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### Town Council Actions From SEP 9 Town Meeting

**Resolution 14-2020:** Amending Council Rules to update agenda process.

**BHES Funding Request:** Approval of reallocation of funding for book purchases.

Police Station Feasibility Study: Manns Woodward Architects gave update on study to house BHPD at Town Center.

Meetings are broadcast live on BHTV FiOS 12, or Comcast 71 and streamed on the Town's website, <u>www.berwynheightsmd.gov</u>.

Public comments will be taken over the telephone at 301-474-9570..



# **Four Cities Meeting**

October 29 | 7:30 pm | Virtual Hosted by New Carrollton

# HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

# Columbus Day

Mon	10/12/20	Offices Closed - NO PICKUP
Tue	10/13/20	Town-wide Trash & Bulk
Wed	10/14/20	Town-wide Recycling
Thu	10/15/20	Town-wide Yard Waste
Fri	10/16/20	Town-wide Trash

Please Do <u>NOT</u> Leave Trash out Over the Weekend

### CoVID-19 Closures Expected to Continue through September

### Changes in Town Government Operations

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

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

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

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

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. Departamentos de Administración y Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando en turnos en la oficina de la ciudad y de forma remota. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

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

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

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



# **Plan Your Vote**

There are 3 ways to vote:

- 1. absentee ballot,
- 2. in person during early voting
- 3. in person on Election Day.

To vote by absentee ballot you must fill out the application that was sent to every eligible voter in Maryland. Alternatively you can request your ballot:

- <u>Online if you have a Maryland's driver's</u> license or MVA-issued ID card.
- Or download the application form at: <u>Mail-in ballot application (ENG)</u> <u>Solicitud de Papeleta de Votante</u> <u>Ausente (ESP)</u>
- Or get it at the <u>PGC board of elections</u> Located at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774

Fill out the application and return it to the Prince George's Board of Election in person, by mail, or to a <u>nearby drop box</u>.

To vote in person before Election Day (OCT 26 - NOV 2, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm) visit <u>one of the early voting centers</u>. The nearest early voting centers are at:

- The Pavilion, UMD Xfinity Center 8500 Paint Branch Drive, College Park;
- Duval High School 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham

To vote in person on Election Day (NOV 3, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm), visit an <u>Election Day voting center</u>. The nearest Election Day voting centers are:

- The Pavillion, UMD Xfinity Center 8500 Paint Branch Drive College Park
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt
- Parkdale High School 6001 Good Luck Road, Riverdale



# Happy Fall to All & a Few Reminders:

The street sweeper will be in town on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area.

Greenbelt has not restarted the electronic recycling program because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please give us a call and check with us before you take your electronic recycling there. Sorry for any inconvenience but you may have to hold unto your old electronics a little longer.

In case you missed it, we are offering our residents a food scraps collection, using a local vendor, <u>Compost Crew</u>. Food scraps may be dropped off in the designated toters in the rear parking lot of the Town Center, or sign up with Compost Crew for individual service and curbside pickup. Empty your food scraps loosely into the bin or use compostable bags. PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS.

Also, a word of caution as construction to replace approximately 1.73 miles of our water mains will continue until scheduled completion in June 2021. If you would like to be kept updated on this, you may sign-up at <u>wsscwater.com/</u> <u>CNS</u> to receive emails and/or text alerts.

WSSC understands the inconvenience of these types of projects and appreciates your patience as they work to provide safe, seamless and satisfying water services for customers every day.

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# **C\*VID-19** (Coronavirus) Prince George's County Ambassador Compliance Team

BHPD has joined the Prince George's County's coronavirus compliance team of more than 70 inspectors that was assembled after increasing infection rates were reported.

The Ambassador Compliance Team seeks to ensure that business establishments follow the county's coronavirus protocols, including face covering requirements and social distancing measures.

The team will visit local establishments to distribute information on coronavirus protocols and to monitor adherence to safety guidelines for capacity and social distancing.

Businesses and retail establishments that violate the protocols will be given time to fix the issue upon initial visits. But they can be fined up to \$1,000 if found out of compliance after a second visit, or face closure if the violations continue.

If you have questions about business operating protocols please call 301-952-8300 or email <u>ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us</u>

# Prince George's County Free COVID-19 Testing Sites

Call 301-883-6627 between 8:00am- 8:00pm with questions about PGC's testing program. Use map to find testing sites.

First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD

Prince George's County Health Dept. Cheverly Health Center 3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly, MD

## **Private Testing Sites Near Us**

Express Healthcare

6201 Greenbelt Road Medical Complex Berwyn Heights | Tel. 301-441-1112

Patient First 10424 Baltimore Avenue Beltsville, MD | Tel. 240-542-5987

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### Worksession Minutes August 8, 2020

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

### 1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey made announcements regarding the closure of Pontiac Street between Edmonston Road and 63rd Avenue after a watermain break, a Four Cities Coalition request to extend the comment period on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Beltway widening project, a Low Impact Development Center survey regarding improvements for Pop's Park, a National Night In parade in lieu of the traditional National Night Out celebration, and School Board Member Joshua Thomas' system for answering inquiries about the reopening of schools.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Beltway widening project may well be extended for 30 days. Further, Elaine Colihan, a 57-year resident of Berwyn Heights, passed away last week.

### 2. Ceremonial Items

**Service Award for Mayor Isler and CM Osmond:** Former Mayor Stephen Isler and Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Osmond were present to accept an award for their service on the Town Council. Mayor Isler thanked the Council for the plaque and said he misses the interaction with his former colleagues. He thinks the Council is doing a great job, especially considering the ongoing pandemic. CM Osmond also thanked the Council for the recognition. He is pleased to see a full Council in place that is devoted to governing the Town. In his personal life, he is writing a book that will be published in the fall.

### 3. Discussion Items

**Council Rule on sidewalks:** Mayor Dewey explained the Council had considered adopting a Council Rule that would require the Town to consider building sidewalks whenever road improvements are made. This was a recommendation of the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH), which in February submitted a report to the Council with a list of recommendations to make the Town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. CM Papanikolas added that the Council planned to make it incumbent on the Council to build sidewalks whenever road projects are approved, unless there is compelling reason not to do it. A Council Rule was proposed as the mechanism to implement such a policy.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- Council Rules may not be the best vehicle for the policy; an ordinance may be more permanent;
- Alternative safety measures should be considered in addition to sidewalks;
- Accommodations for bicyclists should also be considered when roads are renovated;
- Cost of sidewalks should be considered as part of policy.

It was agreed that a policy should not require a specific outcome but only require consideration of building pedestrian or bicycle facilities when roads are improved. Staff will review ordinances and Council Rules to determine where the policy would fit best.

Mayor Dewey asked the Council to look over WBBH's list of recommendations and identify some priorities. The following comments were made:

- One-way streets could be a costeffective way to restrict vehicular traffic and create more space for pedestrian and bicycle facilities but would likely require more planning and public hearings.
- Proposed safety improvements for Pontiac/ Edmonston Road intersection should be taken up while WSSC is working on fixing the watermains. This might include construction of a wheelchair ramp for the sidewalk and adding 'don't block the box' signage to the intersection but may require adoption of a regulation by the Town.

TM Allen will follow up with WSSC about making improvements at the Pontiac/ Edmonston Road intersection.

Green Team carbon footprint report: Mayor Dewey explained that Berwyn Heights is required to take a combination of actions to improve the environment to achieve recertification as a Sustainable Maryland community. One of the actions Sustainable Maryland strongly recommends, and the Green Team has now undertaken, is a municipal carbon footprint assessment based on CO2 emissions from fuel and energy use. A breakdown of the Town's carbon footprint shows that Police and Public Works vehicles are responsible for 26% and 21% of the Town's CO2 emissions, respectively. Another important finding is that streetlights are a significant source of indirect emissions.

The Green Team's report makes several recommendations to reduce the municipal carbon footprint, including:

- Prioritizing energy efficiency when renovating Town buildings, as with the current feasibility study to relocate the police station to the municipal building;
- Prioritizing electric and hybrid vehicles when purchasing new vehicles;
- Exploring more energy efficient alternatives, such as LEDs, to replace streetlights currently in use.

In discussion, Councilmembers sought clarification about ownership of streetlights and responsibility for upgrading fixtures, expressed interest in light pollution reduction, motion activated lighting, and addressing dark areas in Town. Staff was asked to locate an inventory of dark areas made by NW/ EP and submitted to a previous Town manager. TM Allen will look into obtaining sample streetlights to see which lights the Council and residents might prefer.

The Council further discussed whether to mandate consideration of electric or hybrid vehicles when a new vehicle is being purchased. It was agreed that the current Green Purchasing Policy already commits the Town to use best practices in sustainable procurement, which covers purchase of vehicles.

**E-newsletter:** Mayor Dewey said the Council has looked for ways to reach residents with more up-to-date news than the monthly Bulletin. The Council thinks that an electronic newsletter sent via email to residents could fill that role. MPT Kulpa-Eddy provided a mock-up of an e-newsletter to discuss format and content. A process for publication also needs to be determined, which will likely be different before and after a Public Information Aide (PIA) is hired.

In discussion, the following was proposed:

- Draft e-newsletter would be discussed by Council at 1st worksession of the month and possibly approved at Town meeting;
- E-newsletter would be released every 2 to 3 weeks without necessarily being approved by the Council once staff is taking the lead on it. Council would submit items by email and only take the newsletter up at a meeting if there is disagreement about content.
- In terms of format of the draft newsletter, it presents Town news on page 1 and news from the

County and the wider area on page 2. A listing of upcoming meetings and events might be added at the end.

Clerk Harper explained that the enewsletter, once posted to the Town website, would be sent to anyone who subscribes to it. Subscriptions are activated on the Berwyn Heights website's home page through the 'Subscribe to News' button. Currently, there are only six subscriptions, but the number may have dropped when the previous e-newsletter was discontinued.

After further discussion, the Council agreed to publish an e-newsletter on each Friday following a worksession. The Council would review and approve the content at worksessions until a PIA has been hired. A Spanish translation is to be included in each edition and the new edition is to be advertised on the website and social media.

### 4. Minutes

The Council reviewed the July 8 Town Meeting minutes for edits submitted. No further changes were made, and the minutes will be adopted at the August Town meeting. Review and adoption of the July 20 worksession minutes were postponed to the Town meeting.

#### 5. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey again noted the Pontiac Street road closure and National Night In parade. She thanked Police Clerk Muralles for organizing the event and for coming up with creative ideas to bring the community together.

CM Papanikolas reported that the Administration Department continues to perform all its tasks to keep the Town running. Interim Town Manager Allen has met with all Town departments and Councilmembers and has taken the lead on several important projects. The Town is in good hands while it is looking for a new Town Manager.

CM Brittan Powell asked whether Councilmembers will be walking in the parade. He was told that Councilmembers are welcome to participate by driving a vehicle.

CM Sweep reported that Public Works is keeping an eye out on Hurricane Isaias to determine whether trash will be collected tomorrow. If not, trash will be collected in the following days. Mayor Dewey related that Public Works last week noticed an overgrown yard belonging to a senior resident and took care of it. They also found the senior did not have air conditioning in their upstairs bedroom and took it upon themselves to purchase and install one. Foreman Cardenas and his crew are to be commended for this act of kindness to ensure resident safety.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that NW/EP has released information about the approaching storm and is alerting residents that shelters will operate somewhat differently with the ongoing pandemic and may not be able to take in as many people as usual. Pop's Park has been reopened after health advisories were posted. A survey by the Low Impact Development Center (LIDC) regarding Pop's Park usage will remain posted online until August 5. The Recreation Council summer concerts continue with a concert by the American-made Duo scheduled for August 13.

The BHEAC is looking at ways to support students in the upcoming semester, during which instruction will be virtual. An online survey has been drafted to explore interest in 'learning pods,' in-person learning groups organized by parents to support virtual schooling for children from multiple families. BHPD is sponsoring a school supplies drive. Donations can be dropped off at the Police Station. Berwyn Heights Elementary School has is requesting help with purchasing licenses for an online math instruction module, which may be submitted to the Town Council.

CM Brittan Powell brought up several Boys & Girls Club concerns regarding Sports Park including the disposition of the hockey rink, creation of a full soccer field by removing the baseball infield, lack of activities for girls and parking around Sports Park. There ensued some discussion. TM Allen was asked to follow up with Park & Planning to get a status update on projects the Town has requested for Sports Park. Chief Antolik might be consulted about implementing a parking permit program for residential streets near the park.

### 6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming schedule. The 1st worksession of September was moved to August 31 and the 2nd worksession to September 14.

### 7. Citizen Comments

CM Sweep received an email complaint about litter accumulating along Kenilworth Avenue near the Pontiac Street intersection. TM Allen was requested to find out whether SHA is responsible for cleaning the area and getting on the cleanup schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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### Executive Session (6:30pm-7:00 pm)

The Council held an executive session to

discuss a nomination for the Governor's Service Award.

#### Regular Meeting (starting 7:05 pm)

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Chris Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Manager (IITM) Laura Allen, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Historical Committee Chair Richard Ahrens, and Recreation Council President Susan Jones.

#### 1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that WSSC continues to work on repairing Pontiac Street after a watermain break and welcomed Interim Town Manager Allen to her first Town meeting.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by CM Sweep moved and second by CM Brittan Powell the agenda was approved 5 to 0.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Brittan Powell seconded to approve the July 8 Town meeting minutes. The minutes were approved 4 - 0 - 1, with CM Papanikolas abstaining. The July 20 worksession minutes were approved 5-0 on a motion by MPT Kulpa Eddy and second by CM Brittan Powell.

### 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dewey thanked Town staff and others for quickly securing Pontiac Street after the watermain break. She also thanked the Police, Volunteer Fire Department and Town organizations for taking part in the National Night In parade, which drew many residents out into their vards to watch and cheer.

She announced that the University of Maryland will open on a hybrid model with the first 2 weeks of instruction being virtual. UMD instituted a strict code of conduct on maintaining responsible social interactions to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

#### 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** CM Papanikolas noted that new Interim Town Manager Allen is on board and is familiarizing herself with internal administrative processes. Otherwise, the Administration Department is running smoothly.

Town Manager's Report: ITM Allen reported that WSSC is expected to start repairs of Pontiac Street tomorrow. Public Works has covered up the sinkhole in a resident's vard on Seminole Street while

Administration is researching ownership of the broken pipe that caused the sinkhole. The first issue of a new e-newsletter has been released in both English and Spanish. SHA has responded quickly to the Town's request to clean up litter along the Kenilworth Avenue right-of-way.

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

**Code Compliance:** CM Brittan Powell reported that a couple of residents have complained about the high cost for renewing a rental license compared with surrounding communities. He and Code Director Goodwin are conferring about the issue and gathering additional information to respond.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the cost of the rental license was set so that it covers the cost of the program, which includes inspections. CM Brittan Powell asked if the cost has remained the same since the Town stopped doing inspections because of the pandemic. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the cost is based on the routine service provided to owners of rental homes and might be adjusted if the Council decides to take it up.

Mayor Dewey commented the Council discussed fee structures during the last term and has started to review all fees and fines during the annual budget process. She does not believe the cost of the rental license has changed under COVID adjusted operations. ITM Allen noted that she discussed virtual inspections with Director Goodwin. No other cities in Prince George's County are doing this except Bowie. The Town continues to follow up on rental housing violations found during previous inspections with photos of repairs and installations made to come into compliance.

**Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced upcoming hearings regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Beltway widening project are coming up in August and September, most of them virtual but a couple in-person. Mayor Dewey added that several environmental organizations are hosting a seminar on how to comment on the DEIS tomorrow evening, and this seminar is open to all.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that a couple of real property tax credit programs are available to help lower their tax bills: the Homestead Tax Credit available to all homeowners who live in their homes, and the Homeowners Tax Credits available to lower-income homeowners through both the State of Maryland and the Town of Berwyn Heights.

**Public Works:** CM Sweep reported that Public Works had a busy month responding to the watermain break and the Seminole Street sinkhole. He encouraged residents to help pick up trash in the neighborhood, so it does not get washed into local waterways.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that one of the gates to Pop's Park still has a lock on it after the park was reopened to the public. Mayor Dewey said she believes that may be the gate giving access to Public Works vehicles for performing maintenance, which typically remains locked.

**Public Safety:** Mayor Dewey reported that the Police Department has published information on social media about filing noise complaints. Residents are requested not to call 911 for such complaints but instead call the County's non-emergency number or the Berwyn Heights police station number, to ensure that 911 is available for emergencies. Residents are further requested not to host large parties. Per County emergency rules, gatherings are limited to 10 people for most homes.

#### 6. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that Prince George's County schools will resume instruction virtually on August 31. The BHEAC is exploring interest in 'learning pods' to support virtual instruction. Parents of students and other interested parties are requested to take a survey that has been posted online in English and Spanish. The Recreation Council and Berwyn Heights Police are hosting a school supplies drive-.

Green Team: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Green Team is meeting virtually tomorrow and anyone wishing to participate should contact Green Team facilitator Jeff Knutson. Mayor Dewey noted that the Shade Tree Board is celebrating this year's trees of distinction, which are showcased on the Green Team's website berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com as well as on social media. The Green Team also completed the first round of feedback and revisions for its Sustainable Maryland application and participated in the National Night In parade. The Green Team parade car carried a food scraps recycling container to advertise the new food scraps composting program. Lastly, the Green Team is looking into the requirements for becoming a Bee City, USA.

*Historical Committee:* Historical Committee Chair Richard Ahrens gave the report. He said the Committee met virtually on July 22 and decided to continue to meet virtually until further notice. Some activities, such as the oral history program have been halted, but the BHHC's activities can be followed on its Facebook page, YouTube channel and website. The Committee was represented in the National Night In celebration by Lee and Mark Fuerst, who decorated their car with a display of historic homes, as well as Sharmila Bhatia and Debby Steele Snyder. A new slate of officers will be elected at the September meeting. Mr. Ahrens will not run for re-election.

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

**Recreation Council:** Recreation Council President Susan Jones gave the report. She said that the next virtual concert by the American Made Duo will premiere on the Recreation Council's YouTube channel on August 17. They will play a mix of Country, Swing and Rock. Another concert is scheduled for September 17, featuring local artist Mike Hummel. This round of the Recreation Council food drive is about to end, and another round will begin soon thereafter. Food donations and school supply donations can be dropped off at the Police station.

Ms. Jones said the Recreation Council tries to develop ideas for future events in the context of pandemic. A Halloween drive-in movie has been proposed, at which pre-packaged candy might be passed out. Mayor Dewey advised that the Council will discuss the status of the Town's response to the coronavirus at the next worksession, and hopes to come up with some guidance on which events are safe to hold and which events require Council or staff approval. Ms. Jones continued that the Recreation Council also plans to hold a contest for the best Halloween decorated house and a virtual Trivia Night on November 13.

Ms. Jones asked a couple of questions about the food composting program. Mayor Dewey replied that the food scraps collected by the vendor Compost Crew are taken to the Prince George's County yard waste composting facility, with some finished compost returned to the Town. Compostable bags, such as the green produce bags found at MOM's organic market, are okay to use for composting, but no plastic can be placed in the bins.

#### 7. Old Business

There was none.

#### 8. New Business

**Resolution 11-2020 Acceptance of Grants & Donations:** Mayor Dewey explained that currently any purchase

above \$10,000 must be approved by the Council. This Resolution would also require Council approval for any grant or donation the Town receives valued at \$10,000 or above. The reason for instituting this policy is that grants or donated items sometimes have maintenance or life-cycle costs, which should be considered by the Council. Secondly, donations may confer equipment to the Town that are novel or unusual in nature and should therefore be discussed by the Council.

ITM Allen said this Resolution carried over from ITM Broadbent's tenure and was discussed at the July 20 worksession. She has checked other cities' codes for similar policies or examples without much luck, except a provision in the City of Berlin's sustainable purchasing policy. She has only made one change to the Resolution, which adds a definition of novel as "new and not resembling something formerly known or used."

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to adopt the Resolution. CM Brittan Powell seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy proposed to modify the definition to "new and/ or not resembling something formerly known or used." She believes this would cover a situation that came up in a previous Council. CM Sweep sought clarification as to why \$10,000 is set as the threshold. ITM Allen replied that the Town Charter requires Council approval of purchases over that amount. CM Papanikolas sought confirmation that acceptance of novel or unusual equipment is not tied to a dollar value. ITM Allen confirmed it. CM Brittan Powell said an example of novel equipment would be military surplus equipment that was conferred to the Town for free in a previous Council. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the Resolution.

**BHES Funding Request:** Mayor Dewey said the Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) has submitted a \$1,450 education grant request through the Education Advisory Committee to purchase licenses for math software that would be useful for virtual instruction. The funding would come from the Town Council budget education line item. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the recipients of such Town funds should be required to submit an invoice and/ or a report on how the money was spent. ITM Allen advised that the stipulation could be made part of the motion, if there is no policy to that effect.

CM Sweep moved to approve the BHES funding request to purchase the 'Happy Numbers' math instruction software with the stipulation that the school give reports on the use and effectiveness of the program at the end of each semester. CM Brittan Powell seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ITM Allen will confer with Treasurer Rodri-

guez on how education funds were paid out in the past. She plans to follow the same process.

Governor's Service Award Nomination: Mayor Dewey said resident Gerald Shields approached the Council to request that it submit an application on his behalf for the 2020 Governor's Service Award. MPT Kulpa-Eddy so moved. CM Papanikolas seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the Council is open to consider doing the same for other residents who would like to be nominated for an award. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 9. Citizen Discussion

Joan Hayden commented via telephone that it is difficult to follow Council meetings on BHTV or streamed video because the volume is too low and that a trash container at Seminole and 56th Avenue is often too full. She asked if the Town could put a lid on it so that trash is not blown around on a windy day. Mayor Dewey replied she will have ITM Allen discuss the problem with Public Works and see what can be done. She has noticed that other trash cans around Town tend to fill up more quickly, perhaps because more people are out walking now. This topic might be taken up for a full discussion at the next worksession.

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

### Worksession August 17, 2020

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Manager (ITM) Laura Allen, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

### 1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that Pontiac Street remains closed due to a watermain break while WSSC is preparing to make repairs. Absentee ballot applications for the upcoming Presidential election are available now. Everyone who wishes to vote by mail must request an absentee ballot; ballots will not be sent to every eligible voter automatically. Voted ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at designated locations to be announced.

### 2. Discussion Items

**Berwyn Heights emergency declaration update:** Mayor Dewey said this item is on the agenda to clarify what the existing emergency declaration says and what the processes and roles of Town departments and staff during the emergency are.

ITM Allen gave an overview of the current status of the health emergency in Prince George's County. The Governor has loosened restrictions, and left it up to the counties to decide if they want to follow suit. Prince George's Health Officer Dr. Carter advises that the County is at a tipping point, where the coronavirus could either spread more rapidly or continue to decline. The County is therefore implementing an 'ambassador program' to monitor compliance with social distancing and masking regulations with which municipalities are asked to assist. The County is expected to release an updated executive order to respond to the current circumstances soon, and TM Allen is working on providing an updated declaration on how the Town operates in response to COVID-19.

In discussion, the following issues were raised:

- There is confusion clarity about what restrictions are currently in place for holding events, i.e. State, County and/or Town regulations.
- Berwyn Heights needs a plan spelling out who or which entity is responsible for deciding if an event or activity is safe, and a set of criteria to guide that decision.
- Different criteria apply for private events or gatherings as opposed to Town-hosted events.
- Separate approvals may be required if an event is proposed to take place on property that belongs to the County, such as a Park & Planning or PGCPS facility, or a Town facility.
- Town organizations would like to know if they can hold some inperson events that conform to current social distancing rules, for example a drive-in movie night.
- The County continues to discourage events and gatherings that are purely recreational but allows events that perform a social service.
- Recreational events, such as a movie night, might be difficult to control in terms of maintaining proper social distancing, especially if children are involved.
- The Town might be held liable for any new COVID cases if a Town organization holds an in-person event.
- Negative impacts on mental health should be considered along with physical health when continuing to impose restrictions on social gatherings.

Mayor Dewey suggested, as a next step, that ITM Allen and Chief Antolik come up with a definition of what constitutes a 'social event,' illustrated by a list of examples of events compatible with being held

under the auspices of the Town. The Town Manager acting as Emergency Manager would decide which events are acceptable, but generally Berwyn Heights would follow Prince George's County restrictions for private social gatherings, which are currently "limited to one person/family unit per 200 square feet, or a maximum of 50 persons whichever is lower - at all locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers."

Review of Council Rules: Mayor Dewey explained there are two reasons a review of Council Rules is in order: 1) a new Council has been elected; 2) the current agenda process needs clarification and a more formalized timeline. ITM Allen elaborated, currently there is no firm deadline for Councilmembers to submit items to the agenda. This results in background documentation being posted without proper preparation, and insufficient time for the Council and members of the public to familiarize themselves with the background materials. It would be beneficial to leave some time between the deadline for submitting agenda items and deadline for posting the agenda to allow staff to research and pull together the appropriate documentation. She suggested a Friday posting deadline for worksessions and Monday posting deadline for Town meetings to give 'reasonable notice' as required under Maryland law.

In discussion the following points were made:

- Deadline for submitting items to the agenda should 2-3 days prior to the posting deadline;
- Same deadlines would apply to any submissions from citizens;
- Process needs to allow exceptions due to emergencies, which should be marked as such;
- Emergencies or urgent items should be approved by a majority of the Council;
- Items for discussion only might be exempted from deadline, or be discussed under department reports;
- E-newsletter must allow for late breaking items to be added without having been reviewed at a worksession;
- Worksessions should be reserved for discussion/ exploration of topics. No formal actions should be taken, e.g. no voting on motions with exception of emergencies;
- Worksession should have an 'approval of agenda' item, under which changes to the agenda could be made;
- Letters expressing a formal position of the Council regarding legislation

or other matters should be approved by the entire Council after an effort is made to forge agreement.

**Greater Riverdale Cares Partnership**: Mayor Dewey explained she was approached by a local non-profit, Greater Riverdale Cares, to ask for support of their mission. The Group is raising money to pay for meals prepared by restaurants to feed families in need, thus helping both restaurants and their employees and people who need food. The Group would like the Town to 1) publicize their program and 2) recommend any Berwyn Heights restaurants that might be a good fit for participation.

Councilmembers expressed support for the program and sought clarification on the details. Berwyn Heights residents could receive food through the program. The meals are distributed by food pantries, churches and other charitable organizations. Independent restaurants Balkonie, Three Brothers and Miss Mabel's Fried Chicken were recommended for participation. The Council agreed to publicize the program in upcoming newsletters and social media so residents can look into it.

*MML fall conference attendance:* Mayor Dewey, CMs Papanikolas, Brittan Powell and Sweep indicated they plan to attend the fall conference which will be held virtually.

**E-newsletter:** Mayor Dewey thanked MPT Kulpa-Eddy for providing a draft enewsletter for publication on the coming Friday. MPT Kulpa-Eddy listed the topics covered and asked for feedback. The following changes were approved: updating Homeowners Tax Credit application information to add Berwyn Heights' Tax Credit, adding absentee voting information, clarifying learning pod information, and updating the article on ITM Allen.

### 3. Minutes

There were none.

### 4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reported Pontiac Street is still closed and asked residents to be patient. BHPD is reminding residents to abide by all social distancing rules.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced upcoming hearings on the I-495 Managed Lanes Study and ongoing BHES kindergarten signups. She requested that information about the BHEAC's learning pod survey be posted on social media and asked about the process for social media posting. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Councilmembers forward any items for social media publication to Clerk Harper, copying ITM Allen. Further, the Low Impact Development Center has completed its survey on Pop's Park improvements and requests a meeting with the Council.

CM Brittan Powell said the Code Department received a complaint about a fine. CM Sweep reported that Public Works is operating normally. Residents are requested to eliminate standing water in their yards to keep mosquitos in check.

### 5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule. The second worksession in September was moved from September 21 to 14.

6. Citizen Comments

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk





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Also a Big Thank You !! to all the 1st responders and essential workers, I am so thankful and have so much gratitude for all that you do!

\*TEXT Me\* If you need hand sanitizer or pack of 10 masks, please reach out. Text me and I'll drop off at your front door.

I hope you and your families are well and safe. Enjoy getting out and about a little more. Enjoy the end of summer, with friends and family! Remember if you want to buy or sell call/text or email me for info. The market is fantastic for both buyers and sellers!

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# **Berwyn Heights Seniors Club**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

October 1	Aruna Nadasen
October 1	Nick Mydra
October 2	Tom Colihan
October 2	Kevin Young
October 3	Ed Burton
October 6	Arnie Reznek
October 12	Anita Patel
October 17	Sandra Price
October 17	Lorraine Wilson
October 19	Meg Miller
October 27	Каусее МсСоу

### **OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**

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

"After all is said and done, More is said than done."

Aesop





# **HC** Historical Committee

# SPORTLAND IN THE NEWS

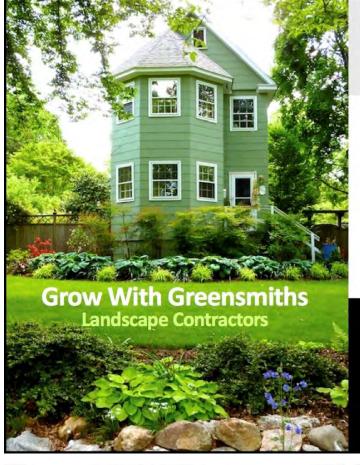
The oldest house in Berwyn Heights (built ca 1790) made news when it went on the market in August. The open house attracted a slew of visitors, including several BHHC members and a former owner, Pat Brown. The house underwent substantial renovation in 2015 after it was purchased by an investor who turned it into a student rental. But underneath the new floors and wallboard the original fireplaces and pine planks still exist. The BHHC hopes the house will be bought someone, who will give it some love and restore some of its unique historic features. For more information visit <u>www.berwynheightshistory.com</u>.

### NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL) - OCTOBER 28, 2020 | 7:30 PM

To participate, please contact Sharmila Bhatia at sharmila bhatia88@hotmail.com All other inquiries to <u>dicka247@gmail.com</u> Visit our Facebook Page <u>www.facebook.com/BHhistory/</u>



Pat Brown takes photo of former home



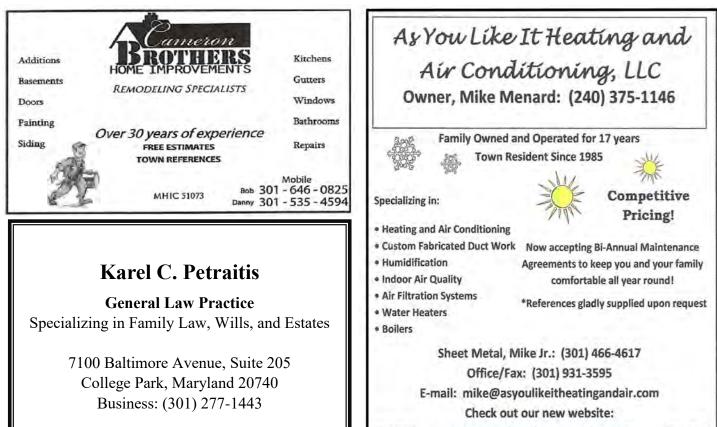
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# **Berwyn Heights GreenBee**

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Join us at our ZOOM meeting Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m.

### COMPOSTING IN CREW BERWYN HEIGHTS

Need container ideas for collecting your compost? The best containers have lids!

- Large plastic container
- Ice cream bucket
- Yogurt container
- Bucket
- Drywall container
- Pretzel container



- During warm weather, freeze food scraps until pickup day to combat odor.
- Clean out your fridge, freezer, and cupboards of old and expired food before heading to the compost bins.
- Keep your bucket outside in a shady, wellventilated area.
- Place a brick on top of your bucket to keep the critters out.
- To keep away pests, rub the inside of your bucket with vinegar, or sprinkle rock salt, baking soda, or lime in the bucket.

LOCATION: Our community Town bins are available for you behind the Town Office in the back-parking lot at 5700 Berwyn Rd.

# BH Elementary School Garden Clean-up!

Volunteers are needed to help beautiful our school grounds and are asking for <u>adults (only)</u> to help them. Masks required.

OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign-up requested: https://bit.ly/2ZMo6nu Contact: Kathy Smith (443) 494-8311

## BEE CITY USA IN BERWYN HEIGHTS

Help us by working together to make a difference in reversing the threat currently facing native pollinators around the world!

Berwyn Heights would like to join cities across America by becoming a certified Bee City USA affiliate. We can only do this with **YOUR help**! We are in the process of collecting volunteers so Berwyn Height Green Team can create a sub-committee with residents interested in helping the pollinators. People who may have some expertise in the field is always a bonus! Families welcome!



Interested in joining the BH Bee City USA sub-committee? Please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com

To learn more about Bee City USA, go to beecityusa.org

\*\*Want to volunteer at any events? Please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com\*\*

# BUSQUEDA DE ADMINISTRADOR DEL PUEBLO

Envíe sus comentarios completos en el cuestionario abajo. Cuando termine el formulario completo ponlo adentro un sobre sellado y devuélvalo a la Oficina Municipal en 5700 Berwyn Road antes del 7 de octubre a las 5 pm. Déjelo caer en el buzón de correo al frente de la oficina. Alternativamente, envíe el formulario en línea en <u>bit.ly/BHadministradormunicipal.</u>

# **Comparta qué cualidades cree que son más importantes en el próximo Administrador de la ciudad.** (Su respuesta)

### ¿Cuáles de las siguientes cualidades de Administrador son importantes para ti? (Seleccione hasta 3)

- □ Experiencia en administración de pueblos o ciudades
- □ Experiencia en gobernanza local o asuntos públicos
- □ Habilidades de liderazgo
- □ Habilidades de administración
- □ Habilidades de gestión
- □ Habilidades de comunicación
- □ Título de posgrado en un campo relevante
- □ Experiencia en Maryland
- □ Habilidades de español u otros idiomas
- □ Conocimiento de la administración pública
- □ Conocimiento de obras públicas
- □ Conocimiento de la seguridad pública
- □ Conocimiento de presupuesto / finanzas
- □ Experiencia práctica con problemas de gobernanza urbana
- □ Estilo de trabajo colaborativo
- □ Receptividad a la dirección del Ayuntamiento
- □ Apertura a las aportaciones del Ayuntamiento y los residentes.
- □ Integridad
- □ Jugador de equipo
- □ Habilidades creativas de resolución de problemas.
- □ Comodidad con equilibrio entre innovación y continuidad
- □ Habilidades para escribir y hablar en público
- □ Capacidad para ser un agente de cambio eficaz

# BERWYN HEIGHTS TOWN MANAGER SEARCH

Please provide your feedback by filling out the questionnaire below. Place the completed form into a sealed envelope and return it to the Town Office at 5700 Berwyn Road by October 7, 5 pm. Drop it into the mail slot of the front door. Alternatively, submit the form online at <u>bit.ly/BHtownmanager</u>.

### Please share what qualities you think are most important in the next Town Manager.

(Your Answer)

### Which of the following Town Manager qualities are important to you? (Select up to 3)

- □ Experience in town or city management
- □ Experience in local governance or public affairs
- □ Leadership skills
- □ Management skills
- □ Administrative skills
- □ Communication skills
- □ Graduate degree in a relevant field
- □ Experience in Maryland
- □ Spanish or other language skills
- □ Knowledge of public administration
- □ Knowledge of public works
- □ Knowledge of public safety
- □ Knowledge of budget/finance
- □ Practical experience with urban governance issues
- □ Collaborative work style
- □ Receptiveness to direction from the Town Council
- □ Openness to input from Council and residents
- □ Integrity
- □ Team player
- □ Creative problem-solving skills
- □ Comfort with balancing innovation and continuity
- □ Writing and public speaking skills
- □ Ability to be an effective change agent



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# Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

# October Fun:

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**InstaCostume Contest!** All dressed up (for Halloween) and nowhere to go? Enter our virtual Halloween costume contest! Prizes for best kid's costume, best adult costume, and for best family/group costume. To enter, Post photo to Instagram

tagging @townofberwynheightsmd with #berwynheightshalloween



# Coming in November...



# **LET'S PLAY VIRTUAL TRIVIA! Friday 11/13 at 7:00 PM** The Rec Council is hosting a Team Trivia game using a virtual format. Each team can consist of up to six devices (e.g., laptop, smartphone, tablet), and while one person (+ device) should be a Berwyn Heights

resident, the rest can be from anywhere! That's right—your friend in Virginia, your in-laws in California, and your cousin in Australia can all play...

though it might be early the next morning for someone Down Under! How It Works: Games have a main room with a host who will explain the rules, present questions to all Teams via screen slides, and sort teams into

private breakout rooms to discuss answers. The captain of each Team then submits answers to the host, who keeps score.

You'll have to provide your own refreshments, and there will be no prizes... But you'll be able to hang out with your socially-distant friends for a couple of hours, enjoy some good music and play against others for bragging rights.

# Create your Team, collect their email addresses, and contact Jodie Kulpa-Eddy at: jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov for more information.

Until the Rec Council can safely resume in-person meetings (normally the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm) we are conducting our business via email. If you would like to be added to our email list, or to make a suggestion, please email **violindreams@verizon.net** 



### Friday, July 31, 2020 at 1:48 pm, 'THEFT'

On 7/31/2020 at 1348 hours, OFC. Scales responded to T-Mobile retail store, located at 8904 62nd Avenue for a report of a theft (shoplifting). Upon his arrival, he met with store manager Edwin Cruz, who advised that 2 black males, entered the store and stole 2 cell phones. Cruz directed the officer to the video surveillance system, where the theft was captured. On the screen the officer observed the first unknown suspect, a black male wearing a white hoodie (hood up), light blue jean shorts, white shoes, and a white in color face cover mask. The second unknown suspect could be seen wearing a black hoodie with the letters U.S.A in blue, black pants, and a red Washington Nationals hat. The unknown suspects approached the Samsung phone stand and could be seen using a specialty tool, to release the phone retention wire from the apparatus it sits on. The suspects took the phones and fled on foot in an unknown direction. The 2 phones have a total approximate value of \$2,100. Both phone serial numbers were obtained. Cruz, was issued a case number, and was advised of his further options

### Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 5:00 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On Tuesday 8/4/2020 Cpl. Ignowski responded to a call for service for a theft report in the 8600 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. Victim reported that during a rainstorm at approximately 5:00 am, someone entered his pickup truck that was parked unattended and stole tools from the interior, including an air compressor, three Makia electric hand saws, two Ryobi hand drills with batteries attached, one DeWalt electric concrete mixer drill with bit, one DeWalt tile cutter, and one Echo leaf blower. The left rear cab window was shattered and glass was in the street.

# Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 1:00 am, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'

On Wednesday 8/5/2020 at 7:14 am. victim called County Communications to report a theft in the area of 5900 block of Berwyn Rd. Victim discovered that someone had entered 3 of his motor vehicles, 2 in his residential driveway in and 1 on the street in front of his home. The thief damaged two of the vehicles during forced entry. The contents of the glove compartments and center front seat consoles were removed and dumped on the seats and floors of all three vehicles. Victim reported that on 8/5/2020 at 1:00 am, he heard a motor vehicle with loud exhaust in front of his home. He looked out of his front window but did not see anything. The truck was stacked full of power and hand tools but none were taken. The dashboard glove compartment was open. Officer inspected a black color 2015 GMC Acadia SUV with Maryland tags 5EB2823 parked in the residential driveway facing the street. The dashboard glove compartment and center console were open. Contents were strewn across both front seats and the floor. The owner reported that the left front door sill paint was scratched to metal inside of the top of the driver's door window frame during forced entry. Officer inspected a blue color 2006 Nissan Xterra SUV with Maryland tags 5DH2823 parked on the north side of Berwyn Road facing west. The dashboard glove compartment and center console were open. Contents were strewn across both front seats and the floor. Victim reported that the right front passenger door sill paint was scratched to metal inside of the top of the door's window frame during forced entry.

### Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 3:09 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On Thursday 8/6/2020, victim reported a theft in the 8700 block of Edmonston Road. Victim reported that on Tuesday 8/4/2020 at 2:00 am. someone broke into his 2019 Ford F-250 pickup truck parked unattended in the residential driveway of his home by breaking the right rear window. The suspect stole a Ryobi brand battery charger pack truck and six power tool batteries. At the scene, officer noted the truck was parked in the driveway facing the street. Broken window glass was found on the ground at the point of entry.

# Friday, August 7, 2020 at 6:45 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'

A witness contacted BHPD to report suspicious activity in the 6000 block of Pontiac St.. Witness was walking with her kids when someone yelled from a car "you should get in". The witness continued home to report the incident and described the vehicle. It was found that PFC Rufino had made a routine traffic stop on the vehicle minutes before the incident. The subject was a 42 Y/O, H/W/M operating a white 2005 GMC TK. He was issued a warning for failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to display registration card. The incident was documented on the report should any other incidents of this type warrant further investigation.

#### Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 1:40 pm, 'THEFT'

On 08/08/2020 at 1340 hours, PVT.

Scales responded to Greenbelt Shell Station located at 5550 Greenbelt Road for a theft (shoplifting). Upon Officer's arrival, he met with Mr. Mohammed Kosoko who advised that 2 black males stole a case of lottery tickets. Kosoko described the 2 males as wearing all black and colored face mask. The unknown suspects had purchased candy and left. Then one of the suspects reentered the store and grabbed the case of lottery tickets, which sat on the front counter. The suspects fled in a white in colored Hyundai towards Ballew Avenue.

# Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm, 'DEATH INVESTIGATION'

Cpl. Hollowell, and Cpl. Ignowski were dispatched to the 8600 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a death. On scene, they met with EMT. Ambulance, and Greenbelt Fire. EMT explained the decedent, an elderly white male, was found lying on the floor face down in the living room. The decedent had been pronounced dead at 15:15 hrs, on 8/12/2020. During a preliminary interview, a friend of the decedent who has a key to the house, said he came to check on the beehives in the back yard and didn't find anything unusual. A perimeter check of the house showed no signs of forced entry. There is currently no indication of foul play. The decedent was under the care of his doctor and was prescribed medications. He had suffered a heart attack several years ago. The decedents body was transported to OCME-Baltimore for an autopsy.

# Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 10:35 pm, 'ASSAULT'

On 8/16/2020 at 22:52 hrs., BHPD was dispatched to the 5900 block of Natasha Dr. for a report of a domestic incident with a weapon. On scene, a BHPD officer recognized the participants as he responded to their home numerous times over the years. Since the dispatch indicated a weapon was involved, the suspect was handcuffed until the scene was secured and the victim checked for injuries. The victim reports that he had an altercation with his son. Officer observed a bump on the victim's arm. The victim's other son reported that the altercation did not involve a weapon (knife). He said his brother had struggled with his father upon returning home intoxicated. The suspect was released and sent on his way. He said he will stay with his mother where he sometimes lives. The victim was advised to obtain a summons\ warrant. The victim refused treatment from responding fire department personnel.

### Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm, 'BHPD CHAPLAIN SWEAR-IN'

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Pvt. Scales was sworn in by Chaplain Lt. Earl Ivey of the Fairmont Heights Police Department as the first Police Chaplain of the BHPD. Chaplain Scales is dedicated to his faith and BHPD appreciates his service to assist in a variety of needs. The Chaplaincy service includes notifying family members of deaths and responding to critical incidents for the department. The Chaplaincy helps facilitate the department's psychological resiliency efforts, supporting officers and their families as they face the unique challenges of the profession. Chaplains also work as a liaison between the department and the community. We are proud to now have our very own chaplaincy program for the BHPD.

### Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 8:42 am, 'WELFARE CHECK'

On 08/25/2020 at 08:47 hours, Cpl. Krouse and Pvt. Scales responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a welfare check. Prince George's County Police Communications advised officers that a neighbor had heard a voice screaming for help from this location. On scene, the officers observed an elderly white male lying on the floor of his living room in a supine position. The senior communicated with officers through an open window that he was "relaxing, laying back". All door access points of the above listed location were locked. When Berwyn Heights EMS personnel arrived on scene they advised they had responded to this location on 8/24/2020 four separate times. They also advised that the subject did not want to go to the hospital.

EMS personnel was able to gain access through the front window. As officers entered, the senior was still in the same position and had dried up blood on both wrists and forearms. He was able to communicate with officers but was in denial that he was debilitated. Fearing that the senior would continue to spiral down, Officers and EMS agreed to transfer him to Doctors Hospital for observation.

Pfc. Rufino previously made attempts to connect the senior with the services he needs, as he is no longer capable of living by himself. If proper actions are not taken, the senior's condition is likely to worsen and may result in death. The Prince George's Department of Aging and Social Service were notified.

### Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 'MVA REG-ISTRATION SCHEME'

The BHPD concluded an investigation that begun on 03/12/2020 with the identification and apprehension of a Hyattsville man who used a motor vehicle in Berwyn Heights in a scheme of using out of state tags. The registration scheme had been ongoing for over three years. The registration was flagged by MVA for no insurance five times and had suspended registration in 2017. The case is pending before the District Court.

### Friday, August 28, 2020 at 6:30 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 8/28/2020 at approximately 6:55 AM Pfc. Rufino responded to a theft from an auto in the 8700 block of 60th Ave. Upon arrival, she met with the victim who stated that she had parked her Dogde outside of her residence at the above location at approximately 9:30 PM on 8/27/2020. She forgot the rear windows of her vehicle was open. The next morning, she discovered her vehicle ransacked with many of her property missing. Officer advised her to notify her credit card company and bank of the stolen cards. The victim will update BHPD of any ping/ location of her Mac Pro and attempts to charge her credit cards.

### Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 12:53 pm, 'DISORDERLY'

On 8/29/2020 officer Rufino was dispatched at approximately 12:53 PM for a disorderly subject located at McDonald's 6219 Greenbelt Rd. Upon arrival, she met with the shift manager who stated that a female customer who regularly acts in a disorderly manner when frequenting the restaurant, had just passed through the drive thru displaying erratic and violent behavior. The shift manager showed the officer video of the customer throwing a Frappuccino drink at employees at the drive thru window and rubbing it on the window/ camera. While the officer was reviewing the video footage the customer returned to the drive thru yelling aggressively at the employees. The officer directed the subject to exit the drive through. The driver pulled into a parking space, exited the vehicle and, acting in an agitated, and belligerent manner, refused to provide the officer with a driver's license or any form of identification. Ignoring the officer's directions, she then walked back inside the Mc Donald's and continued insulting the employees, using vulgar language, and yelling black lives matter. She then left the premise. Prince George's Police arrived on scene and assisted BHPD in obtaining a Maryland ID. An inquiry with MVA determined that the subject's driver license was suspended since 02/12/2018 per order of the Medical Advisory Board McDonald's management advised the subject not to trespass on the property again. The subject was further advised that citations would be mailed to her current address. Subject's father and uncle arrived on scene and took her home. The vehicle was impounded and impound notification was sent to

owner of the vehicle.

### Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 2:45 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

On 08/30/2020 at approximately 2:27 PM, Pfc. Rufino responded to a call in 7600 block of Marietta Lane. Upon arrival, she met with the victim who stated that he parked his vehicle on the corner of Marietta and Bucknell. At approximately 2:30 PM on that day, he noticed that the right side of his Toyota Camry was damaged and the right passenger mirror destroyed. Victim stated he believes that a landscaping company that working at a neighboring property damaged his vehicle.

### Monday, August 31, 2020 at 2:35 pm, 'IDENTITY THEFT'

On 08/31/2020 at approximately 2:35 PM, victim walked into to the BHPD Police Station and stated that she was a victim of identity theft. Victim stated that she received in the mail Chase bank cards to two bank accounts she never opened. One account was a saving's account and another was an atm/ checking account. Victim called Chase Bank and they stated that both accounts were opened on-line using her social security number. The bank advised the victim to contact the police to make a report. As far as the victim knows she hasn't suffered any loss.

### Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 00 | Assault = 01 | Burglary = 01 | Larceny/Theft = 06 | Stolen Auto = 00

JULY	CITATIONS
STATE	41
TOWN	167
WARNINGS	26
SERO	00
TOTAL	234



### For Emergencies

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

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



Hello Berwyn Heights families,

The BH EAC has gathered together some resources for families who are interested in forming learning pods for this school year. We are unable to manage this project, and learning pods are not endorsed by the town council, but we would like to share this information so that Berwyn Heights families are informed as they start this process.

Nolo is a site which provides basic legal information & has a section dedicated to Learning Pods: <u>www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/how-to-form-a-coronavirus-school-pod-legal-and-practical-considerations.html</u>

When meeting with other families it is good to understand each individual's risk level & ways to maintain safety. Here is the PG County link to resources as well as the CDC Covid-19 site PG County Covid-19 resource page: <a href="https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3419/Resources">www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3419/Resources</a> CDC Covid-19 site: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/index.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/index.html</a>

There is also a site called "Join my Pod" where you can set-up your own profile and search by zip code for families who are interested in meeting other families to create a learning pod. Here is their site: <u>https://joinmypod.org/</u>

The police chief has graciously agreed to run sex-offender background checks for those community members who request it. They will have to sign a disclaimer form prior to the check, but once signed the scan will be done by this department. Please contact the Berwyn Heights Police Department at 301-474-6554.

You will be forming these types of learning arrangements at your own risk, but if you still wish to move forward with this type of arrangement we hope that these resources will help you navigate the group's concerns and mitigate any possible risks.

The BH EAC wishes all of you well during this time and hopes all of our children continue to flourish & grow during this new school year.

## Next Virtual Meeting - October 26th at 7pm.

Please contact <u>thebheac@gmail.com</u> if you want the link to the meeting.

## Próximo Reunión Virtual - Lunes 26 de Octubre

Póngase en contacto con: thebheac@gmail.com si desea unirse a la reunión virtual,

O si está interesado en 'Learning Pods'. Un "Learning Pod" es un grupo de aprendizaje en persona, creado y organizado por los padres. Está destinado a apoyar la escolarización virtual para niños de múltiples familias, y sería dirigido por padres y / o tutores.

# **Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA**

Dear parents,

During this unusual year, the PTA will not be holding our typical events. However, we wish to find ways to support BHES parents, teachers, students, and the overall school community. Keep in touch and let us know if you have ideas for the PTA or if you need support from other parents.

Email: president@bhespta.org

Text and email messages: <u>www.remind.com/join/bhespta/</u> Facebook: Berwyn Heights ES PTA

The school has a new community liaison and it is a fellow BHES parent, our own Kristen Buker! You can contact her at kristen.buker@pgcps.org. She is a great resource for parents.



# Help the school while you shop from home!

From <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, select **Berwyn Heights Elem** as your charity. Then, start your shopping sessions from smile whenever you shop.



# Free meals for students

All PGCPS students can pick up meals at Berwyn Heights Elementary every week on Monday and Wednesday from 10-1.



# BHES Engagement Assistant

Greetings BHES Families,

I am Kristin Buker and I am returning to Berwyn Heights Elementary School in the new role of **Parent Engagement Assistant**. I will be responsible for supporting the initiatives of the Principal and the Department of Family and School Partnerships for the 2020-2021 school year.

I would like to share a little about me and my family. I have lived in Berwyn Heights for 30 years. My 2 oldest daughters attended Berwyn Heights Elementary School and are now in high school and college. This year I will have one daughter in 6th grade and one in Kindergarten. I have been active in our community for many years and received the Berwyn Heights Citizen of the Year award and the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club Woman of the Year award. I have served as Recreation Council Co-chair, Boys & Girls Club coach and a commissioner and PTA President and Vice President. In professional life, I have held my real estate license since 2003 and am currently a student at Prince George's Community College.

My new responsibilities will include connecting parents with resources at the school and in the community. This is not limited to school-related activities. I will be working in the school building on some days and in the field on others. If there is something that your family is in need of please reach out to me so that I may assist you.

Kristen Buker Email: <u>kristen.buker@pgcps.org</u>

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- Patty Galati and Karen Jung





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# **Recent Working Incidents**

<u>Sept 9th-</u> Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to the 8300Blk of 20th Ave in Adelphi for a working House Fire. The Truck crew assisted in checking for extension and overhaul as well as conducting roof operations.

### Sept 13th: Lake Artemisia Water Rescue & Recovery-

At 11 PM, Rescue Squad 14, Ambulance 14, and Utility 14 were alerted to Lake Artemisia for a possible water rescue in progress. Once arriving at the gate, the dispatcher advised the callers were at the tall gazebo in the lake's center. The larger Rescue Squad & Ambulance staged at the bathroom area and rescue tools, equipment, and personnel loaded onto the smaller BHVFD utility truck for transportation to the scene. BHVFD and Park Police made contact with the callers, who advised their friend jumped into the lake at appx. 9:45 PM, and they had not seen

him since. BHVFD's 3 volunteer water rescue technicians suited up. Simultaneously, other crews scoured the banks and set up portable lights to illuminate the search area. BHVFD's Rescue Squad 14B also arrived with extra equipment and volunteers. PG Police's helicopter based out of the adjourning College Park airport utilized its spotlight and infrared cameras to search. BHVFD and PGFD water rescue techs from PGFD Station 6 began a search via boat. The Anne Arundel Fire Dive Team was also requested, and



utilized sonar and divers to finally locate the adult male. Unfortunately, he was declared deceased on the scene. Approximately 25 personnel from Berwyn Heights VFD, PGFD, College Park VFD, and AAFD operated for more than three hours. **Reminder:** There is NO SWIMMING, or BOATING allowed on Lake Artemisia at any time, and the lake closes at dusk. The identity of the deceased or the circumstances surrounding this incident are being handled by Prince George's County Police.

# Fire Prevention Month/Week 2020 NEPA



The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 4th - 10th) is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family has a plan and is ready for the unexpected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States. During this month, fire departments provide education to their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire safety and whole home safety.

The NFPA's 2020 campaign is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen."



• Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving is the leading day for fires involving cooking equipment.

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the
- Always keep and hearby when cooking, it a small lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop. Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.



### **Annual Fund Drive**



Keep an eye out for the Berwyn Heights VFD's Annual Fund Drive mailer packet! 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 October. Just a reminder: BHVFD does NOT go door-to-door any-

more or solicit by phone. Thank you in advance for your generous support!!!

You can also donate online at www.BHVFD14.org

# **BULLETIN BOARD**

Adult Education - Zoom ESL Classes

English for Speakers of Other Languages • (ESL) Literacy, beginning, & intermediate English classes • Instruction & practice in speaking & understanding English • Instruction in reading, writing & grammar in real life contexts • GED Prep & US Citizenship Test Prep. Contact Kathy Brosh kathybrosh@ gmail.com or 301-310-3809

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.

Approved Childcare of Essential Personnel Opening for infant to 12 years old. Licensed and approved by the State to provide childcare during COVID-19. Meals provided. Openings Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939 or karunaemeldarozario@outlook.com.

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

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

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 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.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 240-601-1298.

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

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

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

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

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

New Home Brewing Club – Calling all homebrewers and mead makers in

Berwyn Heights to help inaugurate a home brewing club. Let's get together to brew, taste, and exchange ideas. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert. Just send me an email and let's get brewing. Contact:

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# **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**NO MEETING** until further notice

CHAIR: Mike Attick, Tel. 301-335-1633

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# **Preparedness Training for Community-Based Organizations**

Are you the owner of a small business? Do you operate a volunteer organization or nonprofit that provides essential services to your community? Do you have a plan in place to continue working should a disaster affect your operations? FEMA recently released a new preparedness training to help Community Based Organizations (CBOs) be better prepared for disasters: Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN). Please consider taking this new and engaging course and watch this video to learn more.

**OPEN** training will help you:

- Learn 10 actions you can take to keep your organization operating in the event of a disaster; •
- Create a path forward to develop a disaster response plan; •
- Ensure the safety of workers and individuals; and •
- Stay strong in the face of all emergencies, including a pandemic.

The **OPEN** training offers individual and group learning. It includes a web-based, self-guided training as well as an instructor kit available for download. These tools guide participants on how to identify risks, locate resources, and take preparedness actions. With the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting our communities, the training includes information that will help organizations navigate this and future pandemics. Ensure you remain "OPEN" for business after an emergency occurs. Please visit www.ready.gov/open-training.

### **Non-Profit Connection**

Prince George's County has compiled a list of resources to help non-profit organizations recover from the coronavirus pandemic, including the Maryland Nonprofits Association, the Greater Washington Community Foundation and Faith-based Organizations.

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### N HEIGHTS SHADET Fall is a great time to plant trees, so consider planting a native tree in your vard in the coming months. Maryland offers \$25 coupons toward the purchase of a new tree. For details please visit https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/ MarylandersPlantTrees/Introduction.aspx Π Mature shade trees save energy, provide habitat for wildlife, clean air, and improve property values! https://www.arborday.org/trees/ 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! Π Next meeting: October 8, 2020, 7:00 pm, Virtual Meeting Contact: Amanda Dewey, adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov

# **CODE COMPLIANCE**

# **CoVID-19 Operations**

Please note, the Code Compliance Department continues to operate with modified procedures in response to the CoVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

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

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

# **Appliance & Tire Pickup Service**

The Public Works Department removes old refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, AC units as well as tires. To arrange for a pickup please submit an application and payment of \$25.00 per appliance, or \$5.00 per tire.



The application can be downloaded from the Town website at <u>https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-</u> <u>works-department</u>. The completed application should be mailed to the Town of Berwyn Heights, or dropped into the mail slot of the Town Hall located at 5700 Berwyn Road. We will contact you about a pickup date once we receive the application with payment.

# COMMUNITY Organizations

### **BH Elementary School PTA**

President: Marilyn King <u>President@BHESPTA.org</u> Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club President: Brandon Batton bhbgc@gmail.com

Vice President: vacant Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas 240-338-5191 Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga Secretary: Jianmei Zhu Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov Soccer Commissioner: Vacant Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

Education Advisory Committee Contact: Joanna Whitaker thebheac@gmail.com.

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board Facilitaor: Jeffrey Knutson jbknutson@verizon.net

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes <u>therese@celticclans.com</u>

Historical Committee Chair: Richard Ahrens dicka247@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club Jonathan Loutsch bhmovieclub@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT Chair Michael Attick mikeattick@verizon.net

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 <u>violindreams@verizon.net</u> Secretary: Theresa Beck beck theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club Ray Smith 301-474-3482



# **OCTOBER 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30 😒	1	2	3
4	5 TANK	6	7 🐼	8 VIRTUAL 7:00 PM Green Team Mtg.	9	10
11	12 COLUMBUS DAY Town Offices Closed	13	14 VIRTUAL 7:00 PM Town Meeting	15 🌩	16	17
18	19 TANK	20	21 🐼	22 VIRTUAL 7:30 pm BHHC Meeting	23	24
25	26 MARTUAL 7:00 PM BHEAC Meeting	27	28 VIRTUAL 7:30 pm BHHC Meeting	29 VIRTUAL 7:30 pm Four Cities Mtg.	30	31



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Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection



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Police Administrative Office         (301) 474-6554           Code Compliance Department         (301) 513-9331	Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345 1516 <u>jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov Public Works Department	Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 <u>cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Councilmember — Code Compliance
Circe Department         (301) 474-7886           Senior Center         (301) 474-0018	Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov Councilmember — Administration
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Regular Trash Collection Schedule	Town Helpline Watch Council Meetings
orth of Pontiac Mondays & Thursdays outh of Pontiac Tuesdays & Thursdays	Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting
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ecycling Schedule: /ednesdays for the entire Town	Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly and in confidence.       3rd most recent mtg: Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email <u>kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: <u>yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month