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Quality of Life Commission - 4th Meeting - October 8, 7:30 pm - Senior Center

The Quality of Life Commission is in its final stretch. Three sub-committees will discuss their recommendations for improving Town services. The final recommendations will be presented to the Council at the October 10 Town meeting. Please contact [Megan Miller Shane](#) or the coordinators of the sub-committees if you want to share concerns or ideas.

- **CODE/ RENTAL HOUSING ISSUES**
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- **TRAFFIC/ PARKING/ STREET LIGHTING**
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- **TRASH/ BEAUTIFICATION/ SIDEWALKS**
Diana Agonoy – 1st Contact Coordinator (dagonoy72@yahoo.com)

Quality of Life Commission and sub-committee meetings are open to the public and input is welcome.

STREET REPAIR LIST: In order of construction

1. Pontiac St: Edmonston Rd - 60th Ave. (Completed)	\$129,000.00
2. 60th Ave: Pontiac St - Osage St (Completed)	\$35,900.00
3. Seminole St: Edmonston Rd - 63rd Ave. (Completed)	\$93,800.00
4. Ramp: Rt. 193 - Edmonston Rd (Completed)	\$8,500.00
5. Ruatan St.: 63rd Ave - Cunningham Dr.	\$171,900.00
6. Quebec Pl.: 63rd Ave. - 60th Ave.	\$133,500.00
7. 62nd Ave: Rt. 193 - Ruatan St.	\$65,400.00
8. Pontiac St.: 60th Ave. - 57th Ave.	
9. Cunningham Dr: Pontiac St. - Osage St.	\$51,600.00
10. 56th Ave.: Ruatan St.—Seminole St.	\$35,000.00
11. 60th Ave: Quebec St. - Rt. 193	\$41,200.00
TOTAL	\$807,900.00

Mid-Term Elections



November 6 | 7 am – 8 pm

BHES Cafeteria

Register to Vote: until October 26

Early Voting: October 26 - November 1

On the Ballot:

US Senator

US Representative

Maryland Governor

Maryland Attorney General

Maryland Comptroller

State Senator & Delegates

PGC Board of Education Member

For more information visit:

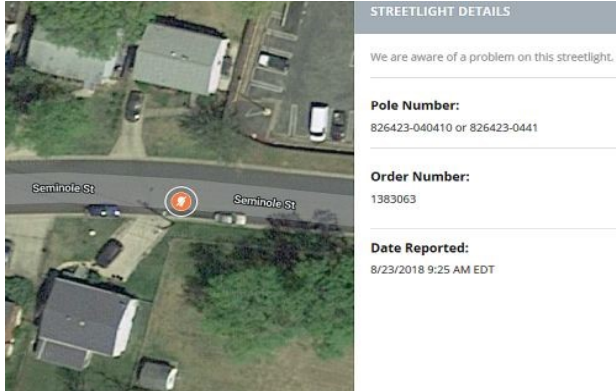
<https://elections.maryland.gov/>



Reporting Street Light Outages

If you notice a street light near you that is not coming on, is dim or flickers, you can now report it through Pepco's website:

<https://pepco.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>.



Using Pepco's mapping app, zoom in to street level to view green light icons, or enter address for a specific light you want to report in the search box. Once you have located the problem light, hover the cursor over it until the information box appears. Click on it and enter the information requested, including a pole number or nearest street address. After submitting the form, the reported light is indicated by a red icon on the map. Repairs typically take between 15 to 30 days, depending on what type of repairs are needed.

Alternatively, call Pepco's Customer Service: 202-833-7500. In an emergency, such as downed poles or wires, call 1-877-737-2662 or (Spanish) 1-800-877-1264.

CONSTITUENT HOUR

OCTOBER 19, 2:00 PM

Please join Mayor White for an afternoon tea and a chat

Advertising Rates For The Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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



Internet Exchange Safe Zone

5411 Berwyn Road

8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Berwyn Heights Police has established a safe zone for conducting legal Internet purchases and transactions in the parking lot in front of the police station. The safe zone is under continuous video surveillance.

Many people have been the victims of a crime when buying or selling goods to persons they meet through the Internet. Go to the safe zone to conduct your Craigslist, Facebook, LetGo, Close5, 5Miles, OfferUp, Pinterest, Etsy, local classifieds or other face to face transactions.

BHPD does not assume any liability for the persons conducting these transactions.



Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Join Us on the First Wednesday of each Month at 7:00 pm | Town Center | G. Love Room

Trick or Treaters:

- Walk in groups.
- Children should be accompanied by adults.
- Only visit homes with porch lights on.
- Never enter a home.
- Carry a flashlight and/ or wear reflective gear.
- Check costumes and masks to make sure children can see and hear clearly.
- Always look both ways before crossing a street.
- Always check candy before eating. Throw away suspicious candy.

STAY SAFE!
Halloween Safety Tips



Drivers: drive sober, slowly and carefully on Halloween. Watch for children who may be running in the road wearing dark costumes .

Home owners: Remove lawn furniture, or other obstacles to avoid accidents or damage. Prevent fires by making sure pumpkins with candles are placed at a safe distance from opening doors. Keep pets inside.

**Berwyn Heights Police and Neighborhood Watch Volunteers
will have all hands on deck for Halloween**



Participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project to Reduce Food Allergies on Halloween

- ◆ Provide non-food treats for trick-or-treaters.
- ◆ Place a teal pumpkin in front of your home to indicate to passersby that you have non-food treats available.
- ◆ Add your home to the Teal Pumpkin Project map.
- ◆ Spread the word! Share the Teal Pumpkin Project with your friends and family at TealPumpkinProject.org or [#tealpumpkinproject](https://twitter.com/tealpumpkinproject)

A program of FARE—Food Allergy Research Project

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sat. October 20th, 7-9pm

@ Community Center lower lot

Dress up your kids & your cars and enjoy some s'mores and plenty of candy at this Spooktacular, family-friendly event.

Kids Costume Contest! (Ages 12 & Under)
Cash Prizes for Best Decorated
Vehicles passing out treats!



Set-up starts at 6pm, please arrive early. BH Community Center 6200 Pontiac Street
Parking lot is reserved for Decorated Vehicles Only. (Rain Date Sat. 10/27)

Join us for these other upcoming events:

Berwyn Heights Team Trivia Night

Fri. November 2nd, 7-9pm @ BH Town Center

Join us for this NEW event! Bar trivia meets Berwyn Heights!

Contact Jodi Kulpa-Eddy at mdmarmot@yahoo.com to

register or to get on a team. (Adult Beverages will be served.)



Christmas Tree Lighting Party

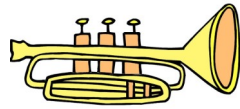
Sat. December 8th, 6-8pm @ BH Town Center

Get into the holiday spirit with our annual party! Crafts, treats, caroling & a visit from good Ol' Saint Nick!

**Next Recreation Council Meetings, Tuesday, October 2nd &
Tuesday, November 6th at 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room. All are welcome!
For more info or to join, please contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net.**



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle - October 2018

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 10am-4pm

Berwyn Heights Town Center

5700 Berwyn Road

Mums, Pumpkin Patch, Kids Games/Crafts & More!

(This is a fundraiser, all proceeds support the BHBGC)

Fall Soccer Season has begun! Visit us online for game schedules, news, upcoming events and more at www.berwynheightsbgc.org

Interested in Winter Basketball or Indoor Soccer?

Want to be involved?

We currently have vacancies on both our Athletic and Executive Boards.

Contact us at info@berwynheightsbgc.org for more details.

*A very special "Thank You"
to our Platinum Level Sponsor:*



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Sponsors and donations help defray the cost of our programs and other events for our club's kids and families.

For details on sponsorship opportunities ranging from single event to full year, please contact angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org

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



2017 BERWYN HEIGHTS MEN'S LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

Who: Any resident of the Town, or any member of the Boys & Girls Club (a parent or guardian).

What: A fun Basketball League that has been in existence for 40 years. The league is for over 30-year-old players and, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it is open for anybody over 17 years old.

When: Sign-up dates are October 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31
From 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

Why: Why Not! This is a great way to keep in shape and have fun doing it. The talent level is very diverse. We have players from 30-60 years old playing.

Price: \$60 for the whole year. You will be required to purchase a gym card from MNCPPC for the year to use the facilities.

League Play: League play is on Sundays between 3-7 pm. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. ***all year long.*** Come on out, get some much-needed exercise and meet some new friends. For further information, contact **Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142.** We look forward to seeing you on the court.

Worksession August 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Lynn White, Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Isler, and Councilmembers Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Administrator (TA) Mike McLaughlin, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Clerk Kerstin Harper, McDonald's Representatives Daniel Lynch and Joe Di-Marco and citizens.

2. Discussion Items

McDonald's redevelopment site plan: McDonald's Representative Dan Lynch presented a revised site plan for the proposed reconstruction of the McDonald's restaurant at 6219 Greenbelt Road. The Town Council received a presentation and supported an earlier version of the redevelopment plan last year, and the Prince George's County Planning Board approved the detailed site plan in May 2017. Since then, McDonald's has decided to use a different architectural style for the new restaurant, which will result in different materials being used for the roof and siding. The layout of the site, storm water facilities and dimensions of the building will remain the same. Since the change is mostly stylistic, McDonald's hopes to get the revisions approved at the Park & Planning staff level, with construction expected to start in summer 2019. The Town is requested to give input.

In discussion, Councilmembers and citizens asked, and Mr. Lynch and Mr. Di-Marco answered questions about traffic flow, parking, pedestrian safety, and building materials. The Council had no objections to the proposed changes and agreed to send a letter of support to Park & Planning.

Street resurfacing vendor: TA McLaughlin and Public Works Director Hall brought a proposal to select street resurfacing vendors for Phase I of the Town's street repair program. They recommended the Town not go out to bid itself but "piggyback" onto a Prince George's County contract to get a better price. While the Town Charter does not mention this method of contracting, the Town has piggybacked onto State and County contracts for purchasing police and public works vehicles. Two County street resurfacing contracts are currently available for piggybacking: VMP Construction of Lanham, MD and NZI Construction of Beltsville, MD. Both vendors have done a lot of municipal street repair work.

Mayor White read Section 806 of the

Town Charter, specifying a competitive bidding process for construction projects. She said she considers the process set forth in the Charter to be more relevant than the process by which vehicles may have been purchased in the past.

Director Hall said the County's bidding process is also competitive and probably more stringent than the Town's. Once the County has identified the vendors that best meet the requirements for a particular service it often makes the contracts available to municipalities, extending the same pricing and terms. The VMP and NZI contracts that are included in the background documentation detail the unit prices for various aspects of street renovation work, highlighting those items of interest to the Town. Overall, VMP construction has the lower price for the package of work the Town is interested in. For that reason, it is recommended the Council utilize the VMP contract. Town Administrator Mike McLaughlin further recommended that the Town utilize the bond funds for Phase I of the road renovations and keep the infrastructure reserve funds for Phase II work. This would give the Town maximum flexibility on how to use these funds.

MPT Isler, CM Papanikolas and CM Sweep said they are comfortable with piggybacking onto the County contract and employ VMP Construction for the Town's street work. Mayor White requested a description of the County's bidding process to ensure it meets the requirements set forth in the Town Charter.

The Council agreed to place the awarding of the contract on the next Town meeting agenda for approval. It was also agreed not to include driveway apron repairs in the project unless aprons are damaged by curb and gutter work, or the home owner requests, and pays for replacement. The project start date was set for August 13. Prior to the start date, Director Hall will provide the Council with an updated list of streets to be repaired, deliver fliers to homeowners and post signs on streets announcing the construction.

There ensued discussion about the recommendation to use bond funds for Phase I and infrastructure reserve funds for Phase II. TA McLaughlin said the Town will receive enough Highway User Revenue (HUR) to pay down the bond. This would leave money in the infrastructure reserve for Phase II, future road repairs or other infrastructure projects. Mayor White and resident Phil Ventura expressed skepticism about this approach and the need for using bond fund-

ing at all. MPT Isler and CM Sweep expressed concern about the consequences of pulling out of the bond issue at this late stage.

Briefing on bond issue debt service:

TA McLaughlin gave an overview of the terms of the \$1.1 million bond issue the previous Council authorized through the Maryland Local Government Infrastructure Financing Program. The program offers an affordable way to borrow money for capital projects by pooling debt from multiple local governments and accessing the bond market through the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). This results in lower interest rates and administrative costs.

Interest rates on this bond issue are expected to be 3.15%. Annual debt service is calculated at \$128,400 to be paid with a combination of HUR and infrastructure reserve funds. The FY 2019 budget sets aside \$116,000 for debt service and the Town anticipates receiving approximately \$113,000 in HUR this year and \$140,400 in FY 2020, according to MML estimates. HUR levels should remain stable because the General Assembly passed legislation earlier this year committing State funding for HUR through 2024.

In discussion, Mayor White expressed her reservations about the bond issue. She thinks it is a bad idea to borrow money when the Town has reserves to pay for Phase I repairs and is able to save money for the next phase. She asked what documents still need to be signed to finalize the bond issue. TA McLaughlin said the Town will be asked to sign an agreement in which the Town confirms the amount of money borrowed and the commitment to pay it back.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, asked what the total amount of debt service is over the term of the bond. CM Sweep replied that amount would be 10 x the annual debt service, or \$1,284,000, i.e. \$1.1 million in principal and \$184,000 in interest. MPT Isler said the bond issue need no longer be debated since it has already been authorized by the previous Council. CM Papanikolas said he finds the cost of the bond to be reasonable. Thinking long term, the Town might be better served to get out in front of road repairs because the cost of repaving streets will go up over time. MPT Isler, CM Papanikolas and CM Sweep were of the opinion it would be difficult, inefficient and disruptive to complete the road repair program by saving up for small chunks of street repair work to be performed every year.

2020 Census Complete Count Committee: Mayor White explained that Census representatives gave a presentation on the 2020 Census at the last Four Cities Coalition meeting. They encouraged localities to set up Complete Count Committees made up of various community stakeholders to ensure the best count possible. The usual under-counts result in the loss of federal and state funds that are based on population. The Council is requested to consider setting up such a committee for Berwyn Heights.

CM Papanikolas and CM Sweep said they support the idea but want to explore a collaborating with the Four Cities in setting up a Committee. Meg Miller-Shane, Quality of Life Commission chair, said this might be something the Commission could take on. She offered to bring it up at the next Commission meeting and report back to Council. The Council agreed.

Joining PTA's of local schools: Mayor White said at last Four Cities Coalition meeting, participants discussed the closer collaboration of the member cities' Education Advisory Committees to more effectively advocate for local schools. It was suggested that municipalities join the PTAs of the schools their students attend. Mayor White said she thinks it this is a great way to support local schools and asked if the Council agrees. CM Papanikolas and MPT Isler both favored the Council's closer collaboration with local schools but thought this should include participating in PTA meetings.

In discussion, the point was made that PTA rules preclude the Council from joining a PTA as a body, but Councilmembers can join on an individual basis for a fee of \$10 per year. It was also noted that the Town has given grants to Berwyn Heights Elementary School in the past, but the current PTA may not be aware of available funding. Clerk Harper said the Council's public relations line item has been used to award grants to schools upon request. Last year, the Council supported a science program at BHES and a mentoring program at Parkdale High School.

Voting protocols at PGCMA and MML: Mayor White said she would like this Council to come up with a voting protocol when they attend PGCMA or MML meetings. The previous Council at one point discussed voting protocols for meetings of the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) if not all Councilmembers attend. Clerk Harper was asked to confirm how the previous

Councils handled the voting and report back at the next worksession. At that time, the Council may also designate a Councilmember to attend PGCMA meetings.

TA McLaughlin said, at the MML fall conference, members adopt MML's legislative priorities for the coming legislative session. MML rules allow for proxy voting to get as much input as possible. If Councilmembers cannot attend, municipal staff or another municipality can be authorized to vote on behalf of the municipality.

MML fall conference attendance: Mayor White and CM Papanikolas will attend the conference. MPT Isler and CM Sweep have other commitments.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by CM Papanikolas, the July 2 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The July 11 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

4. Announcements/ Department Reports

Mayor White reported that Berwyn Heights hosted the Four Cities Coalition meeting last week, where County Councilwoman Glaros gave a legislative update, Census Bureau staff presented on the 2020 Census and the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department requested support for the re-instatement of career fire fighters to its station. Mayor White attended a Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVD) celebration of the Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation, attended by BHPD Chief Antolik and Cpl. Krouse as well as Prince George's County professional and volunteer fire fighters association chiefs. Mayor White also received a citizen comment about possible illegal activities at the hockey rink. She concluded with announcements of upcoming events.

MPT Isler reported that he has met with all department directors, as well as the BHVD's Chief McCoy. With TA McLaughlin he discussed some changes in the Administration Department, including reformatting the meeting minutes. He and CM Papanikolas will help out at the grills during National Night Out tomorrow, the Woo Yeahs will give a rock concert at Sports Park on Sunday, and BHPD will host a Senior appreciation lunch on August 21.

CM Papanikolas reported that he, MPT Isler and TA McLaughlin met with Code Supervisor Glass to discuss how to improve the reporting of code activities and communication with residents. Currently, the Department is down one officer and

may take longer to perform rental inspections. CM Sweep announced that the Town is accepting applications for to fill the vacant Council seat until August 15.

A home owner said he is here to follow up on a code appeal he first brought before the Council in April. He was asked to provide his contact information and schedule a hearing through the Code Department.

5. Citizen Comments

MPT Isler reported that he spoke with a resident about Town Center parking issues, including freeing up parking in the rear of the Town Center by moving the emergency trailer, moving the dumpster, and/ or removing a tree. The possible installation of 2 electric charging stations lend urgency to these concerns.

Meg Miller Shane, 57th Avenue, brought a complaint about a code violation she received for renting rooms in her owner-occupied home. She has since submitted a rental license application to avoid being fined but plans to appeal the violation. She believes the definition of a rental property and family members in the Town's Rental Housing Ordinance is at variance with other law and generally accepted norms. She would ask the Council to rescind the license requirement for her home and to revise its Rental Ordinance.

CM Papanikolas replied the Town's Rental Ordinance is based on Prince George's County's housing code and is similar to that of many other Maryland municipalities. The Town Attorney has been asked to review Ms. Shane's complaint, and if the matter cannot be resolved the State's Attorney may be asked to look into it.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council scheduled the Town Council candidate interviews for August 20, 5:00 p.m. and rescheduled its first worksession to Wednesday, September 5. A Council retreat was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 22.

On a motion by CM Sweep, seconded by CM Papanikolas, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Town Meeting August 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Lynn White, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Stephen Isler, Councilmembers (CMs) Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Administrator (TA) Mike McLaughlin, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Chief Kenneth

Antolik, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass and citizens.

Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the July 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Isler, seconded by CM Papanikolas, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor White reported on the July 25 Four Cities Coalition meeting hosted by Berwyn Heights. Participants received a legislative update from County Councilwoman Glaros, a presentation on the 2020 Census and a request to support the re-instatement of career fire fighters at the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor White also attended a celebration of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation, which raises money for the professional development of fire fighters. A stretch of highway was dedicated to honor BHVFD fire fighter Yvorra, who lost his life there in the line of duty.

Mayor White continued that the Council held a special session on July 30 at which Maria Broadbent was selected as the new Town Manager. She asked Ms. Broadbent to introduce herself. Ms. Broadbent said she is honored to have been selected for the position. She had the chance to meet with senior staff and a group of citizens during the interview process and is looking forward to working for the Town.

Department Reports

Administration: MPT Isler said he has been busy learning about the Administration Department and has met with TA McLaughlin to discuss its functions, staffing and possible streamlining of operations. One of the things he plans focus on is the creation of a welcome packet for new residents. MPT Isler commended the BHPD, especially Cpl. Krouse, for putting together another great National Night Out and thanked Cynthia Jackson, the Director of the Berwyn Heights Community Center, for her help.

Administrator's Report: TA McLaughlin gave the monthly report for the Administration Department. He assisted Public Works Director Hall with drawing up a proposal on street resurfacing vendors to be voted on later tonight. He helped set up a briefing from Andrew Fellows, UMD Community Outreach Program Manager, on the University's connected communities initiative, in

which Berwyn Heights participates; and he coordinated the recruitment of the new Town Manager. In the coming month, he plans to work on the transition to new Town Manager; help create an information strategy for the Code Compliance Department; draft a proposal for expanding the Town's public information capacity and a proposal for improving the Town's return on investments.

Mayor White added that the Administration Department also hosted two visits from Pepco representatives, who provided much useful information on modernizing utility infrastructure and street lights. She will brief the Council on these programs at an upcoming worksession.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the treasurer's report for July. The report has a new format that is intended to provide more meaningful information about the financial state of the Town. Treasurer Rodriguez highlighted several important items, including an 81% compliance rate in business licenses paid; an \$8,000 savings on the purchase of the new Four Cities street sweeper and \$4,000 savings in the liability insurance payment.

TA McLaughlin added that the re-formatted Treasurer's report consists of a detailed profit and loss statement and a summary of the detailed report. It also shows the percentages of revenues received and expenditures paid year to date. If the Council agrees, the statement of the general fund balance will no longer be provided as it is deemed less useful. There ensued discussion about some of the particulars of the statements.

Code Compliance: Code Compliance Supervisor Glass gave a summary of the code activities report for July. Currently, there are 265 rental units in Town of which 213 are active. There were 5 fewer rental properties compared to the previous month. The Department performed 13 inspections and 7 re-inspections and issued 13 rental licenses. The Department also issued 3 dumpster permits, 31 Clean Lot violations and 1 Commercial Clean Lot violation. CM Papanikolas added that he is working with Supervisor Glass on reformatting this report to make it easier to track the various activities.

Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs: Mayor White announced an August 12 rock concert at Sports Park and a possible rain garden workshop in September. The Department is expected to resume work on a Town organizations policy once the 5th Councilmember has come on board.

Public Works: Director Hall gave the monthly report. Public Works performed grass cutting and trimming of roadside vegetation, marked handicap parking spaces at the Town Center, and helped set up for National Night Out. He worked on a proposal for selecting vendors for the upcoming street resurfacing project. In the coming month, he will track the work of SaveATree's tree pruning activity and the County's storm water project. The crew will continue to update road signs and street markings as time permits. Director Hall concluded with a report on refuse collection totals and associated expenses and receipts.

MPT Isler thanked the Public Works staff for helping make sure that National Night Out was a success.

Public Safety: Chief Antolik thanked BHPD intern Marlene Anaya for singing the national anthem on National Night Out, then gave the police activities report for July. There were 7 Part I offenses, bringing the total this year to 29. The 5-year average is 25.4. The police also wrote 141 state and municipal citations, 39 speed camera tickets, and made 1 arrest for 1st degree burglary. BHPD is gearing up for its 'no bullying' campaign for the start of the new school year and will be hosting an appreciation lunch for the Seniors Club on August 21.

Mayor White said she received citizen comments about illegal activity at the hockey rink and possible MS-13 activity at the Nevada Street trail. Residents reported seeing Park police following up and are encouraged to continue reporting suspicious activity in the area. Chief Antolik said BHPD will take calls related to this matter and is coordinating with the Park Police. His officers are also on top of the hockey rink activities. Kids sometimes gather there to drink, and smoke and he wants to make sure this is handled in a tactful way.

Committee Reports

Quality of Life Commission: Chair Meg Miller Shane reported that all subcommittees of the Quality of Life Commission have held meetings and got a lot done. Outreach to the Latino community has been assigned to the Commission as whole and it is trying to recruit Spanish speaking residents to help with that effort. The Commission also agreed to take on the function of a Complete Count Committee to ensure better participation in the 2020 Census. The next full Commission meeting will be held on August 13. All residents, including Councilmembers, are invited to attend.

Education Advisory Committee: Mayor

White reported there was discussion at the recent Four Cities meeting about how the Cities' Education Advisory Committees can collaborate to improve local schools. It was agreed to hold a joint Education Town Hall that would address the range of issues concerning the schools students from the Four Cities attend.

Green Team: Facilitator Amanda Dewey gave the report. She said the Green Team continues to celebrate a year of recycling and will hold a recycling competition this fall. She encouraged dog owners to make use of the new dog waste stations Public Works recently installed and thanked the volunteers who participate in the Town cleanups, held on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Ms. Dewey continued that the Green Team has looked into revitalizing the rain garden located at the southwest corner of the Town Center parking lot. The rain garden was installed by the County in 2004 but has not been kept up. The Green Team has contacted the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) for assistance with revitalizing the garden and hold planting event and rain garden workshop either in November or early next spring. The Green Team hopes the Town might help finance the purchase of plants and supplies for the project. Councilmembers expressed interest in supporting the project and plan to discuss it in more detail at a future worksession.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee next will meet in September and hold its election of officers. The Committee frequently partners with the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) and will send 2 volunteers to assist with what promises to be a great celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the first airmail flight out of the College Park airport.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Co-Chair Mike Attick said that approximately 70 people signed up for the CERT training on August 11-12 and is now sold out. It will include a disaster drill in which BHVFD members will participate. Mr. Attick thanked BHPD and Public Works for their efforts in organizing National Night Out, and all those who helped out at the grills. He thought it was the best National Night Out yet.

Recreation Council: President Susan Jones gave an overview of the Recreation Council's fall lineup of events: this Sunday at Sports Park a classic rock concert with the Woo Yeahs; September 20 an ice cream social at the Town Cen-

ter; Trunk or Treat on October 20 at the Community Center; November 2, a new event, Berwyn Heights team trivia; and December 8, the annual tree lighting.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

5. New Business

Variance 53-18, 5805 58th Avenue: TA McLaughlin said the home owner who applied for the variance was here earlier but has left. The variance is needed for widening a driveway at 5805 58th Avenue to accommodate 2 parked cars next to each other. This would require paving over a substantial area in the front yard. The variance request triggered 2 additional variances to validate existing, non-conforming setbacks of the dwelling and a shed. The background documentation contains a schematic showing the driveway extension and a photo with 2 cars parked next to each other on what is already a double wide driveway, with one half belonging to a neighbor. The County Board of Zoning Appeals will make the decision to grant or deny the variance. The Town Council's action is about whether to support the variance request by the home owner.

In discussion the following points were made:

- changes in the curb cut can be approved by the Town;
- a wider driveway would result in fewer cars parked in the street;
- there is no unique circumstance resulting in undue hardship to home owner if variance is denied

MPT Isler moved to take no position on variance. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Resolution 5-2018 – Award of Street Renovation Contract:

TA McLaughlin said the Council discussed the proposal for street renovation contractors at the last worksession. It was recommended to award the contract for Phase I and Phase II of the Town's street renovation program to VMP Construction Company by 'piggybacking' onto a County contract. If approved, the contractor is ready to start construction this coming Monday. The contractor would complete Phase I of the street renovation program, leaving out streets WSSC is planning to work on, and then come back to the Council for approval of Phase II.

Mayor White expressed her concerns with the process of awarding the contract:

- failure to provide an updated list of streets to be repaired in Phase I and II;
- failure to provide sufficient options on contractors;

- failure to present comparison information on the contracts in a readily intelligible format, such as a spreadsheet;

MPT Isler responded, in the context of piggybacking onto the County contract, the type of comparison chart Mayor White requested is not needed. He trusts the judgment of Public Works Director Hall in recommending the best qualified contractors. He moved to approve Resolution 5-2018 to award the contract to VMP Construction. CM Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 3 to 1, with Mayor White opposed.

Support for McDonald's Revised Site Plan:

Mayor White said the Council received a presentation on a revised site plan for the reconstruction of the McDonald's restaurant at 6219 Greenbelt Road last Monday. The changes are largely confined to architectural style. The Council is requested to send a letter supporting the revised site plan to Planning Department. MPT Isler moved to send a letter of support. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Support for Restoring Career Firefighters to Branchville Volunteer Fire Department:

Mayor White said at the last Four Cities meeting, the President of the Branchville Fire Department asked the Four Cities to support the reinstatement of career firefighters to his station. The Council discussed the letter and made the following points:

- The letter to Prince George's County Fire Chief Barksdale represents only one side of the issue;
- The County has stated it would restore career firefighters if the Department moved further north on Rhode Island Avenue. College Park and Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Departments are close enough to cover the area serviced by Branchville.
- The Branchville Fire Department has new leadership interested in reopening the career staffing issue because it has difficulty recruiting enough volunteers.
- The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department supports career staff at Branchville.

MPT Isler moved and CM Sweep seconded to sign the letter of support. The motion passed 3-0-1, with CM Papanikolas abstaining.

7. Citizen Comments

Former Councilmember Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Ruatan Street, thanked the Council for moving forward with the street project. The previous Council heard from

many residents who welcomed the planned street renovations. It would have been helpful if this Council could have had the price list from independent street contractors the previous Council was given. Those prices were substantially higher than what is offered in the County contracts. Ms. Kulpa-Eddy further commented that McDonald's has submitted site plans for the Council's review on two previous occasions. She hopes this plan will be realized and the new restaurant actually built. Lastly, she advised that variances are the only way for the Town to influence County zoning decisions and ensure some conformity with Town aesthetic and environmental preferences. Previous Councils have often attached conditions to their support of variances, mostly relating to storm water runoff and disposition of trees.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented that National Night Out was very well done and attributed it to the leadership of Chief Antolik. BHPD attends to a wide variety of concerns other Police Department might decline to perform, ranging from checking on seniors to holding community events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Worksession August 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Stephen Isler, Councilmembers (CMs), Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Mayor Lynn White was absent

Executive Session (6:09 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Sweep, seconded by CM Papanikolas, the Council went into executive session to interview applicants for the vacant Council seat. Having interviewed the candidates, CM Sweep moved and CM Papanikolas seconded to select Amanda Dewey as the 5th Councilmember.

The Council also discussed the contract for the next Town Administrator. On a motion by CM Papanikolas, seconded by CM Sweep, the contract was approved without changes in a 3 to 0 vote. The executive session ended at 7:00 p.m. MPT Isler left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

Regular Session (starting at 7:02 p.m.)

Present were CM Papanikolas, presiding, and CM Sweep, as well as Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens. There was no quorum.

1. Announcements

CM Papanikolas said that the Council held an executive session on Saturday, August 18 at 3:00 p.m. MPT Isler, CM Sweep, CM Papanikolas and Clerk Harper were present, while Mayor White sent an apology. The meeting was held to discuss Mayor White's refusal to sign the bond issue agreement the previous Council had authorized to finance road repairs. The Councilmembers present voted 3 to 0 to authorize MPT Isler to sign the bond documents.

CM Sweep said the Council has since been informed that the Town has been excluded from the bond issuance. He read a letter from Matthew Heckles, Assistant Secretary of the Division of Development Finance and Director of the Community Development Administration of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), who had helped Berwyn Heights with the bond issue.

"I am writing to follow-up on our recent communications regarding the Town participating in the Department's 2018 Local Government Infrastructure Program. CDA has carefully reviewed, and appreciates, the Town's efforts in trying to resolve the uncertainty surrounding the legal issue of signatory authority. However, based on the opinion of multiple legal counsel, including the Office of the Attorney General, CDA's outside Bond Counsel, and legal Counsel to the financial underwriters responsible for marketing and selling the bonds, a sufficient legal cloud remains concerning valid signature authority -- creating legal enforceability, disclosure and marketing problems thereby preventing the Town from participating in this transaction. CDA hopes that it will be able to partner with the Town in future infrastructure projects. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments."

CM Papanikolas continued, as a result of the executive session deliberations and Berwyn Heights' exclusion from the bond issue, he, CM Sweep and MPT Isler have drafted a letter calling on Mayor White to step down as Mayor. He read the letter into the record (attached).

In discussion, Meg Miller Shane, 57th Avenue, commented that she and other residents have tried to persuade Mayor White to sign the bond agreement. CM Sweep said the Town Administrator and Town Attorney are currently communicating with DHCD's Local Infrastructure Finance Division to try to get back into this bond issue. But the decision not to sign the bond documents hurts the Town's financial standing and reputation.

More to the point, the Town authorized \$2 million in road repairs for which it is now \$1 million short.

CM Papanikolas said the Town has sufficient funds to fund Phase I of the road repair program and will have to work out how to move forward from there.

2. Discussion Items

Independent verification of road resurfacing project and cost: The item was tabled because it was requested by Mayor White who was not present to discuss it.

Voting protocols for MML and PGCMA:

CM Papanikolas said the Council was provided background documents describing the voting protocols followed by the previous Council, i.e. the Councilmember attending a Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting vote in accordance with the position taken by the Council as whole. Since Mayor White requested this agenda item, discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

Damage to personal vehicle: CM Papanikolas explained this matter concerns damage to the personal vehicle of Code Supervisor Glass. It was shot with a pellet gun when he attended a worksession at the Council's request. TA McLaughlin recommends the Town pay for the repair, but since there is no quorum tonight a decision has to be postponed to the next meeting.

Raingarden revitalization: CM Sweep said at the last Town meeting Green Team chair Amanda Dewey reported that the Green Team is looking into revitalizing a raingarden located at the south-west corner of the Town Center parking lot. She has asked the County, which installed the raingarden, to provide assistance with project next spring. Further discussion of the item was tabled to the next meeting, at which Amanda Dewey will be present.

Minutes

The July 16 worksession minutes were tabled for lack of a quorum.

4. Department Reports

CM Sweep reported that the streets near his house have been repaved. The contractor has done a good job so far. At the entrance to the lower school parking lot they re-oriented a handicap access ramp. This was done upon request by the school's crossing guard and will make this location safer.

5. Citizen Comments

Meg Miller Shane reported that the Quality of Life Commission has met and agreed to take on the function of a Com-

plete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. Some Commission members already have experience with the Census. The Commission requests that copies of the 2020 Census package be provided to them. The next full Commission meeting will take place on September 10.

6. Town Council Schedule

The September 12 Town meeting will likely be rescheduled because it falls on the same day as back-to-school night, which is attended by at least 2 Councilmembers. The first worksession in September has been moved to Wednesday, September 5. The Ice Cream Social date is September 20 and Hello Huskies Night September 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk



Are you interested in protecting trees and our urban forest in Berwyn Heights? Please join the Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board at an upcoming meet or reach out!

Next meeting:
October 11, 2018,
7:00 pm | G. Love Room
Contact: Amanda Dewey,
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Source: www.arborday.org



Historical Committee



County Historian Susan Pearl gave a presentation on the Taverns of Prince George's County at the Maryland Milestones Heritage Center. Several BHHC members attended and learned some interesting tidbits about this cheerful subject.

At left: the George Washington House Inn and 'Ordinary' on Upshur Street, Bladensburg, which today houses the Anacostia Watershed Society. The G.W. House is sometimes confused with another tavern, the Indian Queen, once located nearby. Remnants of the Indian Queen Tavern were unearthed in an archaeological dig in connection with the War of 1812 celebration:

<http://www.princegeorges1812.org/Bladensburg/map/assets/locations/indianQueenTavern/report/>

NEXT MEETING

October 23 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room

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Our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Let's Have a Litter-Free Halloween!

Preventing candy wrappers from becoming Halloween litter on the street is the right way to treat the environment.

1. Teach your children to keep candy wrappers in their reusable trick-or-treat bags until they return home, or to dispose of them in trash cans along their route.
2. Take along an extra bag when you take the kids out treat-or-treating, and pick up litter along the way to help clean up the town.

New Members Needed

Do you care about environmental issues?
Are you passionate about creating a more sustainable community? Then we need you!

As a member of the green team you'll help with planning fun and educational town events, talk to your neighbors about issues you care about and work toward making a positive change in our town together.

Come to our October meeting to start getting involved!

Scoop That Poop

Did you know that dog waste accounts for 24% of the bacteria that pollutes our urban and suburban waterways? In fact, dog waste carries bacteria, viruses and parasites that threaten the health of humans and wildlife, such as Giardia, Ancylostoma, Cryptosporidium and Toxocara canis just to name a few.

Scoop it. Bag it. Trash it. #doyourdoody

October Town Clean-up

Saturday October 20th
(3rd Saturday of the month)
10am – 12pm

Meeting point at the Town Center
Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free!

We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pickers). No need to pre-register. Pets welcome!

Save the Date!

Saturday, November 3rd at 12pm

Join us for lunch and a native species scavenger hunt for kids. We'll also make natural crafts and have treats!

More details to come in the November bulletin.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School

Walkathon



Dear Town Resident,

The Berwyn Heights Elementary School Walkathon will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018. For one day, students take a break from regular school work, venture outdoors, and walk from the school to Lake Artemesia. It is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the PTA to fund many enrichment opportunities and events. These include transportation for field trips, academic programs, art projects, books for students, our beautiful school gardens that serve as an outdoor classroom for our students, parent seminars, social events to build school community, and more.

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<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Vahxjf>

Upcoming Events

- PTA Meeting, Tuesday, October 2 @ 6:45 pm
- Walkathon, Friday, October 19, during the school day. (Rain day, October 26)



If you prefer to donate by check, please make check payable to "BHES PTA" and mail or deliver to:

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Berwyn Heights Elementary School

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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

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



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Recent Working Incidents

Aug 8: Squad 14 & Chief 14 responded to NB I-95 at Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville for an accident involving a truck. Squad 14 arrived to find an a car collided with a semi truck with the drive trapped. Crew of Squad 14B extricated the driver while Chief 14 assumed incident command.

Aug 12: Truck 14 operated on a working Apartment Fire in the 8100Blk of 15th Avenue in Adelphi.

Aug 29: Squad 14 extricated a driver from a crash in the OL of I-495 at Baltimore Ave in College Park.

Sept. 9: Truck 14 operated in the 4300Blk of Crelin Place in Kentland for a fatal working House Fire.

Sept. 10: Truck 14 operated in the 12600Blk of Hillmeade Station Dr in Glenn Dale for a working House Fire.

Sept. 11: Truck 14 operated in the 9400Blk of Worrell Ave in Lanham for a working House Fire. Units had fire on the 1st floor.

Sept 14: Squad 14B responded to intersection of Baltimore Ave at Odell Rd for an accident with one trapped. Squad 14B's crew extricated a trapped driver from the vehicle.

Sept 17: Squad 14B was alerted to the 5300Blk of 85th Ave in New Carrollton on the 2nd Alarm of working Apartment Fire. The fire spread thru a total of 4 apartment buildings, and took 3-Alarms 125 FF/ Medics and support personnel to extinguish. Ambo 14 remained in service to cover the area during the extended incident.

BHVFD Call Volume: August 2018	
Rescue Squads:	132
Ladder Truck:	7
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	5
Ambulance:	211
Total Runs August 2018:	435



A segment of I-495 at BW Parkway has been dedicated in memory of BHVFD Deputy Chief James Yvorra who died in the line a duty in 1989 while operating on the scene of an accident in that area.

Annual Fund Drive

Keep an eye out for the Berwyn Heights VFD's Annual Fund Drive mailer packet! This year we are raising funds to replace our 1989 reserve Rescue Squad with over 300,000 miles and its outdated equipment. All residents in Berwyn Heights, College Park Estates, Westchester Park, and now Greenbelt Station will be getting a packet by mail by the end of the September. Just a reminder: BHVFD does NOT go door to door anymore, or solicit by phone. Thanks in advance for your generous support!!!



Did not get a mailer? Email Ksnyder@BHVFD.org or Call 301-627-6905.

Fire Prevention Week 2018

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. Here are this year's messages:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

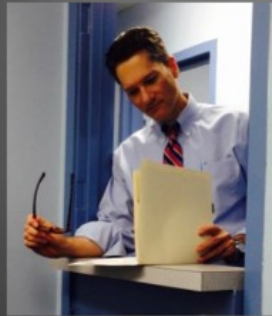


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Property Maintenance Violations TOTAL	38
Animals	1
High Grass/ Tree parts	6
Building Materials	6
Vehicles & Vehicle Parts	5
Motor Vehicle Parts	4
Premise ID	1
Hazardous	3
Non-Hazardous	1
Unattended Structures	5
Commercial/ Permits	8
Permits Issued TOTAL	9
Building	3
Dumpsters	6
Portable Storage Units	0
Rental Units TOTAL	266
Active Rentals	216
Rental Licenses Issued	38
Rental Inspections	33
Rental Re-inspections	6

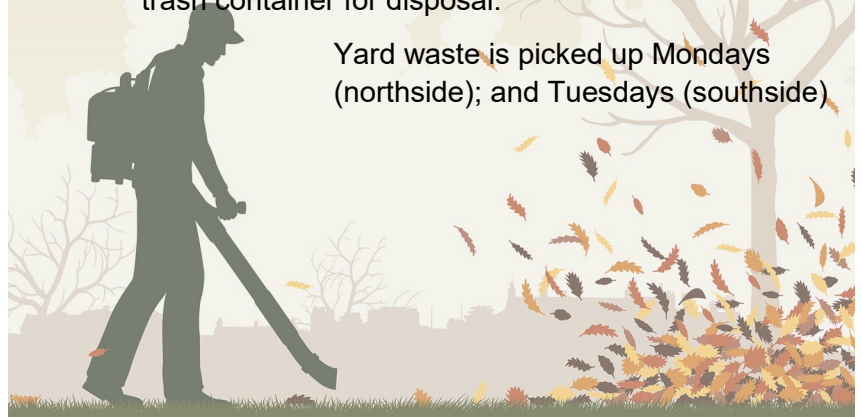
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AUGUST Police Beat

Friday, 8/10/2018 at 11:01 am, 'STOLEN AUTO'

On 08/10/18 at approximately 11:01 hours PG officer responded to 710 block of Shelby Drive, Oxon Hill, MD for the report of a stolen vehicle. Victim advised that her 2018 White Hyundai Santa Fe bearing a Maryland registration of 9DH0976, was stolen by an unknown suspect who fled the scene. Further investigation revealed that the victim's vehicle was taken from her home at the 5900 block of Natasha Drive, Berwyn Heights. On 08/09/18 the victim was advised that her vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident in Baltimore City, MD. On 08/15/18 investigation revealed that the victim made false statements and had given her car to her boyfriend. Charges are pending on a 41 Y/O, W/F.

Saturday 8/11/2018 at 5:59 pm, 'SEXUAL ASSAULT'

Pfc. W. Duck responded to the 8400 block of 57th Avenue for a sexual assault complaint. Victim reported that on or around 7/11/2018 suspect entered her bedroom while she was asleep, locked bedroom with his key and pulled down her pants. The suspect then attempted to climb on top of her. The victim woke up and startled the suspect, who then fled the room. Suspect: W/H/M.

Sunday, 8/12/2018 at 9:43 am, 'THEFT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8811 60th Avenue for a report a theft. The victim, who is a firefighter, reported his helmet was stolen from an equipment locker in the firehouse.

Sunday 8/12/2018 at 1:13 pm, 'SEXUAL ASSAULT, 2nd DEGREE RAPE'

Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Osage Street for police assistance. On scene, the reporting person said a minor staying at her house was trying to leave the area with a group of people in a pickup truck. Cpl. Ignowski interviewed the driver who said that she drove here from Indiana to pick up the minor at minor's mother's request. Investigation revealed the minor reported three sex offenses by suspect, both residents of the same house. The U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Division of Children's Services released the minor from Federal custody and placed her with her aunt, of 57th Avenue, Berwyn Heights. Investigation continues. ARRESTED: Juan Antonio HERNANDEZ, 56 Y/O, W/H/M of Berwyn Heights, MD.

Sunday, 8/12/2018 at 10:54 pm, 'THEFT'

Pfc. W. Duck responded to the 7-Eleven on Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of food and candy. The suspect pretended to head for the cashier but then left without paying. SUSPECT: 18 Y/O, B/M

Tuesday, 8/14/2018 at 1:37 pm, 'EPS / OVERDOSE'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road Medical building. On scene Officer Krouse forced open a bathroom in which a female had lost consciousness after inhaling a can of electronic dust cleaner. She was taken into custody after she regained consciousness and transported to Laurel Regional Hospital. EPS: 39 Y/O, W/F of Hyattsville, MD.

Friday, 8/18/2018 at 9:18 pm, 'CITIZEN ARMED ROBBERY'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5700 block of Ruatan Street for an armed robbery. On scene, the victim stated he was about to exit his car he had parked in front of his house when a man approached and pointed a large caliber, black hand gun at him and demanded money. The victim gave his wallet from which the suspect took 200.00 dollars in cash and a personal check. The suspect also searched the victim's pockets then fled on foot on Ruatan towards 58TH. Suspect was described as a B/M 25 Y/O, or older with shoulder length braids or dreads and carrying a small "purse" type bag with a strap.

Sunday, 8/19/2018 at 1:52 am, 'COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY'

Officers responded to the 7-Eleven at 8900 Edmonston Road, Berwyn Heights for an armed robbery. Victim stated an unknown suspect, armed with a tire iron, had entered the store, walked behind the counter, and demanded the victim open up the register and give it him the money. The victim complied. The suspect stole \$50.00 and fled out the front door. A witness observed the suspect getting into a small silver SUV. Arrested #1: DIMOPOULOS, Jordan John, 41 Y/O,

W/M, of Beltsville, MD. Arrested #2: THEO, Angelo, 43 Y/O, W/M, of Beltsville, MD.

Tuesday, 8/21/ 2018 at 2:59 pm, 'THEFT / SCAM'

Victim came to the Berwyn Heights Police Station to report a fraud involving a donation to a church. The victim reported she was approached by a black male who said he wanted to make a large donation to a church. Suspect offered to give the victim \$30,000 but asked her to withdraw \$5,000 from her bank to prove she had money and would not keep the donation for herself. The victim made a withdrawal of \$5,000 dollars from the SECU bank and placed it in an African prayer basket where the suspect had also placed the package with his contribution. When the victim arrived at home she found the package had only cut up newspaper. The victim lost \$5,000 dollars. She was not able to describe the suspects.

Wednesday, 8/28/2018 at 9:00 pm, '2ND DEGREE RAPE'

On 08/28/18 a Detective from MPD's Sexual Assault Unit contacted Berwyn Heights's Detective in reference to a sexual assault in Prince George's County she was investigating. The MPD Detective had interviewed the victim who stated she was at a friend's house in Maryland where she consumed alcohol and became intoxicated. The victim's friend ordered an Uber to take her home to Stafford, VA. The suspect/ Uber driver picked the victim up. En-route, the victim and suspect engaged in small talk. Victim advised she was drunk and sleepy and the suspect suggested they go to his residence. Inside his residence, he led the victim to his bedroom where he removed her clothing. The victim fell asleep. When she awoke, the suspect was assaulting her sexually without her consent. The victim moved her body away from the suspect so that he would stop and fell back asleep. Hours later, the suspect transported the victim back to the location where he picked her up. The victim was unsure where this incident occurred.

During the investigation, a suspect was identified and agreed to be interviewed by the MPD Detective on 08/17/18. The suspect stated he took the victim to a residence in the 6300 block of Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights. He acknowledged he knew that the victim was intoxicated and that

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he assaulted her. After the interview, the suspect was released. SUSPECT: 52 Y/O, B/M of Washington DC. Ongoing investigation revealed that the incident did not occur in the jurisdiction of Berwyn Heights.

Friday 8/31/2018 at 4:48 pm, '2ND DEGREE ASSAULT'

Cpl. P. Roberson was dispatched to 5800 block of Quebec St. Berwyn Heights MD for a report of domestic assault. Upon arrival, victim stated that he had an argument with his live-in girlfriend about her texting and infidelity who scratched him on the chest. The suspect/ girlfriend was not at the house. The victim has a two-year old daughter with his girlfriend and was advised on how to obtain a warrant/summons and protective order. The victim further stated he does not want to press charges against his girlfriend. SUSPECT: 28 Y/O, W/H/F.

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Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center. For information call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535, or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

STRESSED!!! Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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Moving? All The Way Moving. LLC licensed and insured company giving FREE wardrobe boxes along with low prices. NStudio or small 1 bedroom \$195-\$260. NLarge 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom \$260-\$375. N3 bedroom or a house \$763-\$1090. Prices shown are general. Please contact us for a free quote today. Call 202-820-0771.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fall House Cleaning? Stuff to Sell or Give Away?

Call Yvonne at Town Office, 301-474-5500, before October 15 to claim this free space in the next issue of the Bulletin and dispose of your articles fast.

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



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Happy Fall!

Upcoming Events:

- Kirwan Commission Meeting
October 16, 2018 | 6:30 p.m.
- PTSA Meeting
October 23, 2018 | 6:00 p.m.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

October 1	Aruna Nadasen
	Nick Mydra
October 2	Tom Colihan
	Kevin Young
October 3	Ed Burton
October 12	Anita Patel
October 17	Sandra Price
	Lorraine Wilson
October 19	Meg Shane
October 27	Kaycee McCoy

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Wednesday at 10:30 am.

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (October 13).

MEETINGS — Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Pot Luck.

LIBRARY VISIT — Library staff will do Arts and Crafts at 12:00 Noon, Monday, October 8.

MISCELLANEOUS

We are hosting the maintenance department employees for lunch on October 23.



Wii Bowling League
Wednesdays at 10:30 A.M.
Come and watch or join
You will have FUN and
LAUGHS

Now that Autumn is here, come to the Senior Center. Get a cup of coffee or bottle of water and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors.

HAPPENINGS

STEAK NITE at the VFW on October 19.

TRUNK OR TREAT at the Community Center Parking Lot.

BREAKFAST at the Silver Diner is also on tap. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and information on other events..



REDSKIN FANS: We are watching all 1:00 P.M. games on the Big TV.
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October Home Maintenance Tips:

- Replace Furnace Air Filter
- Check Toilets for Leaks and Repair if Needed
- Close or Install Storm Windows
- Caulk Cracks and Gaps in Exterior Siding
- Replace Worn Weather Stripping
- Clean Gutters and Downspouts
- Have fireplace professionally cleaned
- Cut back plants and get out the rake!

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Just a few of my Listings/Sales last 30 days!!

NEW LISTING-5608 Berwyn Rd 5 BR 2BA rambler
 w/screened in porch \$339,900.

REDUCED-5902 Berwyn Rd 2BR/1BA new kit, garage
 \$284900

UNDER CONTRACT - 6204 42nd Ave HYVL 3BR/2BA
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Your insurance card



Your State issued ID

Location: Berwyn Heights Town Center
2nd Floor
5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

Time: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.























Tues, October 23rd

Out of pocket cost for flu shot is \$ 40.99, payable at time of service;
for those without insurance coverage.



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  7:00 pm Worksession	2  6:45 pm BH PTA Mtg. 7:30 Rec Council Mtg.	3  7:00 pm NW/EP Mtg.	4  5		6 10:00 am Fall Festival
7 Street Sweeper 	8  Columbus Day Town Offices Open	9 	10  7:00 pm Town Meeting	11  7:30 pm Green Team Mtg.	12 3:00 PM Mayor's Tea	13
14	15  7:00 pm Worksession	16 	17 	18  7:00 pm BHEAC Mtg.	19	20 10:00 a.m. Town Cleanup 7:00 pm Trunk or Treat
21	22  11:00 am Flu Shots 7:30 pm BHHC Mtg.	23 	24 	25 	26	27
28	29 	30 	31  6:00 pm Halloween			



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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



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Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

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Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
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Councilmember — Public Works		
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Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
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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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