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FY 2022 Budget Public Input

If you missed the Budget Town Hall meeting in February, you can still give us your input on next year's budget and let the Town Council know how you would like taxpayer money to be spent.

Town Manager Allen will present a draft budget in March. The Council will then make any changes it deems necessary or desirable. The budget will be introduced at the April 14 Town Meeting and adopted at the May 12 Town Meeting and residents are welcome to testify.

Throughout the budget process, you can always call or email Councilmembers and/ or the Town Manager at the addresses provided on the back of the Bulletin.



COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN

Please visit the [PGC COVID Vaccination webpage](#) for detailed information, preregistration and updates. Timelines are estimates and subject to change.

Phase 1: January-February

Healthcare Workers, Essential Personnel, & At-risk Populations

Phase 2: March-April

Critical Infrastructure Personnel & At-risk Populations

Phase 3: May-June

General Public

PLAN DE VACUNACIÓN COVID-19

Visite la [página web de vacunación de PGC COVID](#) para obtener información detallada, preinscripción y actualizaciones. Los plazos son estimaciones y están sujetos a cambios.

Fase 1: enero-febrero

Trabajadores de la salud, personal esencial y Poblaciones en riesgo

Fase 2: marzo-abril

Personal de infraestructura crítica y en riesgo Poblaciones

Fase 3: mayo-junio

Público en general

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.

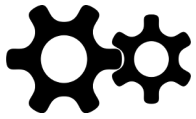
Check Town website for the latest updates <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

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/>



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PublicWorks@bewynheightsmd.gov TEL: 301-474-6897

Feliz primavera y algunos recordatorios:

Barrido de calles

¿El barrendero está en la Ciudad del 8 al 12 de marzo. Estacione su automóvil fuera de la calle cuando vea la barredora de calles en su área.

Se espera que la recolección de basura siga un horario normal, a menos que las inclemencias del tiempo requieran que los empleados de Obras Públicas den prioridad a la limpieza y el mantenimiento de calles. Consulte el sitio web y las redes sociales de la ciudad para obtener actualizaciones.

Reciclaje electrónico: 24 de abril, de 9 a. M. A 12 p. M. Lleve sus materiales electrónicos reciclables al Departamento de Obras Públicas de Greenbelt en 555 Crescent Road. Consulte el [sitio web de Greenbelt](#) para ver los artículos electrónicos aceptados. También se acepta, bloquee la espuma de poliestireno n.º 6 y pinte a un costo de \$ 5 por contenedor. NO MEZCLE LA PINTURA. Para obtener información, llame al 240-542-2153.

Reemplazo de la tubería principal de agua WSSC

WSSC continúa trabajando para reemplazar aproximadamente 1.03 millas de nuestras tuberías principales de agua. La fecha prevista de finalización es septiembre de 2021, si el clima lo permite. Si desea mantenerse actualizado sobre este proyecto WSSC, puede registrarse en wsscwater.com/CNS para recibir correos electrónicos y / o alertas de texto.

Happy Spring & a few reminders:

Street Sweeping

The street sweeper is in Town March 8-12. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area.

Trash collection is expected to follow a normal schedule, unless inclement weather requires Public Works employees to prioritize road cleanup and maintenance. Please check the Town website and social media for updates

Electronic Recycling: April 24, 9am-12pm

Bring your electronic recyclables to Greenbelt's Public Works Department at 555 Crescent Road. Please check [Greenbelt's website](#) for accepted electronic items. Also accepted, block Styrofoam #6 and paint at a cost \$5 per container. DO NOT MIX PAINT. For information call 240-542-2153.

WSSC Water Main Replacement

WSSC continues to work on replacing approximately 1.03 miles of our water mains. Expected completion date is September 2021, weather permitting. If you would like to be kept updated on this WSSC project, you may sign-up at wsscwater.com/CNS to receive emails and/or text alerts.



OUTAGES & EMERGENCIES

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English Speaking

(877) PEPCO-62
(877) 737-2662

Or report/ track outages via [Pepco's mobile app](#)
Or Text "OUT" to 48710

Hard of Hearing (TTY)

1-800-735-2258

Spanish Speaking

(202) 872-4641

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6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

Worksession Minutes January 4, 2021

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, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Historical Committee Chair Debby Steele Snyder and Education Advisory Committee Chair Joanna Whitaker.

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey reminded everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines while the vaccine is being rolled out. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Town's e-newsletter to be informed about the latest news, including a pilot community engagement 'Neighbor to Neighbor' program.

Clerk Harper announced that she will be retiring in June 2021 after 17 years of service.

CM Papanikolas announced that new programs for the unemployed are being developed but there will be a delay in implementation as there are no federal regulations yet.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Discussion Items

BHHC historic marker review: Mayor Dewey explained that the Historical Committee has reviewed the content of the historic markers it has erected around Town, as the country is revisiting its history and how it is reflected in monuments and statues. BHHC Chair Debby Steele-Snyder said that the Committee was requested by MPT Kulpa-Eddy to review its markers to see if any need to be changed. After reviewing and discussing the markers at meetings, the Committee recommends no changes. While there are markers that contain terminology and describe activities that would no longer be used or done today, they were typical for the period to which the markers refer. The marker content is generally factual and describes people and events in neutral language.

In discussion the following points were made:

- While monuments and statues tend to imply celebration of their subject, markers focus on historic facts;
- The BHHC might include a disclaimer

in a publication stating that the content of historic markers should be understood in its historic context;

- The UMD C3 program might serve as vehicle for collaboration between the BHHC and the University on historic projects or issues.

The Council had no objection to leaving the markers as they are. Ms. Steele-Snyder will ask the BHHC to consider whether to publish a disclaimer that contextualizes the marker content.

BHEAC grant form review: Mayor Dewey said that the Council asked the Education Advisory Committee to help it design a more systematic process to award education grants than the ad-hoc approach taken to date.

BHEAC Chair Joanna Whitaker said that the Committee was asked by MPT Kulpa-Eddy to develop a form that gathers standardized information from applicants for Town education funds. The BHEAC has drafted a form, which can be adjusted depending on how the grant process is deployed. If the Council wishes to give some direction on what types of projects it is seeking, it could use an "request for proposals" (RFP)-type process that includes specific guidance to applicants. Alternatively, the Town could make the application form generally available and ask only for an explanation of how the grant funds would be used, and how the community would benefit. The Committee also discussed how to encourage applicants to partner with other organizations to potentially strengthen their proposals.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- The grant process should avoid using the term 'RFP.' Instead, the form might include an introductory paragraph specifying what a successful proposal would look like.
- The BHEAC recommends keeping the form as open-ended as possible to cover as many grant projects as possible.
- The form might be adopted for other types of Town grants.
- The form might add a question about how much money is requested.
- The grant process might specify a preferred submittal date that could be tied to the budget process. Alternatively, rolling due dates might be considered.
- The BHEAC suggests November and April as possible rolling due dates.
- Some education funding might be set aside for teacher supplies.
- The BHEAC plans to market the grant to local schools and education

organizations and wonders if the Council wants to set restrictions on eligibility.

- Eligibility criteria should include that the applicant have a connection to Berwyn Heights.

The Council agreed to add form fields for the dollar amount requested and for showing a connection to Berwyn Heights. The BHEAC was requested to finalize the form and the grant process for Council's review and approval.

Council Rules update - minutes, consent agenda: Mayor Dewey explained, at a previous worksession, the Council discussed changes to Council Rules 1 and 2 that would add a consent agenda process and update the minutes approval process to ensure they conform with practice. TM Allen said, based on the Council's earlier discussion, she provided revised versions of Council Rules 1 and 2 showing the proposed changes. Council is requested to give feedback.

In discussion, the following changes to the Council Rules were discussed:

- CR 1-Content of Town Meeting Agenda: 'Department Reports' were renamed 'Department Policy Reports' to distinguish reports given by councilmembers from those submitted by department directors. They include standard PRECA reports although there usually are no policy issues to discuss.
- CR 1-Citizen Input at Worksessions: Citizens requesting an item be added to a worksession agenda need to identify themselves as Town residents and provide their name and address to staff responsible for drafting agendas.
- Residents wishing to comment at a Council meeting need not disclose their address to speak.
- Regarding CR 2- Completion & Distribution of Draft Minutes: Period for Town Clerk to complete draft minutes was extended to 20 business days, in part because minutes are now only approved once a month at Town meetings.
- Council should submit any edits to draft minutes within a specified period of 3 days.
- Minutes edited but not yet approved by the Town Council can be published in the Bulletin but must be identified as drafts.

TM Allen will revise the relevant sections of the Council Rules to include

the Council's comments prior to adoption at the next Town meeting.

Police Station facility update: TM Allen explained, in the course of a police station feasibility study last fall, Mann's Woodward Architects suggested exploring whether the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) is interested in a co-located public safety building. She has since spoken with BHVFD Chief McCoy and learned that the Fire Department is still weighing its options and that a decision on whether to construct a new fire station or upgrade the current one is not imminent. They are in a similar situation as the Town in that they don't know how to finance such an expensive project. TM Allen believes the best option might be to apply for a bond bill to finance a joint public safety facility. However, finding a suitable location is a challenge.

In discussion, the following approach was outlined:

- Joint venture makes sense in terms of efficient collaboration and receiving favorable consideration by funding agencies.
- Mann's Woodward Architects might be asked to evaluate the possibility of upgrading the current fire station or building a co-located facility on BHVFD's vacant property across the street, if BHVFD is amenable.
- Town Hall and fire station may have to be in separate buildings.
- Funding might be requested for a municipal core services project comprising separate buildings.

Possible locations for a future joint public safety/ municipal complex to consider might include:

- BHVFD properties in the 5500 block of Seminole Street, including a vacant property at the corner of Cunningham Drive;
- Private properties with easy access to major roads when they come on the market, e.g. Balley Avenue/Branchville Road.
- Properties along Indian Creek belong to Park & Planning and would likely not be buildable without significant remediation.

The Council agreed to make municipal facility modernization a topic in upcoming budget priority setting discussions to establish parameters on how to proceed. TM Allen was asked to continue conversations with BHVFD about a joint approach.

Budget engagement questions: Mayor

Dewey said this item is on the agenda to discuss how to best engage residents in the upcoming budget process. TM Allen said she was made aware and reviewed a citizen survey the Council conducted in November-December 2019, which produced very useful information about what Town services are considered important. Council is requested to provide feedback on whether this survey, or parts thereof, might be used to poll residents about budget priorities or whether the Council would like to take a new approach.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- In 2019, a survey was sent to a random sample of residents to reach those who do not comment on a regular basis. The survey was perhaps too long to elicit a high response rate.
- For purposes of this budget, any survey conducted should be short and simple to garner more responses.
- A simple survey might consist of a list of 10 budget priorities residents could rank or select three they consider most important.
- To reach residents who are less likely to comment, such as families with children, information could be posted at playgrounds.
- UMD students in the Campus-Community Connections (C3) program could be asked to help devise ways to reach more Town residents using 2019 survey questions.

The Council agreed to solicit resident input for the upcoming budget through a virtual Town Hall/ public hearing and a simple survey published in the Bulletin and online. TM Allen was asked to explore ways to take the survey via cell phone/ QR code and to advertise the survey through social media, signage at parks and playgrounds and through Town organizations.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey noted that she received a comment from a citizen with a disability who commended Officer Rufino and BHPD for enforcing handicapped parking violations, which are important for ensuring resident accessibility. She reminded everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 protocols and to be attentive to information now being released about COVID-19 vaccinations on the Prince George's County website.

Further, residents are reminded to lock their cars to prevent thefts from vehicles, to sign up for the e-newsletter and to consider participating in the new Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she received sever-

al questions about the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. This 3-month pilot program seeks to encourage residents to talk with each other and then provide feedback on how it worked. Depending on its success, the program might be included in a welcome packet for new residents. Mayor Dewey added that TM Allen gave an interview to Prince George's County TV about the program, which the reporter indicated would be posted on the PGC Community TV YouTube Channel.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy made announcements about a PGCPs boundary initiative, upcoming specialty school application deadlines, M-NCPPC's Youth Sports Strategic Plan and a cultural arts survey. With respect to Pepco's initiative to upgrade its streetlights, new LED lamps have been installed and can be seen in operation on 53rd Avenue in College Park's Hollywood neighborhood and on Rhode Island Avenue in Old Town.

CM Papanikolas announced that Treasurer Rodriguez has left the service of the Town and a temporary accountant has been hired while the Town is searching for a permanent replacement.

CM Brittan-Powell reported the Code Department is busy revising its business licensing program and made adjustments for COVID-19 operations. The Department has received complaints about auto repair shops being run on private properties and about too many people living in some single-family homes.

CM Sweep reported that he has received many compliments about Public Works employees. A new employee with a CDL license was hired and started working today. Mayor Dewey noted that Christmas trees can be discarded on yard waste collection days. TM Allen said Public Works will be collecting leaf piles that are still sitting at the curb this week.

5. Citizen Comments

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Town Meeting January 13, 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, and Ethan Sweep. CM Jason Papanikolas had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Historical Committee Chair Debby Steele-Snyder and Recreation Council President Susan Jones.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey conveyed Berwyn Heights condolences to the City of Greenbelt, which lost a police officer in the performance of her duties.

2. Approval of the Agenda

CM Sweep moved and CM Brittan seconded to approve the agenda. Mayor Dewey asked to amend the agenda to move "Town Council Sedition Statement" to the beginning of the meeting. The agenda was approved 4 to 0 as amended.

3. Town Council Sedition Statement

Mayor Dewey thanked Councilmembers Sweep and Papanikolas for drafting a statement condemning the events of January 6 at the U.S. Capitol as acts of domestic terrorism and insurrection. CM Sweep read the statement and moved to adopt it. CM Brittan-Powell seconded.

There ensued discussion. Mayor Dewey said she believes it is important for the community to hear the Council's reaction to the events. CM Brittan Powell proposed to include a phrase stating that 'as a governing body, the Town Council recognizes that we are a country of laws anchored in the constitution.'

MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern about parts of the statement that can be viewed as partisan, in particular the second sentence of the first paragraph, as well as a one-sided condemnation of violent protests. She believes all violent behavior during protests should be investigated and prosecuted to the full extent of the law, no matter who is doing it. Further, she disagrees with pointedly stating the event was incited by the President and then calling for the resignation or removal from office of elected officials who incited the Capitol riots, as stated in the second sentence of the third paragraph. She believes that all the facts about the events have not yet been ascertained. She would consider supporting the statement if those sentences are deleted.

Mayor Dewey replied she strongly disagrees with this perspective but would sign a statement that removes the words 'right wing.' She believes calling for the

"resignation or removal of elected officials" can remain as no officials are named. She further suggested not to get into a prolonged argument about what occurred on January 6, 2021 but to endorse the statement with minor changes for sake of demonstrating unity.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy further stated she would not sign a statement that maintains the Capitol riot was incited by the President, as this has not been adjudicated in a court of law. Mayor Dewey said she respects MPT Kulpa-Eddy's position and asked whether the remaining Councilmembers can support the statement as written.

CM Sweep said he believes the statement already reflects the differing perspectives on the Council, as he and CM Papanikolas drafted it in a process of mutual editing. He would not be comfortable with signing a statement that does anything less than drawing a line with respect to the behavior exhibited by President Trump and his supporters.

Mayor Dewey asked for a vote on the statement that includes CM Brittan-Powell's reference to the United States being a country of laws. The Council voted 3 to 1 to adopt the statement as amended, with MPT Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

4. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, seconded by CM Sweep, the November 16 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, seconded by CM Brittan-Powell, the December 7 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, seconded by CM Brittan-Powell, the December 9 Town meeting minutes were approved 4 to 0, as amended.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dewey reported she will attend the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee meetings occurring weekly while the State Legislature is in session and monitor legislation that affects local government. She also attended meetings with Prince George's County and Senator Cardin about COVID vaccination plans. Residents are encouraged to remain engaged in the community and consider participating in the new Neighbor to Neighbor program and subscribing to the e-newsletter. Mayor Dewey also advised residents to refrain from attending the Inaugural celebrations next week.

6. Department Reports

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Brittan-Powell seconded to accept the department reports into the record. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Administration – Town Manager's Report:

TM Allen relayed information that County Executive Alsobrooks shared during a briefing about the COVID vaccine rollout. First responders, including Berwyn Heights police, are in the process of being vaccinated as part of Phase 1A. Phase 1B beginning in February will include adults 75 years and older and government employees who ensure continuity of operations, among others. They are followed in Phase 1C by adults 65–75 years-old, and employees in key sectors of the economy.

BHPD is trying to arrange for the County's mobile health clinic to come to Berwyn Heights to administer vaccinations to seniors. Any nurses or health care workers residing in the Town are encouraged to contact TM Allen if they can offer assistance.

In response to questions, Mayor Dewey and TM Allen said that vaccination plans are subject to change. They will inquire whether people working in agricultural research are included in Phase 1B. The vaccination plan is based on use of currently approved vaccines.

In other news, TM Allen reported that Washington Gas made repairs to gas lines on 62nd Avenue and that the Town's food donation to the Berwyn Presbyterian food pantry was redirected to its parent organization 'Help by Phone,' which also benefits people in this area.

Administration – Treasurer's Report:

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TM Allen said real estate taxes are coming in as expected so far. She will look into personal property tax receipts for an update.

Code Compliance:

CM Brittan-Powell reported that Director Goodwin is planning to implement virtual home inspections. TM Allen added that the Code Department performed a couple of test home inspections using smart phones. The process still requires some adjustments, but the Code Department hopes to be ready for virtual inspections within a month.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that the monthly Code report has confusing information about stormwater drainage problems and requested this topic be added to an upcoming worksession

agenda. TM Allen said the Code Department has dealt with several stormwater drainage issues and is exploring collaborating with WSSC on drainage solutions when they repair the roads following the watermain replacement project. The County's Raincheck Rebate program could also be a solution for stormwater runoff problems.

Parks, Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she participated in a focus group for municipal stakeholders on developing a Youth & Countywide Sports Division strategic plan at which the maintenance, allocation and permitting of Park & Planning fields was discussed. The new division is conducting an inventory of current recreational resources to address any unmet needs. Input can be given online at PG Parks.com/GameOnPlan. Further, Prince George's County is conducting a cultural arts survey to which residents can respond through a link on the Town website until February 1 and is hosting a January 28 virtual meeting on integrating cultural arts into the County's economic development and land use strategies.

In response to CM Brittan-Powell, MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the Youth & Countywide Sports Division is in the beginning phase of assessing recreational assets and their use. No decisions are yet being made on the use of any particular field, such as Sports Park, on integrating independent sports leagues into the programming or on increasing sporting opportunities for girls.

Public Works: CM Sweep reported that the trash collection will follow a modified schedule following the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday next week and that Public Works has been working hard to collect all remaining leaf piles still sitting at the curb. TM Allen added that she toured the Town today and the leaf collection looks to be almost complete. Any homeowners whose leaves have not been picked up should call Town Hall so that the Public Works crew can be dispatched to that location.

Public Safety: Mayor Dewey reminded everyone to stay home for Inauguration Day. In December Sergeant Moroney and Corporal Ignowski officially retired and were feted with a virtual retirement party, which she was happy to attend. BHPD advises residents to lock their cars to prevent thefts from vehicles. Lastly, residents are encouraged to follow COVID-19 safety protocols throughout the vaccination process, which is likely to take several months. The Town's flag was lowered over the weekend to honor the police officer who lost his life in the Capitol riots of

January 6.

7. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the BHEAC drafted a form for education grant applications and presented it to the Council. Next the BHEAC will develop a grant review process that will be submitted to the Council for input and approval. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also announced deadlines for applying to PGCPs specialty programs and a meeting on the PGCPs school boundaries initiative at which stakeholders can give input. Alternatively, comments can be given via an online form at <https://www.pgcp.org/boundary>.

In response to CM Brittan Powell, MPT Kulpa-Eddy said PGCPs is including a projected increase in student population into its facility and boundary planning process. The BHEAC is taking the lead in proposing how to best advocate for the Town in the context of rising student populations and will discuss the boundary initiative at its upcoming meeting on January 25.

Green Team: Mayor Dewey reported that the Green Team will meet on January 14 and go through its workplan. On the agenda are Bee City USA membership, working with Thriving Earth Exchange, trees and stormwater issues. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that the Green Team is also discussing Pepco's LED streetlights upgrade and a litter map project in partnership with Anacostia Watershed Society volunteers to collect data on litter hotspots in Town.

Historical Committee: BHHC Chair Debby Steele Snyder announced an upcoming meeting to be held virtually on January 27, 2021. The Committee will be discussing whether to add a disclaimer to its BerwynHeightsHistory.com website to explain that language used on historic markers and associated pamphlets may include terms that are no longer considered appropriate. The marker review was taken up per request by MPT Kulpa-Eddy.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that NW/EP Chair Mike Attick could not attend the last Committee meeting. The Committee, operating under the auspices of BHPD, was introduced to a new officer, who was hired to replace one of two recently retired police officers. A second replacement is in the process of being interviewed. Also discussed was future function of the new emergency, i.e. whether it will be used primarily for the neighborhood watch function or for

emergency preparedness, as has been the case to date. Mayor Dewey said she will ask Chief Antolik and TM Allen to discuss next steps for the trailer.

NW/EP Chair Mike Attick commented by telephone that the supplies from the old trailer were supposed to be transferred to the new trailer, but some appear to be missing. Clarification from the Chief and Town Manager on which supplies should go into the new trailer would be welcome.

Recreation Council: Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced an upcoming virtual concert featuring guitarist and singer George Anaya. She said she is thinking about a Valentines craft project for children and sought guidance on whether and how to supply craft kits to participants. Mayor Dewey referred a decision to emergency manager TM Allen and Chief Antolik for discussion.

Ms. Jones said she is also thinking about a parade for St. Patrick's Day and another Trivia Night as possible events for March and April, as well as Berwyn Heights Day, which is likely to be a limited this year because no one yet knows the extent of COVID restrictions in effect in May. Town organizations will be consulted about ideas for Berwyn Heights Day activities.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents to consider signing up for the Town's Neighbor to Neighbor program which seeks to connect residents with each other based on shared interests. This is a pilot project to determine whether such a program might be part of a future welcome packet for new residents. TM Allen noted 6 applications have been received so far and applications will be accepted until this Friday. MPT Kulpa-Eddy further stated that a survey will be published in the next Bulletin and online seeking residents' input on the FY 2022 budget. Residents can also give feedback at a budget town hall meeting planned for February.

8. Old Business

There was none.

9. New Business

Resolution 01-2021 – Council Rules on Minutes & Consent Agenda: Mayor Dewey said this Resolution would amend the Council Rules to align policy with the current practice of reviewing and approving minutes and to add a consent agenda process for approving uncontroversial items. During previous discussions, the Council modi-

fied the process for resident comments to no longer require the stating of one's address when giving input and to clarify the process for residents to request agenda items.

CM Sweep moved to approve the Resolution and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested removing a sentence from Council Rule 1, Section B 1 (a) that "encourages" residents to provide their name and address when requesting an item be placed on the agenda. The sentence is not needed since a resident would have to provide their name, contact information and the nature of their request in order to make arrangements with staff about an agenda item prior to a meeting. The Council had no objection.

Secondly, MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted CM Papanikolas had recommended replacing the word 'citizen' with 'resident' throughout the document and asked if this change should be made. TM Allen said 'resident' may not cover members of the business community who may wish to comment on matters before the Council. The Council agreed to use the broader phrase 'resident and community input' to cover all who may want to provide comments.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to amend the Council Rules to include the changes just proposed. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0. The Council then voted 4 to 0 to approve the Resolution previously moved and seconded.

Resolution 02-2021 – Pandemic Leave & Vaccination Incentive Policies: TM Allen explained this Resolution proposes to establish two policies related to the pandemic. The first policy awards additional leave at a rate of 1 day per month to staff who were required to work in person onsite during the pandemic from July – December 2020 but did not receive hazard pay through the CARES Act. This includes Code Compliance staff and the Town Clerk. The policy provides the same benefit to all employees who are required to work in person onsite January – June 2021.

The second policy proposes to award two days of leave to employees who voluntarily get the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available for them. The leave will become available only after they have completed the two-step vaccination process. Leave is proposed in lieu of monetary compensation because of budget uncertainties and because employees said they would ap-

preciate the leave.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TM Allen said she is not aware of an extension of any funding by Prince George's County into 2021 that would allow for the continuation of hazard pay. However, if the federal government makes additional money available to state and local governments in the future, the Council might reconsider its policy and reinstate hazard pay. Further, if the Town should learn that there may be a legal impediment to awarding annual leave as a vaccination incentive, the matter will be brought back to the Council for deliberation and potential enactment of a different incentive.

CM Sweep proposed to grant employees two additional sick days for the event they might become sick from the vaccination. TM Allen said that is a fair point and recommended adding a time restriction of 10 days for the use of such sick leave if they have an adverse reaction.

CM Sweep moved to adopt the Resolution as amended. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Resident and Community Comments

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TM Allen said Comcast will send out a crew to look for dangling wires and debris left behind by contractors working on upgrading their lines last week. Residents finding shopping carts are requested to report them to the store to which they belong first. If there is no response, Public Works can be contacted and will return them when there is time.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, asked via email whether other residents have had delays in mail delivery over the holidays. Mayor Dewey and CM Sweep replied they have had problems and have heard this from others as well. The issue has been raised with leadership in the U.S. Postal Service and they are working on straightening it out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Worksession January 19, 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 pre-

sent were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey encouraged everyone who does not have to travel into D.C., to refrain from attending the Inauguration tomorrow for safety reasons. She also gave an update on the pandemic, noting that COVID cases and deaths have been increasing. Prince George's County has extended the ban on indoor dining to January 29 and everyone is requested to continue to observe COVID-related safety protocols. On the vaccine front, the County has moved into phase 1b which includes adults aged 75 years and older, as well as teachers and some government workers. The Town website has posted links where people can sign up for phase 1b vaccinations. Anyone can sign up to register to receive the vaccine through the State of Maryland's Covid-LINK webpage.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Discussion Items

Greenbelt Road Task Force: Mayor Dewey said the City of Greenbelt and the Town of Berwyn Heights agreed to establish a workgroup with two Councilmembers from each municipality to develop a roadmap for moving forward with Greenbelt Road improvements. The roadmap will inform the efforts of the larger Greenbelt Road Task Force to advocate for shared priorities regarding Greenbelt Road improvements. CMs Sweep and Brittan Powell will represent Berwyn Heights and CMs J. Davis and Emmett Jordan will represent Greenbelt. College Park has been invited to participate but is expected to do so in a more limited capacity.

In discussion, CM Sweep said he hopes the workgroup can simplify the issues to be considered by the task force by:

- Setting geographic limits for Greenbelt Road redevelopment;
- Identifying a few key areas of focus, such as certain intersections or stretches of road; and
- Defining functional goals for redevelopment, such as connecting communities and destinations, creating an urban center around Beltway Plaza, or a mix of both.

Councilmembers identified Berwyn Heights priorities for redevelopment, including:

- Making Greenbelt Road safer for

- pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Creating connections with neighboring cities, parks and metro stations;
- Economic development and main street upgrades for Berwyn Heights;
- Visioning redevelopment of Quantum properties (Staples and others) in Berwyn Heights;
- Improving mass transit options.

Tree Ordinance follow up: Mayor Dewey requested the Council give their feedback on a proposed tree ordinance first discussed in November 2020. The Shade Tree Board provided parameters for a tree ordinance to better protect the Town's tree canopy through educational efforts and discouraging the removal of shade trees. She and TM Allen have since met with the Town of University Park to learn about its tree program, which might inform a Berwyn Heights program. TM Allen said that University Park contracts with a professional arborist who advises on tree removals, works with Pepco on tree management issues and helps its Council and staff develop an annual tree plan. University Park does not have regulations pertaining to trees on private property.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- Berwyn Heights has used professional arborists before to conduct a tree canopy study in 2016 and subsequently advised on Pepco tree trimming and removals.
- Berwyn Heights' tree canopy is declining due to a variety of factors, including aging trees and removals on private property.
- A tree ordinance could help collect data on loss of private trees.
- Residents with medical conditions depend on continuous power, which Pepco seeks to ensure with regular tree pruning and removal.
- Better communication/ notification by Pepco about upcoming tree projects would be helpful.
- The high cost of removing a shade tree is enough disincentive; an added fee/ fine would not necessarily make a difference.
- Assisting property owners in determining whether a tree is sick, as well as helping with tree removal and replanting would be more productive than charging a fee/ fine.
- Tree planting rebates, subsidized arborist visits and education about benefits of trees are other ways to maintain the tree canopy.
- Use of an arborist can help diagnose disease and infestations that may spread to other trees.
- Replanting should consider charac-

teristics and value of different species.

- Advocating for modifying the legislation that sets standard for utilities' tree maintenance programs might be considered.

Mayor Dewey summarized that the Council appears interested in using an arborist for a variety of tasks, implementing a rebate program to incentivize planting, and refrain from requiring a permit for tree removals on private property. Responding to CM Sweep, Mayor Dewey said the Shade Tree Board has a strong desire to preserve the tree canopy but not enough expert knowledge to make decisions about individual tree issues. The Town will also reach out to University Park to find out more about its annual tree plan.

Four Cities agenda items: The Council identified the following agenda items for the January 28, 2021 Four Cities meeting in College Park: PGCPs boundary initiative; Maglev DEIS comment period; and COVID lessons, innovations and path forward.

4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reminded everyone to stay out of D.C. for the inauguration for health and other safety reasons. COVID vaccination has entered phase 1b which covers adults over 75 years of age, assisted living staff, educators, and certain government officials. Phase 1c will begin next week. The Town is sharing links to online vaccination registrations on its website.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced an ongoing Prince George's Cultural Arts Survey available online until February 1 as well as a related virtual community

meeting on January 28. The Maglev Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been released and will be open for comment until April 22. Further, she announced upcoming meetings of the Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC), which is working on a teacher appreciation project, and the Historical Committee, which is advertising virtual presentations on local history on its Facebook page.

CM Papanikolas said that he can offer advice to residents who may experience problems with receiving unemployment assistance. He can be reached at his Town email.

CM Brittan-Powell expressed appreciation for Director Goodwin and TM Allen handling an awkward situation.



CM Sweep noted a problem with the trash collection schedule, which caused residents to put out refuse on the wrong day. TM Allen added that Public Works henceforth will always collect trash town-wide on Tuesdays after a Monday holiday, recycling on Wednesdays, yard waste on Thursdays and trash town-wide on Fridays. Mayor Dewey suggested posting a yearly schedule for trash collection for weeks with holidays.

5. Resident & Community Comments

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, Clerk Harper said that BHTV programming could include many different types of events, but newer videos need to be converted to a format that can be played on the system. This takes time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Signed: **Kerstin Harper**, Town Clerk

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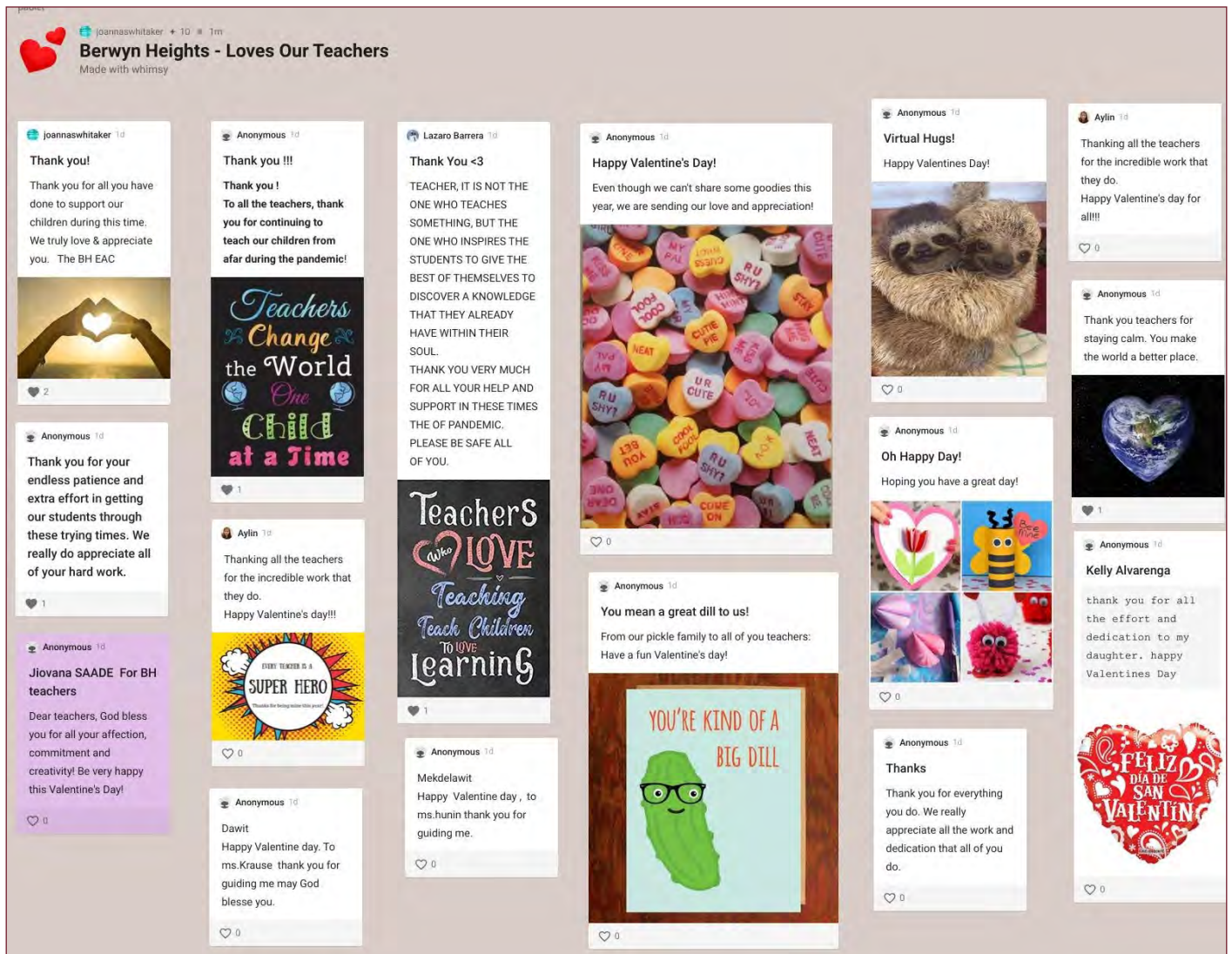
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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



Family Bingo Night

March 5, Friday, 6:30—8:00 pm

You're invited to a virtual bingo night for the whole family! Look for the join link and more details from Class Dojo.

School Reopening Plan

Presentation by Ms. Amanda Alerich, BHES Principal

March 2, Friday, 6:00 pm

Find us on Facebook: Berwyn Heights ES PTA

Upcoming Events

March 2, Tuesday

School Reopening Plan

March 5, Friday

Family Bingo Night

March 23, Tuesday

Parent Meeting w/Principal

March 29—April 5

Spring break



BH EAC Virtual Meeting

March 22 - 7pm

Join the Education Advisory Committee for discussions of the school reopening process, education grant process and other education topics.

Please contact thebheac@gmail.com if you would like a link to participate in our March 22nd virtual meeting.

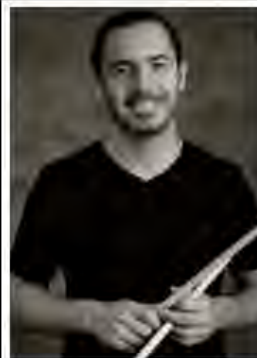


Reunión virtual BH-EAC

22 de marzo - 7pm

Únase al Comité Asesor de Educación para discutir el proceso de reapertura de la escuela, el proceso de subvención de educación y otros temas educativos.

Comuníquese con thebheac@gmail.com si desea un enlace para participar en nuestra reunión virtual del 22 de marzo



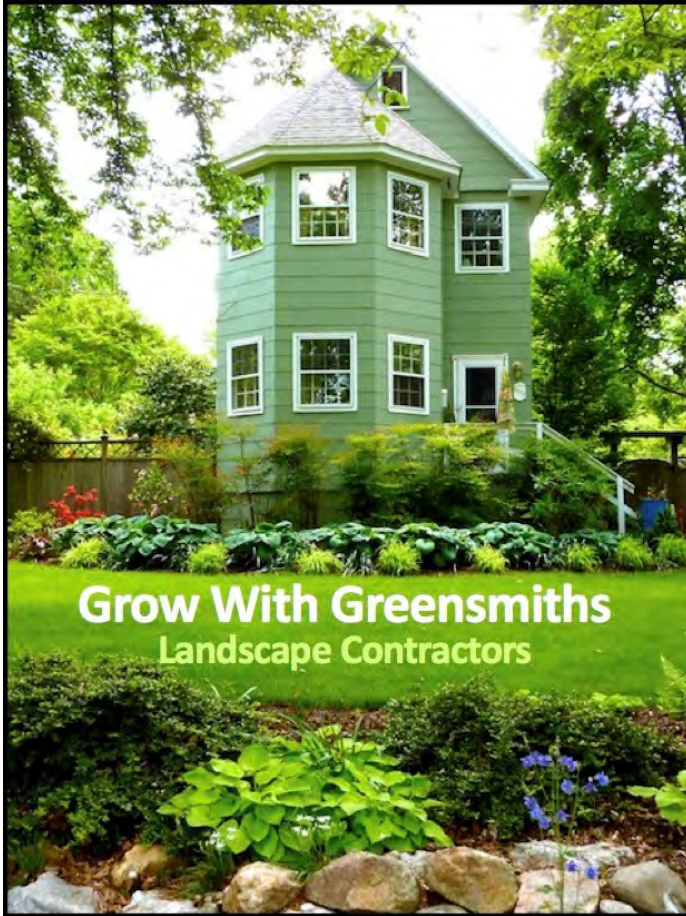
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Your Signature: _____

Date _____

Name, Printed: _____

The Berwyn Heights Ethics Commission consists of 3 resident members appointed by the Mayor for a term of 2 years. The Commission is charged with ensuring the ethical conduct of Town elected officials and staff as set forth in [Ordinance 110 – Ethics](#), as amended February 14, 2018. To that end, the Commission shall:

- Annually review the financial disclosures of elected officials, candidates for elected office and certain employees;
- Issue advisory opinions about the applicability of Ethics Ordinance provisions to persons subject to it;
- Issue findings regarding ethics complaints brought before the Commission;
- Annually certify the Town's compliance with State ethics requirements to the State Ethics Commission; and
- Determine whether changes to the Ethics Ordinance are required.

The Ethics Commission is counseled by the Town Attorney.



Ethics Commission Application, 2021

Print your name _____

Print your address: _____

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Provide best phone number: _____

Confirm your eligibility:

- _____ I am a resident of the Town of Berwyn Heights.
- _____ I am registered to vote in Maryland/ Town of Berwyn Heights.
- _____ I do not currently hold an office in the government of the Town of Berwyn Heights.
- _____ I do not currently have an immediate family member, who is a Town Council member or a Town employee.
- _____ I am not affiliated with a current Town Council election campaign.
- _____ I do not currently do business with the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Indicate any prior service on an Ethics Commission:

- _____ State and/or County When and where _____
- _____ Town of Berwyn Heights When _____
- _____ None

Indicate additional qualifications:

- _____ I have previously served in local government in the following capacity: _____
- _____ In addition to English, I am fluent in the following languages: _____

Read the fine print (see reverse for description of Ethics Commission mission):

- My **Statement of Interest** is filed with this application (see page 2).
- I am available to review the financial disclosures of Town Council candidates after their papers are filed on the first Tuesday in March in an election year.
- I am available to review the financial disclosures of Town staff after they are filed on April 30 of each year.
- I am available to meet with the Ethics Commission when needed.

Your Signature: _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk, Town of Berwyn Heights, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 by March 31, 2021.

Office Use: Date Received: _____

Assigned: Yes _____ No _____

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council



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All previous Virtual Concerts can be viewed at the above link!

A Note Regarding Berwyn Heights Day 2021:

Berwyn Heights Day will look very different this year, as most of the
"crowd gathering activities" will be replaced with other activities.

Here's a few new activities that you can be on the look out for:

BH Day House Decorating Contest! Make up your own theme, feel free
to use decorations you already have: Christmas, Easter,
Halloween, or anything else you can come up with!

BH Day Video: Even if you can't gather with friends on BH Day, let
them see you in Video! Sing a song, recite a poem, tell a story, share a
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Anyone who would like to join, but may not be as tech savvy, just let us
know and we'll take care of the video taping once weather improves! To
participate, email violindreams@verizon.net, or leave a message at the
town office 301-474-5000.

We still aim to make it as festive as possible, so please stay tuned to
upcoming bulletin and the town website for announcements on other
possible events: Socially Distanced Fun Run, Town Scavenger Hunt,
Virtual Craft Fair & more!

Next rec council meeting will be Tuesday, March 2, at 7pm via Zoom.
To be included, or to make suggestions,
email violindreams@verizon.net

Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

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March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Therese Forbes
March 22	Pat Agee
March 25	Mary Theis

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

CANCELLED: All Senior's Club activities have been suspended due to the COVID-19 health emergency. Please check the Town website for updates.

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Historical Committee

UMD Archives & Special Collections

The University of Maryland Archives has many interesting digital collections and exhibits you can explore online. For example, check out the [John Jacob Omenhausser, Civil War sketchbook](#).

Confederate soldier John Jacob Omenhausser was imprisoned at the Union prison camp in Point Lookout, Maryland, 1864-1865. While there, Omenhausser documented prison life in sketchbooks with vibrant watercolors, annotated with captions and dialog. While intended to be humorous, they often touch upon the grimmer aspects of camp life.

Also review UMD Archive's [Online Exhibits](#).



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NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL)

FEBRUARY 24, 2021 | 7:30 PM

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Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Berwyn Heights Beautify-A-Block Litter Cleanup Program

A recent survey conducted by the Green Team revealed that litter buildup has become a problem in several areas of the town. Before COVID, our monthly town clean ups helped keep the trash at bay, but the pandemic prevented those sorts of group activities. Now you can help to eradicate this problem and BEAUTIFY BERWYN HEIGHTS one block at a time!

The Green Team is asking for generous volunteers to 'ADOPT' specific areas of the town that are experiencing litter build up on a regular basis. Individuals, families, or household groups can sign up to safely 'adopt' one of the 15 areas shown below by emailing Jeff & Laura Knutson at jbknutson@verizon.net.

To beautify your block, you/your household would be asked to dedicate 30 minutes every 2 weeks to independently gathering and disposing of litter from along the sides of the road, path or other public area that you have volunteered to patrol. Please send us pictures of yourselves cleaning up your block and they will be included in the Bulletin and Town website!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at jbknutson@verizon.net.



Berwyn Heights Community Garden 2021 Application

The Berwyn Heights Community Garden is getting ready for its 7th season!

Existing members and those interested in becoming new members must **submit the completed application to the Town Office**. Plots will be assigned **on a first come, first served basis**. Only one plot per applicant/household. Garden plots are 4x8 - raised beds. The garden is located at the 8900 blocks of 58th and 59th Ave. **New plot owners** should contact Diana Agony at 301-672-6670 to arrange a garden orientation.

Garden rules and regulations will be posted at the Town Office and on the town website at <https://bit.ly/2Zn2M7E>. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided.

For questions, please contact Diana Agony at 301-672-6670 or dagonoy72@yahoo.com.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The lease period is March 2021 – February 2022. **Plot fee \$30**. Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to **Berwyn Heights Recreation Council**.

I/we agree to abide by the 2021 rules and regulations governing the use of the Berwyn Heights Community Garden. I/we hereby release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, contractors, and employees from any and all actions, claims and damages for losses, personal injuries, and disabilities that I/we may sustain as a result of my/our participation in the Community Garden program.

Signature(s) _____

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Recent Working Incidents

Jan 16th: Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to the 5600Blk of Duchaine Drive in Lanham for reports of a house on fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from the back of the house. Truck 14 arrived as 3rd due special service and went to work searching the structure and conducting overhaul before returning to service.

Feb 3rd- Rescue Squad 14 and surrounding units were alerted to the 4400 block of Lehigh Road in College Park for a building fire. Upon arrival, crews found fire showing from the roof of a one-story commercial building. Fire was located in a kitchen hood exhaust system of one unit. Squad 14 conducted searches and assisted with checking for extension.

Feb 6th- Ladder Truck 14, Chief 14B, and surrounding units were alerted to the 5200Blk of 57th Ave in Riverdale for a reported house on fire with multiple calls. Engine 9 (Bladensburg VFD) was first arriving and requested the Working Fire Dispatch for a house fully involved. A Fire Task Force was also sounded. Several volunteer firefighters from Bladensburg VFD were burned, and transported to MedStar Burn Center in DC. The volunteer crew of Truck 14 operated on scene for nearly 3 hours before returning to service.



Feb 5th- At Approximately 7:50 am, Rescue Squad 14, Chief 14B, and surrounding units were dispatched to the 11200 block of Somerset Ave in Beltsville for a reported explosion. On scene, crews found a one-story warehouse with smoke showing from the front of the building. The building was evacuated, and while units were on scene there was another explosion which preliminarily appears to have come from a recycling unit inside the building. Squad 14 conducted searches and assisted the engine companies with extinguishing the fire in the recycling compactor.

Feb 11th- Truck 14 and surrounding companies were alerted to the 4800Blk of Osage Street in the City of College Park for reports of a house on fire. Units arrived to find fire in the roof with power lines down.

New Apparatus Build Update

The BHVFD currently has two new pieces of apparatus under construction. A 2019 E-One – Cyclone II – Stainless Steel Heavy Rescue Squad and a 2020 Ford F550/Wheeled Coach Type I Ambulance. Both units are expected to be delivered and placed in service towards Summer 2021 to serve the residents of Berwyn Heights, the City of Greenbelt, and the City of College Park. These purchases are thanks to the ongoing support of the residents and the forementioned municipal governments, thank you!



New Ambulance

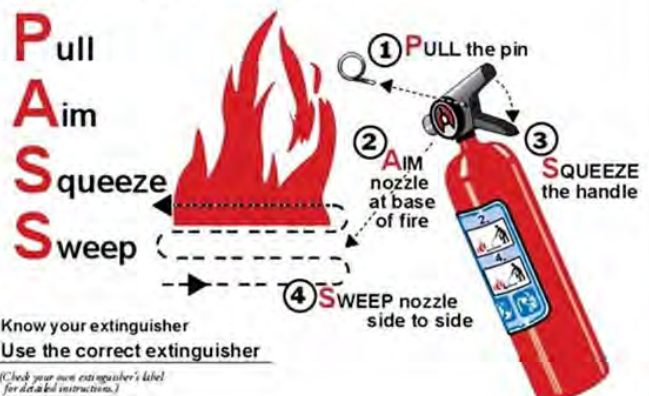
New Rescue Squad



Fire Extinguisher 101

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely. Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

To operate an extinguisher:



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Adult Education - Zoom ESL Classes

English for Speakers of Other Languages • (ESL) Literacy, beginning, & intermediate English classes • Instruction & practice in speaking & understanding English • Instruction in reading, writing & grammar in real life contexts • GED Prep & US Citizenship Test Prep.

Contact Kathy Brosh kathbrosh@gmail.com or 301-310-3809

Want adventure and achievement?

Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Approved Childcare of Essential Personnel

Opening for infant to 12 years old. Licensed and approved by the State to provide childcare during COVID-19. Meals provided. Openings Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939 or karunaemeldarozario@outlook.com.

Piano Lessons in your home. Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-2825. quote today. Call 202-820-0771.

Lawn Mowing and Trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 45-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations

out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12p if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 240-601-1298.

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

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

Loving, Licensed Child Care: (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

Infant or Senior Care: Nurse/midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact jeynekanyudo@gmail.com

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at

301-345-1746.

New Home Brewing Club – Calling all homebrewers and mead makers in Berwyn Heights to help inaugurate a home brewing club. Let's get together to brew, taste, and exchange ideas. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert. Just send me an email and let's get brewing. Contact: jason.michel@comcast.net

Yard work and snow shoveling: My name is Gannon Forbes, a teenager in Berwyn Heights, who would like to help you with your yard work. If the weather outside turns frightful, it will be delightful to shovel your snow! CALL Gannon @ 301-982-7115 for a one time or weekly job.



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Catholic Church


Weekend Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

4902 Berwyn Road • College Park MD 20740
 Tel: 301-474-3920 • Web Site: holy-redeemer.org
 Email: parish@holy-redeemer.org

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Berwyn Heights Resident
 Admitted to Practice, MD, DC, VA
 Over 45 years experience
 Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Trusts,
 Home Visits to Berwyn Heights Residents.



January Incidents

Friday, January 1, 2021, at 7:26 pm, 'SUBJECT ON PCP'

At approximately 7:26 pm, on 1/1/2021, Cpl. Hollowell and Acting Sgt. Roberson were dispatched to 8904 62nd Ave, Dominos' Pizza. The call was about a person inside the store refusing to wear a mask and acting suspicious. The suspect said he did not have a mask, but he had a knife. On scene, a male suspect was sitting on the ground in front of the store and was acting incoherent. The officers believed the suspect might be under the influence of an unknown substance. An ambulance was requested and Ambulance #807, Riverdale Park, responded. It was determined the suspect had consumed PCP. The suspect was taken into custody, handcuffed for his safety, placed onto a stretcher, and taken to Holy Cross Hospital for evaluation and detoxification.

At Holy Cross, the suspect, a black male, approximately 30 years of age, was evaluated, treated, and allowed to recover. The suspect refused to give names or information to assist in identification. He wore what appeared to be a hospital band in the name of "DOE." No further police actions are pending.

Friday, January 1, 2021, at 11:25 pm, 'VANDALISM'

On 01/01/2021 at 11:25 pm while on routine patrol, Acting Sgt. Roberson observed several people standing around a marked Berwyn Heights Police vehicle. The police vehicle was unoccupied and parked in front of the 7Eleven convenience store at 5815 Greenbelt Road for high visibility presence. This officer observed suspect Carlos G. Angel-Mejia standing on the roof of the police vehicle while others

looked on. He walked off the vehicle when he saw the officer approaching. The man was promptly arrested. An examination of the vehicle found several large dents and the arrested man's shoe prints on the roof. The subject was transported to the Greenbelt Police Department and charged with maliciously destruction of property via a criminal citation. **ARRESTED:** Carlos Geovany Angel-Mejia, 18 Y/O, W/H/M of Berwyn Heights, MD.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 10:27 am, 'THEFT'

On 1/5/2021 at 10:27 am, Det-Cpl. Krouse responded to a silent hold-up alarm at 5919 Greenbelt Road., Xtra Fuels. Upon arrival, the reporting person/store employee advised that two black males entered the store, tore down the personal protection barrier, grabbed a box containing scratch-off lottery tickets and fled south on 60th Avenue. A phone contractor working on 60th Avenue stated that he saw two black males running to a tan or gold color SUV (unknown make or model) parked at 60th Avenue and Seminole Street and driving off at a high rate of speed. Another witness at the gas station also stated that the suspects ran to a tan SUV. A review of the surveillance video showed two black males, thin build, both wearing blue jeans, black hooded coats, and face coverings that concealed their identity. One suspect entered the store, grabbed the barrier and tore down unit to expose the lottery tickets. The other suspect held the door open. Both suspects fled on foot to the SUV.

Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 2:49 pm, 'RECOVERED PROPERTY'

On 1/7/2021 at approximately 2:49 pm, Cpl. Rufino observed an unoccupied vehicle in the

8500 block of 63rd Ave. with expired tags. A registration information check through the Maryland Vehicle Administration, NCIC and dispatch showed that Maryland tag 6CVR96 was not associated with the vehicle or any previous owner of the vehicle. The officer affixed a citation to the vehicle for parking an unregistered vehicle on the street as well as an orange Berwyn Heights sticker for towing.

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

OCTOBER	CITATIONS
STATE	12
TOWN	32
WARNINGS	36
SERO	02
TOTAL	71

Call 911



For Emergencies

CALL 301-352-1200
For Non-Emergency
Police Assistance.

Tell the PGC Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and ask that the on-duty BH Police Officer respond to your call.

Visit us online at:

www.berwynheightsmd.gov/police-department

SENIORS WELFARE CHECK LIST

Berwyn Heights Police maintains a contact list for Senior Residents so they may check on them in an emergency, such as a power outage, adverse weather, or to relay important information. The information is also used to check on Seniors' homes if they are on vacation or in a medical facility. Cpl. Rufino will perform 'stops and knocks' to ensure seniors are safe. To sign up, please provide up to date contact information on the form below and submit it in an envelope addressed 'Berwyn Heights Police' to the Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Road.

NAME(S):
BH ADDRESS:
HOME/ MOBILE TEL #:
RELATIVE/ FRIEND CONTACT TEL #:
PETS IF ANY:

LISTA DE VERIFICATIONS DE BIENESTAR PARA PERSONAS MAYORES

La policía de Berwyn Heights mantiene una lista de contactos para residentes mayores para que puedan verificarlos en caso de emergencia, como un corte de energía, clima adverso o para transmitir información importante. La información también se utiliza para verificar en los hogares de las personas mayores si están de vacaciones o en un centro médico. Cpl. Rufino realizará "paradas y golpes" para garantizar que las personas mayores estén seguras. Se alienta a las personas mayores a proporcionar información de contacto actualizada en el formulario a continuación y enviarlo en un sobre dirigido a "Policía de Berwyn Heights" a la Oficina de la Ciudad en 5700 Berwyn Road.

NOMBRE (S):
DIRECCIÓN BH:
NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO DE CASA / MÓVIL:
FAMILIAR / AMIGO CONTACTO TEL #:
MASCOTAS SI LAS HAY:

Don Bunuan | Realtor

Hi, I'm Don Bunuan. As your Berwyn Heights neighbor and long-time area resident, I'm a big fan of the Route 1 Corridor and everything it has to offer.

As a Realtor®, I provide unparalleled service to my clients and am proud to have been named a "Top Agent" in 2020 by *Washingtonian Magazine*.

If you're thinking about making a move, now is actually a great time to consider your options. I offer:

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- Virtual Open Houses
- Free, no-obligation consultations

Call, email or text me today!



Hola, soy Don Bunuan. Siendo vecino de BERWYN HEIGHTS y residente del area hace mucho tiempo, soy un gran admirador del ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR y todo lo que tiene para ofrecer.

Como Realtor®, proporciono un servicio incomparable a mis clientes y estoy orgulloso de haber sido nombrado "Top Realtor" en 2020 por la revista *Washingtonian*.

Si usted está pensando en tomar acción para buscar o vender su hogar, ahora es un buen momento para considerar sus opciones. Lo que ofrezco es:

- Muebles para decorar la escena de la casa (staging)
- Tours de la casa en 3D
- Open houses virtuales
- Consultas gratuitas y sin compromiso

Llama, envía un correo electrónico o envíame un mensaje de texto hoy!

Don is awesome! He assured us a stress-free selling process and he delivered. He listened closely to our needs and put us at ease all the way through settlement, despite a pandemic! Our house was sold faster than he could put a "For Sale" sign on it! We highly recommend Don and his team and would give him a 10 star review if we could.

– Patty Galati and Karen Jung



5101 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20781
don@gobrent.co | C: 301.213.6332 | O: 301.565.2523



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

VIRTUAL MEETINGS 1st WED of month CHAIR: Mike Attick, Tel. 301-335-1633

Join us February 3, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554

Or email mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov

Spring often brings heavy rains, flash floods, thunderstorms & tornadoes

To prepare, listen to the local media for severe weather warnings and advice. Keep a battery-powered or crank radio on hand in the event of a power outage. Make an emergency plan for your family, so that everyone knows what to do and where to go in an emergency. Have an emergency kit, so that you and your family can be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours during a storm.

Before the Storm

- Trim dead branches and cut down dead trees
- Clean gutters, drains and downpipes.
- Make sure your roof is in good repair.
- Secure everything that might be blown around or torn loose.
- Consider going to the sheltered area you have identified in your emergency plan.

During a storm

- If indoors, stay away from windows, doors and fireplaces.
- If you are advised to evacuate, do so. Take your emergency kit with you.
- Use a cellular or cordless telephone. It is not safe to use a corded telephone.
- If you are in a car, stop the car away from trees or power lines that might fall on you. Avoid the base of steep or unstable slopes and low areas prone to flooding. Stay inside the car.

Oak Tree Pests

One of the most common major threats to the health of an oak tree comes from [oak tree borers](#), the larvae of beetles and moths that can damage and cause the eventual death of a tree. Female borers enter the tree through crevices on the bark and lay their eggs. When the larvae emerge they feed on the leaves and bark, drawing sap from the tree. Borers typically begin their attack at the top and move downwards, causing foliage to turn yellow-brown. As the damage increases, foliage will reduce, making the tree look thin and unhealthy, with branches gradually falling off.

Borer Infestations can be controlled by pruning or removing infested branches and trees, thus preventing the infestation from spreading. Insecticides often used against borers include tree implants containing acephate where conventional applications are impractical, such as tall shade trees, or preventative treatments designed to disrupt the pattern of reproduction in borer insects, such as chlorpyrifos and lindane. An arborist can help identify the infestation and recommend appropriate solutions.

LAST CHANCE FOR WINTER TREE CARE



The Town's tree canopy enhances quality of life, moderates temperatures, and controls stormwater. With spring around the corner, consider planting new trees and how you can protect existing shade trees near your home.

For example, invasive vines can kill trees. Use the end of the winter season to remove any ivy or other vines that may have climbed your trees this year. Simply snip the vine near the ground, wait a while for the vine to die, and tug it off your tree!

Next Meeting (Virtual): MARCH 9—7:00 pm

Contact: Amanda Dewey at adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov

The Shade Tree Board is appointed by the Mayor & Council and works to protect and maintain our urban forest

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;
- Rental license application due dates and applicable fees remain the same, but must be submitted via e-mail to Code@berwynheightsmd.gov or by U.S. mail with check or money order;
- All other license applications (building, roll-off, POD and right-of-way permits), must be submitted by e-mail to Code@berwynheightsmd.gov or by U.S. mail;
- All payments for licenses & permits, fees & fines must be submitted by U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Drop-off payments are not accepted.

For additional information please call the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

Storm Drain Cleaning

Help prevent flooding during spring rains. Please check on any storm drains that may be on your property, or in the street in front of it. If they are clogged with debris, please remove it and dispose with yard waste or trash.



If you are unable to remove an obstruction yourself, you can contact Prince George's County via its online citizen portal [Click311](#) to access County non-emergency services, or call (301) 883-4748.

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
bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Vice President: Jeremy Weiss
bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary: Shantel Williams

Athletic Director: Vacant

Fundraising Chair: Brandi Cowgill

Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker
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/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

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

Secretary: Theresa Beck
beck_theresa@yahoo.com






















Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482





MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1  7:00 PM Worksession VIRTUAL	2 	3  7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting VIRTUAL	4 	5	6
7 	8 	9 	10  7:00 PM Town Meeting VIRTUAL	11  7:00 PM Green Team Mtg. VIRTUAL	12	13
14 2:00 AM SPRING FORWARD	15  7:00 PM Worksession VIRTUAL	16 	17 	18 	19	20
21	22  7:00 PM BHEAC Mtg. VIRTUAL	23 	24  7:30 pm BHHC Meeting VIRTUAL	25 	26	27
28	29 	30 	31 	1 	2	3



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling
Recycling Collection



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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
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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.

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

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