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# eMarch

March 9: Women's History Month 1-3PM

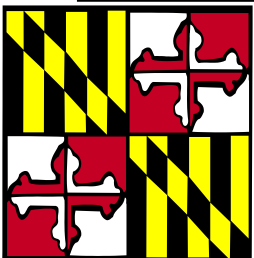
March 14: Blood Drive 12-5PM

March 15: Team Trivia 7PM

March 29: Good Friday: offices closed  
half day

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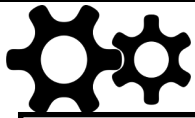


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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Four Cities Streetsweeper

There will be no streetsweeper in March. The next scheduled streetsweeping will be April 1-5.

## Food Compost Bins

Public Works has completed our pilot program food compost bin distribution, so we are currently out of stock. However, if you wish to obtain a Town-issued food compost container, please either email Public Works Director Brad Pudner at [bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) or contact the Town office to be added to a wait list for when we can place another order. In the meantime, you can still recycle food scraps by placing them in a container of your choice labeled "Food Compost".

## Tree Rebate

To encourage residents to improve our urban forest and plant trees on their property, the Town offers a tree rebate. Email the Public Works Director ( [bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) ) or call the Town office for more information. March and April are a great time to plant trees so their roots can begin to get established before the heat of summer settles in.

## Barrendero de cuatro ciudades

En marzo no habrá barrenderos. El próximo barrido de calles programado será del 1 al 5 de abril.

## Contenedores de abono alimentario

Obras Públicas ha completado nuestro programa piloto de distribución de contenedores de abono alimentario, por lo que actualmente estamos agotados. Sin embargo, si desea obtener un contenedor de abono alimentario emitido por la Ciudad, envíe un correo electrónico al Director de Obras Públicas, Brad Pudner, a [bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) o comuníquese con la oficina de la Ciudad para que lo agreguen a una lista de espera para cuando podamos realizar otro pedido. Mientras tanto, aún puedes reciclar los restos de comida colocándolos en un recipiente de tu elección con la etiqueta "Abono alimentario".

## Reembolso por árbol

Para alentar a los residentes a mejorar nuestro bosque urbano y plantar árboles en sus propiedades, la ciudad ofrece un reembolso por árboles. Envíe un correo electrónico al Director de Obras Públicas ([bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov)) o llame a la oficina municipal para obtener más información. Marzo y abril son un buen momento para plantar árboles para que sus raíces puedan comenzar a establecerse antes de que llegue el calor del verano.



The Town still has a limited number of flood gates available for qualifying residents.



Visit the Community Tab of the Town Website and see Town Sponsored Grant Programs for more information or download the



application at



<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/files/>

## Worksession Minutes January 2, 2024 | 7:00 pm

### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Town Manager Kyle Snyder and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen were also present.

### Approval of the Agenda

CM Papanikolas moved to approve the agenda. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously (4:0).

#### 1. Mayor

##### a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the County's "Better Bag" bill is now in effect. She encouraged residents to bring reusable bags when shopping as residents will be charged a minimum of \$.10 for a paper or reusable bag. The Town has free reusable bags available at the Town Office.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell joined the meeting during the announcements at 7:02 PM.

##### b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the calendar and noted that the Four Cities Meeting will be held in College Park on January 25th.

##### c. M-NCPPC WBBH PAMC Action Plan Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that there are two action items for the Council tonight: to respond to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) regarding their draft Action Plan, and to determine if a Town Hall is desired and if so, to set a date. She reviewed the memo she submitted to Council as part of the agenda packet, which included several suggested editorial changes as well as some specific requests for clarification. Noted questions included asking why these four locations were chosen for the plan (of the eleven submitted) and to add more detail on the crash data provided. She would like to have countermeasures defined before they are shown in the action plan, as referencing undefined countermeasures is challenging to understand. She also noted some of the lingo used is confusing and asked that these terms be clarified as part of the final Action Plan.

CM Menjivar expressed concerns about parking if the Town repurposes part of the roadway into sidewalks/non-motorized pathways. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he doesn't necessarily agree the chosen locations are the priority locations. CM Papanikolas stated that he

believes these to be sample locations, rather than priority locations. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for follow-up for data on the items that Council had requested such as double stop signs, LED stop signs, and driveway mirrors. MPT Brittan-Powell wondered if M-NCPPC would be responsible for any of the work on Ballew as some of the countermeasures would be on land that they own. CM Papanikolas would like to know if M-NCPPC has a rubric that they use when prioritizing projects. TC Friesen read into the record an email from resident James Wilkinson and the response from M-NCPPC staff on adding a sidewalk extension to increase safety on Edmonston Road.

Council will submit comments to M-NCPPC and will see what kind of feedback is returned.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened the discussion on holding a Town Hall. While several dates and possibilities were discussed, ultimately, the Town will ask for written input from its institutional partners (such as PGCPD and BHVFD) and will plan a Town Hall for residents after a draft plan that can be shared is produced by M-NCPPC.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that there are just a lot of items that aren't included in this project and wanted to know how the process would go. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that she would expect that after the final plan is complete, that the reports from the various ad hoc committees that contributed to this project (WBBH, Safe Streets, and the Quality-of-Life Commission) would be reviewed to determine priorities. CM Papanikolas noted that it is likely this will be done by the next Council. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that this Council will need to provide some sort of budget in FY2025 for these projects.

##### d. Tax Differential Discussion

TM Snyder reported that the Town received our report on the tax differential amounts from the County. Residents will receive a reduced payment on the County Tax Rate. He reviewed this is in large part due to work done on the part of the Town Departments providing services to residents in lieu of the County having to do them. MPT Brittan-Powell noted that most of the changes were from the Police Department but that the Town provides other services. TM Snyder responded that the Town already receives 100% credit for Public Works and Code Compliance, and most of the category changes from the County fell in the realm of Public Safety. He also noted that there are possible changes to further reduce the tax rate in FY2025 as the Town continues to implement changes. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that just because the County's tax rate has gone down, that does not mean that residents will see a reduction in their overall property taxes as there are other charges from the County that are included in the tax bill. CM Papanikolas noted that Berwyn Heights Town taxes only account for about 1/3 of a tax bill. CM Hemby asked for an educational session on understanding a tax

bill. TM Snyder replied that he believes he can create a presentation that can help explain a tax bill.

##### e. Four Cities Agenda Items

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the invitation from College Park for the upcoming Four Cities Meeting. Council discussed the agenda items that they would like to have added to the meeting. They have asked to put forth the County's Tax Differential Task Force legislation and the Crossing Guard shortage, as well as Food and Housing insecurity which incorporates a larger "aging-in-place" discussion. Berwyn Heights hosts the Four Cities meeting in July, and the Council adopted the date of Wednesday, July 24th, 2024.

##### f. Resident Comments

There were no resident comments.

#### 2. Administration

There was no administration report.

#### 3. Code Compliance

CM Hemby asked TM Snyder for a meeting to work on the welcome packet with resident volunteers. She also invited residents to join her in working on the welcome packet. CM Hemby highlighted that landlords are responsible for their tenants' behaviors and that some ordinance violations are the responsibility of landlords, not the tenants. She encouraged landlords to be proactive in managing their properties.

She also noted that flu is on the rise and encouraged residents to take precautions.

#### 4. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

The After Holiday (Re-Gifting) Party will be held on January 13th from 2-4pm in the Senior Center. There was no other PRECA report.

##### a. Town Organization Policy

TM Snyder reviewed that what is before Council is a very rough first draft of an ordinance to govern all Town organizations. He reviewed the history of the current Ordinance 113 that governs the Rec Council and dates back to 1983. TM Snyder noted there are a few groups that have their own Ordinances and Council may want to consider removing them from this ordinance. These groups are the Shade Tree Board, the Board of Election Supervisors and the Ethics Commission. The goal would be to have an umbrella ordinance that can stand alone but that the Town would be able to update by resolution as the list of organizations grow and change. As a response to a question from MPT Brittan-Powell, TM Snyder reviewed the section on finances, which outlines the methods for organiza-

tions to access funding. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and CM Papanikolas noted an editorial comment on the need for consistency in what organizations are called, as several different terms are used throughout this draft. There was a brief discussion on what would constitute a "Committee" and an "Assembly". There was discussion on what subjects may need to be added to the ordinance, such as an event policy and insurance requirements. CM Papanikolas expressed that this seems to make the Rec Council an advisory arm of the Town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened comments to residents as some residents joined the meeting for this discussion. Angie Wolfinger, co-chair of the Rec Council, expressed concern over the power in being the umbrella organization, noting that they are all volunteers with limited time and she is unsure of their capacity to take on that responsibility as other Town organizations are not always present at their meetings. She asked for Council to consider changing their title from Rec Council to something else, to help differentiate their role from that of the elected body of the Town, particularly for non-English speakers. There was discussion on some of the benefits that would be granted recognized organizations, such as storage space and if there was enough space. Options were discussed, including storage at Sports Park. TM Snyder will edit the current draft and bring it back to Council for their review at the next worksession.

#### 5. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed two upcoming training courses, one for administering Narcan and the other on CPR/AED First Aid. She noted that registration will be required and that residents can contact the Town Office to register.

#### 6. Public Works

CM Menjivar reminded residents this is the last week of loose leaf collection and that after January 5th, residents will need to have their leaves bagged for pick-up as yard waste. He noted the pilot compost bin program has gone well and wanted to at least address the possible need for additional bin purchases.

TM Snyder reviewed Public Works preparations for the possible winter storm over the coming weekend.

#### 7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously (5:0) and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

### **T**own Meeting Minutes : January 10, 2024 | 7:00 pm.

#### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, and Councilmember

Jason Papanikolas. Also present was Town Manager Kyle Snyder, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### 1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that CM Menjivar was unable to join the meeting due to illness. MPT Brittan-Powell shared about the passing of resident David Williams.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously, 4:0.

#### 3. Public Hearing:

##### Ordinance 101: Animals (amended)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy introduced the amended ordinance and discussed the history of the changes that are included in this amendment. Specifically, the ordinance clarifies that failure to pick up pet waste on public property or leaving it on private property without permission of the owner is a municipal infraction. It also addresses the ability for the Town to levy a fine, and the process for appeal.

Resident Patty Dennison stated that she believes it is a good idea.

With no further comments from residents, the hearing was closed.

#### 4. Consent

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

#### 5. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the Prince George's County "Better Bag" legislation which bans single use plastic bags at the point of sale in many instances and requires retailers to charge at least \$.10 each for paper or reusable bags. She noted that businesses have until March 31, 2024 to come into compliance, but encouraged residents to begin bringing reusable bags when shopping. She noted the Town has reusable Berwyn Heights bags available at the Town Office and encouraged residents to drop by and pick one up. She then shared with residents ways for eligible homeowners to receive assistance with weatherization, noting that Prince George's County does not have its own weatherization program, but shares a program with St. Mary's County and to not be surprised by being referred to that location. She reviewed the upcoming Four Cities meeting, highlighting that Berwyn Heights will lead discussions on the County's Tax Differential legislation, the crossing guard situation and housing and food insecurity. Lastly, she noted that Police Officer Recruit Rebeca Portilla is still in the academy and that Officer Rufino will be rejoining the Police Department

this month.

MPT Brittan-Powell thanked all the departments for their response to the rainstorm.

CM Hemby reviewed the plans for the new Welcome packet, including a group which will meet quarterly to introduce new residents to all the Town has to offer.

CM Papanikolas thanked TM Snyder and Public Works for their storm response. He noted that many activities are coming up and encouraged residents to join in or volunteer.

TM Snyder reported on Public Works as CM Menjivar was unavailable. He reviewed that loose leaf season has come to an end and that crews are preparing for snow season. He shared that the new Public Works truck has been delivered. He noted Town vehicles have been ordered in white instead of black as that color is more available in the current market. He shared that the new Dingo, a versatile piece of equipment has been delivered and staff have been training on it. He closed by summarizing the improvements to Pops Park.

#### 6. Committee Reports

a. Green Team: CM Papanikolas shared the summary that the Green Team sent in, highlighting the Town compost bins (available while supplies last), the Team's excitement to work with TM Snyder on their priorities, which include pollinator gardens, stormwater mitigation, arborist consultations with residents, and reducing the urban heat island effects in large paved areas of Town. They also discussed how the Jemez Principles can be applied to the Green Team to advance their diversity and inclusion efforts.

b. Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder reviewed the December 20th meeting where they discussed historic homes in Town and the construction work being done on them. They are going to develop a sub-committee to create an informational packet to be shared with realtors as well as current, potential, and new owners of historic properties. The goal is to make this a win/win outcome for everyone. Mr. Tom Gross of the County's Historic Preservation Commission has expressed interest in meeting with the BHHHC to engage the issues of historic homes. A historic marker in Town was knocked over and will need to be reinstalled, but the posts were custom made and quite expensive, so she is hoping that the current post can be salvaged. The next meeting is January 24th and all are welcome. MPT Brittan-Powell thanked the Committee and the Council briefly engaged in further discussion on historic homes.

c. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced the two upcoming safety training courses in February. On February 7th, there will be a Narcan training and opioid educational session. This will take the place of the regular NW/EP meeting, but registration is required by February 1st in order to receive a Narcan kit at the conclusion of the train-



ing. On February 24th, there will be a CPR/AED/First Aid class from 1-4PM and registration is required by February 22nd. Interested residents should contact the Town Office to register for either or both of these classes.

d. Recreation Council: Susan Jones mentioned the Post Holiday Party on Saturday, January 13 from 2-4PM. She also highlighted the February 4 Bluegrass concert featuring the Rock Creek Revival Band. March 15th will see another Trivia Night. They are also in the planning stages of Berwyn Heights Day and are looking for suggestions on vendors, rides, and more. The next meeting is February 6th and all are welcome, but also feel free to email Susan with suggestions.

#### 7. Old Business

##### a. Adoption of Ordinance 101: Animals (amended)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the amendments to the ordinance once again and asked CM Hemby if she had any comments as she was the driving force behind the change. CM Hemby noted it is unfortunate that this is what is needed to discourage people from leaving their pet waste behind in public spaces.

CM Hemby moved to approve Ordinance 101. CM Papanikolas seconded with waiving the second reading. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he had received comments on the amendments indicating residents didn't feel the enforcement was clear and that they were going to be expected to enforce the ordinance. He expressed his intention to abstain from voting. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy clarified that only appropriate Town staff would be responsible for enforcement. MPT Brittan-Powell left the meeting for a family emergency at 7:51pm. TC Friesen read the introduction of the ordinance at the request of Mayor Kulpa-Eddy. The motion carried unanimously (3:0).

#### 8. New Business

##### a. TM Snyder Presentation- Economic Forecast:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she asked TM Snyder to prepare an economic forecast presentation to kick off this year's budget season. TM Snyder reviewed highlights from the State of the Economy report prepared by the Comptroller of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League. He noted that despite the impact of the Federal Government on the State of Maryland, the State has fallen behind in economic growth compared to our neighboring states and the US since 2016. The State has seen its first decrease in population since WWII, while the US as a whole saw modest population growth. He noted the cost of living is driving migration patterns and people are moving from higher cost of living areas to those that are lower. He noted the

State's 2024 Legislative Session will address significant fiscal challenges including a structural deficit of \$761 million dollars (given that sales tax, corporate tax, and casino revenue are not growing as much as anticipated) and a Transportation budget shortfall of \$3.3 billion.

#### 9. Resident & Community Comments

There were no resident comments.

#### 10. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously (3:0) and the meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

### Worksession Minutes January 16, 2024 | 7:00 pm

#### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:11PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Also present was Town Manager Kyle Snyder and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen as well as representatives of the three firms presenting to Council.

#### Approval of the Agenda

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

#### 1. Mayor

##### a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy gave an announcement of the closed session which preceded the open meeting. The session closed at 6:33pm on a vote of 4:1 with MPT Brittan-Powell opposed. All Councilmembers were present for the closed session along with TM Snyder and Town Attorney Suelen Ferguson. The session was closed under Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b)(1) and (b)(3) to discuss a personnel matter and to consider the acquisition of real property. For the personnel matter, Council voted unanimously to direct TM Snyder to take action on the issue. Regarding the real property, no vote was taken, but the Council asked the TM to gather further information.

MPT Brittan-Powell thanked Public Works staff for all the work they did during the winter storm. He shared about the upcoming memorial services for resident David Williams. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy directed TM Snyder to lower the Town Flag until Saturday in honor of Mr. Williams.

##### b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted there should be

a PGCMA meeting this month, but no notice has been received yet. She also highlighted the Four Cities Meeting on January 25th in College Park.

#### c. Architecture/Placemaking Proposal Reviews and Presentations:

TM Snyder reviewed that there were seven proposals received in response to the Town's request for an architecture/placemaking consultant. He reviewed that Staff met and reviewed the proposals, narrowing them down to the three that are presenting here today. He noted that Council is viewing these presentations as the placemaking group will be public-facing and wanted Council to feel sure they are comfortable with that aspect of the firms.

##### i. AMT Presentation

Jo Ann Trach Tongson introduced her team members Amy Findley and Laura Connelly, each giving a brief overview of their relevant experience on similar projects. Ms. Trach Tongson reviewed several projects that AMT had been responsible for, highlighting projects conducted with M-NCPPC. She also reviewed the proposed eight month timeline for the project. This would include a programing/recreational opportunities assessment, then engagement with the public and staff, and finally producing an action plan with budgets for short-, mid- and long-term planning. They highlighted their ability to assist with grants from M-NCPPC, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Prince George's County. Council had no questions for AMT.

##### ii. KCI Presentation

Mr. Charles Kenny of KCI lead the presentation and noted that the goals of the project are straightforward. The action plan needs to be more than just data, but rather a roadmap to an achievable vision, one that is informative and insightful, and maximizes community engagement. He reviewed the project approach "Plan, Do, Study, Act" in detail, highlighting that consensus-based decision making is key to transparency. He noted that their project goal would be to complete it in six months, as the DNR grants are due in August for FY2026. Mr. Rick Hoehn introduced himself and the role that he would play, while also introducing Mr. Kenny's role within the project and Ms. Wisa Kompayak who would serve as the senior landscape architect. Mr. Hoehn noted that KCI is large and resource rich, including GIS and other technologies.

In questions, MPT Brittan-Powell asked about blending spaces and events among the different cultural elements in the community. Mr. Kenny shared that they use a product called "Social Pinpoint" which has seamless translation capabilities.

### iii. Ven Presentation

The Ven Studio team introduced themselves. The three members of the team that were present are residents of Berwyn Heights and highlighted the organic nature of their founding. Justin Cullen, Kiley Wilfong Cullen, and Nusheen Majidi briefly reviewed their resumes. They highlighted the need for “third places” (home and work being first and second places) as these are the areas that build community. They noted the foundations for this have already been laid with the different organizations and facilities within the community. Finally, they shared that one of their associates, Mr. Ian Rosario is fluent in Spanish and has previous experience in playground construction. Mr. Cullen and Ms. Wilfong Cullen shared their experience as grant recipients during their education.

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed appreciation for the organic nature of the team’s development.

During Council discussion after the presentations, CM Papanikolas noted some “scope creep” with the projects. He also expressed an interest in the Ven Studio presentation and hyper-locality of the staff. CM Menjivar stated that he feels KCI is the strongest of the firms.

Council discussed the next steps of process to make a decision, including review of the written proposals and costs. CM Hemby would like to see examples of projects in person.

### d. Reso. 01-2024 to Amend Fees and Fines for Ordinance 101

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for Staff to confirm with Director Goodwin that the fines in the resolution attachment are in line with County fines. CM Hemby asked if there were any other fines that needed to be re-evaluated. If there is no further input from Department heads, the resolution will be presented at the February Town Meeting.

### e. Resident Comments

There were no resident comments.

### 2. Code Compliance

CM Hemby thanked Public Works for all the work they did to keep the Town safe during the snowstorm. She also wanted residents to know how lucky they are to have a Code Compliance office that is willing to discuss ways to keep the community safe, rather than go straight to enforcement. She asked that residents keep an open mind if they see a Code Officer on their property as they may be coming to speak with you about an issue you are unaware of and that may be resolved quickly. She encouraged residents to reach out to her directly if there are issues, but also to treat Code Officers the way they would want to be treated. There was discussion on the possibility of

the Town acting as a mediator between residents. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed her concern about the possible legal issues that may entail, and to have it cleared by the Town Attorney before engaging in that role.

### 3. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs-

CM Papanikolas added his thanks to Public Works for all their work during the storm. He also expressed his gratitude for Code Compliance. He noted that so much of this is about community resiliency and getting over the shared trauma of Covid.

### a. Town Organization Policy Draft Review

TM Snyder stated that the document before the Council is a second draft. Notable changes include removing the Rec Council as the overall umbrella organization for the Town, instead establishing them as the primary event organizing group. It also temporarily calls them the “Recreation Committee” in response to their desire to have a name change. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested a Word version of the document for wordsmithing, rather than trying to do this in a meeting. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about being deliberately obtuse in order to allow for organizations to develop outside of the Town structure. CM Papanikolas suggested having the Rec Committee be the catchall for encouraging participation and development of new groups, while noting that some groups have never expressed a desire to become official organizations. There should be something formal enough to encourage new groups, but less formal than saying the Rec Committee is the incubator for new groups.

The Council also discussed organizations email accounts, access to BHTV, a need to reference the Bulletin policy, and event policy for insurance coverage needs. An updated draft policy will be reviewed at the next worksession.

### 4. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy mentioned the upcoming Narcan and First Aid classes and deadlines for registration. She noted that minors are able to take either of the classes as long as they are able to read, but they are not able to receive a Narcan kit at the conclusion of that class.

### 5. Public Works

CM Menjivar stated that Director Pudner and the Public Works crew did an excellent job, responding 24/7 for a few days during the winter storm. He noted that they are monitoring the weather reports for future impacts to trash pick-up. He thanked TM Snyder for going above and beyond as well. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed a concern that we do not take advantage of Public Works. CM Menjivar stated they are doing a good job of rotating staff. TM Snyder reviewed how the floater position

funded by Council has also provided relief and that they brought in a temporary employee for snow response. CM Papanikolas noted more staff having their commercial driver’s license makes it easier for this work to be done. CM Menjivar also stated that the Police Department is very active during these types of events as well.

### 6. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell shared about the celebration of life for David Williams. He praised administration staff for the work that is being done. CM Hemby also expressed her thanks to TM Snyder for his work on facilitating meetings.

### 7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:11PM.

## Council Corner

From MPT Brittan-Powell

This is an important time in Berwyn Heights. Along with the regular Spring-time preparations being made, many critical elements in our efforts to enhance community life are underway.

Several members of the Town are working with the UMD School of Public Health to improve the general well-being of the Town and their efforts are appreciated. Prior feedback about critical community needs has led to bringing in professionals to help us concretely design activities and infrastructure to boost community health and involvement – from holding events to stormwater management. We also welcome aboard our Administration Team, a Town Resident – Jonathan Lowndes! Jonathan has been a very active member of our town and through his prior volunteer work has helped build up many parts of our community. We have not had a professional running our Parks and Recreation Division for a while, so please give him your well wishes and feedback on ways to bolster community involvement when you see him. We are fortunate to have an outstanding set of folks serving both as staff and volunteers. Please continue to share your community concerns with myself and my fellow Council Members to help us serve you.



# Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is facing an emergency blood shortage with the lowest number of donors in 20 years. Sign up for the Berwyn Heights Blood drive on March 14 from 12-5PM. Scan the QR code, visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Hello Seniors and Berwyn Heights Residents!! The Senior Services Program will be having 1-hour time slots available to apply for Homeowner's Property Tax Credit (deadline of Oct 1st, 2024), apply for Energy/Water Assistance and browse through National Council on Aging's Benefits Checkup.

Time slots are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm. If you would like to schedule a time outside of this schedule or have any questions/concerns, please contact Pamela Aluvale at (240)-583-0602 or [paluvale@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:paluvale@berwynheightsmd.gov)

SAVE THE DATE for the award-winning, Aging Solo Workshop happening in Spring 2024 through the City of Greenbelt GAIL Program! More details to be announced soon!



# Town Elections



**The Berwyn Heights Town Council election will be on May 7, 2024.**

**Petitions of Candidacy are currently being accepted. Petitions will be accepted until March 5th. All election forms can be found on the Town Website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections>**

**Other important election dates:**

**March 25: Supplemental Voter Registration 7PM-10PM**

**April 8: Voter Registration Closes**

**April 8: First Day to request an Absentee Ballot**

**April 25: Candidates Night 8PM**

## **Town Council Selects Architectural/ Placemaking Firm**

At the February 14, 2024 Town Meeting, the Town Council unanimously voted to select KCI Technologies (KCI) proposal for Architectural/Placemaking within the Town of Berwyn Heights. KCI has extensive experience working with municipalities and Prince George's County on projects. During the next several months, KCI will be evaluating Town owned properties to help meet the recreational needs of the community. There will be opportunities for residents to engage with KCI to help shape their final recommendations.





## Berwyn Heights Day **FUN RUN** May 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia with post-race refreshments!

Registration and race begins at the Town Center and will proceed to nearby paths

**Registration begins at 8:00 am**

**Cost is \$10.00 per adult town resident, and \$5.00 per child 13-17 and \$2.00 12 and under.**

**Strollers are free, \$15 for non-town residents.**

*All registrants receive a t-shirt designed by resident Angie Wolfinger with design by Dave Williams  
(while supplies last)*

Please make checks out to the Town of Berwyn Heights



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)

CHILD 8-10

14-16

ADULT

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**QUANTITIES LIMITED AND DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**

**WAIVER – MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**

I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability and safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 \_\_\_\_\_





**Berwyn Heights Day Vendor/Information Booth Application Saturday, May 4, 2024**

Contact Person:

Business:

Address:

Phone Number and Cell Number:

E-mail:

Items for Sale/Distribution (Please be specific as no more than 2 craft vendors selling similar items will be approved):

**The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution.** Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors. Please do not plan on selling or providing:

Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc are acceptable – individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.), no Silly String, no Colored Hair Spray

All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Ave and Berwyn Road).

**Set-Up Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Please drop off items no later than 10:15 am to begin your set up.**

**Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Check ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2022)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table    Yes    NO    Chairs? (Supply is limited):    1 or 2

Will you need a canopy? (Canopies available for \$15; supply limited):    YES    NO

Mail or drop-off registration form at Berwyn Heights Town Center, attn:Rec Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 with cash/check (made out to the Town of Berwyn Heights) by April 26, 2024. For more info, contact: Susan Jones at 301-602-8926, [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

**OFFICE USE ONLY: SELECT ONE:**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ (put check # in space)

AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_





To see the full Community Garden Agreement, please visit the Town Website at <http://bit.ly/BHGarden2024>



## Berwyn Heights Community Garden

2024 Application

The Berwyn Heights Community Garden is located in the 8900 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The lease period is March 2024 - February 2025. **Plot fee \$30.**  
Cash or Checks accepted. Please make checks payable to BH Recreation Council

Existing members and those interested in becoming new members must submit a 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. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided.

Garden rules and regulations will be posted at the Town Office and on the town website. A community garden orientation/training will be held in March for new plot owners. **New plot** owners should contact Diana Agony at 301-672-6670 to arrange a garden orientation before you start planting.

I/we agree to abide by the 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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this application/fee in person or by mail to:

Town Hall

5700 Berwyn Road

Berwyn Heights MD, 20740

Applications can be left in the drop box if office is closed.

APPLICATION 2024

For Office Use Only

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Plot # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment # \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, please contact Diana Agony at 301-672-6670 or <mailto:daagony72@yahoo.com>.

# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 A.M. to 1P.M.— Next to the Town Office  
on 57th Ave. Phone 301-474-5000

**THE BEST THERAPY IN THE WORLD IS TIME OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 13	Leara Johnson
March 16	Susan Huber
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Therese Forbes
March 22	Pat Agee
March 30	Jonathon Loutsch

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

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

**BINGO** - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM

**WII BOWLING**— Every Wednesday 10:30AM

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

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM

**BREAKFAST** at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30

**MEETINGS**—Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Pot Luck.

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Ron Luftman, age 92, long time resident of Berwyn Heights died February 16, 2024. After retiring from the Department of Defense, he became active in the Berwyn Heights Seniors Club, serving many years as Vice President., as well as coordinating Bingo and Wii Bowling. He will be sorely missed.

*hello spring!*  
*¡hola primavera!*

# Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

**Friday, March 15th, 7-9pm—Team Trivia!**

at the Town Center, 2nd floor (8603 57th Avenue)

Teams will compete in a night of trivia fun! Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. (Adults Only). Teams are welcome (up to 6 people). Don't have a team? Show up and we will place you on one.

For **April**, any musicians who would like to participate in a **porch concert**, please contact [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).

The rec council is in the planning stages of **Berwyn Heights Day (Saturday, May 4th!)**

If you have any ideas or suggestions, want to be a craft vendor, know of a good food vendor, want to be part of the parade... We want to hear from you!

Our next three meetings will be Tuesday, March 5th, April 2nd, and April 30th, at 7pm in the Love room (1st Floor of the Town Center). Feel free to join us at a meeting, or email your suggestions to [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)



**Viernes, 15 de marzo, de 7 a 9 p.m. - ¡Noche de trivia!**

en el centro de la ciudad, 2do piso (8603 57th Avenue)

¡Los equipos competirán en una noche de diversión y trivia! No dudes en traer tus propios bocadillos y bebidas. (Sólo para adultos). Los equipos son bienvenidos (hasta 6 personas). ¿No tienes un equipo? Preséntate y te ubicaremos en uno.

*(Las preguntas estarán en inglés)*

Para **abril**, cualquier músico que quiera participar en un **concierto en el porche**, Póngase en contacto con [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).

El consejo de recreación está en las etapas de planificación del **Berwyn Heights Day (el sábado 4 de mayo)**. Si tienes alguna idea o sugerencia, quieres ser vendedor de artesanías, conoces a un buen vendedor de comida, quieres ser parte del desfile... ¡Queremos saber de ti!

Nuestras próximas dos reuniones son el martes 5 de marzo, 2 de abril y 30 de abril, a las

7 p.m. en el centro de la ciudad, 1er piso (8603 57th Avenue). No dudes en unirse a nosotros en una reunión o enviar tus sugerencias por correo electrónico a [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)





# *Historical Committee*

## Exciting News!

The Sankofa Mobile Museum will be coming to Berwyn Heights on May 4, 2024, for Berwyn Heights Day. This is a new program from the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission and the BHHC is thrilled to be it's sponsor for Berwyn Heights Day.



Don't forget to stop by our table for a visit and to get the new historic house magnet!

P.S. We will be having another wine basket raffle.

The **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Love Room.

**All are welcome!**

All other inquiries to: [dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com)

For more information visit our Website:

<https://berwynheightshistory.com> and on Facebook.

*Visitors are always welcome!*





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



[bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)

[www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com)

Facebook: @BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next Green Team meeting will be / Nuestra proxima reunion del Equipo Verde sera  
Thursday, 3/14/24, 7:00 pm, G Love Room, Town Center.

All residents of Berwyn Heights are welcome. / Todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights son bienvenidos.



Spring wildflower  
walks and  
habitat  
improvement!

¡Caminatas de primavera  
con flores silvestres y  
mejora del hábitat!

**10 am, Saturday, Mar 30**

Near MyEyeDr / cerca de MyEyeDr

**10 am, Saturday,  
Apr 13**

On Woods Trail / en  
Woods Trail

More details /  
Más detalles:

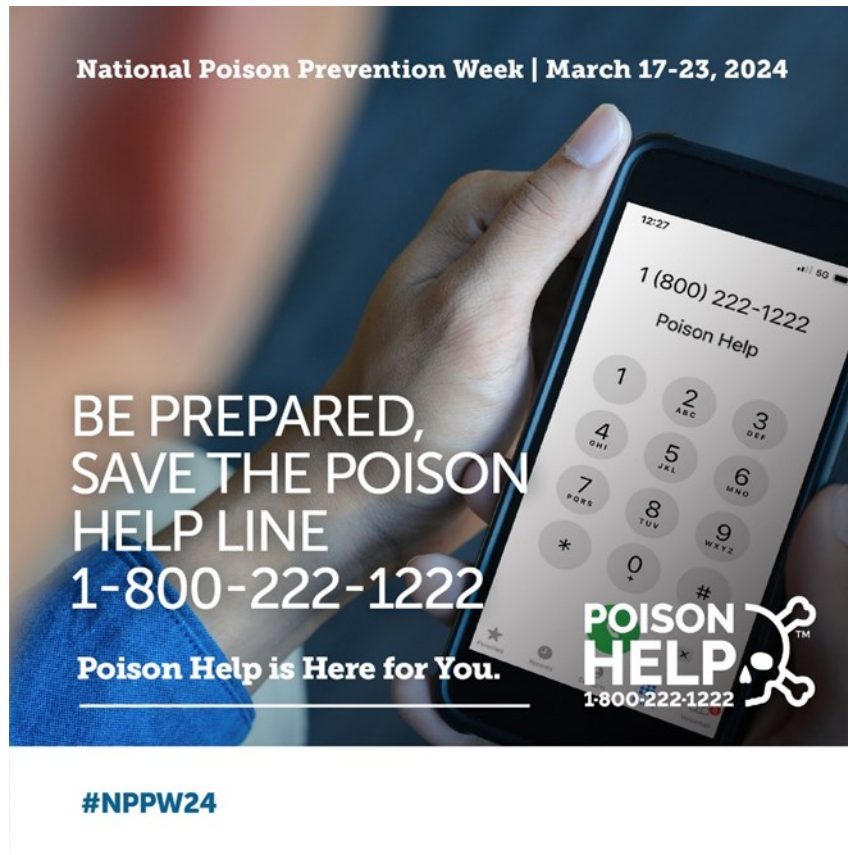




## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



*Join us March 6 at 7:00pm in the G. Love Room*



This year's National Poison Prevention Week is March 17-23. Poison can happen to anyone of any age. The unexpected happens, when it does—Poison Help is here for you 24/7. #NPPW24

***Semana Nacional de Prevención de Envenenamientos***  
***—17 al 23 de marzo de 2024—***

***PREPÁRSE, GUARDE EL NÚMERO DE LA LÍNEA POISON HELP 1-800-222-1222***

***Poison Help está a su servicio 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana.***

*Este año, la Semana Nacional de Prevención de Envenenamientos será del 17 al 23 de marzo. Los envenenamientos puedan afectar a cualquier persona de cualquier edad. Lo inesperado ocurre. Cuando sucede, Poison Help está a su servicio 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana. #NPPW24*





# Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Co. 14



## 100 Years of Service 1924 - 2024



## Recent Working Incidents

**Feb 3rd**— Truck 14 was alerted to the 7700Blk of Lexington Ave in Laurel for a working house fire.

**Feb 4th**— Truck 14 was alerted to respond as the first due truck to the 5400 block of 54th Pl. in Riverdale for the reported house on fire. Units arrived on scene to find fire showing from a side bravo basement window & started the working fire dispatch. Truck 14 operated in the basement completing searches, opening up for the engine company, and laddered the exterior.



**Feb 8th**— Truck 14 was alerted to the 11300Blk of Strawberry Glenn Ln in Glenn Dale for a working house fire.

**Feb 9th**— Truck 14 was alerted to the 14500Blk of Delcastle Dr in Bowie on the Working Fire Dispatch, assist units on scene with a townhouse fire.

## Our History, The Early Years

*Over the next few Bulletins, in honor of our 100 anniversary, we will be sharing our Department's History. This month features the early years of the Department.*

In October of 1922, a group of citizens gathered at the home of Melvin Bowers to discuss a crucial need for a growing community: fire protection. At that time, the closest established fire companies to the Berwyn Heights, Branchville, and College Park area was in Riverdale, four miles to the south, and Laurel, ten miles to the north, leaving much of our area relatively unprotected should a fire occur. In 1922, Albert Johnson, in conjunction with the Berwyn Improvement Association, donated a lot to the Department north of Berwyn on Branchville Road. In 1923, after much debate regarding where the apparatus should be kept, the Berwyn Fire apparatus was moved to Berwyn Heights where it was housed in Buffington's garage, and Branchville kept the station.

Since the membership was now split, two new departments were organized in 1924, the Branchville Volunteer Fire Company and the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. The Branchville Company kept the land and the Berwyn Heights Department kept the apparatus and the charter. Berwyn Heights was now designated Company 14 by the Prince George's County Volunteer Fireman's Association for it was the 14th company inducted into the association.



## Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

### HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

### FACTS

- ⚠ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ⚠ In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

On May 27, 1929, the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department filed new incorporation papers, listing 15 charter members. The charter members were H.T. Anderson, Raymond Anderson, H.M. Blundon, A.H. Cordes, F.C. Frost, M.C. Johnstone, James C. Loveless, Daniel J. MacDonald, William N. Mercer, Samuel H. Moyer, Charles H. Stein, E.J. Taylor, James E.P. Taylor, C.D. Walker, Edward Weaver.

Soon thereafter, the members purchased their first piece of motorized apparatus, a 1926 Republic pumper, followed by a 1928 Chevrolet chemical truck. On December 30, 1930 the Department's charter was officially approved and recorded at the county courthouse.

During the 1930's the Department was a social center for the community and during the early 1940's as with most departments, the level of service was heavily affected by World War II. Between 1940 and 1945, the active membership dwindled to just nine men. Protective equipment was in even shorter supply as the men shared two pair of boots and three running coats.

*Next issue, the Department adapts to World War 2*



## Registration is open for our Spring 2024 Programs.

*La inscripción comienza este mes para nuestra programas de primavera de 2024.*

**Please register online at  
[www.berwynheightsbgc.org](http://www.berwynheightsbgc.org)**

We have teams for  
PK4-and Up!

Please consider volun-  
teering to help coach



¡Tenemos equipos pa-  
ra PK4 y mas!

¡Considere ofrecerse  
como voluntario para  
ayudar a entrenar o

**The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill lev-  
els and abilities and currently offers Programs for ages 4 & up.**

*El Club de Niños y Niñas de Berwyn Heights da la bienvenida a niños de todos los niveles y ha-  
bilidades y actualmente ofrece programas para niños de 4 años en adelante.*

**Due to high participation, we are actively looking for coaches for several  
age groups.**

*Debido a la alta participación, Estamos buscando activamente entrenadores para varios  
grupos de edad.*

**Contact us at:** [info@berwynheightsbgc.org](mailto:info@berwynheightsbgc.org)

**Follow us on Facebook!** [www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc](http://www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc)



## ¿ES USTED UN RESIDENTE DE BERWYN HEIGHTS QUE BUSCA IMPACTAR A SU COMUNIDAD?

¡¡ESTÉN ATENTOS A UNA ENCUESTA  
PRÓXIMAMENTE!!

¡ESTA BREVE ENCUESTA DE EVALUACIÓN  
DE FORTALEZAS Y NECESIDADES DE LA  
COMUNIDAD SOLO TOMARÁ ENTRE 15 Y  
30 MINUTOS!

LAS RESPUESTAS SON CONFIDENCIALES  
Y TIENEN FINES DE INVESTIGACIÓN QUE  
CONTRIBUIRÁN A LA TOMA DE  
DECISIONES LOCALES.

### ELEGIBILIDAD:

- Debe ser residente de Berwyn Heights o utilizar los recursos de Berwyn Heights.
- Debe tener al menos 18 años.

Envíe un correo electrónico a sph-  
phpce@umd.edu para obtener más  
información.



## ARE YOU A BERWYN HEIGHTS RESIDENTS LOOKING TO IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY?

STAY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A  
SURVEY COMING SOON!!

THIS BRIEF COMMUNITY NEEDS &  
STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT SURVEY WILL  
ONLY TAKE 15-30 MINUTES!

RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND IS  
FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES THAT WILL  
CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL DECISION-  
MAKING

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a Berwyn Heights resident or use Berwyn Heights resources
- Must be at least 18 years old

Email [sph-phpce@umd.edu](mailto:sph-phpce@umd.edu) to learn more!





## Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 7<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, five-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Member of Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization.

**Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.**  
**Open to all ages/all levels: Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**  
**Executive Club (Senior Citizens): Thursdays 12:00 – 2:00 pm**

For more information, contact Theresa Beck 301-237-2829 ([becktheresa@gmail.com](mailto:becktheresa@gmail.com)),  
Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 ([Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com)) or Sensei Leon Swain at  
301-728-2881

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happening in Town!

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council/pages/watch-council-  
meetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council/pages/watch-council-meetings)

## Learn more about what is available in Berwyn Heights!

Visit the Community tab on the Town  
Website to learn more about

- ◇ County Community Resources
- ◇ Area Recreation
- ◇ Town Groups and Assemblies
- ◇ Bee City USA
- ◇ And so much more!

[https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/  
home/pages/community](https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/community)

Does your home still  
meet your needs?

Curious about where your  
equity might take you in 2024?

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Let's figure it out together.

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## Advertising Rates for the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
<b>QUARTER (1/4) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
<b>HALF (1/2) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
<b>FULL PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00



## January Incidents

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 AT 12:30 PM, 'VANDALISM'.

On 1/07/2024 at approximately 1230 pm hours. PFC. Herriott#1454 responded to 8720 Edmonston Road located in Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for vandalism by bullet. Upon arrival, Pfc. Herriott spoke with residents who stated that they heard gunfire on Christmas Evening before 1200 midnight, however, they left for the holiday and when they returned, they discovered a hole in the wall and a projectile inside the nightstand located on the right side of the bed as she was cleaning. Pfc. Herriott's observation revealed that the projectile made entry through the roof located on the front of the house, and later through the bedroom wall leaving a hole approximately 1 inch in diameter. This officer recovered a spent round from the residence which will be submitted for evidence. This is an ongoing investigation. No one was hurt during this incident. All events occurred in Prince George's County Maryland.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 AT 6:45 AM, 'STOLEN AUTO'.

At approximately 0645 hrs, 1/10/2024, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police, was dispatched to 5815 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD for a stolen auto. The investigation indicated that the victim pulled into a parking slot in front of the 7/11 store. The victim states he went into the store for a few minutes for a purchase. He thought he had secured his vehicle but left it running. The unknown suspect entered and drove off with the listed vehicle. The victim showed Hollowell he still had the key fob for the vehicle. The information will be entered into NCIC via teletype for stolen auto (jump-in).

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 AT 3:29 AM, 'PEDESTRAIN STRUCK'.

01/11/2024 officers responded to a Call for Service for a Pedestrian Struck at 6001 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt. Once on scene, officers made contact with the Field Observation, who was being treated by Ambulance 814B. The Field Observation was uncooperative and belligerent and demonstrated no indications that he had been struck by a vehicle. The

Field Observation was transported to the University of Maryland Capital Regional Medical Center.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 AT 10:00 PM, 'ARMED PERSON'.

On 1/13/2022 at approximately 2200 hours Cpl. Rufino (1451) along with Sgt. Roberson (1445) was dispatched to 59\*\* Berwyn Rd, Berwyn Heights Prince George's County MD 20740 for an armed person call. Upon arrival, they met with a resident at the door that escorted us to the basement. Upon entering the basement, they discovered the homeowner assisted by another person in the home, restraining the arrestee identified as Lucio Antonio Rogel Landaverde. The homeowner reports that the arrestee, who rents a room in his house, was arguing with another tenant in the home at which time Lucio Antonio Rogel Landaverde pointed a handgun at the homeowner. The homeowner grabbed the arrestee at which time the arrestee simultaneously punched the homeowner in the face causing his nose to bleed. Both victims reported that the arrestee pointed the gun at them, and both believed that it was an authentic handgun. This officer upon recovering the handgun discovered that it was a Glock replica, not a functioning firearm. Lucio Antonio Rogel Landaverde was handcuffed, arrested, and transported to the Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections. All events occurred in Prince George's County MD.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 AT 9:30 AM, 'DEATH INVESTIGATIONS'.

On 01/14/2024 at approximately 0930 hours PFC. Herriott #1454 responded to 88\*\* 63rd Avenue Berwyn Heights MD 20740 for unattended death. Upon arrival, he met with the daughter of the decedent, who lives in Lusby Maryland. The daughter advised that she spoke with her father (descendant) yesterday's date 01/13/2024 approximately 12:00 pm and he was doing ok. She also states that she called him at approximately 0800 hours this morning to notify him she was coming to do his laundry, however, he did not answer the phone. When she arrived at the residence, she opened the front door and walked into the room where she found the descendant lying in the bed unresponsive. She called 911 and Fireboard, Engine (14), later responded. The decedent was pronounced at approximately

0915 by EMT Vantreese. The daughter also stated that her father was diagnosed with COPD and Emphysema due to a long history of smoking. The decedent had been hospitalized recently in December with pneumonia and has been prescribed albuterol and prednisone. Upon entering the decedent's bedroom, the officer observed a white male in bed lying in a fetal position. The officer checked for any bruising cuts or trauma and did not see anything out of the ordinary. Dr. Graham, the Medical Examiner later responded and examined the body determined natural causes, and also signed the death certificate due to the decedent not having a primary care doctor. Detective Chinchilla #2845 from PG County Homicide was also notified. The decedent's body was later transported to Donald Borgwalt Funeral Home.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 AT 9:30 AM, 'DEATH INVESTIGATIONS'.

On 01/14/2024 at approximately 1820 hrs Sgt Roberson #1445 was dispatched to 57\*\* Nevada ST Berwyn Heights MD for a death report. Once on the scene contact was made with BHFD units who reported that the subject inside the house was deceased after CPR was administered. Greenbelt Unit 35 Medic Alcala #20886 pronounced the subject at 1815hrs. The wife of the deceased reports that her husband was having labored breathing and was uncomfortable. She said while communicating with him he nodded off and she contacted 911. The deceased suffered from extensive health conditions, (four stents, heart attacks, defibrillator, diabetes, and recent hospitalization for pneumonia) He was recently released from the hospital on 1/02/2024. M.E Stacy Groft was contacted and after a consultation, she authorized the release of the body to a funeral home. Borgwardt's funeral home was contacted on behalf of the family. P.G Homicide has notified Det Visbal Mary 23 # 3755 and advised no foul play was suspected.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 AT 10:25 AM, 'UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE'.

On 1/18/2024 The Victim responded to Division 1 Station to file a UUV report. The Victim stated The Suspect (Norde, Carla) contacted him through Toru, a car rental application, to rent his vehicle, a 2023 Kia Rio bearing MD tag 8FG3546. On 12/30/2023 The



Suspect responded to The Victim's residence located at 84\*\* 57th Ave, Berwyn Heights MD to retrieve the vehicle. The Victim provided The Suspect with the vehicle's keys and The Suspect left with the vehicle. Per the rental agreement, the vehicle was to be returned to The Victim's address on 01/04/2024 by 1500 hours which The Suspect failed to do. The Victim made multiple attempts to request the return of his vehicle through text, phone calls, and messages through the Toru app which The Suspect refused. The Victim sought the help of the Commissioners' office on 01/12/2024 and was issued a warrant for CR 7 205 VEHICLE/RENTD:FAIL RETURN reference warrant number D-05-CR-24-003652.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 6:30 PM, 'VANDALISM'**

At about 6:30 PM on January 23, 2024, PFC Lowndes # 1456 Berwyn Heights Police were dispatched to 88\*\* 62nd Ave for a report of vandalism of two parked motor vehicles. Ofc Lowndes met with the listed complainant who resides at 88\*\* 62nd Ave. The listed complainant stated he saw the unknown suspect who was an African American male wearing all black walking with an African American female wearing a pink hoodie. The complainant witnessed the unknown suspect purposely damaging a Honda sideview mirror bearing Maryland license plate # 3FB6196 and the driver-side window of a Toyota Corolla bearing Maryland license plate # 4ES9139. The unknown suspect was last seen walking towards Beltway Plaza. The responding officers conducted area checks for the unknown suspect and the results were negative. Ofc Lowndes requested the complainant's doorbell video to be forwarded as soon as possible.

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 AT 5:55 PM, 'STOLEN AUTO'**

On 01/26/2024 at approximately 5:55 PM Cpl. Rufino (1451) along with Sgt. Roberson (1445) were dispatched to a reported carjacking located at 56\*\* Berwyn Rd Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Upon arrival, they met with the victim who reported that a neighbor (witness) knocked on his door to inform him that an unknown person was tampering with one of his vehicles that was parked on Osage Street. The victim immediately entered his girlfriend's vehicle (a silver Hyundai Elantra 2022 with Virginia registration tag ZT2936) and drove to Osage Street to confront the unknown person(s). The victim reports that he arrived at

Osage Street and parked his vehicle behind a black Toyota Truck attempting to block it in. The victim proceeded to knock on the driver's side window to confront the driver. At that moment the victim reports that the passenger of the Toyota truck exited the vehicle and jumped into the Hyundai Elantra that was parked and unsecured. The Toyota truck pushed the Hyundai back allowing it space to flee. Both vehicles then proceeded to take off Eastbound on Berwyn Rd toward Kenilworth Ave. The victim reports that the driver of the black Toyota was wearing all black, possibly a young, Latino, heavier in weight, and that the driver of the stolen vehicle was wearing all dark clothing also described as a younger Latino, light in weight. The victim's parked vehicle that was tampered with sustained a small amount of damage to the rear trunk lock. The vehicle is a 1990 Chev. Caprice MD tag 042Z01 expiration 4/25. Both subjects were reportedly wearing face masks. No weapons were displayed and classified as a jump-in. A wave detective was notified Bonaccorsy #4209 auto theft 31. Teletype was notified. All events occurred in Prince George's County.

As of this writing, Cpl Rufino #1451 was tracking the stolen vehicle via blue-link a subsidiary of Hyundai. The dispatcher was able to track the vehicle through Wash. D.C. and several stops in Clinton MD.

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 AT 7:43 AM, 'VANDALISM'**

At approximately 0743 hrs, 1/28/2024, while on routine patrol, Sgt. Hollowell# 1449, Berwyn Heights Police, saw a grey 4-door vehicle with a broken right rear passenger window. The vehicle listed was parked in front of 62\*\* Seminole Street. On inspecting the vehicle, shattered pieces of window glass were on the ground below the damaged door. Glass fragments were also inside the rear interior. A stolen check was initiated that came back negative and the owner was listed as a Greenbelt resident. The interior had papers and items strewn about, but the glove compartment was closed. Hollowell located the reporting person at 62\*\* Seminole Street. The reporting person is a friend of the owner. The owner is out of the country for several weeks for a family death. The reporting person was watching the victim's vehicle while out of the country. The reporting could not indicate if anything was taken and would

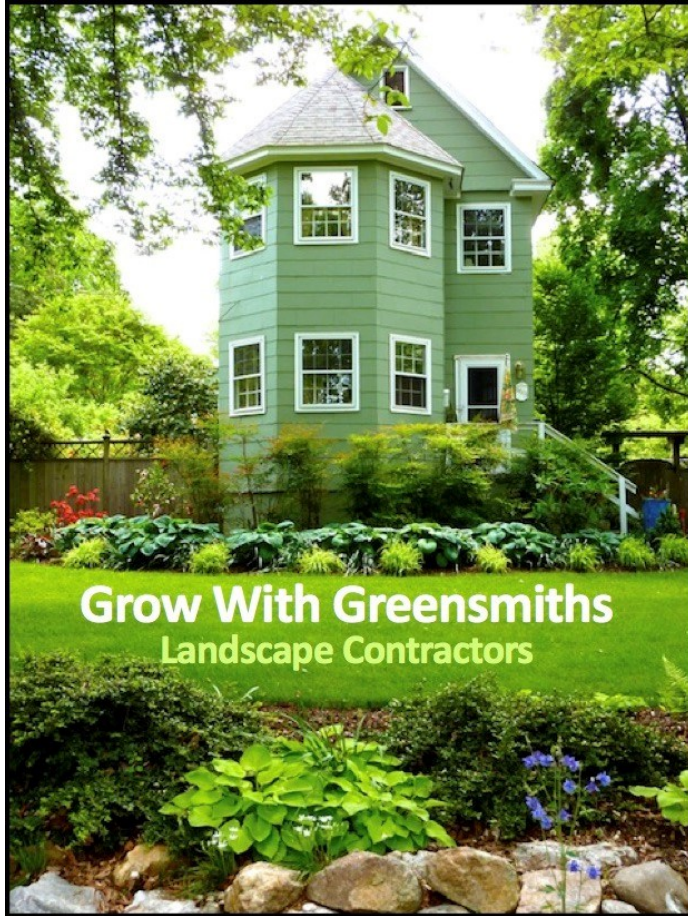
notify the owner of the damage. No further investigation is pending.

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 AT 3:59 PM, 'THEFT'**

On 01/28/2024 Cpl Rufino was dispatched to a theft report located at 86\*\* 57th Ave Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Upon arrival, she met with the Reporting source who is a senior at the BH Senior Center. (RS) reported that he left the senior center yesterday 1/28/2024 at approximately 3:30 PM. Today when he arrived at 3:30 PM, RS (along with other seniors) noticed the pool table cover was on the ground and the pool table was uncovered with the balls on top of the table. This is unusual according to RS because they usually put everything away and cover it after using it. RS also reports that the television Firestick is gone. It is reported to have been stolen by unknown suspect (s) who entered the senior center without being authorized. All doors and windows checked secured and were locked. No forced entry was observed. The community center above the senior center had a function last night and numerous people were in attendance. All events occurred in Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County MD.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024 AT 1:15 PM, 'VANDALISM'**

On January 31, 2024, at about 1:15 PM PFC Lowndes #1456 and PFC Herriott #1454 were dispatched to 62\*\* Seminole street for a motor vehicle vandalism that just occurred. The responding officers arrived on the scene; PFC Lowndes met with the complainant who identified as \*\*\*\* during the interview with the complainant. PFC Herriot conducted a brief neighborhood canvass for any possible witness or any additional information, the results were negative. The complainant stated to PFC Lowndes while he was inside his residence at 62\*\* Seminole Street, he heard a pop sound near the victim's vehicle, a 2015 red Honda Coupe bearing Maryland license plate # 4EM1047. The victim went outside and discovered the motor vehicle driver's side window was damaged by an unknown suspect. The complainant informed PFC Lowndes that he did not have a home surveillance or ring door camera at the time of the incident.



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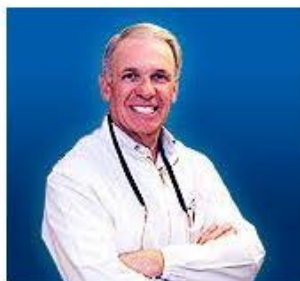
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10	11  	12  	13  Town Meeting 7PM Council Chambers 	14  Blood drive 12PM Green Team 7PM. G. Love Room	15 Team Trivia 7PM Town Center	16
17 St Patrick's Day	18   Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	19  	20 	21 	22	23
24	25  	26  	27  BHHC 7:30 PM G. Love Room	28 	29 Good Friday: Offices Closed 12:00	30 Wildflower Hab- itat Improve- ment
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