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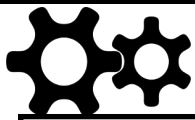


March 26: 3-5pm Bluegrass Concert: The Others

Some content inside provided in Spanish and English

Algunos contenidos internos se proporcionan en español e inglés.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Four Cities Streetsweeper will be in Berwyn Heights the week of March 6th-10th. Especially if you have debris in your street gutter, please make sure to have cars moved so that your street can take advantage of this service.

Public Right-of-Way Planning:

In an effort to determine long-term improvements to the Town's Public Right-of-Way, the Public Works Department would like to gather information on two different issues:

1. Drainage Problems: Any areas where drainage problems are negatively affecting the street gutters (constantly running water in the gutter, etc.). Please email Public Works Director Brad Pudner (bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) with any areas that you are aware of. While solutions may not always be easily or readily available, the first step is to determine problem areas and begin the process of understanding the source of these challenges in an effort to find solutions.

2. Urban Forest improvements: If you are interested in planting a tree in the Public Right-of-Way (within 10' of the street curb), please let us know and Public Works can help assess if a tree would fit, and what size tree would be appropriate. The Town has a tree rebate program if you plant a tree or hire a landscape company to plant a tree if one would fit in your curb area. Please note that trees should be approved by the Town when planted in the Public Right-of-Way to make sure it won't interfere with power lines or create any safety issues for public use of the Town's roadways and sidewalks.

Trash/Recycling Reminder: No plastic bags or trash in blue recycling bins

In an effort to make sure that trash is not mixed with recycling, please remember that plastic bags can not be recycled by the County's facility, so please do not bag your recyclable items when you put them in your blue bin. Just put them in loose. Also, please do not put trash in your blue bin. Trash should be bagged and put in your own trash can of choice, or left in kitchen bags at the curb on your trash day.



El barrendero de las cuatro ciudades estará en Berwyn Heights la semana del 6 al 10 de marzo. Si tiene escombros en la cuneta de su calle, asegúrese de mover los autos para que su calle pueda aprovechar este servicio.

Planificación del derecho de paso público:

Para determinar mejoras a largo plazo en el Derecho de Paso:

Público de la Ciudad, el Departamento de Obras Públicas quisiera información sobre dos temas diferentes:

1. Problemas de drenaje: Cualquier área donde los problemas de drenaje estén afectando negativamente las canaletas de la calle (constantemente agua corriendo en la canaleta, etc.). Envíe un correo electrónico al director de Obras Públicas Brad Pudner (bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov) con cualquier área que conozca. Es posible que las soluciones no siempre estén fácilmente disponibles, el primer paso es determinar las áreas problemáticas y comenzar el proceso de comprender el origen de estos desafíos para encontrar soluciones.

2. Mejoras en el bosque urbano: si está interesado en plantar un árbol en el derecho de paso público (dentro de los 10 pies del bordillo de la calle), infórmenos y Obras Públicas puede ayudarlo a evaluar si un árbol cabría y qué el tamaño del árbol sería apropiado. La Ciudad tiene un programa de reembolso de árboles si usted planta un árbol o contrata a una empresa de paisajismo para plantar un árbol si cabe en el área de la acera. Tenga en cuenta que los árboles deben ser aprobados por la ciudad cuando se plantan en el derecho de paso público para asegurarse de que no interfieran con las líneas eléctricas ni creen problemas de seguridad para el uso público de las carreteras y aceras de la ciudad.

Recordatorio de basura/reciclaje: no se permiten bolsas de plástico ni basura en los contenedores azules de reciclaje

Asegúrese de que la basura no se mezcle con el reciclaje, recuerde que las instalaciones del condado no pueden reciclar las bolsas de plástico, así que no embolse sus artículos reciclables cuando los coloque en su contenedor azul. Solo déjalos sueltos. Además, no tire basura en su contenedor azul. La basura debe embolsarse y colocarse en el bote de basura de su elección, o dejarse en bolsas de cocina en la acera el día de la basura.

Worksession Minutes January 17, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Councilmember Shinita Hemby attended remotely. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present was Trent Leon-Lierman, a representative from CASA.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Papanikolas moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. CM Menjivar inquired if it would be necessary to amend the agenda to ensure discussion about the new trash truck. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated she planned to address it under Budget discussions. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

CM Hemby is attending remotely due to illness. MPT Brittan-Powell asked residents to be cautious due to high rates of flu and covid transmission.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about some upcoming meetings, including PGCMA and Four Cities. She reviewed agenda items for both meetings, highlighting especially the Four Cities agenda items that include storm-water management and asking Greenbelt and College Park for background on their renter-to-homeowner programs. CM Hemby asked to add a discussion on the recent crime that has been occurring across the region and if there have been any police initiatives in response. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy inquired regarding setting an executive session to interview prospective ARPA Grant Managers. Council discussed if a Grant Manager was still required with the hiring of ITM Jones. It was confirmed that the position should still be filled, and Council discussed continuing the hiring process. CM Papanikolas pointed out that the Grant Manager reports to Council and that the Council should be involved in the process with the input of ITM Jones. Council discussed the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference attendees and hotels.

c. Introduction of Interim Town Manager

ITM Jones introduced himself and he shared his education and some of his work history, including academics, Washington DC city government, and other municipalities in Prince George's County. He shared his interest in expanding his roles and capabilities. He stated he always has an open-door policy and looks forward to getting to know the community and Council.

MPT Brittan-Powell added that it was a unanimous decision to bring ITM Jones on board. He also invited the community to come down after tonight's worksession and have a slice of cake to welcome him.

d. Residential Flood Mitigation Program

MPT Brittan-Powell introduced that the Town is looking at implementing a flood mitigation program similar to that of Howard County. He added that he is seeking input from the Council on the application form from Howard County. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that she has reached out to the Mayor of Edmonston, as a community more similar in size to Berwyn Heights, in regards to their program. She also expressed concern about the Howard County program being more complicated than the Town could manage. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that Howard County has loosened their standards. There was discussion on how to identify high-risk homes. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked CM Hemby about the status of a phase two flood survey. CM Hemby stated that she is no longer working on flooding issues and will be focusing on the welcome packet and programs for youth. She expressed her frustration over the programs for residents not being passed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded her that the Emergency Disaster Fund has been passed. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that the Howard County program has two phases, one for high-risk homes and the second for the entirety of the County. He proposed using a combination of both self-reported risk and the map of the Town from the 2021 watershed study conducted by the County to determine Phase 1 homes. MPT Brittan-Powell made note that Rockville uses flood gates in their ARPA funded mitigation program. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed concerns about using ARPA funds for flood gates as that would put income restrictions on who could receive them. MPT Brittan-Powell proposed a dual source of funding so that ARPA funds could be used for those who are income eligible but those who were not eligible could still receive the gates. CM Papanikolas reiterated the need for Council to follow through on the promise of purchasing the gates and there was discussion regarding using an income tiered match to make the gates available to all. There was discussion on using part of the \$175,000 ARPA allocated funds for mitigation for the purchase of flood gates.

MPT Brittan-Powell requested for Council to allow Mr. Leon-Lierman to present on issues faced by renters as he came specifically to speak on that issue. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed her desire for Council to stay on track and finish this topic, but given Mr. Leon-Lierman's limited availability, she agreed.

Renters Program: Out of order

Mr. Trent Leon-Lierman introduced himself as a community organizer with CASA and shared that they have been seeing renters suffering as a result of increased rental costs. He shared several statistics about the rent increase trends. He offered that the best solution would be building more affordable housing, but as Berwyn Heights is maxed out on development, that he would recommend instituting rent stabilization, which limits the amount that landlords are able to increase rent on an annual basis. He shared that Prince George's County and Mount Rainer have introduced rent stabilization legislation.

Residential Flood Mitigation Program, Continued

Returning to the flood mitigation program, MPT Brittan-Powell asked Council on a timeline for the program completion, indicating that Howard County expects projects to be completed within a set timeline. There was discussion over the length the program would last as well as how long residents will have to complete work. CM Papanikolas summarized the discussion stating the program will last until money has been expended or the end of ARPA and that residents will have one year to complete projects once they are approved. Further, Council discussed the need for residents to have flood insurance at the conclusion of their project, as well as a requirement they follow all applicable codes and permitting requirements. Council discussed the merits of including auxiliary structures in the program, such as elevating outdoor HVAC units. It was determined that more information would be required before making a decision on the inclusion of outdoor structures.

In discussing the application process and FAQ pages, MPT Brittan-Powell expressed a desire for this to be an on-line application. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that it be assured that any required PII be protected and secured. Council discussed if the program would be retroactive, as Howard County allows for applications on projects that have already been completed. CM Papanikolas suggested that residents be required to have "skin in the game" on a sliding scale based on income. He also suggested that the program be backdated to the August storm event. There was vigorous discussion about eligibility for homes in phase two who have not had a previous flooding event and what kind of mitigation could be authorized, if any, for the houses with no history of flooding.

e. Flood Gate Program (15 minutes)

Council addressed that much of this discussion took place during the previous agenda item. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she saw the potential to take \$10,000 from the line item for the consultant services, which was intended for team building and executive coaching. This line item has \$18,800 and no money has been spent out of it. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that he believes this money should be spent for Council development. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that this miscellaneous line item is allocated for Staff, not Council and that this is a critical item and wants to get the gates in the hands of residents. CM Papanikolas suggested that ITM Jones make the decision with his spending authority.

f. Budget Discussions (30 minutes)

ITM Jones shared and reviewed with Council the budget calendar that he had put together. There was discussion regarding an increased budget, a flat-line

budget, and increased property tax assessments. MPT Brittan-Powell requested that time be made for residents to have input into the budget. The possibility of holding Town Halls to listen to residents was discussed. There was also discussion on the value of holding a budget retreat and when it would be most valuable to schedule. ITM Jones was directed to create two budgets, one with the approximate 7% increase expected in property tax income and one based on a flat revenue.

CM Menjivar introduced the need to amend FY23 Budget to ensure that the trash truck that was ordered for delivery in FY22 but was delayed due to supply chain issues could be purchased. There was discussion regarding how to amend the budget on short notice. There was discussion on adding the ARPA project spending spreadsheet as part of the Treasurer's report for the Consent Agenda at Town Meetings.

g. Resident Comments

There were no resident or community comments. Council took a brief break.

2. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that there is a community shred event at Town Hall on January 28, from 9 am-12 Noon regardless of the weather. There is no limit on the amount for shredding, but that it is paper only, no media such as DVDs.

3. Public Works

CM Menjivar did not have a report.

4. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell highlighted the hiring of ITM Jones and welcomed him, once again.

a. AV Installation update

TC Friesen reviewed the pending AV update and highlighted a few of the new features as well as that the project will begin later in the week. The Town cable channels, on Comcast and Verizon, will not be available until the project is complete.

b. Berwyn Heights/UMD School of Public Health Collaboration and Funding: Ordinance 185B.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he is planning to bring this item back at the next Town Meeting. There was discussion about the procedure for bring back an item that didn't receive a second. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about what has changed since the last time this item was brought to Council and stated that residents had expressed concern at the public hearing that there was no program in place and that it was essentially creating a slush fund. She further stated that there has been no indication that funding will be needed and that no scope of work has been determined. CM Papanikolas asked if there was a viable possibility that funds may be needed in this fiscal year or if this should be part of the appropriation for FY24. He also expressed that the dollar amount should be lowered to reflect that it is only three months of funding. ITM Jones expressed there should be a scope of work and some sort of assessment on which to

build a program. Council discussed holding a meeting with the School of Public Health. CM Hemby asked about the process of bringing an item back, especially after residents had expressed that they did not desire it. She asked if there was a response required before reintroducing an item. She expressed that she has a motion she would like to bring forward and wanted to understand the procedure.

c. Renters to homeownership housing program

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that this was primarily addressed by Mr. Leon-Lierman earlier in the worksession. He stated he would like to work with ITM Jones and Council to develop a holistic program to address housing stability in the community. He is happy to table this until a package can be put together.

d. Renter Protection Program

See item c.

e. Council Training in Rules and Procedures

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would like to use some group development funding to help the Council perform more efficiently. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested using MML and PGCMA as resources to look for trainings.

5. Code Compliance

CM Hemby shared that Code will be meeting as a team at the end of the month and will have more information at the end of the month on licensing and building permits as well as number of vacant units.

a. Teen Volunteer Program

CM Hemby shared that the idea is to pair teens with residents who have need for assistance in Berwyn Heights, such as Seniors and those with disabilities, with the goal of giving a sense of community and building a bond between generations, as well as allowing the teens to earn their required service hours. Code Compliance will be handling the applications and helping to match volunteers with those in need of assistance. There was discussion regarding the potential liabilities and pitfalls in the program as well as ways to mitigate those issues. ITM Jones will help with some of the logistics.

6. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

CM Papanikolas shared that the Green Team is putting together a stormwater fair, a "one stop shop" for residents to get questions answered. They are looking for a date in April. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about engaging the Police Department with groups such as the Boys and Girls Club. Discussion included the ways that the Boys and Girls Club had been involved in National Night Out in the past.

7. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn. CM Menjivar seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously and adjourned at 10:18PM.

Special Meeting Minutes January 24, 2023 | 6:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Also present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen.

Approval of the Agenda

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. The motion was adopted by consensus.

1. Introduction of Ordinance 185D: Budget Amendment to Purchase a Refuse Truck

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Town ordered a refuse truck in August of 2021 with the expectation that the truck would be delivered during FY22. In December of 2021, the Town was notified of a surcharge of \$2900 in response to the rising costs of material, fuel, and labor. When the FY23 budget was passed it was anticipated that the funds would be expended by June 30, 2022, and the truck was not included in the FY 23 budget. However, the truck was not delivered during FY22 but is now ready for delivery. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there was a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 185-D, an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2023 budget. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to introduce the ordinance. CM Menjivar seconded.

In discussion, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy thanked MPT Brittan-Powell for asking questions about the funding of the truck. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that his only anticipated question from residents would be about the rising expenses related to the vehicle and if the Town might be taken advantage of. CM Menjivar shared his surprise about Director Pudner getting notified at the last minute, however the vehicle is ready for pick up and needs to be paid for.

CM Hemby arrived at 6:18 PM. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the meeting discussion for CM Hemby. CM Hemby expressed her comfort with the ordinance. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy called for a vote on the motion and the motion passed unanimously at 4:0.

2. Resident Comment

There were no resident comments.

Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4:0) and the meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.

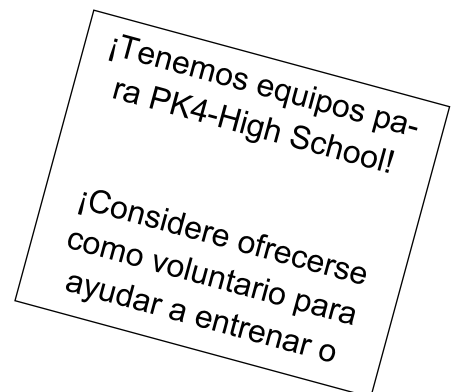
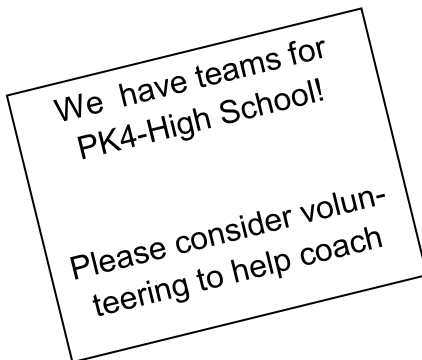




Registration is open for our Spring 2023 Soccer and Track Programs.

La inscripción comienza este mes para nuestros programas de fútbol y atletismo de primavera de 2023.

Please register online at



The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

El Club de Niños y Niñas de Berwyn Heights da la bienvenida a niños de todos los niveles y habilidades y actualmente ofrece programas de atletismo y fútbol para niños de 4 años en adelante.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?

Interesado en ser miembro? ¿Tienes sugerencias o ideas? ¿Quiere ser voluntario?

Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org

Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc



Berwyn Heights Community Garden

2023 Application

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

The lease period is March 2023 - February 2024. 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 2023
For Office Use Only
Date Received _____
Plot # _____
Payment # _____

For questions, please contact Diana Agony at 301-672-6670 or <mailto:agonoy72@yahoo.com>.

Visit the Town Website at berwynheightsmd.gov/files for the application and list of rules.

Berwyn Heights Day **FUN RUN** May 6th 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(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 S M L XLXXL

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 6, 2023

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 57th 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, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 with cash/check (made out to the Town of Berwyn Heights) by April 28, 2023.

For more info, contact: Susan Jones at 301-602-8926, violindreams@verizon.net

OFFICE USE ONLY: SELECT ONE:

Cash _____

Check _____ (put check # in space)

AMOUNT PAID _____





Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 7th 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-2nd 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 (becktheresag@gmail.com), Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 (Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881

Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 A.M. to 2P.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 ST. PATRICK'S DAY



MARCH ACTIVITIES

BINGO - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM

WII BOWLING— Every Wednesday 10:30AM

POOL—Every Thursday 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 11:00 AM.
The Fourth Tuesday is also a Potluck

CRAFTS - Last Friday 11AM

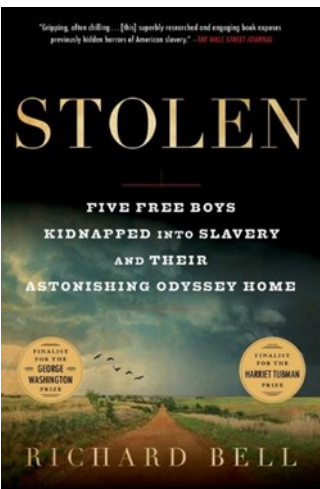
COMING— Chair exercises on a Monday or Thursday



Historical Committee

Meet the Author!

Join us for a history filled afternoon. Dr. Richard Bell, Professor of History at the University of Maryland College Park will discuss his book, “Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home”.



Sunday, April 16, 2023, 2-4 pm

Berwyn Heights Town Center

*A limited number of signed paperback copies of the book will be available for \$20

The next meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in the Love Room at 7:30 pm.

All other inquiries to:

dsteelesny@yahoo.com

For more information visit our Website:

<https://berwynheightshistory.com>

and on Facebook.



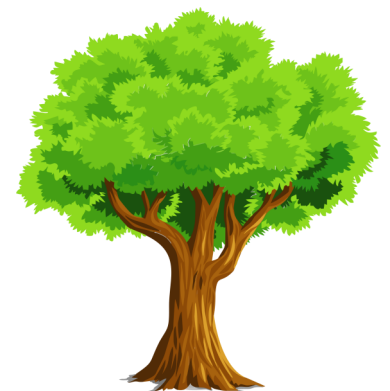
Visitors are always welcome!

Last chance for winter tree care

The Berwyn Heights 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 and young saplings near your home.

For example, invasive vines and weeds can kill trees. Use the end of the winter season to remove any vines that may have climbed your trees this year and clear weeds from the base of the tree. You can snip vines near the ground and tug them off once their leaves turn brown!

The Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board is appointed by the Mayor and Council and works to protect and maintain our urban forest. Feel free to reach out!



Next virtual meeting: March 16th, 2023 at 7 pm with the Green Team.

Contact: Amanda Dewey, amandamdewey@gmail.com



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com

www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook: @BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next virtual Green Team meeting will be Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 pm.

Email us to get the link. All residents of Berwyn Heights are welcome.

Nuestra proxima reunion virtual del Equipo Verde sera el jueves 16 de marzo a las 7:00 pm.

Mandenos un correo electronico para obtener el sitio de la pagina web.

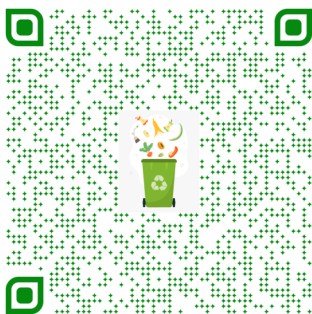
Todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights son bienvenidos.



New! You can put your food scraps out with your yard waste. Learn how:

Ahora puede poner sus residuos de comida junto con los desechos del jardin.

Aprenda cómo :



Saturday, April 1 / sábado 1 de abril, 10 am—12 pm

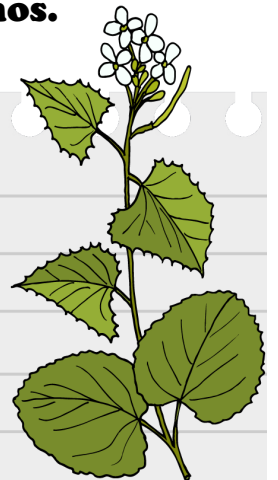
Town center parking lot / En el estacionamiento del Town Center

Learn how to reduce flooding for yourself and your neighbors! / Aprenda cómo reducir las inundaciones de tormentas para usted y sus vecinos.

Save the date! Volunteer to remove invasive garlic mustard that harms our forest.

Ayude de voluntario para remover plantas invasivas que dañan nuestros bosques.

April 15 / 15 de abril, 10 am—12 pm,
Nevada St & 58th Ave



Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Sunday, March 26th from 3-5pm

Join us for a bluegrass concert by "The Others" in the upstairs party room at the Town Center (8603 57th Avenue). All are welcome! This will also be a "snack" pot luck so feel free to bring a treat or goodies to share.



In late **April**, we plan to have an afternoon of porch concerts in and around the town center. Details will follow in next month's bulletin.

CRAFT DAY will continue this month, every **SATURDAY**.

Now from **12noon-3pm!** Town Center (1st Floor)
Follow instructions or make it up as you go, be creative & take home a masterpiece.



GAME NIGHT continues every FRIDAY NIGHT,
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Newcomers are welcome!

We have a collection of board, strategy & card games, or feel free to bring your own!

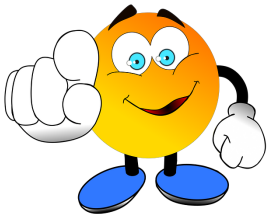
Our **WALKING CLUB** meets at the Sports Park Parking Lot every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY morning at 9am**



Our goal is to have a fun event happening in our community each month. Have any ideas for new events or activities?

Any suggestions on how to make our existing events better?

We want to know!



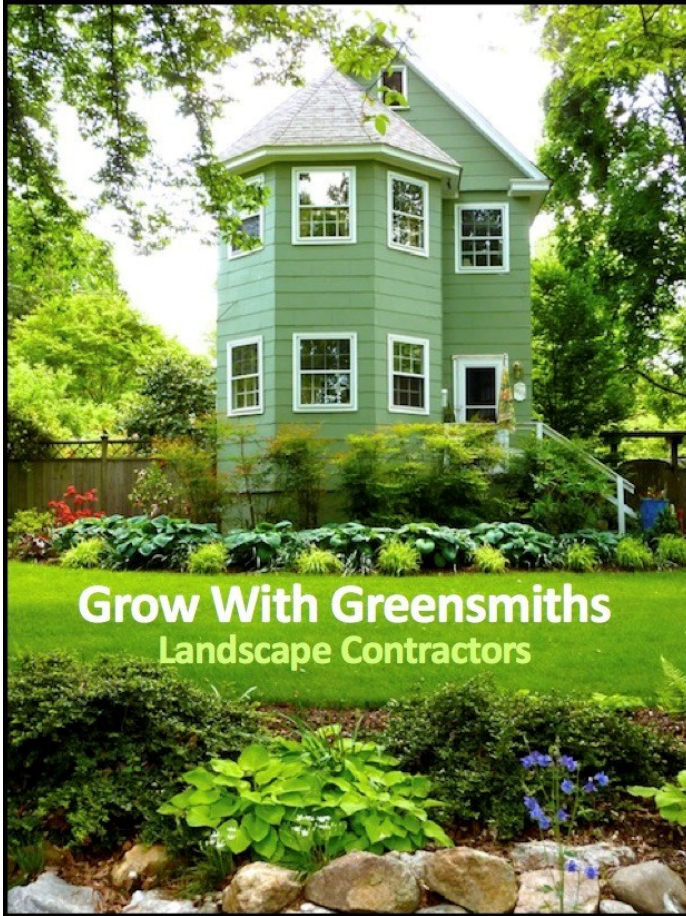
Our next in person meeting will be **Tuesday, 3/7 at 7:00pm in the G. Love Room at the Senior Center.**

We will be starting to plan Berwyn Heights Day. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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The American Red Cross will assist in times of need...fires, natural disasters, etc....

March is observed as American Red Cross Month. The month honors heroes who pledge their lives to the service of the wounded, disaster struck, or are traumatized in any catastrophe. The American Red Cross serves the world by sending volunteers to all areas where help is needed. This March, use this opportunity to learn about and/or volunteer for the American Red Cross Volunteer Program. Also, celebrate volunteers working for this organization.

HISTORY OF AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement serving humanity. Henry Dunant, a Swiss entrepreneur, met French Emperor Napoleon III in 1852 to obtain permission to do business in France. During a business trip, Dunant had the world-changing experience to see the battle of Solferino where he witnessed approximately 40,000 casualties. His conclusion: a lack of medical facilities & aides for armies to care for the wounded. The horrific scenes he experienced in the aftermath of battle inspired him to propose two terms to the governments in Europe. The first, to establish a humanitarian agency to provide medical aid & care to soldiers fighting in different battles & future wars. This led to establishment of the first Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland. The second, to make that agency a transnational organization interceding concept of national boundaries & thus providing medical & humanitarian services for all.

Following same footsteps, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881. Barton gained widespread popularity & support from the American public to establish the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross continued to deliver humanitarian services in the U.S. & internationally. The services during WWI & WWII were critically important that in recognition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in 1943, officially proclaimed March as the American Red Cross month at a national level. According to statistics, the American Red Cross responds to an emergency every eight minutes; approximately 180 emergencies in every 24-hour period. In August 1864, the first Geneva Convention was held; armies became obliged to care for wounded soldiers — whatever side they were on; & an unified emblem — the now-iconic red cross on its white background — was implemented. Later, in World War II, Red Cross's activities expanded hugely to save lives of soldiers & civilians on both sides of the conflict. The Red Cross worked tirelessly to ship relief supplies across the globe.

Since the early 1900s, the Red Cross has been training civilians. The Red Cross is responsible for the first U.S. civilian blood program launched in the 1940s. Today, more than 40% of the blood products in the country come from their blood program.

HOW TO OBSERVE AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Donate Blood

Help the American Red Cross by donating blood that might save someone's life. Be a hero!

Read about its history

Learn the history of the American Red Cross.

Learn Lifesaving Skills

Learning a lifesaving skill is a necessity. The Red Cross conducts training - first aid & CPR - to help civilians learn skills needed to possibly save a life.

FACTS ABOUT AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

1. The Battle of Solferino - 40,000 troops either died or were wounded in this battle: sparking need for the Red Cross.
2. The third most popular non-profit organization - In 1996 study, American Red Cross ranked 3rd most popular nonprofit organization out of 100 charitable organizations in the U.S.
4. The American Red Cross single-handedly contributes approximately 40% of blood donations needed in the U.S.
5. The American Red Cross adopted 'don't-hold-back' stance by helping those in need internationally
6. Disaster relief efforts are 24/7: The American Red Cross constantly monitors for disasters; ready to dispatch at a moment's notice.

To Learn More About the American Red Cross, Go to: <https://www.redcross.org>

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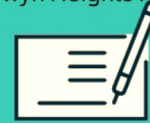


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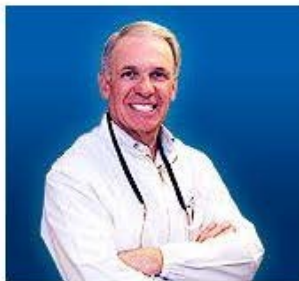
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- March 12th Change clocks "spring forward" to DST.
- March 17th St Patrick's day
- March 20th 1st day of Spring
- March 21st Start of Cherry Blossom Festival
- March 25th Kite flying festival on the Mall
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SOLD-6210 Seminole PI 4 BR 2BA rambler w/ FP.

SOLD-9507 Garwood St Sil Spring 2BR sold \$80K over ask!
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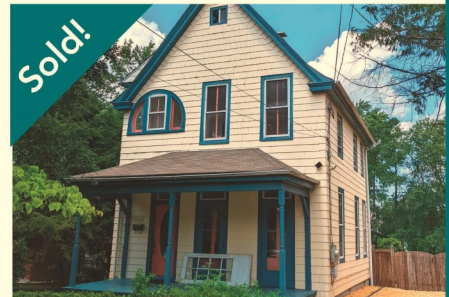
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January Incidents

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023, AT 10:00 PM, 'VEHICLE TAMPERING'

The victim/owner of the listed vehicle reports that his vehicle was parked in the driveway of his home, located at 76** Villanova RD Berwyn Heights MD. The victim further reported that he discovered an unknown subject entered his vehicle and damaged the housing around the ignition. The ignition was damaged as well by an unknown tool. The victim reports that this incident occurred on 1/01/23 between 2200-0000 hours. The vehicle was reportedly locked however no signs of forced entry were discovered. The vehicle is reported inoperable as well due to engine problems. Case number supplied to the victim. Approximate damage to the steering column and ignition is \$1,000.00.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023, AT 12:00 PM, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'

On 1/03/2023 at approximately 1730 hours I spoke to the Victim, who stated on the listed date and time an unknown Suspect used an unknown tool to cut the catalytic converter off of the listed 2009 Toyota Prius. The Suspect then fled in an unknown direction.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023 AT 3:54 PM, 'FRAUD'

On today's date 1/12/2023 At approximately 1554 hours. PFC. Herriott #1454 responded to Police Headquarters located at 5411 Berwyn Road Berwyn Heights MD 20740 for a report of fraud. Upon arrival, he spoke with town resident who advised that he placed his personal check #3100 valued at \$103.00 in the mailbox located at 5700 Berwyn Road on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at approximately 1900. The victim further advised that on Monday he discovered that an unknown person removed his name and written another name and a different amount on his check in the sum of \$2,800 dollars. He advised that he did contact the Truist Bank fraud unit.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 at 5:45 am, 'STOLEN VEHICLE'

On January 17, 2023, at approximately 1745 hours, officers responded to 89** 59th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Mary-

land 20740 for auto theft in progress. Upon their arrival, the Reporting Person advised he had video surveillance of the incident. The Reporting Person advised he was warming up his vehicle and left the vehicle unoccupied. Video surveillance captured unknown suspects arriving at the location of the incident in two vehicles. An unknown suspect exits an unknown sports utility vehicle and enters the victim's vehicle. The unknown suspect fled towards Greenbelt Road and made good on their escape.

A lookout was broadcasted for the victim's vehicle. The vehicle was in the area of New Carrollton Police Department's jurisdiction. Officers from the New Carrollton Police Department canvassed the area and located the vehicle. A stop was initiated on the vehicle. The unknown suspect failed to stop for officers and unknown suspect made good on his escape. The Reporting Person was advised on scene and given a case number for reference. C1137 from the Teletype Unit was notified of the incident.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023 at 12:47 pm, 'VANDALISM'

On 1/21/2023 At approximately 1247 hours. PFC. Herriott #1454 responded to 86** 63rd Avenue for a complaint of vandalism. Upon arrival, he met with the resident and owner of a black Nissan Rogue bearing Virginia Tag#TYY2359. Victim advised that an unknown person vandalized his right rear tire. Victim advises that he parked his vehicle on yesterday's date 1/20/2023 approximately 1800 hours, and when he returned on today's date 1/21/2023 he entered his vehicle pulled off, and noticed that something was wrong. He got out of his vehicle checked his tires and noticed 3 large 4-inch slashes on his right rear tire. Victim advises that he notified AAA they responded and replaced it with a spare tire. Officer observation revealed 3, 4-inch slashes on the tire. Victim also advises that an unknown person placed nails underneath his front tires approximately 3 weeks ago.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023 at 3:00 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 1/27/2023. Approximately 1500 hours PFC. Herriott #1454 was dispatched to US Fuel located at 5901 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights MD 20740 for theft from an auto. Upon

arrival, he spoke with the owner of a 2009 green Acura bearing MD Tag#71972HT. Victim advised while inside the gas station paying for gas, an unknown person shattered her right passenger window removing her purse containing various credit cards, personal IDs, and \$300 dollars in US Currency without her permission. The officer later spoke with witness Willie victim who observed a newer model Mercedes with an unknown Virginia tag parked beside the victim's vehicle and an unknown male wearing all black with a black mask exit the vehicle shattering the victim's right passenger window with an unknown object and remove victim's purse. The unknown male then gets back into the Mercedes and exits the gas station traveling eastbound on Greenbelt Road. The cashier did not have access to the camera room

ETHICS COMMISSION

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Feb 10th- At approx. 1:49 am, Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were dispatched to the 5500 block of Ruxton Dr in Lanham for a structure fire with reports of people trapped. On scene crews found a 2-story split foyer w/fire showing. 2 adults were located deceased. Ladder Truck 14 operated on scene for several hours to assist County Fire Investigators.



Feb 10th- At 5:24pm, units were dispatched to the 7800 block of Alumni Dr on the campus of the University of Maryland, in College Park, for a reported structure fire. On-scene crews found a small fire on the 1st floor of the Riggs Alumni Center. Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch after clearing another call.

Feb 13th- at around 4am, Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were dispatched to the 5800 block of Baltimore Ave in Riverdale for a reported structure fire. On-scene crews found a commercial building with fire showing through roof. The working dispatch and a Fire Task Force assignment were alerted as well. Truck 14 operated for several hours before returning to service.



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- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department’s non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



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FACTS

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Karate Club

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Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag
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Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  NW/EP 7PM	2 	3	4
5	6  Worksession 7PM 	7  Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	8  Town Meeting 7PM 	9 	10	11
12	13  	14 	15 	16  Green Team 7PM– Virtual	17	18
19	20  Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	21 	22  BHHC 7:30PM G. Love Room	23 	24	25
26 “The Others” Bluegrass Con- cert 3-5PM	27 	28 	29	30	31	

A quorum of Town Council Members may be present at any community organization meeting. No action will be taken by Council at any community organization meeting. Location of meetings is subject to change after publication. To join community meetings, please contact the meeting organizers or use the contacts on page 22.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling



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

Mayor and Council

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Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly and in confidence.

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

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

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