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## E-NEWSLETTER IS BACK

The Town is resuming publication of an electronic newsletter to be published each Friday following a Town Council worksession. The newsletter will include a Spanish translation and will be posted on the Town website/ Town Council page along with previous editions. You can subscribe to it at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/subscribe](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/subscribe) to have it delivered to your e-mail inbox. The e-newsletter archive can be found on the Town Council webpage at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council).

## El Boletín Electrónico Regresa

El Ayuntamiento reanuda la publicación de un boletín electrónico que se publicará cada viernes tras una sesión de trabajo del Consejo. El boletín se publicará en la web del Ayuntamiento/ Consejo junto con ediciones anteriores. Puede suscribirse a él en <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/subscribe> para recibirlo en su bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico. Se incluirá una versión en español. El archivo del boletín electrónico se puede encontrar en la página web del Consejo en <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council>.

### Town Council Actions From AUG 12 Town Meeting

- **Resolution 11-2020:** Acceptance of Grants & Donations policy.
- **BHES Funding Request:** E-Math Instruction Platform approved.
- **Governor's Service Award:** Nomination of Gerald Shields approved.

Meetings are broadcast live on BHTV FiOS 12, or Comcast 71 and streamed on the Town's website, [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov).

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

## CoVID-19 Closures Expected to Continue through September

### Changes in Town Government Operations

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

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

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

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

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. La Administración y el Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando desde casa. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

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

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

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



## Absentee Ballots Available Now

There are 3 ways to apply for an Absentee Ballot:

- [Online if you have a Maryland's driver's license or MVA-issued ID card.](#)
- Complete one of the forms below, print it, sign it, and return it to your local board of elections. You can return it by mail, fax, or email (scanned as an attachment).  
[Mail-in ballot application \(PDF\)\\*](#)  
[Solicitud de Papeleta de Votante Ausente \(PDF\)](#)
- Go to your [local board of elections](#) and fill out and turn in the form.

\* MD State Board of Elections mailed this form to each eligible voter who has not already requested a ballot. If you already submitted a form, you do not need to submit another one. Use our [Voter Look-Up](#) website to check that you submitted a request.

Look up how to vote in person during early voting period (OCT 26-NOV 2) or on Election Day on [State Board of Election website](#).

## HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

### Labor Day

Mon	09/07/20	Offices Closed - NO PICKUP
Tue	09/08/20	Town-wide Trash & Bulk
Wed	09/09/20	Town-wide Recycling
Thu	09/10/20	Town-wide Yard Waste
Fri	09/11/20	Town-wide Trash

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash out  
Over the Weekend

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 Web <https://hoyer.house.gov/help/contact>

**CORRECTION:** In the August Bulletin we wrongly identified Anthony Brown as the Town's U.S. Representative. Steny Hoyer represents District 5, including Berwyn Heights, in the U.S. Congress.



# PUBLIC WORKS

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

## Happy Summer to All & a Few Reminders:

The street sweeper will be in town on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please park your car off the street when you see the street sweeper in your area.

We are now offering our residents a food scraps collection, using the local vendor, [Compost Crew](#). Food scraps may be dropped off in a designated toter in the rear parking lot of the Town Center or sign up with Compost Crew for individual service and curbside pickup. Empty your food scraps loosely in the bin or use compostable bags. PLEASE DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS.

Also, a word of caution as replacement of approximately 1.73 miles of water mains is going forward. Trimming and sealing intruding lateral work will begin August 24<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>. Affected Neighborhood/ Streets Include: Berwyn Road, 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 60<sup>th</sup> Place, Cunningham Drive and 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. If you would like to be kept updated on the project, you may sign-up at [www.wsscwater.com/CNS](http://www.wsscwater.com/CNS) to receive emails and/or text alerts.

## Property Tax Credits

All Maryland Homeowners are eligible for the Homestead Tax Credit on their primary residence. You only need to apply for the Homestead Tax Credit one time. If you are not sure if you are receiving the Homestead Tax Credit, be sure to check by looking up your property on the [Real Property Data Search website](#).

The State of Maryland also provides relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes owed based on their net worth and income. Residents must apply annually for the [Homeowner's Property Tax Credit](#); the deadline this year is October 1, 2020.

Berwyn Heights resident homeowners who have applied and received the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit are also eligible to receive up to a 10% credit on their Town real property tax bill. Residents must apply annually for the Homeowners Tax Credit Program by completing the [application form](#); the deadline is December 1, 2020.

## Stay in Touch with your Town

Besides the Berwyn Heights Bulletin and Town website, there are more ways to be informed about the community.

[Town Twitter](#)

**or Join a Listserver**

[BHPD Facebook](#)

[Next Door](#)

[BHVFD Website](#)

[Groups.io](#)

[BHVFD Twitter](#)

Advertising Rates for the  
Berwyn Heights Bulletin

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
<b>QUARTER (1/4) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
<b>HALF (1/2) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
<b>FULL PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COVID DIRECTIVES UPDATED

Pursuant to the [Executive Order No. 20-07-29-01](#) of the Governor of Maryland, the Secretary of Health of Prince George's County has issued a new directive regarding wearing of face masks and large gatherings. Face coverings are required, with exceptions, in all retail and business establishments, defined as grocery stores, pharmacies, retail stores, laundromats, restaurants, barber shops, beauty salons, fitness centers, pools, daycare or childcare facilities, entertainment/amusements facilities and any other business establishment. All masks must cover nose and mouth..

Large gatherings and events, such as social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings, are limited to one person/family unit per 200 square feet, or a maximum of 50 persons - whichever is lower - at all locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned larger gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed. CDC and MDH social distancing protocols must be followed.

Everyone is encouraged to exercise caution, limit non-essential trips and keep a social distance of 6' to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Please read the [DIRECTIVE AND ORDER FOR ENHANCED CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY](#) for further details.

## COVID-19 TESTING CENTERS IN OUR AREA - APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

- Express Healthcare | 6201 Greenbelt Road Medical Complex, Berwyn Heights | Tel. 301-441-1112
- CVS Drugstore | 5910 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt | Tel. 301-441-8810 (Limited to Certain Patients)
- Patient First—10424 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville | Tel. 240-542-5987



## Pop's Park is Open

- Use at your own risk.
- No groups of more than 10.
- Maintain social distancing of 6' and/ or wear a mask.

## Pop's Park está abierto

- Use bajo su propio riesgo.
- No se reúnan en grupos de más de 10.
- Mantenga un distanciamiento social de 6 pies o use una máscara

## Back to School

Prince George's County has announced that all classes will be held virtually 5 days a week. Parents who have not yet registered their students should start the [online process](#) as soon as possible. Students' class schedules will be available on SchoolMax, the system's e-learning platform, on Aug. 21. Students who still have their Chromebook from the spring should continue using it. All other students can pick up their laptop the week of Aug. 24. Instructional packets and school supplies will also be available for pickup on those days. Classes begin on Aug. 31. Distance learning will continue until at least Jan. 29, 2021, which marks the end of the first semester.

The University of Maryland will begin the semester as scheduled on August 31 but will delay undergraduate in-person instruction until September 14. Undergraduate instruction will be delivered online for the first two weeks. All graduate-level instruction and approved research activities will proceed as planned.

# FOOD SCRAPS COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Residents of Berwyn Heights!

We are happy to announce our new partnership with a locally-owned food scrap recycling service, Compost Crew. You can help make a positive environmental impact in our community by bringing your food scraps and other compostables to our NEW drop-off site.

- Service begins July 22, 2020
- Bins located behind Town Hall:  
5700 Berwyn Rd,
- Hours: 8:00 am - 7 pm daily
- Our drop-off site open to all Berwyn Heights residents wishing to participate

Together we can help reduce the amount of trash that goes to our landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions that pollute our environment, and revitalize our soils. For more information, go to:

<https://compostcrew.com/>

## FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF

### WHAT CAN I DROP OFF?



**ACCEPTED**

- ✓ Fruits & Vegetables
- ✓ Coffee Grounds & Tea Leaves
- ✓ Dry Goods
- ✓ Breads, Pasta, Nuts, Rice & Grains
- ✓ Dairy Products, Eggs & Egg Shells
- ✓ Meat, Fish, Poultry & Bones
- ✓ Cooked or Uncooked
- ✓ Food Soiled Paper Products
- ✓ Napkins, Paper Towels, Teabags & Coffee Filters

**NOT ACCEPTED**

- ✗ Plastic products of any kind
- ✗ Pet Waste or Diapers
- ✗ Clam or Oyster Shells
- ✗ Grease or Fats
- ✗ Ash from wood or charcoal

**IF IN DOUBT,  
LEAVE IT OUT!**

Empty contents loosely in container, or use compostable bags\*

\*NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED



**Town of Berwyn Heights**

For more information & questions:  
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department/pages/how-dispose-refuse-recycling>

# COMPOSTAJE DE DESECHO DE ALIMENTOS

Residentes de Berwyn Heights!

Nos complace anunciar nuestra nueva asociación con el servicio local de reciclaje de desechos de alimentos, Compost Crew. Puede ayudar a lograr un impacto ambiental positivo en nuestra comunidad al traer sus desecho de alimentos y otros compostables a nuestro NUEVO sitio de entrega.

- El servicio comenzará en julio 2020.
- Contenedores ubicados detrás del Ayuntamiento: 5700 Berwyn Rd,
- Horario: 8:00 am—7:00 pm
- Nuestro sitio de entrega abierto a todos los residentes de Berwyn Heights que deseen participar.

Juntos podemos ayudar a reducir la cantidad de basura que llega a nuestro vertedero, reducir las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero que contaminan nuestro medio ambiente y revitalizar nuestros suelos. Para obtener más información, vaya a <https://compostcrew.com/>

## DESECHO DE ALIMENTOS BAJAR Ó DEJAR ALGO

### ¿QUÉ PUEDO DEJAR?



**ACEPTADO**

- ✓ Frutas vegetales
- ✓ Café molido y hojas de té
- ✓ Lencía
- ✓ Panes, pastas, nueces, arroz y granos
- ✓ Productos lácteos, huevos y cáscaras de huevo
- ✓ Carne, Pescado, Aves y Huesos
- ✓ Cocido o Crudo
- ✓ Alimentos Productos de papel manchados
- ✓ Servilletas, toallas de papel, bolsitas de té y filtros de café

**NO ACEPTADA**

- ✗ Productos plásticos de cualquier tipo
- ✗ Desechos de mascotas o pañales
- ✗ Almejas o conchas de ostras
- ✗ Grasas o aceites
- ✗ Ceniza de madera o carbón.

**EN CASO DE DUDA,  
DEJARLO FUERA**

Vacíe el contenido sin apretar en el recipiente o use bolsas compostables \*

\* NO SE PERMITEN BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO



**Town Of Berwyn Heights, Department of Public Works**

Para más información y preguntas:  
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department/pages/how-dispose-refuse-recycling>

## Town Meeting Minutes July 8, 2020

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, which prohibits large gatherings and advises Marylanders to remain socially distant. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to comment by telephone and email.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Chris Brittan-Powell, and Ethan Sweep. CM Jason Papanikolas had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Interim Town Manager Laura Allen, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Lieutenant Daniel Unger, Code Director Hollyce Goodwin, Public Works Clerk Rosalie Jones, and Green Team Chair Jeff Knutson and Historical Committee Chair Richard Ahrens.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Sweep seconded to approve the agenda. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that two different versions of the agenda are posted on the Town website; the Granius version is the correct one to use. The agenda was approved 4 to 0.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

CM Sweep moved, and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the June 10 Town meeting minutes. The motion passed 4 to 0. CM Brittan-Powell moved, and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the June 15 worksession minutes. The motion passed 4 to 0.

### 3. Mayor's Report

CM Dewey reported that Monday's worksession was cancelled for lack of a quorum. Two Councilmembers were unable to access the virtual meeting due to power outages caused by a thunderstorm. The Council attended this year's virtual summer conference of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) last week, which will be discussed later on the agenda. Many private fireworks were set off during the 4th of July weekend in and around Berwyn Heights. Residents are reminded that fireworks are illegal to use in Berwyn Heights and in Prince George's County.

CM Dewey continued that Prince

George's County is doing well with respect to containing the coronavirus and now has the second lowest infection rate in Maryland. However, everyone is encouraged to continue to practice social distancing and wear masks in public. The Town continues to operate in a manner that seeks to minimize social interaction, keeping the Town Hall closed to the public, responding to inquiries by phone or email, and meeting virtually. Town businesses have reopened with County reopenings and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will announce plans for reopening schools sometime in mid-July.

Mayor Dewey concluded relating her experience with getting tested for COVID-19 at a pop-up testing site in Hyattsville. The process was quick and easy and provided results within 30 hours of the test. Residents need not hesitate to get tested if they think they might be infected.

### 4. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey asked for a motion to receive all department reports for the record. CM Sweep so moved. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**Administration:** TM Broadbent announced that Berwyn Heights will start a food scraps composting program, managed by a local vendor, Compost Crew, around July 20. Details will be published on the website and social media. She is planning to reopen Pop's Park following the reopening of Park & Planning playgrounds but not before posting signs advising patrons of COVID-19 ground rules. The Town will not be disinfecting equipment and use will be at your own risk.

CM Brittan-Powell questioned whether the playground should be opened as children might spread the virus contracted at the playground to older family members or friends. TM Broadbent, Mayor Dewey and CM Sweep replied that it should be relatively safe to follow in the footsteps of Park & Planning, which likely consulted with health experts before opening their playgrounds and that the risk of outdoor spread is low. Additionally, it may be safer for playground users to spread out to different playgrounds instead of flocking to one.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented he thinks it is not a good idea to reopen Pops Park since the Town might be held

liable for any spread of the virus. Mayor Dewey suggested going forward with procuring the safety signage as planned and discussing the decision further at the July 20 worksession.

**Treasurer's Report:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked whether the year-end financial report reflects all bills having been paid. TM Broadbent replied that some bills are still outstanding and may not be paid until after the fiscal year ends. Treasurer Rodriguez said she has made every effort get the departments to turn in their invoices for payment but there will be some late payments. Overall staff have done a good job keeping track of their budget and expenses.

**Code Compliance:** CM Brittan-Powell said he is in the process of getting up to speed on Code enforcement matters and plans to meet with staff to learn how the Department operates. Judging by the Code Director's monthly report, there have not been any major issues.

In response to questions, Director Goodwin and TM Broadbent said that Code staff works mostly from home but will come out regularly to check on properties and follow up on any complaints. Citations are issued for clean lot and other violations. Rental licenses are being renewed upon payment, but no inspections of rental homes' interior are currently performed. A new rental property was fined for renting without a license and the fine was paid.

### Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that PGCPS has resumed its 'grab and go' breakfast and lunch program for students, served Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to noon at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Park & Planning has reopened their playgrounds to the public with restrictions, e.g. no groups larger than 10, keeping a distance and wearing masks. Park & Planning will continue its College Park airport tree trimming and removal program over the next weeks to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety regulations. New trees will be planted throughout College Park to compensate for the tree removals.

Mayor Dewey added that the program was substantially modified

based on numerous citizen comments and complaints, and no additional removals are planned. Tree work near the railroad underpass at Lake Artemesia may have been part of this project or a stream restoration project.

In Town organization news, the Karate Club meets virtually via Zoom twice a week. Residents interested in joining should contact Theresa Beck at [beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com). Other Town organization updates will be provided under Committee Reports.

**Public Works:** CM Sweep thanked Public Works and BHPD for working late to help secure the street where a tree came down during Monday's lightning storm. Public Works' is using the new trash truck which has a recycling info graphic on its side. He has received some complaints about trash not being picked up and explained that Public Works is somewhat short staffed at the moment. Residents, whose trash bins were missed, should call or email Public Works so they can return to collect it.

CM Sweep said the Town has signed up with a local vendor to initiate a food scrap composting program. A container will be set up in the back of the Town Center where residents can drop off their food scraps. Compostable bags will be provided at that location. Mayor Dewey and TM Broadbent added that residents may sign up and pay individually for the commercial compost service, which includes household bins and curbside collection. A small amount of finished compost will be provided to Town for use in gardening.

**Public Safety:** Mayor Dewey thanked BHPD for its first virtual Coffee with Cops last week. A number of residents tuned in and good conversations were had. As usual, residents are reminded not leave their car doors unlocked as thefts from vehicles continue to be the most prevalent crime in the Town.

In response to CM Sweep, Lt. Unger said that BHPD has an open investigation into shots being fired in the area of Natasha Drive on the 4th of July. No one was injured but shell casings were found the following day. Detective Krouse is talking to neighbors and welcomes help from anyone with information about the incident.

## 5. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** MPT

Kulpa-Eddy reported she participated in the last BHEAC meeting, where the reopening of schools in the fall was the focus of discussion. PGCPs has not released a final plan but some distance learning may be part of the mix. The BHEAC wants to help assist students who have had difficulty accessing the distance learning system.

**Green Team:** Green Team facilitator Jeff Knutson gave the report. The Green Team has suspended monthly Town cleanups but encourages residents to pick up trash individually. The Green Team can provide trash pickers to volunteers. Eight Trees of Distinction have been recognized and been posted online. The Green Team/ Shade Tree Board also reviewed applications from residents to have a tree planted on their property, a program launched by the Town to build up the tree canopy.

The Green Team worked on becoming recertified for the Sustainable Maryland program, which added some new projects. It includes a carbon footprint study that was submitted with the application. Notification about recertification is expected by October after two rounds of review. The Green Team also launched a summer Green Champions program that seeks to raise environmental awareness among students, while giving them something to do. The community garden is in good shape, thanks in part to Diana Agonoy's coordination. All plots are occupied, and Public Works is helping with maintenance.

There ensued discussion about a potential trash problem at Lake Artemesia due to the increased use of the park, legacy septic systems in the Town and mechanisms to capture trash washed into Indian Creek from stormwater drains during heavy rains. The Green Team may take all this up as part of focusing on improving water quality in the Anacostia watershed for the next Sustainable Maryland recertification.

**Historical Committee:** Historical Committee Chair Richard Ahrens gave a report. He said the Committee has not met since February due to the coronavirus lockdown. An attempt to hold a virtual meeting in April failed but a new meeting is scheduled for July 22. On the agenda are the possible participation in a National Night In parade, as well as a virtual tour of historic homes. The Committee will also discuss how to hold its election of officers that normally takes place in September.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** NW/EP Chair Mike Attick called by telephone. He said the Committee has not met since March and is trying to determine when and how they can next meet.

**Recreation Council:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported the Recreation Council's virtual summer concert series continues with the Jan Knutson Duo on July 16, 7 p.m. and the Russell Wilson-Susan Jones Duo on July 30, 7 p.m. The concerts can be watched on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/bhrecyoutube>) or on BHTV Comcast 71 or FiOS 12. The Recreation Council and BHPD are planning a National Night-In parade for August 4. Any Town organization or resident interested in participating should contact Recreation Council President Susan Jones or BHPD Clerk Mercy Muralles. The BHPD food drive continues until 5:00 pm on July 18, and donations can be dropped off at the Police station during business hours.

## 6. Unfinished Business

**MML Conference Recap:** Councilmembers shared their experiences from this year's virtual MML conference. MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended sessions on employment issues and the 2020 Census, a large cities population forum, and a cabinet secretary chat on transportation. She was hoping to talk to them about repair work on Route 193 and 201 but was advised to talk to the district engineer. TM Broadbent offered to follow up.

Mayor Dewey attended a workshop on climate resilience, which focused on stormwater and flooding, on the Open Meetings Act (OMA), on COVID-19 and its impact on revenues as well as some related scams. She attended chats with the Secretaries of the Environment and of Community Development that included discussions of COVID-19 and homelessness.

CM Sweep attended several sessions required for earning a Certificate from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. The Open Meetings Act session was interesting because it discussed proper notification of virtual meetings.

CM Brittan Powell enjoyed attending his first MML conference and was impressed with the many knowledgeable and connected officials that were truly interested in helping the local officials.



## 7. New Business

**Resolution 10-2020 - Appointment of Interim Town Manager:** Mayor Dewey announced that TM Broadbent has accepted a new position in Massachusetts and submitted her resignation. On behalf of the Council she thanked TM Broadbent for her service to the Town and wished her all the best. The search for a new Town Manager is expected to take 3-4 months, for which period an Interim Town Manager will be appointed.

TM Broadbent thanked all Councilmembers for the opportunity to work with them. She thinks this Council worked well together and got a lot done. Major accomplishments include establishing a set of financial controls and transparency measures that move the Town forward. Working for Berwyn Heights in Prince George's County was a way for her to give back to the place where she grew up. Her new job in Wellfleet on Cape Cod will allow her to spend more time with family.

TM Broadbent expressed her gratitude that Laura Allen accepted the position of Interim Town Manager, which will help ensure the progress that has been made continues. Ms. Allen last served as the Treasurer for the City of Greenbelt and will work under similar arrangements as Berwyn Heights' previous Interim Town Manager, Mike McLaughlin, which is reflected in the agreement the Council plans to adopt tonight.

Mayor Dewey said that Ms. Allen will begin her employment on July 27 to coordinate the transition with TM Broadbent, and on August 4 will be here full time. Mayor Dewey said she is looking forward to working with Ms. Allen and asked her to introduce herself.

Ms. Allen said she is originally from Easton, MD, spent much of her career as a city manager in California, and returned to Maryland to work as Town Administrator in Berlin until 2019. Most recently, she held the position of City Treasurer for Greenbelt and now looks forward to working for Berwyn Heights.

Councilmembers thanked TM Broadbent for her service and lending her professional expertise to helping the Council to achieve their goals. They welcomed Laura Allen saying that her strong background in financial management will be needed to get through the difficulties caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM

Sweep moved to adopt it. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. She suggested that notices of the appointment be posted on the Town Office front door. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## **Prince George's County Charter Amendment regarding Real Property Tax:**

Mayor Dewey explained the Prince George's County Council is proposing a Charter Amendment to be placed on the ballot in the November election that would change the deadline by which the County sets the Homestead Tax Credit (HTC) percentage and remove the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the basis for a cap for the Homestead Tax Credit percentage. The HTC is a state program that limits annual increases in the taxable assessed value of a homeowner's principal residence to 10% or less per year over a 3-year assessment period for homeowners enrolled in the program. In 1997 Prince George's County imposed a cap of the CPI or 5% (whichever is less) on increases in assessed value. The proposed legislation removes this cap and allows increases up to 10%.

In discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy said there does not seem to be enough time for the Council to send a joint letter commenting on the legislation, which is coming up for a vote by the County Council on July 21. She suggested that Councilmembers and residents, comment in individual letters to their representatives. Further, she does not understand why this legislation is being brought up now. Raising the HTC cap from 5% to 10% is likely to result in higher property taxes paid by County residents, many of whom are already financially strapped due to COVID-19 job losses.

Mayor Dewey noted that there will be two opportunities for residents to learn more about the issues and to comment during a College Park forum tonight at which County Councilmembers Glaros and Dernoga will debate and a Glaros Thought Series forum on July 13. Tonight's Town Meeting agenda package also contains a lot of good information, including a presentation from 3 County Councilmembers who are opposed to the measure and a written summary from Councilmember Glaros who supports the measure.

Mayor Dewey commented that while she has remaining questions, she believes the proposal has merits. For example, she has seen evidence that the 5% HTC cap has in fact contributed to a higher real property tax rate in this

County. Further, she believes the CPI may not be a useful a standard to measure inflation as it used to be because the composition of household spending has changed over time but is not reflected in the CPI.

## **Four Cities Agenda (added item):**

CM Dewey requested the Council to propose agenda items for the July 22 Four Cities meeting that will be hosted (virtually) by Berwyn Heights. The following items were proposed: School re-opening in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; PGCPs funding for LGBTQ training; and policing reform initiatives. The Town will also invite School Board Representative Joshua Thomas to discuss plans for the upcoming school year.

## 8. Citizen Discussion

Mike Attick commented that Prince George's County has twice attempted to repeal the HTC cap and failed. He suggested using the street sweeper to vacuum up litter that is captured by any kind of device the Town might install at stormwater outfalls. He also expressed his regrets about TM Broadbent's departure.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

## **Worksession June 20, 2020**

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to comment by telephone and email.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas, and Ethan Sweep. Also present were outgoing Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Interim Town Manager Laura Allen, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Lieutenant Daniel Unger, Code Compliance Director Hollyce Goodwin, Public Works Clerk Rosalie Jones, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

## 1. Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that Prince George's County Public Schools

(PGCPS) has announced its plans for the next school year which will begin with distanced learning likely until February 2021. This worksession will be TM Broadbent's last meeting in Berwyn Heights before she moves to Massachusetts. CM Papanikolas will field telephone calls tonight.

## 2. Ceremonial Items

**Longevity award for Sgt. Moroney:** Chief Antolik congratulated Sgt. Moroney on his 30th year of service with the Town and awarded him a certificate of appreciation.

### **Meritorious Service Award for Pfc.**

**Rufino:** Lt. Unger said he nominated Officer Rufino for the Meritorious Service Award for providing crucial assistance in the arrest of four armed robbers. New Carrollton police had initiated the pursuit of the four suspects following a spree of armed robberies in Prince George's County, but were immobilized by an accident. Pfc Rufino and Cpl Hollowell intercepted the suspect vehicle on Greenbelt Road and pursued them onto the BWI Parkway. Only Officer Rufino was able to keep up and reported the direction in which the perpetrators fled on foot after their vehicle clipped a tow truck and flipped over. As a result, the suspects were arrested. Her actions demonstrated courage and quick thinking.

## 3. Discussion Items

**Project tracking:** Mayor Dewey and TM Broadbent explained that staff has provided periodic updates on projects associated with implementing the Council's priorities. The last update was provided in late February with the presentation of enhancement requests for the FY 2021 budget. Tonight, staff are requested to give another update prior to Interim Town Manager Allen coming on board.

Treasurer Rodriguez, Code Compliance Director Goodwin, Clerk Harper, Public Works Administrative Assistant Jones, and Chief Antolik reported on the projects assigned to them. A number of projects have been put on hold or delayed due to the COVID-19 health emergency. Others were necessitated by the state of emergency, including electronic payment processing, a CARES Act application for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses, and a vote by mail election.

Some projects were funded as enhancements in the FY 2021 budget. These include:

### Administration:

- Codification of Town Charter and Ordinances

- BHTV HiDef upgrade

### Public Works:

- Acquisition of a new refuse truck, heavy duty dump truck, and leaf vacuum machine all funded from vehicle replacement reserve
- Replacement of a storage tent with CONEX container
- Upgrades to overhead doors and ceiling insulation in storage building
- Street repaving in coordination with WSSC water main replacement project
- Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights (WBBH) task force recommendations

### Police Department:

- Purchase 1 new hybrid police vehicle
- Language pay for Spanish speaking staff
- Purchase new ballistic vests
- Mobile police radio
- Purchase new NW/EP trailer.

A review of BHPD's use of force policy was added to the project list after the eruption of the George Floyd protests. The policy was found to be up to date but may be amended as new federal regulations are adopted. Chief Antolik and TM Broadbent will discuss assigning responsibility for coordinating a police station feasibility study.

**Police use of force policy:** Mayor Dewey said during the previous meeting the Council took an inventory of BHPD's use of force policy and found that it contains most of the policing reforms being recommended in the wake of the George Floyd protests. The conversation continues tonight as part of the Council's effort to build community trust.

Chief Antolik and Lt. Unger responded to Council questions as follows:

- BHPD has a duty to intervene if an agency with which BHPD has an MOU of mutual assistance uses excessive force, regardless of where the incident occurs.
- BHPD has no policy on no-knock warrants because it does not carry out such warrants. They are usually assigned to tactical or SWAT teams. BHPD can draft a provision on the types of warrants served by BHPD for inclusion in the policy.
- The process for hiring new officers is long-standing practice. Chief Antolik will check if it is set down in the Standard Operating Procedures and/ or in BHPD's guide for new recruits.
- BHPD's current use of force policy

does not require reports on threatening the use of force.

- The use of force is reviewed throughout the fiscal year. If new recommendations from the Maryland Training Commission or other agency are released, they will be added to the manual.
- BHPD's use of force policy has a provision that allows use of force normally prohibited by the policy if an officer's or another's life is in danger. Chief Antolik said this is standard practice and he does not believe it exposes BHPD to lawsuits.

Mayor Dewey encouraged residents to ask questions about the policy and offer ideas and comments. She also noted that BHPD will take part in a virtual reality training exercise at the University of Maryland that includes a customized implicit bias training based on the results of the simulations. The program is paid through a foundation grant that may also provide funding for certain community policing initiatives.

### **Pop's Park/ facilities COVID plans:**

Mayor Dewey said that Park & Planning reopened their playgrounds, including Indian Creek Park, on July 1. The Town plans to open Pop's Park once signs with safety guidelines have been received and posted. She believes social distancing mandates are more sustainable if people are given some options for relatively safe social activities.

TM Broadbent said the signs to be posted will say that patrons use the park at their own risk, to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people and to wear masks. The Town plans to monitor the park and may close it again if patrons are not acting responsibly. In the big picture, she does not anticipate any changes in the use of Town facilities and delivery of services until the fall. The only service the Town does not currently provide are interior rental inspections.

In discussion, it was suggested that BHPD and Code officers regularly check on the park and report back to the Town Manager, that the Code Department look into rental inspection via video; and that the Town office be open by appointment. There was agreement that residents can access most Town services they need remotely by phone, email, or video conferencing. Internally, staff coordinate on reg-

ular basis to ensure continuous operations.

**Electronic newsletter:** Mayor Dewey said the previous Council started a mid-monthly newsletter to develop new formats for communicating with residents apart from the Bulletin. For various reasons, the newsletter stopped after 7 months and no longer exists. Residents have expressed their desire for more up-to-date information in a Town survey the Council conducted last year. Some type of email news service was mentioned repeatedly. The Council is requested to share any ideas about additional modes of communication with residents.

After some discussion, it was agreed that:

- Mayor Dewey contact a group of UMD students who have developed an interface for setting up an electronic email list as part of the campus-community connection (c3) program.
- Public Information Aide, once hired, to coordinate newsletter sent to a list of subscribers.
- Clerk Harper to provide list of subscribers to the defunct mid-monthly newsletter.
- MPT Kulpa-Eddy to provide regular drafts of a newsletter for the Council's review. Recreation Council, PTA and other Town groups would be invited to contribute.
- E-newsletter to be simple, short and released bi-monthly. Repetition or duplication of information in other formats is a plus.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that County Councilmember At-Large Calvin Hawkins asked whether the Town would publish news from his office in the Bulletin. The Council discussed the issue and agreed to publish only the contact information for elected officials that represent Town residents. Clerk Harper drafted a list of representatives and their contact information for the August Bulletin. After some discussion, the Council agreed not to publish news items from the representatives in the Bulletin, unless they wish to pay for an ad. As an alternative, important news items from the representatives could be shared in the electronic newsletter.

**Resolution 11-2020 acceptance of grants and donations:** Mayor Dewey explained that the Council desires to

create a policy that governs receipt of high value donations or grants. The policy would require that acquisitions valued over \$10,000 as well as acquisitions that are novel or unusual in nature be submitted to the Council for approval. TM Broadbent added that she drafted the policy based on the purchasing policies found in the Town's code. This means whenever the Town receives a substantial donation or grant the Council reviews it and amends the budget to show the dollar value received as well as to appropriate the funds to be expended.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- \$10,000 value is a good cut-off line for requiring Council approval
- Meaning of "novel in nature" to be clarified by providing a definition or examples
- Guidance to staff, such as a reporting form, could be created explaining what is meant by 'novel', or 'unprecedented', but not make the policy itself too specific

The discussion is to be continued at upcoming worksessions.

#### 4. Minutes

There were none.

#### 5. Department Reports

Mayor Dewey reported that the Council continues to work on a use of force policy and is receiving citizen input. On July 24, Berwyn Heights will host a Four Cities meeting. Anyone wishing to participate can sign up on an online form linked from the Town website. The Low Impact Development Center is working with the Town on a concept design for improving Pops' Park. Public input is requested via an online survey, a link to which is published on the website and signs at the park.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reminded everyone that Census field workers will start knocking on doors in August, but people are still encouraged to respond online or by phone. A draft environmental impact study has been released for the I-495/ I-270 widening, on which people can comment. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also announced upcoming meetings and events.

CM Papanikolas reported that a new Facebook page has been created where residents can connect with local businesses and restaurants they may want to support.

CM Brittan Powell reported that he has

had conversations with the Code Director. The Code Department is operating normally.

CM Sweep mentioned a compost collection site for residents has been set up behind the Town Office.

#### 6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the upcoming schedule. No changes were made.

#### 7. Citizen Comments

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Signed: **Kerstin Harper**, Town Clerk



### MINUTOS DE REUNIONES DEL CONSEJO EN ESPAÑOL

El sitio web de Town of Berwyn Heights ahora se puede ver en diferentes idiomas usando Google Translate. Haga clic en el cuadro "Seleccionar idioma" junto al cuadro "Buscar" y elija su idioma.

Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejo pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

[www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019)

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SPANISH

The Town of Berwyn Heights website can now be viewed in different languages using Google Translate. Please click on the 'Select Language' box next to the 'Search' box and choose your language.

Town Council Minutes can be found on the home page by clicking on the 'Minutes & Agendas' button in the Citizen Action Center.

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/node/782/minutes/2019>

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**THE REAL ESTATE MARKET IS DOING VERY WELL!** If you are thinking of selling anytime this year, give me a call for that 1<sup>st</sup> pre listing meeting. However you feel comfortable! In person with masks, virtually on Zoom, in the yard or on the patio 6 ft apart! Most properties sell in days/weeks with full price and/ or multiple offers! The biggest reasons? The continued low interest rates for buyers (hovering around 3 %) and the lack of inventory has sellers in the drivers seat in this unusual Market.

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

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

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

Stay Safe, Be Well and we will all get through this together!

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

**"Homework" is what I do best, let me do your "Homework" too!**  
**SOLD- 5713 Seminole St 3BR Victorian, \$21K over list \$456K.**  
**SOLD-7603 Marietta Ln 4BR split lvl, sold \$15K over list \$360K.**  
**SOLD-6100 Westchester Park Dr 1 BR 1 BA sold in days! \$140K.**  
**NEW LISTING- 5605 Goucher Dr 4-5 BR 3 BA cape cod \$399,900.**  
**Coming Soon 6100 Westchester Park Dr 3 BR 2 BR \$210K.**  
**SOLD- 4311 Woodberry St University Park 5BR 4BA w/FP 775K.**  
**SOLD 1201 East West Hwy Sil Spr 1 BR condo near metro \$325K**



# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Open Monday thru Friday, 10 AM to 2 PM — Next to Town Office on 57th Ave — Phone 301-474-0018

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

September 1	Nancy Donaldson
September 2	Betty McCaffrey
September 5	Doris Lehman
September 11	Linda Sinclair
September 13	Carol Gill
September 18	Richard Ahrens
September 18	Helen Weinrich
September 22	Ron Hand
September 23	Jeanette Anderson
September 24	John Raum

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

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

## Our Angel, Elaine Colihan

By: Meg Miller

We were not ready to say goodbye,  
But God called her home.  
He rang his mighty bell, and then  
Our Earth Angel was gone.  
She was summoned in order to receive  
Her official Angel wings.  
For her love and light are now needed  
In Heaven to other things.

Our hearts sink at heaving to let her go,  
Her sparkle, her love, and her glow  
Warmed us so.  
God rang his mighty bell  
To beckon her home.  
For it was time for Earth Angel  
Be donned with Angel wings,  
Don't you know.

Although we shall miss her here on Earth,  
A part of her shall live on within us.  
She sprinkled so much joy, love,  
And sparkle as Earth Angels do.  
Her love and light live on within us now.  
May we all learn to be as wonderful  
An Earth Angel as you.



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## Needle Arts Society

**Meetings  
Cancelled until  
further notice—  
CoVID-19**

Normally the College Park Needle Arts Society meets Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road. Enjoy camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! No group projects and no dues.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email [CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net](mailto:CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net)



# *Historical Committee*

## **Berwyn Heights Co. Marker Installed**

The latest of the BHHC historic marker has been installed in front of the former Benson House at 8403 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Berwyn Heights Company was a citizen-led real estate corporation that was instrumental in developing Berwyn Heights between 1920-1960. Three generations of the Benson family led the Company through good times and bad until all its real estate holdings were sold off.

We thank the BHHC's Kerstin Harper for taking the lead in the production of the marker, Public Works for installing it and the current owners of the house for giving their permission

More about the Berwyn Heights Company on our website: [www.berwynheightshistory.com](http://www.berwynheightshistory.com)



## **National Night In Parade**

The BHHC participated in the August 4 National Night In parade, a socially distanced substitute for our regular National Night Out celebration. It was organized by Berwyn Heights Police and the Recreation Council and led by a full complement of police vehicles, followed by trucks and ambulances of the Volunteer Fire Department and decorated cars from several Town organizations. Luckily the rain from tropical storm Isaias had mostly stopped and many residents were out in their yard to greet the parade.

We thank BHHC member Lee Fuerst and her husband Mark for turning their car into a cool 'float.'



## **NEXT MEETING (VIRTUAL) – SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 | 7:30 PM ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

All other inquiries to [dicka247@gmail.com](mailto:dicka247@gmail.com)

Visit our website at [www.berwynheightshistory.com](http://www.berwynheightshistory.com)

and Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/BHhistory/](https://www.facebook.com/BHhistory/)



Check out the events program of our partner [Anacostia Trails Heritage Area](https://www.anacostiaheritage.org/).

ATHA brochures and calendar are available at the Town Museum at 5700 Berwyn Road.



# ***Berwyn Heights Rec. Council***

## ***Our Virtual Concert Series for September Features Mike Hummel, Berwyn Heights resident, Singer/Songwriter***

Premiers Thu. 9/17 at 7pm. Re-plays on Sun. 9/20 at 6pm

Each of these will be shown on BHTV channels **Comcast 71** or **Fios 12** and also will premier on YouTube at this link:

**<https://bit.ly/bhrecyoutube>**

or by scanning this code:

This concert, and all previous concerts, will be available to view anytime via YouTube after they premiere



Our monthly food drive picks up again in September, along with a school supply drive. This will conclude on September 18. Please contact Mercy Muralles at BHPD at [mmuralles@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mmuralles@berwynheightsmd.gov) with questions or to arrange for drop off or pick up of items.



**Also Coming soon:**

## ***Halloween House Decorating Contest!***

**Last 2 weeks of October... Prizes for Scariest, Most Creative, and Best Decorations. Full details in October's bulletin.**

*We are also looking into a Drive-In Movie Night and/or a Safer Alternative to Trunk or Treat. Please visit the Town website and next month's Rec Council Page in the bulletin for updates.*

**Virtual Trivia Night—Friday, November 13th.**

Contact Jody at [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov) for more info.

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



# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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

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

[www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam](https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)

Join us at our ZOOM meeting Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## ***BIG NEWS....READ ALL ABOUT IT!!*** **COMPOSTING IN BERWYN HEIGHTS**

Help us protect our community and the planet



Reduce your carbon footprint

Help BH divert tons of food scraps from landfill



Berwyn Height has begun a composting program with Compost Crew so residents have a place to bring their food waste.

*Let's become a local community champion in composting!*

### **Why did we do this?**

In landfills, food waste is not given the chance to naturally decompose, releasing methane, a greenhouse gas that is 80 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>.

On the other hand, recycling organic matter into compost helps pull carbon from the atmosphere through carbon capture.

Compost helps revitalize damaged soil and return nutrients to our local food system, helping keep you, your family, and Mother Earth healthy!

### **What you can compost at the bins:**

#### **ALL FOOD SCRAPS**

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| • Bones                | • Nuts/Seeds        |
| • Coffee Grounds       | • Pits              |
| • Cooked/Fried Food    | • Processed Food    |
| • Corn Husks           | • Powdered Milk     |
| • Dairy                | • Pizza             |
| • Egg Shells           | • Rotten/Moldy Food |
| • Freezer-burned Foods | • Seafood           |
| • Fruit Cores/Scraps   | • Shells            |
| • Grains/Bread         | • Tea Leaves        |
| • Meat                 | • Vegetables        |

...more information is on our website

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

**\*\*Want to volunteer at any events? Please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)\*\***





## July Incidents

### Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 1:00 am, 'SHOOTING'

On 07/02/2020 at 0845 hours, DET. Krouse #1447 and PVT. Scales #1452 responded to the 5900 Block of Osage Street, Berwyn Heights Maryland for found shell casings. Upon arrival, they were met by a Town resident, who advised that at 0100 hours, he heard 4-5 sounds of gunshots, that he assumed was fireworks. This morning, while walking he observed 5 shell casings in the intersection of Osage Street, and Natasha Drive. While on scene, multiple residents began to convene in the area and discussed with officers what they heard. 4 witnesses verbally stated the same account, 0100 hours, 4-7 gun shots were heard, and saw/heard a vehicle flee eastbound Osage Street. Witness was able to visually see 2 unknown make and model sedans, and heard chatter. Witness verbally stated that she heard a conversation, that a male becoming boisterous. At this time, she heard an unidentified male say "Open the door" leading to the gunshots being heard. The 5 gold in color Luger 9mm Shell casings, were marked and collected by Det. Krouse.

On 7/3/2020 at 1046 hours, PVT. Scales #1452 was dispatched to the area of 5900 block of Natasha Drive, Berwyn Heights Maryland for a discovery of bullets. On scene officer met with victim who stated that on 07/02/2020 at 0100 he heard the same gun shots that was reported on that day at 0845 hours. Victim then made officers aware that he collected 1 gold in color S&B .40 Caliber live ballistic round from the middle of the public roadway of the above listed location. Victim presented the round in a plastic zip lock bag, which the officer collected in a evidence property bag at 1125 hours. Victim then directed the officer towards his parked silver 2009 Honda Civic bearing Maryland registration plates 3BG6523. The rear license plate had a bullet hole, which went through the trunk, rear driver side passenger seat, leaving the projectile in the rear part of the front driver seat. In the trunk On scene DET. Krouse #1447 was notified, and the proper chain of command received notification. The round size gives officers inclination that this

corroborates with the witnesses accounts of 2 vehicles being involved.

### Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 11:30 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

On Friday 7/3/2020 at 11:35 A.M. Victim reported that someone came onto her residential property and went inside of her blue color 2020 Ford Explorer SUV with Maryland registration 6CS4299. Once inside of the SUV, the suspect removed all contents from the dashboard glove compartment and center seats console. The contents were dumped on the front seats and floor of the SUV. Victim said she is unable to find an unknown amount of coins and the registration card for the SUV, but she is unable to say if those items are stolen at this time in this tampering with vehicle case. These events occurred in the municipal jurisdiction of the Town of Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland.

### Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 11:25 pm, 'ASSIST OTHER AGENCY'

On 7/8/2020, PFC C. RUFINO and CPL. T. HOLLOWELL of the BHPD were involved in a fast chase involving subjects in a stolen black Dodge Charger with red stripes bearing DC EB7429. College Park sector had within a 30 minute period experience three robberies along the Landover and Cheverly Road area and on the 450 area near Coopers Lane. The units were scrambling to respond to the multiple incidents including one where a victim was assaulted with a handgun. The subjects involved in those incidents were in a stolen white vehicle taken in a carjacking.

Shortly after the last incident occurred, a secondary felony incident involving several street robberies came in involving a Black Dodge Charger in the 7600 block of Riverdale Road. New Carrollton PD units were responding to that area as a result of the incident. The vehicle was spotted at 450 and Harkins Road near New Carrollton Metro. A pursuit began and the County PD was joined by New Carrollton PD. Air support assistance was being given by Guardian 1, PGPD air unit. The suspects fled north on 450 into David Sector followed by the mentioned units. The suspects then proceeded onto Lanham Severn Road with County and New Carrollton units following. The suspects then turned west on 193

(Greenbelt Road).

New Carrollton PD was the lead car in the pursuit at this point. As the vehicle came up to Greenbelt Road and Goodluck, and for unknown reasons, New Carrollton PD was involved in a crash. The suspect vehicle proceeded west on Greenbelt Road as the trailing police vehicle stopped to assist the possible injured officer. Greenbelt units were already notified along with County PD. To assist the units, Pfc. Rufino and Cpl. Hollowell proceeded east on Greenbelt road towards Greenway Shopping to assist the units involved.

Pfc. Rufino and Cpl. Hollowell saw the charger coming west on Greenbelt Road passing Hanover Parkway. Their emergency lights were activated and possibly prevented the suspects from going further into Greater Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights. The suspect vehicle entered the ramp for 295 North (Baltimore/Washington Parkway) only covered by the Air unit. Pfc. Rufino and Cpl. Hollowell assisted by pursuing until additional Greenbelt and PGPD units caught up. During the chase, the suspect vehicle crashed into the rear of a working tow truck that was recovering a disabled vehicle. The suspect vehicle flipped over of North 295 prior to the Powder Mill Road exit. Pfc. Rufino was behind the vehicle and clipped the tow truck causing minimal damage to the right front and side panel of her vehicle. Pfc. Rufino observed four black male suspects were able to bail out of the flipped vehicle fleeing into the woods followed by Pfc. Rufino. BHPD officers were able to establish a secured perimeter until other units, including Greenbelt, Cheverly, US Park and County PD got on the scene. As a result of these actions, four armed robbery suspects were apprehended deep into the woods by two squads of officers with canine and aerial support.

It was later determined this vehicle had been involved in other armed robberies earlier and the listed charger was a stolen vehicle. The suspects were taken into custody for charges and processing. No additional officers were injured other than the New Carrollton supervisor.

### Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 9:50 pm, 'VANDALISM'

On 07/09/2020 at approximately 09:50PM Officer Rufino (1451) along with Cpl. Hollowell (1449) were dispatched to a disorderly call located at 7 -11 8900 Edmonston Rd., Berwyn Heights MD, 20740. Upon arrival we met suspect who came out of his vehicle, a Hyundai sonata with Maryland registration 7DS2712. The suspect stated that he didn't do anything and kept repeating that he "waved his rights". Officers spoke with 7-11 employee who stated that the suspect was acting disorderly inside the store and became irate ripping off the chips off the display. The suspect then proceeded the walk out the store with bags of chips without paying dispersing chips all over the floor. The suspect provided his Maryland Driver's license as a form of identification and a wanted check through dispatcher returned negative. The suspect refused to acknowledge his actions and continued to insult officers using racial and offensive language. The suspect was advised and sent on his way. **SUSPECT: 41 Y/O, male of Riverdale, MD.**

**Friday, July 10, 2020 at 3:00 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 6300 block of Seminole Street for a theft from auto call. The victim reports that he parked and secured his pick-up truck on the street adjacent to his house. When he returned to his vehicle in the am, he discovered that his vehicle was entered and property removed. Investigation discovered that entry was gained into the vehicle by suspect(s) forcing the driver's side door lock with an unknown tool. Once inside the vehicle the listed property was removed. The suspect(s) fled, most likely in a vehicle due to the quantity of property taken. The victim was supplied with case numbers and advised.

**Friday, July 10, 2020 at 11:25 pm, 'FIRST DEGREE ASSAULT'**

BHPD Officers (Roberson, Rufino, Hollowell) responded to the 6100 block of Ruatan Street for a report of fight in progress at the residents. Upon arrival PFC Rufino identified a victim suffering from lacerations to her right forearm and fingertips. The victim reported that she and her cousin got into an altercation in the kitchen of the house they were visiting. The victim identified the suspect as her "cousin" 28 Y/O, B/F. The victim who had been drinking, reports that the argument was over missing property and that she was trying to

get the suspect out of the house. The landlord who is also a witness and lives at the address reports that he observed the two females fighting in the kitchen and called the police. Neither the victim, or the suspect reside at the location but were visiting the victim's boyfriend who rents a room at the house. The suspect was not on the scene when officers arrived and the victim reports that she fled with the knife allegedly. **WARRANT PENDING. SUSPECT: 28 Y/O, B/F of Washington DC.**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 11:00 am, 'IDENTITY THEFT'**

On Wednesday 7/22/2020 at 11 A.M. Reporting person visited the Berwyn Heights MD Police Department (BHPD) to report identity theft. Cpl. Ignowski was assisted by BHPD Chief Kenneth Antolik. Reporting person reported that he is the father of 7 year old daughter. Reporting person reported that he is a former employee of the U.S. Census Bureau. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) employee files were hacked. OPM provided credit/security monitoring for affected persons. On 7/18/2020 MYIDCARE (800-750-3004) notified the reporting person that Social Security Number 661310140 has been acquired and used by an adult in another State. SSN 661310140 is assigned to reporting person daughter effective on or after 5/30/2013. Chief Antolik was able to access an [Accuprint] document. (AKA) Dehanka Straughter (S-1) is a name associated with co-opting SSN 661310140. These events occurred in the municipal jurisdiction of the Town of Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland.

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

On 7/31/2020 at 1348 hours, OFC. Scales #1452 responded to T-Mobile retail store, located at 8904 62nd Avenue, Berwyn Heights Maryland, for a report of a theft (shoplifting). Upon my arrival, he met with store manager Edwin Cruz, who advised that 2 black males, entered the store and stole 2 cell phones. Cruz directed the officer to the video surveillance system, where the theft was captured. On the screen the officer observed the first unknown suspect, a black male wearing a white hoodie (hood up), light blue jean shorts, white shoes, and a white in color face cover mask. The second unknown suspect could be seen wear-

ing a black hoodie with the letters U.S.A in blue, black pants, and a red Washington Nationals hat.

The unknown suspects approached the Samsung phone stand on the right side of the store, and could be seen using a specialty tool, to release the phone retention wire from the apparatus it sits on. The phones were then able to be released, and the suspects fled on foot in an unknown direction.

The 2 phones, Samsung Galaxy S20, and S20 PLUS, have a total approximate value of \$2,100.00 in United States Currency. Both phone serial numbers were able to be obtained.

Officers canvased the area prior to arrival, ending in negative results. Cruz, was issued a case number, and was advised of his further options.

**Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 01 | Assault = 01 | Burglary = 01 | Larceny/Theft = 03 | Stolen Auto = 01**

JULY	CITATIONS
STATE	28
TOWN	83
WARNINGS	10
SERO	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>

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For Emergencies

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

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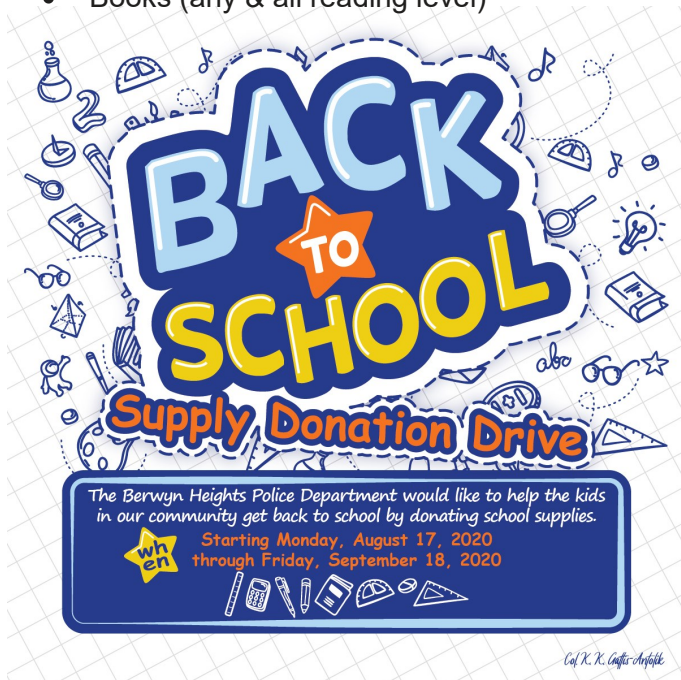
# School Supply Drive thru SEP 13

Help our students get back to school and donate supplies. Drop off is at Police Station located at 5411 Berwyn Road. Needed supplies include:

- Paper
- Notebooks
- Highlighters
- Headphones
- Art materials (crayons, colored pencils)
- Writing tools (pencils, pens, mechanical pencils)
- Books (any & all reading level)

Ayude a nuestros estudiantes a regresar a la escuela y done útiles. La entrega es en la estación de policía ubicada en 5411 Berwyn Road.

- Papel
- Cuadernos
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- Auriculares
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- Herramientas de escritura (lápices, bolígrafos, portaminas)
- Libros (todos los niveles de lectura)



## Virtual Meeting Monday, Sept. 28 | 7pm

The BH EAC will be reviewing the learning pod process & discussing successes/challenges, educational grant funding, and new ways we can support teachers, students & families during this school year.

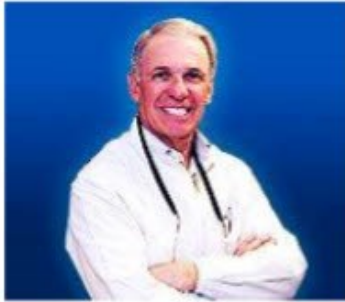
Please contact: [ioannaswhitaker@gmail.com](mailto:ioannaswhitaker@gmail.com) if you would like to join the virtual meeting and a link will be sent to you to participate.



## Reunión Virtual 28 de Septiembre | 7pm

El BH EAC revisará el proceso del módulo de aprendizaje y discutirá los éxitos / desafíos, la financiación de subvenciones educativas y las nuevas formas en que podemos apoyar a los maestros, estudiantes y familias durante este año escolar.

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## Recent Working Incidents

July 18th- Ladder Truck 14, Chief 14, and Chief 14B were dispatched to the 4900blk of Philadelphia Way in Lanham to fill in the Box Alarm assignment and Working Fire Dispatch for a commercial building fire. Upon arrival the volunteer crew of Truck 14 split with the interior crew reporting inside to assist in opening up for the engine companies, while the driver and tillerman reported to the roof to provide vertical ventilation.

July 19th- Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to the 9800blk of Tulip Tree Drive in Largo on the Working Fire Dispatch. Units operating on scene had fire showing from a 3-story town-home. Upon arrival, the crew assumed the duties of the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) and was then assigned to check for extension.

Aug 1st- Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to North-bound lanes of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at Laurel-Bowie Road for a reported vehicle accident with one trapped. Units arrived to find a car off the roadway into the woods on its side with the driver trapped. Squad 14 arrived and the crew worked to stabilize the vehicle and remove the roof to access the driver, who was turned over to awaiting EMS units.

Aug 4th- Rescue Squad 14 and Paramedic Ambulance 14 were alerted to the IL of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in the area of the Balt-Wash Pkwy for a reported highway accident. Co 14 arrived to find an overturned vehicle with the driver trapped inside. The Squad crew went to work stabilizing the vehicle and removed the door and B post on the driver-side to remove the patient.

Aug 4th- Rescue Squad 14 & Ambo 14 were dispatched for an accident involving and tractor trailer on the IL of I-495 after the Balt-Wash Pkwy. Units were advised they were receiving multiple calls for an over turned tractor trailer, now on fire, with the driver trapped inside. Squad 14 was first arriving and the volunteer crew removed the passenger side door and extricated the patient from within the cab.

Aug 13- Truck 14 was alerted to the 9700Blk of Narragansett Pkway in College Park for a house fire, units had fire in the attic.

## BHVFD Leads National Night In Parade

Berwyn Heights VFD had the honor to lead the 2020 Berwyn Heights National Night In public safety parade around Town following our Santa route. Shortly before the parade started, Squad 14, Ambo 14, and the extra volunteers at the station for the parade were alerted to a tractor trailer accident on the Beltway. Thankfully, additional volunteers were available and called in to staff the utility truck and reserve ambulance for the parade until the Rescue Squad cleared the accident. Many thanks to Berwyn Heights Police for organizing this great event!

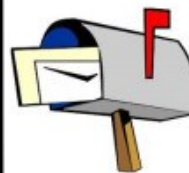


## Berwyn Heights VFD Awarded FEMA Equipment Grant



The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce that it was awarded a \$49,714.29 grant from FEMA's Assistance to Fire Firefighter's Grant (AFG) for rescue equipment. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. Berwyn Heights VFD's AFG award will go towards the purchase of new rescue air bags, rescue stabilization struts, chains, slings, and ratchet straps to help outfit the new heavy Rescue Squad currently under construction. This will allow us to place our current 20-year-old equipment into reserve status, and retire our 30-year-old rescue equipment.

## Annual Fund Drive



Keep an eye out for the Berwyn Heights VFD's Annual Fund Drive mailer packet! All residents in Berwyn Heights, College Park Estates, Westchester Park, and now Greenbelt Station will be getting a packet by mail by the end of the September. Just a reminder BHVFD does NOT go door-to-door anymore or solicit by phone. Thanks in advance for your generous support!!!

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



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

NO MEETING until further notice

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

### September is National Preparedness Month

FEMA Region 3 wants to take this opportunity to thank you for doing all that you can to keep your businesses, schools and universities, congregations, not-for-profits, and communities safe, especially during COVID-19. Traditionally, the key to a resilient community is a prepared community, but COVID-19 has taught us that *innovation* is another facet of success. Being prepared beforehand means that your chances for recovery increase. We hope that by spreading these tips and messages, you can contribute, at least a little bit, to making your communities more prepared for emergencies.

### Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today

Week 1: September 1-5 - [Make A Plan](#)

Knowing how to prepare for disasters includes how you will communicate with family and friends during disasters, reviewing insurance papers, and much more.

Week 2: September 6-12 – [Build A Kit](#)

You'll need items to survive during a disaster that includes supplies you may need at home as well as a go kit of items you may need if you must evacuate quickly to a safer location.

Week 3: September 13-19 – [Prepare For Disasters](#)

Prepare for Disasters: Find out the best way to limit the impacts a disaster may have, like having the right insurance coverage or what you can do to your home to make it stronger and more resilient.

Week 4: September 20-26 – [Teach Youth About Preparedness](#)

the time now and talk with your children to reassure them. Teach them lessons on preparedness. Make family preparedness a fun annual event.

## PLANTING NEW TREES & SAVING OLD ONES



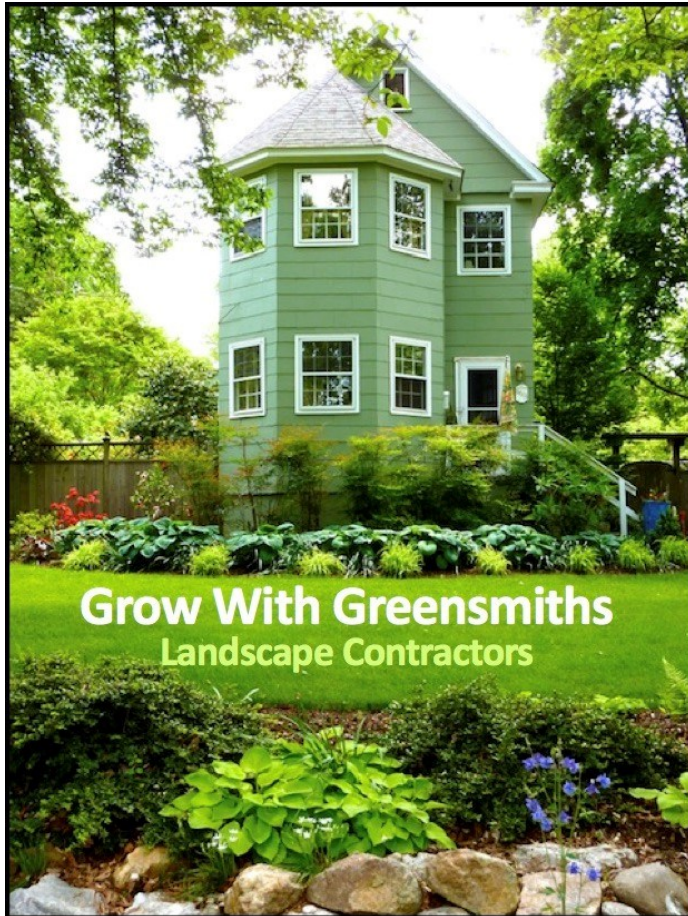
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Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board  
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## CoVID-19 Operations

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

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

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

## Appliance & Tire Pickup Service

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



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

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King

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

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton

[bhbgc@gmail.com](mailto:bhbgc@gmail.com)

Vice President: vacant

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

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Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov

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### Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker

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

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

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### Historical Committee

Chair: Richard Ahrens

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[mikeattick@verizon.net](mailto:mikeattick@verizon.net)

### Karate Club

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Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

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### Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag

[quilttag1@yahoo.com](mailto:quilttag1@yahoo.com)

### Recreation Council

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Secretary: Theresa Beck

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### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



# SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

30	31 Back to School VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Worksession 	1 7:00 PM Rec Council Mtg. 	2 	3 	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Town offices Closed	8 	9 VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Town Meeting 	10 VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Green Team Mtg. 	11 	12
13	14 VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM Worksession 	15 	16 	17 	18	19
20	21 	22 	23 	24 VIA VIDEO 7:30 pm BHHC Meeting 	25	26
27	28 VIA VIDEO 7:00 PM BHEAC Meeting 	29 	30 	1 	2	3



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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling  
Recycling Collection



# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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

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**Dated Material — Do Not Delay!**

### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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

#### Mayor and Council

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Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
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Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
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Ethan D. Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
Laura Allen — (301)-474-5000 [llallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:llallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Interim Town Manager

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

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

#### Town Helpline

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

#### 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:** <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

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