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## Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

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](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta nuevo aviso;
- Servicio notarial de emergencia realizado por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd. Llame al 301-474-6554 para preguntar.
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS a 5700 Berwyn

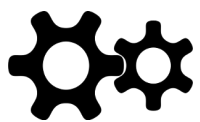
## CoVID-19 Town Government Operations

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 continue to provide services in person in a safe manner.

- 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 [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Rental inspections suspended until further notice.
- Emergency notary service performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd. Call 301-474-6554 to inquire.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Check Town website for the latest updates

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Happy Fall & a few reminders:

The street sweeper will be in town on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area. They will not be here again until Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Greenbelt will be collecting your electronic recycling again Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm. Accepted items include CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires & power cords, fax machines, cameras, flat-screen televisions, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. Also, block Styrofoam #6. Paint recycling – cost \$5 per container. DO NOT MIX PAINT in other containers. For info call 240-542-2153.

This link may be very helpful when you have questions or concerns about Public Works, such as trash days for your neighborhood, what we pick up, etc.:

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>

## The Town Public Right of Way

### What is the Right of Way?

The Public Right of Way is property dedicated to the Town, through easement, for public infrastructure such as public roadways, streets, alleys, bridges, bicycle lanes, and public sidewalks. Land areas of the public Right of Way are acquired by or deeded to the Town for public uses such as:

#### Transportation and Travel

Ingress and Egress- Entering and existing a property (E.g., driveway aprons)

Utility Easements- Areas of property dedicated for utility companies to deliver and maintain services such as water, gas, sanitary sewer, cable, and electricity. Commonly, at the front of the residential property

### Where is the Right of Way?

The Right of Way, in general, is where the streets, sidewalk, utilities, and other public facilities are located. The width of Right of Way can vary depending on the type of road and when it was built, but a good rule of thumb is that the Right of Way spans about 40 feet wide, 20 feet on both sides of the roadway- Measuring from the center of the roadway outward toward residential properties. About 10 feet beyond the street curb, toward the residential property. Indicators of the Right of Way are existing utilities such as powerlines, telephone poles, and cable boxes or poles. The Right of Way would include at least the area between these utility structures and the street. There can be utility easements along rear lot lines and side yards as well.

The most accurate way to determine where the Right of Way is in relation to your property is to have your property surveyed. While surveying can be costly, it is important to know the boundaries of the Right of Way and your property lines when making important decisions about your home; Particularly when deciding on improvements that cost money or require significant work.

Plats of subdivisions and other instruments recorded with the Land Records Department of Prince George's County can also be used to identify the Right of Way. A register of deeds has recorded easements and plats that refer to ease-

ments. Easements should be revealed as well during the closing of a home purchase when a title search is conducted, and on the home's plot plan. For information on County Land Records, contact the PGC Land Records Division at 301-780-2253 or email the Land Records Clerk at [landrecordsclerk@mdcourts.gov](mailto:landrecordsclerk@mdcourts.gov).

### Who is responsible for the Right of Way?

The Town's streets, roads, and utilities are maintained by the Town, Prince George's County, and utilities companies designated by those entities and the State of Maryland.

For the strip of land abutting residences that is the Right of Way and Utility Easement, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the area by cutting the grass, doing minor landscaping, and removal of snow and ice to prevent safety hazards during the winter months.

As the Town and designated utility companies have the right to enter the Right of Way for maintenance and emergencies, it is important that homeowners and residents understand that the Right of Way should be left unobstructed and free of any permanent structures such as sheds, swings sets, and permanent landscaping fixtures. Any shrubs, grass, or flowers that may need replacement after the Town has entered the Right of Way for maintenance should be replaced at the owner's expense. Homeowners cannot prevent a utility from accessing the Right of Way to perform work. However, we encourage utility providers to notify residents of scheduled work and the Town requires that a Right of Way permit is obtained (emergencies may be excluded) prior to the start of a project.

### Right of Way Permit Needed

Per Town Ordinance 118 Roads and Public Right of Ways, a permit is required to undertake any work in or occupy the Town Right of Way. This applies for both residential and commercial occupancy.

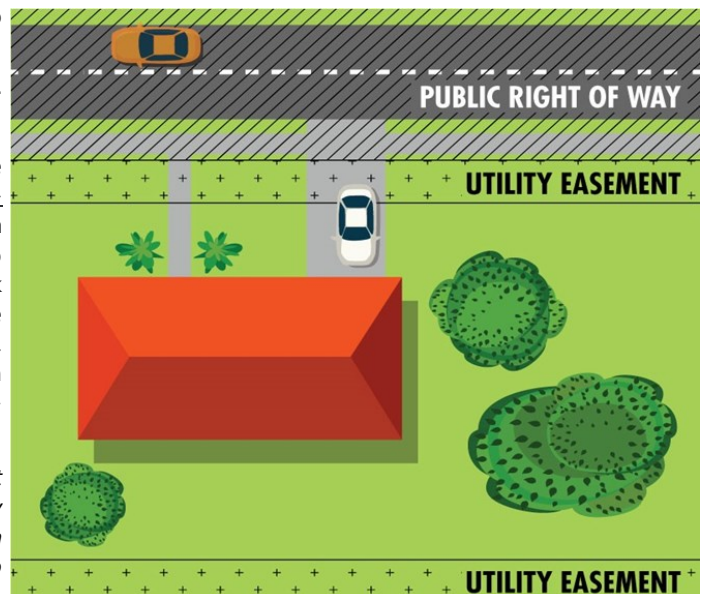
*A. Road and Street Work and Utility Permit – No person shall undertake to do*

*any work in any road or street, or do any work on any public property within the corporate limits of the Town, or upon, in, or within the Town public right-of-way or any part thereof, whether acquired by dedication or public use, without first obtaining a permit from the Town.*

Residential Right of Way Permits are needed for construction or replacement of a driveway apron and for the installation, repair, or replacement of utilities at the owner's request. You may apply for a Permit through the Code Compliance Department. Permit application and fees can be found on the Town Website under Code Compliance, or you may contact our office at 301-513-9331 or [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov) for more information.

An application for Right of Way Permit should be submitted at least 30 days prior to your desired construction start date. The application must clearly define the work to be done in the Town Right of Way, include construction plans, and the estimated construction value of the proposed project. Permit must be issued to the homeowner prior to the start of construction to avoid violations, fines, and late permit fees.

If you have further questions regarding the Town's Right of Way or questions about Permitting. Please contact the Code Compliance Department.





## 2021 BERWYN HEIGHTS MEN'S LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

**Who:** Any resident of 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays are open for anybody over 17 years old.

**When:** Sign-up dates are October 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28,  
From 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Where:** 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

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

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

**League Play:** League play is on Sundays between 3-7 p.m. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 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 Minutes

August 2, 2021 | 7:00 pm

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

### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen.

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey reported that there was an executive session immediately prior to the open session during which they discussed a personnel matter, a real property matter, and sought advice of counsel. There were no other announcements.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Discussion Items

#### Tree Planting Rebate Program

TM Allen presented a staff report and draft program that would institute a rebate of up to \$150 for trees planted by residents on their property. This program would be a change from previous year(s) where Town Staff purchased and planted the trees requested. In the draft program, residents would work with the Public Works Director to determine appropriate placement and ultimately the Public Works Director or designee would review the planting and sign off on the reimbursement request when all elements of the program have been met by the homeowner. This would take approximately 2-4 weeks. TM Allen plans to work with the Green Team to create a list of approved trees that would be eligible for the rebate.

CM Brittan-Powell expressed concerns about soil quality, if staff had an arborist available to advise residents, and the time of year that the plantings could occur. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed concerns about the "hold harmless" agreement language in the draft presented, whether there would be a time limit imposed on Public Works' access to the property, and language in the agreement that indicates that maintenance of the tree will be the responsibility of the homeowner and any future owners of the property. TM Allen will adjust some language to address concerns presented.

#### Risk Management Policy

TM Allen gave a staff report regarding the need for a Risk Management Policy. The Town is a member of the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) and as part of the

policy renewal process, staff completes a Loss Control Survey during which TM Allen determined some essential items were not in place. LGIT recommended adopting a written Risk Management Policy, implementing defensive driver training, and expanding the safety review process to include all departments in order for the Town to be eligible to receive credit on the liability insurance renewal bill. TM Allen then presented a draft version of a Risk Management policy that is consistent with GFOA's best practices in Risk Management. TM Allen also explained that the Chief of Police has agreed to expand his role in Safety to head the Safety Committee. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed desire for clarification on who the Risk Management Policy would apply to and who would be responsive to the Safety Committee. TM Allen clarified that the Risk Management Policy and Safety Committee applies only to Town staff and property.

### Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reported that she has been selected to serve on the Residents Advisory Council for the County's Climate Action Plan process. That appointment will be through the month of September. The National Night In event is tomorrow (August 3) and will be a parade that follows the Santa Route and there will be sirens throughout town between 7-8PM. She reminded residents that the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness meeting will be Wednesday, August 4 at 7PM. She reported that she will attend an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) webinar and gave a brief recap of the 4 Cities Meeting that happened on July 28<sup>th</sup>, that included a presentation from Delegate Nicole Williams on redistricting, a presentation from PGCPSS (Prince George's County Public Schools), and a proposal for a possible new composting program. Another item that came out of the 4 Cities meeting are INET/broadband/infrastructure questions and putting together a group to learn about these issues. If residents are interested in viewing a recording of the meeting, please reach out to Mayor Dewey or Clerk Friesen. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Police Department had their annual department meeting. Mayor Dewey gave a COVID update and said that we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of increasing cases and increasing hospitalizations. She emphasized that it is more important than ever to be vaccinated. She reported that it is not yet mandated in Prince George's County to wear a mask indoors but encouraged people to wear a mask.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported on the Maryland Homeowners and Renters Tax Credit. This provides tax relief for residents making a combined income of less than \$60,000. To learn more, visit the Town "News and Announcements" Website for a link. The State of Maryland held their redistricting listening session for Prince George's County on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and the County held their sessions on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The next steps will be to review the census data, which should be released in mid-August. The State will hold a virtual hearing on August 25<sup>th</sup> to draft any needed changes to the current district maps. The County deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>. MPT Kulpa-Eddy has not seen anything to date that should

affect Berwyn Heights, but she will be following the redistricting plans. She reported attending the July 20 detailed site plan public meeting for Beltway Plaza redevelopment. She attended the July 21 Town Social. There is still Emergency Broadband Benefit funding available, for more information see the announcement on the Town website posted on July 8. From the 4 Cities meeting she reported that the College Park Dog Park is open and available for anyone to use. The Rec Council has a summer concert at Lake Artemesia on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be moved indoors to the Community Center next to the Elementary School in case of rain or severe heat. The next Rec Council meeting will be Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also promoted the "Stuff the Bus" event. Berwyn Heights residents can take school supplies to the BHPD until August 16<sup>th</sup>.

CM Papanikolas reported that there are no new issues in Code Compliance. He reported that while he is on vacation, he is still available by phone and email.

CM Brittan-Powell reported that there are no issues in Administration and that there is a solid team there.

CM Sweep reported that road construction has begun on Cunningham, Goucher, and Quebec, and to drive carefully around the crews. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also mentioned the road work on Edmonston, which is being done by WSSC. \

### Resident & Community Comments

MPT Kulpa-Eddy presented a request from the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee to add reappointment of members to the August Town Meeting. She also reported receiving an email from a resident about trash accumulation at Lake Artemesia. She asked if there was anything further that Parks & Planning could do; perhaps more trash cans or more frequent pick-ups of the trash would be helpful.

Mike Attick called in and asked if there are any restrictions on trees being planted if they are not planning on participating in the rebate program. Mayor Dewey explained that there would be no restrictions on trees planted if they are not participating in the rebate. Mr. Attick also asked about the Town's responsibility for trees planted in the right-of-way or that are encroaching on Utility Lines. Mayor Dewey explained that the Town takes responsibility for trees that are on Town property and that Pepco is willing to address trees that threaten power lines. Mr. Attick asked if the police write a report for every accident involving a Town vehicle. TM Allen responded that yes, the police write a report for every accident that involves a Town vehicle. TM Allen said in the zoom chat that residents should always check where their utilities are. MPT Kulpa-Eddy replied that Miss Utility will only check for utilities on public property, so it is up to property owners to determine where underground



utilities lie on their property after seeing where Miss Utility marks the public property. Mayor Dewey received an email request for speed bumps on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of the school. Mayor Dewey received an email from Joan Hayden on Seminole asking who is responsible for trees on the fence line. Mayor Dewey explained that the fence line doesn't necessarily indicate the end of a property and that whoever owns the property that the tree is on is responsible for the tree. Mike Attick called back to say that community group meetings were missed on calendar page in the Bulletin.

### Adjournment

CM Sweep motioned to adjourn the meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Melanie Friesen Town Clerk 8/9/2021

### Town Meeting August 11, 2021

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

### Call to order

Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Chris Britton-Powell, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were Berwyn Heights Chief of Police, Kenneth Antolik and Officer Jeffrey Herriott as well as Debby Steele-Snyder for the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey reported that immediately prior to the Town Meeting there was an Executive Session. She stated that the Council is looking forward to being able to soon announce the hiring of a new Public Works director. She thanked the staff who have been working diligently on that process. She also made a COVID update, highlighting that the County has been seeing an increase of cases over the last month as well as a slight increase in deaths. She also reported that as of last Sunday there is a County-wide indoor mask mandate that includes everyone, regardless of vaccination status and that includes all Town buildings, including the Senior Center and the G. Love room. She encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. There were no other announcements from the Council.

### Approval of Agenda

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

passed unanimously.

### Consent

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to remove the July 12, 2021 minutes from the consent agenda. CM Sweep seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. CM Sweep seconded the motion. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy requested that the July 12, 2021 minutes be discussed at this time. She asked for clarification on which legislation was being referred to near the end of Discussion Item 3.B. (Don't Block the Box). The term "legislation" was clarified to reflect Ordinance 119. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also asked for clarification on a point in Discussion Item 3.C. The sentence in question was edited to reflect that the term accessibility was in reference to the ability for people to attend the meeting as well as in reference to the Americans with Disabilities act.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the July 12, 2021, minutes as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed 4-0 with CM Sweep abstaining as he was absent from the July 12, 2021 meeting.

### Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Dewey reported that it has been a very event heavy time. She attended a webinar from the White House Intergovernmental Affairs on the new infrastructure bill. She had the first meeting of the County Climate Plan Resident Advisory Council last week with the second meeting happening this week. She's also been attending webinars put on by the County introducing elected officials to a 101 level on County departments. Along with TM Allen, she has had a couple good meetings with the Thriving Earth Exchange Project and had a good conversation and interview with a potential scientist. She planned to talk with the Green Team about that at their next meeting. The Maryland Municipal League continues to have webinars on American Rescue Plan Act implementation. She was also excited to report that the Town's ARPA check was on the way and that the Council will continue their public engagement process to determine the best way to use these COVID relief funds. Mayor Dewey, along with MPT Kulpa-Eddy, CM Brittan-Powell, CM Papanikolas, and TM Allen met with the Boys and Girls Club to get to know the club and discuss their needs and capacity, especially in regards to Sports Park. She reported that she signed on to a Mayor's Pledge with the My Brother's Keeper Foundation to engage in public conversation on Policing and she will be attending a session on funding for Public Safety Initiatives. She congratulated the Rec Council on a successful Summer Concert.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that August 8-14 is tax free shopping week, that clothing under \$100 per item and the first \$40 of a backpack are sales tax free. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) have a new commu-

nication platform; School Messenger is replacing GovDelivery. The registration link to this new service will be posted on the Town Website. PGCPs has a temporary Virtual Learning Program for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders and a new Online Campus for students in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade. While the deadline for these programs has passed, the schools have opened a waitlist given the rise of the Delta variant. Applications must be received for the Online Campus by Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and for the Virtual Learning Program by Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The new school year will kick off with a virtual school orientation for all students on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. School starts Wednesday, September 8. Students will be in-person at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, so use caution when driving. Dr. Goldson will be providing an update at this week's Board of Education meeting. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the Town website. The "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive is ongoing at the Berwyn Heights Police Department until Monday, August 16. There is a survey on how PGCPs should allocate the American Rescue Plan Act funds that they are receiving. There is a survey on the three scenarios that have been developed for new school boundaries. Both the ARPA and Boundary survey links will be on the Town website.

CM Brittan-Powell asked if it would be appropriate to ask a PRECA related question at this juncture. He stated that in reference to meeting with the (Boys and Girls) Club, that many of the issues that arose from that meeting could be addressed if the Town had a cogent Recreation Plan for the Community. Mayor Dewey stated that there are a few strategic planning processes in place and meetings coming up. While she doesn't believe there is staff capacity to add to that, that perhaps Council could consider adding recreation in general to the broader planning coming up. CM Brittan-Powell stated that there are experts in the community that could perhaps be tapped as part of this. He further stated that given the budgetary implications that a plan would be beneficial. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification on if the CM was asking for a strategic plan. CM Brittan-Powell stated that even with the Community Center there are multiple assets within the community that we aren't resourcing. Mayor Dewey thanked CM Brittan-Powell and stated that at this point in the discussion it needs to be on an agenda so that residents would know that it was being discussed. She asked CM Brittan-Powell to write down his proposal so that it could be added to a future agenda so that staff time can be prioritized.

CM Papanikolas reported for Code Compliance and reminded everyone that building and roll off container permits are required, and that if you need a permit from the county, you need one from the Town as well. Building permits are good for 24 months and roll off container permits are good for 60 days. He also reminded people that they may need a right-of-way permit for things like curb cuts. He stated a few residents have expressed concern about the large number of vehicles that are parked on some

Town roads. While parking isn't the purview of Code Compliance, they are passing those concerns along to the Police Department. He stated that if people see Code issues, to reach out to either Code Compliance or himself. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked Mayor Dewey at this point about the webinars she has been attending with the County, specifically the one from the Department of Permitting and Inspections, where a chart presented that had permitting responsibilities. She was hoping the County would share a copy with the webinar attendees. TM Allen said that she has been in touch with the County regarding this and that they are having challenges sending that presentation out but that they are working on it.

**CM Brittan-Powell** reported for Administration and stated that TM Allen has been firming up her team and getting things organized, despite Councilmembers asking to reprioritize and reenergize Town Staff to projects.

**CM Sweep** stated there isn't a lot to report for Public Works. He stated the Street Sweeper is not in Town this month and there are no holidays to interfere with trash schedules. He stated that road work continues in and around Berwyn Heights, so to be aware and cautious around construction sites. CM Papanikolas stated that he has had several residents congratulate Council on the nice road construction in Town.

### Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the next meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM. They are continuing to promote the Berwyn Heights Educational Grant and that the first round applications are due on August 15<sup>th</sup>. They provided 3 scholarships to the STEAM Camp at the Berwyn Heights Community Center and the students' reports on their experience should be available by the September Town Meeting. For the next BHEAC meeting they will be working on the mission statement and the next steps for the PGCPs Boundary Initiative.

**Green Team:** Mayor Dewey reported that the Green Team will be meeting the day after the Town Meeting. They will be working on litter. They are establishing a specific committee to work on the Bee-City Application process and if you are interested in working on that to reach out to Therese Forbes. There will be a tree identification nature walk and post-Halloween clean up. TM Allen will be presenting the tree rebate program to the group as well.

**Historical Committee:** Debby Steele-Snyder was present and reported that the Committee is taking August off and that they'd normally be participating in National Night Out but that event didn't happen this year. The next meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 and they believe it will be virtual. Residents should look in the Bulletin on how to contact Sharmila Bhatia and she will let people know how to join. The September meeting will be when they are electing officers. She also mentioned that members on the Committee need to be appointed/reappointed before they are able to vote. With MPT Kulpa-Eddy they are working on a walking tour featuring Halloween History and Spookiness. The date for that is Oct 24<sup>th</sup> with

a rain date of November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Chlopicki house at 5717 Ruatan St. has been sold as private residence. The large lot next to the property has been sold to the neighbors and will be used to expand their yard. They have not decided on a Fall Wine and Cheese event yet. Mayor Dewey let Ms. Steele-Snyder know that the Committee appointments and reappointments will be happening during the New Business portion of the agenda.

**Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness:** Mayor Dewey reported that the National Night In parade occurred. The Police Department shared updates to the committee about their priorities, safety issues in Town, and some educational priorities and inventorying the trailer. The next meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Recreation Council:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet performed at the Lake Artemesia Stage last week and the audience consisted of wildlife and over 100 people. The next in the series will be on September 18 from 1-3PM and will feature Seth Kibel and the Bay Jazz Project. It's lawn seating so bring your own chair or blanket. In case of rain or extreme heat, the concert will be moved to the Community Center. From the Karate Club, Abby Reznick and John Epps were promoted to Black Belt. Dick and Joan Ahrens, Helen Weinrich, and Chris Emmell were promoted to Green Belt. Kudos to all them. The Rec Council is also working on an Ice Cream Social on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8PM at the Sports Park Snack Bar. The Boys and Girls Club will be practicing that night so please be respectful of their space.

### New Business

#### Introduce Officer Herriott

Mayor Dewey invited Chief Antolik to introduce the newest officer in the Berwyn Heights Police Department, Officer Jeffrey Herriott. Officer Herriott resides in Baltimore with his wife and grandson. Officer Herriott is a deacon in his Baltimore church and coaches basketball for youth. He worked for the Baltimore City Schools from 2007-2018 and then with Anne Arundel Police. Officer Herriott joined the BHPD in June of 2021. Officer Herriott expressed his gratitude and he looks forward to meeting and working with everyone. Mayor Dewey stated that she is hearing positive community feedback from those who have already interacted with Officer Herriott.

#### Don't Block the Intersection, Ordinance 119 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

TM Allen summarized the proposed ordinance change. This is a priority identified by the Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights (WBBH) task force and was identified by Council as a priority. The process requires a first and second reading, followed by a 20-day waiting period to enable residents to petition the action to referendum. Council may waive the reading into the record, if preferred. The cost of the implementation is

minimal, essentially, staff time, paint, and a stencil.

CM Sweep made a motion to introduce and waive the reading of Ordinance 119. CM Brittan-Powell questioned where the changes to the Ordinance are. CM Papanikolas clarified that it was in section 3 paragraph H. CM Papanikolas seconded the motion. In discussion, CM Brittan-Powell questioned if the cost incurred from this will come from the WBBH funding and that this won't deplete that funding too severely. TM Allen confirmed that the cost for this would be minimal, as there is no intent to charge staff time to the WBBH funding. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if there weren't also changes to section 11 as well. TM Allen confirmed that there were changes but they had already been accepted and discussed, so they are not reflected as changes in this document, however she is able and willing to produce a document that reflects all the changes. MPT Kulpa-Eddy believed that all the changes should be visible to residents so they can easily compare this proposed version to the current ordinance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy clarified that section 4.F.11)A. has not been accepted by vote of the Town Council. TM Allen explained that what is annotated as a change in the document provided as part of this meeting is the addition of a definition of intersection as requested by Council at the last meeting that the Ordinance was discussed at. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also questioned the definition of intersection provided as it references "highways" and the Town does not have highways. TM Allen stated the definition that is provided is the State of Maryland's definition of intersection and she understands that it to be an all-encompassing definition of intersection. When no other questions were presented, Mayor Dewey called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### Risk Management Policy, Resolution 7-2021

Mayor Dewey introduced and summarized the purpose of the Risk Management Policy, which was developed in response to feedback from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) at policy renewal. TM Allen stated that staff fills out a Loss Control Survey during renewal and if the Town scores 90% or higher they are eligible to receive a policy credit. The Town Manager is the Risk Manager for the Town. The policy makes reference to an internal Safety Committee; the Chief of Police will function as the Chair of the Safety Committee. The major goals are to eliminate or reduce the risk of loss, to apply responsive claim management techniques to losses that occur, and to protect the Town Budget from losses in excess of \$1 Million or an annual accumulation of losses that would cause a financial hardship. Included in the policy is an accident review process which would strengthen the Town's existing accident policy. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the language in paragraph 5.a. under "Policies" to clarify what "establishing reserves" means in the

policy. TM Allen explained that this is the "cushion" that is included in our policy premiums and that the policy is a codification of what we are already doing with LGIT and that the reserves are the General Fund reserves that the Town already has in place. CM Papanikolas wanted clarification on the credits. He referenced the budget and asked that if the Town didn't get the credit, it would pay 3% more in liability insurance. TM Allen affirmed this and expounded that the credit is determined by the LGIT Executive Board based on how the insurance pool is doing and if the members are managing their risks appropriately. The credit this year was 3% but it could be in the range of approximately 3-7%. Mayor Dewey stated that this is a smart fiscal decision. Mayor Dewey asked for a motion. CM Sweep made the motion to approve Resolution 7-2021. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**BHHC Appointments** :Mayor Dewey stated that the resolution that established the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee also requires that committee members be appointed by Council, for terms of two calendar years beginning in September. There are six (6) residents interested in appointments or reappointments: Debby Steele-Snyder, Lee Fuerst, Dick Ahrens, Sharmila Bhatia, Hank Becker, and Sierra Langford. Mayor Dewey invited Ms. Steele-Snyder to make a statement at this time. Ms. Steele-Snyder thanked the council and indicated that they are just trying to make sure that they are up-to-date. Mayor Dewey thanked the BHHC for their volunteerism. MPT Kulpa-Eddy made the motion to appoint these 6 Berwyn Heights Historical Committee members. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### Resident & Community Comments

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what is wrong with the phone that is currently in Council chambers. TM Allen stated that the device itself has died and that we are waiting on the new one to come in. There were no other Resident or Community Comments.

### Adjournment

CM Sweep made a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Melanie Friesen Town Clerk 8/19/2021

## Worksession Minutes August 16, 2021 | 7:00 pm

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

### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas and Councilmember Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager Laura Allen, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, Police Chief Kenneth Antolik, Chad Williams of M-NCPPC, Ron Saunders of Altumint, and Patricia O'Brien of National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell joined the meeting at 7:07PM.

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that Labor Day is coming up on September 6 and that Town Offices will be closed. She also said there is a change in the Town Council meeting schedule due to the holiday and that there is no first Worksession in September, so the first meeting of the month will be the Town Meeting on September 15, 2021. Mayor Dewey reported that COVID cases are up and hospitalizations are where they were last summer making vaccination more important than ever. She highlighted a vaccination clinic that will be happening on August 21, from 10-2 at Friends Community School for teenagers. Second Doses will be available on September 11 from 10-2. There were no further announcements from Council.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Discussion Items

#### Zoning Presentation with Chad Williams of M-NCPPC

Chad Williams, Master Planner with the Prince George's County Planning Department joined the meeting to give a presentation and update on the multi-year rezoning ordinance rewrite as well as the County Wide Map Amendment. The County mailed notices of the upcoming virtual joint Public Hearing to almost 400,000 addresses. These hearings are on September 13 and 14 at 5PM each day and you must register in advance at [PGCCouncil.us/speak](http://PGCCouncil.us/speak) to give testimony. Written testimony is also permitted and can be submitted at the same website. Written testimony may only be submitted electronically and is accepted through September 29<sup>th</sup>. No late testimony will be accepted. The Planning Board will review the testimony on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the County Council may approve it as early as November 16 of this year. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the possibility of Branchville Road being rezoned. Patricia O'Brien with the National Ready Mix Concrete Association joined the meeting to ask for more information. Mr. Williams explained that the recommendation is that this area (currently zoned as Mixed Use Transit, or M-X-T) be rezoned as Residential Multi-Family (RMF48). The approved, licensed use for each property is determined by its zoning. Due to their proximity to Greenbelt Station, the rezoning on the north side of Branchville Road would be changed

to predominantly residential, RMF48. However, all uses that are legal as of the effective date of the ordinance will be allowed to continue as conforming uses. Mr. Williams noted that zone RMF48 is primarily residential but allows for some commercial uses, such as grocery stores, restaurants, etc. It is possible to submit testimony and request rezoning, but the CMA, and State Law prevent the Planning Board and County Council from rezoning property that is substantially different than the decision matrix. Ms. O'Brien asked for clarification on this again. Mr. Williams summarized and stated that the Concrete Plant will be deemed conforming and allowed to continue as long as it stays in operation.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the Greenbelt concerns regarding the north side of Branchville Rd. being rezoned to RMF48, stating that they had sent a letter to their County Council Member expressing their belief that this was the wrong zone for this area. Mr. Williams expressed that they did not clarify their concerns or suggest a more appropriate zone. Mr. Williams continued that municipalities and government special taxing districts have a little more influence in comprehensive rezoning than a regular property owner does. The (County) Council will need to vote on each recommendation made by a municipality and must have a supermajority to overrule a municipal recommendation. Because of State law and the fact that there is no recommendation made by Greenbelt on this, the County will have to decide if there was a mistake in the zoning matrix. Mr. Williams believes the assessment is correct. MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that she could not see a problem with the zoning if it allows for restaurants, grocery stores, and similar to be opened. However, she was unsure if there were parcels big enough to build the type of buildings that the new zoning would allow for. Mr. Williams suggested that it may be difficult to do a multi-family unit, but non-residential or artist studios could be possible.

Mayor Dewey read some questions that had been put in the chat by CM Brittan-Powell. The first question was "is PG Scrap in the same group?". Mayor Dewey stated she believes that PG Scrap is in the same group. The second question was "Are there any hints in this process about the possibility of the FBI building?" Mayor Dewey stated that no, she didn't think there was anything in this that hinted about the FBI building. Mr. Williams confirmed both of Mayor Dewey's statements. TM Allen stated that she had reached out to PG Scrap but they had not responded.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the Greenbelt neighborhood conservation overlay zone. Mr. Williams stated that this is a flexible and utilitarian zone that can be used for a variety of purposes.

CM Papanikolas expressed gratitude for Mr. Williams walking the Council through this. He asked that if the properties in question on Branchville Road are essentially grandfathered in, would a change in ownership change that. Mr. Williams said that a



change in ownership won't drive a change in compliance, but a change in use would. CM Papanikolas expressed that if the properties were sold that the new owners would likely take on some environmental challenges if they were to try to change the usage.

There were no further questions or comments from Council.

### Red Light Camera

TM Allen presented a staff report on the possibility of adding red-light cameras at a couple of locations in Town. Chief Antolik shared that there is a history of considering red-light cameras in Town but that due to the pandemic things had been delayed. Chief Antolik also shared that the possible locations being considered for red-light cameras are 58<sup>th</sup> Ave and Greenbelt Road and at the school crossing at 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Greenbelt Road. Mr. Ronald Saunders of altumint shared how the cameras work. Mr. Saunders presented two options, one being a pole mounted design and the other is a trailer mounted option. The device is called the RedHawk and it is a two camera system. This design stands out from competitors because it does not require additional permits from SHA (State Highway Administration) since it does not tie into the red-light database. One camera focuses on the red-light cycle, while the other camera focuses on violations. The camera can capture straight through violations, right turn on red violations, left turn on red violations and multilane violations. The cameras use ion illumination, meaning there are no white flashes alerting a violator that they have been cited or distracting other drivers. Once a BHPD officer determines a violation has occurred, altumint will also take care of all the back-office work, including payment processing and setting up a court date if a violator chooses to go to court. The program is turnkey, meaning that it will come to the Town ready to go. At this time, Mr. Saunders opened it up to the Council for questions.

CM Brittan-Powell asked if there were limitations on placements and numbers of devices in the Town. Mr. Saunders stated that there are no limitations on the numbers of red-light cameras in a municipality, but to be aware of the optics of doing so. CM Brittan-Powell questioned if a red-light camera would work at a stop sign. Mr. Saunders explained that State of Maryland Traffic Article 21-202 mandates that automated enforcement can only happen at a red light. Chief Antolik further explained that as of now there is no such thing as a stop-sign camera.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what intersections Chief Antolik proposes to use the red-light camera at. Chief Antolik explained that he is proposing the intersection of 63<sup>rd</sup> and Greenbelt Road and 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Greenbelt Road, reminding Council that the cameras could be trailer mounted to be moved if needed and that these intersections are pending study by the red-light camera engineers. 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Greenbelt Road has an existing "no right turn on red" sign that

could be enforced as well as the crosswalk near the McDonalds that would improve pedestrian safety for the school kids that cross the road there. MPT Kulpa-Eddy sought clarification on what portion of the intersections the Town owned. Chief Antolik clarified that at 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave the Town was responsible for the East Bound Greenbelt Road traffic lanes. MPT Kulpa-Eddy questioned about 58<sup>th</sup> Ave, as right turn on red is allowed there. Chief Antolik explained that a vehicle must come to a full and complete stop for 4 seconds before the white line before turning on red. At 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Town is responsible for both the east and westbound Greenbelt Road traffic and could put a camera at both but would depend on recommendations based on the red-light camera engineers. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also asked if the Town would need to put up signs indicating that red-light cameras are in use. Mr. Saunders stated that they would place signs that traffic laws are photo enforced. Mayor Dewey invited Chief Antolik to state if there were any further issues on Greenbelt Road that he wanted to address. The Chief explained that if an officer issued a State citation, 100% of the revenue from that citation goes to the State. If the red-light camera captures the citation, the revenue is split 60/40 with the Town receiving 60% and the vendor receiving 40% of the revenue.

CM Sweep asked about camera calibration. He expressed concern that the camera that had previously been on Greenbelt Road seemed to go off all the time. Mr. Saunders explained that with their cameras, they calibrate every day prior to enforcement. Since red-light cameras are on 24/7, they are constantly calibrating. CM Sweep asked about several example scenarios and how the red-light cameras would respond to them. Mr. Saunders explained how each example would work and stated that each violation can be reviewed and challenged by the person who received the violation. CM Sweep asked about the cost of a red-light violation. Mr. Saunders stated it is \$75.

CM Brittan-Powell asked for confirmation that there are no points assessed to a drivers license for these violations. Mr. Saunders confirmed that these are considered civil fines, not criminal and that no points would be assessed. CM Brittan-Powell asked if there were any concerns about the intersection at Greenbelt and Cunningham. Chief Antolik explained his reasoning on making the other intersections greater priorities. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if there were any costs associated with the program. Mr. Saunders explained that there are no upfront costs associated with each violation, but that the violation fee is split 60/40 with the Town. Mayor Dewey asked if she was correct in her understanding that Council had interest in pursuing this before directing staff to draft an ordinance and begin other work on the project. CM Brittan-Powell asked what would happen with the revenue that is generated by red-light camera fines. TM Allen explained that they would be spent on Public Safety needs. CM Brittan-Powell expressed concern that the project not be used to fund Public Safety functions. Mayor Dewey clarified that this is not intended to be a revenue generating program but

rather a Public Safety focused program. TM Allen stated that staff will begin looking into the logistics of the next steps on a red-light camera program.

### Strategic Planning

TM Allen proposed that Council could combine the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) community engagement process with the Strategic Planning for FY2023, given that ARPA presents transformational funding opportunities. She reminded Council that for FY 2022 that there was a survey and virtual Town Hall meeting that allowed the Council to help build the priorities for the Fiscal Year. TM Allen proposed engaging a mediation group to help facilitate both in-person and virtual meetings to talk about longer range issues facing the Town. She envisioned round table discussions facilitated by a third party, so the discussions happen independently of either staff or Council oversight. She expressed a desire to brainstorm with Council and get their thoughts on this structure. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed that in the last engagement process, she had difficulty understanding exactly what people thought when they checked off boxes in the survey, so she would like definitions. For example, one box on the survey is "sustainability" and Council has talked about "sustainability" both in environmental terms as well as fiscal sustainability, so clarifying that would be appreciated. She would also like Broadband to be included in the survey as well as community resilience in terms of climate change (given the potential for more flooding events and the need for improved stormwater management) and how much the Town should prioritize those efforts. CM Sweep expressed a desire to gauge if the community would like to see the Town do a couple of "big ticket" items or many smaller projects. Mayor Dewey would like to see the engagement be able to encompass other sources of potential funding so that it can be used to influence Council decisions on future projects. CM Papanikolas expressed that he would like to structure the process so that there are big "pie in the sky" projects as well as smaller projects. He stated that smaller projects tend to be overlooked but they are vital. Mayor Dewey stated she's seen a trend lately in non-profits asking for donations. She'd like to get feedback from the community on that and states it might be better engaged as part of the meeting format. CM Sweep asked about the timeline on spending the ARPA funds. TM Allen stated that the funds need to be committed by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. CM Papanikolas asked Mayor Dewey for clarification on the non-profit donation requests. Council had a brief discussion on managing non-profit requests in general and in relation to ARPA specifically. CM Brittan-Powell expressed a desire to spend funds in a way that builds community resilience around a future pandemic.

### Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reiterated that there is no first worksession in September, that the Town Offices are closed for Labor Day and that the next time Council will meet is the Town Meet-

ing on September 15, 2021. She stated that the Town is close to hiring a new Public Works Director. She will be attending the "Municipalities in the Know" Webinar on Fire, Police and the 311 system. Thursday is the third and final County Climate Action Plan meeting, and will be focused on the nitty-gritty of what people are experiencing in their communities. She also highlighted the WSSC water bill assistance program. She reminded people that the County is back to where it was in terms of COVID cases in April of 2021, with hospitalizations being similar to last summer with over 1,000 cases the week of August 1-7. She highlighted the vaccination clinic at Friends Community School again. She also reminded everyone that the Mask Mandate applies to all Town buildings.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if anyone was aware if the PGCMA meeting would be happening this Thursday. Mayor Dewey replied that she did not know. MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked everyone who donated school supplies and dropped them off at the Police Station. Parents can receive the donated school supplies at several events: Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is holding three on Saturday, August 21 from 9-12 at Flowers High School, High Point High School, and Oxon Hill High School, while supplies last. District 22 Delegate Alonzo Washington is holding a supply giveaway on Saturday, August 21 at 11AM and Sunday, August 22 at 2PM; the registration link will be on the Town website. The Prince Georges' County Police Athletic League is having a Back to School event on August 28 from 10-2 with a stuffed backpack and sports sign ups. School starts Wednesday, September 8. She was unsure if there will be a "Hello Huskies" event this year but will get the word out if there is. The Education Advisory Committee is meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, working on their mission statement and the school boundary initiative. The Green Team meeting will be September 9, working on the Shade Tree Rebate program. They hope to be finalizing the list of trees that will be recommended as part of the program. They are still looking for Bee City volunteers. Berwyn Heights Historical Committee will not be meeting in August but will be meeting in September. The Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee will be meeting on September 1, working on their mission statement, and inventorying the Emergency Preparedness trailer. Rec Council will be meeting in-person and virtually on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, with the next band in the Lake Artemesia Concert Series, as well as an upcoming Ice Cream Social.

CM Papanikolas has had 3 residents approach him with Code Compliance issues and the Code Compliance office has been responsive. There seem to be some traffic issues on Osage regarding a large number of vehicles, but he is working with TM Allen and the Code office to clarify any issues.

CM Brittan-Powell had no update.

CM Sweep reported that the Town is very close to hiring a Public Works Director and thanks everyone for their patience in the

process. August has no holidays so there are no changes to the trash schedule and it has been a quiet month.

### Resident & Community Comments

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she had heard from the person who approached her previously about the Lake Artemesia trash issue and that the person stated trash is worse on the weekend and first part of the week, requesting that Park and Planning pick up the trash on Mondays and requesting an extra trashcan. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also asked how the Town is handling appliance pickups. Town Clerk Friesen explained that there is an appliance pick up form available on the Town Website and that the fee can be paid at Town Hall by appointment. There were no other resident or community comments.

### Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Sweep Seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Melanie Friesen*  
Town Clerk 8/28/2021

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# Historical Committee

## HISTORY QUIZ , CONTINUED

### Solutions to August Bulletin Quiz Questions:

1. These three historic houses can be found on the mural at the Community Center.
2. The BHHHC currently has 12 historic markers placed throughout the Town.

### NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL) October 27, 2021 | 7:30 PM

To participate, please contact Sharmila Bhatia at [sharmila\\_bhatia88@hotmail.com](mailto:sharmila_bhatia88@hotmail.com)  
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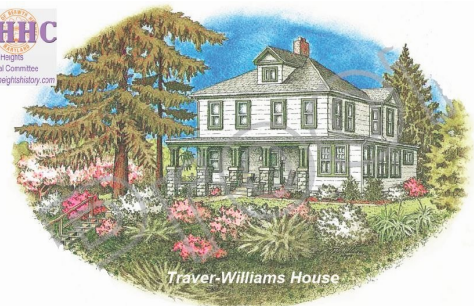
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Aesop



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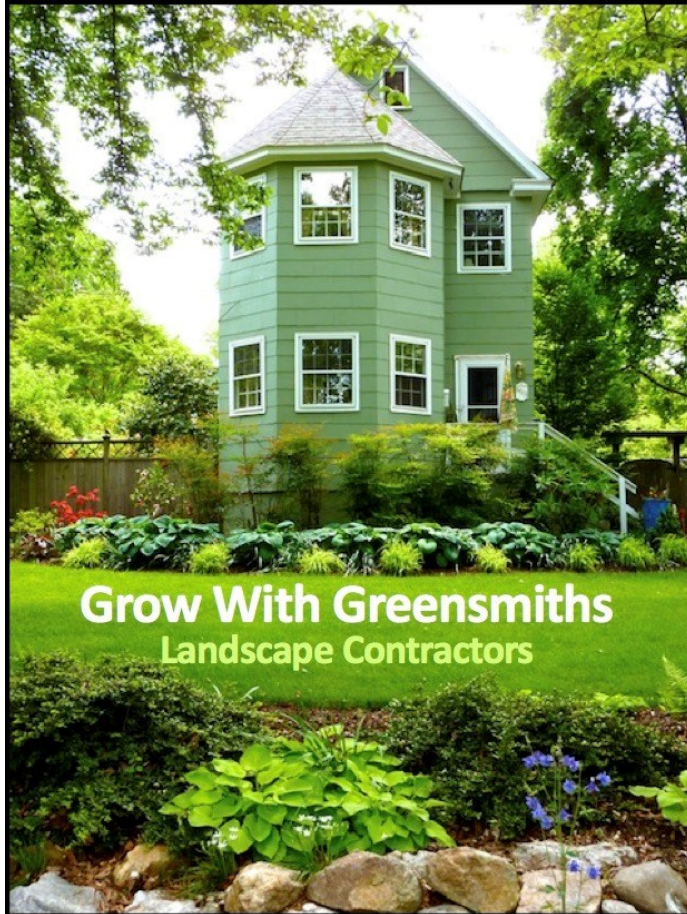
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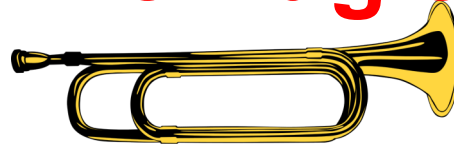
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# The Bugle



October 2021

Our next meeting is Thursday 10/7 at 7pm via ZOOM.

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*¡Necesitamos voluntarios!*

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Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?  
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## Berwyn Heights Elementary School

PTA -- October 2021

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Thanks for a great turnout at the September PTA meeting! Our new PTA board was elected. Please join us in welcoming:

Lilly Ridge, President

Taryn Webb, Vice-President

Sara Jacobsen, Secretary

Jessica McKee, Treasurer

**Please join the PTA for the 2021-2022  
school year!**

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family.

Membership forms were sent home with your student, please fill out and return.

**Visit our PTA Facebook Page:  
Berwyn Heights ES PTA**

**PTA Website:  
[bhespta.org](http://bhespta.org)**

Attention: The school is looking for community and business partners. If interested please contact

Kristen Buker at [kristen.buker@pgcps.org](mailto:kristen.buker@pgcps.org)



# THANK YOU!



### Upcoming Events

**October 1st:**

No School

**October 5th, 6:45 pm:**

PTA Meeting on Zoom

**October 11th:**

No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences

**October 15th:**

No School

# Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



## *The Return of Trunk or Treat...*

Dress up your kids & your cars and enjoy this Spooktacular, family -friendly event. But please stay safe, covid isn't gone.

**Saturday, October 23rd, 6:30-8pm (Rain Date October 30th)**

**at the Berwyn Heights Community Center Lower Lot**

**Prizes for Best Kids Costumes (ages 12 & under) & for Best Family/Group Costume (all ages)**

**Plus CA\$H PRIZES for Best Decorated Vehicles Passing out Treats!**



Set-up starts at 6pm. BH Community Center (6200 Pontiac Street) Parking lot is reserved for Decorated Vehicles Only.

For those of you who like to decorate, but don't like crowds, we will also have a house decorating contest. To enter, please email [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net) to be included. Judging will take place on Friday, October 29, in the evening.



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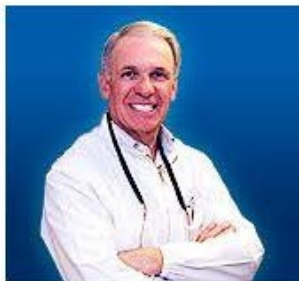
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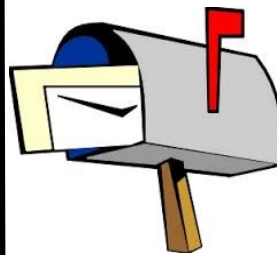
### Recent Working Incidents

Aug 30th- At around 4am Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was dispatched on the Working Fire Dispatch assignment to assist units with an Apartment Fire in the 4000 block of Warner Ave in company 30's first due. This incident reached a 2nd Alarm assignment. Truck 14's crew conducted RIT operations and overhaul. The truck crew operated for approximately two hours before returning to service. BHVFD was using a County reserve ladder truck for this incident.

Aug 30th- At around 1900 Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was dispatched on the Working Fire to the 4100 block of Lloyd St in company 9s first due. Truck 14's crew conducted RIT operations and set up for ventilation. The truck crew operated for approximately two and a half hours before returning to service. This is also the second two alarm fire within 12 hours for company 14.

*In Case of Emergency Call 911!*

### 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, and Westchester Park, will be getting a packet by mail by the end of the September/early October.

Just a reminder BHVFD does NOT go door-to-door anymore or solicit by phone. Thanks in advance for your generous support!!!

*You can also donate online at*  
[www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org)



### August Incidents

#### Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 4:21 pm, 'THEFT'

The manager of the T-Mobile phone store and a sales associate report that a subject entered the establishment and approached a sales counter. The subject reportedly grabbed 3 phones that were on the countertop being purchased. The subject walked out of the store with three phones and fled on foot. The subject is described as a B/M approximately 25 y/o, tall and skinny, 6-2 150 lbs., with several tattoos on and about his neck, wearing royal blue shorts a hat and not wearing a face mask. The subject possibly fled the area in a white vehicle per an employee. The area was canvassed with negative results. Security camera footage available.

#### Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 9:10 am, 'DEATH INVESTIGATION'

Lieutenant Unger responded to the 5600 blocks of Osage Street for an attendant death. Upon arrival, he spoke with the resident, who advised that she and the (deceased) 79 Y/O, w/m laid down last night approximately 1930 hours and when she woke up this morning at 0900 hours, she found him unresponsive in his bed. She then called 911. Lieutenant Unger's investigation and observation did not reveal any signs of struggle or foul play. Fire board pronounced the resident deceased at 0914 hours. Lieutenant Unger contacted the Medical Examiner along with PG homicide. The reporting resident also advised that the deceased signed his body over to The Maryland Anatomy Board which later responded.

#### Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 8:30 pm, 'ARMED ROBBERY CITIZEN'

On 8/4/2021 at about 0925 hours Lt. Unger responded to Westchester Park Drive to meet with PG County Police Supervisor

who was with a victim of a suspected armed robbery. The Victim stated he was robbed and assaulted in the 8800 block of Edmonston Road, around 2030 hours on 8/3/2021. The victim claims that he was at 7-11, located in the 8900 Block Edmonston Rd. He was walking back to West Chester, when a small green sedan with a paper tags stopped. Two males wearing masks exited that vehicle and stated, "what's up pops." During the altercation, the Victim suffered minor lacerations to his face and arms. The suspects also took approximately \$500 in cash from the Victim. The Victim had a very limited description and or recollection of the incident suspects were wearing masks and he admitted that he was intoxicated and does not remember clear details.

#### Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm, 'THEFT'

Officer Herriott received a station call to respond to the Shell gas station located



## August Incidents

6237 Greenbelt Road for a theft of license plate. Mr. Timothy Daniel Watts, an Employee for Shell gas station. Parked his vehicle in the parking lot for approximately 2 weeks. Watts observed that his license plate was stolen. A report was filed, and he was advised.

### **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:05 pm, 'VANDALISM'**

Officer Herriott responded to 5600 blocks of Ruatan Street for a vandalism. The owner of a 2003 black Toyota corolla advised that she parked her vehicle in front of her residence last night 8/4/2021 at 1930 hours and when she returned on today's date that she discovered her tire and her neighbor's tire was flat. Reports written and victims were advised.

### **Friday, August 6, 2021 at 4:18 pm, 'THREATNING MESSAGE/ HATE CRIME'**

an employee of Pizza Kingdom located at 4439 Lehigh Street College Park MD 20740 came into the Berwyn Heights Station to file a report for threats complaint. An unknown suspect used the store food ordering app and wrote in the comments area, "I hate black people so send a blackie to my house so I can shoot him or her or they"! The employee advised that the address on the order was 5608 Ruatan Street, the number left was 240-329-2565 with name Tyler Ruler, Officer Herriott went to the address listed and found a vacant home for sale.

### **Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 12:30 am, 'ATTEMPT SUICIDE'**

Officer Herriott was dispatched to the area of Greenbelt Road and 62nd Avenue for a person who wanted to commit suicide. The subject indicated to several officers his intention is to kill himself. During transport, the subject indicated his intention is to shoot himself. The subject was then transported to University Maryland Capitol Regional Hospital for an Emergency Evaluation. without incident.

### **Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 8:03 pm, 'VANDALISM'**

The owner of the listed vehicle reports that he parked his vehicle on the street in front of his house while he was away. When he returned, he discovered that all four tires to his vehicle were punctured with an unknown

tool. No further suspect or additional info currently. The victim was supplied with case numbers.

### **Monday, August 9, 2021 at 1 :50 am, 'DEATH INVESTIGATIONS'**

Officers responded to the 8500 blocks of 60 th Ave., for an unresponsive person. The Reporting Person and the Deceased were watching a movie. The Reporting Person stepped outside of the residence when they returned inside approximately 30 minutes later, the Deceased was found unconscious with white lips. The Reporting Person called for help from a person in the basement. When he checked the Deceased's neck for a pulse, he could not locate one. The Reporting Person called 911 and administered CPR following the dispatchers' instructions. When the Fire Department arrived, they took over care. It was reported that Deceased has been having a lot of medical issues over the past 7 months and the Deceased has been under doctor's care.

### **Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:42 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

The manager of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant located at 6101 Greenbelt contacted the police after a door dash food driver inadvertently broke a glass door. The driver knocked on the front door during a and broke the glass pane. No injuries.

### **Monday, August 9, 2021 at 12:45 pm, 'FRAUD'**

Cpl. T. Hollowell, Berwyn Heights Police Department was dispatched to 6200 Seminole Street, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a fraud report. Hollowell met with the victim, who did not speak fluent English. It was determined the victim received telephone calls approximately 1059 hrs, from 1-760-669-0087, and linked to 301-474-6554, which is Berwyn Heights Police station. The caller, a male and speaking Spanish, told the victim she was in trouble for an offense in Mexico. The caller instructed the victim to withdraw money from her account and send it via

### **Friday, August 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm, 'SHOOTING'**

Cpl. Rufino and Sgt. Roberson were dispatched to a shooting located at 8904 62nd Ave Berwyn Heights Md. Upon arrival, officers located juvenile victim suffering from gunshot wound to his lower right leg. He was subsequently transported to Med Star Washington Hospital Center. Several witnesses in the area were, able to identify suspect. In a short period of time

the suspect was located and apprehended in the 6200 Blk of Seminole Street. The witnesses positively identified suspect. The suspect was transported to Hyattsville Detective Bureau where he was read his Miranda Rights. The Suspect invoked his rights and refused to provide a statement. The Suspect was then transported to Upper Marlboro DOC for processing. Det/Sgt. Krouse identified the suspect as a 15 Y/O, Latino male and he was charged with 1st. & 2nd degree assault, attempt murder, discharging a firearm within a 1000' of residential area, using a firearm in commission of a crime, and reckless endangerment.

### **Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 5:26 am, 'STOLEN VEHICLE'**

Officers responded to 7-Eleven: 5815 Greenbelt Road, College Park, MD 20740 regarding a stolen vehicle report. Reporting Person who advised that he parked the listed vehicle in a commercial parking. Within several minutes the Reporting Person returned to the vehicle where he observed that it was stolen by an unknown suspect. The vehicle was left unsecured with no keys in its ignition. The Reporting Person received the case number for further reference. Teletype was notified.

Cpl. T. Hollowell, Berwyn Heights Police, was dispatched to 76 Charlton Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a reported vandalism to auto. Cpl. Hollowell met with the victim at the location. Hollowell observed all four tires on the vehicle had been damaged and flattened. The driver's door window was smashed, and glass fragments were on the ground of the vehicle. Also missing was the driver's door side view mirror. The victim explained that was already damaged and patched to the vehicle. The victim indicated he had suspicions about how his vehicle was damaged but could not narrow down to one possible suspect. Currently there are no investigation leads in identifying and suspect(s).

### **Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 3:04 pm, 'VANDALISM'**

Pvt. Herriott received a station call to respond to 62 Seminole Street Berwyn Heights Maryland 20740 for theft from auto. Upon arrival, victim who advised that he parked his aunt's 1995 Honda accord bearing Virginia tag# KBT2881 on Friday 8/6/2021 at 2130 hours and when he returned on today's date 8/18/2021 at 1400 hours, he discovered the ignition damaged, and the right passenger window broken. The victim also advised that he was working on his aunt's vehicle while she was out of town on vacation. Officers'

observation revealed the front passenger window was broken and ignition was tampered with, which is consistent with someone attempting to steal the vehicle.

**Friday, August 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm, 'MELICIOUS DESTRUCTION'**

On 08/20/21 at approximately 1732, pm this Sgt Roberson of the Berwyn Heights Police Department responded to a domestic call for service at 87 63RD Ave in the town of Berwyn Heights. A female at that location reported that she was afraid of her husband and wanted to be escorted away from the area. It was reported that her husband was extremely intoxicated and breaking things in the home. The female was assisted in being escorted away from her home with her brother. Her husband was identified via his MD license as 27 Y/O, HIM. Officers left the area. Approximately 15 minutes later neighbors located at 87 63RD Ave contacted the police and reported that a subject was in the street intoxicated kicking motor vehicles. They gave a description of the individual that was kicking the cars and displayed cell-phone footage to this officer. This was the same individual as the one this officer had contact with 15 to 20 minutes earlier. The driver of the 2019 Toyota RAV 4 MD tag 2DS249 I reports that her vehicle sus-

tained damage on the left rear of her vehicle from being kicked. The estimated damage is \$800.00 dollars U.S. The same witness reported that the subject kicked another vehicle that was parked on the street damaging it as well. The vehicle was a 2019 Nissan Versa MD tag 9DS 7129 registered to a Ryland Landscaping. The vehicle was a 2019 Nissan Versa MD tag 9DS 7129 registered to a Ryland Landscaping Services Inc of 87 63RD Ave Berwyn Heights MD 20740. The Vehicle sustained a dent on the front left estimated damage \$850.00 U.S. The subject, MR Henry Osbel Vasquez-Huinil 27 Y/O, HIM of Berwyn Heights, MD was arrested and transported to Upper Marlboro MD. All the events occurred in the municipal town of Berwyn Heights Prince Georges County Maryland.

**Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 7:30 pm, 'ASSAULT'**

On 8/28/21 at approximately 7:30 pm, Sgt Roberson received a call via Greenbelt City PD in reference to an assault that occurred in the Town of Berwyn Heights. This Officer met with the victim(s) of the assault at Chevys restaurant in Greenbelt City

and asked them to point out the location of the assault. The location was determined to be 5901 Greenbelt Rd Berwyn Heights MD at the gas station. The victim reports that she was with her niece at the vehicle vacuum cleaner located at the rear of the gas station. The victim further reports that a man started to yell at her telling her to move her vehicle. The victim reports that she was putting coins into the vacuum machine when the suspect approached her again yelling at her to move her vehicle. The victim reports that the subject slapped her in the face several times and knocked her phone to the ground. The victim also reports that the subject knocked her niece's phone to the ground and pushed her. The victim was able to take a picture of the suspect and a tag of the vehicle he was driving. The victim sustained a small cut to her finger and her cell phone was damaged. Examination of the victim's cell phone picture revealed the suspect is a B/M. The tag on the vehicle that was captured in the picture is 99219CG, MD on an Infinity SUV. The tag comes back to a 46 Y/O, B/M of Highview Ter APT in Hyattsville MD 20782 on a 20 IO Infinity. This Officer was able to locate and identify an independent witness at the scene. Det Sgt Krouse Notified.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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This year's NFPA's campaign for FIRE SAFETY MONTH is "LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY." Help protect and keep your home safe today by installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as have fire extinguishers at home.

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- 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly
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- Just 43% of homeowners have an escape plan
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Como Realtor®, proporciono un servicio incomparable a mis clientes y estoy orgulloso de haber sido nombrado "Top Realtor" en 2020 por la revista *Washingtonian*.

Si usted está pensando en tomar acción para buscar o vender su hogar, ahora es un buen momento para considerar sus opciones. Lo que ofrezco es:

- Muebles para decorar la escena de la casa (staging)
- Tours de la casa en 3D
- Open houses virtuales
- Consultas gratuitas y sin compromiso

Llama, envía un correo electrónico o envíame un mensaje de texto hoy!

*Don is awesome! He assured us a stress-free selling process and he delivered. He listened closely to our needs and put us at ease all the way through settlement, despite a pandemic! Our house was sold faster than he could put a "For Sale" sign on it! We highly recommend Don and his team and would give him a 10 star review if we could.*

– Patty Galati and Karen Jung



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# Berwyn Heights GreenBee






Email us your ideas at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com).

Website: [www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com)



## Let's have a Litter-Free & Greener 2021 Halloween!

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

-  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.
-  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.
-  Decorate with the contents in your recycling bin. Ideas include paper mache spiders, aluminum candles with poked holes
-  Spearhead a costume swap so that all the moms in your mom circle can acquire costumes without purchasing a new (and single-use!) outfit.
-  Set the mood with beeswax candles instead of paraffin-based ones, as most scented candles are made with paraffin, a byproduct of petroleum. When it burns, petroleum is an air pollutant that emits carcinogens into the air in our homes (acetone, benzene, and toluene, to name a few).

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**Celebrate the Berwyn Heights Community Garden's 7<sup>th</sup> Year**  
with an end of the summer season celebration.

### **ALL Town residents are invited!**

Come join our community gardeners for a picnic in the gardens.  
This year everyone will bring their own picnic basket for safety reasons.



Think about renting a plot for next year?

Take a stroll around the gardens. Get some tips and tricks from other gardeners.

Enjoy yourself in nature and socialize with your neighbors!

**Location:** 58<sup>th</sup> Ave, 2 blocks up from 7-11

**Date:** Saturday, October 2nd

**Time:** 2:00-4:00 pm



**Save the Date: November 6**  
**HalloGreen Clean-Up is Back!**

**SAVE YOUR PUMPKINS...**  
*for a pumpkin drop!*

## PG County Rapid Re-Employment Grants

In 2020, Employ Prince George's launched the Prince George's County COVID-19 Workforce Development Recovery Program serving over 600 residents and distributing more than \$540,000 in Rapid Re-Employment Grants by the end of the year to businesses helping unemployed Prince George's County residents regain employment during the pandemic. In 2021, through funding from Prince George's County Government, Employ Prince George's plans to distribute over \$5,000,000 to businesses in need and who are hiring unemployed Prince George's County residents. This initiative will launch on September 1<sup>st</sup> with a goal to continue supporting businesses and unemployed residents over the next three years.

Learn More at:

<https://www.employpg.org/rapidgrants>



## Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee

October 25 at 7p



Are you interested in aspects of education and learning? Do you have interest in early childhood education, K-12 education, homeschooling, or adult learning? Would you like to support our community?

Join the committee! Come to a meeting! Share your ideas! We would especially love to hear from students.



Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7p

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



<https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsEAC>

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

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

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson &  
Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

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

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

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

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary:

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

Fundraising Chair:

### Education Advisory Committee

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

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

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

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

### Historical Committee

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

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Movie Club

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

### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden  
[jjmosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jjmosley45@gmail.com)

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

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881  
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103  
[Brett.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.bentley@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag  
[quilttag1@yahoo.com](mailto:quilttag1@yahoo.com)

### Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones  
[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Worksession 7PM (virtual) 	5   	6 NW/EP Meeting 7PM (virtual) 	7  N & S	8	9
10	11 	12  	13 Town Meeting, 7PM (Virtual) 	14  N & S Green Team Meeting 7PM (virtual)	15	16
17	18 Worksession 7PM (Virtual) 	19   	20 	21  N & S	22	23  Greenbelt electronics recycling 9-12
24	25 BHEAC Meeting 7PM (virtual) 	26   	27 BHHC Meeting 7:30 PM (virtual) 	28  N & S 4 Cities Meeting, 7:30PM (virtual)  <b>Four Cities Meeting</b>	29	30
31 						

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

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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling  
Recycling Collection





# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire & Rescue ..... 9-1-1  
Police (Non-Emergency) ..... (301) 352-1200  
Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554  
Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
**Email: [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
**Email: [publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7886  
Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### Mayor and Council

Amanda Dewey (443) 646-3529 [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Administration  
Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Code Compliance  
Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 [lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Town Manager

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

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

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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

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

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