

Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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November 2: Day of the Dead 7-8PM

November 10: Veterans Day observed- Town offices closed

November 11: Veterans Day Breakfast

November 23-24: Thanksgiving and Employee Appreciation – Town offices closed

Some content inside provided in Spanish and English

Algunos contenidos internos se proporcionan en español e inglés.





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Fall Leaf Collection

Public Works will begin curbside leaf collection on **Monday**, **November 6th**. Below is the *approximate* schedule, weather permitting:

Week 1 (November 6th-November 10th): South of Pontiac

Week 2 (November 13th-November 17th): North of Pontiac

Week 3 (November 20th-November 22nd): South of Pontiac

Week 4 (November 27th-December 1st): North of Pontiac

Week 5 (December 4th-8th): South of Pontiac

Week 6 (December 11th-15th): North of Pontiac

After week 6, we will clean up both sides of town as time permits the week of December 18th. There will be no leaf collection the week of December 25th. Please try to have final leaf piles placed at the curb by December 31st for collection the first week in January. Weather permitting, we will do collections through January 5th, but with potential winter weather, the earlier in the season you can have them out to the curb the better.

Any leaves not placed at the curb by January 5th need to be bagged in acceptable paper yard waste bags or cans and they will be picked up on your normal yard waste day.

Do's and Don'ts of Leaf Collection:

Do not mix any other debris with leaves (branches/yard waste/trash). Our vacuum can not pick up them up and the compost facility at College Park doesn't accept any other debris mixed with leaves.

Do not park cars next to leaf piles. If a car is blocking a leaf pile, it will be skipped until the car is moved and we have time to come back.

Do not place leaf piles in the road. **Do** keep them piled on top of the curb so they don't block storm water drainage.

Other Leaf Collection Details

If there is inclement weather or mechanical problems with the vacuum, the schedule may be delayed.

There will be no leaf collection the week between Christmas and New Years due to the holiday trash schedule. Please try to have any final leaves placed at the curb by December 31st for a final clean-up in the first week of January. We will have limited capacity to pick up piles in January before College Park's facility closes for the season, and January winter weather can sometimes end the window of opportunity to vacuum up leaves after the New Year. Once College Park's facility closes, any remaining leaves will need to be bagged by residents for normal yard waste pick-up.

Streetsweeper

The Four Cities Streetsweeper will be in Berwyn Heights the week of November 27th to December 1st.

Colección de hojas de otoño

Obras Públicas comenzará la recolección de hojas en la acera el lunes 6 de noviembre. A continuación, se muestra el horario aproximado, si el clima lo permite:

Semana 1 (del 6 al 10 de noviembre): al sur de Pontiac

Semana 2 (del 13 al 17 de noviembre): al norte de Pontiac

Semana 3 (del 20 al 22 de noviembre): al sur de Pontiac

Semana 4 (del 27 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre): al norte de Pontiac

Semana 5 (del 4 al 8 de diciembre): al sur de Pontiac

Semana 6 (del 11 al 15 de diciembre): Norte de Pontiac

Después de la semana 6, limpiaremos ambos lados de la ciudad según lo permita el tiempo durante la semana del 18 de diciembre. No habrá recolección de hojas la semana del 25 de diciembre. Intente colocar las últimas pilas de hojas en la acera antes del 31 de diciembre para su recolección la primera semana de enero. Si el clima lo permite, haremos recolecciones hasta el 5 de enero, pero con un posible clima invernal, cuanto antes en la temporada pueda sacarlos a la acera, mejor.

Cualquier hoja que no se haya colocado en la acera antes del 5 de enero debe empaquetarse en bolsas de papel o latas aceptables para desechos de jardín y se recogerán el día normal de recolección de desechos de jardín.

Lo que se debe y no se debe hacer al recolectar hojas:

NO mezcle ningún otro residuo con hojas (ramas/desechos de jardín/basura). Nuestra aspiradora no puede recogerlos y la Instalación de compostaje en College Park no acepta ningún otro residuo mezclado con hojas.

NO estacione automóviles junto a montones de hojas. Si un automóvil está bloqueando una pila de hojas, se saltará hasta que se mueva el automóvil y tengamos tiempo de regresar.

NO coloque montones de hojas en el camino. Manténgalos apilados encima de la acera para que no bloqueen el drenaje de aguas pluviales.

Otros detalles de la colección de hojas

Si hay inclemencias del tiempo o problemas mecánicos con la aspiradora, el cronograma puede retrasarse.

No habrá recolección de hojas la semana entre Navidad y Año Nuevo debido al horario de recolección de basura durante las festividades. Intente colocar las últimas hojas en la acera antes del 31 de diciembre para una limpieza final en la primera semana de enero. Tendremos una capacidad limitada para recoger montones en enero, antes de que las instalaciones de College Park cierren por la temporada, y el clima invernal de enero a veces puede terminar con la oportunidad de aspirar hojas después del Año Nuevo. Una vez que las instalaciones de College Park cierren, los residentes deberán embolsar las hojas restantes para la recolección normal de desechos del jardín.

Barrendero de calles

Food Compost: Pilot Container Program

In November, we will be receiving a shipment of food compost containers that will be available to residents on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Public Works Director Brad Pudner at bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov to inquire to request them. We will have two options: a 12-gallon can on wheels and a 1.85-gallon kitchen collector.

Food scraps that are accepted by the Compost Facility: All food items, such as vegetables, breads and starches, meat and bones

Compostable or biodegradable bags

Can be combined with yard waste

Grease is not acceptable

Compostaje de comida: Programa piloto de contenedores

En noviembre, recibiremos un envío de contenedores para el compostaje de comida que estarán disponibles para los residentes por orden de llegada. Comuníquese con el director de Obras Públicas, Brad Pudner, en bpud-

ner@berwynheightsmd.gov para solicitarlos. Tendremos dos opciones: un bidón con ruedas de 12 galones y un recolector de cocina de 1.85 galones.

Restos de comida que son aceptados por la Instalación de compostaje:

Todos los alimentos, como verduras, panes y almidones, carnes y huesos.

Bolsas compostables o biodegradables

Se puede combinar con desechos de jardín

La grasa no es aceptable









CODE COMPLIANCE

Short-Term Rental Licensing in Berwyn Heights:

To operate a short-term rental within the Town of Berwyn Heights, a property owner must obtain <u>both</u> a Prince George's County Short-Term Rental License followed by a Town of Berwyn Heights Rental License. All short-term rentals are inspected by the Town of Berwyn Heights Code Compliance annually.

Step 1: Obtain a Prince George's County Short-Term Rental License

Information on the County's short-term licensing regulations and application process can be found at https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3688/Short-Term-Rental-Licensing

Step 2: Obtain a Town of Berwyn Heights Rental License/Inspection

Once a property owner obtains an approved County Short-Term Rental License, they are required to obtain a Town of Berwyn Heights Rental License. Along with a Town's completed rental application (see link above) and \$300 annual fee, please submit one (1) copy of the County's submitted application and one (1) copy of the approved County Short-Term Rental License.

If you suspect that a property is being rented as a short-term rental without a license, we encourage you to contact the Town at 301-474-5000 or Code@BerwvnHeightsMD.gov

Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 A.M. to 2P.M.— Next to the Town Office on 57th Ave. Phone 301-474-5000

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO		NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES		
November 2	Gayle Hillery	CHAIR EXERCISES— Monday and Friday at 11		
November 8	Kurt Hessinger	A.M. BINGO - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM		
November 11	Connie Lopez	WII BOWLING Every Wednesday 10:30AM GAME NIGHT Board Games and Pool Every		
November 13	Zyrnie Eley	Friday at 7:00PM		
November 14	Ray Smith	POTLUCK & MOVIE – Second Saturday at 5PM BREAKFAST at the SILVER DINER third Thurs-		
November 19	Dave Morris	day at 9:30 MEETINGS-Second and Fourth Tuesday at		
November 29	Alex Ajay	11AM. The Fourth Tuesday is also a pot luck.		



WASHINGTON FOOTBALL

WE ARE WATCHING ALL 1:00 P.M. GAMES ON THE BIG TV. JOIN US!

Berwyn Heights *NEW* Senior Services Coordinator

Welcome to Pamela Aluvale, the Senior Services Coordinator with the City of Greenbelt's GAIL (Greenbelt Assistance in Living) program. Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt have coordinated to extend services into Berwyn Heights.

You are invited to a Meet and Greet on Monday, November 6th, 2023 from 9:30-11:00AM on the second floor of the Town Center. Pamela can be reached at (240)583-0602 or at paluvale@berwynheightsmd.gov

The Berwyn Heights Beacon is a NEW quarterly newsletter that focuses on Seniors. See the November edition by visiting https://bit.ly/BHBeaconNov23.

Worksession Minutes June 5, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Present were Councilmembers Shinita Hemby, Jason Papanikolas and Faustino Menjivar. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Assistant to the Town Manager Yvonne Odoi. Also present were residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Approval of the Agenda – CM Hemby's motioned to approve the agenda was seconded by CM Papanikolas; passed 4/0. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell joined the meeting at 7:04pm.

1. Mayor

- a. Announcements: There is a change in Town Clerk duties this evening. ATTM Yvonne Odoi is sitting in for Clerk Friesen. Comments may be emailed to her attention at yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov.
- b. Calendar: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy brought attention to the changes in the June 2023 calendar and requested Council make a date available for a closed session to discuss the Town Manager search. She also asked for recommendations for the traditional Town Staff and Council dinner during the MML Summer Conference. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the Park and Planning meeting on "Placemaking". Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated the presentation is currently being scheduled by the Town Clerk for a July worksession.
- c. Green Team Discussion: Sustainable Maryland Recertification - Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that this achievement has been awarded to the Town in the past and is up for recertification. She introduced the Green Team to provide background on this process while clarifying the difference between this award and the Maryland Sustainable Communities certification, which has been completed and is under review. Mr. Paul Kavanaugh spoke about the current recertification proposal and how the award opens doors for the Town to be awarded funding resources to continue in its "Green" efforts. There are 1640 total points available; we need to show activities worth 150 points to recertify as Bronze and 400 points to make Silver status. Mr. Kavanaugh continued that the Town has already accomplished many of the requirements such as receiving the Bee City and the Tree City designations. He explained that the recertification proposal is due June 30th to the University of Maryland Environmental Finance department but that they are flexible and provide a fluid process for the recertification. Mr. Kavanaugh praised the Council for their continued efforts to

be a "Green" Town, especially with a "Green" Berwyn Heights Day 2023 that involved event-wide composting by the Public Works Department. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked what the other requirements are needed to receive the award. Mr. Kavanaugh explained that the Town has resolutions in place that still count towards recertification requirements so there isn't anything for the Council to implement. Ms. Geneviève de Messières, secretary of the Green Team, stated that this discussion on recertification appears to be an advocacy of support from the Green Team, which it is not. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Green Team is in favor of recertification. CM Papanikolas stated that the Green Team is debating the recertification proposal, but Clerk Friesen volunteered to head the recertification process. The Green Team has been in communication with the clerk to add documentation that needs to be provided. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the decision to recertify falls on Council, but if the Green Team is not able to support the recertification action, then that has to be considered. Ms. de Messières does not foresee any objections; this will be confirmed after their meeting next week after the vote of the Green Team.

- d. Presentation BHVFD Mr. Ryan Wagner, President of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department presented the funding request for the BHVFD with a detailed background as to how the resources will be distributed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the standard contribution is already in the FY24 General Fund budget but the Council had more questions on the additional funds request for the Utility Truck. Mr. Wagner explained this 4X4 truck is intended to respond to weather and Lake Artemesia area trail emergencies due to its maneuverability. It is estimated to cost \$100-130,000 total, and they would be grateful for any amount the Town could contribute. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if the BHVFD is renovating the firehouse. Mr. Wagner explained that they are restricted by a 66" water main in the backyard that has to be accessible whenever needed.
- e. Update: Stormwater Consultant/Engineer Draft Position Description - Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the status of this position and if it has been posted. ITM Jones reviewed the reasons why this person is needed, as there had been an assertion made this would prohibit the Army Corps of Engineers from working on any projects with us free-of-charge. The Army must use their own engineers for their own projects, however, the Town must still cover 25% of the cost. ITM Jones reached out to neighboring municipalities to inquire about their experience working with the Army Corps of Engineers; none reported that they had. He continued that in speaking with Mr. Charlie Griffith at the County, the suggestion is for the Town to have its own Stormwater Engineer. The Town's consultant will work with PG County

who will then coordinate with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the job description for the position is broad enough to handle all other water issues in town as well. The Town's current listing with the County for flooding areas is alongside Indian Creek, rather than flash flooding and massive rainfall management issues that are happening elsewhere within the Town. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for clarification on the Army Corps of Engineer's ability to work with the Town if the project is privately bid. CM Papanikolas explained that according to the Corps' formal procedures, that would not prohibit the Town from working with the Corps on this project. MPT Brittan-Powell has a contact in Rockville he will reach out to for confirmation. The council discussed and clarified details of the job description, including keeping the reference to a Stormwater Taskforce and allowing the consultant to determine if that is a needed program. CM Hemby asked for the quantification of the term "Subject Matter Experience". ITM Jones explained this will include the required professional degree and years of experience. CM Papanikolas stated that he'll reach out to his engineer contact to be part of the reviewing process when the time comes. Council discussed and decided to advertise this as a Request for Quotes with the project ending 12/31/2026. Council directed ITM Jones to advertise the RFQ as soon as possible and agreed there will be no conflict with any potential Army Corps of Engineers work by adding this contractual position.

- f. Update: PRECA Aide/ Community Engagement Draft Position Description Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read the current description for the position. The council discussed the details of the position and completed it for posting.
- * MPT BRITTAN-POWELL left the meeting feeling ill at 8:15pm.
- g. Update: Grant Writer Draft Position Description – Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read the current description for the position. The council discussed the details of the position and completed it for posting.
- h. Update: Town Manager Search Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared the latest schedule for this process. She explained that after acquiring a hiring firm, two main issues arose that have pushed the onboarding of a new Town Manager to the beginning of September at the earliest. With ITM Jones contract ending on June 30th, she is asking the Council whether the hiring process should continue with the updated target dates, or whether the timeline should be shortened, perhaps by dispensing with the residents interview panel? She added

that the Council could ask the current Interim Town Manager to extend his current contract. CM Papanikolas stated that he prefers the process not be shortened; that residents bring a different perspective to the selection process. CM Hemby also expressed her preference of not omitting the screenings and extending the current contract if possible. ITM Jones stated he would be willing to stay on as long as he is needed, unless he's hired elsewhere. Council seemed to agree with a contract extension; a formal vote will be taken at the June Town Meeting. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that she will reach out to the hiring firm to continue the process with updated target dates. The search consultant has received nine applications and will be doing the reference and background checks on all of these. She further asked the council to prepare for a closed session at the end of June to review all of the candidates' information and choose a few for in-person interviews.

- i. IT Vendor Review Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the current contract is ending on June 30th. Staff had recommended a vendor based on quotes obtained in 2021, which are now outdated. The original contract can be renewed for 2 years with Peake, the current vendor, or we could move forward with another vendor. Peake has offered a 90-day extension while the Council makes this decision. CM Papanikolas questioned the hesitation to keep the current vendor. ATTM Odoi explained that she believes the Town is no longer receiving the level of service needed from Peake. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that the 90-day contract extension be voted on at the next town meeting while an updated RFQ process is completed.
- j. Resident Comment Mr. Paul Kavanaugh reiterated his position on the importance of the recertification of the Sustainable Maryland award. He also discussed the training program available through "Central de Apoyo Familiar" for Environmental Justice Community Health workers. The program comes with \$1000 compensation, a laptop and in-the-field training to the candidates. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if this group has to partner with a municipality or are they a standalone group. Mr. Kavanaugh explained that the funding is through the group to benefit the community.

CM Hemby received an email and a phone call about loud residential parties in which the police department's response time is quite long. She further stated that she received complaints about the loud mufflers in Town. CM Hemby is asking that BHPD be made aware of the situation.

2. Code Compliance – CM Hemby stated there has been a rise in homeowners' building without a permit from either the County or the Town. She encouraged residents to

call Code for further directions to prevent Stop-work orders or damage to the home.

- 3. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs CM Papanikolas got a chance to ride along with the BHPD. He stated that it is not feasible for BHPD to run a radar gun at night to try to catch speeders. He will be back on another ride-along when it is not raining for a demonstration of the use of the radar. He further reported that the Green Team has made a request to add three official members. There is a need to revive the Shade Tree board; they manage the urban forestry ordinance of the town.
- 4. Public Safety- Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that the last day of school is June 13 and there is an early dismissal on the 12th. She asks residents to be careful, as kids will be running throughout the Town. She further reported that the NW/EP will host a "hands only" CPR training on Tuesday June 20th from 6-8pm.
- 5. Public Works CM Menjivar asked for clarification as to when the approved Dingo can be purchased. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that this purchase has to be wait until after the ARPA Budget is adopted...
- a. Roof Port Work Conflict CM Menjivar received clarification that this is an FY24 General Funds budget project and as such must wait until the fiscal year begins to start the project. CM Papanikolas explained that since Council opted to approve the ARPA spending through the Town budget process, the Dingo can be purchased after August 1. CM Menjivar asked for space to move the DPW trucks for 3-4 weeks during the roof repair. There is a quote to rent the vacant lot next to the Public Works yard as an option. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested reaching out to other municipalities with which we have current MOU's to ask for free space. The Council discussed other options such as the BH Community Center, Staples, and the BH Police department parking lots.
- b. Food Compost Containers CM Menjivar received clarification that this is also a GF FY24 budget funded project and as such must wait until the fiscal year to start. It was discussed that 5-gallon containers would be purchased for indoor use and the 12-gallon containers for curbside pickup. Public Works will purchase one pallet of each and advertise for residents to request the containers. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested the purchase be made after the roof work is complete, so there are no storage issues of the pallets.
- 6. Administration MPT Brittan-Powell left the meeting early. There is no report.
- a. Project List Suggestions no report
- 7. Adjournment CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by

CM Hemby. Motion passed 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

own Meeting Minutes : September 13, 2023 | 7:00 pm.

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Town Manager Kyle Snyder, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for people to take care driving, as school is back in session.

2. Approval of Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar requested to include a discussion on the drainage issue at 57th Ave/ Osage St. After discussion, it was determined to add this item to the Worksession agenda for September 18, 2023 in order to have responsive documentation available. CM Menjivar emphasized his frustration at the delay. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded the motion to approve the agenda. In further discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell asked to include an agenda item to address public safety concerns including the sale of drugs at Sports Park and organized theft in the area. It was also determined to add this item to the September 18 Worksession so that Chief Antolik could be made available. CM Papanikolas moved to add the hardcopy Treasurer's Report to the consent agenda on the website. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the agenda as written passed unanimously.

3. Consent

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the consent agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

4. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the September 5, 2023, Worksession did not have a quorum present and as such was not convened, but the ARPA listening session that was scheduled did happen and thanked the residents who participated. In August, she attended a meeting with Congressman Ivey

and other Mayors on ways municipalities can deal with gun violence. She shared that TM Snyder joined the Town on August 28th, with an official welcome to come in October. On September 8th, the Town said farewell to longtime staff member Yvonne Odoi who will be taking a new position with Park and Planning. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and TM Snyder attended a meeting with the County's Department of Health and Human Services and it was helpful to hear about the wide range of resources provided by the County, as the Town is too small to support its own social services department.

MPT Brittan-Powell noted the most significant events are the staffing changes. He added that TM Snyder has already begun working on stormwater issues for the Town.

CM Hemby also shared her thanks for Ms. Odoi and excitement to have TM Snyder on board. She requested residents to check their properties for standing water in order to help control mosquitos. She noted an incident of erratic driving she witnessed by the school and offered to be a witness as needed.

CM Menjivar also welcomed TM Snyder and gave his thanks to Ms. Odoi and wished her the best. He congratulated two Public Works employees Oscar Ramirez and Gary Stanton who received their CDL licenses. He added that the roof replacement at the Public Works yard is underway and should be completed by next week. The resurfacing on Edmonston Road is nearing completion with a few standing items. The new truck has been received. He added that there will be a tree inventory taking place by Save-a-Tree the last week of September and the first week of October.

CM Papanikolas also shared his welcome to TM Snyder and thanks to Ms. Odoi. He noted that school is in session and that the district is experiencing a continuing shortage of bus drivers and encouraged people to consider applying. He also reviewed non-capital Historic Grants available from the County and is willing to work with BHHC on those.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Education Advisory Committee: No Report. Council will discuss if this item should remain on the agenda at the September 18 Worksession.
- b. Green Team: CM Papanikolas reviewed their next meeting and also that the pollinator garden cleanup at the school had several attendees from the Green Team, the school, and Council. It is the first phase of the garden cleanup with more to follow.
- c. Historical Committee: Debby Steele-Snyder shared that they are still interested in a .gov email address and would like to review the reimbursement process, as delayed reimbursements have been af-

fecting their budget with nearly a third of this year's budget already being used for reimbursements that should have taken place in the previous fiscal year. She also reviewed the upcoming meetings, including the officer elections on September 27th. The Committee is working on updating the self-guided walking tour and Oral History Project. There will be another autumn guided walking tour on October 29th. Future meeting dates include November 15 and December 20, which have been moved to accommodate the holidays.

- d. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that NW/EP is still trying to get the trailers cleared out and hopes to have that done by the end of the year. They assisted with traffic control on the first day of school and noted there are limited numbers of County crossing guards. She mentioned that they are working to reschedule the CPR/AED training that was cancelled during the summer.
- e. Recreation Council: Susan Jones shared the Rec Council has held elections and filled the positions with Leslie Wolfinger as Secretary, David Wolfinger as Treasurer, Angie Wolfinger at Co-Chair and Susan Jones as Chair. She reviewed upcoming events including the ice cream social, Trunk-or-Treat, and a new "Day of the Dead" event (with an associated art project) to be held on November 2nd. The Police Department will be holding a multicultural event on October 14th. She added that there will also be a sensory-friendly Halloween event on October 27th.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

a. Reappointment of BHHC Members:

CM Papanikolas reviewed that there are several members of the Historical Committee that need to be reappointed. CM Papanikolas moved to reappoint Richard Ahrens, Sharmila Bhatia, Lee Fuerst, Sierra Langford, and Debby Steele-Snyder. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, CM Hemby encouraged new residents to consider becoming involved and gave appreciation to the long-standing volunteers. The motion passed unanimously.

b. IT Vendor Contract Resolution:

TM Snyder reviewed the process to-date and shared that after meeting with the two finalist companies, staff recommended Now Technologies, Inc. (NTI). MPT Brittan-Powell asked about TM Snyder's experience with NTI at his previous organization. TM Snyder shared that he disclosed his experience with NTI to other vendors and that he had a positive experi-

ence with NTI. CM Menjivar asked if the fiber work being done in Town had to do with our vendor. TM Snyder stated that it is part of Crown Castle's work and monitored by Code Compliance and Public Works. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for a motion to accept NTI as the vendor of choice. MPT Brittan-Powell moved with CM Papanikolas seconding. TC Friesen read Resolution 09-2023 into record and CM Hemby moved to approve Resolution 09-2023. CM Menjivar seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

c. Introduce 18-month ARPA Budget Amendment

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy gave background information on the ARPA budget to-date. She shared that Budget Amendment 189A introduces funds for a number of projects including: an Aging-in-place program, an arborist, a contribution to the Volunteer Fire Department for a utility vehicle, playground equipment updates, an architectural/placemaking consultant, and smaller programs including the Cornerstone Partnership, the pollinator program, and non-profit support for food and housing security. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to introduce Ordinance 189A. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell asked for procedural clarification. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that this introduction will mean a public hearing can be held at the next Town Meeting. There are two worksessions prior to that meeting where updates can be made, if desired. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Resident & Community Comments

Susan Jones on Pontiac St asked if the ARPA budget will include funds to replenish the tree canopy. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it did not. Ms. Jones requested that funds for replenishment be considered as part of the ARPA budget. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if the tree inventory would cover private property. TM Snyder stated that it does not, but with more funding, that is something the Town could consider.

9. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Worksession (Budget) Minutes September 18, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

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

cilmember Jason Papanikolas. Also present were staff members Town Manager Kyle Snyder, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Lieutenant Dan Unger, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Sharmila Bhatia was present to speak on the Election Ordinance.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested moving item 2.a. to under the Calendar item. CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda as amended. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell requested to ensure enough time was dedicated to the ARPA discussion. CM Menjivar asked to be sure to include trash bins as part of the ARPA discussion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

MPT Brittan-Powell encouraged safety while driving, especially when students are around. He also thanked the Rec Council for a successful Ice Cream Social. CM Papanikolas shared about "Hello Huskies" night.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy mentioned the upcoming Multicultural Event on October 14th, and the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference on October 15-17th, reminding Council that it will be a long day on the 16th as there is also a worksession that evening. State Senator Alonzo Washington is proposing a District 22 allinclusive legislative dinner, promising that all delegates would be present, and that each municipality would have adequate time to speak with their representatives. While concerns were voiced about sufficient time with delegates, Council will try it for a year, forgoing the traditional Berwyn Heights Legislative Dinner.

c. Public Safety Concerns Including Sports Park and Organized Auto Theft

Chief Antolik joined Council and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that during the last Town Meeting there were some concerns raised about automobile break-ins and drug dealing. MPT Brittan-Powell added that there seems to be a lot of petty theft from vehicles by apparently organized crews, as well as low level drug dealing at Sports Park and at other locations around Town. CM Menjivar reviewed that there has been a long history of smoking marijuana at Sports Park. Chief Antolik acknowledged the concerns and will work with the Maryland Park Police to do more patrols around Sports Park, as that is their jurisdiction. MPT Brittan-Powell also reported drug dealing from vehicles at 57th and Osage. Chief Antolik will review the situation. He then shared the statistics of theft from vehicles for the County and the sector of the County that contains Berwyn Heights, which shows that this is not a location-specific concern, but rather that thefts are on the rise across the County. Chief Antolik also reviewed incidents of the BHPD recovering stolen property. He added that when incidents happen, residents are helpful. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested residents consider joining the Neighborhood Watch committee. CM Hemby commended the Chief and his staff, adding that a healthy community does not just rely on their police, but the schools and residents doing their part as well. She asked about ways to report incidents when residents do not want to call 911. She also reviewed an incident of erratic driving during school dismissal at BHES. Chief Antolik shared that during evening hours, residents are able to call or text him directly at (240)508-9940 or by email at chief@berwynheightsmd.gov. He also added that they can reach Lt. Unger at (240) 508-9944 or by email at dunger@berwynheightsmd.gov. He asked for incidents that happen late at night, to please call 911. He also shared that the police will do home security inspections for residents by request and if residents are interested to call the BHPD main number to schedule an appointment. CM Menjivar asked about staffing levels. Chief Antolik responded that it would need to be a conversation for another time as there are many factors to take into consideration.

d. Ordinance 109 (Elections) Draft Review

Chief Election Judge Sharmila Bhatia joined Council. TC Friesen reviewed the Staff Report, highlighting that there are a few areas of the proposed changes which are simply clarifications, while some are more complicated. There was discussion on withdrawal deadlines for the candidates. There was discussion on the opportunity for all candidates to place yard signs on Town property on how that might affect other forms of electioneering. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy indicated that the idea of moving the election day would likely be a non-binding ballot question. CM Papanikolas stated that he would like to revise the way Section 5. C. Compensation is worded, by simply tying it to the State or County compensation instead. The Council had considerable discussion about early voting and how that would work. Ms. Bhatia pointed out that the purpose is to make voting more accessible to those who might be unable to come on a Tuesday for whatever reason. Ultimately, the consensus was to move forward with early voting with the understanding that it may not happen at the upcoming 2024 election. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about lowering the voting age to 16 and to allow for noncitizen voting. Ms. Bhatia pointed out

there is a town registry for voters who, for whatever reason, might not want to register to vote at the County level. TC Friesen noted that there is no citizenship check with that registry and that while it does not specifically include non-citizens it also doesn't exclude them. These propositions will both be introduced as ballot questions at the May 2024 election.

Review Draft Bulletin Policy

TC Friesen reviewed that there have been no changes to the policy or Staff Report as Council has not provided feedback to-date. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy indicated she recently learned of some clarifications on attributions of submissions that she would like to ensure are included.

Heights Stormwater Dashboard (Phase II)
Mayor Kulpa-Eddy clarified that iConsultancy is the new name for the program
formerly known as Campus Community
Connections MPT Britten Powell shared

f. Review iConsultancy Project: Berwyn

Connections. MPT Brittan-Powell shared that this proposal is a continuation of the previous project done with the Town for a stormwater dashboard webpage. This would include interactive pieces to help residents and visitors get a real layout of the town. In discussion, it was determined to move forward with the program with clarifications of changing the alternate contact to TM Snyder. There was willingness to also move forward with the proposed \$5,000 donation, but Council would like a little additional clarification before committing to that. There is a desire to make sure that this proposal really focuses on Berwyn Heights internally and not on the boundaries of the Town.

g. ARPA Budget Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the current budget amendment ordinance, indicating that there are still options to add funding, including the previously discussed iConsultancy donation. CM Menjivar reviewed that there are several areas in Town that have drainage issues causing hazardous conditions. He would like to see ARPA funding used to solve the issues at 57th and Osage. There was discussion regarding the options and solutions, noting that the \$110,000 would be for a drainage pipe that would be behind the curb, and restoration of the curb and driveway aprons that would be damaged in the installation. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she would like to see an updated road condition report. CM Papanikolas would like to see the report include water problems involving Town roads. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that there are dedicated funds from Highway User Revenues and the local road tax that should be used for these kinds of projects. ARPA funding was not excluded but as Council would like more information, it may not be

included in the current budget amendment.

CM Menjivar also spoke about the need for a standardized trash can so that the tipper on the trash trucks can be utilized to prevent injury. There was discussion how this might be accomplished and if the Town really needs to buy toters as they might not be universally welcomed. After what type of toters might be acceptable is determined, it may be a budget issue for a future year, but not included in this particular ARPA amendment.

CM Papanikolas reviewed the request from the Holy Redeemer school for their "Monster Dash". CM Papanikolas emphasized that no funding would be used for religious education, but rather extracurricular programs and events. Council did not express concern about donating, but rather discussed if it should come from ARPA or from the Education Grant within the General Fund budget. \$750 will be donated, but they will also be asked to fill out the Education Grant form.

MPT Brittan-Powell spoke on the general approach that the Council is taking towards spending the ARPA budget. CM Papanikolas shared that he believes when we have a concrete and reasonable amount for a project, the funds should be allocated. He advocated for \$600,000 to be dedicated for stormwater as the Town has a reasonable quote from the County. There was discussion on which government body is responsible for paying that quote. While it was not universally accepted among Council that the Town should be paying the costs, \$600,000 for stormwater management will be added into the budget amendment.

CM Hemby shared that the school is asking for a small shed.

h. Resident Comments

There were no resident comments.

2. Public Safety

There was no report for Public Safety.

a. Public Safety Concerns Including Sports Park and Organized Auto Theft (reordered to 1.c)

3. Public Works

There was no report for Public Works. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about open positions. TM Snyder said that he has been in contact with Director Pudner and will be bringing that to the Council in the near future

a. Drainage Concerns at 57th Ave/Osage and Possible Funding Sources

This item was included in the ARPA discussion.

4. Administration

There was no report for Administration.

a. Staff Recommendations Regarding Administration Reorganization

TM Snyder reviewed that with the departure of a longtime staff member there are options to revise the roles of Administrative Staff. He shared that some of the duties of the Assistant to the Town Manager would be shifted to the Town Clerk and the Assistant to the Town Manager would be made an Office Manager. There was discussion on the title of the Assistant, as an Office Manager or Administrator. Consensus was to move forward with the proposed reorganization.

5. Code Compliance

CM Hemby shared that residents are still building without a permit. Code is recommending putting a door hanger on every door in Town to remind them of this requirement and have this done every few years to account for new residents. She also encouraged residents to get a carbon monoxide detector.

6. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

There was no report from PRECA.

a. Holy Redeemer Monster Dash Sponsorship

This was included in the ARPA discussion

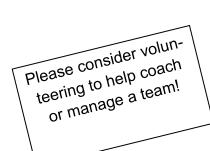
b. Removal of Educational Advisory Committee from Town Meeting Agenda

CM Papanikolas reviewed that the EAC has dissolved since Covid, with members moving out of the area. He would like to have their reporting requirement removed from Town Meeting agendas until they have a new mandate and membership. There was consensus to remove them and mark them as inactive on the Town Organizations policy and update the Bulletin contact page accordingly.

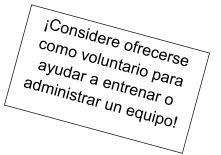
7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.









CONGRATULATIONS!

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Thursday November 2nd, 7-8pm - Day of the Dead Event at the Town Center, 2nd Floor!

Join us for a brief presentation on this beautiful tradition, a short film and an

explanation of a Day of the Dead altar. Come help us set up the altar and enjoy

some sweet traditional bread and chocolate! Feel free to bring photos of loved ones

lost

flowers, or decorations to add to our "ofrenda". (Any photos you would like returned, please label with name and phone number)

Jueves 2 de noviembre, 7-8pm - iEvento del Día de los Muertos! en el centro de la ciudad, 2do piso. Habra una breve presentacion de esta tradicion, un film corto y un altar, con pan de muerto y chocolate caliente! Siéntase libre de traer fotos de sus seres queridos perdidos, flores o

decoraciones para agregar a nuestra ofrenda. (Cualquier foto que desee devolver, por favor etiquétela con nombre y número de teléfono)

HOLIDAY CRAFTS - Free Every Saturday 12-3pm at the Town Center, 1st Floor.

Make holiday wreaths, wood-burn ornaments, cards and more!

MANUALIDADES NAVIDEÑAS - Gratis todos los sábados de 12 a 3 p.m. en el centro de la ciudad, 1er piso. iHaz coronas navideñas, adornos de madera, tarjetas y más!

And coming in December...

Join us Saturday, December 2nd for a full day of Holiday Cheer at the Town Center. Start working on your holiday shopping list with some great, handcrafted gifts from local vendors at our Holiday Craft Fair from 11am-4pm located in the upstairs party room. Finish the evening at our Annual Tree Lighting Party from 6pm-7pm. Grab one of our ornaments to help decorate and watch as we light the Town

Christmas Tree. Hot cocoa, caroling, cookies & goodies for the kids... and maybe a visit from Santa! (Party will be outside of the Town Office. In case of rain, we will move inside)

Y en diciembre...

Únase a nosotros el sábado 2 de diciembre para un día completo de alegría navideña en centro de la ciudad, 1er piso. Comience a trabajar en su lista de compras navideñas con excelentes regalos hechos a mano de proveedores locales en nuestra Feria de Artesanía Navideña de 11a.m. a 4 p.m. ubicada en el 2do piso. Termine la noche en nuestra

Fiesta Anual de Iluminación del Árbol de 6 a 7 p.m. Tome uno de nuestros adornos

para ayudar a decorar y observe cómo encendemos el árbol de Navidad de la ciudad. Chocolate caliente, villancicos, galletas y golosinas para los niños... iY tal vez una visita de Papá Noel! (La fiesta será fuera de la Oficina del Pueblo. En caso de lluvia, nos trasladaremos al interior)

Our next in person meeting is Tuesday 11/7 at 7pm at the Town Center, 1st Floor. ALL ARE WELCOME! Have any suggestions? Email us at violindreams@verizon.net



Trivia Night - November 10th, 7pm-9pm at the Town Center, 2nd Floor. Teams will compete in a night of trivia fun! Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. (Adults Only). Don't have a team? Show up and we will place you on one.



At our September meeting we elected new officers for the upcoming

year.

Debby Steele-Snyder-Chair

Lee Fuerst-Vice-Chair

Brittany Jacoby-Secretary

Congratulations!



Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

*Both meeting will be held in the Love Room at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

All other inquiries to: dsteelesny@yahoo.com

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https://berwynheightshistory.com and on Facebook.

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Direction

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees
- 2. Whisk pumpkin puree, condensed milk, eggs, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt together in a medium bowl until smooth.
- 3. Pour into unbaked pie crust
- 4. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes
- 5. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue baking until a knife inserted one inch from the crust comes out clean (about 35-40 minutes)
- 6. Let cool and ENJOY!!!

- Ingredients:

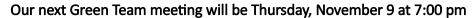
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- 2. 14 oz. Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 3. 2 large eggs
- 4. 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 5. 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 6. 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 7. 1/2 tsp salt
- 8. unbaked pie crust



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Recent Working Incidents

<u>Sept 23rd</u>– Bladensburg Train Derailment– At appx 1:33am, Rescue Squad 14 and surrounding units were dispatched to the area

of Baltimore Ave & Emerson St in Hyattsville for a freight train derailment. Units assisted with searching for victims and mitigating hazards with the County Haz-Mat Teams.



<u>Sept 27th</u>– Truck 14 was alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to assist units on scene of a house fire in the 76007600 block of Lexington Ave in Laurel for a house fire. On scene crews found a two story single-family home w/fire showing through roof and hoarding conditions. 1 adult male removed & transported w/life threatening injuries to an area hospital.

Oct 4th— At Appx 10am, Rescue Squad 14 B and Ambulance 14 were dispatched to the area of Baltimore Ave (Rt. 1) and University Blvd for an accident. BHVFD arrived to find a On a University

Maryland Charter Bus into a light pole, with multiple injuries. Squad 14B requested additional EMS resources via a Mass-Casualty Task Force to assist with the 30 patients that needed to be transported w/minor injuries.



Christmas Tree Sale 2023

We are happy to announce that the annual BHVFD Christmas Tree Fundraiser at the Firehouse is back again this year!

Please visit the Department's website at 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!



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, pocketbooks 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.



En caso de un incendio causado por un horno, apague el horno y mantenga la puerta cerrada hasta que se enfríe.

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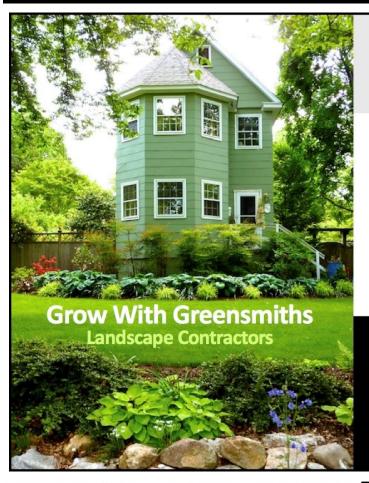
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- Alzheimer's is deadlier than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.
- The disease is most prevalent in women and Black Americans.
- 11 million Americans act as unpaid caregivers for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
- **Fewer than 1 in 5** Americans are familiar with mild cognitive impairment, which can be an early stage of Alzheimer's.

Source: Alzheimer's Association

<u>Alzheimer's disease</u> is a progressive, deadly brain disease for which there is no cure, and is not a normal part of healthy aging. Researchers are still working to discover the root cause of the disease, but it's widely believed to be due to the buildup of misfolded proteins between nerve cells, which causes brain damage. This damage begins a decade or more before symptoms start to show. It's important to monitor yourself and your loved ones for any signs of <u>mild cognitive impairment (MCI)</u>, which can proceed Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease may include: Memory loss, Poor judgment leading to bad decisions, Loss of spontaneity and sense of initiative, Taking longer to complete normal daily tasks, Repeating questions, Trouble handling money and paying bills, Wandering and getting lost, Losing things or misplacing them in odd places, Mood and personality changes, Increased anxiety and/or aggression, Difficulty with language Signs of MCI may include: Losing things often, Forgetting to go to events or appointments, Having more trouble coming up with words than other people of the same age

Treatment and Research

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Source: Johns Hopkins Medicine



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- Patty Galati and Karen Jung



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Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 45-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12p if available.

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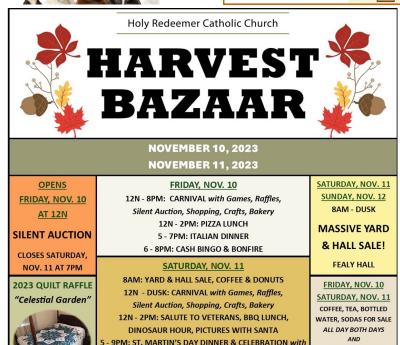
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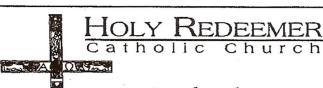
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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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SALE FOR AGES 21 & UP

AFTER 5PM BOTH DAYS

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AT 6:15 PM, 'SEXUAL ASSAULT / RAPE.'

On 09/01/2023 at approximately 1815 hours Cpl. Rufino was approached by Greenbelt police at Beltway Plaza located at 6000 Greenbelt Rd, Greenbelt MD. Upon meeting with Lt. Apgar from Greenbelt Police Department, she met the victim's mother. The victim's mother was visually upset, and crying and stated that her daughter 12 Y/O/H/F (Victim) lives with her biological father at 56** Osage Street Berwyn Heights MD. The victim's mother stated that earlier today her daughter disclosed that she was being sexually abused by a renter who lives in her home. Cpl. Rufino initiated a check on the welfare of the victim who resides at 56** Osage Street with her father. To avoid contact with the suspect who rents a room in the home, the victim's father agreed to meet with the officers at the BHPD station to allow Cpl. Rufino to talk with the victim. The victim disclosed that the suspect "touched" and "raped" her. Both parents were advised to not discuss the investigation with the victim or anyone else to keep the integrity of the case and investigation. They were provided with a case number and advised that the Detective would reach out to schedule further interviews. Investigation continues.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7:15 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

At 0715, 9/5/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 62** Ruatan Street, Berwyn Heights for a report of stolen tires. Hollowell saw a blue Toyota Camry in the driveway of the LOI. All four tires were removed from the vehicle and were sitting on two bricks one on each side. The bricks were taken from the victim's The victim states the vehicle was parked at 2300 hrs, 9/4/2023. He discovered the vehicle without tires at approximately 0715 hrs, 9/5/2023. Further investigation shows possibly, via the home surveillance camera, activity around the vehicle at approximately 0222 hrs, 9/5/2023. The footage however does not assist in the identification or the number of suspect(s) involved. The tires and wheels were new black rims and unknown-size tires. The lugs from the wheels remained on the scene. No other immediate surveillance footage was available.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AT 2:40 PM, 'DEATH INVESTIGATIONS.'

On 9/5/2023 at approximately 1440 hours, PFC. Herriott #1454 was dispatched to 85** 60th Place Berwyn Heights, MD. 20740 for an unresponsive male. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the brother of the deceased and was advised that he and his brother walked to the 7-Eleven at approximately 1130 p.m. yesterday's date 9/4/2023, and that

he was fine. On today's date 9/5/2023 approximately 1430 hours and noticed that his brother was sleeping on his stomach with his arms folded underneath his face. He then advised that he shook him and noticed that he was unresponsive. He started CPR and advised that he gave minor chest compression and checked for a pulse but was unsuccessful. He noticed that his brother's body was cold and called for the Fire Board. Berwyn Heights Engine 16 and pronounced the deceased at 1454 hours. Homicide and medical were contacted by Sergeant Hollowell. Stacee Crosby #C1561 Death Investigator later responded along with the Medical Examiner. The 22 Y/O/B/ M deceased was transported to the Medical Examiner's office in Baltimore for toxicology and autopsy to determine the cause of

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT 7:40 AM, 'MISSING PERSON.'

Sgt. Hollowell responded to 89** 60th Avenue for a report of a missing 77 W/M. After an intense search and investigation by Sgt. Hollowell revealed that the missing subject was located at a hospital.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:15 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

9/13/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449 went to 88** Cunningham Drive, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a report of a vehicle break-in. Sgt. T. Hollowell met with the victim at his residence and observed the listed vehicle. The right rear small window on the pickup cab was broken but not collapsed. The victim indicated he parked the vehicle at 1800 hrs, 9/12/2023. This morning at 0500 hrs, 9/13/2023, he came out to go to work and found the doors to the vehicle open. The vehicle was parked on the street. He also found his metal tool carrier in the rear bed open, and the tools previously listed were gone. The victim did not have serial numbers on the stolen property. He also indicated a blue box that contained part of the tools gone. Currently, there are no leads.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 AT 8:43 AM, 'RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO.'

At approximately 0843 hrs, 9/13/2023, Col K. Antolik, #1425 and Lt. D. Unger, #1441, Berwyn Heights Police were on routine patrol in the area of 5500 Branchville Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland. They observed a grey four-door vehicle parked on the side of the road with items on the ground to the rear of the vehicle. They also observed several subjects standing outside the vehicle. The license tags on the vehicle were Pennsylvania LJT-6478. As Antolik and Unger approached the vehicle, two of the unknown suspects fled. The remaining two subject(s) identified as Saunders and Workman were identified. A check on the vehicle status indicated it was stolen on 0n 8/31/2023 under the listed case number. The vehicle was impounded for safekeeping and items inventoried in the trunk of the

vehicle identified multiple power tools and other items to be processed. The vehicle was impounded to Greenbelt Road Shell and later released to the victim/owner of the stolen vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 AT 4:30 PM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

On 9/13/2023 at approximately 1630 hours PFC. Herriott#1454 received an in-station call to respond to 63** Seminole Street Berwyn Heights MD, 20740 for a theft from auto., Upon arrival, I met with a Jose Caballero resident, who stated that someone went into his 2019 white Chevy work van bearing MD Tag #8EB2656 and removed a number of expensive tools. Mr. Caballero advised that he parked his work vehicle at 1800 hours and locked the door to the vehicle on 9/12/2023. He advises when he returned on today's date at approximately 0430 hours he discovered his driver's door ajar and the right passenger door unlocked. There was a ringtone camera in place, however, it could capture the individuals who entered the van. A view of the CCTV revealed a white SUV, unknown occupants, and unknown tag traveling eastbound on Seminole Street.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT 7:30 AM, 'VANDALISM TO AUTO.'

On September 18, 2023, at about 7:30 am, Ofc Lowndes was dispatched to 56** Ruatan Street for a report of motor vehicle vandalism. Ofc Lowndes arrived on the scene and met with the reporting person. The complainant told Ofc Lowndes between the dates and times of September 17. 2023, 8 pm & September 18, 2023, 7 am. The unknown suspect damaged the front driver-side window of the 2020 white Honda Civic bearing Maryland license plate # 1 FF2028. There was no property taken from the vehicle. Further investigation revealed, there was no door ring or outside surveillance camera at the time of the incident.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT 9:00 AM, 'VANDALISM TO AUTO.'

On September 18, 2023, Ofc Lowndes was dispatched to 62** Quebec Street for a report of motor vehicle vandalism. Ofc Lowndes arrived on scene and met with the reporting person. The victim told Ofc Lowndes between the dates and times of September 17, 2023, 6 pm & September 18, 2023, 9 am. The unknown suspect damaged the front driver side window of the 2009 White Acura TSX bearing Maryland license plate # 7DT2321. There was no property taken from the vehicle. Further investigation revealed there was no door ring or outside surveillance camera at the time of the incident.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AT 10:34 AM, 'DEATH REPORT.'

At 1034 hrs, 9/20/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Height Police, was dispatched to 6201 Greenbelt Road for a re-

ported death. Hollowell arrived on the scene met by Firefighter Earley, # 20261, Medic unit #812. Officers and Fireboard went to suite M-18 which is Allegis Health care. Located in a rear exam room officer saw the decedent, identified as a 24 Y/O/W/F of Bowie, MD, lying on the exam table. EMT Earley explained there were revival attempts initiated which were negative. EMT Earley pronounced the decedent dead at 1031 hrs, 9/20/2023.

The preliminary investigation indicates the decent came to Allegis for a follow-up after having gone through a procedure at John Hopkins. The decedent because of her condition was escorted by caregiver Conteh. During the follow-up, the decedent who suffered multiple medical complications, went into cardiac arrest and was subsequently being pronounced. Based on the information obtained from Dr. Koudiratou, the attending physician, the decedent was suffering from a multitude of other diseases and disorders. There were no trauma or signs of foul play during the exam of the body.

Forensic Investigator Krob was contacted and briefed on the findings. Based on the information OCME-Baltimore declined to do an autopsy. The decedent was enrolled in a state care facility based at her listed address. Arrangements were made by the facility directors for the body removal. Beale Funeral Home arrived and took custody of the decedent. Prince George's County Police Death Investigator M. Rimkus was notified and briefed. There is no further investigation.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 AT 3:27 AM, 'VANDALISM.'

On 9/21/23 at approximately 0327Hrs officer responded to 7-11 5815 Greenbelt Rd Berwyn Heights MD in reference to a vandalism. Upon arrival, the reporting person advised an unknown suspect damaged the 7-11 front door. On 9/21/23 at approximately 0320 hrs an unknown suspect by unknown means was pulling on the locked front door. The force of the pulling damaged the door. The unknown suspect then fled the scene in an unknown direction. The reporting person has no further suspect or witness information.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT 1:45 PM, 'THEFT.'

On September 24, 2023, at about 1:45 PM Officer Lowndes responded to the T-Mobile store located at 8904-B 62nd Ave for a theft of three cell phones that were ripped from the store displays. Officer Lowndes arrived on the scene and met with the complainant Brandon McNeely who is the T-Mobile store manager. He stated approximately 12:45 PM today the unknown suspect was a medium-complex black male who was wearing dark-colored sweatpants and a shirt with a hoodie. The unknown suspect came into the T-Mobile store and forcibly ripped out the three cell phones from the store displays. He then ran out of the T-Mobile store and fled on foot toward Seminole Street. The stolen cell phones that were taken are the following (1) green color Samsung Ultra Galaxy S23 valued at \$1,200 dollars, (1) blue in color Samsung Galaxy Fold 5 valued at \$1,800 dollars, and (1) light green Samsung Galaxy Flip 5 valued at \$1,000 dollars. The total value of the stolen property is \$4,000 dollars. The complainant Mr. McNeely informed the reporting officer that he was unable to access the store surveillance video. Mr. McNeely will provide the store video footage later.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 9:16 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

At 0916 hrs, 9/26/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 56** Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for theft from auto. Hollowell met with the victim describing parking the listed vehicle on the street the night before. He came out this morning and found the driver's window smashed out. Taken from his center console was a reported \$160.00. There was no further damage or anything else taken. No investigative leads exist at this time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 11:16 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

At 11:16, 9/26/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 89** 56th Ave., for theft from auto. Hollowell met with the victim who identified her listed vehicle was broken into overnight. The vehicle was parked on Seminole Street adjacent to the home. The suspect(s) broke the passenger window front and stole the book bag from the passenger seat. The book bag contained the listed, non-serial numbered laptop and an Indiana license. The suspect fled the scene with the items.

Further information developed from a neighbor is a suspect on a doorbell camera from across the street. The camera depicts an unknown person at approximately 1227 a.m. in the vicinity of the vehicle. No additional information was developed.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 AT 6:00 PM, 'STOLEN AUTO.'

On 9/29/23 at approximately 1800 hours PGPD made contact with the victim via landline reference to a stolen vehicle report. The victim further stated that on 9/29/23 at approximately 0500 hours he observed his vehicle parked at 84** 57th Ave Berwyn Heights, MD as left work. On 9/29/23 at approximately 0500 hours when he arrived home from work, he discovered the vehicle was no longer where he left it.



The Town Council has
partnered with
Cornerstone for a Veterans
Day Celebration Breakfast.
Saturday, November 11, 2023
10:30AM
2nd Floor Town Center
8603 57th Ave.

Town of Berwyn Heights Receives Prestigious Sustainable Maryland Certified Award at Maryland Municipal League Conference

College Park, MD (October 18, 2023) – The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland announced that the Town of Berwyn Heights was one of 16 Maryland municipalities honored at the Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony at the Maryland Municipal League's annual Fall Conference this week. The Town was recertified at the Bronze level.

Highlights of Berwyn Height's accomplishments include:

- In an effort to further encourage community participation, the team coordinated a special post-Halloween clean-up celebration with the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. Residents responsibly disposed of their old jack-olanterns by having them dropped from the department's ladder truck onto a target tarp 30 feet below truly thrilling display of the awesome power of composting and gravity.
- Recognizing the seasonal problem of holiday light disposal, the Green Team offered the community an environmentally responsible alternative to adding them to the conventional waste stream. The team created a festively decorated bin at the town office, advertised via social media, and collected and delivered discarded light strands to Mom's Organic Market. This effort resulted in these once delightful heralds of glad tidings being recycled rather than meeting a nightmarish Hans Christian Anderson fate languishing, unlit and unloved, in a county landfill. God bless us, everyone. The light recycling program continues through 2022 (and beyond).

"Since its inception, the Berwyn Heights Green Team has included some of our most enthusiastic volunteers," said Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. "From helping to establish a community garden, install bicycle racks and electric vehicle chargers, and institute curbside composting, this award reflects their dedication and commitment to maintaining a sustainable environment for our residents. We were honored to receive our first award in 2014 and continue the tradition now with our third recertification!"

According to Mike Hunninghake, Director of the Sustainable Maryland program, "This year's class of Sustainable Maryland Certified awardees represents a broad cross-section of the state, from rural to urban, small towns to large cities, from western Maryland to the Eastern Shore. These municipalities are united in their mutual commitment to put sustainability at the forefront of their municipal agendas. We're pleased to highlight their achievements and look forward to supporting their future efforts."



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Liz Looney Lorenz President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Angie Wiens Treasurer: Sara Jacobsen

Boys & Girls Club

President: Doug Bodenschatz

bhbgc2019@gmail.com

Vice President: Nick Lorenz Registrar: Angela Wiens Treasurer: Anna Branderska Secretary: Laura Bowers

Athletic Director: Justin Van Denend

Education Advisory Committee

Inactive

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitator: Shira Francis
Co-Facilitator: Michael Bloom
Bgreen.berwynheight@gmail.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden <u>jimosley45@gmail.com</u> Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler <u>bhnwep53@aol.com</u>

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881 Brett Bentley 240-678-9103 Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag <u>quilttag1@yahoo.com</u>

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		S	NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room	Day of the Dead 7-8PM 2nd Floor Town Center	3	4
5	Senior Meet& Greet 9:30AM Worksession 7PM Council Chambers	Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	Town Meeting 7PM Council Chambers	Green Team 7PM G. Love Room	10 VETERANS DAY Trivia Night 7P	11 Veterans Day Breakfast 10:30AM
12	13 N	14	BHHC 7:30PM G. Love Room	16 N S	17	18
19	Worksession 7PM Council Chambers	21 5	22	23	Employee Appreciation.	25
26	27	28 5	29	30	1	2
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.			Incil at any com- ubject to please contact	Trash, Bulk Trash, North-side Collectio Trash, Bulk Trash, Nouth-side Collection Recycling	n ⁄ard Waste	

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Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331			
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov				
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897			
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov				
Fire Department	(301) 474-7886			
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018			
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808			
Town Office	(301) 474-5000			

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

Mayor and Council

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Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email? **Email Town at**

contact@berwynheightsmd.gov Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly and in confidence.

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On Comcast channel 71 FIOS channel 12

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

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