially a lack of after school activities. There was discussion on options to improve this area, including possible collaboration with the Community Center and Boys and Girls Club. Both Parks and Planning and the Boys and Girls Club will be invited to a future worksession to discuss options to improve this area. There was discussion on the comprehensive assessment with some edits to be made on the order of items as well as some additions and modifications. Examples include focus on the improvements in the commercial district and adjusting crime data to reflect the size of the community.

MPT Brittan-Powell asked about CM Papanikolas' idea of adopting this as an interim strategic plan. CM Papanikolas added that there would also need to be an implementation plan. Council discussed reviewing the Strategic Plan that was developed in 2016, but due to turnover did not have the implementation plan developed to keep it active. The strategic plan and the possibility of using this application as part of an updated strategic plan will be part of a future agenda.

e. Codification Project: Code and Police

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy discussed that the Town has received an extension until April 24th, but that there are still pending responses from Code Compliance and the Police Department. ITM Jones will set a deadline for those departments to respond so that all items can be sent to the Town Attorney for review. TC Friesen will ask American Legal about additional response time.

f. Updated FY 24 Budget Documents, ARPA (18 months), PSTD, General Fund

ITM Jones introduced a budget draft that is still open for edits and highlighted that the draft discussed is based on the current tax rate of \$.545 per \$100 of assessed real property value. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that keeping the current tax rate will result in additional funds that help the Town keep up with the growing cost of maintaining a government. CM Papanikolas added that the Town's sources of revenue are limited and that the largest source of income is from real estate taxes. He also asked for Council confirmation that they understand that this proposed tax rate is provisional until after there has been a public hearing on the subject.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy informed Council that they will be responsible for presenting their department's budget during the Town Meeting. ITM Jones added that this budget has been balanced based on moving many of the requested budget enhancements to the proposed ARPA budget. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the considerable increase in proposed income from Town Center rentals. ITM Jones replied that staff is proposing expanding the rental opportunities in order to maximize the income opportunities. There was concern expressed about expanding this beyond Berwyn Heights residents where the perceived lack of community ownership could result in damage and noise issues associated with the rental.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for confirmation about the proposed income tax revenue, expressing concern that it seems high. TT Lightfield explained that more revenue will come in after April 15th and explained how he projects income for the coming fiscal year. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked to have this item reviewed for several years, beyond what is shown on the current spreadsheet. She also asked about the transfer to infrastructure reserves, which resulted in discussion on dedicated funding and the need for an additional line item to show how funding is transferred into a reserve fund. TT Lightfield explained that changing that on this budget will result in a small deficit. There was a discussion about best accounting practices. There was discussion on several smaller items, such as the AirCard costs and solid waste fees. ITM Jones introduced a proposed ARPA budget that captures the remaining 18 months until funding must be allocated. He reviewed his proposed expenditures. MPT Brittan-Powell asked why some items in proposed enhancements for the General Fund are coming from the ARPA fund instead out of reserves. He stated that there are several other projects that the Town has discussed that aren't in the proposed spending plan. ITM Jones advocated using the ARPA funds to make the enhancements for the departments viable without using Town Reserves. Council discussed the status of the Town's dedicated reserves as well as continued discussion on the requested vehicles for Police and Public Works. ITM Jones advocated that the Council begin to actually spend ARPA funds. Council considered the purchase of a building for a community center, adding an executive session on April 6 at 6PM. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the Emergency Assistance Fund. Council discussed stormwater funding and the County's involvement. Additional conversation included articulating the priorities and processes of the budget process. CM Hemby advocated for a plain language explanation to be made available to residents.

TT Lightfield reviewed the proposed Pub-

lic Safety Taxing District and the proposed tax increase for the PSTD which was initially calculated at a much higher rate but will only need to be increased about \$0.0015 per \$100 of assessed value.

CM Menjivar noted that the pickup truck that was allocated for this year in the General Fund will likely not be received and needs to be added to the budget for FY24. Council briefly addressed the requested Public Works reorganization and decided to add that to the next worksession.

g. FY24 Fees and Fines Schedule
Council determined to wait to address this at the next worksession.

h. Vehicle Reserve Fund Update
Council addressed out of order as part of agenda item 1.f.

i. Resident Comments
There were no resident comments.

2. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs
CM Papanikolas shared that there are two events coming up, an invasive plant pulling event with the Green Team and the BHHC is hosting a Meet the Author event with Dr. Richard Bell on his book "Stolen". He highlighted attending the Rec Council meeting if you are involved in Berwyn Heights Day.

3. Public Safety
Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she'd like to consider using the education grant that the Council has not allocated this year to sponsor attendees at STEAM summer camp programs at the Community Center. She also met with the School of Public Health, and they are working on a proposal to be sent within a few days. Berwyn Heights Elementary School is having a health and wellness fair and invited the Town to participate. CM Hemby offered to take point on that.

4. Public Works
CM Menjivar reviewed that Director Pudner has completed the road report and is looking to target areas where there were issues caused by water over the winter. He also mentioned the bathrooms at Sports Park are opening. Council reviewed who is responsible for maintaining the bathrooms throughout the season.

5. Administration
MPT Brittan-Powell thanked ITM Jones and TT Lightfield for all their work on the budget. He also thanked CM Hemby for volunteering during Berwyn Heights Day. He added that he and ITM Jones are meeting with Greenbelt to discuss possible opportunities to team up on some projects involving aging-in-place.

6. Code Compliance
CM Hemby reviewed the status of the residence that was the subject of a Code ap-

peal, and that the decision was made to not fine the residents as they had completed the requested work. She added that she would like to review the appeal process. There was discussion on refining the language in the ordinance so that appeals could be made in closed session.

TT Lightfield inquired about the approval status of checks for the ARPA business relief grants.

7. Adjournment
CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:42pm.

Town Meeting Minutes : **April 12, 2022 | 7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence. Staff present were ITM Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that longtime term resident Mia Rojas has passed away at the age of 98. Service details will be shared when they are known. She also reported out on the April 6, 2023 Executive session that was held under General Provision Article §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. Specifically, the acquisition of a space for public gathering as well as to provide a permanent location for the Berwyn Heights Police Department. All Councilmembers were present and voted to close the meeting. Also present was ITM Jones. All Councilmembers voted to send a letter of intent on a property.

CM Hemby thanked residents who came to speak on tonight's agenda.

2. Approval of Agenda

CM Papanikolas stated that he would like to make a motion to amend the agenda, to hold the public hearings that were scheduled, but to recess after that in order to provide the Council more time to understand the budget that was scheduled for introduction. The most recent version of the budget was sent to Council less than a full day before the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy advocated to respond to several other areas of the agenda that are time sensitive and to recess only on budget related issues. Council discussed adding an additional worksession on the 20th at 6PM and to reconvene the Town Meeting on April 26th. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the proposed subject on traditional funding for a police department. CM Papanikolas commented that until there have been full discus-

sions on how ARPA is to be allocated, he believes holding off on measures regarding funding of the police department makes sense. Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended by Mayor Kulpa-Eddy.

3. Public Hearing: Constant Yield Tax Rate
Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced the Constant Yield Tax Rate (CYTR) Hearing and reviewed that Council is considering exceeding the CYTR by maintaining the current tax rate of \$.545 per \$100 of assessed real property value which, due to the rise of assessments, will generate \$112,309 in additional property tax revenues. She opened the public hearing at 7:18PM.

Resident Paul Kavanaugh of Berwyn Rd stated that inflation has affected everyone, including the Town and he believes the Town Council really has no choice but to do what it needs to do to increase revenues. He has benefited from taxes on a personal level. He stated that Town employees are facing inflation and that the Town is facing inflated pricing on goods and services as well.

Shira Francis of Berwyn Rd stated that she has been seeing people leave Berwyn Heights due to the high cost of living in the community and does not believe the Town should raise taxes making the burden greater. She commented that real people have had to leave due to increased rents. With no further comments, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy closed the hearing at 7:22PM.

Public Hearing: General Fund FY24

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Town has two budgets, the General Fund and the Public Safety Taxing District. The General Fund provides for the public services the Town delivers and maintains adequate reserves and "rainy day" funds. She reviewed that the current budget has a deficit of about \$230,000 and that the budget is required to be balanced and the Town is open to input on the ways to balance the budget.

Resident Paul Kavanaugh stated that he is not a budget expert but expressed concerns that he does not see Stormwater Management as a line item in the budget. He added that residents need a clearer understanding of what the Council has done on Stormwater Management. He believed that there was to be a Town Hall meeting on the subject and wanted to know what happened after the presentation from the County at a previous meeting. He added that he was glad to see the Sustainable Communities certification being renewed, but does not see that as a line item in the budget. Given that nothing is free, it should be accounted for. He appreciated CM Papanikolas' comment at the last meeting regarding using this application as an implementation plan. He commented on grants the Town could pursue, including collaboration with larger municipalities. He added that he did not see any tree canopy work in the budget and believes there

should be an arborist on contract. He added he would like to see the Council speak at the Four Cities meetings to determine what kind of codes other municipalities have put forward to manage stormwater and rejuvenate their tree canopy.

Resident Michael Bloom of 63rd Ave added that he would like to support what Mr. Kavanaugh had said, adding that the ARPA funds provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to shore up the Town's stormwater infrastructure. He made several suggestions including rainwater collection options, planting native species and the use of impervious pavement. He expressed his belief that this would cost about \$1.3 million and the rest of the ARPA funds should be spent on enhancing the community, including a park for adults, by purchasing a vacant lot. He expressed frustration at the lack of action from the Council and an absence of effective leadership and an inability to prioritize Town needs.

Resident Pat Agee called in to say it was difficult to hear people speaking. The hearing was suspended for a short time while attempts were made to fix the problem.

The hearing then continued as resident Zach Francis stated that he owns a home at the bottom of Berwyn Rd and is concerned about stormwater, echoing previous statements. He added that his property lost three trees in the summer storms in 2022, and he has concerns about what their loss will mean in terms of stormwater management.

With no further community comment, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy closed the hearing at 7:46PM.

Public Hearing: PSTD FY24

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Public Safety Taxing District is established around the Town's commercial district for the purpose of financing one police officer. She stated that the proposed rate will increase Real Property taxes by \$.01, to \$.13 per \$100 of assessed real property value while maintaining the Personal Property tax rate at \$.15 per \$100 of assessed value. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that there will be a meeting with the CDMA later in the month as well. She opened the public hearing at 7:47PM.

Resident Paul Kavanaugh expressed support for taxes that bolster public safety but heard from a neighbor that the Police Department is not patrolling the Town between 11PM and 4AM. He expressed concerns if that was accurate.

Resident Michael Bloom asked for a response regarding the comment about lack of patrols. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that Council does not typically respond during public hearings but will inquire with the Chief of Police on the matter. With no further community comment, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy closed the hearing at 7:51PM.

4. Consent

CM Papanikolas moved to approve the consent agenda. He also highlighted to residents that the Council Project Tracker is part of the consent agenda and encouraged them to keep an eye on it. CM Hemby seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that there have been 5 budget listening sessions and reviewed priorities that she heard during those sessions. She highlighted that there will be overnight (9pm-5am, Sunday-Thursday) milling and paving on the I-495 Inner Loop at College Park that may affect traffic with three lane closures and to be prepared for heavier than normal traffic during those hours.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he has heard other residents expressing similar concerns as stated during the budget hearings, including on housing security. He is exploring programs that already exist and has met with the Town Manager in Greenbelt to explore possible collaboration on these services as well as aging in place programs for seniors.

CM Hemby thanked the residents who participated in the public hearings and for those who have reached out to her personally. She stated that some Councilmembers share the concern about stormwater management and good community spaces.

CM Papanikolas also thanked residents for speaking. He stated that he has also had frustration on the lack of progress and is happy to hear residents stating their priorities. He acknowledged that talk is cheap, and action is needed. He again invited residents to keep Council accountable via the project tracker.

6. Committee Reports

a. Education Advisory Committee- CM Papanikolas shared that the EAC is still not meeting.

b. Green Team- Paul Kavanaugh stated that the reports CM Papanikolas provides on the Green Team are 95% accurate. He added thanks to the Town Clerk on making the minutes understandable, and that he would like to see an executive summary of action items immediately following each meeting. CM Papanikolas added that the April Green Team meeting will be virtual and focusing on how to support the Town in Sustainable Maryland (Sustainable Communities) application items as well as brainstorming on stormwater solutions that are not tied up in County issues.

c. Historical Committee: Chair Debby Steele-Snyder highlighted the "Meet the Author" event with Dr. Richard Bell on Sunday, April 16 from 2-4PM. She added they are planning to participate in Berwyn

Heights Day. They are also working on a project to organize their files.

d. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared the NW/EP Committee will also be participating in Berwyn Heights Day, and they are working to get a CPR/AED class for residents in June or July.

e. Recreation Council: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared an email from Rec Council Chair Susan Jones that outlined the tentative schedule for the upcoming porch concerts on April 30th. She also stated that the rides and pancake breakfast on Berwyn Heights Day (May 6) will be free again this year. There will also be a parade at noon, and afterwards several food and craft vendors will be selling a variety of goods.

7. Old Business

a. DHCD Sustainable Communities Application Approval:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she was glad to see the changes suggested in the last worksession have been incorporated. She reviewed the program, highlighting the advantages and grant opportunities that the designation will give the Town. MPT Brittan-Powell thanked all those who worked on the document. CM Papanikolas added that the application is pretty much laid out like a strategic plan and would like to see this adopted as the interim strategic plan with an implementation plan to be developed once the new Town Manager has been hired.

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the Sustainable Communities Application. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed 3:0:1 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell, and CM Papanikolas in favor and CM Hemby abstaining.

8. New Business

a. Budget Ordinance Introduction- recessed

b. PSTD Budget Ordinance Introduction- recessed

c. ITM Jones PowerPoint Presentation on Floodgate Program

ITM Jones reviewed the application process for the floodgate program. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy emphasized that the program is only for property owners and for renters to ask their landlords to apply if they are in need of gates. CM Papanikolas stated that he was glad to see the program launched after 8 months. He asked about the status of the stormwater mitigation grant. MPT Brittan-Powell highlighted that the stormwater mitigation grant will be retroactive to the storm event of August 2022. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the application for the mitigation grant still needs to be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

d. Four Cities Agenda Items

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that Greenbelt will be hosting the Four Cities meeting on

April 27th and asked for agenda items. CM Hemby expressed concern about crime in the area around Berwyn Heights and would like to have Greenbelt share their plans for the apartments behind Beltway Plaza. MPT Brittan-Powell would like an update on the plastic bag ban legislation in Greenbelt and College Park. Stormwater management continued to be an area of joint concern.

9. Resident & Community Comments
Resident Claudia Barragan stated that she is speaking to represent INCBh on budget issues, expressing that she is against any increase on property taxes. She also will be starting a campaign because none of the budget information has been provided in Spanish and the Town will only respond to litigation. Ms. Barragan commented that there should be at least 10% of the population of Berwyn Heights attending Council meetings and providing comment. She expressed that she was saddened that the Latino Councilmember was not present at this Town Meeting. She expressed gratitude to CM Hemby for not voting to approve the Sustainable Communities application. She commented that there was no representation from immigrants and that the application was done almost entirely by the Green Team with no representation from Brown or Black residents. She added that CM Papanikolas is correct in his comment that this is not just an environmental application, but one with equity and justice issues as well and that minority representation should have been included. Ms. Barragan commented on the Floodgate application, stating that it should not be in front of residents if it has not passed through legal review. She also commented negatively on the quality of the Spanish translation of the application. She expressed that property taxes should not be increased as the Town is not using what they are receiving well. She reiterated that Council is not receiving adequate participation from residents and that they will be held accountable come elections.

Shira Francis commented that she agreed with previous comments that the Town should not use ARPA funds for a police department, but rather stormwater management and for resident engagement.

Debby Steele-Snyder asked about what action will need to be taken to remove a member of the BHHC who is no longer able to participate due to health reasons. CM Papanikolas stated he will review the resolution that established the BHHC to see what needs to be done, and if there needs to be official action to have that done at a Town Meeting soon.

10. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. With no

discussion the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Worksession (Budget) Minutes **April 20, 2023 | 7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Also present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Papanikolas asked about the requirement to have CM reports. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the ARPA 18 Month Budget Development item and the goals to be accomplished. No motions to amend the agenda were made. CM Papanikolas moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

There were no announcements.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy highlighted the Four Cities Meeting on April 27th and the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) meeting to review the Public Safety Taxing District budget that will occur during the day on April 27th.

c. General Fund FY24 Budget Discussion, including Salary and Reorganization

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the General Fund is the primary budget that funds the daily services of the Town. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for clarification on the differences between the budget presented this evening and the prior version. TT Lightfield stated the primary difference is the 4% COLA for all employees.

There was discussion about the proposed enhancements that had been suggested to be included in the ARPA fund and if those were in the General Fund. As those enhancements are not currently in the GF budget, there was considerable discussion on how to fund the Public Works enhancement requests (one pick-up truck and a piece of equipment called a "dingo"). TT Lightfield was asked to explain the current budget version. He framed the conversation that the budget as presented has a deficit of \$310,000: \$150,000 of which are one-time expenses with \$160,000 being recurring expenses. If the Council adopts the Constant Yield Tax Rate (CYTR), the deficit will increase by \$112,000. He added that this budget does not reflect backfilling the vehicle reserve fund. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked Council to look at Ordinance 187 closely as this is what must be introduced at the next meeting, while the budget

can still be worked on until it is passed. Several minor changes to the ordinance were identified. CM Hemby asked about the status of stormwater funding. ITM Jones reviewed that the floodgate program is open and that the application for the residential stormwater mitigation grant is still awaiting approval.

Council weighed the advantages and disadvantages of keeping the tax rate at \$.545 per \$100 of assessed real property value or maintaining the CYTR of \$.5187 per \$100 of assessed value. After considerable discussion, Council consensus was to assume a CYTR.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced the proposed reorganization for Public Works. She gave background that the Town did a "Classification and Compensation" study in 2016 and suggested using those Worksession minutes as the study summary. There was discussion if the recommendations from that study were ever enacted. There was discussion about the limited salary comparisons that staff were able to gather in the short time available this year and how those compared to Berwyn Heights. CM Menjivar stated while large municipalities may have larger budgets, they also have more employees and that the individual pay for an employee may not be that different. He stated that the proposed reorganization and salary changes reflect the increased responsibilities that the employees would have. CM Hemby invited ITM Jones to give his thoughts on the reorganization proposal. He shared that he has concerns about the job position descriptions as well as the raises that seem too high. There is concern about bias and hiring practices. There was detailed discussion about the consequences of rewriting a position and if there would need to be a rehiring process as well as external recruitment. CM Hemby expressed that she is not comfortable with reorganizing at this time. She also expressed a desire to conduct an annual employee survey to ensure that they are being heard. The challenges of doing that anonymously with such a small staff were discussed. A 360° review system in which employees could evaluate each director was also mentioned. CM Menjivar suggested a closed session with each director to discuss personnel matters. This would frame what the Council would be able to do in Fiscal Year 2025. Public Works budget items for the Administrative Assistant position and CDL training incentive were also discussed. Several small changes to the Code Compliance budget were identified.

d. FY24 Public Safety Taxing District Budget Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that Ordinance 188 will need to be introduced at the next meeting. The proposal is to raise the real property tax rate by \$.01 for every \$100 of assessed value making the rate \$.13. Several small changes were identified. MPT Brittan-Powell mentioned that the Town chooses to use this allocation of funds to pay for one officer, but that other municipalities may choose to use PSTD funds in other fashions for Public Safe-

ty.

e. ARPA 18 Month Budget Development Council discussed the proposed draft prioritization guidelines for a new ARPA budget. There was discussion on making the draft guidelines public. Clerk Friesen will publish the document to the agenda as amended at the meeting. There was discussion about if this needed to be formally adopted or if it was an administrative guideline that did not require formal adoption. Resident Michael Bloom called to ask about how the public will have access to the document. There were suggested changes to add housing security to draft guideline #5 and to add aging-in-place to draft guideline #2.

f. Resident Comments

Resident Claudia Barragan from 8309 58th Avenue called and asked why the Council is rebuilding the wheel with the ARPA budget. She stated that the line items from last year keep moving, stating that the Council should be adding and not adjusting. CM Papanikolas responded that he feels they are additions and that the guidelines are informed by the previous budget. Ms. Barragan stated that March 13, 2023 has a very different proposed budget and that by law, the Council is required to share the documents they are reviewing. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the budgets are very different and that is a result of discussions between the Council and ITM Jones. Ms. Barragan expressed concern that the Council is trying to take away from the already allocated funding for stormwater. She asked where the bullet point summary of the budget will be published and believes that the website should be updated with each piece of the budget.

She also asked for a clear comment on if the Town will be raising taxes. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and CM Papanikolas attempted to clarify stating that the property tax rate will be going down, but since the Town only controls a portion of the total property tax bill, taxes bills will go up, however the Town will not receive any additional revenue. Ms. Barragan stated each proposed budget should have a bullet point version to accompany it. ITM Jones reviewed that there was a budget summary on page 10-11 of the April Bulletin. Ms. Barragan stated that the summary in the April Bulletin is not the budget that the Council is not considering any longer.

Resident Paul Kavanaugh of 6019 Berwyn Rd stated that he does not agree with the previous speaker and he does not know how much more open the Council could be. He thanked the Council for their transparency and the civil nature of their conversations. He added that he is encouraged to see the ARPA budgetary guidelines. He shared when he lived in the delta of Texas his house

flooded twice and his house here will likely not flood for another 50 years. He respects the challenges presented when dealing with the County and every other agency that the Town does not control, but there is still a lot that the Town can do in stormwater management. He thanked the Council for moving it to the top of the list.

Resident Michael Bloom called and asked for someone to read the #1 priority on the draft guidelines. CM Papanikolas did so. Mr. Bloom asked about demonstration projects and the tree canopy and why the Town would spend any money on those. He expressed frustration over the inadequate drainage in Town. CM Papanikolas stated that trees absorb thousands of gallons of water and while not the only solution can be a part of the solution. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that this item is encompassing and that many subtopics are included. Mr. Bloom would like to know when the Council will decide and what they will decide on the budget. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it will be at some point shortly after the General Fund Budget has been passed. MPT Brittan-Powell encouraged comment and input on the ARPA budget from the community.

2. Public Works

CM Menjivar stated that Public Works is working on Berwyn Heights Day, including fixing light fixtures at Sports Park.

3. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed appreciation to all the staff that are putting long hours into the budget, especially ITM Jones.

4. Code Compliance

CM Hemby met with ITM Jones and Director Goodwin for conversation about the Code budget and the budget for the teen volunteer program. She gave thanks to both of them as well as CM Menjivar for his input.

5. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

CM Papanikolas had no report for PRE-CA.

a. Green Team Letter Sustainability Efforts at Aldi

CM Papanikolas shared that the Green Team has requested that a letter of support be sent from Council to the Quantum Company and Aldi regarding green initiatives that they would hope could be implemented on the property. He shared that the lion's share of the work to write this draft has been done by Tom Capon on the Green Team. With some discussion, Council consensus was to vote on the letter at the meeting on April 26th.

6. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy met with the Deputy

Chief Administrator of Prince George's County on Infrastructure, Technology, and Environment on April 18th. This is the department that handles flood control, the County's climate action plan, stormwater, and storm drain management. They encouraged residents to use the 311-reporting system for problems so they can track issues. The County has also purchased a vehicle to assess the condition of road pavement, and there was discussion about municipalities possibly being able to borrow the vehicle. She announced National Drug Take Back Day on April 22 detailing the closest locations and types of medications that would be accepted.

MPT Brittan-Powell asked residents to wish the Mayor a Happy Birthday.

7. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Public Meeting Minutes April 26, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7PM. Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

There were no announcements.

2. Approval of Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell asked for clarification on the title of the meeting, which is a Public Meeting. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Hearings

Ordinance 185-E- FY23 Budget Amendments

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced the budget amendment to cover the severance pay for the former Town Manager and to pay for the search for a permanent Town Manager.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened the hearing at 7:03. With no comments, she closed the hearing at 7:05PM.

Resolution 3-2023 FY24 Fees and Fines Schedule

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened the hearing to update the Fees and Fines Schedule. In 2019 the Council adopted Ordinance 179 which requires the Council to review and adopt a fees and fines schedule by resolution on an annual basis. This year, there are proposed changes to certain traffic

and parking violations under Ordinance 119 and for "Peace, Order, and Nuisances" violations under Ordinance 114. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened the public hearing at 7:05. With no comment, she closed the hearing at 7:07PM.

4. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the College Park Farmers Market opens this weekend from 8AM-1PM every Saturday for the season. Additionally, two Berwyn Heights police officers received "Top Cop" awards from the Maryland Municipal League Police Executives Association. This statewide award was presented to Corporal Ben Hol-lowell and Private First Class Jeffrey Harriot for their actions in the bank robbery in progress in October of 2022, where they safely removed bystanders from the scene and apprehended the suspect.

MPT Brittan-Powell encouraged everyone to make their preparations for Berwyn Heights Day. He thanked ITM Jones on a couple of efforts, including a meeting with WSSC which appears to have been productive for residents with backflow issues on Cunningham Ave. He has had good conversations on stormwater management issues with officials from the County. Additionally, students from the University of Maryland who have been working on a project involving stormwater data will hopefully present at a meeting soon. He also suggested reaching out to Andrew Fellows as another contact with stormwater experience.

CM Hemby thanked all the residents who have sent emails and calls about the young adult and teen program. She asked for more volunteers to teach classes on a variety of topics to advance the program and guide the participants. She added that due to the nature of working with children, background checks will be required.

CM Menjivar shared that WSSC has been in contact with Director Pudner regarding the street restoration on Edmonston Road. There has been a change of contractors and hopefully work will begin soon. Director Pudner also received informal word that there will not be an increase in landfill fees in the next fiscal year and is working to get that in writing.

CM Papanikolas shared about a wellness fair that will be held at Berwyn Heights Elementary School on Friday, April 28th. He stated that he would like to offer clarification as he has received comment that he was critical of Director Pudner's leadership in the last worksession. He stated issues with Human Resources practices of the past fall on former Town Managers as the head of HR. He will be speaking with Public Works staff soon and believes the proposed reorganization to be an important step for Public Works.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

a. Ordinance 185-E FY23 Budget Amend-

ments Introduction

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced Ordinance 185-E as a budget amendment to pay for the unexpected expenses of severance pay of the former Town Manager and search for the new permanent Town Manager. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to introduce the ordinance, CM Hemby seconded. CM Papanikolas asked to waive the first reading. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy agreed. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance 187: FY24 General Fund Budget Ordinance Introduction

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained the Department Directors, Town Management and Town Council have been working to draft a budget for FY 2024. This is the budget that funds the day-to-day functions of the Town. The proposed budget maintains the constant yield tax rate (CYTR) of \$.5187 per \$100 of assessed real property value rather than keeping the current tax rate of \$.545 per \$100 of assessed value. This means that the revenue from this source will remain flat. A proposed increase in expenditures means a deficit of close to \$700,000 for the next fiscal year. The Council will continue to work on the budget. CM Hemby moved to introduce Ordinance 187. CM Menjivar seconded. CM Papanikolas offered a friendly amendment to correct the tax rate typographical error. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for clarification on what had changed between this Ordinance and the budget worksheet. TT Lightfield reviewed the changes between the budgets from the last worksession and the worksheet that was presented with the Ordinance introduction. There was discussion regarding the CDL incentive line item for Public Works. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy invited each Councilmember to review each of their departments and the changes that have been proposed. She reviewed the changes to the police department, including the COLA salary increase across all departments, a promotion for one officer, two police vehicles and a software purchase.

CM Papanikolas shared the changes to the PRECA budget. The biggest change is the addition to pay M-NCPPC for the Men's Basketball League which will be reimbursed but is required by M-NCPPC. He also highlighted several small changes within some line items.

CM Hemby shared that TT Lightfield reviewed most of the changes to Code Compliance in his review but highlighted that training is of utmost importance. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the stipend for the teen volunteer program to ensure that it is in the FY24 budget.

CM Menjivar reiterated his opinion that the CDL incentive is critical to the Public Works Department. He also reviewed capital requests for vehicles and equipment.

MPT Brittan-Powell had no further updates. But he expressed his concern that by not allowing the reorganization of Pub-

lic Works, it will hinder progress with stormwater management. He also expressed that he did not understand the issue that halted the proposal and would like to understand the issue before the next Worksession.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that the Council is not voting on the budget at this time, but rather the Ordinance. CM Hemby noted that there have been several mistakes in the letterhead that was inadvertently used.

With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

c. Ordinance 188: FY24 PSTD Budget Introduction

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced the Public Safety Taxing District budget which finances the capital and operating costs of one police officer. She reviewed the areas which comprise the district as well as the one cent tax increase which will balance the budget. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to introduce the Ordinance. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 2-2023: Traditional Funding for the Berwyn Height Police Department Facility

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to introduce the resolution. CM Menjivar seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell shared that this document seeks to recognize the value of the police department and their service to the community, but that in looking to fund a new police department building it should be done through traditional funding methods rather than using ARPA funds. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she disagrees with the resolution as it is not logical. The Town should maintain the flexibility to use the limited-time-available ARPA funds for this purpose, even if it decides not to. CM Hemby voiced that she, MPT Brittan-Powell and CM Papanikolas have heard from Town residents who have voiced their opposition to ARPA funds being used for this purpose. With no further discussion the motion passed 4:1 with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

e. Letter to Aldi/Quantum in Support of Green Initiatives

CM Papanikolas moved to submit the letter to Quantum. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, CM Papanikolas reviewed the letter that the Green Team proposed to encourage the developer and Aldi to consider adding some green initiatives and infrastructure. Discussion included adding a request for EV chargers in the parking lot and the benefits and challenges of permeable pavers. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Resident & Community Comments

There were no resident comments.

8. Adjournment

CM Menjivar moved to adjourn. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, to motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Code Compliance Property Maintenance- Open Storage and Building Materials

Of the most common **Ordinance 107 Clean Lot** violations is the open storage of unauthorized items and **Building Materials**—Use exterior property to store building and construction materials such as lumber, bricks, concrete slabs, PVC and copper piping, tiling, aggregate, etc.

We remind residents, per Ordinance 107.4G:

Exterior property areas should not be used for the storage of building materials unless materials are being used for authorized construction or renovation projects. that have been issued Prince George's County and Town permits, if applicable.

No bathroom or kitchen fixtures, furniture, or lawn and garden equipment, irrespective of age or condition may be openly stored.

Only routine garden maintenance equipment and outdoor lawn furniture may be openly stored on the exterior property.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is the goal of our office to communicate and work with residents and business owners to correct violations. If there are questions or concerns about Notices from Code Compliance, we welcome recipients to contact us to discuss.

Juneteenth

Two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, on June 19, 1865 Union troops lead by Major General Gordon Granger reached Galveston, Texas with the news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

General Granger read General Order Number 3 which began "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equity of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."



The celebration of June 19th was coined Juneteenth and grew from participation of the descendants of former slaves. Having been celebrated for over 155 years, Juneteenth is considered the longest celebrated African American holiday. It was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021 when President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.



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Residents Panel to Interview Town Manager Candidates

The Town Council is seeking five (5) residents interested in volunteering to serve on a panel to interview Town Manager candidates. Our Interim Town Manager's contract expires on June 30, 2023. The Council has hired an executive search firm to assist in the selection of a new Town Manager/Chief Administrative Officer. We are expecting the search firm to provide us a list of qualified candidates in early June 2023. Interviews will likely be scheduled in mid-June 2023.

The Council values resident input in the hiring process. This is your opportunity to express what knowledge, skills, and abilities you think are most important in our next Town Manager and which of the candidates you believe best exhibit these qualities.

Please submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Melanie Friesen at mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov by June 15, 2023 for Council's consideration.

Thank you!

Panel de residentes para entrevistar a candidatos para el puesto de Administrador Municipal

El Concejo Municipal está buscando a cinco (5) residentes interesados en ser voluntarios para servir en un panel para entrevistar a candidatos para el puesto de Administrador Municipal. El contrato de nuestro administrador municipal interino vence el 30 de junio de 2023. El Concejo ha contratado a una empresa de búsqueda de ejecutivos para ayudar en la selección de un nuevo Administrador Municipal /director Administrativo. Esperamos que la empresa de búsqueda nos proporcione una lista de candidatos calificados a principios de junio de 2023. Es probable que las entrevistas se programen a mediados de junio de 2023.

El Consejo valora los comentarios de los residentes en el proceso de contratación. Esta es su oportunidad de expresar qué conocimientos, habilidades y destrezas cree que son más importantes en nuestro próximo Administrador Municipal y cuáles de los candidatos cree que exhiben mejor estas cualidades.

Envíe una carta de interés a la secretaria municipal Melanie Friesen a mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov antes del 15 de junio de 2023 para la consideración del Consejo. ¡Gracias!





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Recent Working Incidents

April 17th- At around 1 pm, Ladder Truck 14 and its blended career & volunteer crew were alerted as the first due truck responds to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for the reported building fire. Truck 14 arrived within 90 seconds of being dispatched to find fire showing from the roof of a four-story commercial building, and requested the working fire dispatch. Upon further investigation, the fire was located to be in a high voltage wire chute on the side



bravo of the building. After power was secured by PEPCO, the truck crew opened up with the engine companies and extinguished the fire. The crew of Truck 14 operated for approximately one and a half hours before returning to service. Glenn Dale VFD Rescue Engine 18 was transferred to Station 14 to cover the area during the incident.

April 17th- At around 2am, Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was alerted to a reported building on fire in the 6700 block of Belcrest Road in Hyattsville. Units went on scene with fire showing and started the working fire dispatch. Truck 14 arrived on scene and immediately went to work laddering the building, ventilating, searching and checking for extension.

April 27th- Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to respond to Good Luck Rd and Auburn Ave for the reported Personal Injury Accident. Upon arrival, units found a two-vehicle accident with one patient trapped. The Rescue Squad extricated the patient and returned to service shortly after.

May 6th- Multiple Extrications for the Rescue Squad

745am- SQ14 was alerted for an accident on the ramp from IL495 to NB I-95 for a car overturned in a ditch off the road with the patient trapped pinned underneath. SQ14 stabilizing the vehicle and then removed the sidewall allowing access to patient before lifting the car off the patient so they could be removed and transferred to US Park Police EAGLE 2 helicopter for air transport to an area trauma center.

12pm- Squad 14 was alerted to I-295 in the area of Beaver Dam Rd to find 1 patient trapped, the crew quickly stabilized the vehicle before removing 2 doors and the B post to extricate the patient.

2pm- Squad responded to a crash at Edmonston Rd and Sunnyside Ave with 1 person trapped in the vehicle, the volunteers staffing SQ14 arrived and removed 2 doors to extricate the patient.

Outdoor Burning Laws

Prince George's County has regulations in place to regular recreational fires to ensure the safety of the residents and property. Below is a quick overview of how to properly and safely have a recreational fire:

Recreational fires shall be no larger than three (3) feet in diameter. Recreational fires cannot be used to dispose of leaves, branches, brush or other vegetation. Only dry, natural wood may be burned in a recreational fire. Recreational fires will be prohibited during drought conditions, if winds are greater than twelve (12) mph or during an air pollution event (Code Red or Code Orange air quality.)

Fires in fixed or portable outdoor fireplaces, chimneys, and other similar devices fueled only by seasoned dry firewood and used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines will be allowed, but subject to the following conditions:



A fire extinguisher or hose must be available during use. Fires must be at least thirty (30) feet from any structure. Fires are not permitted on any balcony or deck. Fires in these devices on or within thirty (30) feet of any public roads, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way shall be prohibited at all times.

Fixed or portable fireplaces or pits fueled by gas or propane used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines at single family dwellings or townhomes will be allowed, but subject to the following conditions:

- The device must be attended at all times by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, who is in direct view of the device.
- A fire extinguisher or hose must be available during use. Use on a deck is permissible, but the device must be at least ten (10) feet from the structure.
- The combustion area must not be in direct contact with combustible decking.

For more comprehensive information on the regulation of open burning and recreational fires, please contact the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department's Office of the Fire Marshal at 301-583-1830



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June 26	Patti Dennison	
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Flood Gates

The Town Council has begun a program to assist residents in obtaining flood gates for their homes. These gates are easy to install to create a secondary barrier on doors that are prone to allowing water into a home. These gates can be locked in place when a storm is pending.

You can learn more about the program by visiting the Community tab on the Town Website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/community>

Puertas de inundación

El Ayuntamiento ha iniciado un programa para ayudar a los residentes a obtener compuertas contra inundaciones para sus hogares. Estas puertas son fáciles de instalar para crear una barrera secundaria en puertas que son propensas a permitir que entre agua en una casa. Estas puertas se pueden bloquear en su lugar cuando hay una tormenta pendiente.

Puede obtener más información sobre el programa visitando el enlace de la comunidad en el sitio web de la ciudad en <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/community>



BERWYN HEIGHTS RECREATION COUNCIL

June Events:



Thursday, June 1st, 6-8pm - Free Concert @ Lake Artemesia

Pack a snack, bring something to sit on & join us as we kick off our Summer Concerts with The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet. *(Rain location: Town Center, 2nd floor)*

Saturday, June 17th, 8am til ? - Town Wide Yard Sale & Craft Sale

Turn your unwanted, or homemade items into cash. If you would like to be included on the map/listing, please email your address with top three items you will be selling to violindreams@verizon.net no later than Saturday, June 10th. (maps will be available 6/17 at the Town Center & Community 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.

**And Stay Tuned for details about more events,
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Have any suggestions for new events or how to make our existing events better? Want to get involved? Our next in person meeting is Tuesday 6/6 at 7pm at the Town Center, 1st Floor. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Historical Committee

Berwyn Heights Day 2023



What a wonderful day! The weather was perfect and we were busy with the many visitors to our table. We debuted the newest magnet to our historic house series and a new version of one of our older magnets. Forgot to add to your collection of magnets? Both of these and all the others will be available at National Night Out in August.

Congratulations to Jaime Chandler! She is the winner of our Wine Basket Raffle.

The next meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in the Love Room at 7:30 pm.

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Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, June 8 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 8 de junio a las 7:00 pm

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- Instale un pozo seco
- Reemplace el pavimento con grava o adoquines
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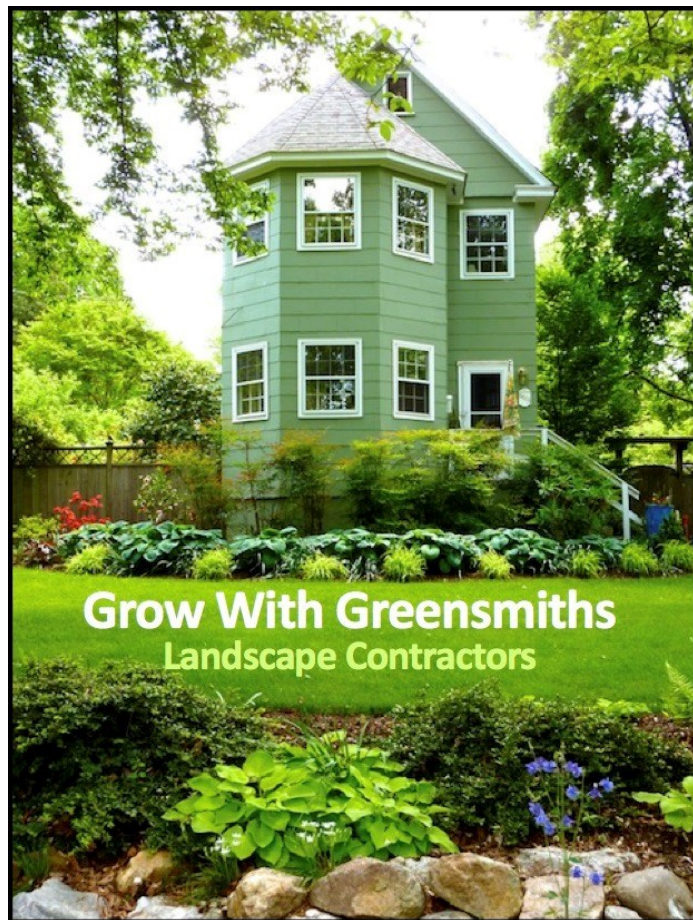
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The NW/EP Group is sponsoring a Hands-Only CPR training course including use of an Automated External Defibrillator and Pulse Point App on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on the second floor of the Town Center (8603 57th Avenue). RSVP by sending an email to Joan Hayden @ cntygal42@verizon.net or contacting the Town Office @ 301-474-5000 and letting the office know to put your name down on a list to give to the NW/EP Group POCs. We may have a NARCAN training session in the near future. Look for more information.

Hurricane Season 2023

The 2023 Atlantic [hurricane season](#) runs from June 1 - November 30. The National Weather Service defines a hurricane as a “[tropical cyclone](#) with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.” Hurricanes are rated according to intensity of sustained winds on the [Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale](#). The 1-5 scale estimates potential property damage. A Category 3 or higher is considered a major hurricane. The National Hurricane Center advises preparedness:

- A hurricane watch indicates the possibility that a region could experience hurricane conditions within 48 hours.

A [hurricane warning](#) indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours.

Forecasters are predicting a “slightly below-normal” Atlantic hurricane season; 13 named storms, including 6 hurricanes, two of which will be major hurricanes. These dates historically describe the period when most storms occur in the Atlantic. However, tropical storms can happen any time during the year. Experts note this season comes with high level of uncertainty based El Nino & unusually warm Atlantic Basin.

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist for items to stock up on in the event of a Hurricane:

Water (1 gallon per person for 3 days); Food (3 days worth); Battery-powered and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert; Flashlight(s); First aid kit; Extra batteries; Plastic sheeting & duct tape; garbage bags & plastic ties; Manual can opener; Cell phone with chargers & backup battery; Prescription medicines (An emergency can make it difficult to refill a prescription or find an open pharmacy); Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medications, antacids or laxatives; Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes; Pet food & extra water for your pet; Cash or traveler's checks; Important family papers (i.e., copies of insurance policies, identification & bank records; Sleeping bag or warm blanket; Complete change of clothing; Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

It is never too early to start preparing for Hurricanes or other disasters. Do not wait until the last minute as you run the chance of not being able to find items you may need to hunker down during a storm as others will be looking for the same items.

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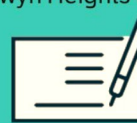
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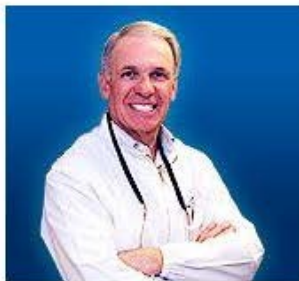
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April Incidents

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023, AT 1:39 AM, 'ARMED ROBBERY 7-11.'

On April 3, 2023, at approximately 2:00 AM, Detectives received 3SI alert for a cash tracker for the 7-Eleven located at 8900 Edmonston RD. Simultaneously PSC received a commercial robbery notification for the same location. Patrol responded and confirmed the robbery. PG County detectives responded to the scene and interviewed victims. According to the three victims/employees and after reviewing video surveillance, a black sedan with rims was seen backing into a parking space in front of the store and three unknown suspects exit the car and walk into the store. One suspect stood at the door serving as a lookout and holds it open. Due to the poor quality of the footage, it is unclear if there is a fourth suspect operating the vehicle. At the time the two suspects walked into the store, Victim 1 and Victim 3 were at the coffee machine area and victim 2 was in the back-room office area. The two suspects called the attention of victim 1, and he walked up to the register to attend to them. One suspect puts an item on the counter like a customer, and immediately following that action, both suspects brandished handguns and pointed it at Victim 1. Victim 1 remained behind the counter as both suspects ran around and forced victims 2&3 behind the counter at gunpoint. Once all victims were behind the counter Victim 2 was forced down to his knees and his hand up. Victims 1 & 3 were ordered to open the registers by the suspects. The victims, fearing for their lives, complied with their demands for money and opened the registers. Victim 3 was so terrified that he forgot his code, one suspect continued to threaten him as failed every attempt to open the register, victim 1 quickly stepped in and opened the register. Another suspect continued to ask for the safe to be opened, but it couldn't be opened because the victims did not have access. During the robbery, the third suspect remained positioned at the door and continued to remind the other two suspects about time. The two suspects stole the money with a

cash tracker from the register and as they fled the store one suspect stole a bag of chips. All three suspects got into the car and fled on Seminole Street. After the 3SI cash tracker activation, the location of the alert remained stationary. The 3SI attachment along with a dollar bill was observed and recovered from the roadway of the 6300 block of Seminole Street. Investigation continues.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023, AT 1:00 PM, 'VANDALISM.'

On 4/03/2023 at approximately 1546 hours, PFC. Herriott #1454 responded to 85** 60th Place Berwyn Heights, MD. 20740 for vandalism. Upon arrival, he spoke with the owner of a black Honda Pilot bearing MD Tag#A155200. The victim advised that an unknown person broke his back windshield, and he just discovered it on today's date 4/3/2023 at approximately 1400 hours. The victim also advised that he parked his vehicle in front of his house a month ago and was not aware of the broken window. The victim further advised that he has a CCTV however he does not know how to operate it.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023, AT 6:00 PM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

Sgt. Roberson responded to the KFS restaurant located at 6101 for a report of a theft from an auto. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant who stated that she was in KFC obtaining food. When she returned to her vehicle, she discovered that someone had entered her vehicle and removed snack items. The complainant was unconcerned about documenting the items taken from her unlocked vehicle. The officer did recover items on the ground next to the complainant's vehicle. The items recovered are a canvas backpack containing various documents, schoolbooks, and I.D. cards. Some documents are in the name of *** 54** Harpers Farm RD B3 Columbia MD (released to the owner at H.Q.) and an ID card in the name of ***** (notified via phone).

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, AT 8:41 AM, 'VANDALISM.'

At 0841 hrs, 4/4/2023, Cpl. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police, was dispatched to 5600 Greenbelt Road, Truist Bank, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a reported vandalism.

Hollowell met with the reporting person at the scene. The unknown suspects used a brick and shattered an exterior window (4 x 8) creating a large hole and fragmenting the glass. The action did not result in damage or penetration to the interior window. According to the reporting person he found the shattered glass during a perimeter check of the building. There were no exterior cameras near the point of damage that captured the suspect. There were no alarms during the listed time period. The information will be forwarded to BHPD CID for any further investigations. Currently suspect information does not exist.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023, AT 8:30 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

On 4/9/2023 at approximately 0830 hours, PFC. Herriott #1454 responded to 8300 55th Avenue, located in Berwyn Heights, MD. 20740 for theft from an auto. Upon arrival, he spoke with the owner of Orlinda Tree Company, who advised that an unknown person stole tree-cutting equipment from one of the work vehicles, a 1989 International truck bearing MD. Tag #5BL7603. The reporting person advised the equipment box is always locked at the end of the shift. She also advised that the equipment was locked inside the box on 4/8/2023 at approximately 1900 hours and when she returned today at around 0830 hours, she discovered the box opened and all equipment missing except a chainsaw. The reporting person concludes that the key to the lockbox is always kept underneath the truck and all employees have access to them. The reporting person also advises that there are no cameras in the area as well.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023, AT 4:10 AM, 'RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO.'

On 4/21/23 at approximately 0410 hours, officers responded to 6327 Greenbelt Rd. College Park, MD 20740 for a reported abandoned vehicle. Upon their arrival at the scene, they found the listed Honda HRV bearing VA registration "TYV9375" to have been abandoned due to disabling damage from hitting a curb. A Registration check was conducted on the vehicle to reveal it had been entered into teletype

as a felony vehicle through three jurisdictions including PG County. Investigations were notified of the incident and advised the vehicle to be recovered to the ID bay by Ryons Towing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 AT 11:01 AM, 'HIT & RUN'

At 11:04 AM, 4/22/2023, Cpl. T. Hollowell, 1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 6201 Greenbelt Road for a hit and run. Once meeting the

victim he indicated being inside a medical office for a meeting. When he returned he saw the damage to the front of his vehicle. The damage was superficial in nature to the front panel and grill. There were minimal vehicles in the parking lot and none in line with the victim's vehicle that would characterize another vehicle. A report for property damage was documented with an unknown cause. No investigation is pending.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023, AT 10:00 AM, 'HATE BIAS INCIDENT.'

On the above date and time, reporting person came to the BHPD and submitted an affidavit in regard to a thread of e-mails she received and interpreted that the sender is inciting recipients of e-mails to a potential racial bias directed towards her. Investigations continue.



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June 19-25, 2023

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11	12	13	14 Town Meeting 7PM Council Chambers	15	16	17 Town Wide Yard Sale 8AM Pollinator Fest 1-4PM
18	19 JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY	20 Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 6-8PM CPR Class Town Center	21 BHHC 7 PM G. Love Room	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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