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### Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

Para garantizar los protocolos COVID adecuados, la puerta del Ayuntamiento permanece cerrada. No dude en llamar al 301-474-5000 para hacer una cita o a tocar la puerta para recibir servicio.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web;
- Las inspecciones de alquiler están en marcha con los protocolos COVID implementados
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Los servicios de notario están disponibles en el Ayuntamiento y el Departamento de Policía con cita previa. Llame al 301-474-5000 para comunicarse con el Ayuntamiento o al 301-474-6554 para comunicarse con el Departamento de Policía para obtener estos servicios.
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS a 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Visite el sitio web para obtener la información más reciente <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

### COVID-19 Town Government Operations

To ensure appropriate COVID protocols, the door to Town Hall remains locked. Feel free to call (301) 474-5000 to schedule an appointment or knock on the door for service

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website.
- Rental inspections are underway with COVID protocols in place.
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Notary services are available at Town Hall and the Police Department by appointment. Call (301) 474-5000 to reach Town Hall or (301) 474-6554 to contact the Police Department for those services.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

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

# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

## Got questions about the Town's future plans?

Do you want to tell the Council how to spend next year's budget and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding?

Be sure to attend one of the three Strategic Planning meetings hosted by the Town Council. We want to hear from you!

### In Person Meetings – Senior Center, 8603 57<sup>th</sup> Ave., Berwyn Heights

November 4, 2021 – 7 pm

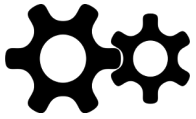
November 8, 2021 – 7 pm

### Virtual Meeting

November 15, 2021 – 7 pm (The zoom meeting information is published with the agenda and there's a phone number you can call if you prefer.)

These meetings are a follow up to the surveys the Town recently released. Topic areas include: social networking and how it can support our community in difficult times; ways to address the education loss that resulted from the pandemic; examples of good communication between the Town and the community; as well as which specific projects should the Town implement with the ARPA funding.

The feedback provided during these meetings will help the Council set priorities for the ARPA funding and the FY 2023 Budget, which starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[PublicWorks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@berwynheightsmd.gov) TEL: 301-474-6897

Happy Thanksgiving to all and a few reminders:

The street sweeper will be in town on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area. They will not be here again until January 2022.

The next time Greenbelt will be collecting your electronic recycling again Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm. Accepted items include CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires & power cords, fax machines, cameras, flat-screen televisions, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. Also, block Styrofoam #6. Paint recycling – cost \$5 per container. DO NOT MIX PAINT in other containers. For info call 240-542-2153.

This link may be very helpful when you have questions or concerns about Public Works, such as trash days for your neighborhood, what we pick up, etc.: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>

**In addition, the town will observe Veterans' Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>; and the Thanksgiving holiday on November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the trash schedule changes to the following:**

**VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY - November 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – North side trash/bulk/yard waste

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – South side trash/bulk/yard waste

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Town-wide recycling only

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Town-wide trash

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday & Friday =**

Monday, [November 22<sup>nd</sup> – North side trash/bulk/yard waste](#)

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – South side trash/bulk/yard waste

Wednesday, [November 24<sup>th</sup> – Town-wide recycling only](#)

Rosalie Jones for the Dept. of Public Works

**Curbside Leaf Collection**

**November 1 - December 30**

**Holidays Excluded**



Your Public Works Department offers curbside loose leaf collection through the end of December. You may continue to set out leaves in brown paper yard waste bags, to be picked up on yard waste collection days.

**REMINDERS:**

Do not park cars in front of or near leaf piles, as this hampers access by the leaf machine.

Please rake your leaves to the curb or to an existing sidewalk, but NOT into the street.

Do not mix loose leaves with sticks, rocks, trash or debris, as they can damage the leaf machine.

Do not mix loose leaves with thick branches. They are collected separately.

Be advised that it takes approximately 2 weeks to complete a round of leaf collection in the Town.

**ADDITIONALLY**

Yard signs will be posted at the entrances to neighborhoods letting residents know "Leaf Collection Next Week" and "Leaf Collection This Week".

The leaf collection crew will rotate each week between north of Pontiac Street and south of Pontiac Street.

The week of November 1st, leaf collection will be done NORTH of Pontiac Street. The week of November 8th, leaf collection will be done SOUTH of Pontiac Street. Thereafter, collection will rotate. However, during the height of the season in late November and early December, or if there are rain/etc delays, we will keep the yard signs updated so residents can know if they are "This Week" or "Next Week"

# Berwyn Heights Rec. Council November 2021



The Recreation Council will be hosting a **Food Drive** in conjunction with the Green Team's Town-wide Clean up & Pumpkin Smash this month. Non-perishables can be dropped off at the

**Town Office, 5700 Berwyn Road, during the event, Saturday, November 6th, 10am-1pm.**

Stay Tuned for details on our **Annual Tree Lighting Event & "Holiday Shopping" Craft Sale on Saturday, December 4th.**

*(This is still in the works and may need to be outdoors due to COVID, details TBD)*

If you have any outdoor holiday decorations or inflatables that you would like to lend to help make it more festive, OR if you're a BH Crafter and would like to participate in the Craft Sale, please email Susan at:  
[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Next Rec Council meetings will be on Tuesday, November 2nd and Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm in person in the G. Love Room (next to the Senior Center). To join virtually or share ideas about future activities, please contact Susan at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

## Town Meeting Sept 15, 2021

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency and will be broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents could comment by calling (443) 646-3529 or e-mailing Mayor Dewey at [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov).

### Call to order

The meeting called to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, and Town Manager Laura Allen. Also present were Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin, and Public Works Director Kenneth Hall. Additional attendees were translator Maria Fabara-Nunez for resident Juan Segovia Chicas and Luis Navarro for the driveway variance, as well as Debby Steele-Snyder and Susan Jones for committee reports. Dr. David Tilley from the University of Maryland joined for the Cool Green Living Canopies presentation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey reminded the community of

the Indoor Mask mandate, which includes all Town buildings, when not actively eating and drinking. She also announced the new Public Works Director, Brad Pudner will be starting the next Monday. There were no other announcements.

### Approval of Agenda

### Public Hearing, Ordinance 119 Amendment (Traffic and Parking)

Mayor Dewey opened the hearing for public comment. Mayor Dewey summarized the proposed ordinance amendment, stating that this change would prohibit the blocking of intersections. TM Allen stated for the record that Council has received draft language at a couple of different meetings and Council provided feedback that was incorporated into the language for the amendment. Ordinance changes were properly introduced on the August 11, 2021 Town Meeting. The second hearing is in order to establish a fine that is associated with the proposed ordinance change.

Ms. Susan Jones asked what a resident would do if they were to witness blocking the intersection. Would they take a picture and send it to the police and the police would issue a ticket? TM Allen replied that citizen pictures are not enforceable by the police, but that residents could call and report it to the police. TM Allen continued that this will be implemented with a period of warnings from the police department before tickets will begin to be issued. Ms. Jones questioned the ability of the police to respond in time to a phone call from the public before the perpetrator would be gone. Mayor Dewey

likened this to stop sign enforcement and said that the police will not be able to stop everyone, but by establishing some enforcement compliance will improve. Ms. Jones noted that periodic enforcement of specific stop signs has increased compliance at that specific stop sign.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to close the hearing. CM Sweep seconded. At that point, a phone comment from Mike Attick came in. Mr. Attick questioned if Berwyn Heights had jurisdiction over the intersection at Kenilworth and Edmonston. Mayor Dewey stated that this Ordinance would cover intersections in Berwyn Heights, not just the intersection of Pontiac and Edmonston/Kenilworth, but does not extend onto State roads.

With no further discussion, the motion to close the hearing passed unanimously.

### Public Hearing-Resolution 8-2021, Establishing the Fine for Blocking an Intersection

Mayor Dewey opened the hearing on Resolution 8-2021 that establishes the fine that correlates with the Amended Ordinance 119.

CM Brittan-Powell requested that the fine structure be stated. Mayor Dewey stated that the fine would be \$75. Ms. Susan Jones commented that she felt that the fine was adequate.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to close the hearing. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Driveway Variance

TM Allen introduced Director Goodwin to present on the driveway variance that is being requested, PG County Zoning Appeal V-27-21, at 5803 Seminole Street. Mr. Juan Chicas is the property owner and Mr. Vaquerano is the contractor. Mr. Chicas is requesting a variance to build a driveway that is in the front of his house instead of being offset as is required by County ordinance. The variance is needed because there is a utility pole blocking access on the right side of the property. Mr. Chicas is requesting permits to construct an apron, driveway, and walkway. . Previously, a driveway measuring approximately 10x24 ft existed on the left side of the property, abutting the driveway of 5805 Seminole St. There were conflicts between the neighboring properties regarding the parking area. That previous driveway has already been demolished and will be landscaped. To date, there is no feedback from neighboring property owners in opposition to this variance. Mayor Dewey asked Mr. Chicas if he had a comment. Mr. Chicas stated that the presentation by Director Goodwin was accurate. CM Brittan-Powell asked for confirmation of the existing and past structure. It was confirmed that the apron would be reconstructed to a solid curb and that the previous parking pad will be grass. The apron has not been demolished yet, as Mr. Chicas received a stop work order. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked

about the amount of impervious surface that is allowed in the yard. Mr. Navarro replied that the county requirement in R55 Zoning is that there be no more than 30% impervious surface and that the proposed project would result in about 27% of the surface being impervious. The plans were submitted to the county and were passed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if water and sewer lines would be covered by the concrete pad and then be inaccessible if the Town needed to access the pipes in the right of way. Mr. Navarro replied that when you apply for an apron, you pay a bond that will only be refunded when you can show any underground infrastructure is not affected. CM Brittan-Powell suggested this might be a learning opportunity since other homes in Town have similarly-placed utility poles. CM Papanikolas stated other driveways of this type have been approved and constructed in Town and that the only condition the Town has required is some sort of barrier at the top of the driveway to create a break between the house and the driveway. CM Papanikolas moved that the driveway be approved with the condition that a barrier be constructed at the top of the driveway. CM Sweep asked to make a comment. Mayor Dewey stated that since there was a motion on the table it would be appropriate to see if there is a second and then for comments to be made during discussion. CM Sweep seconded the motion. CM Sweep asked for clarification that the driveway placement was a county requirement. Director Goodwin stated that was correct. CM Sweep echoed CM Papanikolas that he would like a barrier constructed at the top of the driveway. CM Sweep expressed that he would like to confirm the tree that is planted where the new driveway will be installed is going to be relocated. Mr. Chicas confirmed that the tree will be replanted in the area where the old driveway was. CM Brittan-Powell asked for confirmation of the restoration of the curbing. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked CM Papanikolas how many variances of this type had been approved previously. CM Papanikolas stated that he knew of 3 variances of this type and that those properties also were in need of variances because they exceeded the 30% of impervious land. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked why the council had previously approved those variances. CM Papanikolas stated that to the best of his recollection it was due to congestion on the particular roads. CM Papanikolas stated in his mind this is a trade off since it is a replacement driveway. CM Brittan-Powell asked if permeable pavers had been considered. Mayor Dewey stated that permeable pavers can become impervious rather quickly without maintenance. Mr. Navarro asked about the process for obtaining the apron permit from the Town. Director Goodwin stated they should reach out to her about the process. After no more discussion,



the motion passed unanimously.

### Consent

CM Sweep moved to approve the consent agenda, MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: August 2, 2021, August 11, 2021, August 16, 2021

Department Reports: Administration/ Treasurer, Code Compliance, Police, Public Works

### Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Dewey reminded everyone about the mask mandate once again. She also congratulated the students on a good first week of school. She encouraged adults to be careful while driving around schools. There are multiple community events coming up: the ice cream social, concert, and tree walk. She stated this is her second year on the MML Legislative committee and she attended the second meeting. At that meeting they identified Highway User Revenues as a legislative priority and climate change as a strategic initiative. Mayor Dewey and TM Allen have been making connections with the county for economic development, including ARPA spending. She has attended State level and National League of Cities briefings on the American Rescue Plan Act. The next PGCMA meeting is coming up. Thursday there is the first of two Route 1 Green team summits, the first is on pollinator initiatives which she will be attending, and the second is on stormwater management which will be attended by a Green Team representative. She will be testifying on expanding the County Raincheck Rebate Program. She also encouraged people to sign up for the e-newsletter that comes out twice a month in addition to the paper Bulletin.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission met on Sept 13-14. They have received their Census Data results and are looking at the impact of that data on district boundaries. During the current round of meetings, citizens can view and submit their own redistricting maps. The third round will occur in October. Learn more at Redistricting.md.gov. Redistricting is also happening at the Prince George's County level. The commission report has been posted online. None of the proposed plans affect Berwyn Heights directly. A public hearing will be held on September 28 and should be available online. The Paint Branch Golf Course Community conversation is progressing, with an update from M-NCPPC that they are still looking to build a track and field facility with the University of Maryland at the Golf Complex, that could also be used by the community. They have onboarded a golf professional to enhance the golfing experience. The next meeting will be in late September or early October.

CM Papanikolas reported that there have been fewer issues with residents getting building and roll-off permits. Code Compliance is continuing Property Tax and Business License billing. The Code Compliance department report gives a good example of the progress on a property maintenance case on page 4.

CM Brittan-Powell reported that Administration staff have been coming to work regularly in spite of Covid and being as present as possible for residents. The team have been working smoothly. He reported there was a concern among residents that Berwyn Heights has been losing some of its character and seems dourer than it used to be; that people feel alienated from Town Government.

CM Sweep reported that the big event for Public Works is the hiring of the new Director and that there is a lot of excitement around him getting started. Public Works two biggest successes of the last month are the filling of the sinkhole on Berwyn Road and the progress in fixing the sinkhole on Seminole St. Many thanks to Director Hall.

### Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee- MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported the next virtual meeting is Monday, September 27. The committee will be reviewing Education Grant Applications and discussing their mission statement, as well as reviewing the scenarios of the proposed school boundary changes. Contact [thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com) for information on how to join the meeting.

Green Team- Mayor Dewey reported that the Tree Walk is coming up. They have been working on getting "block adopted, please don't litter" signs to be placed around town. On November 6 at 10AM there will be a townwide clean-up and pumpkin smash. There are ongoing discussions about litter at Lake Artemesia. The Green Team will loan supplies to anyone who wants to do litter clean-up at the Lake while Parks and Planning works on solving the issue. They are also still looking for Bee City certification volunteers. The Pollinator Group will be setting up a Whatsapp group, contact the Green Team or Mayor Dewey via email. The next meeting will be October 14 at 7PM.

Historical Committee- Debby Steele Snyder reported that the next meeting of the committee will be on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. This will be the Committee Elections. They are working on an event called "Legends and Lore of Berwyn Heights" with MPT Kulpa-Eddy. It will be a walking tour that will cover about 1.5 miles. It is scheduled for October 24 at 4:30PM with a rain date of Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please email Debby (email in the Bulletin) to indicate interest in the walking tour.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness- Mayor Dewey reported that the last meeting was mainly reviewing police reports and brainstorming future events. The trailer cleanout is in the works and is weather dependent. The next meeting will be Wednesday,

October 6 at 7PM and will be virtual.

Recreation Council- Susan Jones expressed excitement at the upcoming concert Saturday, September 18 from 1-3 pm at Lake Artemesia. Bring something to sit on. In case of rain, the concert will be at the Community Center. On September 23, there will be an ice cream social outside with prepackaged ice cream treats, which will also be held in the Community Center in case of rain. In October, there will be a Trunk-or-Treat event in the lower parking lot of the Community Center. Decorated cars will give out candy and there will be a costume contest for kids under 12 and a category for groups/families. It will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm. Let the Rec Council know if you are interested in decorating a car and giving away treats. Rain date will be October 30<sup>th</sup>. Email Ms. Jones if you have ideas for events (email is in the Bulletin). Next meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month.

### New Business

#### Cool Green Living Canopies Bus Stops/ Dr. David Tilley

Dr. Tilley from the University of Maryland shared a presentation on "Cool Green Bus Stops", which are sustainable shaded bus stops using living canopies. Dr. Tilley is seeking a letter of support to obtain a grant from Exelon Investment Initiative. Dr. Tilley showed his living umbrellas which would be the basis for the bus stops. The soil container is on the top of the canopy that allows for far more rapid growth to cover the canopy. The canopy would recycle rainwater, in which the bench in the bus stop would function as the cistern that would irrigate the plants. The water would be cycled up when sensors show that the soil is dry using solar powered pumps. Canopies reduce urban heat, and there's a little bit of stormwater management as well as carbon capture. This would be a three-year project, during which Dr. Tilley's company would manage the maintenance with a modest amount of matching funds from the Town, which would probably host 2-3 bus stops. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what kind of matching fund the Town would need to invest. Dr. Tilley replied that he believes the cost will be between \$500-1000 per stop/per year of the project depending on the size of the shelter that is installed. After the project's conclusion, the Town could either be trained to take over the maintenance or a service contract with the company could be signed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about seasonality of the canopy. Dr. Tilley recommended that the canopies be planted with vine varieties that are perennial and evergreen. CM Sweep asked about the capacity of the bench cisterns. Dr. Tilley replied that the small benches hold about 100 gallons with the large benches being around 500 gallons. CM Sweep asked about the size of the planting area, the soil that would be used and what would happen in the event of oversaturation. Dr.

Tilley replied that the planting area is about 2.5 feet wide and would come in lengths of 2, 4, and 8 feet and would use engineered soil from expanded shale. The soil would have a drainage system, using the post as a conduit to the cistern. CM Sweep asked about sudden rain events that produce a lot of rain in a short period of time. Dr. Tilley stated that capture is based on standard models of rainfall. CM Sweep stated scientific models are showing we are getting wetter rather than dryer in terms of rainfall. CM Sweep also asked what would happen if the plants are dry and the cisterns are empty. Dr. Tilley replied that this would be monitored in the maintenance. CM Sweep asked if the plants being used would/could be attractive to pollinators. CM Sweep expressed concern about the sound of the pumps used for irrigation. Dr. Tilley stated that the pumps are quiet. Mayor Dewey reiterated that the Town is not making a commitment to the project, but rather to offer a letter of support in the grant process. CM Sweep asked if in the future the Town would be asked to provide "customer updates" for the grant. Dr. Tilley expressed that they would be welcome. Mayor Dewey asked if there were any other questions. With no more discussion, CM Sweep moved to approve signing the letter of support. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Town Center Roof Replacement Contract Authorization**

Mayor Dewey reminded the Council that the Town received Bond Bill funding from the State for the Town Center building. This type of Bond functions essentially as a grant from the State. TM Allen reported that she and Public Works Director Hall sent the roof replacement project out for bid and three bids were received. Mr. Hall recommended that the Town go with RoofWorks. RoofWorks was not the cheapest bid, but was close, and Mr. Hall was impressed with the completeness of the proposal.

Related, the Town has been trying to receive funding from the State of Maryland for elevator replacement. The funding from the State bond bill amounted to \$205,000 total. TM Allen proposed that \$28,310 of that funding go to replace the roof, leaving the balance for the elevator.

The Town also received 3 bids for elevator replacement. With Mr. Hall, TM Allen recommends the Council authorize her to sign a contract with Delaware Elevator for an amount not to exceed \$174,888. If the Council approves authorizing TM Allen to sign the contracts, they will work quickly to implement the projects, but due to supply chain constraints, there may be delays. Mayor Dewey opened the floor for discussion. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if there were any sections of the roof that could be considered "flat" as she had always heard that the roof was flat. Director Hall stated that no, the roof is not a flat roof. She followed

up with a question on the elevator confirming that all proposals address both the inner door of elevator and the hallway/alcove doors. Director Hall stated that all doors associated with the elevator will be replaced. CM Papanikolas asked if there might be additional costs when the contract says "cap flooring will be done by others". Director Hall clarified that the cost is included but that Delaware Elevator will be hiring a subcontractor for that portion of the work.

Mayor Dewey asked about timing and Director Hall stated the roof will be done rather quickly and the elevator will take 5-10 weeks. Mayor Dewey asked if the roof would be able to support solar panels. Director Hall stated it would be able to support solar panels.

Mayor Dewey asked for a motion to authorize TM Allen to sign the roof contract with RoofWorks. MPT Kulpa-Eddy made the motion, with CM Sweep seconding. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Town Center Elevator Replacement Contract Authorization**

Mayor Dewey asked for a motion to authorize TM Allen to sign the elevator replacement contract with Delaware Elevator. CM Sweep made the motion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconds. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

**Don't Block the Intersection (Ord. 119 Amendment) Approval** Mayor Dewey reviewed that the Council has already seen the staff report. She requested that the Council go straight to motions and then do discussion after the motion was on the table. TM Allen reminded Council that ordinances are required to go through a first and second reader and then have a 20 day waiting period before they go into effect, therefore the execution date on the Resolution has been tied to the date that Ordinance 119 would become effective. CM Sweep moved to amend Ordinance 119. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy had a question about a specific intersection. TM Allen replied that she has not reviewed that specific intersection with the Police Chief, but that all intersections in the Town are affected by this Ordinance change. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if the "don't block the driveway" sign that was previously at this intersection could be brought back. TM Allen said she would look into it. CM Brittan-Powell stated that he is in support of this ordinance, but expressed concern it would be difficult to implement and asked that the Town move forward cautiously. CM Papanikolas stated the last time there was a change that involved the Police, the Police gave warnings for 30 days before issuing fines. Mayor Dewey expressed the Chief has stated this will be the plan again. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Don't Block the Intersection Fine (Resolution 8-2021) Approval** CM Papanikolas moved to approve Resolution 8-2021. CM Sweep seconded. In discussion, CM Brittan-Powell asked if the fines would be implemented on a scale based on time that the resolution was in effect (40% of the full fine on week one, and then up to 100%). TM Allen replied that the full fine would be in effect from the first day and that Chief Antolik has stated there would be a period of at least two weeks, perhaps up to 6 weeks, during which police will issue warnings before issuing fines. CM Brittan-Powell asked for consideration of implementing the fine progressively. CM Papanikolas stated he would want feedback from the Chief before Council taking that action. Mayor Dewey expressed that she believes this could be confusing to the community on why the fines were changing. CM Papanikolas asked if CM Brittan-Powell would feel better if there were a written implementation plan from the Chief by the next worksession. CM Brittan-Powell replied he is concerned that after hearing from residents that there's frustration with the Town that this makes him wary. Mayor Dewey asked if Chief Antolik could send a written implementation plan. CM Sweep asked for clarification on how long the warning period will be in the report from Chief. He also agreed with Mayor Dewey that gradual implantation could be confusing. CM Brittan-Powell then asked if the fines could be implemented gradually based on how many violations they have. CM Sweep stated that he believes the plan to begin with warnings, and then move to issuing fines is the best plan. CM Brittan-Powell stated that the Council should be prepared for a lot of unhappy people. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that she believes residents are in favor of traffic enforcement. After CM Brittan-Powell expressed concern that this is a machine issuing tickets, Mayor Dewey addressed the confusion that this is not related to the proposed red-light cameras, but only the "Don't Block the Intersection" changes. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Countywide Zoning Map Amendment Public Comment Discussion**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the Countywide Zoning Map Amendment and the 4 properties on the northside of Branchville Road that will be affected when they are rezoned to Residential/Multifamily (zone RMF 48); however, all legal uses in effect at the time of the zoning change will be grandfathered in. She stated that other than the representative from the concrete laboratory, the Town has not heard anything from any of the other property owners. She reviewed some of the uses that could be implemented with the new zoning. She also stated if Berwyn Heights were to gain residents north of Greenbelt Road, they would be located in another County Council district and could increase representation from Berwyn Heights on the County Council.

She reviewed that Greenbelt had commented to the County that they did not believe the RMF48 zone to be the correct zone for this area, but did not suggest another zoning that would be appropriate. She asked for discussion among the Council whether Berwyn Heights should submit a public comment, as there doesn't appear to be a need to do so. CM Papanikolas stated that he believed that the Council should submit a letter either in support or in opposition, but if there is opposition, that the letter needs to be specific and state what type of zoning the Council believes to be appropriate. Mayor Dewey stated that her opinion is that since this has been going on so long the affected property owners have had a very long time to speak out, and since they have not heard any opposition to the proposed zoning even with the Town's recent attempts to reach out to the property owners, she doesn't see a clear need to write a letter. CM Sweep expressed that he is in agreement with Mayor Dewey and that he finds the idea of multifamily housing across the street to be appealing. CM Papanikolas wondered if a letter of support would be needed to counteract Greenbelt's opposition. Mayor Dewey stated that her understanding from the last meeting with M-NCPPC on this topic was that since Greenbelt didn't specify another zone designation that they felt was appropriate, that no other zone would be considered by the County. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if TM Allen could give any insight into what might happen with property tax revenues. TM Allen replied that multifamily rental units are assessed on the value of the income that they generate rather than the value of the land and any improvements on the land. She stated that usually when property owners seek reassessment, it is to lower taxes and that generally the State approves the reassessments. She further added that stand-alone commercial buildings are assessed on the value of the land and value of the property. She stated without knowing what the new development would be, it's difficult to be able to determine what effect it might have on projected revenues. CM Brittan-Powell expressed his thanks to MPT Kulpa-Eddy for her work on this. Mayor Dewey echoed CM Brittan-Powell's thanks. The Council agreed that no letter was required and no action would be taken.

**Resident & Community Comments** Mike Attick called and thanked CM Papanikolas for taking care of a code problem. He asked for clarification on the price of the intersection violation ticket, which is \$75. He asked if personal vehicles were allowed to park in the Town Hall parking lot. CM Papanikolas stated that he understands that residents are using this parking lot as personal overflow parking. TM Allen stated that it is her understanding this has long been allowed. Mr. Attick stated that employees weren't even allowed to park their cars over the weekend at Town Hall in years past and that residents shouldn't be using the parking lot as overflow. Mayor Dewey stated that in years past when events were happening in the parking lot, it had become a problem when activities were

taking place around vehicles that were left and couldn't be moved. She stated that when events begin to happen in the parking lot again, there would be signage to indicate vehicles would not be able to be kept there. Mayor Dewey stated that there are currently no restrictions on parking in the parking lot and that if operationally there needed to be restrictions, they would be implemented at that time. Mr. Attick stated that it is private property and that signs aren't required. CM Papanikolas stated that the Town is public property. CM Brittan-Powell stated that some residents park in the Town Hall parking lot because of a lack of street parking at their residences.

Mr. Attick asked about the driveway variance and if anyone from the Town had inquired who pulled the permits for the variance. Mr. Attick asked for more clarification on the variance and expressed frustration with the Council over the variance. Mr. Attick questioned who was responsible for choosing the vendor for the new roof at the Town Center and asked about the warranty on the roof. Mayor Dewey stated the Town is required to follow a specific process for projects and purchases like this. Mr. Attick stated that the process should include residents of the Town.

**Adjournment** CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:46PM.

## Worksession Minutes September 20, 2021 | 7:00 pm

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency and was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents could comment by calling (443) 646-3529 or e-mailing Mayor Dewey at [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)

### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Town Manager Laura Allen, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Councilmember Jason Papanikolas was absent, excused.

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey gave an update on current Covid restrictions: masks are still required indoors regardless of vaccination status, at least through October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Approval of Agenda

CM Sweep moved to approve the agenda. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Discussion Items

#### Introduction of Dr. Jeff Warren- Thriving

**Earth Exchange Volunteer Scientist** Mayor Dewey introduced Dr. Jeff Warren. Dr. Warren will be leading the science side of the Town's invasive species/tree canopy project. Dr. Warren spoke briefly on how there is increased interest in studying urban systems as a part of climate change. He stated that he is excited to be a part of the project and improving the Town's tree canopy. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if he knew how many volunteers/citizen scientists would be needed for the project. Dr. Warren stated that it is still to be determined.

### Council Priorities Update

TM Allen reported that the priorities were developed by Council through a variety of processes, including community input and meetings with the Town Manager. TM Allen reported the roadway repairs that had been identified have been completed. TM Allen has become aware of a grant program through the County that may be able to support the Walkable Bikeable recommendations and she is in the process of putting together a grant application. The County is interested in looking at all the Walkable Bikeable recommendations. This grant does not require a match but does require a resolution to accompany the grant. TM Allen reviewed the Don't Block the Intersection ordinance change that will go into effect on October 6, provided that it is not petitioned for referendum. In terms of Recreation and Parks, TM Allen reviewed on-going support for Civic Organizations and the Town Center improvements that were approved on 9/15/21. For sustainability, there is ongoing support for the Green Team, the scientist has been selected for the Thriving Earth Exchange and they are finalizing a project plan with him and developing an approach and methodology. The Campus Community Connections project is also focusing on trees. TM Allen is asking for GIS mapping of the public trees. The Council adopted a balanced budget for fiscal sustainability. The Town has implemented a tree rebate program. Additionally, the composting program will continue. The final priority identified is Effective Communications. TM Allen is developing a communications policy. Translation services provided by the Police Department are receiving ongoing support. Software has been identified that should allow for the meetings to be close-captioned in Spanish. The Bulletin is mailed directly to all households in Town. There is an E-newsletter published twice a month. TM Allen then accepted questions from Council. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked how long the roofing project on the senior center would take. TM Allen replied that it is weather dependent. CM Brittan-Powell asked TM Allen if the issues he raised in July had been addressed in the budget. TM Allen asked for clarification on the items and Mayor Dewey clarified that there was a discussion but not a vote to alter the Council priorities. TM Allen spoke to the "Space Study" idea. She stated that she has reached out to the architect under contract for the Police Department feasibility study and has spoken with Greenbelt employees who are working on their own Space Study.



She believes the project would cost between \$10-15,000. There are different types of Space Studies and the Council would need to clarify their goals. Mayor Dewey stated that for the Council to amend their priorities, a Councilmember would need to write a justification proposal and bring it to the Council for consideration. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Sweep agreed with Mayor Dewey that this process should be followed. CM Brittan-Powell asked about strategic planning. TM Allen replied that she is hoping to engage the community about priorities as part of the ARPA engagement process. If the Council is looking for a longer-range planning (greater than 2-3 years), they would need to engage a specialist. Mayor Dewey expressed excitement about the grant process for WBBH priorities. She asked for additional comments or questions. CM Sweep suggested that next year's priorities include being proactive on climate change instead of the reactive priorities as they exist.

#### Draft Annual Calendar

Mayor Dewey reviewed the purpose of the Annual Calendar which is to identify known conflicts to meetings in advance, in order to increase communication with the Town about when meetings will occur. TM Allen gave a review of the calendar dates and challenges. Council reviewed the dates and proposed the following changes: Ask the Rec Council if they are able to move the Jan. 4, 2022 meeting so Council is able to meet. Move the February 22<sup>nd</sup> to Feb 24. Council also recommended removing the September 6 and December 19<sup>th</sup> meetings. The July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to July 11. Additionally, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be added to the Calendar to highlight that it is Election Day.

#### Draft Purchasing Policy

TM Allen reviewed the Town's current Green Purchasing Policy. Staff is asking that Council adopt a policy that adopts current best practices in public sector procurement and codifies current procedures. TM Allen reviewed the proposed changes while highlighting that none of the current Green Purchasing Policy has changed. Changes proposed include competitive bidding, addressing professional services, authorizing piggybacking contracting and cooperative purchasing, and prohibiting artificial division, which is the process of artificially breaking up a project so that it falls under the purchasing threshold, and subjects all Town purchases to the Town's Ethics Code. Purchases will require a purchase order prior to the purchase being made, with the exception of Credit Card purchases and payroll, health care related transactions, debt and utility services. TM Allen reviewed the Competitive Bidding process and how the process becomes more rigorous and formal as the prices increase. The policy does allow for Council to allow the Town Manager to enter into contracts for certain items and services without competitive bid. Examples include Real Estate, Motor Vehicle Purchases, Insurance and

similar operational contracts. The policy also includes allowing for Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) which allows for flexibility for purchasing services instead of products.

Mayor Dewey asked for clarification on the differences between cooperative procurement and piggyback contracting. TM Allen replied that piggyback contracting is using another governmental entity's already competitively bid contract and asking the vendor to provide the same pricing to the Town. Cooperative procurement uses large nationwide organizations that issue contracts for large or multiple government agencies that allow the Town to be included in the purchase products at a "bulk" discount (example, police vehicles and trash trucks). MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification on Part D, paragraph 3 which refers to the Town Manager working with the Mayor per Section 609.1 of the Town Charter if three bids are not received. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and TM Allen had discussion on their understandings about the role of the Mayor in 609.1 and TM Allen agreed to seek clarification. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for further clarification on exceptions to the competitive bidding process. TM Allen explained that the clause allowing for the Town Manager to forego a competitive bidding process is not an authority being granted but rather an option that would require approval by the Town Council during a Public Town Meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and TM Allen further discussed the exceptions. Mayor Dewey reiterated that the listed exceptions default to going through the competitive bidding process, but that by being listed as exceptions that they may be exempted from the process. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about section 10 of the policy, which grants the power to make exceptions to the Town Manager. She thought it should be stated that it gives the power to make exceptions to the Town Council. TM Allen agreed to change the language. CM Sweep asked that there be language added to the sustainability portion of the policy to prioritize alternative fuel sources, and prioritized purchasing vehicles that utilize alternative fuels. TM Allen agreed to make the changes requested and to seek clarification on the Charter question prior to the Town Meeting on Oct. 13, 2021.

#### MML Fall Conference Discussion

Mayor Dewey introduced the discussion that several members of Council will be attending the Fall MML Conference. CM Brittan-Powell asked about the safety measures being taken at the Conference. Mayor Dewey responded that MML is not requiring masks or vaccines. She reported that the Conference center is in Howard County, a county that does not have a mask requirement, and that the Hotel does not have a mask requirement for either guests or staff. This was brought up at the most recent PGCMA meeting with MML. Mayor Dewey stated that she feels uncomfortable attending a large unmasked event while encouraging safe behavior in Berwyn Heights. MML has committed to a generous refund policy, but nothing has been put in writing yet. CM Brittan-Powell asked if there was a virtual option. Mayor Dewey replied that there is no virtual option due to constraints at the Conference center. MPT Kulpa-

-Eddy asked if there were any issues that would need to be voted on during the meeting. Mayor Dewey replied that there will be the legislative priorities vote and she is hoping that there will be an alternative process for voting, since most of the people who would not be attending for Covid reasons are from Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Mayor Dewey asked that this be on the agenda again on the Oct 4<sup>th</sup> worksession. There was discussion about Banner City requirements. If this is not able to be addressed in the Worksession on Oct. 4, the Council will do the administrative work of determining who is attending what workshops via email.

#### Department Reports

Mayor Dewey began with a Covid report, reminding that masks are required indoors until at least Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. CVS can provide both flu and Covid vaccines. She briefly welcomed Public Works Director Brad Pudner who has begun work for Berwyn Heights. There is a community walk tomorrow at 5:30 pm at Beltway Plaza, beginning in the Target side of the parking lot. It is hosted by the Greenbelt Road Taskforce and spearheaded by CM Sweep and Delegate Alonzo Washington. CM Sweep stated that he was excited to be able to get in front of the shareholders. This will be an opportunity to walk down Greenbelt Road with representatives of SHA (State Highway Administration) and discuss concerns. Mayor Dewey asked that people please fill out the American Rescue Plan Act survey so that Council can make the best decisions on how to spend the money. There continue to be County level redistricting conversations. District 3, which includes Berwyn Heights, is proposed to be changed, but the proposal does not directly affect Berwyn Heights. The Redistricting Commission public hearing is the 28<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. The Planning Board is having their annual budget hearing. These are generally underattended and are an opportunity to have input on the County's budget for recreation in the community. The hearings are the 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, both 7-9, both virtual. You must register to speak and the link is on the Town website.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy highlighted the pending due date for local tax credits for homeowners on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. She mentioned that if you are eligible for the Homeowners State Property Tax Credit you are also eligible for Berwyn Heights Property Tax Credit per Ordinance 180. That deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Lastly, the Homestead Tax Credit involves a one-time application process and can limit the increase in annual property assessments. There is also State Renters' Tax Credits which is open to renters who meet the income criteria and that is also due Oct. 1. Information on these will be posted to the Town Website. The Historical Committee will be meeting Wednesday, Sept 22 and will be holding their elections. The Education Advisory Committee will meet Monday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewing the Education Grant Awards. The Ice Cream Social was totally in flux at the time of this meeting due to weather forecasts. Additionally, there will be two Trunk-or-Treats this year.

CM Brittan-Powell also welcomed Brad Pudner to the team. He reported that he has received comments from several residents that he believes requires a closed session to discuss. He asked to speak with the Mayor to discuss that. He also reported that many people have had issues with the tax structure of the Town. He stated that he believes the Town is nearly at full staff. TM Allen reported that he is correct, but there are still openings in Public Works.

CM Sweep welcomed the new Public Works Director and thanked people for their patience during the selection process. Roof repairs would commence on the Town Center the following day and he asked that people give the workers their space.

Mayor Dewey asked that Public Works do extra sweeps of the area after the roofing crews are complete to make sure there are no construction materials left behind for safety.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked CM Brittan-Powell for more detail on his comment about the taxation concerns. CM Brittan-Powell discussed the Town tax rate and how it was established. MPT Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that the tax rates for Berwyn Heights are set by the Council, not the County, despite the fact that the County property tax bill collects the taxes for both the Town and the County. Mayor Dewey stated that the rates are set each year as part of the budget cycle. TM Allen clarified that Council did not raise the rate. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also stated that because assessments went up, taxes went up.

There were no further resident comments.

#### **Adjournment**

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.



# CODE COMPLIANCE

## BUILDING PERMITS

Residents must obtain County and Town building permits for home improvement projects, including but not limited to:

Fences over 4 feet high

Installation of solar panels

Sheds over 150 square feet or multiple sheds

Replacement of roof sheathing

Foundation waterproofing

Additions

Basements

Driveways

Garage renovations/conversions

Decks

Porches

Before applying for a Town permit, first obtain a Prince George's County Permit. Please call The County's Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) at 301-636-2000 to obtain information about County requirements. Once the County permit has been issued, apply for Town Building Permit with the Code Compliance Department. Application should include:

County Permit

Copy of the stamped site plans and stamped, approved construction plans of the property where work is to take place.

Estimated value of construction with supporting invoice  
Applicable fees and security deposit

To avoid violations and/or fines, please do not begin work until all permits have been issued for your improvement project.



# Historical Committee

## Updated Virtual Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2021:

-November 17<sup>th</sup>

-December 15th

The November 17, 2021 virtual meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

To participate, please contact Sharmila Bhatia at [sharmila\\_bhatia88@hotmail.com](mailto:sharmila_bhatia88@hotmail.com)  
All other inquiries to [dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com)  
For more information visit our [Facebook Page](#) or [BHHC Website](#)

### New BHHC OFFICERS

**Chair:** Debby Steele Snyder  
**Vice Chair:** Lee Fuerst  
**Secretary:** Sierra Langford

We are in search of a volunteer with video editing experience to help with a project. This is a short term commitment.

If you are interested, please contact Debby Steele-Snyder at [dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com).

The BHHC wishes everyone a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MASK MANDATE EXPANSION

COVID-19  
(Coronavirus)

**Effective immediately,** Prince George's County has expanded its indoor mask mandate to include children ages 2 to 5 years.

- All residents and visitors over the age of 2 are required to wear masks in all indoor public venues and businesses in Prince George's County, even if they are fully vaccinated.
- This includes, but is not limited to, restaurants, gyms, retail stores, entertainment venues, conference centers, and office settings.
- Requiring children ages 2-5 to wear a mask for extended periods of time may be challenging. In these circumstances, wearing a mask can be prioritized for times where social distancing of six feet or more is difficult.
- Similar to past mandates, some exceptions apply, such as:
  - When an individual is actively eating and drinking
  - Individuals with a bona fide disability that prevents them from wearing a mask



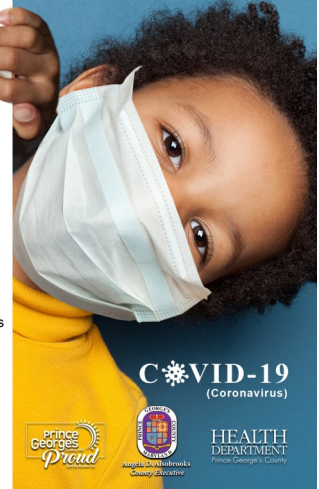
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### EXPANSIÓN DEL MANDATO DE MASCARILLAS EN EL CONDADO DE PRINCE GEORGE

**Efectivo inmediatamente,** el Condado de Prince George ha expandido el mandato de uso de mascarillas en el interior incluyendo niños de 2 a 5 años de edad.

- Todos los residentes y visitantes mayores de 2 años están requeridos a utilizar mascarillas en todos lugares y negocios en el Condado de Prince George, aún si están completamente vacunados.
- Esto incluye, pero no está limitado a, restaurantes, gimnasios, tiendas minoristas, lugares de entretenimiento, centros de conferencias y oficinas.
- Exigir que los niños de 2 a 5 años usen una mascarilla durante periodos prolongados puede ser un desafío. En estas circunstancias, se puede priorizar el uso de una mascarilla para momentos en los que el distanciamiento social de seis pies o más es difícil.
- Similar a pasados mandatos, hay algunas excepciones como:
  - Cuando algún individuo está comiendo o bebiendo
  - Individuos con alguna condición de salud que prevenga que utilice una mascarilla



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November 29	Alex Ajay

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**NOVEMBER** brings Washington Football. Come watch the 1 PM Sunday games, and share a potluck late lunch

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## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

**BINGO** - Every Tuesday at 12 Noon

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

**GAME NIGHT**—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM  
(November 13)

**CRAFTS**— Fourth Friday at 11:00 (November 26)

**MEETINGS** - Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Pot Luck.  
(November 9 & 23)

## MISCELLANEOUS

**CLOSING:** The Senior Center will be  
Closed on Thursday, November 25  
Thanksgiving Day.

# HAPPY TURKEY DAY



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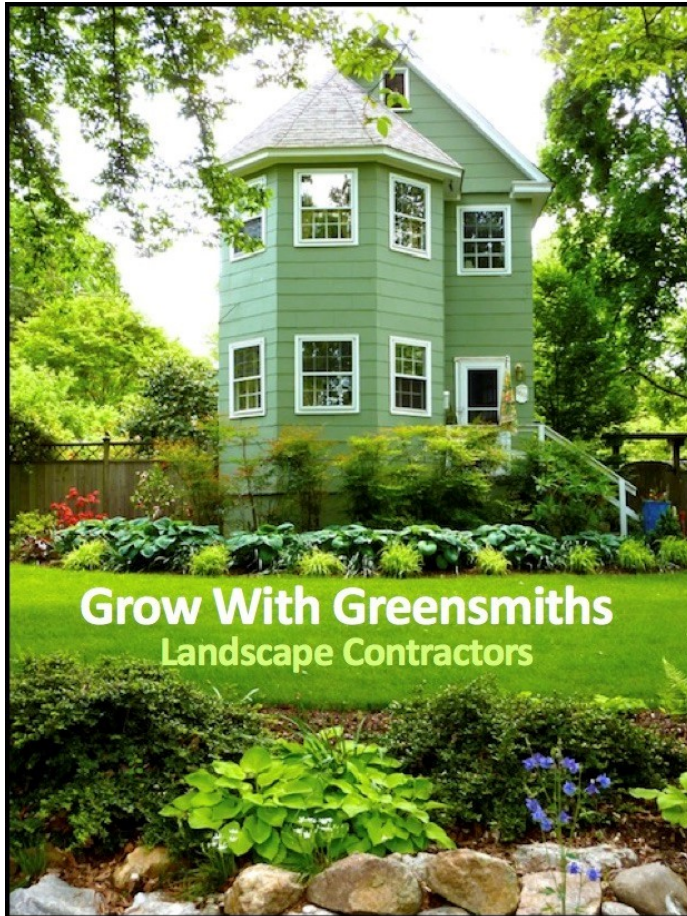
**Virtual Meeting**

**November 22, 2021 | 7:00 pm**

Are you interested in aspects of education and learning? Do you have interest in early childhood education, K-12 education, homeschooling, or adult learning? Come chat with the Education Advisory Committee! The next meeting is Monday, November 22 at 7p.

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6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
<b>HALF (1/2) PAGE</b>		
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12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
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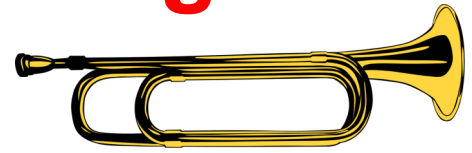
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# The Bugle



Our next meeting is Thursday 11/4 at 7pm via ZOOM.

November 2021

## Fall Soccer Season is Wrapping Up!

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- November 2021 --

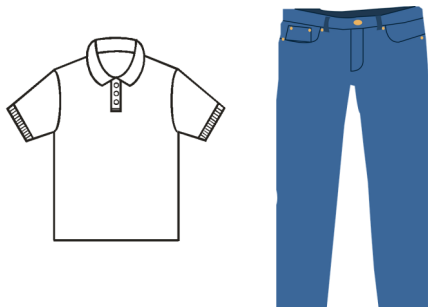
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For our November meeting **the PTA is hosting a parent chat on Zoom**. Come and share how the school year is going for your student, and meet other parents too! November 2nd, 7 pm. Check ClassDojo for the link.

It's not too late to **join the BHES PTA!** See the PTA website at [bhespta.org](https://bhespta.org) for the form you can print and send in to the school with payment. \$12/individual, \$20/per family.

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## Important Dates

**Tues., Nov. 2,  
7:00pm**

PTA meeting on  
Zoom

**Wed., Nov. 17**

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**Wed. to Fri., Nov.  
24-26**

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## Join Us

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The U.S. Department of Energy predicts that three trees, properly placed, can save an average household between \$100 and \$250 in energy costs each year. (Source: arborday.org)

180 million Americans get drinking water from forested watersheds, according to the Arbor Day Foundation.

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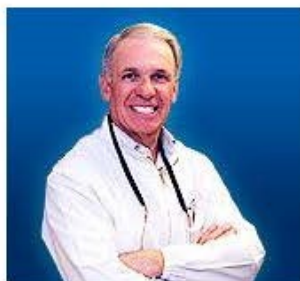
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### Recent Working Incidents

Sept 19th -Around 0036 the volunteer-staffed Rescue Squad and Ambulance 14 were dispatched to Northbound 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) after Explorer Road for reports of a crash. Units arrived on scene and found one person trapped. The volunteer crew of the Rescue Squad rapidly extricated the patient and returned to service.

Oct 1st- Just after 4pm Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew was dispatched to the reported house fire in the 6000 block of Sarvis Ave in Riverdale. Squad 14 and other units arrived simultaneously and had smoke showing from the rear of the house. After making entry Squad 14 located the fire in the kitchen. The fire was quickly contained to the room of origin. The Squad also completed searches of the structure which were negative.

Oct 4th- At around 7:15 am on Sunday October 3rd Ladder Truck 14, its volunteer crew, and other surrounding units were alerted for a house on fire in the area of Edmonston Rd & Cochran Rd in Beltsville. While enroute county police updated the address to the 5200 block of Cochran Rd and advised they had a working fire. Units arrived on scene with fire showing from the front of the house. Truck 14 arrived as the 1st due truck. The truck provided forcible entry, ladders, and searches of the structure. Truck 14 also opened up to find hidden fire for the engine companies to knock down.

Oct 13th- Rescue Squad 14 and Ambulance 14 were dispatched to Lake Artemesia for reports of a UPS truck driven into the lake. BHVFD arrived to confirm a truck partially submerged into the rear of the lake near the bathrooms. Once additional County water rescue resources arrived, a boat was launched to search the area around the truck for the driver. With no sign of the driver, the scene was turned over to M-NCPPC Park Police.

### New Ambulance In-Service!

The new Berwyn Heights VFD Ambulance took its first call on Saturday Oct. 9th, 2021, running as an upgraded Paramedic-Ambulance staffed with a volunteer paramedic. This new unit is a 2020 Ford F550/Wheeled Coach Type I, and replaced our former 2003 unit.



### Thanksgiving Safety Tips:

For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safe:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocket-books or bags.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children up high in a locked cabinet.



### Christmas Tree Sale 2021

We are happy to announce that the annual BHVFD Christmas Tree Fundraiser at the Firehouse is back again this year! Of course, there be changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic including requiring face masks, and ensuring proper social distancing.

Please visit the Department's website at [www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org), or the December Bulletin, for details in the coming weeks. We anticipate beginning the sale sometime after Thanksgiving.

Be sure to get your tree early, we usually sell out mid-December!





## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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

Or email [mmurallles@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mmurallles@berwynheightsmd.gov)

November is CHILD SAFETY AND PREVENTION MONTH. Do you know what that entails? It was created to raise awareness about the potential dangers that children face every day.

### SAFETY STARTS AT HOME HOUSEHOLD SAFETY

Many children are treated or hospitalized every year because of accidental poisonings within their own homes. These tips from the American Association of Poison Control Centers can help make your home a safer environment:

Keep cleaning supplies, medicines, etc., locked away or on a high shelf. Make sure these items are put away immediately after each use. Purchase over the counter and prescriptions (i.e. vitamins and minerals such as iron) with childproof caps; keeping them on a high shelf; in a locked cabinet; not on your bedside table.

Never use food containers to store nonfood substances. Program the contact number for Poison Control in your phone to use in the event of accidental poisoning

### INFANT SAFETY

Two thirds of injury deaths in children younger than 1 year old are due to suffocation. It is very important to put your baby on their back to sleep remembering that "back is best" and "face up to wake up." Do not allow infants to sleep with blankets, stuffed animals, or other items before the age of 1. Use these 5 Tips from Safe Kids Worldwide to protect your baby:

A firm mattress and fitted sheet are all you need for your baby's crib. Remove everything else. Learn to install your child's car seat, booster seat, and seat belt correctly in your vehicle; using the basic car seat safety checklist to help.

Make sure you have both a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas. Test the detectors monthly to ensure they work. Place your baby's crib and other furniture away from windows and blinds. Your baby is safer without strings or cords within reach to prevent a choking hazard. Set water heater to 120F to avoid scalds.

### OUTDOOR SAFETY

It is important for kids to play outside. However, to keep children safe outdoors requires special precautions. Here's some tips for keeping children safe outdoors:

Never leave children outside unattended. Ensure children wear helmets, elbow, and knee pads when riding bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, etc., to prevent injuries. Always use safety straps to secure children in strollers. Teach children not to play near the street. Tell children they must ask for help if toys roll into the street or driveway. Ensure that all outdoor play areas are fenced, especially when near a street, parking lot, pond, well, or railroad tracks. Keep gates closed & install childproof latches. Also, be sure that all storage sheds, barns, and garages remain locked. Check outdoor play area routinely. Surround electrical appliances i.e. air conditioners, with fences so children cannot reach them. Also, remove gas grills from outdoor play areas.

When playing at a park or playground, check to make sure that the equipment isn't too wet or too hot.

### AWARENESS ACTIVITIES AT HOME

During Child Safety Protection Month, print out the above safety tips, review them with your family members, and post them in your home. You can also print safety [tip sheets](#), [fact sheets](#), [infographics](#), [checklists](#), and other [resources](#) from Safe Kids Worldwide. To create a [safe environment](#) for all kids, always keep these injury prevention tips in mind. Safe Kids Worldwide also has online [activities](#) for kids you can print and use at home to teach children safety and protection! Finally, take this opportunity to create a safety plan and emergency preparedness kit with your family if you don't have these already! Always keep them visible and accessible.

### RAISING AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Here are some ways that you can raise awareness of safety and protection in your community:

#### SHARE RESOURCES

Use the [tips](#) and [tools](#) to help keep children safe! Print out the tip sheets and other resources and share them! Distribute/post them at community activities, schools, childcare centers, wherever else parents gather. Also, work to improve lighting on your street. While advocating for more streetlights, you can also ask neighbors to turn on porch lights in the evenings or to install motion-sensor lights in the backs or sides of yards. This helps ensure that kids stay visible when they are outside at night, and deters potential intruders.

Overall, Child Safety and Protection month is a great opportunity to raise awareness, both at home and in your community!

2021 Child Abuse Prevention, Treatment & Welfare Services | Children's Bureau

**REMEMBER NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> IS VETERANS DAY!!!! THANK A VETERAN!!!!!!**

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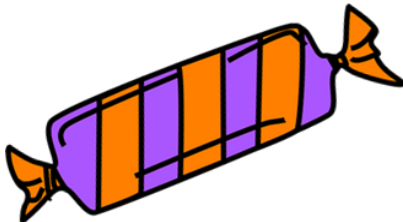
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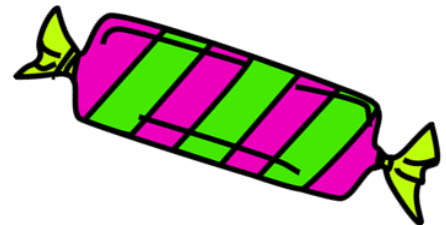
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**Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, November 11th at 7:00 pm**

All residents are welcome to attend. Please email us for the virtual invitation.



November 6:



### HalloGreen Clean-Up and Pumpkin Smash!

10:00 am – noon: Town-wide cleanup: Pick up gear at the town hall.

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## September Incidents

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 11:57 am, 'THEFT'**

Officer Herriott was dispatched to US Fuel located at 5901 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights MD 20470 for a vandalism report. Upon arrival he spoke with owner Liaquat Masood who showed him video footage from CCTV on yesterday's date 8/31/2021 approximately 1849 hours of an unknown black male approximately 6'0 170 lbs. wearing black and white camouflage baseball cap, grey sweatpants, black t-shirt, black sneakers and black mask. The unknown male looks at the cashier and walks to the back of the store. The unknown male then gains access to a locked office using an unknown object. The unknown male while in the office begins to search desk drawers, and removed \$8000 in US currency from one of the drawers according to the owner. Said male then exits the store walking in an unknown direction.

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:31 pm, 'THEFT'**

Officer Herriott along with Corporal Rufino responded to T-Mobile located at 8904 62nd Avenue Berwyn Heights MD 20470 for a hold up alarm. Upon arrival, the store associate Jose Fuentes who advised that 3 unknown black males walked into the rear of the store grabbed accessories off the shelves by ripping them and exited the store. A view of the CCTV revealed the first suspect was 6'1 approximately 130 lbs., thin build wearing a gray t-shirt black shorts and gray sneakers. The second suspect thin 5'8 approximately 120 lbs. red baseball cap, white tank top, gray shorts and black sneakers. The last suspect wore all black including sneakers. The 3 unknown males stole 1 solo beats valued at \$350 dollars, 1 power beats value \$250 dollars, 2 JBL head phones valued at \$50 dollars each, 2 jaybirds valued at \$50 each, 2 jaybird valued at \$20 each, 1 JBL charger \$160, 1 JBL clips valued at 70 dollars, VE Wonderboom valued at \$100 dollars, Ubio wirelaps valued at \$100 total value \$1,370. Associate Fuentes also advised that after exiting the store the 3 suspects entered a black Volkswagen Passat bearing no tag fled the parking lot turning onto Greenbelt Road traveling eastbound. During the theft 1 of the suspect dropped a pill case containing \$50 US Currency and a white powder substance. Currency and pill box was submitted into evidence. Including 1 brown handle pocket knife. All information will be forwarded to CID Sergeant Krouse.

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:40 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

At approximately 0651 hours officer Herriott was dispatched to 6100 Quebec Street Berwyn Heights MD. 20470 for theft from

auto. Upon arrival, officer spoke with resident who advised that he parked his 2018 Honda Accord bearing tag#6FHD02 in front his door at approximately 0900 hours on yesterday's date 9/7/21. Victim advises when he opened his door to go to his vehicle this morning at approximately 0640 hours he discovered all 4 tires and rims stolen off his vehicle. Victim advised that he did not hear or see anything during the course of the night, but he does have a camera, however it does not show the vehicle or suspects because the vehicle was not parked in front of the camera.

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 8:04 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Officer Herriott was dispatched to 8717 60th Avenue Berwyn Heights MD 20470 for theft from auto. Upon arrival I spoke with resident who advised that she parked her 2021 Honda Civic bearing tag # 7ET5219 on the 6100 block of Ruatan Street approximately 2000 hours on yesterday's date 9/7/2021 and when she returned on today's date 9/8/2021 approximately 0717 hours, she discovered all 4 tires along with rims stolen off the vehicle. Victim also advises that she did not hear or see anything and that she has a camera, however the neighbors trees were in the way which blocked the view of the camera.

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm, 'LOST TAG'**

At approximately 1344 hours, resident of 5902 Natasha Drive Berwyn Heights MD 20470. Resident advised that his MD. tag #3EN3235 fell off of his 2021 Dodge Ram truck 2 weeks ago approximate date 8/30/21 and discovered it missing approximately 1800 hours.

**Monday, September 13, 2021 at 3:40 pm, 'IDENTITY THEFT'**

On 9/13/2021 at approximately 3:59PM a Town resident walked into the Berwyn Heights Police Station Located at 5411 Berwyn Rd, Berwyn Heights MD, and states that she received a letter from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding a returned check in the amount of \$20 for a request of a Duplicate Maryland Driver's license. The victim states that she has never requested a Duplicate Maryland Driver's License from MDOT. Victim states that the investigator from MDOT stated that an unknown person applied for a Duplicated Maryland Driver's License and attempted to request a change of address with her Soundex number. Victim has lived at her current address at 5913 Pontiac Street and has been a resident of Berwyn Heights since March 1976. Victim also states that she does not have a Bank account with Truist Bank. All information regarding this report will be forwarded to CID.

**Monday, September 13, 2021 at 10:00 pm, 'AUTO THEFT'**

Sgt Roberson #1445 was dispatched to 8808 63Rd Ave Berwyn Heights MD for a motor vehicle theft. The victim was reportedly tracking the stolen vehicle on his phone application. This Officer made contact with the owner of the vehicle and he reported that his 2016 Tesla model X was just stolen from his driveway and he was tracking it E/B on Greenbelt RD. The owner/victim also reported that the vehicle had been traveling over 90 mph. The victim indicated that the vehicle was stationary at Greenbelt RD and Hanover PKWY in Greenbelt. This Officer promptly provided the information to P.G communication for a BOLO and to notify Greenbelt City PD. A short time later, MD park police K-9 officer was in the area of 193 and Hanover PKWY and found the vehicle which had just struck a median strip destroying the vehicle. The driver was still in the disabled vehicle. The MD Park Officer detained the driver/suspect until Greenbelt City Police arrived and arrested the subject. This Officer transported the victim/owner to the scene of the crash, and he observed the suspect and reported that he did not know the suspect and did not give him permission to drive the vehicle. Investigation reveals that the victim/owner of the vehicle had most likely left his key fob inside the unlocked vehicle which would allow anyone to open the electric vehicle and drive it. The suspect also struck another Tesla vehicle in the victim's driveway as he was fleeing the scene in the stolen vehicle. The other Tesla DC tag GA8576 sustained damage to the front bumper. Greenbelt Police recovered the vehicle and arrested a 29 Y/O, B/M, Wayne Albie Pitt under their police report numbers 2109132201. Teletype not notified as vehicle was recovered prior to entry into NCIC.

**Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 3:24 pm, 'DISORDERLY CONDUCT & ASSAULTS'**

On 08/18/2021 at approximately 3:24PM Officer Rufino along with Sgt. Roberson were dispatched to a disorderly call at the Staples office supply store located at 8904 62nd Ave Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Upon arrival at Staples parking lot, they met with the manager who was attempting to explain the reason for the call when the defendant (Latisha Prioleau, 41 Y/O, B/F,) charged at him yelling and screaming. BHPD officers stood between the defendant and the manager several times attempting to protect the manager while she's charging at him. The defendant shoved BHPD officer (s) out of the way, while she was charging and swinging at the manager at which time Sgt. Roberson held her arm to arrest her. The defendant resisted arrest by pulling, twisting, and struggling with officers. She was subsequently handcuffed. A cashier at the Staples store reports that the defendant was leaving the store and he said to her "have a nice day" and she preceded to become angry and threw several objects at him. The manager hearing the disturbance

responded to the front of the store and observed the defendant yelling and screaming. The manager promptly called the police for help. While he was calling the police, the defendant slapped him, grabbed his phone and threw it across the store. Both of the victims identified the above described as the defendant and the one that assaulted them. The defendant was transported to the Upper Marlboro DOC. All the above events occurred in Berwyn Heights Prince George's County. Subject was charged with disorderly conduct, malicious destruction, and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault.

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 12:00 pm, 'ARMED CARJACKING'**

Officer Herriott was dispatched to 6012 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights MD 20470 for an armed carjacking. Upon arrival he met with victim who advised that as he sat in his parked vehicle a black Kia Sportage bearing MD Tag #7EH5407 at his place of business located at 8911 60th Avenue Berwyn Heights MD 20470. An unknown black male approximately 5'11 stocky build wearing a black hoodie, black mask with the word 'cookies' written across the front the hoodie and pimples on his forehead, walks over and began a conversation about music. Victim then advises during the conversation the black male pulls out a black handgun unknown caliber yells, "F\*\*\* all that", force the victim out of his vehicle. The unknown suspect then demands the victim to walk away from his vehicle. The suspect then entered victim's vehicle and fled the area in an unknown direction. The victim iPhone 9 valued at \$600 dollars was left in the vehicle along with his driver's license and credit cards. Officer Herriott along with Lieutenant Unger canvassed the area but met with negative results. The investigation will be handled by Prince Georges County RID.

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 9:45 pm, 'THEFT'**

Cpl. Hollowell was notified of a theft of fishing rods and reels from 6004 Quebec Street, Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland. The victims reported the items were placed in 6004 Quebec Street between the listed time period. Victims had moved from his then residence, 6011 Quebec Street, and with the assistance of his neighbors at 6004 QUEBEC STREET, was allowed to leave the stolen property during the transition. Witness informed them the items were taken by her brother, the suspect. Based on the information relayed by the witness. The suspect had told her he had sold the items. The victims were able to obtain copies and screenshots between the witness and suspect. In the text and exchange of information, the suspect implicated himself in the theft of the stolen property. The victims were advised of their options in resolving this issue by meeting with a court commissioner with the information they developed. The matter will be forwarded to Berwyn Heights CID.

**Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 7:00 am, 'THEFT'**

On today's date 9/30/21 At approximately 0701 hours while at 5411 Berwyn Heights MD 20740. officer Herriott was approached by Chief Antolik in reference to a stolen I-phone 13. advised upon arrival this at 0530 hours he opened a box from UPS addressed to him. While opening the box he discovered the side ripped opened and the Apple I-phone 13 serial #350257572198135 missing. UPS will be notified along with teletype.

**Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 4:34 pm, 'DEATH INVESTIGATIONS'**

BHPD officers, Pvt. Herriott, Cpl. Hollowell and Det/Sgt. Krouse responded to the Express Healthcare located at 6201 Greenbelt Road for an unresponsive patient at the location. The subject, 49 Y/O, B/M of Greenbelt City, Maryland was pronounced on scene due to health issues. His body was transported to the Board of Anatomy in Baltimore.

**Call 911**



**CALL 911  
For Emergencies**

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

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

Visit us online at:  
<http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/police-department>

## 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: Robin Harris  
[rcrestwell@yahoo.com](mailto:rcrestwell@yahoo.com)

Vice President: Brandi Cowgill  
[brandie9105@gmail.com](mailto:brandie9105@gmail.com)

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
[tif.papanikolas@gmail.com](mailto:tif.papanikolas@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga  
Secretary:

Athletic Director: Darryl Harris  
[darryl.harris@aimdgroup.com](mailto:darryl.harris@aimdgroup.com)

Fundraising Chair:

### Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Allison Holmes  
[thebheac@gmail.com](mailto:thebheac@gmail.com)

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Jeffrey Knutson  
[jbknutson@verizon.net](mailto:jbknutson@verizon.net)

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes  
[therese@celticclans.com](mailto:therese@celticclans.com)

### Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder  
[dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.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

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden  
[jmosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jmosley45@gmail.com)

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler  
[bhnwep53@aol.com](mailto:bhnwep53@aol.com)

### 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)

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Worksession, Virtual 7PM 	2 Rec Council 7PM	3 NW/EP Virtual 7PM	4 Boys and Girls Club, Virtual 7PM Community Meeting 7PM Senior Center	5	6
7	8 Community Meeting 7PM Senior Center	9	10 Town Meeting, Virtual 7PM 	11 Green Team 7PM 	12 	13
14	15 Worksession, Virtual 7PM 	16	17 BHHC Meeting, Virtual 7:30PM	18 	19	20
21	22 BHEAC Meeting, Virtual 7PM	23	24	25 	26 	27
28	29 	30	1	2 	3	4

A quorum of Town Council Members may be present at any community organization meeting. No action will be taken by Council at any community organization meeting. Location of meetings is subject to change after publication. To join community meetings, please contact the meeting organizers or use the contacts on page 26.

The Street Sweeper will be in Town Sept 7-10. Please park off the street whenever possible while the Sweeper is in Town.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling  
Recycling Collection





# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
**5700 Berwyn Road**  
**Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799**

**CARRIER-ROUTE SORTED**  
**PRESORT STANDARD**  
**U. S. Postage Paid**  
**College Park, Maryland**  
**Permit No. 5442**

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**Dated Material — Do Not Delay!**

### 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) 474-7886  
Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Mayor and Council

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Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Administration  
Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 [lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Town Manager

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

**Recycling Schedule:**  
Wednesdays for the entire Town

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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

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

**Questions — call Melanie Friesen, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email [mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
**Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: [yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
**Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month**