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## Public Hearing Notice

### FY 2021 Budget Adoption May 13, 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council plans to adopt its FY 2021 budget at the May Town Meeting. The meeting will be held by video conference due to the coronavirus health emergency. No in-person attendance will be allowed.

The meeting will be broadcast live on BHTV FiOS 12, Comcast 71 and streamed on the Town's website, [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/Watch Council Meetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/Watch/CouncilMeetings).

Public comments will be taken over the telephone at 301-474-9570. The proposed FY 2021 budget will be posted on the Town website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget>

## State of Emergency due to CoVID-19 Expected to Continue through May

### Changes in Town Government Operations

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Administration and Code Compliance are working from home. Police and Public Works are on duty fully staffed.

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website;
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Rental inspections suspended until May 15;
- Emergency notary service performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd. Call 301-474-6774 to inquire.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

Happy Spring to all & a few reminders:  
The street sweeper will be in Town on WED May 27th – FRI May 29th.  
Please park your car off the street when the street sweeper is in your area.

## MEMORIAL HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Mon	05/25/20	Offices Closed - NO PICKUP
Tue	05/26/20	Town-wide Trash & Bulk
Wed	05/27/20	Town-wide Recycling
Thu	05/28/20	Town-wide Yard Waste
Fri	05/29/20	Town-wide Trash

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

## Cambios en el Gobierno del Pueblo Operaciones por CoVID-19 Estado de Emergencia.

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. La Administración y el Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando desde casa. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web;
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta el 15 de mayo;
- Servicio notarial de emergencia realizado por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd. Llame al 301-474-6774 para preguntar.

Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS. A 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Visite el sitio web de la ciudad para obtener las últimas actualizaciones <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

## NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT TO MODIFY TOWN ELECTION

On April 15, 2020, the Berwyn Heights Town Council adopted RESOLUTION NO. CR 01-2020 amending the Town Charter, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-03-30-03 of the Maryland Governor, to add Section 510 - Emergency Actions. The Charter Amendment enables the Town Council to postpone an election and alter the voting process when a State of Emergency has been declared, as was done for the current Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the action is to be able to conduct a municipal election that is safe, orderly and efficient while ensuring an accurate vote count and certification of election results.

The full amendment is posted on the Town Office door and on the Town website at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/charter-and-ordinances](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/charter-and-ordinances). Please email [Town Manager Broadbent](mailto:TownManagerBroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov) or [Clerk Harper](mailto:ClerkHarper@berwynheightsmd.gov) with questions or comments.

# TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

## POSTPONED TO JUNE 9

### *Vote By Mail*

#### **Election mailer sent out May 18**

Registered voters of Berwyn Heights should expect to receive an election mail package the week following May 18. The package will contain instructions on how to vote by mail, postage paid return envelope, ballot envelope and the ballot itself. If you did not receive an election mailer, please contact Clerk Harper at [kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov).

#### **Mail ballot back to Town, or...**

Voted ballots must be mailed back to the Town in postage paid return envelope so that they reach us by Election Day, June 9.

#### **Drop ballot into secure mailbox**

Alternatively, voters can drop off their return ballot envelopes in a secure ballot box that will be set up in front of the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road.

#### **Election Day June 9**

No in-person voting will take place. The Berwyn Heights Board of Election Supervisors will check in all ballot envelopes received by mail or via drop box on the voter rolls, separate the envelopes from the ballots, and count the ballots. The canvass and vote counting will be performed in the Town Center and broadcast live over Comcast 71, FiOS 12 and streamed on the Town website: [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/WatchCouncilMeetings).

#### **Important:**

You must be a registered voter in Prince George's County to vote. Check your registration status at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> or call Prince George's County's Board of Elections at 301-341-7300

### *Votar por correo*

#### **Correo de elecciones enviado el 18 de mayo**

Los votantes registrados de Berwyn Heights deben esperar recibir un paquete de correo electoral la semana siguiente al 18 de mayo. El paquete contendrá instrucciones sobre cómo votar por correo, un sobre de devolución con franqueo pagado, un sobre de papeleta y la papeleta misma. Si no recibió un correo de elecciones, comuníquese con el Secretario Harper a [kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov).

#### **Envíe la papeleta por correo a la ciudad, o ...**

Las papeletas votadas deben enviarse por correo a la ciudad en un sobre con franqueo pagado para que nos lleguen antes del día de las elecciones, el 9 de junio.

#### **Deje la papeleta en un buzón seguro**

Alternativamente, los votantes pueden dejar sus sobres de votación en una urna segura que se colocará frente a la oficina de la ciudad, 5700 Berwyn Road.

#### **Día de elecciones 9 de junio**

No se llevará a cabo una votación en persona. La Junta de Supervisores Electorales de Berwyn Heights verificará todos los sobres de papeleta recibidos por correo o por medio de un buzón en las listas de votantes, separará los sobres de las papeletas y la cuenta de las papeletas. El escrutinio y el recuento de votos se realizarán en el Town Center y se transmitirán en vivo por Comcast 71, FiOS 12 y se transmitirán en el sitio web de la ciudad en [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/WatchCouncilMeetings).

#### **Importante:**

Debe ser un votante registrado en el Condado de Prince George para votar. Verifique su estado de registro en <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> o llame a la Junta de Elecciones del Condado de George al 301-341-7300

## CANDIDATES NIGHT MAY 27 | 8 PM

Join us for this customary Town Hall event. Candidates running for Town Council in the June 9 election will introduce themselves and answer questions from residents.

Candidates' Night is broadcast on Comcast 71, FiOS 12 and streamed on the Town website at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov).

The event may take place via video conference, if the State of Emergency is ongoing.



## FORO DE CANDIDATOS 27 DE MAYO | 8 PM

Únase a nosotros para este evento habitual del Ayuntamiento. Los candidatos que se postulan para el Consejo Municipal en las elecciones del 9 de junio se presentarán y responderán las preguntas de los residentes.

La Noche de los Candidatos se transmite en Comcast 71, FiOS 12 y se transmite en el sitio web del pueblo en [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov).

El evento puede llevarse a cabo mediante videoconferencia, si el estado de emergencia está en curso.



**Steven Blizzard** - Filed for Candidacy. No Bulletin ad submitted.



### Chris Brittan Powell

When my wife and I discovered Berwyn Heights twenty years ago, we knew we found the community to raise our young family. I grew up in a similarly small, albeit very rural, town out West. I instantly felt right at home in Berwyn Heights. We quickly dove into building our life here, succeeding largely by accepting the responsibilities required to sustain the desirable civic qualities found in Berwyn Heights and by becoming deeply involved in Town organizations/institutions such as the elementary school, PTA, and Boys and Girls Club.

Over these many years, I took on numerous and varied volunteer, coaching, and leadership roles in these and other town groups and counted myself blessed even when our kids were small and the responsibilities felt overwhelming. Now, our kids are older, I have recently aged to the point of becoming a member of the Seniors Club, and we will retire in BH. Over the years, friends have nudged me to run for Town Council—I find myself at a point where, if my fellow citizens wish it, I can pursue serving the town in this way.

We are a community with many strengths. Our established civic groups do wonderful work. I am not so arrogant as to think I can improve upon them, but if elected, I will seek to sustain and enhance these groups. I will also work to assure that our Town departments (e.g., code, police, public works) continue to be well managed/staffed. The current council has done some excellent work in all of these areas, and I applaud them. If elected, I will be honored to join them in these continued efforts.

I wish all our citizens good health during these challenging COVID 19 days.





## Amanda Dewey

My name is Amanda Dewey and I hope you will consider voting for me in the upcoming election! I have held a position on the Berwyn Heights Town Council since 2018 and would be honored to continue to serve.

I moved to Berwyn Heights in 2015 and quickly realized that I had stumbled upon a truly special community. I immediately became involved in the Berwyn Heights Green Team, which introduced me to the functions and processes of our local government. Outside of Berwyn Heights, I am an environmental sociologist. I work as an instructor at the University of Maryland, where I am also pursuing my PhD.

Preserving and enhancing our sense of community is one of my top priorities. As such, I led the first Berwyn Heights resident survey in an effort to understand the opinions of our community members. I also worked to reinvigorate our Educational Advisory Committee and formed a Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights group that developed a series of recommendations for safety. Recently, I advocated for and developed our first summer scholarship program for low-income students. I have and will continue to work at all levels to address environmental issues to preserve the health of our ecosystems and community, enhance quality of life, and combat climate change. I have connected us with resources in the region to help address these issues through projects like pet waste station installations, rain garden planting, and our Trees of Distinction campaign.

Finally, I hope that you'll participate in our election and local government no matter who you choose to support. The more that the Council can hear from residents in any form, the more our actions can reflect our wonderful community!



## Jodie Kulpa Eddy

Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!

My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and I am running for my fifth term on the Town Council. I was first elected in 2010, but stepped away in 2018 in order to prepare the workload at my full-time job for my successor. I retired as a veterinarian from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in December 2019.

I have lived on Ruatan Street for twenty years, and have been a member of the Recreation Council, Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee, and our Community Emergency Response Team. On the Town Council, I served as Councilmember, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor. I graduated as a Fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland in September 2013, and found the knowledge invaluable as I headed the Administration, Code and Police Departments.

My accomplishments in service to Berwyn Heights include locating and helping to secure matching funding from the State in order to install emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center. This ensures not only continued government services to our residents in the event of an electrical outage, but also allows the Town Center to serve as a heating or cooling center, as it did after the derecho in 2012. I led the review and update of Ordinance 101, adding standards for the humane care and treatment of animals. And most recently, I have collaborated with Town clubs and committees to host a fun, new event: Team Trivia Night.

I first ran for the Town Council to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I hope to continue to apply my experience towards this goal, and would appreciate your vote on May 5.



## Jeffrey Jay Osmond

Greetings residents! Within Washington, D.C.'s metropolis, I want us to live in a well-managed, safe, friendly, and neighborly oriented town. My wife and I with her mom, raised our two boys here. I am a public servant. I serve full-time for the Public Buildings Service of the U.S. General Service Administration. I serve part-time for the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command as a Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Navy Reserve. Years ago, for several seasons, I coached soccer for the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club, plus I started its track team.

I was appointed to the Town Council on February 13, 2019. Since then I have overseen the Code Compliance Department. During my tenure we've hired a friendly director and code officer. We've improved operations with enhanced computer and software use. We also made a Consolidated Fees and Fines Schedule, adjusted fee amounts to reimburse actual processing costs, and shared fun graphics with our code compliance reminders in the Town Bulletin. To improve my service, I enrolled in the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy's Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

If elected, I will continue to pursue improvements for our town's operations, particularly our budgeting practices and quality of services. As we dial-in operating in the best-known ways within our means, I would like to look for ways to contain taxes without shorting the quality public services we control.

Thank you for participating in our democracy! I ask for your votes. Please vote.



## Jason Papanikolas

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Mayor Pro Tem and I hope that you will allow me to continue serving you. I have been actively involved in the Berwyn Heights community for nearly two decades - at the school, through the Boys and Girls Club and PTA, and now as an elected leader. My wife teaches at our elementary school and both of our boys attend public school.

My family is grateful to have found a community like Berwyn Heights. As we have watched our town grow and change over time, we are happy to see that it has retained the character that makes it a welcoming place for visitors and residents alike. However, we continue to face challenges that most small towns in America are trying to tackle - namely how to keep that small town charm, while remaining relevant to current and future generations.

Over the next term, I would like to work with you on the following priorities:

- Upgrading our public spaces - Working with you and our county partners, I will work to upgrade our parks and sports fields to create inviting spaces for all residents.
- Improving pedestrian safety - Our sense of community is enhanced when we feel safe walking around our neighborhood. I will work to implement the recommendations of the Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force.
- Preserve Economic Vitality - The 193 corridor is changing rapidly, and Berwyn Heights needs a plan to evolve with it. I will work with the developers of Beltway Plaza to ensure that the mall redevelopment fits in with our vision of Berwyn Heights' future.

Let's keep Berwyn Heights the greatest small town inside the Beltway. I hope that you'll support me on May 5th.

Jason W. Papanikolas, MBA; Mayor Pro Tem - Administration; 48th Council



## Ethan Sweep

Hello friends and neighbors! My name is Ethan Sweep and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Town Council of Berwyn Heights.

As a member of the Berwyn Heights Town Council, I have enjoyed being part of discussions surrounding the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza. I have strongly encouraged developers to remain cognizant of environmental design and the opportunity to enhance green spaces as a part of the redevelopment. Additionally, I have advocated for the creation of more pedestrian and bicycle friendly infrastructure within the community, especially along our traffic heavy corridors.

Throughout my professional career I have worked on everything from creating community gardens to large scale agricultural systems while being mindful of our responsibility to care for the environment. As your council member I will continue to use my knowledge and skills to work for you. Helping Berwyn Heights become more ecologically friendly and welcoming. Community green spaces should offer everyone a chance to participate in healthy, outdoor recreation and community events. These areas could also be utilized as an educational opportunity to teach the importance of ecology and conservation while showcasing the local flora and fauna native to this area.

Most importantly, I will offer my service to you, my friends and neighbors. I promise a listening ear and a helping hand to anyone with ideas on how to improve our community.

With this in mind, I politely ask for your vote on May 5, 2020.



## Phil Ventura

Friends, Neighbors and Berwyn Heights'ians, please lend me your ears and votes.

Although born a Pittsburgh Boy, I grew up spending a lot of time in the woods and on the farm. I learned many practical DIY skills working as an apprentice for my uncles. Later, I worked in many types of jobs, including wholesale and retail produce, rural water treatment, electronics technician, and as you may know, professional musician. I offer my hands-on, common sense approach to life and its problems in the service of the Town. If I am elected, my platform would include these guideposts:

- The buck stops here! I will spend your money as if it were my own and will cast my eyes into every corner looking for ways to save money on your behalf.
- Return our local government to its original form! I will work to repeal *Ordinance 121 – Powers & Duties of the Town Council, Councilmembers & Town Manager*, which transitioned the Town towards a Town Manager form of government.
- Protect the Board of Election Supervisors from political pressures by appointing election judges in non election years!
- Stop unfair subsidies! I will fight to do away with FREE “electric gas” refills for everyone (resident or not) who owns an electric or hybrid vehicle.
- Stop waste! I will not spend another dime on cosmetic concrete curbing until we have finished adding sidewalks in critical areas of town, such as streets used heavily by schoolchildren.

If you agree, please vote for me. Ciao - Ventura

## Worksession March 2, 2020

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey and Ethan Sweep. CM Jay Osmond had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Officer Paul Roberson, Compost Crew representatives Ben Parry and Thomas Fazio, and citizens.

### 1. Announcements

Officer Roberson reported that Berwyn Heights Police responded to the McDonald's at 6219 Greenbelt Road on Sunday afternoon for an armed robbery. The suspect drove up to the drive-through window, exited the car and threatened the attendant with a pistol. He was able to open and empty the cash register and get away before police arrived. No-one was injured. The suspect, who was captured on video, is believed to have committed other robberies in the area. Prince George's County Police is investigating. Anyone who has information about the case is requested to contact Prince George's County Police at 301-772-3905. In response to a question from Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, Officer Roberson said the McDonald's has excellent security and is monitoring the entire property with cameras.

### 2. Discussion Items

**Food waste collection system:** CM Dewey explained several neighboring communities have implemented or are thinking about implementing food waste collection programs. She wanted to learn more about it and has asked TM Broadbent to invite a local vendor to discuss their services. Compost Crew's CEO, Ben Parry, said he started the business in 2011 with the goal to divert food scraps from the landfill and turn it into compost to be used in gardens and fields. The company aims to make the service widely available and has signed up thousands of customers in the greater Washington area, including a number of municipalities, College Park, Chevy Chase, and Fairfax among them.

Thomas Fazio, Compost Crew's Organics Solutions Associate, said the company currently offers 3 different methods of recycling food scraps:

- drop off at designated location in a bin or bins provided by Compost Crew.
- curbside collection partial subsidy
- curbside collection full subsidy

College Park started recycling food scraps a year ago with one drop-off bin, has since increased the volume to 8 bins, and is now thinking about transitioning to

curbside collection. This is a good example of how the system works: starting out small and expanding as awareness and participation grow. Starting small allows for training participants to compost the right way. Compost Crew provides education and promotional services to increase awareness and 'how to' with the ultimate goal to reduce the organic waste that goes into a landfill.

In response to questions, Mr. Parry and Mr. Fazio said clients choose the method that best fits their community and their budget. The most cost-effective way is to initially provide a drop-off bin to gauge interest, and then allow customers to sign up for more convenient curbside collection. Compost Crew offers discounts based on the number of subscribers. Eventually, a municipality may decide whether to offer curbside collection for everyone that is either partially or fully subsidized. The cost of the service varies with the size of the bins, the number of bins and collection interval. For a small town like Berwyn Heights the cost is not likely to exceed \$4,000.

If starting with drop-off bins, they should be placed in an accessible, but not overly convenient location. Smaller, 35-gallon bins have the advantage of being easier to relocate. Compost Crew can provide compostable liners to participants to collect and drop off their food scraps, or household compost buckets if curbside collection is offered. Food waste materials accepted include vegetables, fruits, meats, bones and dairy products, as well as compostable food service items, plus pizza boxes. Customers have the option to have finished compost returned to them. Currently, Compost Crew brings the food scraps to Prince George's County's facility but plans to set up its own facility in a more rural location.

CM Dewey noted that composting organics is a top priority for Green Team members and was one of the top environmental concerns residents cited in a recent Town survey.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, suggested collecting other recyclable materials, such as aluminum cans, which may bring in revenue, if a compost drop-off location is set up.

**Coronavirus preparedness:** CM Sweep said he has become concerned about the amount of conflicting and wrong information circulating about the coronavirus 'COVID-19' pandemic and has prepared a fact sheet that explains how the virus is believed to spread and how people can best protect themselves. There are a num-

ber of common-sense measures people can take to avoid infection and prevent spreading the disease. These include washing one's hands often, covering one's mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and avoiding close contact with sick persons. On the other hand, wearing a face mask is not recommended because most masks are not effective against viral infections and the limited supply of masks is needed by medical professionals.

CM Sweep said he believes the outbreak is likely to cause significant disruptions but would urge people not to panic. Instead one should make preparations for the eventuality of schools and/or public transport closings and stock food and other necessities, including medicines. As a municipality, Berwyn Heights has emergency protocols in place and would follow instructions from the Prince George's County Health Department if any area-wide measures are taken to contain the disease.

CM Dewey said it is important to be aware of and address recent racially-motivated attacks around the country on people from China, South Korea, Iran and other countries where the virus first appeared. Travelers who have visited these countries are just as likely to carry the virus as people who live there. If one wants to reduce the chances of being infected, it is best to avoid social contacts. The Council agreed and advised those who are sick to stay home and to check the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) website to stay informed about developments regarding COVID-19.

Phil Ventura asked whether the Council has any information about the water supply being affected by the outbreak. CM Sweep said this virus is transmitted through inhaled droplets of infected persons and not by ingestion of water or food.

**Summer scholarship proposal:** CM Dewey proposed to spend \$1,000 of the Council's \$4,000 education budget to fund a summer opportunity scholarship for Berwyn Heights students. Each scholarship would be capped at \$500, allowing for two \$500 scholarships or more smaller scholarships to be awarded, depending on applications received. The purpose of the scholarship is to help disadvantaged students gain access to summer enrichment programs that may offer experiences and training valuable for their future academic or professional development. The program



would be broadly defined and might support attendance of an academic camp, a leadership program or study abroad program, for example. It would be up to the student to explain why the camp is valuable or useful to him or her.

In discussion, Council considered whether to require a statement of financial need as the scholarship is intended to help students who would not normally be able to afford such programs. It was agreed to:

look into using students' eligibility for free and reduced-price meals as criterion for awarding the scholarship;  
have recipients report back to Council on how they benefited from the program they attended; and  
advertise the scholarship at the next Town meeting, in the April Bulletin and through the school, PTA, EAC and Boys and Girls Club.

The Council also discussed a request from the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA to fund traveling science programs from the Maryland Zoo, the Maryland Science Center or the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation in this school year. The money would come from the same Council education line item that would fund the summer scholarship program. No decision was made at this time.

### 3. Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes of the February 12 Town meeting to be adopted at the March Town meeting.

### 4. Department Reports

TM Broadbent informed she will testify at a hearing in Annapolis this Saturday morning at which Town's bond bill request for Town Center improvements will be considered. Councilmembers are welcome to attend and support the bill. County Councilmember Glaros is hosting a meeting for elected officials on March 24. Town Center lighting will soon be upgraded to LED lighting through a Pepco program but may require dimmer switches to be installed, because some have complained that the lights are too bright.

CM Sweep announced the March 3 candidate filing deadline for people wanting to run for Town Council. Forms are available on the Town website. CM Dewey announced upcoming meetings and events, including a St. Patrick's Day potluck and a community garden orientation.

### 5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming

schedule.

### 6. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura asked whether the Council would consider writing a letter opposing a sales tax proposal that would tax a wide range of services that have not been taxed before to raise money for education reforms known as the Kirwan Commission plan.

Mayor Isler said he has not heard about the tax proposal but is aware of the Kirwan Commission plan which is likely to bring many changes to the school system in coming years. He is not prepared to make a statement until he has found out more about it. CM Sweep noted the Council recently decided it will only send a letter on behalf of the Council if all Councilmembers are in agreement about a topic. Individual Councilmembers are free to send letters expressing an opinion on their own behalf.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

## Town Meeting March 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Jay Osmond, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

CM Sweep moved to approve the March 11 Town meeting agenda. CM Dewey seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 2. Announcements

The Recreation Council cancelled its participation in the March 14 St. Patrick's Day potluck dinner due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

MPT Papanikolas moved to approve the February 12 Town meeting minutes. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler reported said that the Town Council and department heads are closely following the developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Berwyn Heights follows the advisories and directives from the State of Maryland and the Prince George's County Department of Health. The Town website and Twitter feed publish regular updates on coronavirus developments.

The PGCPs community is requested to join Superintendent Goldson for a Town Hall meeting tomorrow evening, at which she will update everyone about steps to be taken by the school system to minimize the spread of the disease. Eleanor Roosevelt High School and College Park Academy have been closed for cleaning after it was learned that a person related to the schools had been exposed to the virus.

### 5. Department Reports

Mayor Isler asked for a motion to receive all department reports for the record. CM Dewey so moved. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Administration:** MPT Papanikolas reported that the Administration Department is following the news about the COVID-19 outbreak. At this point, everyone is advised to take normal precautionary measures to reduce infections: not shaking hands, washing hands regularly, and coughing into one's sleeves, among other things.

TM Broadbent reported that she was joined by CM Sweep for the presentation of the Town's \$145,000 bond bill request before the State legislature. The bond bill would help pay for replacing the roof and elevator in the Town Center and installing motion-sensing lights. TM Broadbent is also planning two orientation sessions for Town Council candidates, with dates to be determined.

**Code Compliance:** CM Osmond said the Code Department is now fully staffed. Compared to the same period last year, more fines were issued, and inspections completed. On the other hand, fewer building permits have been approved, which may indicate a slowing of home improvement activities. He asked whether the code management software is being used to its fullest potential.

TM Broadbent replied the integration of the software with Code work processes is more seamless now. The Code Department recently received a small cell facility permit application. Berwyn Heights may want to work with neighboring municipalities on establishing design guidelines, so that there is some uniformity in appearance. Further, two architectural firms attended the pre-bid meeting for the Police Station design and engineering project. One submitted a proposal. She will meet with them next week for an interview. CM Osmond is welcome to attend.

**Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic**

**Affairs:** CM Dewey said that the Recreation Council has decided not to host the upcoming Pot-o' Gold Potluck because the event is hosted with the Seniors Club and Seniors are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus and the event involves sharing food. The University of Maryland has extended its spring break, which starts next week, for an additional week and then plans to hold classes online until further notice. Students have been advised to leave campus for the break and plan for a potential delayed return.

CM Dewey announced the creation of a summer scholarship program, which would provide financial support of up to \$500 for any summer program that furthers students' educational or career goals. The application is due to the Town office on April 15 and should contain an explanation of the program as well as a statement of financial need.

The once-a-month Town cleanups will resume on March 21, starting with a seed swap at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Center. Students can earn community service hours but must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 16.

**Public Works:** CM Sweep said, with spring coming, residents are starting to clean up their yards. Yard waste should be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or a designated container for disposal. Yard waste is picked up Mondays north of Pontiac Street and Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street. The street sweeper is in Town this week and residents are requested to park off the street where possible.

**Public Safety/ Volunteer Fire Department:** Matt Huddle was present to give a report. He said the BHVFD elected new officers but there are no major changes in leadership. BHVFD is optimistic about the County's new Fire Chief. BHVFD is looking for funding sources in the ongoing effort to expand and renovate the fire station. A new rescue squad as well as a new ambulance have been ordered and should be delivered at the end of this year.

BHVFD is also monitoring the COVID-19 developments and following guidelines from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) for containing the outbreak. Everyone is advised not to travel abroad or take a vacation. Run statistics for fire truck, rescue squad and ambulances were high during the last month. Career fire fighters are being placed only on high priority ambulance calls requiring advanced life support. All ambulances are equipped with AEDs to help victims of heart attacks.

Mr. Huddle continued that to date only 3 cases of coronavirus infections have been reported in Prince George's County. The County Executive's office recommends using the 311 number to report coronavirus related information. CM Dewey added the County's Health Department has established a coronavirus hotline at 301-883-6627 which people should call instead of 911.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** CM Dewey reported that the Education Advisory Committee will host a Civics Day on April 1. During the daytime, Councilmembers will be available in the G. Love Room to assist residents with responding to the Census, and in the evening the BHEAC will continue to help with the census, as well as voter registration while offering refreshments. Members of the Berwyn Heights Board of Elections and the Historical Committee will be present to inform about local government. There is a possibility of someone from the Prince George's County Community College coming out to hold a civics education session.

**Green Team:** CM Dewey said the Town cleanup on March 21 will begin with seed swap held in the Town Center at 9:00 a.m. The Green Team is pursuing a Bee City USA certification and is starting to plan for the renewal of the Sustainable Maryland certification due later this year.

**Historical Committee:** Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee is planning to hold its spring reception on May 17 and preparing to participate in the April 1 civics event.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** There was no report.

Recreation Council: Angie Wolfinger gave the report. She said, after the postponement of the Pot o' Gold potluck, the next event on the calendar is the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 11, 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Berwyn Heights Day follows on Saturday, May 2. Town organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade with decorated vehicles, floats or costumes. To sign up, residents should contact Recreation Council President Susan Jones at [violdreams@verizon.net](mailto:violdreams@verizon.net).

## 7. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance 177-7 – 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2020 Budget Amendment to Purchase Mobile Speed Monitors:** Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. TM Broadbent explained that the Council

approved the purchase of mobile speed monitors in the FY 2019 budget following the recommendation of the Quality of Life Commission. Upon delivery, the Police found the signs unsuitable and returned them to the vendor. The money was returned to the fund balance. The Police this year purchased two different, smaller speed monitors with money to be taken from the FY 2020 fund balance. This budget amendment appropriates the funds for the purchase.

CM Osmond moved to approve the Ordinance. CM Dewey seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Ordinance 177-8 – 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2020 Budget Amendment for Homeowners Tax Credit:** Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. TM Broadbent explained this Ordinance appropriated \$700 to give a tax credit to four eligible applicants under the newly instituted Homeowners Tax Credit program. Berwyn Heights will simply issue checks to these homeowners instead of having Prince George's County issue the credit.

CM Dewey moved to approve the Ordinance. CM Osmond seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 8. New Business

**Ordinance 177-9 – 1st Reading & Adoption of FY 2020 Budget Amendment for Town Center Improvements (Emergency Ordinance):** Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. TM Broadbent explained, as an emergency ordinance, the Council needs to amend this Ordinance to adopt it on first reading. This is another budget amendment to appropriate funds for items not anticipated when the budget was adopted. The Town Center had maintenance and repair needs that exceeded the budgeted funds and will likely require more expenditures in the next fiscal year because there is a lot of deferred maintenance.

CM Osmond suggested to have an annual inspection of the Town Center to keep an inventory of maintenance needs and track the life cycle of the various systems. TM Broadbent agreed and said she thinks an independent contractor should do the inspections rather than Public Works staff. She recently had a contractor take a closer look at the building who pointed out a number of things that need attention. CM Dewey added the Town would be able to look for alternative funding sources, such as grants and bond bills, if the maintenance needs are known and planned for in advance.

CM Sweep moved to amend the Ordinance to become effective on March 11, 2020. CM Osmond seconded. MPT Papanikolas said the emergency ordinance provides funds in time to get the Town Center in shape for Berwyn Heights Day, when the building will be used by many people. TM Broadbent noted the funds will be transferred from the Code Department salary line item, which has unused funds because of a long-standing vacancy. The motion passed 5 to 0.

MPT Papanikolas moved to approve Ordinance 177-9 as amended. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Resolution 2-2020 – Creating Public Works Administrative Manager Position:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent said, after the retirement of Director Hall, the position was advertised for several months but no qualified candidate has been found. As an alternative, she is proposing to create a position that requires only administrative management qualifications, such as managing personnel, projects and finances, but not necessarily expertise in the public works field. This allows the position to remain within a salary range the Town can afford. The foreman would be second in command and supervise daily operations.

CM Dewey said there are likely several reasons why this position could not be filled. This solution would separate the two sides of the Public Works Director position, i.e. the manager of the department and the public works expert to get the work done by different people. CM Sweep said it is not for lack of trying to find the right candidate. There several reasons why no one has been found, one being the good economy, which has increased demand for people with this skillset. The Town is competing with many larger municipalities who can offer higher salaries.

CM Sweep moved to adopt the Resolution. MPT Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Resolution 3-2020 – Investment Policy:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. TM Broadbent explained the Council has had several discussions about how to best invest the Town's reserve funds. Municipalities are required to have an investment policy on file with the State of Maryland. The Town's most recent policy dates from 1995. She has drafted an updated policy based on recommendations from other municipal finance directors and the Town's auditor. The most substantial change is the transfer of re-

sponsibility for the Town's investment program from the Town Council to the Town Manager, with input from a review committee set up for this purpose. The basic principles of the policy remain unchanged.

TM Broadbent then recommended tabling the Resolution because the Council has not had time to review this latest version of the policy and may want to discuss it at a worksession prior to adoption. MPT Papanikolas moved to table the Resolution to the next Town meeting. CM Dewey seconded. She said she would prefer to make an annual review by an investment review committee a requirement rather than an option. It is generally better to have more than one person make these decisions. MPT Papanikolas suggested if a review committee cannot be established, the Town Council might serve as one. The motion to table the Resolution was approved 5 to 0.

TM Broadbent and the Council briefly discussed a recent court decision restricting e-mail communication with and among elected officials as possible violations of the Open Meetings Act. Since any email chain in which more than two Councilmembers participate is considered an open meeting, discussion of the investment policy was placed on tonight's agenda.

#### 9. Citizen Discussion

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Ruatan Street asked how the Town intends to notify residents of an event cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions. CM Dewey replied if the cancellation is short notice it would be advertised on social media, the Town website and signs on the door. In the future, an email list might be developed to keep residents informed of such changes.

Gerald Shields, Nevada Street, commented by telephone that he submitted a pandemic flu addendum for the Town's emergency operations plan through the NW/EP Committee. He asked if it has been received and/ or discussed. TM Broadbent replied it has been received and thanked Mr. Shields for his effort. As an operations manual, it does not need to come before the Council for discussion. She will review the document with Chief Antolik and make any appropriate changes.

Ms. Kulpa-Eddy continued commenting that the Code Compliance monthly report does not clearly differentiate between violations of different ordinances and has other inconsistencies that make it hard to analyze the data. CM Osmond

suggested TM Broadbent work with the Code Director to come up with a better format. Further, Ms. Kulpa-Eddy said she remembers previous Councils discussing the Town's investment policy and offered to look for this information to share with the Council and Town Manager.

Angie Wolfinger, 58th Avenue, suggested the Town consider setting up a telephone hotline with an automated recording informing residents of schedule changes. Such a system is successfully used by the Prince George's County Boys & Girls Clubs. Ms. Wolfinger also reported an accident she had in the Town's parking lot due to misleading striping of a parking space adjacent to the raingarden. Attending a meeting at night, she fell onto the raingarden rocks and bruised her wrist and leg because she assumed another parking space was there. TM Broadbent replied that the edges of roadways are supposed to be marked with a white 'shadow line.' But in the case of the parking lot, it may be advisable to erect a railing. She will look into the different options.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, expressed his disagreement with the creation of an administrative manager position in the Public Works Department. He believes the Town's standards for the Public Works Director are too rigorous and favor white-collar applicants. The Town might advertise both the management and the practical side of Public Works Director's job and then pick the candidate best qualified.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



#### MINUTOS DE REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO EN ESPAÑOL

El sitio web de Town of Berwyn Heights ahora se puede ver en diferentes idiomas usando Google Translate. Haga clic en el cuadro "Seleccionar idioma" junto al cuadro "Buscar" y elija su idioma.

Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejo pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

[www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019)





# BERWYN HEIGHTS

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## Recent Working Incidents

March 18th: After cleaning an vehicle accident call on I-495 after Rt. 50, Rescue Squad 14B was alerted to the intersection of MD 202 (Largo Rd) at Campus Way South in Largo for a medical emergency with County Police. While en-route, the call was upgraded to an accident with police officers trapped and multiple injuries. Squad 14B arrived on scene to find a suspected DUI driver had crashed thru several County and State police cruisers handling a prior accident, leaving several officers and civilians seriously injured and one officer pinned between two cars. Additional EMS units and medivac helicopters were requested, and the volunteer crew worked to extricate the trapped officer, and triage the injured. In the end four officers were injured and one civilian died due to the crash.



April 1st: Rescue Squad 14B was alerted to the area of University Blvd at Metzert Rd in College Park for an accident with one vehicle overturned and one trapped. BHVFD arrived to find a sedan on its side with the driver trapped. The volunteer crew worked to stabilize the vehicle and cut off the roof to free the trapped driver.



April 4th: Squad 14B and Utility 14 were alerted to the area of Berwyn Rd and Ruatan St in Berwyn Heights for the odor of gas coming from Indian Creek. BHVFD arrived and confirmed a gasoline spill, and requested a Haz-Mat assignment be alerted, bringing the County Haz-Mat team. Crews worked to clean up the spill.

April 10th: Truck 14 & Chief 14B were alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to the 7000 block of Highview Terrace in Hyattsville. Units had a working apartment fire with people trapped. BHVFD crews established the rapid intervention and secured utilities. Crews located the deceased victim, and there were not working fire alarms in the apartment. An autopsy revealed that the female victim had suffered multiple gunshot wounds prior to being burned, and the death was ruled a homicide. A warrant has been issued for Mr. John Harris, 42, of Chillum, who police say set fire to the apartment in an attempt to cover up the murder. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call PGPD at 301-772-4925.

## BHVFD Responds to COVID-19



The Berwyn Heights VFD is working closely with the Prince George's County Fire/EMS to response to the COVID-19 pandemic as it affects the County.

Since BHVFD operates two ambulances, we were issued PPE from the National Stockpile channeled through the State and County. The County has also issued decontamination equipment to Station 14 in order to decon our ambulances after potential COVID-19 calls. Our volunteer members have also undergone extensive training over the past few months regarding infection control, COVID-19 symptoms, and updated State protocols. All members reporting for duty must undergo a health screening upon entering the station.

Preferred PPE - Use N95 or higher respiratory



You may also see our members wearing additional protective gear on calls including a disposable gown, face shield, mask, and gloves during EMS runs. Please do not be alarmed, these are simply precautions to keep our members safe!



### County Coronavirus Hotline

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the County Health Department Coronavirus hotline at (301) 883-6627 from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm to receive updated information about the coronavirus disease.

**\*Please contact 911 for medical emergencies only. Do not contact 911 for Coronavirus related issues.**

## Grilling Safety Tips

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.





## **Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed General Fund Budget**

### **Dear Town Council, Residents and Business Owners,**

The proposed Berwyn Heights FY21 combined operating and capital budget is \$3,561,508. While this is a \$273,707 or 7.7% increase over last year's budget, the proposed budget does not increase taxes and decreases the amount of fund balance used to balance the budget by \$57,977 or 28.8%, compared to last year's budget. Fund balance is the unrestricted savings the Town has in the bank.

This budget is being developed while our area is experiencing an unprecedented coronavirus COVID 19 pandemic. With this in mind, the Town Council and staff have made a number of budget decisions to plan ahead for what could be a rocky fiscal year if property tax payments are delayed. In some instances, employees are personally absorbing some of the costs of increases, and in others, projects will be delayed until funding has been received. Two position changes in the Public Works Department have also yielded some savings.

The proposed FY21 budget maintains the residential real property tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 which includes \$0.03 of the total of assessed valuation for the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve to fund major infrastructure projects. Highlights of the budget by department include:

#### **Administration:**

**Employee compensation:** While the Town has in the past given employees a 2% merit increase, to be cognizant of the possible impacts of the coronavirus COVID 19, this year's proposed increase is only 1%. This is a \$18,185 reduction from last year's budget. A 2% cost of living adjustment is included in the proposed budget.

**Health insurance:** The Town's health insurance through the Local Government Insurance Trust is slated to increase by 32.5% from \$148,665 to \$197,051. Employees will absorb \$21,840 of this cost through payroll deductions.

**Maryland State Retirement:** The Town's required contribution to the Maryland State Retirement & Pension System will increase from 8.6% in FY20 to 9.4% in FY21, a \$29,500 increase.

**Codification of Town Charter & Code:** The proposed budget includes the services to systematically organize the Town Charter and Ordinances by subject matter, and to continuously update these documents as changes are made, at a cost of \$10,800.

**Audit services:** Maryland State Law requires that the Town have an annual financial audit. These costs are increasing by \$800 in FY21.

**Custodial Services:** The Town's current cleaning service contract expires at the end of the current fiscal year. A competitive bid process was conducted, yielding an annual increase of \$2,000.

**Senior Center/Town Center Improvements:** Staff has asked the Town Council to consider the replacement of one of the ovens at the Senior Center, \$2,700, the chairs in the Town Center assembly room, \$2,000, and the chairs in the G. Love Conference Room, \$1,040, for a total cost of \$5,740. It is proposed that the actual purchase be delayed until half-way through the fiscal year, to ensure that funds are available.

#### **Code Compliance:**

There are several minor changes proposed to the Code Compliance Department budget. Increases in funding for vehicle maintenance, uniforms and staff training in the amount of \$2,000 are being absorbed by the elimination of the Call-a-Bus Program. In the recent past, the Call-a-Bus Program has been utilized by one resident, who no longer has a need for the service. The other change to the Department's budget is a \$3,000 increase to support the expansion of the Comcate software program, creating efficiencies in the department's ability to streamline its compliance recordkeeping.

#### **Public Works:**

**Vehicle replacement:** Three vehicles are proposed to be replaced through the Vehicle Replacement Fund. 1.) F350 Super Duty Truck, chassis only, at a cost of \$50,503. This vehicle is one of the standard workhorses of the department. The 2007, current stainless-steel body will be mounted on a new chassis, and the old one will be sold with the proceeds going in the Vehicle Replacement Fund. 2.) The 2016 Freightliner 25 cubic yard refuse truck will be replaced with a 2021 Freightliner 29 cubic yard refuse truck equipped with cart tippers, at a cost of \$199,000. The 2016 vehicle will remain in service. 3.) The 2007 leaf-vacuum will be replaced with a 2021 model. The current leaf vacuum is at the end of its useful life and has a history of repair issues. Public Works collected 225 cubic yards of yard waste in FY19.

### **Public Works, continued:**

**Infrastructure improvements-facilities:** Public Works has two storage facilities in critical condition. One, a fabric covered tent-like structure is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. It is proposed to replace the current structure, used for the storage of special event equipment, with a shipping container at a cost of \$3,600.

The second, a storage building used to store chemicals and small engine equipment, needs new overhead doors, and insulation and soffit repairs, at a cost of \$7,725. It is proposed that these two projects will be funded but not carried out until January 2021, to ensure that there are no cashflow issues related to the impacts of the Coronavirus COVID-19.

**Infrastructure improvements-roadways:** Two forms of roadway improvements are proposed for FY21. The first is \$210,000 worth of roadway repaving and related curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements. The funding for this work comes from the dedicated portion of the property tax and the State Highway User Fund. This project will be delayed until later in the fiscal year to guarantee that there are no cashflow issues related to possible issues related to the Coronavirus COVID-19.

The second proposed project is to make improvements recommended by the Walkable/ Bikeable Taskforce. The Town Council will work with staff and the members of the taskforce to prioritize projects. The projects, in the amount of \$30,000, will be funded by the existing Infrastructure Improvement Fund. This project too, will be delayed until it is certain that there are no cashflow issues related to the [Coronavirus COVID-19](#).

**Food waste compost program:** This is a new initiative is to fund a food waste compost drop-off program at a cost of \$2,900 per year. Food waste will be collected from a container at Town Hall once a week and the material will be sent to a composting facility.

**Staff reduction:** In order to reduce the use of fund balance to balance the budget and to be responsive to the possible cashflow issues related to the Coronavirus COVID-19, the seasonal maintenance worker position newly funded in the FY20 budget, is proposed to be eliminated at a savings of \$8,740. This is in addition to the change made from a public works director position to and administrative manager position for a savings of \$26,817. The total savings from both positions is \$35,557.

### **Police Department:**

**Personnel support:** Several personnel support enhancements are included in the proposed budget. Those enhancements include a Spanish language bonus for employees who qualify as fluent speakers, \$5,000, a locality pay bonus to encourage officers to live close to Town, \$2,400, and promotion compensation for the newest officer, \$1,300, for a total of \$7,700.

**Mission critical equipment:** Two pieces of mission critical equipment are included in the proposed budget. The first is a ballistic vest at a cost of \$2,000, and the second is portable radio and mobile data terminal at a cost of \$12,000.

**Vehicle replacement:** Two vehicles are proposed to be replaced in the proposed budget. The first is the replacement of the oldest of Department's police cruisers with a hybrid police interceptor at a cost of \$50,800. Following the purchase of two interceptors in FY20, this will be the third hybrid added to the Department's fleet. The second vehicle to be replaced in FY21 is the Neighborhood Watch Trailer at a cost of the \$5,914, with existing funds. The proposed new trailer will be outfitted to provide logistical support to the Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Program. The purchase of vehicles is proposed to be delayed until it can be determined that cashflow is not impacted by impacts of the Coronavirus COVID-19. This budget also proposes to begin a vehicle replacement program for all vehicles purchased beginning in FY20.

### **Public Hearings:**

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process through public hearings held during the Town Meetings on April 15th and May 13th at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are broadcast on Comcast Channel 71, FiOS Channel 12 and live-streamed on the Town website at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/WatchCouncilMeetings).

Respectfully,

Maria T. Broadbent  
Town Manager

**FY 2021 GENERAL FUND**  
**One Page summary**

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Adopted	FY 2020 as of 12/31/19	FY 2021 proposed	% Change from FY20 to FY21	\$ Change from FY20 to FY21
<b>REVENUES</b>							
TOTAL: TAXES AND FEES	\$2,422,811	\$2,470,145	\$2,618,823	\$1,595,312	\$2,713,091	3.60%	\$94,268
TOTAL: LICENSES & PERMITS	\$149,802	\$133,192	\$138,400	\$88,380	\$142,900	3.25%	\$4,500
TOTAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$166,536	\$193,800	\$193,271	\$74,765	\$200,571	3.78%	\$7,300
TOTAL: SERVICE CHARGES	\$1,458	\$47	\$2,000	\$70	\$100	-95.00%	-\$1,900
TOTAL: FINES & FORFEITURES	\$120,382	\$59,973	\$80,000	\$57,153	\$60,000	-25.00%	-\$20,000
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$258,146	\$248,102	\$86,852	\$63,713	\$62,900	-27.58%	-\$23,952
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,119,135	\$3,105,259	\$3,119,346	\$1,879,393	\$3,179,562	1.93%	\$60,216
TOTAL: FUND BALANCE & RESERVE TRANS.	\$39,315	\$0	\$551,377	\$0	\$655,653	18.91%	\$104,276
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,158,450</b>	<b>\$3,105,259</b>	<b>\$3,670,723</b>	<b>\$1,879,393</b>	<b>\$3,835,215</b>	<b>4.48%</b>	<b>\$164,492</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
TOTAL: MAYOR and COUNCIL	\$26,903	\$28,101	\$29,500	\$9,489	\$30,100	2.03%	\$600
TOTAL: ADMINISTRATION	\$341,855	\$355,031	\$426,216	\$197,188	\$435,700	2.23%	\$9,484
TOTAL: MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$14,228	\$14,253	\$25,000	\$7,895	\$17,000	-32.00%	-\$8,000
TOTAL: TOWN CENTER	\$32,172	\$20,519	\$28,630	\$18,366	\$35,070	22.49%	\$6,440
<b>TOTAL: GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$415,158</b>	<b>\$417,904</b>	<b>\$509,346</b>	<b>\$232,937</b>	<b>\$517,870</b>	<b>1.67%</b>	<b>\$8,524</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>							
TOTAL: POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$624,124	\$656,646	\$880,351	\$345,966	\$845,400	-3.97%	-\$34,951
TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY MISC.	\$1,434	\$11,661	\$13,900	\$10,415	\$13,900	0.00%	\$0
<b>TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$625,558</b>	<b>\$668,307</b>	<b>\$894,251</b>	<b>\$356,381</b>	<b>\$859,300</b>	<b>-3.91%</b>	<b>-\$34,951</b>
<b>CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT</b>							
TOTAL: CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$108,881	\$118,817	\$172,800	\$53,637	\$180,900	4.69%	\$8,100
TOTAL: VAN PROGRAM	\$1,902	\$148	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	-\$2,000
<b>TOTAL: CODE COMPLIANCE</b>	<b>\$110,783</b>	<b>\$118,965</b>	<b>\$174,800</b>	<b>\$53,637</b>	<b>\$180,900</b>	<b>3.49%</b>	<b>\$6,100</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</b>							
TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	\$22,261	\$15,030	\$31,100	\$7,746	\$35,225	13.26%	\$4,125
TOTAL: STREET & SANITATION	\$643,304	\$653,217	\$748,430	\$270,483	\$714,000	-4.60%	-\$34,430
TOTAL: STREET LIGHTING	\$34,231	\$31,937	\$39,200	\$17,229	\$39,200	0.00%	\$0
<b>TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$699,796</b>	<b>\$700,184</b>	<b>\$818,730</b>	<b>\$295,459</b>	<b>\$788,425</b>	<b>-3.70%</b>	<b>-\$30,305</b>
TOTAL: PARKS & RECREATION	\$27,001	\$23,318	\$34,450	\$13,942	\$34,450	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: CABLE	\$24,204	\$26,438	\$60,400	\$6,618	\$65,882	9.08%	\$5,482
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$425,404	\$411,285	\$531,328	\$277,275	\$562,941	5.95%	\$31,613
TOTAL: CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0	\$0	\$109,215	\$0	\$436,193	299.39%	\$326,978
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,327,904</b>	<b>\$2,366,401</b>	<b>\$3,132,520</b>	<b>\$1,236,249</b>	<b>\$3,445,961</b>	<b>10.01%</b>	<b>\$313,441</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS: FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVE</b>							
	\$104,595	\$927,813	\$538,203	\$257,810	\$389,254	-27.68%	-\$148,949
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE: OPERATING BUDGET &amp; CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>							
	\$2,432,499	\$3,294,214	\$3,670,723	\$1,494,058	\$3,835,215	4.48%	\$164,492
<b>REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$725,951</b>	<b>(\$188,955)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$385,335</b>	<b>\$0</b>		

## TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS NOTICE OF A PROPOSED NON COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase noncommercial real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2020, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 5.48%, from \$347,948,453 to \$367,017,539.
2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 5.48% resulting in \$103,927 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.5167, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town of Berwyn Heights is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 5.48% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$103,927 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 7:00 pm, which will take place via video conference and will be broadcast on Comcast 71, FiOS 12 and streamed on the Town website at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov).

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Comments will be taken by telephone at 301-474-9570. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-5000 for further information.

### FY 2021 PSTD Budget One Page Summary

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Adopted	FY 2020 Adopted	FY 2020 as of 12/31/19	FY 2021 Proposed	% Change from FY19 to FY20	\$ Change from FY19 to FY20
<b>REVENUES</b>								
TOTAL: TAXES AND FEES	\$91,814	\$90,435	\$85,000	\$85,875	\$41,873	\$87,878	2.33%	\$2,003
& RESERVE	\$35,443	\$6,710	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.00%	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$91,814</b>	<b>\$90,435</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$85,875</b>	<b>\$41,873</b>	<b>\$87,878</b>	<b>2.33%</b>	<b>\$2,003</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>								
TOTAL: POLICE SERVICE	\$74,120	\$84,760	\$85,000	\$78,875	\$31,133	\$87,878	11.41%	\$9,003
PROJECTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0		-100.00%	-\$7,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$74,120</b>	<b>\$84,760</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$85,875</b>	<b>\$31,133</b>	<b>\$87,878</b>	<b>2.33%</b>	<b>\$2,003</b>

Revenue over Expenditures = Net Total	\$17,694	\$5,675	\$0	\$0	\$10,739	\$0	\$0
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# Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

**Berwyn Heights Day** has been cancelled due to COVID 19 & Local Closures. We look forward to a bigger, better celebration in 2021.

**S**ummer Concert Series at Lake Artemesia has been tentatively scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup> & August 13<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for more details in next month's Bulletin and refer to the Town website for updates: [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov)

**Recreation Council Meetings** are normally scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room, the Senior Center. Please check the Town website for updates or contact Susan Jones at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).

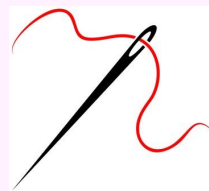


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For more information, contact Sensei Theresa Beck at [beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



**Needle Arts Society  
Meetings Cancelled  
until further notice  
due to CoVID-19**

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email [CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net](mailto:CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net)

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"Thanks" to most cafés and restaurants being shut tight, I've never eaten healthier. "Thanks" to the shops being closed, I've never saved so much money. "Thanks" to being home, I've got a beautiful patio to look at, with plants and veggies I've planted. "Thanks" to having so much time at the computer, I am clearing out emails, taking online classes I normally wouldn't have time for. "Thanks" to all the new communication outlets, I'm more in touch with friends and family than ever before, too.

But special true THANKS to all of those on the front lines, and with much respect hope all the small businesses return! Have you seen the Positives maybe in your life too? How will we cope when we have the freedom of movement again!? Will we be thankful then? Will we have a new normal and be Thankful?

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**Under Contract 8912 56<sup>th</sup> Av3BR 2 BA rambler w/addition\$359K**  
**Under Contract 6100 Westchester Park Dr 1BR 16<sup>th</sup> fl \$140K**  
**Available-8715 62<sup>nd</sup> av 3BR 2BA open floor plan rambler\$345K**  
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# BERWYN HEIGHTS SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Town of Berwyn Heights is announcing a new program to support students as they pursue opportunities for summer learning and enrichment. The Town will award a small number of scholarships of up to \$500 to students with financial need who are participating in summer programs that contribute to their educational and career goals. Examples can include academic camps, leadership programs, or study abroad opportunities.



Students will be expected to provide an update to the Council after the completion of their program, and they will be recognized on Berwyn Heights Day!

To apply submit the following items to the Berwyn Heights Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Rd or via email to [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov):

- A paper application of no more than two pages including a description of the program, cost information, and an essay written by the student outlining how participation in the program would benefit their educational and career goals
- Proof of eligibility for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals. Another statement of financial need may be accepted with justification.

**Applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>!**



## Hello from the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

All Maryland public schools will be closed until Friday, May 15. Distance learning will continue. For updates, see the school website <https://www1.pgcps.org/berwynheights/>

During school closures, children can pick up meals from 10 am to 1 pm at designated meal sites, including nearby Springhill Lake Elementary @ 6060 Springhill Drive, Greenbelt. For more information, see <https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/meal-sites/>







## MARCH INCIDENTS

### **Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 3:31 pm, 'COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY'**

On March 1, 2020 at 1531 hours, BHPD responded to the McDonald's restaurant located at 6219 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740 for a commercial armed robbery report. Once on scene, officers made contact with the victim who advised that, he was at the drive-thru window serving customers when an unknown possibly 1997-2000 model black 4 door Lexus sedan with faded paint above the driver's side roof pulled up at the window and an unknown suspect exited the driver's side door. The suspect then approached the window, displayed a silver handgun and pointed it at the victim. The victim fearing for his life immediately attempted to close the window and ran away from the register. The suspect then entered through the drive-thru window, opened the register by manipulating the key pad and stole the cash register till containing approximately \$100.00 in business funds. The suspect then entered his vehicle and fled the scene to an unknown location, making good on his escape. Suspect: B/M, 23, 5'9"-6'0", 130 lbs, black mask, gray hoodie, armed with a silver handgun.

### **Monday, March 2, 2020 at 11:29 am, 'IDENTITY THEFT'**

On 03/02/2020 at approximately 11:29 AM, Pfc. Rufino (1451) received a station report at 5411 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740 for identity theft. Victim states that in 2017 he received his work permit and filed taxes for all the work he had done that year. He stated that he also filed taxes for 2018 subsequently and everything seemed to be normal until two weeks ago when he received a letter from the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). The letter from the IRS has a notice date of January 27, 2020 stating that he owes \$5,095 plus \$804 in penalties. The letter claims that he worked for Structural Concrete Inc address PO BOX 490 Aberdeen MD 21001 in 2017 and reported earned of \$32,162. The letter also displays a social security number belonging to the victim. The victim states that he did not work at the above mentioned Company and brought documentation (W-2's) from the places he did work that year of 2017. He believes he is a victim of identity theft and that someone is using his social

security number for employment. All information will be forwarded to Cpl. Krouse in CID for further investigation.

### **Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:05 am, 'COMMERCIAL BURGLARY'**

On Wednesday 3/4/2020 at 7:03 A.M. the police Channel 1 Dispatcher assigned Cpl. J. Ignowski to a call for service for a break-in in progress at Domino's (pizza) restaurant (T/A) at 8904B 62nd Avenue. Store representatives reported that she works next door at 8904A 62nd Avenue and when she arrived for work today she found the front door glass of Domino's was smashed and out of the door. The front door shattered and glass lying on the ground. There was a 4 pound 6 inch diameter piece of concrete lying on the floor inside of Domino's. At 8:43 A.M. Cpl. Ignowski met Domino's General Manager in front of the Domino's. It was reported that employees closed and left the Domino's at 2:00 A.M. placing the time of occurrence between 2:00 A.M. and 6:50 A.M. and further reported that cash drawers to both cash registers were opened by the suspect and \$146 in cash removed from the two registers. The key to the registers was left on top of a sales counter next to the registers. Investigation continues.

### **Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 11:23 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

On Thursday 3/5/2020 at 11:05 A.M. Employee of T-Mobile reported that at 11:01 a.m. male suspect entered the T/A T-Mobile Store at 8904A 62nd Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Maryland and posed as a customer. The suspect looked at two display cell phones along the interior south side wall near the entrance to the store. The suspect grabbed the two cell phones and attempted to force the cell phones from their display anchors. An Apple brand I-Phone 11 was destroyed in the attempt. The suspect fled from the store without getting the display phones and he ran south through the front parking lot toward Seminole Street. SUSPECT: 18 Y/O, B/M.

### **Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 1:19 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

On Thursday 3-5-2020 Victim reported a theft at the Berwyn Heights MD Police Department. Victim reports that at 11 A.M. she parked her gray 2014 Toyota Sienna van with MD tags 30142CH, listed to her husband in a parking lot at 8800 56th Avenue. She

went jogging. At 11:40 A.M. her American Express Credit Card company alerted her by text on her cellular telephone that the card in account ending in numbers 82004 listed to her was being used to make a \$211 purchase at Giant Food at 3521 East West Hwy., Hyattsville, MD 20782. Victim returned to her van and discovered that someone broke the right rear door window. Her purse was stolen from the rear area of the interior of the van. Victim suspects that someone was in the parking lot watching her put her purse in the back seat, then go for her run. Items stolen include those listed in the Property section of this report and Bank of America debit card, USAA MasterCard, CitiBank American Airlines MasterCard, Target card, MD Realtor's License, P.G. County Realtor Association door scan card, W-2 tax forms, personal journal, and more. Investigation continues.

### **Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 12:00 pm, 'TELEPHONE SCAM'**

The victim responded to Berwyn Heights Police Station to report that he was a victim of a telephone scam. The victim having recently entered the Country from Bangladesh is unfamiliar with the many on-line and phone scams. The victim reports that he received a call from a subject stating he is a bank employee. The caller informed him to send money or his bank account would be frozen. The victim reports that he believes the accent of the suspect is Indian. The victim was instructed to obtain gift cards in the amount of \$625.00 dollars and contact the bogus bank representative. The victim complied and gave the pin #s via telephone (469) 373-7819. The victim obtained the gift cards from Target. Suspect: Unknown male with Indian accent in his 40's.

### **Monday, March 9, 2020 at 3:30 pm, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'**

On 3/10/2020 a Town resident visited Berwyn Heights MD Police (BHPD) to report a theft. Victim stated that he parked his black color Nissan Rogue SUV facing south across from 8900 block of 57th Avenue to use the M-NCPPC bike trail. He left his Apple cellular telephone on the front passenger seat and forgot that the passenger front door window was partially open. When he returned to the SUV the cell phone was gone.

### **Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:33 am, 'STOLEN VEHICLE'**



On Wednesday 3/11/2020 at 7:33 A.M. Victim called police to 8600 block of 58th Avenue to report a stolen vehicle. Victim reported that at 7:20 A.M. he started his 2018 Mitsubishi Mirage G4 car with the key and left it running to warm up while the car was parked on the north side of the residence. When he went back to the car, it was gone, taken by an unknown person to an unknown destination. At the time of this report, vehicle owner was also on the scene. BHPD notified the neighboring municipality dispatcher at Greenbelt City Police Department, canvassed the Greenbelt Road corridor, 7-11 stores at 5815 Greenbelt Road and 8900 Edmonston Road, and a local McDonald's restaurant parking lot at 6219 Greenbelt Road with negative result.

**Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 10:55 am, 'DISORDERLY'**

On Thursday 3/12/2020 at 10:55 A.M. employees of the bank, State Employees Credit Union (SECU) activated the bank's robbery hold-up alarm, and called emergency 911 for help. BHPD responded to find five employees inside, three men and two women, all in distress. All spoke at once about a chaotic incident involving a man posing as a bank customer. Officers observed broken glass covering most of the open office area inside of the entrance. Assistant Bank Branch Manager stated that on 3/11/2020 a man used a fraudulent document that looks like a personal check to open an account with the bank (T/A) for more than \$800. On 3/12/2020 at 10:40 A.M. the same man returned to the bank and attempted to make a withdrawal against the fake check. When the man could not do that, he issued specific threats to physically harm the assistant manager, and other employees, and he shouted and screamed inside the bank, and he threw a tabletop decorative glass vase from a coffee table onto the hard surface floor of the bank. The vase shattered in proximity of the feet of employees and customers. The Financial Advisor advised that he assisted the angry man as a customer. The suspect is identified as a 21 Y/O, B/M. Suspect learned he will not get a withdrawal of the bank's money because the document he used to open the account is a non-negotiable item (fake check), freezing the account per the bank's policy, making no funds available. The suspect became angry, threatened to physically harm the reporting

person. The suspect kicked the lower glass pane of the right side exit door on his way out (it did not break). Charges are pending.

**Friday, March 13, 2020 at 2:34 pm, 'BOMB THREAT'**

On 3/13/2020 at 1450 hours, The Berwyn Heights Police Department received a phone call from Principal of Berwyn Heights Elementary School located at 6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights Maryland. The principal advised police that a bomb threat was made to the above listed location. As officers arrived, the principal stated that at 1434 hours, school secretary received a call and heard the following; "suck a dick, there is a bomb in your bathroom, you have 30 minutes". BHPD spoke with the principal, who described the call as "young kids" laughing and joking on the phone. The caller ID it showed the name of David Adams (2409189400). At this time a suspect can't be named, or identified due to minimal information. The Berwyn Heights Police Officers conducted a building clearance, ending in negative results. BHPD advised the Principal of all of her options pertaining to evacuation procedures, and or notification to parents. Principal was certain that this was a prank call, and through her judgement elected not to evacuate the above listed location. Officers then contacted Prince George's County Police K-9, who declined to respond to the scene. Once the building was clear, officers made notification to the Prince George's County Security Services, and also Prince George's County Homeland Security. The name and phone number that was viewed on the caller ID, has been submitted to CPL. Krouse for further investigation.

**Friday, March 20, 2020 at 11:08 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

The owner of the listed vehicle contacted the police after he discovered that his work van was entered and property removed. The victim states that he parked his vehicle in his driveway off the street at his residence 8800 block of 62ND Ave Berwyn Heights MD. The victims home security camera captured a vehicle pull up to his driveway with the lights out. The passenger got out of the vehicle and opened the rear unlocked van door to the victim's vehicle. Property was removed from the unlocked van. The incident occurred 3 days previously at 0414 however the victim delayed re-

porting the incident until he could view his security camera footage. The camera captured the vehicle and suspect but it was not possible to discern the vehicle description other than a 4D sedan. The suspect was wearing a hooded sweatshirt and his description was not evident. The victim was advised to contact the agency should he obtain further info.

**Friday, March 27, 2020 at 3:00 am, 'VANDALISM'**

The victim parked and secured his vehicle on the street in front of his residents overnight. When the victim returned to his vehicle he discovered that it had been damaged by unknown means. Investigation was unable to discern the causation of the damage. The victim was supplied with case #.

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

MARCH	CITATIONS
STATE	14
TOWN	51
WARNINGS	9
SERO	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>

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The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!



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Our next meeting will be Thursday May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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## Green Things You Can Do While Self-Isolated!

*Links for ideas will be on our webpage blog*

### For Your Mind:

- Enroll in an online sustainability course
- Tune into sustainability-focused podcasts
- Watch environmental documentaries
- Implement a system for dealing with household waste and recyclables
- Get that body moving
- Practice relaxation techniques
- Gaze at the stars & find constellations

### For Your Very Own Victory Garden:

- Grow vegetable scraps
- Start your own flower or vegetable garden! Need seeds? Contact the Green Team and we may be able to help.
- Make seed bombs from clay and leftover flower and herb seeds
- Split perennials and share with neighbors

### For Your Hands:

- Clean out your AC unit coils so it works efficiently
- Replace furnace filters
- Check for drafts in windows and exterior doors
- Plan your meals – Google your kitchen ingredients for a new recipe
- Undertake an upcycling or DIY project
- Make your own zero waste products
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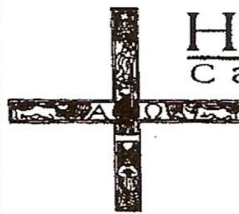
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

May 5	Lisa Powell
May 6	Rosa Cinemanis
May 9	Howard Johnson
May 15	Leon Swain
May 20	Deb Hutchinson
May 22	Bonnie Beck-O'Brien
May 30	Rosemary Perticari
May 31	Judy Popadick

## MAY ACTIVITIES

**CANCELLED:** All regular Senior's Club activities have been suspended due to COVID-19 State of Emergency. Please check the Town website for updates .



## Historical Committee



**CANCELLED**

## Spring Reception

May 17 | 2:00 pm

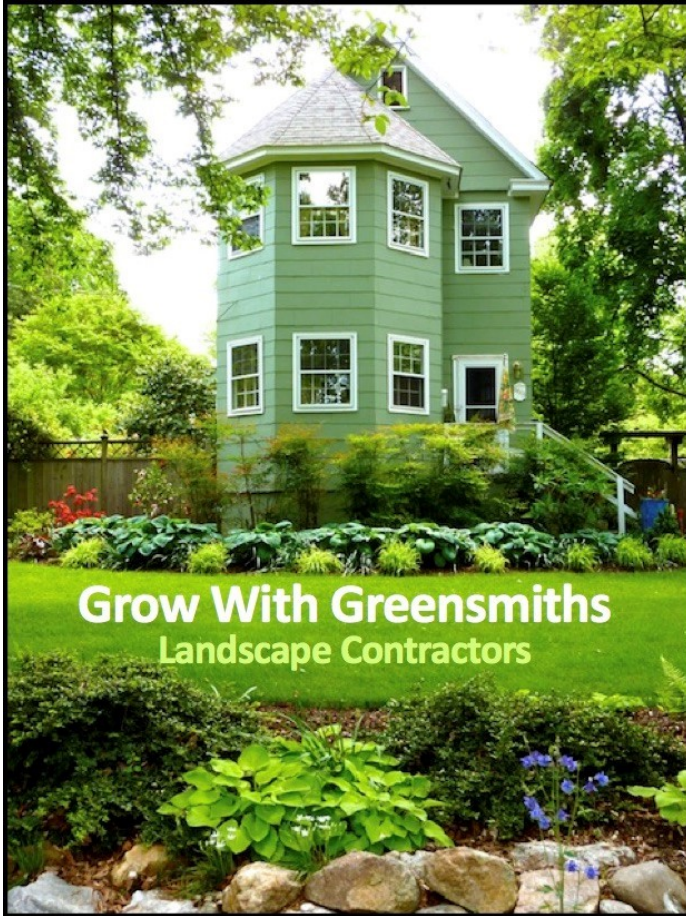
• Guest Speaker - Maya Davis

BHHC member Sharmila Bhatia attended the celebration of the installation of Harriett Tubman's and Frederick Douglass' statues in the State House in February. Maya Davis, a Maryland State Archives Research Archivist who helped bring this project to fruition, spoke about it in a video clip that can be viewed at the [Baltimore Sun website](https://www.baltimoresun.com). Ms. Davis spoke at a previous BHHC reception about the legacy of slavery in Maryland, a digest of which can be viewed on our [website](https://www.berwynheightshistory.com).

**NEXT MEETING (Tentative): MAY 27, 7:30 pm**

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## BULLETIN BOARD

**Wanted:** Used exercise equipment. Please call Nancy at 301-345-2022.

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

**Licensed Family Daycare:** Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

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

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

**Meals-on-Wheels** needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

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

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

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

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

**House Cleaning:** Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at 301-345-1746.

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



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### Angela's House Cleaning Service

Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials at reasonable price.

Call (240) 645-5140 or email [angelalazo1@hotmail.com](mailto:angelalazo1@hotmail.com)

## BERWYN HEIGHTS MOVIE CLUB

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, we have suspended our movie shows. We will return with our eclectic selection of movies after the emergency has ended.

**Normally we Show Free Movies Followed by Discussions**  
**Every Sunday at 3:00 pm | Town Center - G. Love Room (Downstairs)**

For any questions please contact: [bhmovieclub@gmail.com](mailto:bhmovieclub@gmail.com)

# 2020 CENSUS

# CENSO 2020

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of every resident in the United States and records basic information about them. The information is used to determine congressional representation, and how and where federal funds will be spent to build new schools, new clinics, new roads, and provide more services for families, older adults, and children.

The US Census Bureau has posted information about the [2020 Census](#) on the web, including sample [questionnaires](#), why the [Census matters](#) and how our [privacy](#) is protected. Here are some important dates to remember:

- **Mid-March:** every household in Berwyn Heights receives an invitation to respond to the census online or by phone.
- **Mid-April:** all households that have not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire.
- **Mid-May:** census takers will visit households that have not responded to collect the information.

Cada 10 años, la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos realiza un recuento de cada residente en los Estados Unidos y registra información básica sobre ellos. La información se utiliza para determinar la representación en el Congreso y cómo y dónde se gastarán los fondos federales para construir nuevas escuelas, nuevas clínicas, nuevas carreteras y proporcionar más servicios para familias, adultos mayores y niños.

La Oficina del Censo ha publicado información sobre el Censo 2020 en la web, incluidos [cuestionarios de muestra](#), por qué es [importante el Censo](#), y cómo se [protege nuestra privacidad](#). Algunas fechas importantes para recordar:

- A mediados de marzo: cada hogar en Berwyn Heights recibe una invitación para responder al censo en línea o por teléfono.
- A mediados de abril: todos los hogares que aún no han respondido recibirán un cuestionario en papel.
- Mediados de mayo: los encuestadores visitarán los hogares que no han respondido para recopilar la información.



## Next Meeting (Tentative) Monday, June 22 G. Love Room

The BH EAC wishes everyone good health during this time!

There will be no May meeting, but we hope to have a June meeting. We will discuss how we can partner with the area school PTAs on a Kindergarten Connections event for all children transitioning into Kindergarten this year.

Stay up to date on PG County Public School COVID-19 information at this site: <https://www.pgcps.org>. You can sign up to receive their newsletter - which includes learning at home resources - at this site: <https://www.pgcps.org/newsroom-newsletters/>

Contact the BHEAC  
[thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com) for more information



## Próxima reunión (provisional) Lunes 22 de Junio G. Love Room

El BH EAC les desea buena salud a todos durante este tiempo!

No habrá reunión de mayo, pero esperamos tener una reunión de junio. Discutiremos cómo podemos asociarnos con las PTA de la escuela del área en un evento de Conexiones de Kindergarten para todos los niños que hacen la transición a Kindergarten este año.

Manténgase actualizado sobre la información COVID-19 de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de PG en este sitio: <https://www.pgcps.org>. Puede suscribirse para recibir su boletín, que incluye recursos de aprendizaje en el hogar, en este sitio: <https://www.pgcps.org/newsroom-newsletters/>

Contacto BHEAC para obtener más información en:  
[thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com).

# Berwyn Heights Celebrates Arbor Day



Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting: May 14, 2020

Contact: Amanda Dewey,

[adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)

**Berwyn Heights proclaims Arbor Day on May 13. Consider planting trees to celebrate. Planting trees plants hope, cares for future generations, and our planet. Visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) to learn more.**

First observed in 1872 in Nebraska and now in all 50 states, Arbor Day celebrates the importance of trees and promotes tree planting and care.

Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value. – USDA

The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. – USDA

The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. - USDA

## TREES OF DISTINCTION

The Trees of Distinction program wants to recognize and inspire appreciation for trees that are special to individuals and to the community as a whole. If you have a tree that is special to you or stands out, please nominate it to receive a *Trees of Distinction* award by filling out the form below e-mailing it to [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com) or dropping it off at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road. Trees will receive awards in four categories: size and/or age; unusual growth habit or form; historical significance; and beauty or aesthetic value. Your tree may be on your personal property or in public space, but please do not nominate a neighbor's tree without their permission. However, we encourage you to reach out to neighbors and encourage them to nominate their amazing trees.

Trees can be nominated through the end of May. Submissions will be publicized during Town events, on the Town website, and on our local TV channel. Those who nominate trees are also invited to help us plant the symbolic Arbor Day tree at Berwyn Heights Day!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Category:

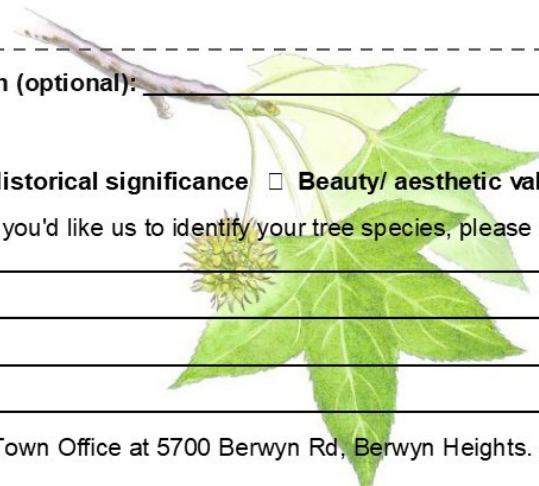
☐ Size and/or Age ☐ Unusual Growth Habit or Form ☐ Historical significance ☐ Beauty/ aesthetic value

What is the species of the tree are you nominating? (If you you'd like us to identify your tree species, please include more detailed photos of leaves, bark, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes it special to you and/or the community? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a photo of your tree to the form and return it to Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Rd, Berwyn Heights.





# CODE COMPLIANCE

## Response to CoVID-19 Pandemic

Please be advised that the Code Compliance Department has made several important procedural changes in response to the CoVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

- Rental inspections cancelled until at least May 15, 2020;
- Rental license application due dates and applicable fees remain the same, but must be submitted via e-mail to [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov) or US mail by check or money order;
- All other license applications (building, roll-off, POD and right-of-way permits), must be submitted by e-mail to [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov) or by U.S. mail;
- All payments for licenses & permits, fees & fines must be submitted by U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Drop-off payments are not accepted.

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

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

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King

[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton

[bhbgc@gmail.com](mailto:bhbgc@gmail.com)

Vice President: vacant

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary: Jianmei Zhu

Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov

Soccer Commissioner: Vacant

Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

### Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker

[thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com)

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey

[amandamdewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandamdewey@gmail.com)

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes

[therese@celticclans.com](mailto:therese@celticclans.com)

### Historical Committee

Chair: Richard Ahrens

[dicka247@gmail.com](mailto:dicka247@gmail.com)

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch

[bhmovieclub@gmail.com](mailto:bhmovieclub@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick

[mikeattick@verizon.net](mailto:mikeattick@verizon.net)

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

[Brett.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.bentley@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag

[quilttag1@yahoo.com](mailto:quilttag1@yahoo.com)

### Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones

[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

Secretary: Theresa Beck

[beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)


















### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



# May 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 CANCELLED BH Day
3	4 CANCELLED 7:00 PM Worksession 	5 POSTPONED TO JUNE 9 Town Council Election 	6 	7 VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Green Team Meeting 	8	9
10	11 	12 	13 VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Town Meeting FY 2021 Budget 	14 	15	16
17 CANCELLED 7:00 PM Worksession	18 	19 	20 TENTATIVE 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting 	21 	22	23
24 	25 MEMORIAL DAY Town Offices Closed	26 	27 Candidates' Night 	28 	29 	30



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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection	
Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection	
Recycling Recycling Collection	

# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue ..... 9-1-1  
 Police (Non-Emergency) ..... (301) 352-1200  
 Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554  
 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
**Email: [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
 Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
**Email: [publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
 Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7866  
 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
 Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Call-a-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

Stephen D. Isler (301) 537-2228 [sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
 Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Mayor Pro Tem — Administration  
 Ethan D. Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Councilmember — Public Works  
 Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529 [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
 Jeffrey Osmond [josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Councilmember — Code Compliance  
 Maria Broadbent—Town Manager [mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov)

#### 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](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

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

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

**Questions —** call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email [kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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