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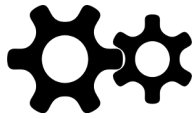
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Food Compost: New Curbside Option, effective October 24th

Beginning October 24th, the Town will be allowing food scraps to be comingled with yard waste or placed at the curb on your yard waste days. The Prince George's County Compost Facility where the Town recycles yard waste now accepts food scraps to be mixed with yard waste as they both can also be turned into a gardening soil amendment.

For this new food composting option, please place food scraps in one of the following containers:

- Compostable green bag (not plastic- must be compostable)
- If dry and it can be done in a sanitary non-leaking manner, they can go in a brown paper yard waste bag (can be mixed with yardwaste)
- 5-gallon bucket

Food scraps that can be accepted by the Compost Facility:

- All food items, such as vegetables, breads and starches, meat and bones
- Compostable or biodegradable bags
- Can be combined with yard waste

X Grease is not acceptable

Public Works crews will not handle loose food scraps left in an unsanitary state, so please place food scraps in one of the above manners in a way that will not require workers to touch the food scraps. Leaking bags with holes, etc., will be responsibility of residents to correct before they will be picked up.

Since 5 gallon buckets, and small amounts of food scraps in green compostable bags may be difficult to see for the yard waste truck, it would help to let Public Works know if you plan to utilize the curbside program so we can look out for them at your house on yard waste days. You can send a quick email to publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov expressing that you plan to utilize this new option and we will look out for food scraps when the yard waste truck is in your neighborhood. As a reminder, yard waste is picked up with your first trash pick-up of the week (North of Pontiac- Mondays, South of Pontiac- Tuesdays).

For the first month after starting curbside pick-up, we will leave food compost cans in the current spot behind Town Hall, and after that point, a sign will be left behind Town Hall to notify residents that food scraps are now picked up curbside instead of collected at Town Hall.

As we make this transition, food scrap recycling enthusiasts are welcome to email publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov to offer feedback or ask any questions you may have. Over the first month, this new curbside pilot program will be monitored, and if any adjustments need to be made based on success or challenges, residents will be notified. Let us know what you think!

Indigenous People's Day Holiday Trash Schedule

In observance of Indigenous People's Day holiday, Public Works will be closed Monday, October 10th, 2022, and no trash will be picked up. The holiday week trash pick-up schedule will be as follows:

Monday, October 10th: Indigenous People's Day Holiday, no trash pick-up

Tuesday, October 11th: Town-wide Trash Pick-up

Wednesday, October 12th: Town-wide Recycling Pick-up

Thursday, October 13th: Town-wide Yard Waste Pick-up

Friday, October 14th: Town-wide Trash Pick-up

Compostaje de alimentos: nueva opción en la acera, a partir del 24 de octubre

A partir del 24 de octubre, la ciudad permitirá que los restos de comida se mezclen con los desechos del jardín o se coloquen en la acera en los días de desechos del jardín. La instalación de compostaje del condado de Prince George, donde la ciudad recicla los desechos del jardín, ahora acepta restos de comida para mezclarlos con los desechos del jardín, ya que ambos también se pueden convertir en una enmienda para el suelo de jardinería.

Para esta nueva opción de compostaje de alimentos, coloque los restos de comida en uno de los siguientes contenedores:

- Bolsa verde compostable (no de plástico, debe ser compostable)
 - Si están secas y se pueden hacer de manera higiénica y sin fugas, pueden colocarse en una bolsa de papel marrón para desechos de jardín (se puede mezclar con desechos de jardín)
 - Cubo de 5 galones
- Restos de comida que pueden ser aceptados por la instalación de compostaje:

- Todos los alimentos, como verduras, panes y almidones, carne y huesos
- Bolsas compostables o biodegradables
- Se puede combinar con desechos de jardín

X La grasa no es aceptable

Las cuadrillas de Obras Públicas no manipularán los restos de comida sueltos que queden en un estado insalubre, así que coloque los restos de comida de una de las maneras anteriores de manera que no requiera que los trabajadores toquen los restos de comida. Las bolsas con fugas con agujeros, etc., serán responsabilidad de los residentes corregirlas antes de que las recojan.

Dado que los cubos de 5 galones y las pequeñas cantidades de restos de comida en bolsas verdes compostables pueden ser difíciles de ver para el camión de desechos del jardín, sería útil informar a Obras Públicas si planea utilizar el programa en la acera para que podamos buscarlos en su casa en los días de desechos del jardín. Puede enviar un correo electrónico rápido a publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov expresando que planea utilizar esta nueva opción y buscaremos restos de comida cuando el camión de desechos del jardín esté en su vecindario. Como recordatorio, los desechos del jardín se recogen con su primera recolección de basura de la semana (Norte de Pontiac: lunes, Sur de Pontiac: martes).

Durante el primer mes después de comenzar la recolección en la acera, dejaremos latas de compost de alimentos en el lugar actual detrás del ayuntamiento y, después de ese punto, se dejará un letrero detrás del ayuntamiento para notificar a los residentes que los restos de comida ahora se recogen en la acera. de recogidos en el Ayuntamiento.

A medida que hacemos esta transición, los entusiastas del reciclaje de desechos de alimentos pueden enviar un correo electrónico a publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov para ofrecer comentarios o hacer cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. Durante el primer mes, se monitoreará este nuevo programa piloto en la acera y, si es necesario realizar algún ajuste en función del éxito o los desafíos, se notificará a los residentes. ¡Háganos saber lo que piensas!

Horario de recolección de basura por festividad del Día de los Pueblos Indígenas

En conmemoración del feriado del Día de los Pueblos Indígenas, Obras Públicas estará cerrada el lunes 10 de octubre de 2022 y no se recogerá basura. El horario de recogida de basura durante la semana de vacaciones será el siguiente:

Lunes 10 de octubre: Feriado del Día de los Pueblos Indígenas, no se permite la recolección de basura

Martes 11 de octubre: Recolección de basura en toda la ciudad

Miércoles 12 de octubre: Recolección de reciclaje en toda la ciudad

Jueves 13 de octubre: Recolección de desechos de jardín en toda la ciudad

Viernes, 14 de octubre: Recolección de basura en toda la ciudad

Worksession Minutes

August 1, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:07PM, slightly delayed by technical issues. Also present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinta Hemby, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Joining via Zoom was Nils Herdelin from American Legal Publishing; Monica Marquina, Nathan Shearer, David Wilkins, and Abolanle Onasanya from WSSC; and Erin McClure, Sylvette La Touch-Howard and Tracy Zeeger from the University of Maryland School of Public Health. Also present were several residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Papanikolas suggested amending the agenda to include attachments for item 5.a. He then moved to approve the agenda as amended. CM Hemby seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that National Night Out will be at the Town Center on August 2nd at 6PM. Food will be served, and many town organizations will be present. She shared that Public Works will be continuing extra yard waste pick-ups and that Code Compliance will not be doing any tree debris related enforcement through the end of August. She added that M-NCPPC has responded to the Town's request for information on the cleanup at Indian Creek Playground. M-NCPPC has replied that they are unable to begin tree debris removal until they are able to install fencing to secure the area for safety reasons. Once secured, they will remove the debris and then evaluate the playground equipment for safety and if needed install fencing around damaged equipment and repair it. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also announced that the Police Department is experiencing an extended internet and phone outage. Technicians are working to restore these services, but a temporary number (240-278-5514) has been set up if you need to reach the PD office.

b. Presentation: Codification Agreement questions

Nils Herdelin from American Legal Publishing reviewed the purpose and function of codification. He explained the numbering system that American Legal uses to compile Town Ordinances into a book of Code. He also was asked to explain the process of editing for consistency, including making punctuation and capitalization consistent throughout the document as well as making references to the Town consistent throughout. He used the example that one ordinance may use the term "code enforcement" when another may use "code compliance". MPT Brittan-Powell

asked why we are pursuing codification. TM Allen explained that this is an item that has been identified by previous administrations that needs to be completed. The Council has included it in this and previous budgets, but it had not been completed mostly due to Covid. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed concerns about changing the language in the Code and asked if the document could be viewed during the process so that changes could be made if the Council identified issues. Mr. Herdelin explained that it was unlikely that Council would be able to see the document in process but that when they have completed compiling and editing the document, the Town would have 90 or more days to review the document to ensure that there are no issues. American Legal can make changes after the review period. Council consensus was to use the American Legal Publishing numbering system and to allow editing for consistency.

c. Presentation: WSSC assistance programs

Ms. Monica Marquina began the presentation by introducing her colleagues and walked through an overview of WSSC. After the overview, Mr. Nathan Shearer walked through the past due accounts on both a high level and drilled down to Berwyn Heights. He reviewed that the number of overall past due accounts is down across the bi-county service area from those at the height of the pandemic, but that most parts of the county still have a significant number of past due accounts. Berwyn Heights has 112 past due customers, the majority of those being residential customers. He expressed that despite improvement in the number of delinquencies, inflation was likely making that improvement level off. Mr. Shearer continued that since WSSC is a non-governmental entity, they are limited in the type of relief they can offer residents, as they are not ARPA recipients. He explained that they have two programs available, payment plans and the Customer Assistance Program (CAP). Both of these programs are under-enrolled and the process is not that involved. He explained that one difficulty with the payment plan is that the charges continue to accrue while customers are working on their past due invoices. Resident Jose Valcarcel asked how many of the past due accounts are only 2-3 years old. Mr. Shearer responded that most of the accounts occurred in the last two years with only about 19 accounts being older than 2 years. Ms. Marquina shared more about the financial assistance programs including CAP; as well as the Bay Restoration Fund Fee Exemption; the Water Fund which can provide assistance with water and sewer bills up to \$500 a year which is paid for by customer and employee donations; flexible payment plans; and bill adjustments which can help residents with high bills once every three years. She shared about a statewide program called the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) which will be administered by the Prince George's County Health and Human Services. Grants are available from \$100-\$2000 per household. However, she anticipates that this funding will go quickly. She then reviewed ways other municipalities in the bi-county service area had spent ARPA funds on water assistance programs in coop-

eration with WSSC. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about communication to the residents. Ms. Marquina replied that when the State sent the LIHWAP money, WSSC sent notifications. They are working to notify residents that they know will qualify for LIHWAP funds. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Town can receive information on the programs in both English and Spanish. Ms. Marquina replied that there are flyers that can be delivered to the Town in hard copy or PDF. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if it was possible to get information on the residents who are behind so that the Town can target their outreach. Ms. Marquina stated that it is illegal to share information on an individual's debt, so the only way would be to reach out to every resident in Berwyn Heights. Abolanle Onasanya spoke about the WSSC water main replacement project on Edmonston Road. The most recent project completion date estimate is August 31, 2022. She explained about the delays caused by supply chain issues. There is only one spot that is left to complete, and they anticipate having the necessary parts in the next week or two. After that section is completed, they will begin to mill and repave the road. David Wilkins shared about his role as a Customer Service Advocate and that he is available 24/7. His phone is always on unless he is out of the State. Resident Claudia Barragan asked Ms. Onasanya about the construction and requested a definitive date of completion, as her car was damaged by the pavement on Edmonston. Ms. Onasanya explained that the materials are still delayed, but that they believe the repairs will be completed in a couple of weeks. Once the water main project is complete, they will mobilize the paving project. Ms. Barragan asked WSSC and Councilmembers to commit to a date in writing. Ms. Onasanya explained most paving projects are completed within 90 days of the replacement project being completed. However, she will reach out to the paving service and see if they can begin working on the pavement at the far end of Edmonston early so as to complete the overall project earlier. MPT Brittan-Powell asked Mr. Wilkins if the Town could provide materials to WSSC that they can put into mailings for the residents in need. He discussed the possibility of putting mailings in all resident's mail. He will reach out to Mr. Shearer to determine if something could be put in the billing statement of the targeted residents.

d. Presentation: UMD School of Public Health Deans and Draft Agreement Introduction

MPT Brittan-Powell introduced Erin McClure and introduced Sylvette Le Touche-Howard and Tracy Zeeger as inaugural leaders of the School of Public Health (SPH) practice. He expressed his excitement at working with them. Ms. McClure began discussing the draft agreement. She had taken feedback from

the initial meeting in June to update the agreement. The SPH has been working on foundational documents for dissemination to students who are looking for internships. She added that these documents will have addendums as more information is available. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that it was difficult to discuss the agreement as it hadn't been sent to staff to post prior to this meeting and asked for an overview. Ms. McClure stated that the agreement had been sent to Claudia Barragan who translated it into Spanish for her organization. Ms. McClure shared that the introduction portion of the agreement shares information about the Town and the SPH, including demographics and resources. It also highlights the University's strategic plan and the School's mission. The agreement then outlines the basic responsibilities of each partner, which are to work collaboratively and to listen and learn from one another. The terms of the agreement are pending a start date, but the agreement can be terminated at any time if either party decides that they'd like it to end. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked what the next step is and was informed it would be to develop the guiding principles, should the Council decide to formalize the relationship. Ms. McClure stated that one or more representatives will be available to answer questions for residents.

Resident Claudia Barragan submitted a letter of support from the Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights and expressed gratitude that her edits had been utilized by the SPH. She read the letter into the record. She asked why the agreement wasn't shared in the agenda packet. Ms. McClure stated that she understood this to be a working meeting with Council and that the agreement was sent only to Council and would be shared later with the broader community. Ms. Barragan expressed she'd like to see this move forward quickly in the wake of the storm event, indicating that delay would be the fault of the Mayor and Town Manager. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the agreement had to be reviewed by the Town Attorney and that the Town Attorney is currently on vacation. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for staff to see if there were other attorneys that could review the agreement while the Town Attorney is unavailable. TM Allen agreed to see what can be done to get this reviewed by an associate of the Town Attorney. Ms. McClure will have the attorneys for UMD review it as well. Ms. Barragan requested that CM Hemby coordinate with MPT Brittan-Powell on this. CM Papanikolas sought clarification on the goal for the Town Meeting. Mayor Kulpa Eddy replied that goal for the Town Meeting will be to view a draft of the agreement and any attorney responses, with a discussion and vote on the partnership agreement. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for more information on the cost of an intern. Ms. McClure shared that the cost of an intern is minimal, either a small stipend, hourly wage, or gas and parking stipend. An undergraduate intern would cost about \$16/hr where a graduate student would be between \$20-\$22/hr. Most students complete an internship as either part

of their program or for independent study. Students typically choose an internship the semester prior to undertaking it, but not always. Depending on the goal of the internship, weekly hours can vary from 10-36 hours. The SPH would want a job description for the internship, which could come out of the needs assessment.

e. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the month of August, with National Night Out on August 2 and the Summer Concert on August 18th.

f. News from the Town Manager

i. Town Manager's report ARPA update on projects

TM Allen gave an update on the ARPA projects. She reported that in March, the Council gave direction to develop residential and business support programs based on College Park programs. The Council has suspended the residential support program and she is waiting for direction from the Council on how to proceed with the proposal for updating it. She reviewed that the Town is working with the County on stormwater management. We are waiting for them to send their reports to the Town, including preapproved vendors, that will help the Town inform our decisions. The Business Relief program application has been sent to Director Goodwin of Code Compliance. Director Goodwin will be running the application past several businesses for their input. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he had been in contact with several businesses in Town but they haven't heard anything. TM Allen replied that she understood that this was going out via email. MPT Brittan-Powell proposed that it be promoted by walking it to each business in Town. TM Allen continued, discussing the proposed Police Department/Town Hall combined project. Manns Architecture is scheduled for the August 15th meeting to review with the current Council the feasibility study that was done for the previous Council. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that his memory was that the feasibility was pretty poor. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that her recollection was that it was not possible to add a second story to this building, but that a new building could be built in the same space. TM Allen reiterated that the goal is to get the information before the new Council. CM Papanikolas stated he couldn't recall if the issue was tabled or just fell off the radar. Resident Jose Valcarcel stated that he wants to make sure the Town won't be charged for the presentation. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she has received several emails indicating that residents feel this project has a goal of getting rid of the Police Department. TM Allen expressed that she was seeking the direction of the Council in response to the proposal that was submitted on July 18th in regard to redesigning the ARPA Residential Relief program. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that clear guidelines are in the document and is confused as to why nothing has been done. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and resident Claudia Barragan discussed the process, with Ms. Barragan stating that it is her belief that the highest priority would be to hire someone who can do the grant management

and she would like to see action on this in the August meeting. She also requested that the stormwater reports from the County be made public. She asked if there is a workgroup for the Police Department/Town Hall project. She expressed her opinion that the non-profit relief program should be suspended until a needs assessment has been completed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that other organizations such as PGCPs have taken great steps to address some of the priority areas for non-profit relief that were identified by the 49th Council. TM Allen stated that the Council can make any changes they see appropriate to the ARPA projects list, but requests formal action on changing the previous plans. TM Allen asked for clarity on the plans for an ARPA grants manager. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there is no funding set aside for a grants manager at this time. Ms. Barragan asked if we could do something similar to Laurel with WSSC. CM Papanikolas stated that he would like to see the ARPA projects update as part of the consent agenda at town meetings.

g. Resident Comments

Jose Valcarcel asked for an update on the Indian Creek Playground. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the announcement that she made at the beginning of the meeting. Resident Mike Attick believed that the meeting broadcast had been switched to an old meeting. TC Friesen checked and confirmed this meeting is the one currently being broadcast.

h. Four Cities agenda items

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that there will be a presentation from the County's Office of Emergency Management during the Four Cities meeting. She asked for Council suggestions on agenda items. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested lessons learned/best practices from Covid 19. CM Papanikolas suggested adding parking and traffic problems and the permitting programs from neighboring communities. CM Hemby asked that this be an item as well. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested adding affordable housing. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the meeting will begin at 7PM with a meal service starting at 6:30PM.

2. Public Works

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that CM Menjivar had an excused absence. MPT Brittan-Powell asked to make a comment on the issue of Public Works. He expressed appreciation for all the hard work in the storm cleanup effort. He shared an impression that in the past Public Works had a higher stature in the Town; that they aren't being treated as well as they had been in the past. He expressed a desire to see more development opportunities in Public Works. CM Papanikolas asked if there is a staff commendation program. TM Allen shared that there is annual recognition at the end of the year, and sometimes at Berwyn Heights Day there is an Employee of the Year. CM Papanikolas expressed a desire to see something more regularly, not just annually. CM

Hemby seconded what MPT Brittan-Powell had said and asked residents to be patient as crews are working hard. She also asked residents consider giving donations to Public Works in thanks. TM Allen and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy briefly reviewed ethical gift giving for public employees. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that residents had a desire to see Public Works job opportunities be more publicized.

3. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that most of the meeting has been about administration.

4. Code Compliance

CM Hemby wanted to express appreciation of all that Director Goodwin and her team had done in response to the storm. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about determining if trees are in the public right of way. TM Allen explained that in general, this is 10 feet from the center-line of the road, but Berwyn Heights was not built with consistent road widths, so that is a guide, not a hard rule.

5. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

a. Council Rules 1 and 2

CM Papanikolas has done some more research on this and has read the minutes for the meetings that resulted in Ordinance 121. The rules were originally written in 1966 when the Council was a Commission, then updated in the 70s to reflect the change to a Council. Council was using the Commission Rules in addition to the charter and amendments. He would like to do a comprehensive review of the rules and establish a workgroup to help with that, but in the meantime would like to see the revised Council Rules 1&2 passed to keep the Council functioning. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about Council Rules vs Robert's Rules and asked if developing Council Rules was just adding a level of complexity that was not necessary. CM Papanikolas stated that the Council doesn't use Robert's Rules during worksessions. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that the feedback he has heard is that the Council Rules shut down engagement. CM Papanikolas shared that Council Rule 1 is general, except when referencing the Council. He reiterated that he is asking for Council Rules 1 and 2 as a way forward. Finally, there were discussions on edits, including removing pieces of Council Rule 2, section 4 and addressing some grammatical and typographical errors.

6. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded to a question raised during the July 18th worksession on determining when any water you have stored is still usable. She shared that the type of container makes a difference in determining if water remains potable, mostly from a flavor perspective. When water has an expiration date, the water hasn't suddenly turned bad, but is past a period in which it has been tested for quality. She advocated using the water for other purposes such as watering plants. She reviewed her activities of the last several weeks, including attending the Resilient Communities Webinar and a session with Senator

Cardin and other County elected officials.

7. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:57.

Worksession Minutes August 15, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Town Manager Laura Allen, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present was Robert Mann of Manns Architecture. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence. Also present were residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested to amend the agenda, adding the flooding event in lieu of the PEPCO presentation. The requested amendment placed the flooding event after the two presentations by Chief Antolik and Manns Architecture. MPT Brittan-Powell requested that the agenda be amended to move the ARPA application discussion to Administration instead of PRECA. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the funding amount that was allocated to the police/town hall building project. He expressed his discomfort with the project and the funding being part of the project list. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that no funding has actually been allocated, but rather that it is an item that was approved for further study. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Fall Maryland Municipal League conference is coming up and to let TC Friesen know if any Councilmember is interested in attending. CM Hemby shared that the Boys and Girls club is in need of volunteers for all positions, including coaches, assistant coaches, concession stand attendants, and more. She encouraged everyone interested in volunteering to reach out to Robin Harris for more information.

b. Presentation Pepco

Presentation cancelled

c. Police Chief Presentation on Traffic Enforcement

Chief Kenneth Antolik spoke on the matter of traffic enforcement. He stated that in 2020, there were 1552 traffic citations. In 2021, there were 1448 and that through July of 2022 there have been 1419 citations. 225 of those citations in 2022 were stop sign violations and that there were 27 stop sign citations in July. Officers are making stops for traffic violations and loud exhaust noise. He further explained that due to staffing levels

when officers are responding to other calls, there aren't always officers available for traffic enforcement. He cited a recent example where a burglary investigation occupied officers for a considerable period and that it required calling in additional support to maintain services in Town. He also shared that he publishes a weekly and monthly report in an effort to be fully transparent; it includes the number of and types of violations occurring in the community. Yearly, he publishes a report with ten year trends. He added that in the approximately 1 square mile that is the Town of Berwyn Heights, there are about 200 stops signs and that staffing for the police department is 1-2 officers on shift at a time. He shared that the police force is diverse and multicultural. They are not able to prevent all crime or traffic violations in Town, but they work hard with the resources that are available to them. He also wanted to share the mental health resources available to residents. They include calling Maryland 2-1-1 for mental health emergency services. The Prince George's County Health Department offers resources for non-emergency support M-F 8:30am-5:30pm at 301-883-7879. The Santé group also works within the County and can be reached at 301-429-2185 for more information.

Chief Antolik also spoke on the recent flooding, sharing that an officer checked the storm drain to make sure it wasn't clogged by debris from the recent windstorm damage, and found it was just overwhelmed by the amount of rain water. He stated that Police Department employees have donated out of their own pockets to residents who are experiencing storm damage, and that other residents had donated at the Police Department, and that canned food, gift cards and cleaning supplies are available. He can be reached during regular business hours and administrative staff at the Department can offer recovery support as well.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy redirected the topic back to traffic, stating that with the number of resident complaints on loud exhaust systems, she was curious if noise detectors would be a possibility. Chief Antolik replied that he is familiar with gunshot detectors, which differentiate between fireworks and gunshots and indicate the direction of the incident, but that he is unfamiliar with anything that would address loud exhaust systems. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about stop sign cameras. Chief Antolik replied that while legal in Washington DC, they are not legal in the State of Maryland. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about speed bumps. Chief Antolik replied that if Council wanted to add speedbumps, he had locations that he could give for consideration. He also wanted to ensure that speedbumps would not interfere with emergency vehicles and snowplows. He reiterated that most speeding violations are done by residents and that the BHPD cannot have selective enforcement. He mentioned a hand-held "DragonCam" radar system that could be used for speeding enforcement anywhere in Town. He added that during the first three weeks of school there is a zero-

tolerance policy for traffic violations. He also reiterated that when severe crime calls go up, traffic enforcement goes down.

CM Hemby addressed the rumor that the Council is trying to get rid of the Police Department; the Council instead is acting as a liaison between the residents and the Police Department. She stated that they are seeking remedies, not complaints. She asked about installing removable speed humps and stop signs with flashing lights. Chief Antolik stated that when residents share intersections that are problematic, he will sit at those signs to monitor them. He also stated he was going to recommend solar flashing stop signs in some locations. He is willing to inquire about removable speed humps for cost and durability and will consult with Public Works and TM Allen. CM Hemby shared her last concern, stating that MPT Brittan-Powell gave suggestions in a couple of emails about what another municipality in the area is doing to measure the effectiveness of their officers. Chief Antolik replied that he meets with every officer at the beginning of the year and provides them with a set of performance expectations. He continued that he is not going to be giving the officers quotas to meet and leaves that to the officer's discretion. He stated that the monthly report shows which officer is writing what citations. He also stated that giving quotas can be illegal in the State of Maryland and that quotas also increase bias. He stated that the focus is primarily on Community Policing, laying out a number of programs that the Police Department is instrumental in coordinating that take a considerable amount of time and effort. He prefers to work with families when juveniles are involved. CM Hemby stated that she knows that Berwyn Heights is a safe community and she'd like to develop a workgroup with the Police Department to avoid a sense of accusations. She continued that she'd like to see more traffic enforcement and to see more officers hired specifically for traffic enforcement. She also asked if there was a possibility to increase the fines. Chief Antolik replied that Maryland law determines the fines and that the fines in Town are at the legal maximums. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would like to see citation comparisons from before 2020 to see what enforcement looked like before COVID. He also stated that there seems to be a discrepancy between what residents say about enforcement and what the Police Department says they are doing. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about how we advertise the enforcement of traffic laws.

Resident Claudia Barragan began speaking, citing Ordinance 124, insisting that residents who were here to speak about the flooding event have the opportunity to speak, as they have been waiting for an hour at this time.

d. Manns Architecture presentation was held until after the flooding discussion. However, Mr. Mann was unable to stay on the line that late, and the presentation will be rescheduled.

e. Flooding event/Storm Update (amended and reordered agenda item)

Resident Claudia Barragan expressed dismay that even though the flooding event happened during the Council meeting on Aug. 10, 2022 the event wasn't included on this agenda. She cited Ordinance 124 again, continuing that several families and children were impacted by the event. Resident Alejandra Vasquez spoke stating that she hopes the Council understands the frustration of the residents impacted by the storm. She has two single mothers in her basement who lost everything in the flood. She stated that she is repetitively buying pumps for the basement as they flood often. She reported hearing that the Town knows that the storm drainpipes are too small to handle heavy storms and wanted to know why the Town hasn't made steps to fix them when they know the drainage to be inadequate. She also expressed concern about the building growth in the area when the storm drain infrastructure is already inadequate. She expressed her desire for the Town to help out with what needs to be done.

Resident Yeni Santos of 59th Ave stated that there are three houses on 59th that flood every time it rains. She reported that the drain was inspected by the County after the flood event of 2014 and that she has received no financial aid to remedy the situation. She reported the storm drain backs up and water comes in, not just from the rain but also from the storm drain. She stated that she has three sump pumps to move the flood waters, but because the storm drain is overwhelmed, the waters just back up into her property again. The flood event in 2014 cost \$72,000 to repair. She also stated that no one from the Town checked on them after the storm event on July 12, 2022. She continued, stating that when the storm drain is overwhelmed, it is like the water is boiling out of the drain.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the storm drain system is owned by the County and that efforts are being made by the Town to encourage the County to address the issue.

Another resident on 59th Avenue stated that they lost everything in the basement. She didn't want to go downstairs because they were afraid of being electrocuted. She stated that she called the Volunteer Fire Department to see if they could turn off the electricity to make it safe. She said that the VFD stated that they don't do that, that they didn't ask for any of her identifying information or inquire about her safety. CM Papanikolas asked for clarification that the resident had called the VFD directly, not 9-1-1. She confirmed that she called the fire department directly.

Resident Yony Quintanilla, owner of 8904, stated that since 2014 no one from the Town has helped them. He reported there being meetings on the topic of flooding at that time and that Chief Antolik was a part of them, but nothing came from those meetings. He continued that the main problem is that the main drain isn't work-

ing, and that water gathers at that location. He stated that he was here today to see what is going to be done about the drains and to find out when it is going to happen. He said that residents need this to be solved now and that is what they are wanting to hear. He stated that it feels like they don't exist in Town and that their concerns and suffering aren't being acknowledged. He would like to see specific timelines on when things will be done. He also stated that he was grateful to the Town for the extra trash bins that had been brought by for their clean up.

Ms. Santos returned to the podium to speak on another storm related issue, that every time it rains the mulch from the Community Garden drains into her yard and patio. She spoke again on the strength of this flood, stating that the water broke down the door of a neighboring house and there was 7 feet of water in the basement. The landlord is working hard to clean it up but that they will be calling the news if results aren't seen.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she will be speaking with the County on this and will be reaching out to residents to speak to the County as well.

Ms. Barragan spoke again saying that it will take at least \$12,000 per house for clean up from the storm. She expressed that the tax money paid to the Town should be used to aid in recovery. She continued that stormwater management is part of the ARPA funding. She asked that the combined Police Department/Town Hall building be struck from the ARPA projects list. She further stated that they are giving the Council/Administration a deadline of 30 days to produce results. She continued that the Immigrant Neighbors Community will report the Town regarding equal access and language access. Ms. Barragan continued that members of the Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights (INCBH) had already reached out to the County and others to report the perceived lack of response by the Town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked who the INCBH had reached out to so that the Town could add to their efforts. Ms. Barragan replied that they would not supply that information and that the Town should reach out to the County on their own.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that for clarity that the Town does not own the storm drain system and that they are not allowed to do work on that system.

Resident Joan Hayden stated that she has lived here all her life. She shared that the space where the Community Garden is now is a town street Right of Way and that in the 1970s, the mayor at that time put in a culvert along the Right of Way along 59th Ave. She stated that area was meant to be a Right of Way and not a garden. She also recalled that in 2014, a meeting was held in the 2nd floor of Town Center with representatives from another agency. She stated her belief that something should have been done eight years ago

and would like to know when something is going to be done.

Resident Jimmy Diamond reported having 4 feet, 4 inches of water in his basement that so far has cost \$13,500 for remediation, not even considering what was lost. He shared a brief story about the resident who lived in his basement as a rental in 2014 nearly losing her dog in that event. He stated that he recalled that some sort of maintenance was done on the storm drains in the aftermath of the 2014 flood. He shared that since he has no flood insurance, he will be paying out of pocket, and it will be approximately \$24,000 to completely recover. He believed that it was a Town issue but stated that he understands now that it is primarily a County issue and will be directing his concerns that way.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the storm drain infrastructure was turned over to the County during the 1960-80s.

Ms. Barragan spoke again stating that she had a message from the landlord of the houses that were damaged in the flood. She reported that his message was that he believes this is a Town issue; that after every flood event the Town says it is a County issue but nothing ever changes. She stated that they want to see in writing where the County is responsible for the storm drains not the Town.

Resident Jose Valcarcel stated that he wasn't affected by the floods but has been trying to help residents who were. He stated that the Town needs to stop saying it's a County issue and take responsibility, from a safety standpoint. He believes that from a safety standpoint the Town should buy and provide sandbags to residents who are frequently flooded. He also mentioned portable, temporary flood doors that could be purchased to help residents who are frequently affected by storm damage.

Resident Angie Wolfinger stated that she lived in Mr. Diamond's basement during the 2014 flood. When that flood happened, there were three different fire departments that responded. She stated that there were FEMA buckets available for pick up with cleaning supplies. There were about 20 houses affected by the 2014 flood. The Community Center was set up as a rescue center for people to go and there was coordination on getting hotel rooms. She stated that she doesn't understand how when everyone knew about the flood in 2014 that it wasn't widespread knowledge this time. She expressed wanting to know what happened to trigger all the support in 2014 and why it didn't happen this time.

Ms. Barragan stated that Ms. Wolfinger got support in 2014 because she is white. Ms. Barragan continued that she is the only one who has provided sup-

port to the residents this time, that she was the one who contacted FEMA and the Red Cross as the Town did not respond.

Ms. Santos responded that she did not receive any aid or assistance in the 2014 flood from FEMA or any other organization.

Ms. Barragan continued that when Mayor Kulpa-Eddy went to speak with residents on 59th Avenue, that she only spoke with white homeowners. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that she spoke with all those that were standing outside. Ms. Vasquez stated that she has a camera and has video that the Mayor did not speak with everyone. TM Allen responded that she spoke with Mr. Robson as he had another topic to discuss with her.

Ms. Hayden asked about the new houses that have been built in Town in the last decade and how their hardscape affects the storm water runoff. She asked how do you get people to understand that when they build they affect stormwater runoff? She returned to the Community Garden and asked what happened to the culvert that was there and how to fix water run-off from neighboring properties.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he wasn't here in 2014 but that he understands that there are 3 natural directions that water will stream in Town, with 59th Ave being the most difficult of those to address.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there was a hydrologic study in 2015 which showed that the storm drains are too small and at too steep of an angle to properly manage water. At that time the County said it was tens of millions of dollars to address and to-date they have placed the Berwyn Heights storm drains in their capital improvement budgets.

Resident Omar, husband of Ms. Santos, stated that all he hears is talk, talk, talk. He asked what is the Town waiting for, for lives to be lost? He asked what the Town is going to do to fix it and when are you going to fix it.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there were more comments on the flooding issue and closed the item.

Police Chief Presentation on Traffic Enforcement (continued)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy returned to the topic of traffic enforcement for resident comments.

Resident Joan Hayden stated that in response to CM Hemby's question about what can be done to enforce traffic laws, in the early 2000s there was a Safe Streets Committee that met on the topic of how to make the streets safer. She doesn't know why things weren't done but believes the Town should pull up the report and look at it. She spoke on growing up in the Town and how parents looked out for all the kids. She also shared that she doesn't see respect from kids to adults. She stated that the Police Department is active and is the reason that the Town is safe. CM Hemby replied that she is grateful for Ms. Hayden's comments. Further, she stated that the Boys and Girls

Club is important, as well as more activities to help the kids while they are young. She also reiterated that there is no Council discussion about disbanding the Police Department. Ms. Hayden stated that when she was young there were lots more activities for kids, such as movie nights at the Town Center. She also encouraged new members to join the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness meetings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy encouraged Ms. Hayden to speak with CM Papanikolas as he is the PRECA liaison. Ms. Hayden also asked about getting residents in rental homes involved in the Town.

At 9:07 there was a short break to address a camera change. The meeting returned at 9:09.

MPT Brittan-Powell returned the conversation to traffic enforcement and Chief Antolik returned to the conversation. He stated that he held a misunderstanding that the Police Department doesn't see the disparity about what residents are reporting and what the Police Department says that they are doing. Chief Antolik replied that yes, the Police Department does see the traffic issues, but enforcement is a challenge in every municipality. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the use of performance expectations in enforcement. Chief Antolik stated that if the Council wished to add quotas to the performance of the Police Department, he would like the Council to put it in writing. MPT Brittan-Powell and chief went back and forth on if a quota and performance expectation are the same thing. Chief Antolik stated that when you start putting numbers to an expectation it puts you on thin ice. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared an email conversation with the Maryland Municipal League that indicated you have to be very careful, as numeric performance expectations may be considered illegal. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that the email communications with MML states that when things are done poorly it's a problem but when they are done well, it is fine, so the key would be to do it well. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell and Chief Antolik spoke about the performance expectations for the Department, the definition of a quota and the evaluations of each officer annually. Chief Antolik reiterated that the officers that are here are handpicked and if they do not meet the performance during evaluations, they are asked to leave. He highlighted that there have been no civil rights violations in his tenure.

d. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the August calendar and stated that there are no changes and highlighted the NW/EP meeting on Sept 7th. CM Hemby asked why there was no meeting until September 14. She wanted to know how the issue of flooding will be addressed before then and how the Council gets answers quickly. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that the Town can put pressure on the County without meeting, including letter writing. CM

Hemby stated that the Town needs to do more than write letters, that the Town needs to make noise. She asked about what happens if it rains next week. CM Hemby views this as a two-fold issue, that we need the County to address the drainage and funding for recovery needs to be done before September 14th. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that she is working on the drainage with the County, but that doesn't preclude anyone, including Council, from also reaching out to their County Councilmembers: Dannielle Glaros for District 3, and At-Large Councilmembers Mel Franklin and Calvin Hawkins to put pressure on them to take action. CM Papanikolas also stated that flooding falls under the Department of the Environment and to contact them. TM Allen reviewed that the County has not put drainage in Berwyn Heights in their Capital Improvements list and has not budgeted to address it. She continued that according to her contacts at the County that it is not in the plan to include it anytime soon. MPT Brittan-Powell proposed holding a listening session, rather than a Council meeting prior to the Town Meeting. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she has been considering holding a Town Hall. CM Papanikolas shared that in this meeting alone there has been conversation about the Safe Streets and the Quality-of-Life reports, and the drainage study. He believes that Council has a culture of not spending money when there isn't the cash to pay for it, rather only taking the steps that are free/inexpensive, instead of taking out a bond to do big projects. In a previous Council, a CM shot down a bond bill and since that time, no Council has been willing to take that on. He continued that there is no master Capital Improvement Plan for the Town, and that the Town has needed a plan, process, and procedure in place for a long time. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the Town has been debt free, and the concern has been how would the Town pay for something if the usual cash flow were to dry up. She expressed that if the Town were to take out a bond, they would need to budget so that it could be paid back regardless of changes to Town income. CM Hemby asked about what can be done immediately to address the storm issue. She brought up the doors that Mr. Valcarcel mentioned in his comments. TM Allen replied that sandbags are easy, but the doors are more difficult. Mr. Valcarcel shared the website of the doors he was referring to (dameasyfloodbarriers.com) and Council reviewed the doors. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there would need to be a process to determine who does get flood doors if the Town buys them and reviewed the problems that were identified when a previous Council discussed buying generators to loan during storm events. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about the donation efforts that took place during the flooding in 2014 and the complication of having donated funds comingled with Town Funds. It was recommended that the Town establish a 501c3 organization to handle donations, but it did not. CM

Hemby asked if there is an emergency fund where the Town can purchase sandbags and flood doors without having a 501c3. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested reallocating the funds in the stormwater ARPA line item. TM Allen said that within the Public Works budget there is the ability to set up a self-serve sandbag station easily. She said the doors need to be reviewed for liability. She added that she has spending authority up to \$10,000, but the Town could address it when her spending limit was reached. She suggested that if this is something that the Town wants that doors could be given rather than loaned out. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she wanted a process to determine who would receive doors, developing criteria such as where the floodwater comes in. Resident Ms. Barragan stated that the Town would need to develop an equitable process for everyone, suggesting that a postcard could be sent to every household to see if they've had a history of flooding. Council discussed a postcard, design, and the process in which it will be distributed.

Ms. Barragan spoke on how storms are the result of environmental changes and the ever-changing risks associated with those changes. She asked what the Town will be doing in the next 30 days, when another storm could happen at any time. She continued, expressing her opinion that spending money on a new Police/Town Hall building is not an appropriate use of ARPA funding.

e. News from the Town Manager

* ARPA projects update

TM Allen gave an update on the ARPA Projects List that was approved by Council in March of 2022. She mentioned that some of the items that haven't been addressed are the smaller projects such as the purchase of an air scrubber, additional PPE, and deep cleaning of Town Facilities. She stated that Chief Antolik has taken the lead on mental health training. She reviewed that her understanding is that the Town is holding off on the non-profit grant supports until the needs assessment is done by the University. CM Papanikolas mentioned the plans to purchase technology for Berwyn Heights Elementary with the PTA. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for the table to be updated to reflect the corrections for the Town Hall/Police Department project.

Ms. Barragan requested that the building project be removed from the stormwater portion of the document as she doesn't understand why it was in that section to begin with. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that if there had been time for the presentation by Manns Architecture, that would have been made clear. The Town Hall/Police Department project was discussed and will be pulled off this chart to a separate section where it is clear that this is on the table for further study and that no funding has been allocated to it. Ms. Barragan asked about where the budget ordinances can be found on the Town website, stating

that she found it difficult to navigate. She also stated that she believes the codification project to be unnecessary.

f. Resident Comments

MPT Brittan-Powell read an email comment from resident Kenny Whitlow. Mr. Whitlow shared that he has clothes that he's happy to donate in various sizes. He encouraged the Council to consider addressing the issue of food insecurity and to work towards programs that address that issue. He suggested more food-based events in Town and that while the median income may be \$100,000, many residents earn less than that and the Town needs to be attentive to the needs of all. MPT Brittan-Powell added that "Feed the Fridge" has had to cancel their meeting a couple of times, but he anticipates meeting with them soon.

Resident Claudia Barragan shared her experience with the Capital Area Foodbank and how they map food insecurity by a defined set of criteria and that Berwyn Heights doesn't meet the criteria for the designation "food insecure". MPT Brittan-Powell replied that while the data may not designate Berwyn Heights as food insecure, that doesn't invalidate the lived experience of those residents in Berwyn Heights that are experiencing food insecurity.

2. Administration

a. Residential ARPA application update-

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he sees a pressing need for more meetings before the September 14th Town Meeting, likely more than one. He asked the Council for a preference on times and dates. TM Allen spoke that staff needs to be included in those discussions as they may have made plans based on the current schedule of meetings. He would like to have a budget amendment for moving ARPA funding to the University agreement and for flooding issues. He expressed a desire to have a grants manager, to help manage the ARPA fund implementation process, including regular reporting back to the Council. He sees this as a part-time contract position. CM Papanikolas suggested that the most expeditious process to hire a person would be to use the undefined line items in the grants portion of the approved ARPA budget and then back fill the budget once an amendment has been passed. There was discussion among the Council on the best ways to advertise the position as well as the requirement that the position be bilingual. TM Allen asked what the position would be doing until the needs assessment from the University is complete. The Council discussed utilizing this individual for the Residential and Business ARPA relief grant applications. There was discussion with input from Ms. Barragan on the RFP for the position including the deadline for the RFP. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about who would handle writing the RFP. TM Allen replied that staff would write the RFP but would

need input from the Council as staff takes their direction from Council. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested a process for handling PII. The Council discussed who would handle an application if there was one turned in before the manager is hired and decided it would be handled by a committee of two Councilmembers and the Town Treasurer.

MPT Brittan-Powell turned the conversation back to additional meetings. Resident Angie Wolfinger asked if meetings were called on short notice how they would notice the meetings. CM Papanikolas stated that it would be through the website, social media and relying on neighbors to help neighbors.

3. Code Compliance

CM Hemby reminded all business owners in Town that their license fees are due. Code Compliance is still working in the community to ensure that recovery repairs are up to code. She also shared that storm debris compliance has been suspended until the end of the month.

4. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

CM Papanikolas shared that the Green Team is applying for the Sustainable Community Grant. They reviewed the plastic bag ban presentation that was given at the Four Cities Meeting and they question who the ban would apply to in Town. He shared the Green Team is helping the Mayor with Team Trivia Night. Lastly, the Green Team has mapped the "Adopt-a-Block" program to find areas that need additional coverage.

5. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Berwyn Heights Police Department is collecting school supplies for Town residents through Friday, September 2nd. A link will be posted to social media for families to use to request supplies. CM Papanikolas shared that disposable masks are needed.

6. Public Works

CM Menjivar was absent, but Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about the Prince George's County Scrap Tire Amnesty Day on September 17th at the Beltsville Public Works Salt Dome where residents can dispose of up to 10 tires for free.

7. Adjournment

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:24PM.

Special Worksession Minutes August 19, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Call to order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore Chris Brittan-Powell, Coun-

cilmember Shinita Hemby, and Councilmember Faustino Menjivar. Councilmember Jason Papanikolas had an excused absence. Also present were residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

1. Announcements

Executive Session Report Out Executive Session (personnel matter) held under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. The session occurred from 6:01-6:28 pm in Town Council chambers, motioned by CM Menjivar and seconded by CM Hemby. The motion passed unanimously. Attendees at the closed session were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell, CM Menjivar and CM Hemby. No action was taken during the closed session.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read a comment on behalf of resident Blake Dewey: "Proper notice of meetings that follow the spirit as well as the language of the law are what we have come to expect in Berwyn Heights. I am disappointed in the members of council that feel they can operate in such a non-transparent manner."

2. Approval of Agenda

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Hemby seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to address the nature of this meeting in light of the requirements of the Maryland Open Meetings Act, by requesting the Council consider this is an urgent situation. CM Menjivar seconded. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Mayor Kulpa-Eddy abstaining as she did not believe enough information has been provided to determine the urgency of the agenda item, and therefore the need for the short notice given for this meeting.

3. Proposed Home Retrofit Program

As there were no Town Staff available to attend this meeting, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested MPT Brittan-Powell oversee the meeting, as he is most familiar with the latest version of the proposed program. She will be acting as the recording secretary and maintaining a written record in the event the electronic recording equipment malfunctions.

MPT Brittan-Powell began by reviewing the flooding event that occurred on August 10 and its aftermath. He stated while

many municipalities wait to approve a stormwater management project in its entirety, he would like to focus on just this program and approve it now. The program is designed to be focused and limited to stop the entry of water and sewage in three specific areas of Town: 8900 block of 59th Avenue, 8800 block of Cunningham Drive and the west side of Berwyn Road at 57th Avenue. He estimates the number of affected homes to be 5 to 7 in each of these areas, and more data will need to be gathered to determine what is needed to mitigate the water/sewage situation for each home. He is requested the Council act to approve the use ARPA funds already allocated for stormwater management to fund this program, and asked if there were any comments from the Council.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if the program would be limited to these three specified areas; it otherwise provided structure and criteria to the concept the Council had agreed to at Monday's worksession. MPT Brittan-Powell stated the affected areas may need to be expanded. He reiterated installation of the flood mitigation features would need to be done by professionals, according to College Park, Laurel and Montgomery County engineers. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy pointed out the Town may need to contract then with such professionals to ensure proper installation.

CM Menjivar agreed with the need for a specialist to make sure it is done correctly. He would prefer to ensure the equipment is used right, and not just give away money. He asked if anyone had contacted WSSC to do anything, as they are responsible for the sewage system.

Resident Merrill Weinrich responded WSSC is aware of the problem, as they were contacted after the 2014 flood, but have not been helpful. He suggested residents consider a class action suit, if the same issue is occurring over and over. He stated 91 homes were affected during the 2014 flood.

MW: Stairwell doors may be protected by flood doors, but water can still come up through floor drains, and this may be a problem throughout the Town.

Resident Jenni Saltos stated 59th Avenue floods even with a light rainfall, and neither WSSC nor the County seem to want to do anything. She is concerned that the water is coming up from a stormwater inlet in her backyard.

Resident Charles "Chuck" Jones said flooding on 59th Avenue occurred as recently as 2017, but he does not know why. He experienced sewage backflow on August 10; WSSC has told him that

backflow preventer valves need to be installed. They can be put in outdoors in the ground, or indoors in a panel. The homeowner must be aware that if the preventer valve is engaged, they cannot flush the toilet or run water in a sink. It will be stopped at the valve and back up through the floor drain. MPT Brittan-Powell agreed the valves need to be inspected 1-2x/year. While the Town can more easily inspect outdoor valves, indoor ones may be more difficult to do. Mr. Weinrich stated these valves cost about \$6000 each and must be meticulously maintained, as any debris that gets into the valve may render it unworkable. Resident Jose Valcarcel said the Town wants to install and inspect this equipment, but then require the homeowner to hold the Town harmless? This seems contradictory. He reminded the Council there is engineering, and permitting needed for this equipment, in addition to the installation and product costs.

Resident Claudia Barragan suggested reaching out to established groups to provide feedback on the program. She is concerned about the language barrier, as the proposal was not written in Spanish. She also asked about funding availability for the program, and proposed the ARPA stormwater management funds be used as a start, though more will be needed to expand to other areas in Town. MPT Brittan-Powell reiterated \$175,000 already exists as a pool of money, and Ms. Barragan urged moving this from a stormwater analysis to funding for emergency flood relief. CM Menjivar said the Council has already allocated money for this purpose. [She stated this will need a report on existing conditions; knowing how much people have already spent to fix their problems.]

Resident Helen Weinrich recalled an earlier flooding episode, perhaps around 2005, that took place after a snowstorm was followed by a heavy rain. She also stated WSSC took no responsibility for the 2014 sewage back-up that affected 3 homes, and attorneys didn't think they had enough of a case to pursue a lawsuit. WSSC did offer to install a new storm drain between 8805 and 8809 Cunningham Drive, but later decided not to. She would like to Town to reimburse her for the damages to her car and basement, and increased insurance premiums.

Resident Alejandro Vasquez stated the water damaged their car as well. The issue with water happens quite often; they obtained a pump to move the water out.

Resident Genevieve de Messieres mentioned that stormwater management is a common concern in this area, as well as downstream to the Chesapeake Bay. Providing relief to residents, both short-term and long-term was discussed at a recent Route 1 Corridor Green Team summit. This will take collaborative efforts with the County and utilities. She said the best way to handle run-off is to allow it to recharge (soak in)

on the source property. The Town would need expert advice on what to do with the low-lying areas of town.

Ms. Barragan wants concrete next steps to make sure something is done. MPT Brittan-Powell outlined two actions: (1) to edit and finalize the proposal, and (2) to provide for funding. He stated a budget hasn't been created yet, as the Town still needs to determine what equipment is needed and what the installation will cost.

Resident Alejandro Quintanilla (translation provided by Ms. Barragan) said he bought his house at 8900 59th Avenue about six months ago. Fixing up the basement cost him \$50,000 and one foot of water came through the door. He has put the house up for sale, but no one will buy it. He blamed the Community Garden for the problem. Water flows through it and deposits vegetation debris and trash in his yard. No one is taking care of the garden. He also pointed out a larger storm drain is needed in that area. Lastly, he mentioned Code had told him that having a pump to move water was a violation. CM Hemby stated she would look into it and get him an answer as to why he was told this.

Resident Jonah Quintanilla stated he is tired of talking, and implored the Council to fix the stormwater issue.

Resident Santiya Mandrega (8908 59th Avenue) asked if a fund could be established to help people; she does not have the money to fix the water damage, replace lost furnishings. She said this fund could also be used to help pay for doctors (checking for post-flood illnesses and mental health issues).

She mentioned she had called the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department local number for help during the storm, but they did not respond. She has since learned she must call 9-1-1 in order to request emergency assistance. Ms. Barragan stated the County's Office of Emergency Management gave a presentation on emergency preparedness at the August 4 Four Cities meeting, and thought this should be distributed to residents.

Resident Dave Wolfinger talked about how he worked with WSSC and his insurance company to deal with damages during three previous floods that affected his house on Cunningham Drive. He encouraged homeowners to figure out how best to prepare their houses to mitigate these known problems. While he and MPT Brittan-Powell have had discussions about the right type of equipment to install (he likes flood doors and backwater valves), it really is the property owner's responsibility to see to this. He was in favor of establishing a grant program to assist those owners experiencing a hardship.

Mr. Wolfinger further stated the Town can only do so much, and we need assistance from WSSC and the County to address the underlying infrastructure issues.

Resident Angie Wolfinger added that the Red Cross can also assist residents after a flood. She asked if the Town is actively seeking any grants for temporary housing or stormwater infrastructure. It would help if the area was designated a "flood zone", and suggested asking the Town Manager to do this. She also supported the idea of a grant program for residents that could assist with funding to recover from all types of disasters.

CM Hemby reported the Town has prepared postcards, in English and Spanish, that will be hand-delivered to every house by Sunday night (August 21). The postcard contains information instructing residents to complete a "flood survey". This will help inform the Council on the locations experiencing water issues and the types of problems that are occurring. Mr. Jones agreed it would be hard to approve funding without knowing the types of mitigation that are needed. CM Menjivar stated the data collected will help revise the proposal being discussed.

MPT Brittan-Powell summarized the proposed program has been introduced and discussed. CM Hemby suggested moving \$175,000 from the ARPA funds allocated for stormwater engineering analysis to this program. She stated we already know where the water issues are, and if a flood door will help mitigate damages, we should procure it. The Council can re-allocate more ARPA funds to the engineering analysis later if the survey indicates there are other problem areas in Town. CM Menjivar outlined the steps needed: approve the funding now; revise the proposal language; gather the survey data and review the total amount that may be needed for this program; adjust the funding as needed.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that \$175,000 in ARPA funds was already allocated to reduce flooding/stormwater, but it would be good to clarify the Council's intent for a change in the use of the money with a motion. CM Hemby moved to direct \$175,000 to fund stormwater emergency prevention and relief. CM Menjivar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CM Hemby reiterated the need to collect as much survey data as possible. CM Menjivar stated this is a short-term solution; the long-term answer will rely on involvement from the County and WSSC. He said we need to make revisions to the proposal (add dates, limits on funds) in order to proceed. MPT Brittan-Powell asked the Council to continue the discussion on how to expand the proposal to include relief funding. CM Menjivar requested Council focus on just

the original proposal for now, as it can be expanded later when there is more information available.

MPT Brittan-Powell motioned to approve the concept of the Retrofit Relief Program, with the understanding the formal application still needs to be revised and finalized. He would like these revisions done in the next five days, but unfortunately he will be unavailable during that time. CM Hemby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed 3-0-1, with MPT Brittan-Powell abstaining as he wished to continue discussion on the relief program. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.



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WII BOWLING— Every Wednesday 10:30 AM
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BOARD GAMES— Every Thursday at 11AM

POOL—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

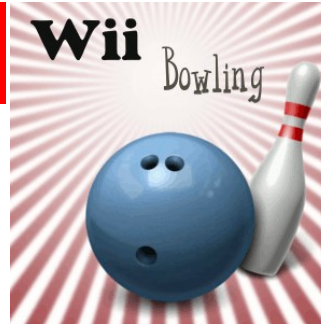
BOARD GAMES— Every Friday at 7PM

POTLUCK & MOVIE – Second Saturday at 5PM

BREAKFAST at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30AM

CRAFTS - Last Friday 11AM

MEETINGS - Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is also a potluck.



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NUESTROS IMPUESTOS EN ACCION

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- **Necesitará proporcionar evidencia de necesidad como copias de facturas, o pagos atrasados, facturas vencidas (bills), u otra documentación relacionada con gastos que pasaron durante la pandemia.**
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 - ◊ **Si tiene un saldo pendiente en la cuenta de agua, electricidad, gas, seguro de vivienda, etc.**
 - ◊ **Si tiene un saldo pendiente de costos médicos debido a enfermedad o chequeo médico.**
 - ◊ **Pago atrasado del principal de su hipoteca, o de su renta.**
 - ◊ **Pagos retrasados de servicio de internet.**
 - ◊ **Gastos para evitar el desplazamiento de vivienda, como reparaciones en el hogar para mantener la habitabilidad de una casa, como una adición de espacio para mantener cuarentena.**
 - ◊ **Gastos en educación virtual o híbrida, puntos de acceso hot-spots, dispositivos informáticos**
 - ◊ **Gastos en servicios de salud mental**
- **Complete el formulario de solicitud en su totalidad, adjunte la documentación de residencia y dificultad.**
- **La elegibilidad está determinada por la residencia en Berwyn Heights, la evaluación de las dificultades financieras y el tipo de necesidad/asistencia solicitada, como resultado de la pandemia.**
- **El personal de la ciudad no negará a los residentes el acceso y la presentación de una solicitud.**

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Enlace para formulario en español (gracias a nosotros)

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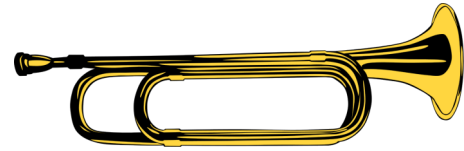
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Historical Committee

Wine and Cheese Reception

The BHHHC will be hosting a Fall Wine and Cheese Reception. The featured presenter will be Maya Davis, Executive Director of Riversdale House Museum.

Photo Courtesy DCist



When- Sunday November 6th, 2022

Time- 2pm- 4pm

Where: Berwyn Heights Town Center

The next meeting of the BHHHC is on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in the Love Room at 7:30 pm.

All other inquiries to:
dsteelesny@yahoo.com

For more information visit our Website:

<https://berwynheightshistory.com>

and on Facebook.

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

180 million Americans get drinking water from forested watersheds.

Source: Arbor Day Foundation

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

Next meeting: October 12th, 2022, 7 pm, virtually with the Green Team
Contact: Amanda Dewey, amandamdewey@gmail.com



Berwyn Heights GreenBee

Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

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Our next virtual Green Team meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

Email us to get the link to join remotely.



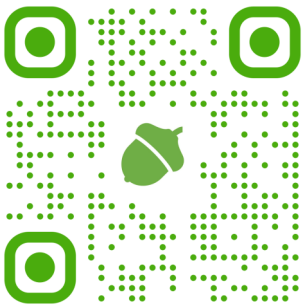
All residents are welcome to attend and contribute their priorities!

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Coming in October:

Saturday, October 8th, 1-3pm—The last Lake Artemesia concert of the season. Come and groove to the blues and classic rock sounds of "The Paulverizers". Bring something to sit on. Picnics are welcome. The Karate Club will sell snacks and cold drinks. **Rain location will be the upstairs party room at the town center, 5700 Berwyn Road.*



Saturday, October 15th, 11am—**Craft Day** at the Town Center (1st Floor)
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Saturday, October 22nd, 6:30-8pm—**TRUNK OR TREAT!** (*Rain date Oct. 29th*)

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Parking lot is for decorated cars only. No vehicle entry after 6:30pm



Sunday, October 23rd, 7-8pm—Come to the upstairs party room of 5700 Berwyn Road for a sensory friendly **Glow in the Dark Halloween Event**. All ages welcome. Glow sticks, goodies, fun!

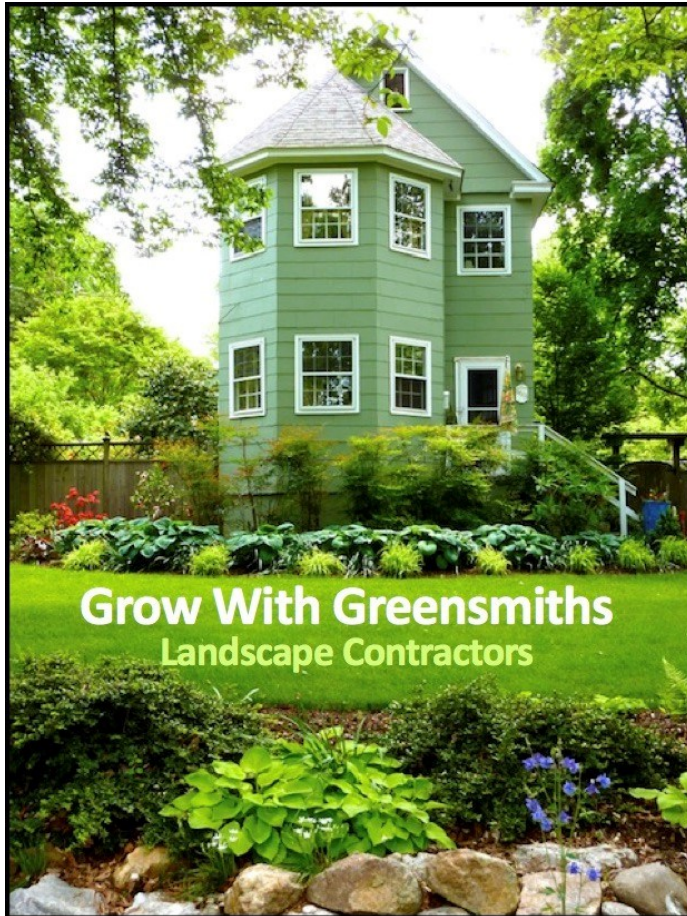
Sunday, October 30th, 3pm—**Book Discussion** at the Town Center (1st Floor)
The stories : "The Colour Out Of Space" and "At The Mountains Of Madness" and "The Shadow Out Of Time" by H.P. Lovecraft



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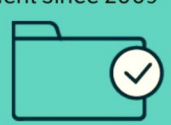
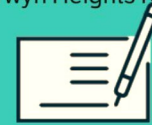


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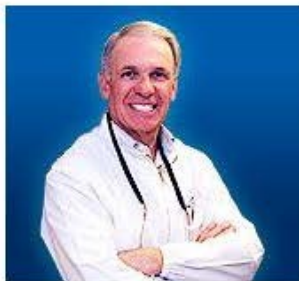
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SOLD-7612 Charlton Av 3 BR 2 BA Rambler w/lg kit \$445K

SOLD-8515 Cunningham Dr 2 BR 1 BA bungalow \$285K

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COMING SOON-6610 Patterson St Riverdale 3BR 2BA \$360k

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August Incidents

Friday, August 5, 2022, at 10:51 pm, 'SHOOTING'

On 8/05/2022 at 1053 pm Berwyn Heights units were dispatched to 59** Natasha DR Berwyn Heights for a shooting. Upon arrival, Sgt Roberson made contact with 3 occupants of a vehicle (Toyota Rav4 MD tag 3EB2647) who reside at the address. They report they were returning home from picking up the mother at her job in Washington D.C. **** was driving the vehicle and the 13 y/o daughter was in the left rear passenger seat. As the vehicle arrived it was parked in front of the house and the occupants were preparing to exit the vehicle. The occupants noticed three subjects approaching the vehicle and immediately became frightened and the driver was proceeding to restart the car and leave. Three subjects abruptly approached the driver's side of the vehicle and fired numerous shots striking the driver's side passenger door. Several of the rounds penetrated the vehicle but none of the three occupants were struck. The incident was captured on the home's security camera. The camera footage revealed three subjects all wearing masks approaching the driver's side of the vehicle. Two of the subjects opened fire with semi-auto handguns. Both 9MM and 45 cal. casings were recovered as well as live 45 cal. live rounds. The security camera revealed one of the suspects had a firearm malfunction. The suspect worked the slide action of the gun and appeared to fire again. All three suspects could be seen fleeing on foot down the long driveway onto Natasha DR. towards 60Th Ave. The 13 y/o victim described 2 subjects as being black males and the other subject being Hispanic. All were reported wearing dark clothing and masks. PG Co Units responded and canvassed the area. PFC Miranda #451 (MD Park Police) responded and assisted with translation and securing the scene. Det Krouse responded and processed the scene recovering numerous shell casings and spent rounds. Det Krouse made contact with all victims and viewed the security footage as well.

Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm, '2ND DEGREE ASSAULT 4TH DEGREE SEX OFFENSE'

On August 7, 2022, at about 0945hrs, the listed Victim came to the Berwyn Heights Police Department to report a Sexual Assault. The incident occurred on August 6, 2022, at about 6:30 PM inside the victim's residence -located at 61** Quebec Street, Berwyn Hts. The victim stated to this reporting Officer on August 6, 2022, at about 6:30 PM the suspect was in her bedroom repairing a pipe leak that was inside her bedroom wall. After, the completion of the work the suspect was standing in the doorway talking to the victim about the rent. The suspect leaned over and tried to kiss the victim, on her lips but she immediately pushed him away. On his second attempt at kissing the victim, he grabbed the victim's left breast without her consent. The victim pushed the Suspect away and she ran into her mother's bedroom. The

victim locked herself inside her mother's bedroom until the suspect left. This reporting Officer will be seeking a Criminal Warrant or Court Summons from the District Court Commissioner.

Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 10:03 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On 08/07/2022 Cpl. Rufino was dispatched for theft from an auto call located at 58** Quebec Street, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Upon Arrival, she met with the vehicle owner. The victim stated that on 08/03/2022 he parked his Ford truck in front of his home after work and today when he arrived home, he noticed that the rear License tag was stolen from his vehicle. Officer advised him to contact the MVA to request a replacement License tag for his vehicle.

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 2:30 am, 'MEDICAL EMERGENCY / EPS'

On 8/9/2022 at approximately 0230 hours officer responded to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival, an officer met with the EPS who had a swollen face and bloody chin from self-inflicted punches. The EPS demonstrated mentally deranged behavior, making statements that he felt he didn't deserve to live, and randomly screaming "I'm crazy, I'm a bitch, happy birthday." The officer via Public Communications was notified Capitol Reginal Medical Center was available to accept the EPS. The EPS was transported on Ambulance 814B (PF0028) to the hospital. While conducting a warrant check on the EPS it was verified that he was reported missing (Ref 22-0037743). A notification was made to the Next of Kin.

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 4:00 pm, 'FLASHFLOOD'

Officers responded to the North side of the Town for a dangerous flash flood.

Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 5:54 am, 'BURGLARY'

On 08/11/2022 at 5:54 am, a B/M suspect illegally entered the Beltway Shell at 5550 Greenbelt Rd. The suspect broke the window of the place of business and removed items belonging to the business. A lookout of his description was broadcast, and he was detained by Greenbelt City Police, Pfc. Ramirez and her midnight squad a short distance away from the Shell Station. Cpl. Hollowell and Det/Sgt. Krouse of the BHPD transported the suspect who was later identified as Mr. Derek Anthony COLEMAN Jr., a 38 Y/O, B/M of Greenbelt City, MD. He is facing charges of Burglary, Theft, and Malicious Destruction in addition to several open warrants.

Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm, 'THEFT'

On 8/11/2022 At approximately 1900 hours, PFC Herriott #1454 responded to 89** 57th Avenue Berwyn Heights MD. 20470 for a theft. Upon arrival, he spoke with the victim who advised that on 7/31/2022 at approximately 1200 midnight when he returned to the residence, he discovered that all of his belongings were placed in front of the home in plas-

tic bags. The victim advised that on today's date 8/11/2022 approximately 1830 hours as he was going through his bags, he discovered parts of his firearm missing from his Sig Sauer P320 RX along with his gun safe. The victim returned to the residence to locate said firearm and safe. The victim could not enter the home due to a court order. This officer searched for the firearm and safe in the front bedroom but met with negative results.

Friday, August 19, 2022, at 10:00 am, 'FOUND LOST CHILD'

On August 19, 2022, at about 10:15 am, Ofc Hollowell and Ofc Lowndes responded to 62** Seminole street for a lost child. The responding Officers arrived on the scene and met the reporting parties. They found the lost boy who is approximately three years near 62** Seminole street walking in the roadway with a yellow shirt, khaki shorts, and no shoes. The lost boy was unable to effectively communicate with anyone. Pvt Lowndes started knocking on home residential doors on Seminole Street in an attempt to look for the parents of the lost boy. Further investigation revealed that the lost boy lives at 62** Seminole Street with his father. Officer Lowndes confirmed that the lost boy resides at 62** Seminole street with his father and, the officer identified the father by his Maryland driver's license.

The (father) stated he was sleeping when his 3 Y/O, left out the house through the front door. Ofc Lowndes requests this report to be forwarded to Child Protective Services for unattended/found child. Child Protective Services was notified about the incident via telephone and spoke to a Child Protective Services representative Kevin C. intake # 105801518.

Friday, August 19, 2022, at 3:00 pm, 'THEFT'

On August 19, 2022, at about 3:00 PM, Pvt. Lowndes was dispatched to the Shell Gas station - 6001 Greenbelt Road for a theft report. A senior citizen 85 years old, was waiting inside her black 2013 Hyundai Sonata bearing Maryland license plate # 2BE3691. The victim wanted to make a report of a theft scheme she was a victim of. The victim stated that she met with the two unknown suspects at a gas station somewhere in Lanham Maryland. One of them had an African accent and the other did not. The unknown suspects told the victim they will give her forty thousand U.S. dollars if she gives them ten thousand U.S. dollars. The unknown suspects briefly showed her the forty thousand dollars that were supposedly enclosed in a red bandana. The unknown suspects rode with the victim to Truist bank located at 5600 Greenbelt Road. The victim withdrew the funds of ten thousand dollars from her bank account. She made the exchange with the unknown suspects, and they told her not to look in the red bandana until she gets home. The two suspects fled the scene on foot towards College Park from the Truist bank. Prior to the victim heading home she looked inside the red bandana, and it contained only shredded paper. Officer took possession of the red bandana and shredded paper it was placed into evidence at the Berwyn Heights Police Department.

**Friday, August 19, 2022, at 11:24 pm,
'ARMED PERSON ARRESTED'**

Officers responded to the McDonalds' on Greenbelt Road for a subject armed with a gun. On scene, the subject was identified as Quentez Williams. He was arrested without incident.

**Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 6:20 pm,
'WARRANT SERVICE'**

Sgt. P. Roberson arrested a 41 W/H/M, of Berwyn Heights, MD after a warrant was obtained charging him with 2nd Degree Assault of a minor. Castro-Canales, Cesar Noel was transported without incident.

**Monday, August 22, 2022, at 4:45 pm,
'WARRANT SERVICE'**

Officers responded to assist PG County Sheriff at the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a warrant service. A 17 YO, W/H/M was taken into custody for an Attempted Murder and 1st Degree Assault. He was transported without incident.

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 12:00 pm,
'SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON'**

BHPD hosted, honored, and celebrate the Berwyn Heights Seniors with a 1950 theme luncheon. They were served hamburgers, fries, meatballs, and milkshakes. Det/Sgt. Krouse was behind the grill while Lt. Unger, Ms. Muralles, Intern, and PSA served the seniors.

**Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 8:30 pm,
'MISSING / RUNAWAY'**

Cpl. Rufino responded to 87** 60th, Avenue for a missing/runaway juvenile female. After a lengthy investigation, the 16 Y/O/H/F was located by Cpl. Rufino. Further follow-up will be conducted by Cpl. Rufino.

For
Emergencies

Call 911

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

Berwyn Heights Residential Tax Credit

Did you qualify and receive the Maryland State Homeowners' Tax Credit?

If you did, you may be eligible to receive the

Berwyn Heights Residential Tax Credit.

Find the application on the Town website under the FORMS tab or by visiting

<https://bit.ly/BHtaxcredit> or scanning the QR code below.



Advertising Rates for the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

| TERM | RESIDENT | NON-RESIDENT |
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| 12 Months | \$230.00 | \$336.00 |
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| 1 Month | \$50.00 | \$72.00 |
| 6 Months | \$270.00 | \$384.00 |
| 12 Months | \$384.00 | \$672.00 |
| HALF (1/2) PAGE | | |
| 1 Month | \$100.00 | \$144.00 |
| 6 Months | \$540.00 | \$768.00 |
| 12 Months | \$768.00 | \$1,344.00 |
| FULL PAGE | | |
| 1 Month | \$200.00 | \$288.00 |
| 6 Months | \$1,080.00 | \$1,536.00 |
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BULLETIN BOARD

Help Wanted: Spanish Translator

\$12/hr (Part-time) Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs 3pm-8pm & Sat 7am-12pm.
Open Interviews Monday- Thursday at 11:30am. 6103 Greenbelt Rd.

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 karunaemeldaroz-ario@outlook.com.

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 301-310-3807.

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 adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact 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.

Estate Sale: 5610 Berwyn Rd. Berwyn Heights. Nice furniture, pictures, mirrors, household goods, piano, organs and tools. Appointment only, please call 301-474-2128 or 301-390-7296.

Vacation Pet Sitting and Doggie Day Care

Scott Magnus (Owner)
301-980-8567



Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials at reasonable price.

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Visit the Community tab on the Town Website to learn more about

- ◇ County Community Resources
- ◇ Area Recreation
- ◇ Town Groups and Assemblies
- ◇ Bee City USA
- ◇ And so much more!

[https://
www.berwynheightsmd.gov/
home/pages/community](https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/community)



HOLY REDEEMER

Catholic Church

Weekend Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

4902 Berwyn Road • College Park MD 20740
Tel: 301-474-3920 • Web Site: holy-redeemer.org
Email: parish@holy-redeemer.org

Thomas A.

Gentile, Attorney



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301-908-9427 (cell)

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Over 45 years experience
Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Trusts,
Home Visits to Berwyn Heights Residents.



2022 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 18 years old.

When: Sign-up dates are October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27,
From 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

Why: Why Not! This is a terrific 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 entire 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.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- October 2022 --

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Thursday, October 6th, at 7 pm in the BHES cafeteria. We will be introducing the new PTA board, discussing and planning future PTA events, and sharing our goals for the school year. All are welcome to join!

Starting your holiday shopping? If using Amazon, please go to smile.amazon.com and choose Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA as a non-profit to receive a donation every time you shop. It costs you nothing, is quick and easy to set up, and gives money right to the school!

Por favor únase a nuestra próxima reunión de la Asociación de Padres de Familia (APF) el jueves 6 de octubre a las 7pm en la cafetería de la Escuela. Estaremos introduciendo a la nueva junta de la APF, discutiendo planes a futuros de la APF, y compartiendo nuestras metas para el año escolar. ¡Todos serán bienvenidos!

¿Ha empezado sus compras de fin de año? Si usa Amazon, por favor use smile.amazon.com y escoja Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA como la organización sin fines de lucro para recibir su donación cada vez que haga su compra. No te cuesta nada, es fácil y el dinero va directamente a la escuela!



Important Dates/

Fechas Importantes

October 5th

Yom Kippur - No School
Yom Kippur - No hay clases

October 6th

PTA meeting, BHES cafeteria, 7 pm
Reunión de la PTA en la cafetería de BHES, 7 pm

October 10th

Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School
Reuniones de padres y maestros - No hay clases

October 21st

Professional Development- No School
Desarrollo profesional- No hay clases



Join Us

Please join the PTA for the 2022-2023 school year!
¡Únase a la PTA para el año escolar 2022-2023!

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family.
La membresía cuesta \$12 por persona o \$20 por familia.

Membership forms will be sent home with your student, please fill out and return.
Los formularios de membresía se enviarán a casa con su estudiante, por favor llénelos y devuélvalos.

Visit our PTA Facebook Page:
Visite nuestra página de Facebook de la PTA:
Berwyn Heights ES PTA



BERWYN HEIGHTS

Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

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In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents

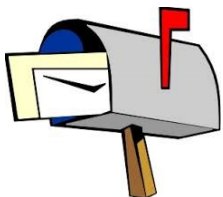
Sept 1st- Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew operated as the first due truck to the 5400 Blk of 85th Ave in Co. 28s (West Lanham Hills) area for an apartment fire with people trapped. The first arriving units had fire showing from a 3-story garden apartment and multiple people trapped on their balconies. TK14s inside crew assisted the engine company with opening up and escorting residents out of the building. A Second Alarm was requested to the scene by command. While TK14s outside crew laddered the building and conducted vertical ventilation. TK14 operated for approximately 5 hours, assisting in overhaul and checking for extension before returning in service.



Sept 9th- Ladder Truck 14 operated as the first due truck in the 4900 Blk of Willes Vision Dr in Co. 18 (Glenn Dale) area for a Working House Fire. TK14 split crews with the outside team securing utilities and laddering the structure. The inside team conducted searches and assisted with opening up on the second floor. Once the fire was controlled, TK14 conducted overhaul.

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 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

We Need Volunteers!

Volunteering in the fire department is a unique experience that can be as rewarding and educational as you choose to make it. Motivation, dedication, and professionalism are qualities that successful volunteers must possess. Members of the Berwyn Heights VFD not only possess these qualities but are continuously seeking to further their knowledge and skills as well.

Once a member has attained specific levels of training and experience, they are eligible to participate in any and all of the duties and functions of a Firefighter/EMT. Some of the general duties that one could expect to perform as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT include:



- Fire suppression
- Rescue of victims trapped by fire or motor vehicle accident
- Treatment and transport of victims experiencing medical or traumatic emergencies
- Driving and maintaining emergency vehicles
- Providing various public assistance, inspection, investigation and educational services

Volunteers also have the opportunity to serve in many field and administrative positions within the department including line officer, chief or president.

Whether you are looking for firefighting, EMT, live-in or administrative position, we have opportunities available for you. Volunteering in such a highly urban area is truly a unique experience, and the environment at Berwyn Heights makes it friendly, exciting and educational.

Join today! Ages 16 and up! Visit:
<https://bhvfd14.org/join/>

CODE COMPLIANCE

Is Your Property Up to Town Code?

Property maintenance standards help protect the beauty and safety of our community. Here are a few common ways you can make sure your property is in compliance:

- Cut grass, pull weeds, and trim plants. Keep bamboo at least 2 feet back from the property line
- Repair and clean your deck, lawn furniture, and recreational equipment for children. Keep toys neat and orderly
- Repair loose siding, peeling paint, broken windows and doors, and torn screens
- Arrange pick up for old appliances and furniture-- They can't be left stored outdoors
- Remove or cover vehicles without legal tags or that can't be driven (Flat tires, junked vehicles, missing parts). Only two inoperable vehicles may be stored covered in the driveway.
- Park only on paved surfaces, never in the grass
- Remove building materials - ladders, wood, tools, paint, siding, bricks etc. Only building materials for approved projects may be out while the project is taking place.
- Spruce up and secure vacant properties
- Clear fallen branches and debris. Store wood neatly, elevated off the ground
- Store trash and recycling cans at the side or in the rear of your home
- Be mindful to keep down noise

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Lilly Ridge
President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Angie Wiens
Treasurer: Sara Jacobsen

Boys & Girls Club

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Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga
Secretary:
Athletic Director: Darryl Harris
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Fundraising Chair:

Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Allison Holmes
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Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

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jbknutson@verizon.net
Public Outreach: Therese Forbes
therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder
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Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights (INCbh)

POC: Claudia Barragan (301)458-0288
info@incbh.org

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Movie Club

Jonathan Loutsch
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Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden
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Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler
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Karate Club

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Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag
quilttag1@yahoo.com























Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

October 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Worksession 7PM Council Chambers  | 4  | 5 NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room  | 6  | 7 | 8 Lake Artemesia Concert 1-3PM |
| 9 | 10 National Indigenous Peoples Day  | 11  | 12 Town Meeting 7PM Council Chambers Green Team 7PM  | 13  | 14  | 15 Craft Day 11AM |
| 16 | 17 Worksession 7PM Council Chambers  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21 | 22 Trunk or Treat 6:30-8PM |
| 23 Sensory Friendly Halloween Party 7-8PM | 24 BHEAC 7PM  | 25  | 26 BHHC 7:30PM G. Love Room  | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Book Discus- sion 3PM | 31   | 1  Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room | 2  | 3  | 4 | 5 |

The streetsweeper will be in Town from Oct 31-Nov 4. Please move your car off the street when possible.

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.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling



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 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
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Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Fire Department (301) 474-7886
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mayor and Council

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 Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
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 Faustino (Tino) Menjivar (240) 854-7845 fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Public Works
 Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
 Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 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
 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
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Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month