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October 9: Indigenous Peoples Day (Town Offices Closed)

October 14: Multicultural Event 12-4PM

October 21: Trunk or Treat 6:30-8PM

October 29: BHHC Walking Tour

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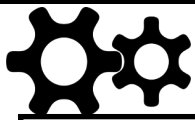
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Streetsweeper

Streetsweeper will be in Town October 16th-20th. If you have debris in the curb near your house, please don't block it with parked cars to maximize the benefit of the streetsweeper service.

Special Events

Saturday, October 14th: Public Works will be assisting with the Police Department's Multicultural Event

Saturday, October 21st: Public Works will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat station at the Recreation Council's event.

Saturday, October 28th: Public Works will be sending staff to City of Greenbelt's quarterly electronic recycling event. Berwyn Heights residents are welcome to drop off electronics to be disposed of properly.

Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf collection will begin Monday, November 6th. More information to come.

Food Compost Bin Pilot Program

The Town is doing a pilot program to offer food compost bins. We have placed an order for one pallet (84 cans) in two different sizes. If you have already signed up on our food compost curbside collection list (about 20 residents have notified us), you will be sent an offer to receive food compost bins. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Public Works Director Brad Pudner at bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov. Depending on popularity of the pilot program, we may later purchase more bins.

Barrendero

El barrendero estará en la ciudad del 16 al 20 de octubre. Si tiene escombros en la acera cerca de su casa, no la bloquee con autos estacionados para maximizar el beneficio del servicio de barrendero.

Eventos especiales

Sábado 14 de octubre: Obras Públicas colaborará con el evento multicultural del Departamento de Policía

Sábado 21 de octubre: Obras Públicas organizará una estación de Cajuela o dulce en el evento del Consejo de Recreación.

Sábado 28 de octubre: Obras Públicas enviará personal al evento trimestral de reciclaje electrónico de la Ciudad de Greenbelt. Los residentes de Berwyn Heights pueden dejar sus dispositivos electrónicos para su eliminación adecuada.

Colección de hojas

La recolección de hojas en la acera comenzará el lunes 6 de noviembre. Más información por venir.

Programa piloto de contenedores de abono alimentario

El Pueblo está realizando un programa piloto para ofrecer contenedores de abono alimentario. Hemos realizado un pedido de un palet (84 contenedores) en dos tamaños diferentes. Si ya se ha inscrito en nuestra lista de recolección de abono alimentario en la acera (alrededor de 20 residentes nos han notificado), se le enviará una oferta para recibir contenedores de abono alimentario. Si desea que lo agreguen a la lista, comuníquese con el director de Obras Públicas, Brad Pudner, en bpudner@berwynheightsmd.gov. Dependiendo de la popularidad del programa piloto, es posible que más adelante compremos más contenedores.

Town Meeting Minutes : August 9, 2023 | 7:00 pm.

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read the closed session report from July 22, 2023. After a brief open session, the meeting was closed at 8:32AM, under Maryland Code Annotated, 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 closed session ended at 1:33PM. All Councilmembers were present, alongside recruiter David Deutsch. CM Menjivar joined the meeting late. Three candidates for Town Manager were interviewed and staff and resident interview committee feedback was also taken into consideration when the Council voted 5:0 to make an offer to one candidate. Lastly, the terms of that offer were discussed. She also reported that the Monday, August 7th WorkSession was postponed due to forecasted inclement weather and that it will be rescheduled to Monday, August 14th at 7PM.

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that residents are expressing concerns about the ARPA timeline. He also reported that there was improvement on 59th Avenue with the distribution of sandbags during storm preparation. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that there are still DIY sandbags available behind Town Center.

2. Approval of Agenda

CM Papanikolas moved to approve the agenda. CM Hemby seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell asked that Council be allowed to discuss ARPA issues with TT Lightfield, since he is present. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that TT Lightfield instead address the ARPA timeline during the treasurer's report. CM Papanikolas clarified that this change would remove the administration/ treasurer's report from the consent agenda and make it Agenda item 4. He also asked to strike 7a. as no meeting was held on August 7th. With no further discussion, CM Papanikolas moved to approve the agenda as amended with CM Hemby seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consent

CM Papanikolas moved to approve the modified consent agenda. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

4. Administration/Treasurer's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked TT Lightfield to discuss the status of the FY22 audit and the ARPA timeline. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for a ballpark figure on deficit or surplus for FY2023. TT Lightfield explained that the Town has until August 31st to capture any revenue or expenses for FY23, but that he anticipated a deficit of between \$150,000-\$300,000. He also explained that the FY22 audit is still incomplete, and he took responsibility for it being behind. Regarding ARPA, he expressed that his only concern is about the December 31, 2024, deadline to obligate the funds and would encourage Council to be aware of the rate of spending and how long it may take to get certain items under contract. ARPA will be further discussed at the August 14, 2023, worksession. CM Papanikolas asked if there were any expected findings in the FY22 audit. TT Lightfield reported that there are not.

5. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy gave updates on funds that are still available to assist residents who are struggling with property taxes, mortgage, and water bills. She reviewed the Maryland DHCD Homeowner's Assistance Fund and that after August 15th, applicants will be placed on a waitlist as funds become available. WSSC resumed residential water turnoffs on July 5th. She reviewed the assistance that is still available with their Get Connected program. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy spoke about the Four Cities meeting and the presentation by Pepco on the future LED streetlight changeover. She reviewed a discussion on hiring a shared legislative consultant. She also reported co-signing a letter from the Four Cities leadership to County Executive Alsobrooks regarding two transportation projects that will impact all our communities. She highlighted Chief Antolik receiving the "Chief of the Year" award from the Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives' Association during their recent annual conference.

MPT Brittan-Powell thanked the Hemby family for all they did with the potential flooding and on National Night Out (NNO). He shared that the Four Cities meeting also revealed the need for continuing food and housing security efforts. He reviewed spending much of his time working on ARPA and hopes that there are ways for the Town to extend the clock. He asks that the Council doesn't try to do too much, but rather rely on the experts that they will be bringing in. CM Hemby reported meeting many residents at NNO with ideas on ways to improve the Town. She encouraged residents to come forward. She also congratulated Chief Antolik on his achievement. She thanked resi-

dents on Ruatan Street for putting out the "slow down" yard signs and that it seems to be making a difference in that area.

CM Papanikolas thanked ITM Jones and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy for manning the command post for the storm on the 7th and for Public Works assistance during that time. He highlighted that longtime Public Works employee Gary Stanton received his CDL and acknowledged the difficulty in that achievement. He shared about the school registration process, including how high school class schedules are affected by that.

6. Committee Reports

a. Education Advisory Committee: No report

b. Green Team: CM Papanikolas shared that the Green Team held elections for their new moderator, Shira Francis. Michael Bloom was elected as deputy moderator. There will be a garden clean-up for the elementary school on Sunday, August 20th from 10am-12pm.

c. Historical Committee: CM Papanikolas shared that they participated in NNO and sent thanks to Sgt Krouse and crew for putting the event together. They will be meeting on August 23rd at 7:30pm and will be taking nominations for chair, vice chair and secretary at that meeting. Several members of the Committee will need to be reappointed by Council in September.

d. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that NNO was held on August 1st and she hoped all were able to join and interact with the public safety personnel. She stated it was a perfect night out and thanked everyone who made that possible. NW/EP is working on clearing items out of the shed to make space for the Rec Council. They will be looking to redistribute items that no longer fit their needs.

e. Recreation Council: CM Papanikolas reviewed that the last meeting focused on a debrief of NNO. The Rec Council is planning the usual October events with Trunk or Treat and a sensory friendly Halloween party. There will be a blue grass concert on a date yet to be determined. They would also like to revisit the ordinance that establishes the Rec Council as it is 40 years old.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

a. Introduction Ordinance 189A (ARPA Budget Amendment)-pending outcomes of 8/7/23 WS This item was stricken from the agenda.

b. Approval of Town Manager Contract Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the process for the Town Manager search and again thanked residents who served on the resident review committee. She restated that during the closed meeting in July the

Council voted unanimously to make an offer to a candidate. Mr. Kyle Snyder, a lifelong resident of Berwyn Heights will be the new Town Manager beginning August 28, 2023. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the Town Manager contract. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell shared that they are happy with their decision. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Resident & Community Comments

MPT Brittan-Powell shared concerns from residents about the cost of living in Berwyn Heights.

Resident Claudia Barragan shared in detail a letter of dissolution for the Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights (INCbh).

Resident Jose Valcarcel expressed concern about a paid advertisement in the Bulletin.

10. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Worksession Minutes

August 14, 2023 | 7:00 pm

all to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield, and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell arrived at 7:03PM, after approval of the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously (3:0).

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

There were no announcements.

b. Calendar

Council reviewed the upcoming calendar noting that the Berwyn Heights Elementary School clean-up is August 20th. It was also noted that this worksession was originally scheduled for August 7th, but was rescheduled due to weather concerns.

c. Dates for ARPA Listening Session(s)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that at a past meeting a resident requested another ARPA listening session. She then reviewed the opportunities that residents have had to make their thoughts on ARPA spending known and ways that residents can still make their thoughts known. After discussion, which included a consensus to present a reasonably firm ARPA budget at a listening session, it was decided to set aside a portion of the September 5th worksession for that purpose.

d. Funding Request for BHES Garden
Green Team member Michael Ellis joined the Council to discuss the garden at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. He met with Director Pudner, and stated Public Works and Director Pudner will be donating mulch for the project, as well as using a tiller to loosen the garden soil before the cleanup on Sunday. There are several concerns at the garden including damaged benches and compost bins in need of repair. Mr. Ellis reviewed that right now the upkeep of the garden is coming out of the pocket of a single teacher, and the Green Team would like to see the Town provide some funding as this pollinator garden will help satisfy Bee City requirements. He will be taking the benches to the welding shop at the University of Maryland to see if they can be repaired there for free. The Green Team is hoping to get a small group of volunteers who will commit to working on the garden a few times a year. For funding, Mr. Ellis stated that Director Pudner believes the compost bins could be repaired for about \$900, \$1000 would be requested for plantings, and an additional \$1000 for educational signage at the garden. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about costs of replacing the benches if they cannot be repaired. Mr. Ellis suggested another \$1000 might be sufficient. He also added that they are not in the planting phase of the garden yet but are planning ahead. There was discussion about other locations in Town for additional gardens, but Mr. Ellis expressed concern that the Town is looking to rely on the Green Team to maintain these spaces when it should be handled by Public Works for municipal land. CM Hemby asked for a list of plants that would be appropriate. Mr. Ellis reviewed that New England Aster, Butterfly Milkweed, and Winterberry (a native shrub) would be appropriate. He also has an interest in planting fall blooming flowers, such as Obedient Plants, so that the garden is in bloom during the school year. CM Hemby asked about the addition of artwork that would beautify the garden. Mr. Ellis stated it hadn't been discussed but that he would like to see something created by residents or by students at the school.

e. Monthly Reports by Department Directors Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that in September of 2019, under former Town Manager Broadbent, it was suggested that department directors come quarterly, rather than monthly. CM Papanikolas shared that department directors were being asked to attend monthly Town Meetings only to read the reports that were in the Consent Agenda. It was decided this was a function that could instead be done by the Council department liaison. CM Hemby suggested that directors come in on a rotating basis as part of a meeting to give an informative presentation on their department rather than coming to read a report. The consensus was that CM Hemby's suggestion should be followed up. MPT Brittan-Powell will take the lead on this.

f. UMD Good Neighbor Day Service Projects (Oct. 21st)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed "Good Neighbor Day", sponsored by the University of Maryland, and the requirements for putting forward a project. She suggested the Town put forward the BHES pollinator garden as a project. Mr. Ellis commented that October could be a good time for planting, adding that he has led Good Neighbor Day projects for other elementary schools in the past. CM Papanikolas added that he could potentially lead a project to repair the compost bins. Mr. Ellis suggested that the two projects be combined and submitted as a single project for the Town. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy will be the lead on the combined project. CM Hemby added that she has an idea for a project and will submit it to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy.

g. ARPA Budget Amendment Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the ARPA budget process so far. MPT Brittan-Powell suggested that rather than get into the detailed projects, to group "like" projects together and set aside funding at a general line-item level. Council discussed this in detail. TT Lightfield made changes to the budget in real time. During the discussion on stormwater, MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would like to discuss homes that may not be viable and may need to be subject to eminent domain. CM Papanikolas stated that he was not sure that we should use ARPA funds for eminent domain. There was also discussion regarding if the homes have always been at risk or if they are at a greater risk due to climate change, which would set a precedent that may be negative as climate change could put more houses at risk. Council continued to discuss the projects, noting some duplicative line-items and asking when those are found to eliminate one item, but keep the highest funding level of the two. Placemaking was discussed, with CM Papanikolas suggesting that this should be an architectural consultant. Grants were combined into a single line item, with discussion on whether this should also go under the role of the grants writer. ITM Jones highlighted that the aging-in-place item should be included in any budget amendment. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for confirmation that needs around hunger and housing security be captured. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy confirmed that this was done within the Grants line-items.

ITM Jones presented the Staff report on the impact of adding more contract positions. He reviewed his concerns that the Town is drastically increasing the responsibility of the Town Manager. He also expressed concern about continued funding of these services, as personnel cannot be funded through ARPA after December 31, 2024. At MPT Brittan-Powell's request TT Lightfield shared that the Town could use ARPA to fund general governmental services under the "lost revenue" election. He noted this would have the advantage of not draw-

ing down Town Reserves to fund services, leaving more for the Town to use for programming after ARPA ends. There was concern about this idea and the Town Attorney will be consulted.

h. Resident Comments
There were no resident comments.

2. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell thanked ITM Jones for his dedication to the Town during his tenure.

a. Town Parking Issues and Permitting
MPT Brittan-Powell stated that residents have expressed concern over parking issues in Town. He shared the ordinance from College Park, noting their permit parking is driven by residents in the area who request it. He asked that Council review the College Park policy and determine if they would like to put forth something similar in Berwyn Heights. There was discussion about which department would implement the program and enforce the parking permits.

3. Code Compliance

CM Hemby shared that Code Compliance has received several letters from residents and encouraged residents to be respectful when sending in letters of complaint. She also asked for residents to take the initiative and participate in community groups. She highlighted several options of activities that the Town could support if they had volunteers to lead them, such as cooking, exercise, and language classes.

4. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

There was no PRECA report.

a. Rec Council Elections and Appointment of New Members

CM Papanikolas shared that the Rec Council has asked Council to review Ordinance 113, which establishes and governs the Rec Council. It has not been updated since 1983. He noted that he would be happy to spearhead this project. Council will begin to work on it in October.

5. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed two police incidents that have recently taken place in Town. She highlighted that no residents were involved in either incident, which included a road rage episode and tracking a stolen vehicle which crossed multiple jurisdictions.

6. Public Works

There was no Public Works report.

7. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4:0) and the meeting adjourned at 9:42PM.

Worksession Minutes August 21, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Councilmember Faustino Menjivar had an excused absence. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, and Town Treasurer Mike Lightfield. Board of Elections Chief Judge Sharmila Bhatia was present to discuss the Election Ordinance proposed changes. Also present were residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. In discussion Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested reordering the agenda to discuss the Code Compliance "Pet Waste" item and ARPA items earlier in the meeting, moving them to 1.d and 1.e respectively. CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda as amended. CM Papanikolas seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that there will be a National Senior Citizens Day celebration hosted by the Berwyn Heights Police Department on August 22. The Seniors will also be hosting a get-together in honor of ITM Jones on August 29th. She also shared that resident Mrs. Jeanette Enderson is in the hospital.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the upcoming calendar, highlighting that the September 5th Worksession will have the first part of the meeting dedicated to an ARPA Budget Listening Session. She also noted that the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference will be in College Park this October and encouraged all of Council to attend.

c. Election Ordinance (109) Changes

Chief Election Judge Sharmila Bhatia covered Election Ordinance 109 section by section to highlight the proposed changes from the Board of Election Supervisors and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. The proposed changes include moving the election from the first Tuesday in May to the second Tuesday in May. The reason for this change would be to try to increase engagement with voters during Berwyn Heights Day, which is the first Saturday in May. However, this would require a Charter Amendment. Secondly, the State passed HB1200 which sets rules for the compensation of election judges working at local (County) boards. The suggestion is to increase compensation to be in line with this new law. She also highlighted that judges who receive

elective training by volunteering at the County level would receive \$50 for that training. Ms. Bhatia reviewed a proposal to add a section enabling the Board of Election Supervisors to set early voting hours. This would be worded so as to make it optional, rather than mandatory, as there would likely need to be an increase in election judges to accommodate that change. Also noted is a set date to begin accepting candidate applications (the second Tuesday in January). MPT Brittan-Powell asked about ways to make Election Day less arduous for the judges and about voter eligibility. CM Papanikolas asked about the cost of an all-mail election (approximately \$4700). Mayor Kulpa-Eddy would like clarification on the timeline for a candidate to withdraw before they are publicly announced. She also suggested designating common locations where candidates could post their election signs, which would have the potential to reduce campaign costs and perhaps encourage more residents to run for office. Council, Ms. Bhatia, and TC Friesen reviewed the timeline to have the ordinance to be amended before the next election. The ordinance will be reviewed at the September 5th worksession with hope that it can be introduced at the September Town Meeting.

d. Code Changes for Pet Waste Management

CM Hemby reviewed that there have been a number of recent complaints from residents about pet waste not being picked up by pet owners. Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin stated that pet waste is addressed in Ordinance 101 (Animals) and while there is a requirement to pick up pet waste there are no fines associated with failure to do so. Director Goodwin reviewed that the County has set fines at \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second, and \$250 for each subsequent offense. She also reviewed what neighboring communities are doing. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if residents bagged but left the waste. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about enforcement. Director Goodwin acknowledged that enforcement would be difficult as the offender would have to be caught in the act, but that the addition of a fine may be a deterrent. There was discussion whether the police would also be able to enforce the Ordinance violation. Resident Jimmy Diamond spoke saying that Code is already overburdened and understaffed and that there should not be an additional burden because of pet waste. Council discussed the possibility of adding language to the Ordinance to address service animals, and to clarify that parks and school grounds are considered "public property". Changes to the resolution for Fees and Fines will be introduced at the September Town Meeting.

e. ARPA Budget Amendment Discussion (reordered)

Council reviewed the consolidated draft budget. They discussed items that appeared to be duplicative. There was discussion on how to make a draft of proposed projects something that could be presented to residents to inform them during the listening session. CM Papanikolas asked what the goal of the listening session is. The conclusion is that the goal will be to let the community inform the Council on which projects they believe should be prioritized. Council further concluded that the column titled "Discussed Amounts" included the suggested cost that needed to be on the document for the listening session. There was some discussion on a few remaining line items. Council also briefly discussed using ARPA for general governmental services. Concerns expressed included that funding items from the general fund through ARPA might be viewed as a tax cut, which is not permitted under ARPA regulations.

f. Flag Policy Draft

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed a draft flag policy that was written in response both to the situation in Boston where the Supreme Court ruled against the City (though noting if the City had consistently applied a Flag Policy it might not have ruled that way) and in response to a request the Town received in May to remove all non-governmental flags. She asked Council to review the policy and provide comment, and she will bring the policy back for further discussion at a future worksession.

g. Bulletin Policy Draft

TC Friesen reviewed that the Town does not have a cohesive Bulletin Policy, and only provides limited guidance as part of the Town Organizations and Assemblies resolution. The goal of this draft Bulletin Policy is to create a standard for submissions, as well as to introduce the idea of a "Council Corner" for Councilmembers to provide information that they would like to have included. It would make the Town Manager responsible for the overall administration of the Bulletin. There was discussion regarding how the Council should proceed to establish such a policy. Council will have an opportunity to make suggested changes and this draft policy will be reviewed at a future worksession.

h. Update: UMD-SPH Partnership-Community Advisory Team

ITM Jones reviewed that they received an email from UMD-SPH indicating they are in the process of moving forward and will be finalizing the team next month. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added UMD-SPH received a good number of applicants, but no one from the Hispanic community and they are looking at ways to increase engagement with these residents.

i. Update: IT Vendor Contract

ITM Jones stated that the RFQ closed last Friday and there are five responses. Those will be opened and reviewed later in the week.

j. Update: Hiring of ARPA-Funded Positions

ITM Jones stated that there has not been any response to the advertisements for the ARPA funded positions. They are looking into other options, like Indeed.com. CM Papanikolas suggested looking for a stormwater engineering firm rather than hiring an individual contractor. ITM Jones will also reach out to the National League of Cities to see if we can advertise through their website.

k. Update: CTC Contract to Review Small Cell Facility Applications

Acurrent proposal has been requested by the Town Attorney, and CTC is working on updating their 2021 documents.

l. Resident Comments

Resident Leslie Wolfinger stated that a tree from their neighbor's property fell on their deck. She asked if there was anything that the Council could do to help residents with tree assessment, removal, and replanting of trees as the old trees in Town are dying. CM Papanikolas offered that Director Pudner from Public Works is a horticulturist and may be able to offer his opinion on tree health. Resident Angie Wolfinger would like to see a campaign of information about trees for residents, perhaps as a part of the welcome package that has been discussed. She further stated she believes the Town could choose the simple option in the flag policy which would be to not allow any non-governmental flags to be flown. She also would like to see more done to advertise the availability of absentee ballots.

Resident Paul Kavanaugh would like to second the concerns about trees and would like to see the Shade Tree Board reactivated to be advisors to the arborist. He thanked the Councilmembers who participated in the Berwyn Heights Elementary School Garden cleanup. He added there will be a pollinator garden planting day on October 21st. He also noted that the September Bulletin will have an advertisement for Environmental Justice Workers, and he shared information about an upcoming environmental justice symposium. Lastly, he noted that he was unaware of how much it cost to produce the Bulletin and suggested letting residents opt out and apply to only receive a digital copy to reduce costs. Leslie Wolfinger stated she felt that having resident comments at the end of Council discussion was excluding residents who are unable to afford the time to stay through the entirety of the Council discussions.

2. Code Compliance

There was no Code Compliance report.

a. Code Changes for Pet Waste Management (moved to 1d)

3. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

CM Papanikolas reported that he is working with the Rec Council to update their Ordinance.

4. Public Safety

There was no Public Safety report.

5. Public Works

There was no Public Works report.

6. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that he spoke to administration at BHES and they believe there can be garden educational materials posted on the windows of the school near the garden. He added that staff was reluctant to have wood compost bins rebuilt as part of the garden project.

a. Transition Plans Between Interim Town Manager and Town Manager

MPT Brittan-Powell reviewed the farewell gathering for ITM Jones on August 29th. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that there is a two-day (weekend) gap between the end of ITM Jones contract and the beginning date for the new Town Manager. Council will ask Chief Antolik to be acting Town Manager over the weekend in case of an emergency during that period. ITM Jones reported working on a succession planning document for the new Town Manager.

7. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:32PM.

During a recent storm, lightning struck Town Hall, damaging a tree and the EV chargers behind the building. After evaluation, the chargers will need to be replaced. Staff is already working on organizing the replacements. The chargers at the Police Department are still available to use.





2023 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 47 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 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31
From 7:30-9:00 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 7:30-9:30 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 Seniors Club

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

October 1	Aruma Nadasen
October 1	Nick Mydra
October 2	Tom Colihan
October 2	Kevin Young
October 3	Ed Burton
October 6	Arnie Reznek
October 24	Deb Sprecher
October 27	Kaycee McCoy

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

CHAIR EXERCISES— Monday and Friday at 11 A.M.

BINGO - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM

WII BOWLING— Every Wednesday 10:30AM

GAME NIGHT— Board Games and Pool Every Friday at 7:00PM

POTLUCK & MOVIE – Second Saturday at 5PM

BREAKFAST at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30

MEETINGS—Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11AM. The Fourth Tuesday is also a pot luck.

*“When all is said and done,
more is said than done.”* Aesop

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**Welcome new
Town Manager, Kyle Snyder!**
**A reception to
officially welcome him in his
role will be held at the Senior
Center on Wednesday,
October 11, 2023 from 6-7PM.
Cake and punch will be
served.**



Stormwater Mitigation Reimbursement Grant

Did you know that the Town of Berwyn Heights has a stormwater mitigation reimbursement grant? If you have or are planning to do projects to help mitigate future storm damage to your home you may be eligible to have some of your expenses reimbursed. This grant operates by reimbursing eligible homeowners (dollar for dollar) 50% of the costs associated with efforts with a maximum grant not to exceed \$7,500.

Examples of projects that may be approved include:

- Hurricane impact-rated permanent glass protection and flood proof windows.
- Custom ground floor or basement window wells
- A flood alert system
- Sump pump battery backup to provide against power outages
- Water resistant material around foundations
- An Earthen Berm
- Contact Town Hall for a complete list of eligible expenses.

This and all Town funded grant opportunities can be found on the community page on the Town Website.

Visit <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/community> to learn more.

Mitigación de aguas pluviales Subvención de reembolso

¿Sabía que la ciudad de Berwyn Heights tiene una subvención de reembolso para la mitigación de aguas pluviales? Si tiene o planea realizar proyectos para ayudar a mitigar futuros daños por tormentas en su hogar, puede ser elegible para que le reembolsen algunos de sus gastos. Esta subvención opera reembolsando a los propietarios elegibles (dólar por dólar) el 50% de los costos asociados con los esfuerzos con una subvención máxima que no excede los \$7,500.

Ejemplos de proyectos que pueden ser aprobados incluyen:

- Protección de vidrio permanente con clasificación de impacto de huracanes y ventanas a prueba de inundaciones.
- Pozos de ventanas personalizados en la planta baja o el sótano
- Un sistema de alerta de inundaciones
- Batería de respaldo de la bomba de sumidero para evitar cortes de energía
- Material resistente al agua alrededor de los cimientos.
- Una berma de tierra
- Comuníquese con el Ayuntamiento para obtener una lista completa de los gastos elegibles.

Esta y todas las oportunidades de subvenciones financiadas por la Ciudad se pueden encontrar en la página de la comunidad en el sitio web de la Ciudad.

Visite <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/community> aprender más.



CODE COMPLIANCE

BUILDING PERMITS

County and Town building permits are required for home improvement projects. Projects including but not limited to:

- Fences over 4 feet high
- Installation of solar panels
- Sheds over 150 square feet or multiple sheds
- Replacement of roof sheathing
- Foundation waterproofing
- Additions
- Basements
- Driveways
- Garage renovations/conversions
- Decks
- Porches



Before applying for a Town permit, first obtain a Prince George's County Permit. Please call The County's Department of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) at 301-636-2000 to obtain information about County requirements. Once the County permit has been issued, apply for Town Building Permit with the Code Compliance Department. Application should include:

- County Permit
- Copy of the stamped site plans and stamped, approved by Prince George's County.
- Estimated value of construction with supporting invoice
- Applicable fees and security deposit

To avoid violations and/or fines, please do not begin work until all permits have been issued



SavATree will be doing a public tree inventory beginning the last week of September and continuing through Mid-October. All employees will be wearing shirts with their logo.

Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Saturday, October 14th, 12-4pm - Multicultural Event

Enjoy amazing food, mesmerizing dance, and helpful information at this family-friendly event at the Community Center hosted by the **Berwyn Heights Police Department**. Stop by our table for children's art activities and to learn about our upcoming Day of the Dead celebration.

Saturday, October 21st. 6:30-8pm - Trunk or Treat (Rain date Oct. 28th)

Cash Prizes for the best decorated cars (*passing out treats). Dress up and join in this spooky, family-friendly Halloween event at the lower parking lot of the Community Center, 6200 Pontiac Street. Parking lot is for decorated cars only. **No vehicle entry after 6:30pm**

Friday, October 27th, 6:30-7:30pm - Sensory Friendly Glow Party

All ages are welcome at this **quiet but fun** alternative Halloween Event at the Town Center, 2nd Floor, 5700 Berwyn Road. Games, sensory activities, glow sticks, goodie bags & more!

Save the Date: Thursday November 2nd, 7-8pm - Day of the Dead Event at the Town Center, 2nd Floor! Feel free to bring photos of loved ones lost, flowers, or decorations to add to our "ofrenda". (Any photos you would like returned, please label with name and phone number)

Our next in person meeting is **Tuesday 10/3 at 7pm** at the Town Center, 1st Floor. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Have any suggestions? Email us at violindreams@verizon.net



Sábado, 14 de octubre de 12-4pm - Evento multicultural

Disfrute de comida increíble, baile fascinante e información útil en este evento familiar organizado por el Departamento de Policía de Berwyn Heights. Ubicado en el Centro Comunitario. Pase por nuestra mesa para las actividades artísticas de los niños y para aprender sobre nuestra próxima celebración del Día de los Muertos.

Sábado, 21 de octubre, 6:30-8pm-Trunk or Treat (en caso de lluvia sería 28 de octubre)

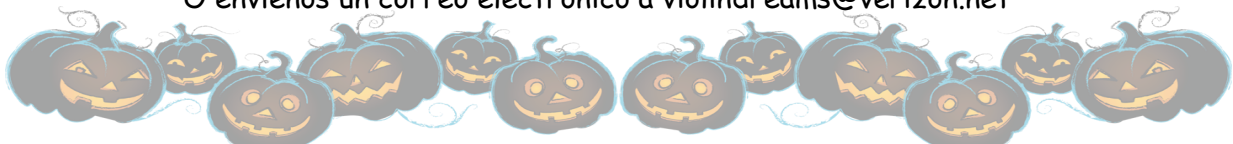
Premios en efectivo para los autos mejor decorados (* repartir golosinas). Vístete y únete a este espeluznante evento familiar de Halloween en el estacionamiento inferior del Centro Comunitario, 6200 Pontiac Street. El estacionamiento es solo para autos decorados. **No hay entrada de vehículos después de las 6:30 pm**

Viernes, 27 de octubre, 6:30-7:30pm - Fiesta Sensorial de luces

Todas las edades son bienvenidas en este tranquilo pero divertido evento alternativo de Halloween en el piso de arriba en el Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road. ¡Juegos, actividades sensoriales, palos luminosos, bolsas de regalos y más!

Reserve la fecha: Jueves 2 de noviembre, 7-8pm - ¡Evento del Día de los Muertos! en el Town Center, 2do piso. Siéntase libre de traer fotos de sus seres queridos, flores o decoraciones para agregar a nuestra ofrenda. (Cualquier foto que desee devolver, por favor etiquétela con nombre y número de teléfono)

Nuestra próxima reunión en persona es el martes 10/3 a las 7 pm en el Town Center, 1er Piso. ¡**¡TODOS ESTÁN BIENVENIDOS!** ¿Tiene alguna sugerencia? O envíenos un correo electrónico a violindreams@verizon.net





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- Assistant to the Town Manager/Office Coordinator
- Stormwater Engineer/Firm
- Outreach Specialist
- Grants Writer

Email: HR@berwynheightsmd.gov



Historical Committee



Guided Walking Tour

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 2 pm.

We will feature some of the historic houses in our Town. Which ones? It is a surprise!

Space is limited so reserve yours by using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wf9_NL-AmTuBacMu62H1CeAQoRyUf2-9jW_U48ojUCg/edit?usp=drivesdk

*We will be admiring houses from the street. We will not be entering them.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the Love Room.

All other inquiries to: dsteelesny@yahoo.com

For more information visit our Website:

<https://berwynheightshistory.com> and on Facebook.

Visitors are always welcome!





Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook: @BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

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

in the G Love Room, Town Center. All residents of Berwyn Heights are welcome.

Nuestra proxima reunion del Equipo Verde sera el jueves 12 de octubre a las 7:00 pm

en la sala G Love Room, Town Center. Todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights son bienvenidos.

Want a healthier lawn and more fireflies next summer? Instead of raking the leaves, mow over them—or just leave some!

¿Quiere un césped más sano y más luciérnagas el próximo verano? En lugar de rastrillar las hojas, córtalas en pedacitos o simplemente deja algunas.

Announcing the new Green Team officers!

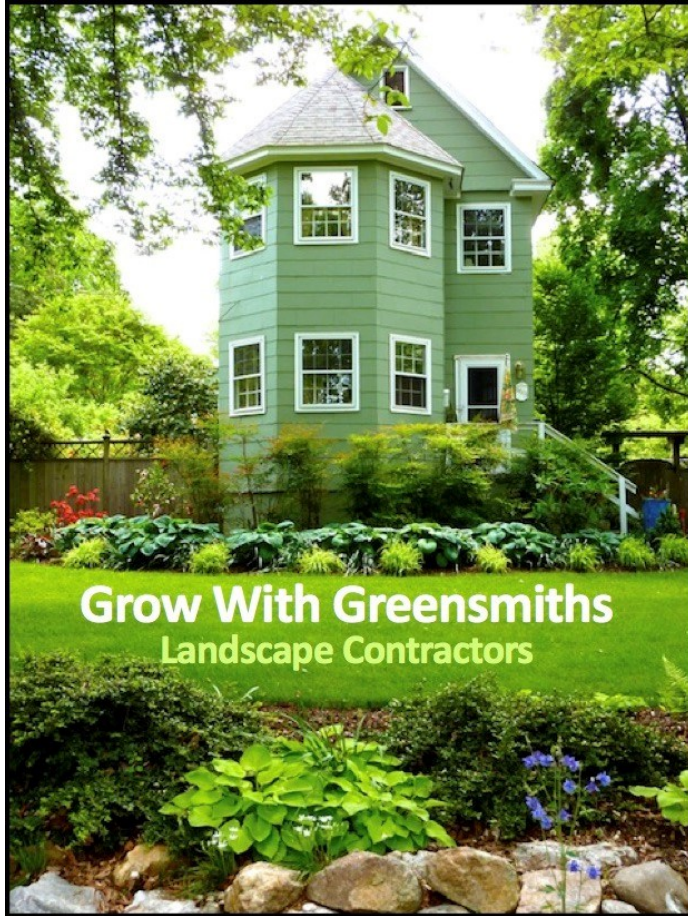
¡Anunciando a los nuevos oficiales del Equipo Verde!

- ⇒ Shira Francis, Facilitator / Facilitadore
- ⇒ Michael Bloom, Deputy Facilitator & Treasurer / Facilitador Adjunto & Tesorero
- ⇒ Geneviève de Messières, Secretary / Secretaria



Register for Good Neighbor Day projects /
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- ◇ County Community Resources
- ◇ Area Recreation
- ◇ Town Groups and Assemblies
- ◇ Bee City USA
- ◇ And so much more!

[https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/home/
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pages/watch-council-meetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council/pages/watch-council-meetings)

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**Did you qualify and receive the Maryland State
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If you did, you may be eligible to receive the

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**Find the application on the Town website under the
FORMS tab or by visiting [http://bit.ly/
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12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Join us October 4 at 7:00 pm in the G. Love Room

Halloween Safety Tips



HALLOWEEN NIGHT TRICK-OR-TREAT Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM

While the Town of Berwyn Heights does not endorse Trick-or-Treating on Halloween, many residents decide to participate in this activity on their own. In order to keep everyone safe, please consider these tips:

HOMEOWNERS:

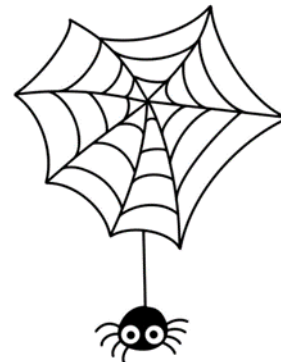
- Turn off your porch lights if you are NOT participating. If you are giving out treats, keep the outside area and walkway well-lit, and turn your porch light ON.
- Remove lawn furniture, or other obstacles to avoid accidents or damage.
- Keep pets inside.
- Consider non-candy options such as small toys and pre-packaged healthy snacks.

TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

- Walk in groups. Children should be accompanied by adults. Take a cell phone.
- Only visit homes with porch lights ON. Never enter a home.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick, and wear reflective gear. Wear costumes that allow you to see and hear clearly.
- Look both ways before crossing a street.
- Always check candy before eating. Throw away anything that looks suspicious!

DRIVERS:

- Slow down and be especially alert. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
- Get rid of any distractions (like your phone) in your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. **Drive sober!**



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Recent Working Incidents

Aug 21st– 3-Alarm College Park Fire At around 8am, Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to respond as the search company to the 10100 block of Baltimore Ave for the reported apartment building on fire. Units arrived on the scene and had fire showing through the roof. Command requested a 2nd alarm, and later was quickly upgraded to a 3rd alarm. The Rescue Squad's crew completed searches throughout, extinguished fire, opened up for other engine companies, and completed overhaul. Units remained on scene for approximately 7 hours before returning to service.

Aug 24th– Ladder Truck 14 was alerted to the 6700Blk of Vanessa Dr. in Lanham for a reported House Fire. Units arrived on scene to find smoke showing and a fire in the attic. Truck 14 laddered, opened up, searched and ventilated.

Aug 31st– Ladder Truck 14 was dispatched as the third due truck to the 4200 blk of Underwood St in Company 1's first due. Truck 14 threw ladders and opened up for the engine companies.



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

Fire Prevention Week

This year's National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.



"COOK WITH CAUTION"

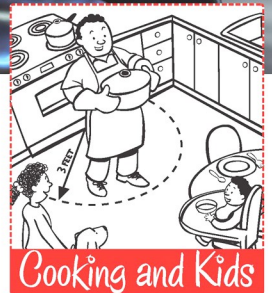
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



About Fire Prevention Week: Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.



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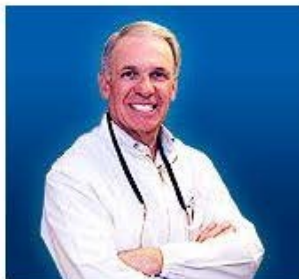
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August Incidents

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 AT 6:00 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

At 0654 hrs, 8/1/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 56** Ruatan Street, Berwyn Heights, MD., for a reported theft from auto. Sgt. Hollowell met with the victim in the driveway of the LOI. The victim explained he had moved his car from the street after discovering his vehicle was broken into. On viewing the vehicle, it was clear the driver's window was broken out. The unknown suspect(s) took the listed property from the center console. The victim indicated he parked the vehicle on the street at 2200 hrs, 7/31/2023. He has a surveillance camera positioned on a tree in his front yard that views the vehicle and street. Due to a branch being knocked down during a storm, the view was blocked. The victim indicates nothing else was taken from the vehicle. There are no other leads at this time and no further investigation.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 AT 4:56 PM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

On 8/2/2023 at approximately 1656 hours PFC. Herriott #1454 responded to 89** 58th Avenue located in Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for theft from auto. Upon arrival, he spoke with the resident, who advised that he parked his 2021 Toyota truck bearing MD #Tag 8ES7964 at 1500 hours 8/1/2023 on yesterday's date in his driveway and when he returned to his vehicle at approximately 0430 hours on today's date he discovered that an unknown person went inside his vehicle and removed items without his permission. The victim also advises that his Truist checkbook was taken including his red Nike shoes and other personal information from Bank of America. The victim was advised to notify his banking institution of the theft.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023 AT 3:15 PM, '1ST DEGREE ASSAULT.'

On 08/06/2023 at 1515 hrs., Sgt. Roberson #1445 of the Berwyn Heights Police Department responded to 56** Berwyn Rd., Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, the officer met with the victim who reported that he was assaulted by a resident that lives in his house. The victim indicated he was knocked down during an argument and choked. The victim displayed marks to the Officer around his neck. The Officer photographed his red-marked neck. The victim lives in the same house as the subject who assaulted him. A witness who lives in the house as well reported that he did observe the incident and that the subject was on top of the victim choking him. Guy A Rhoads, 58 Y/O/W/M was arrested and transported to Upper Marlboro for processing. All the events occurred in Berwyn Heights Prince Georges County Maryland

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023 AT 3:43 PM, 'MISSING PERSON.'

On 08/06/2023 Cpl. Rufino (#1451) was dispatched to a call missing/runaway juvenile located at 86** Cunningham Drive, Berwyn Heights MD, 20740. Upon arrival, she met with the mother of the Juvenile who advised that her family had called and notified that her daughter a 16 Y/O/W/H/F was at their home at the above-mentioned location. The juvenile was listed as a runaway through Montgomery County (PP23080600001422) (NIC/M277461676). The officer met with the Juvenile and returned her to her mother who was on-scene. Cpl. Rufino contacted Det. Haze with SVID in Montgomery County and advised. Teletype was also notified #C1125.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 AT 1:31 PM, 'FRAUD.'

On 7/9/2023 at approximately 1331 hours PFC. Herriott 1454# responded to 86** Cunningham Drive Berwyn Heights Md, 20740 for a fraud complaint. Upon arrival, he spoke with the resident who advised that on January 17, 2023, an unknown person charged her Pay Pal account \$246.43 without her permission and she reported it to the credit bureau. The victim also states that there was no financial loss, at this time, however, just wanted to get a police report in case of any future incidents.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 AT 5:23 PM, 'SHOOTING, 1st degree assault'

Pfc. Lowndes responded to the area of 63rd. Avenue and Greenbelt for a report of a shooting due to a road-rage incident from the Baltimore Washing Parkway. The victim stated that she was involved in a road rage with a black SUV driven by an unknown black male. The male followed her from the BWI to Greenbelt Road onto 63rd Ave., into Berwyn Heights, and fired several shots from his vehicle. The victim's vehicle was struck with several rounds damaging the front driver's door, including the front and rear driver's side tires. Investigation continues.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023 AT 9:12 PM, 'STOLEN VEHICLE / ARREST'

On 8/10/23 at approximately 2112 hours, Pfc. Lowndes and the Prince George's County Police responded to assist Baltimore City Police Department in tracking a stolen vehicle. Baltimore City Aviation Unit (Foxtrot) advised Public Safety Communications that they were tracking a stolen vehicle that entered Prince George's County and was wanted for striking and fleeing from several Baltimore City Police Department cruisers. With the assistance of Prince George's County aviation "Guardian", officers located the stolen vehicle which was described as a silver Nissan Maxima bearing Maryland registration (6EN4489). As Guardian was giving turn-by-turn directions Officer was in the area canvassing when he located the suspect vehicle in the town of Berwyn Heights. Officers were able to keep their distance and follow the suspect vehicle undetected while allowing Guardian to give

updated locations via Public Safety Communications. The arrested then struck a civilian vehicle at the intersection of 58th Ave & Ruatan St and continued driving in circles around the neighborhood at which point they lost sight of the vehicle. Guardian was able to track the suspect vehicle to 89** 56th Ave Berwyn Heights MD 20740. At this time, the Arrested identified as 22 Y/O/B/M, Butler, Logan Tyler of Baltimore City, reached the dead end of the street and jumped out of the suspect vehicle fleeing on foot into a bike trail and wooded area between 56th Ave & 57th Ave to evade arrest. Officers arrived on 57th Ave at the opposite end of the bike trail shortly after. Officers made entry into the trail which had no lights and was completely pitch black. Officers illuminated the wood line with their flashlight which caused the arrested to flee from one side of the woods to the other. A short foot pursuit was initiated deeper in the woods heading towards Greenbelt Rd. Officers gave loud verbal commands, "Police stop" and "get on the ground" to which the arrested did not comply and continued running in attempts to evade officers. As the arrested continued to run into the woods, he tripped and fell over multiple fallen branches and debris. As the arrested was getting back up he was tackled to the ground by an officer to prevent further escape. The Arrested resisted officers by placing his hands under his chest and physically pulling away his arms from officers' grip multiple times. Officers gave loud verbal commands to the arrested to "put your hands behind your back" and "stop resisting" multiple times while attempting to place him into custody. The arrested was eventually placed into custody with the assistance of responding officers at this time. The arrested was checked by Fire Department personnel under fire incident number (PF23081000000439) for any injuries and refused any treatment on scene. The listed vehicle was stolen from Baltimore City's jurisdiction on 8/5/2023 under Baltimore City Police Department case #6230801651. Baltimore City Police responded to the scene and took custody of the Arrested and his property.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 AT 4:06 AM, 'COMMERCIAL BURGLARY'

On August 11, 2023 at 0406 hours Officers responded to 6372 Greenbelt Road Greenbelt MD. 20770 (Shell Station), to handle a call for an Alarm. Once arriving on the scene, officers observed that the front door was unsecured but that the deadbolt lock was out. Officers also observed that a small portion of glass in the door was cracked around the handle. Officers made entry to the building and conducted a search of the building for a possible suspect with negative results. The video showed a gray Hyundai Sonata pull into the parking. A Maryland tag of 1FL2599 was seen on the front dashboard of the vehicle. The vehicle stopped in front of the T/A door. The (S1) (Unknown) exited the passenger seat of the vehicle with a pry bar in his hand. The (S1)

pried open the T/A door, defeating the deadbolt locks in the process. The (S1) then placed the prybar inside the vehicle. (S1) then enters the T/A and goes directly behind the counter. The (S2) then enters the T/A following behind (S1). (S1) bends down behind the counter and begins to rummage through the items under the counter. While (S1) is under the counter, (S2) starts to take packs of cigarettes and places them into a bag. When the (S2) is complete in gathering the packs of cigarettes, he exits the T/A. (S1) also exits the T/A and both suspects enter the vehicle that is parked outside. The Suspects then flee the location. An inventory of the cigarettes was completed. An estimated 72 packs of Newport cigarettes were stolen having a value of \$864.00. The tag on the vehicle was checked in the computer database for stolen with positive results. The vehicle is reported stolen through the Prince Georges County Police Department (RMS number 23-0046018. Latent fingerprints could not be obtained due to the fact that both suspects were wearing gloves during this incident.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 AT 6:25 PM, 'TRASH DUMPING.'

On 8/16/23 at approximately 6:25 PM officer responded to 62** Greenbelt Rd, Berwyn Heights, Maryland for a follow-up reference thrash dumping complaint. This incident is in reference to PP23081100000649 which was on 8/11/23 in which a thrash bag was left on the street. Berwyn Heights unit responded to the location and placed the thrash bag off the street into the sidewalk in front of McDonald's. A follow-up on 8/16/23 observed no thrash bag in front of the McDonald's. Officers checked businesses near the McDonald's and across the street, no thrash bag was seen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023 AT 7:12 AM, 'VANDALISM.'

At 0718 hrs, 8/19/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell was dispatched to 59** Berwyn Road for a property damage incident. Hollowell met with the victim and determined his driver's side mirror had been damaged. The listed vehicle was parked on the street at the time of the incident in front of the residence. There were no leads in determining how the damage occurred. The victim parked the vehicle the evening prior and heard nothing indicating a collision may have occurred. There are no investigative leads at this time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 AT 8:11 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

While on routine patrol on the 5900 block of Osage Street, Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland., Sgt. T. Hollowell saw a 4-door white Honda Accord with a broken-out rear driver's side window. The Honda was bearing Maryland tag number 4ED-5957 and was unoccupied. A listing of the tag was requested through dispatch and identified the owner as living at 59** Osage Street. Hollowell made con-

tact with the owner, husband of the listed owner, and was informed that the vehicle, listed to the victim had a broken window. Along with a DeWalt drill, no serial number was taken from behind the driver's seat floor. The vehicle was parked around 1800 hrs in front of the home, on 8/19/2023 and had not been moved since. There are no serial numbers for the listed stolen drill and no investigative leads currently exist.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 AT 10:45 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

AT 1035 hrs, 8/20/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell was notified by the victim his catalytic converter was taken off his vehicle in the 87** 58th Ave. Hollowell went with the victim to his home and inspected the listed vehicle. The victim states an unknown roommate, between the listed hours heard noises and looked out the window. He saw someone near the listed vehicle which was parked on Ruatan Street. He banged on the window and the suspect ran to an undescribed van and fled. The victim was later told about the incident and checked the cameras, which had no visual assistance. There was no additional damage to the vehicle other than the missing exhaust part. No leads exist at this time.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023 AT 7:45 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

At 0714, 8/23/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 61** Seminole Street for a stolen automobile report. The listed vehicle was parked secured in the driveway of 61** Seminole Street. The victim states the car usually driven by her son had been parked in the driveway for an extended period as he is in Hawaii. On 8/22/2023 she returned from work and the vehicle was in the driveway. She was informed by another resident of her home the vehicle was parked in the driveway still at 0030 hrs, 8/23/2023. This morning as she was leaving for work, she saw the vehicle was gone. She immediately notified her son who in turn called the police. The vehicle was paid for and there were no repossession indicators. The vehicle also had a clutch issue preventing it from going into reverse. There were no indicators over the time period of anyone tampering with the vehicle. A neighborhood canvas identified a surveillance camera at 61** Seminole and is being reviewed for any leads in the case. Auto theft will also be notified based on the specialty of the stolen vehicle.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 5:52 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

On 08/28/2023 at approximately 0552 hours, officer responded to 62** Ruatan Street, Berwyn Heights Maryland 20740 for theft from auto report. The victim advised listed 2011 black Land Rover, Range Rover Sport bearing Maryland tag 44542CL was parked in front of the location on

08/27/2023 at approximately 2300 hours. The Victim was heading out to work at approximately 0552 hours on 08/15/2023 and observed the left rear window was shattered and the listen items was stolen from his vehicle by an unknown Suspect. There is camera footage but unable to review it at this time.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 8:10 AM, 'VANDALISM.'

On 8/28/2023 at approximately 0810 hours PFC. Herriott#1454 received an in-station call to respond to 56** Seminole Street Berwyn Heights MD, 20740 for theft from auto. The owner of a 2020 black Honda Accord Bering temporary registration MD. TAG #T1456587. Victim advised that an unknown person broke his right front passenger window, however did not steal anything. Victim advised that he parked his vehicle at 0030 hours on today's date and when he returned at 0700 hours he discovered the damage.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 10:07 AM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

At 0744, 8/28/2023, Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to the 61** Seminole Street for a reported vehicle break-in. Hollowell met with the victim after observing the listed vehicle's broken driver's window. The victim indicated parking on the street in front of his home at around 2100 hrs, 8/27/2023. This morning he found the window of the driver's door shattered. The victim admitted to leaving his wallet in the vehicle that contained the listed property. Nothing else was taken out of the vehicle. No leads exist to identify a suspect.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 11:51 AM, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE.'

At 1151 hrs, 8/28/2023, the victim reported her vehicle headlight listed on the aforementioned vehicle was damaged. The victim indicated being parked at the LOI and a Penske Truck pulled into the driveway. The vehicle may have clipped a portion of the victim's right front headlight breaking it. The victim was able to get information on the vehicle and contacted Penske. The information provided was inconclusive and did not identify a driver and was subleased to Collegiate Marketing with no contacts. The victim was provided information for insurance purposes. No additional investigation is pending.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 AT 4:00 AM, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE & ATTEMPT THEFT.'

On 8/29/23 at approximately 0400 hours, officer responded to 62** Seminole St. Hyattsville, MD 20785 for a reported theft from an auto. Upon arrival to the scene, the Victim who advised two Hispanic males attempted to steal his vehicle's catalytic converter. Victim further advised he was

asleep in his bed when he heard the sound of sawing outside of his bedroom window. He looked outside to see a male standing next to his vehicle. The victim ran outside to see two males putting the vehicle's catalytic converter into the cargo area of a black Dodge Dart. He grabbed the converter as the vehicle sped off towards Greenbelt Rd. A canvass was conducted with negative results. There is surveillance footage of the incident.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 AT 11:00 PM, 'ARMED ROBBERY.'

On August 30, 2023, at about 11:00 PM Ofc Lowndes was dispatched to 86** Cunningham Drive for an attempt carjacking. The victim stated while he was picking up his thirteen-month-old son from 86** Cunningham Drive and placing his son in the rear car seat of his silver 2020 Ford Explorer bearing Maryland temp tag # T1481969. The three unknown black male suspects were wearing dark clothing and masks that covered their faces. One of the unknown black male suspects approached the victim, displaying a black handgun and demanding the victim's car keys and cash. The other unknown black male suspect went through and took the victim's car keys from his front left pocket and \$3,000 dollars in cash in the denominations of 100-dollar bills that were in his left front cargo pocket. The unknown suspects fled the scene in a white pick-up truck with unknown tags towards Pontiac St. The victim and his son did not suffer any injuries during the incident. Det Krouse was notified of the incident by this reporting officer.

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










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OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	3  S Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	4  NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room	5  N & S	6	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples Day : Town Offices Closed 	10  N & S Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	11  Welcome Reception 6-7PM Town Meeting 7PM 	12  Green Team 7PM G. Love Room	13  N & S	14 Multi-Cultural Event 12-4PM
15	16  N Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	17  S Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	18  NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room	19  N & S	20	21 Trunk or Treat 6:30-8 PM
22	23  N Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	24  S Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	25  BHHC 7:30 G. Love Room	26  N & S	27 Sensory Friendly Glow Party Town Center 6:30- 7:30 PM	28
29	30  N Worksession 7PM Council Chambers 	31  S Rec Council 7PM G. Love Room	Nov.1  NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room	2  N & S Save the Date: Day of the Dead Event	3	4

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