



# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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September 10: 1-3 PM Lake Artemesia Concert Series

September 15: 6-8 PM Ice Cream Party at Sports Park

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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## September Streetsweeper Schedule

Streetsweeper will be in Town the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please move cars when possible, especially if there is debris in the street in front of your house.

## Labor Day Holiday Trash Schedule

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Public Works will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and no trash will be picked up. The holiday week trash pick-up schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day Holiday, no trash pick-up
- Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: Town-wide Trash Pick-up
- Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: Town-wide Recycling Pick-up
- Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: Town-wide Yard Waste Pick-up
- Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: Town-wide Trash Pick-up

## Recycling Reminder: No Plastic Bags in Recycling Bins!

As a reminder, please remember to correctly sort your trash and recycling to assist Public Works in making sure they make it to the right place. **Please make sure to not place plastic bags of any kind in your recycling bin!** This includes grocery bags, kitchen waste bags, larger waste bags, and landscape/mulch bags. Prince George's Recycling Center does not accept these items and they don't have the ability to process them. If these are found in your recycling bins, they will be removed and left at your residence to be disposed of properly. We appreciate your assistance in not contaminating our recycling efforts and letting the County know that Berwyn Heights can be counted on as a helpful recycling partner.

## Planning Ahead: Leaf Collection Season

Leaf Collection season is a couple of months away, starting in early November. Please let us know if you have had any issues or any questions from last leaf season that we can answer or consider as we prepare. Until then, happy Fall!

## Calendario de Barrendero de septiembre

Barrendero estará en la ciudad la semana del 19 al 23 de septiembre. Mueva los autos cuando sea posible, especialmente si hay escombros en la calle frente a su casa.

### Calendario de recolección de basura del Día del Trabajo

En conmemoración del feriado del Día del Trabajo, Obras Públicas estará cerrada el lunes 5 de septiembre de 2022 y no se recogerá basura. El horario de recogida de basura durante la semana de vacaciones será el siguiente:

- Lunes 5 de septiembre: feriado del Día del Trabajo, sin recolección de basura
- Martes 6 de septiembre: Recolección de basura en todo el pueblo
- Miércoles 7 de septiembre: Recolección de reciclaje en toda la ciudad
- Jueves 8 de septiembre: Recolección de desechos de jardín en toda la ciudad
- Viernes, 9 de septiembre: Recolección de basura en toda la ciudad

## Recordatorio de reciclaje: ¡No use bolsas de plástico en los contenedores de reciclaje!

Como recordatorio, recuerde clasificar correctamente su basura y reciclaje para ayudar a Obras Públicas a asegurarse de que lleguen al lugar correcto. **¡Asegúrese de no colocar bolsas de plástico de ningún tipo en su contenedor de reciclaje!** Esto incluye bolsas de supermercado, bolsas de desechos de cocina, bolsas de desechos más grandes y bolsas de jardinería/mantillo. El Centro de Reciclaje de Prince George no acepta estos artículos y no tienen la capacidad de procesarlos. Si se encuentran en sus contenedores de reciclaje, se retirarán y se dejarán en su residencia para que se eliminen de manera adecuada. Agradecemos su ayuda para no contaminar nuestros esfuerzos de reciclaje y hacerle saber al Condamado que se puede contar con Berwyn Heights como un socio de reciclaje útil.

## Planificación anticipada: temporada de recolección de hojas

Faltan un par de meses para la temporada de recolección de hojas, que comenzará a principios de noviembre. Háganos saber si ha tenido algún problema o alguna pregunta de la última temporada de hojas que podamos responder o considerar mientras nos preparamos. Hasta entonces, ¡feliz otoño!

## Worksession Minutes July 11, 2022 | 7:00 pm

### Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM. The delayed start was due to an Executive Session that ran long. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinta Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar, and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff members present were Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were residents of the Town.

### Approval of the Agenda

CM Menjivar moved to approve the agenda. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he'd like to amend the agenda, adding an item for discussion in the Administration portion of the meeting. CM Hemby seconded the motion to approve. CM Papanikolas moved to approve the agenda as amended. MPT Brittan-Powell seconded. After no further discussion, the motion to pass the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

### Mayor

#### Announcements

#### Executive Session Report out

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported out on the Executive Session that happened prior to the Council meeting. The meeting ran from 6:05-7:18 PM, with all Councilmembers present in the Council Chambers. The Session was held to consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Members of the Local Government Insurance Trust were present as consultants for that portion of the meeting. The Session also addressed a personnel matter, involving the continued employment of a staff member.

MPT Brittan-Powell made an announcement stating that the Council may want to consider participating in the "Feed the Fridge" program as part of the ARPA spending. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that MPT Brittan-Powell send all the pertinent information to her and it would be added to a future agenda.

#### Presentation from WSSC on account delinquency and support programs:

This item was removed from the agenda at the presenters' request and will be rescheduled.

### Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy inquired if the Educational Advisory Committee would be meeting in July as they are not on the calendar. She also noted that Game Night is listed on the calendar, but the new Walking Club is not. The Walking Club meets at 8AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Sports Park parking lot. On July 28, the Town of Berwyn Heights will be hosting the next Four Cities meeting.

### News from the Town Manager

TM Allen shared that Public Works has begun re-striping the parking lot at Town Hall.

She updated Council that an interview had taken place for the Public Works Administrative Assistant position. She also shared that the Town has received notices from the County recycling facility as a large number of plastic bags have been included in the recycling from residents. Additionally, the ARPA application is on the website in both English and Spanish. The Town had its annual insurance renewal with LGIT and the quote came in on budget.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the recycling issues and asked for ideas on reducing the bags that residents put out in their recycling. CM Papanikolas shared that many places that used to accept plastic bags for recycling are no longer doing so. MPT Brittan-Powell said that since the Town has recycling at Town Hall for other specialty items, perhaps a collection for plastic bags could begin at Town Hall. CM Hemby asked about the trash that has been in the compost behind Town Hall. TM Allen stated that this has also been a problem. CM Menjivar stated it would be helpful to have signage in English and Spanish on what is allowable and agreed to work on that with staff.

### Citizen Comments

Claudia Barragan called in and asked how she could comment on the ARPA memo that will be discussed later in the meeting. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she could comment on it now or call in during that time and give comment. Ms. Barragan stated she'd call back later.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Town Council goals in table format

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the goals mentioned at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting have been turned into an Excel spreadsheet and wanted to make sure that all the goals were captured correctly. She also asked for any additions or deletions. CM Papanikolas inquired about the 2018 changes to the system of government. It was clarified that the Ord. 121 (Powers and Duties) was updated prior to 2018 with the 2018 Charter change only reflecting a title change for the position of Town Manager (from Town Administrator). The item will be corrected to reflect the date that the Ordinance changes were made, approximately 2014. CM Menjivar added that he and CM Hemby are interested in working on a program that would help teens in Town find volunteer positions that would help them earn their required service hours. CM Papanikolas stated that he would work to condense the goals into appropriate groupings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy would like Councilmembers to be prepared to champion items to ensure that they are completed. She also stated that she is hoping this can become the strategic plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> Council.

### ARPA Resident Emergency Assistance Program, Approval Process

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that this agenda item had come about because MPT Brittan-Powell had some concerns regarding the approval process for the applications. She reviewed the history of the ARPA funds and the development of this residents' assistance program. She reviewed that she advocated

for using the College Park model for the program, and the previous Council agreed. She further reviewed the program in question and shared that each applicant is eligible for up to \$5,000 in relief funding that would be sent directly to the vendor or creditor. Continuing, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the original plan was to use a consultant from College Park to evaluate applications. However, the consultant is no longer available to the Town due to a family emergency. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked TM Allen if there were other staff available at College Park that would be able to review the applications. TM Allen clarified that no staff from College Park would be made available to the Town of Berwyn Heights and that the consultant was only available due to the drop in applications for the College Park's relief program. She stated that College Park uses a committee made of three staff members to evaluate and approve/deny the applications that they receive. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he was in favor of following the College Park program as long as a College Park staff person was available to evaluate the applications. He indicated his belief that staff should have come to Council before evaluating any applications as the process was being changed. He also indicated that he believes "proof of hardship" is not met to his standards based on the current application. He continued that other programs use a set of prequalifying questions and applicants should only be considered if they had met the "proof of hardship" standards of another State or County. He stated that Town staff are using different standards and processes than College Park. He also stated that he would not approve applications and checks for residents he knows. Resident Jose Valcarcel stated that he is confused about why Town staff are not being trusted to make a decision. He also asked about the employer requirements as part of the application. MPT Brittan-Powell stated again that he would like more "proof of hardship". Resident Claudia Barragan called into Town Hall. There were several issues with the connection; however, it was understood that she believes the application to be overly long and intrusive. She stated that she is glad that College Park is not reviewing the applications of Berwyn Heights residents. She also believed that the application should not have been a cut/paste of the College Park application. She indicated that she does not believe that Code Compliance should be involved in the committee that reviews applications, that Council should review the applications. She also shared census data that indicates that the Town has 35 households that fall under the poverty line and that the Town should be proactive in reaching those households. TM Allen asked Council for direction. She also advocated that the application that has already been approved should be paid. Council had continued discussion about the process, including that an eligibility checklist should be included on the ap-

proval/denial portion submitted by the review committee. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would consult with Ms. Barragan to review and revise the application. TM Allen sought clarification that the program would be suspended until the application has been revised. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy confirmed that the program would be suspended until the process has been revised. CM Papanikolas stated that the final rule indicates that all that needs to be done is to self-attest income and number of individuals in the household. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he would attempt to have the revised application by the end of the week.

### **Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs**

CM Papanikolas expressed gratitude for how neighbors helped each other during the rain event that caused some flooding.

### **Council Rule 2**

CM Papanikolas reviewed that re-writing Council Rule 2 began during the previous Council. The goal was to make the rule and Council roles easy to read and understand. Section one is a breakdown of what the Town Council does. Section two addresses the Mayor's specific duties and privileges. Section 3 reviews the role of the Town Manager. Section 4 basically addresses the responsibility of Town Council to work together.

### **Public Safety**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about the upcoming Primary election, reviewing that it is a closed primary and that early voting is underway through July 14 at 13 early voting centers in the County with same day registration available. Mail-in ballot requests sent by mail must be received by July 12<sup>th</sup>, or the 15<sup>th</sup> if requested by e-mail. Mail-in ballots must be mailed (postmarked by the 19<sup>th</sup> of July) or hand delivered to a drop box. The election day polling place for Berwyn Heights will be Berwyn Heights Elementary School. She encouraged everyone eligible to vote.

### **Public Works**

CM Menjivar shared that he will be working with CM Hemby on a committee for teens and is working with TM Allen about the recycling issue. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about equity in training which was brought up in a previous meeting. CM Menjivar stated that he is working on that with Director Pudner and TM Allen. MPT Brittan-Powell followed with a question about salary and the possibility of doing a comparison with other similar municipalities. CM Papanikolas shared that Council had discussed the possibility of doing a salary study, but that local and state governments are losing staff because of a lack of flexibility. TM Allen will put together a proposal for a salary study.

### **Administration**

#### **Budget amendment discussion/amended agenda item**

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that we don't

have a lot of flexibility in activating ARPA funds because of the realities of passing a budget amendment. He is seeking to have funding available at the time that students are returning to the University and will be seeking internships. His idea is to have a greater amount of money (\$200,000) in an account that would give the Town more fluidity in funding. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification that this proposed amendment is tied to the agreement with the University of Maryland School of Public Health. MPT Brittan-Powell confirmed that the proposed amendment is tied to the agreement with SPH. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Town needs to see the MOU before attempting to provide funds for it. MPT Brittan-Powell proposed a MOU presentation and a "meet and greet" over Zoom at the Town Meeting on July 13. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed that the Town would need to see the MOU, discuss and review it, then approve it and propose a budget amendment. TM Allen stated that in order to have a substantive conversation it needs to be posted with notice so that the public can see it and Council can consider it. MPT Brittan-Powell reiterated that his goal is to get the money allocated in a manner that would meet the educational year. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked MPT Brittan-Powell to get a timeline and procedure from the University. MPT Brittan-Powell replied that students return in mid-August and that they begin looking for internships then, if not before. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy summarized that it sounds like the Town would need to have the MOU in place by early August. TM Allen stated that there is a lot of detail on the funding structure in a budget amendment and that more detail is generally required for a budget amendment. Resident Jose Valcarcel asked about the process for a budget amendment. TM Allen explained that typically a MOU will outline staffing and budget needs which guide the Council in drafting the budget amendment. CM Papanikolas and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy discussed if it would be possible to create a more general fund in response to Public Health that could be used for other things depending on the result of the conversations with the SPH. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she will reach out to the University on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> to see where they are in the process of the MOU and share that information with Council. The Council can then decide how to amend, if they amend, the agenda for the Town Meeting.

### **Code Compliance**

#### **Welcome Packet**

CM Hemby thanked the residents for sticking with the meeting so long. She reviewed where she is on the welcome packet for new residents to the Town that will also introduce everyone to the programs available in the community. She thanked Town staff for the work that had been done previously on a welcome packet. She'd like to have color pictures in the packet. It will include a "Welcome to the Town of Berwyn Heights" introduction, a history of Berwyn Heights, including the mission, vision, motto, and seal of Berwyn Heights as well as a map of the Town. Then, a table of contents and how the Town Council serves the community. It will have a section on De-

partments and Services, including Administration, Code Compliance, PRECA, Public Works, Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department. It will have a section for local heroes and future leaders (youth). It will also have information on healthy living in the area, including walking trails, medical and fitness centers and other resources in the neighborhood such as dog parks, libraries, and tutoring. She asked for Council to consider if they would want to sell advertising in the booklet as it will be larger than the Bulletin and more costly. She also stated the hard copy would be updated annually and the web version monthly. She invited input on other topics to include. She also asked for ideas on how to deliver it to new residents.

CM Papanikolas spoke about a voicemail he received stating there is an abandoned car and work trucks parked on the street on Vernon Terrace.

### **Adjournment**

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:46PM.

## **Town Meeting Minutes :** **July 20, 2022 | 7:00 pm**

### Call to order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinita Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Staff present were Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights were present.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### **Announcements**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Council met in Executive Session from 5:08 to 6:31PM to discuss two personnel issues and to receive legal advice. CM Menjivar moved for the Council to enter the Executive Session and CM Papanikolas seconded. Present in the session were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell, CM Hemby, CM Menjivar, and CM Papanikolas. TM Allen and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson were also present. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

### **Approval of Agenda**

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell moved to amend the agenda to include discussion and action on reestablishing the committee formerly known as the Quality of Life Commission. TM Allen asked if this agenda item comes out of the meeting that is the subject of the Open Meetings Act complaint. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that it was somewhat related. TM Allen responded that if the complaint is upheld, any actions that resulted from that meeting will have to be undone. CM Men-

jivar seconded adding the Quality of Life Commission to the agenda. After no further discussion, the motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

### Consent

CM Papanikolas moved to approve the Consent agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. After no discussion the motion passed with four in favor and MPT Brittan-Powell abstaining, stating he had not reviewed the minutes.

### Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the Town is still dealing with the aftermath of the storm and there was a thorough discussion of the event at the Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> worksession. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, she attended the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County where Officer Herriot gave the invocation. Two officers received local departmental awards: Corporal Rufino received the Community Service Officer of the Year and Detective Krouse received Investigator of the Year. The Town Treasurer, Mike Lightfield, volunteered some pro bono accounting work and received a President's Award. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, she attended the County Council Public Hearing where the Senior Property Tax Credit was passed and the County's Police Chief Aziz gave a public safety briefing and an overview on how their department is working to address various crime incidents. On July 29<sup>th</sup>, she and TM Allen met with representatives from Greater Riverdale Cares, which purchases hot meals from local businesses and distributes them to people in need, and how that might work in Town. On July 12, she joined a Federal Communication Commission call on the Affordable Connectivity Program. She shared [FTC.gov/weatheremergencies](https://www.ftc.gov/weatheremergencies) on how scammers use weather emergencies to cheat people. She also attended the Maryland Department of Budget and Management webinar for requirements on subrecipients, contractors and beneficiaries receiving ARPA funds. On July 15, she met with M-NCPPC regarding Sports Park and the Indian Creek Playground, as well as a representative from Senator Ben Cardin's office. She promoted attending the Creating Resilient Communities Webinar focusing on the mental health of students in grades K-12. She also shared about the upcoming Maryland Insurance Administration virtual presentation and Q&A for storm-related questions.

MPT Brittan-Powell expressed appreciation for the community that is Berwyn Heights, making this difficult time more tolerable and that people are still helping each other through the storm.

CM Hemby shared that the Code Department has been very busy working on storm clean-up. She added that Code will not be giving any notices for storm related debris. She is also still working on the welcome packet and has a meeting with the Mayor to finish up that project. CM Hemby added that she is looking to schedule a volunteer appreciation breakfast.

CM Menjivar asked that residents be patient during the clean-up. Public Works is working hard but is also taking precautions during the

excessive heat. He shared about a temporary water cut-off at Edmonston and Pontiac from 9PM to 5AM on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

CM Papanikolas reported that he was out of town when the storm happened, but he followed the worksession and stayed up to date with what was happening. He shared relaying messages to the Town Manager and believes that there are lessons to be learned. He added that he has some ideas on how the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness group could be utilized in events like this going forward.

### Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Papanikolas shared that he was not aware of any meeting this month.

Green Team: CM Papanikolas shared that the Green Team was scheduled to have their meeting on July 14. Resident Paul Kavanaugh shared that they met right after the storm and primarily focused the discussion on their role in the wake of so many trees being damaged; the most significant suggestion was to send out information from the Arbor Day Foundation on what to do with trees after the storm. One of the things the Arbor Day Foundation says is to not be drastic in the first 2-3 weeks, to allow time to properly evaluate the trees as they may be more or less damaged than they first appear. Information from the Foundation website has been translated into Spanish. The Green Team also encourages residents to be aware of scammers as many people offering tree services may not be qualified to do so. There was conversation about contracting with an arborist to determine the health of trees.

Historical Committee- No representative was at the meeting, but TC Friesen shared that there was no meeting in June or August, but they are meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness- Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that they discussed the Bulletin pages for the upcoming months and received an update from Det. Krouse. She shared that National Night Out is August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Police Department is not planning as big of a gathering as in past years but wanted an event where people could spread out.

Recreation Council- Resident Meg Miller shared that the Town Social had a good turnout, even after the storm and was attended by new residents as well. She shared about the upcoming concerts at Lake Artemesia on July 21<sup>st</sup> and on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Sports Park. She added that the Rec Council is looking to host a tea after the November elections. She shared that game nights have been successful and they are trying to come up with more activities for youth. The Walking Group meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8AM at Sports Park and that more outdoor trips are being planned. The next Rec Council meeting will be in September due to National Night Out.

### Old Business

Senior Club Use Agreement: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and TM Allen reviewed that during the last worksession in June they worked on the agreement with Mr. Smith from the Senior's Club. The new agreement looks very similar to the current one, but is still being reviewed by the Town Attorney. The current agreement doesn't expire until Mid-August, so there will be time to vote on the agreement during the August Town Meeting.

Council Rule II: CM Papanikolas reviewed that they are tabling this item and bringing it back in the August Town Meeting due to issues with how this new rule fits into the current rules structure.

### New Business

Green Team member appointments

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that one of the privileges of being mayor is making new Committee Appointments. She invited the two new Green Team members to share a little about themselves. Matthew Binstead introduced himself saying he has lived in town for a little over 3 years. He works in research on climate change, decarbonization of the economy, and has been working with the Green Team for about 9 months and looks forward to being considered as a formal member of the Green Team.

Paul Kavanaugh shared that he moved from Texas and is enthusiastic about the Town's commitment to sustainability, diversity, and quality of life issues. He worked in the research division at 3 different components of the University of Texas, where he developed grant proposals. He looks forward to helping with fundraising opportunities for the Town. One of the reasons they moved to this area is the burgeoning Hispanic population. He looks forward to being active in the community.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy invited Council to make a motion to formally add both gentlemen to the Green Team. CM Papanikolas made the motion. CM Hemby seconded. During discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell gave his thanks for volunteering. The motion then passed unanimously.

Discussion on recommissioning the Quality of Life Commission (amended agenda item)

MPT Brittan-Powell introduced this item as a way to reenergize the community.

Ms. Miller shared that under Chris Rasmussen (a prior Mayor) the Citizen's Commission on the Quality of Life was charged with determining what was important to the town. The Commission was given a timeline and they developed a manual that is also available in PDF form on items that they felt needed to be addressed. The Commission had several subcommittees, such as beautification, traffic and parking, and a census subcommittee. Several items could not be tackled due to the pandemic and as we begin to move forward out of the pandemic she is asking the Council to consider reconvening the commission and re-



naming it as a Committee to enable more people to participate. Ms. Miller stated that she is making a formal request to have the Commission reestablished and transformed. If their request is granted, they will then establish a chairperson and secretary for the taking of minutes so that those can be sent to the Town for safe keeping.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that the Mayor convenes and appoints the members of committees and due to the potential legal issue, will delay convening the committee until that is resolved. CM Papanikolas asked Ms. Miller if she is envisioning something similar to the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee. MPT Brittan-Powell asked Mayor Kulpa-Eddy how she sees this item proceeding. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that she is supportive of the idea of such a committee.

Resident Claudia Barragan asked the Mayor to give a specific date on when she will take action. Ms. Barragan gave her opinion that this is separate from the potential legal issue and wanted to make sure that this is not delayed. She wanted to know how quality of life issues would be handled until the time that the new committee is formed. She also wanted to know how residents could organize and discuss the issues around the quality of life. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy encouraged people who have interest in serving on the committee to start preparing their biographies. Ms. Barragan asked for complete clarification that the residents are able to organize.

Resident Jose Valcarcel stated that he was in the meeting that is the subject of the open meetings act complaint and he had never heard of this committee.

CM Papanikolas asked if meeting minutes were taken during the meeting that happened on Sunday (July 17<sup>th</sup>).

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she intends to see this commission/committee reinstated and but she needs to make sure there are no legal issues before doing so.

#### Resident & Community Comments

Ms. Miller stated that she wanted to thank the Town for coming to her aid during the storm. She added that she had seen MPT Brittan-Powell helping residents in the aftermath of the storm, along with many neighbors checking on neighbors.

Beth Brittan-Powell shared that MPT Brittan-Powell's character was called into question during the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. She shared that despite having sections of five trees down on their property, MPT Brittan-Powell determined that his time was best spent helping the community. She shared several ways MPT Brittan-Powell had aided neighbors in the aftermath of the storm.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy took a moment to thank the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department as well as all the other municipalities who lent aid during the storm aftermath. Edward Daffron came forward to

discuss the Senior Center. He believes every room in the facility should be open to the public when the Senior Center is open to the public. He stated that there is a history of abuse in the Senior Center by residents. He was agitated and stated that he believes there to be several incidents of abuse of power.

Jack Brittan-Powell spoke, stating that his father has always sought to instill in him what it means to be a good neighbor and practices patience and kindness.

Patti Dennison thanked the Council for all that they do.

Dave Wolfinger asked for clarification on why the NW/EP trailer wasn't implemented or mobilized. He shared that during the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> the Chief of Police stated that it was because it wasn't safe, however residents were already outside helping each other. He expressed concern that the contents of the trailer seem to be inadequate and would like to see a worksession dedicated to the trailer issue.

Mr. Daffron spoke again, apologizing, saying that he is very upset and thanked Mayor Kulpa-Eddy for her help and MPT Brittan-Powell for being a man of his word.

#### Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Menjivar seconded. After no further discussion the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.

## 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
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# Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

## Coming in September:

**Saturday, September 10th, 1-3pm—"Accoustic Chicks" at Lake Artemesia\***

Free Concert! Snacks will be sold by Karate Club—Bring something to sit on



**Thursday, September 15th, 6-8pm—Ice Cream Party at Sports Park\***

All are welcome! Spend time with friends & neighbors and enjoy free ice cream treats. Located at corner of Berwyn & Ruatan.

*\*In case of rain or extreme heat, Concerts & Ice Cream Party will be moved to the upstairs party room at the town center, 5700 Berwyn Road.*

**Saturday, September 17th, 10am—"Outdoor Trip" to the Arboretum**

Please meet at the Town Center Parking Lot by 10am.

(We will try to carpool to save on gas)



**Saturday, September 24th, 11am—Craft Day at the**

**Town Center (1st Floor)** Come & be creative while working on a wide variety of fun craft projects. All ages welcome!



**Sunday, September 25th, 3pm—Book Discussion: "Wise Blood" by Flannery O'Connor at the Town Center (1st Floor)**



And join us for **GAME NIGHT** every **FRIDAY NIGHT**, at **7:30pm\*** (\*new time) at the Town Center (1st Floor)

## Also Coming in October:

**Saturday, October 8th, 1-3pm—"The Paulverizers" at Lake Artemesia\***

Free Concert!—Bring something to sit on



**Saturday, October 22nd—Trunk or Treat at the Community Center Lower Lot**  
Spooky fun for all ages. Stay tuned for more details in October's Bulletin!



Our **WALKING CLUB** will continue meeting at the Sports Park Parking Lot every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY** morning at 8am

Our next in person meeting will be **Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00pm** in the **G. Love Room at the Senior Center**. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Can't make it but have questions or comments? Contact us at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)



## Workgroup Members Needed!

**Goal:** Develop an advocacy and training video series for schools and other organizations to raise awareness, enhance learning, and a sense of belonging for students with special needs

**Timeline:** Meetings and production for 6 months

**Who:** Anyone, including youth (great for service hours!)

**How to volunteer:** email

[jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov) and [arez86@me.com](mailto:arez86@me.com)

**THE EAC meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7PM in the G. Love Room or Zoom.**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

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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 Enderson
September 24	John Raum

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

**BINGO** - Every Tuesday at 12:00 PM

**WII BOWLING**— Every Wednesday 10:30 AM  
(pick up games during summer)

**BOARD GAMES**— Every Thursday at 11AM

**POOL**—Every Thursday at 7:00PM

**BOARD GAMES**— Every Friday at 7PM

**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM

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

**CRAFTS** - Last Friday 11AM

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

## SEPTEMBER-BACK TO SCHOOL

**Come Learn What the SENIOR CLUB is Offering!**





# The Bugle



September 2022

Our Meetings are the first Friday of every month at 7pm via ZOOM.

**Registration begins this month for our Fall 2022 Soccer Season.**

**Register early to ensure your player's spot!**

*La inscripción comienza este mes para nuestra temporada de fútbol de otoño de 2022. ¡Regístrate temprano para asegurar el lugar de tu jugador!*

**Please register online at  
[www.berwynheightsbgc.org](http://www.berwynheightsbgc.org)**

We have teams for PK4-High School!

Please consider volunteering to help coach or manage a team!



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**The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.**

*El Club de Niños y Niñas de Berwyn Heights da la bienvenida a niños de todos los niveles y habilidades y actualmente ofrece programas de atletismo y fútbol para niños de 4 años en adelante.*

**Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?**

*Interesado en ser miembro? ¿Tienes sugerencias o ideas? ¿Quiere ser voluntario?*

**Contact us at: [info@berwynheightsbgc.org](mailto:info@berwynheightsbgc.org)**

**Follow us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc](https://www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc)**



# Historical Committee

Many thanks to everyone who stopped by our table on National Night Out. We enjoyed visiting with you!



The next meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 in the Love Room at 7:30 pm.

All other inquiries to:  
[dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com)  
For more information  
visit our Website:  
<https://berwynheightshistory.com>  
and on Facebook.

***Election of Officers for the 2022/2023 term will occur at the September meeting.***

***\*Wine and Cheese Event coming soon (we promise)!***

A temporary DIY sandbag station has been set up behind Town Hall. This is to help residents prepare for the remainder of hurricane season where severe weather is more likely to occur.

You can learn more about preparing for severe weather by visiting [ready.gov/severe-weather](https://ready.gov/severe-weather).

The Town website has posted FEMA provided information on the National Flood Insurance Program. <https://www.berwynheightsmg.gov/home/pages/national-flood-insurance-program>





## 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](http://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)

Our next virtual Green Team meeting will be Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm

Email us to get the link to join remotely.

All residents are welcome to attend and contribute their priorities!

## Want to help your neighbors? Soak up the rain!



When a raindrop falls on your house, where does it go? If it flows downhill instead of soaking back into the soil, it's called stormwater.

Stormwater causes flooding, and harms the water quality of our streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Read more: [epa.gov/soakuptherain](https://epa.gov/soakuptherain)

How can you help?

Slow down the water so it can soak into the ground:

- Plant a tree
- Replace lawn with meadows and rain gardens
- Direct downspouts onto green space downhill of your house
- Use a rain barrel
- Install a dry well
- Replace pavement with gravel or pavers

Help the environment AND get cash back!

[cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/](https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/)



September 17: Recycle your old tires into a playground!

Drop off up to 10 auto and bike tires, free:

8 am—1 pm, 11900 Montgomery Rd, Beltsville



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



**Next meeting is September 7, 2022 7PM**

### **Berwyn Heights NW/EP Committee reminds you to be “Street Smart” this autumn.**

School is starting, and the lack of sidewalks in parts of our town means that pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers must share the streets. Drivers, please be alert for pedestrians and bicyclists! Slow down and use extra caution in school zones and near playgrounds and trails.

**Together, we can make sure our community is safe!**



Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.



Slow down and obey the speed limit.



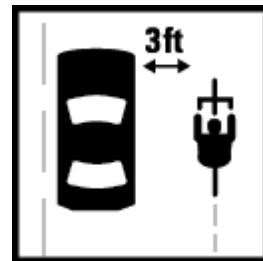
Be careful when passing parked or stopped vehicles.



When turning, yield to people walking or biking.



Look for bicyclists before opening your door.



Allow at least 3 feet when passing bikes.



## Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Fall is a great time to plant trees, so consider planting a native tree in your yard in the coming months. Maryland offers \$25 coupons toward the purchase of a new tree. Visit [dnr.maryland.gov](https://dnr.maryland.gov) and search “Marylanders Plant Trees” for details.

Mature shade trees save energy, provide habitat for wildlife, clean air, and improve property values!  
<https://www.arborday.org/trees/>



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

Next meeting: September 8th at 7 pm with the Green Team.

Contact: [amandamdewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandamdewey@gmail.com)



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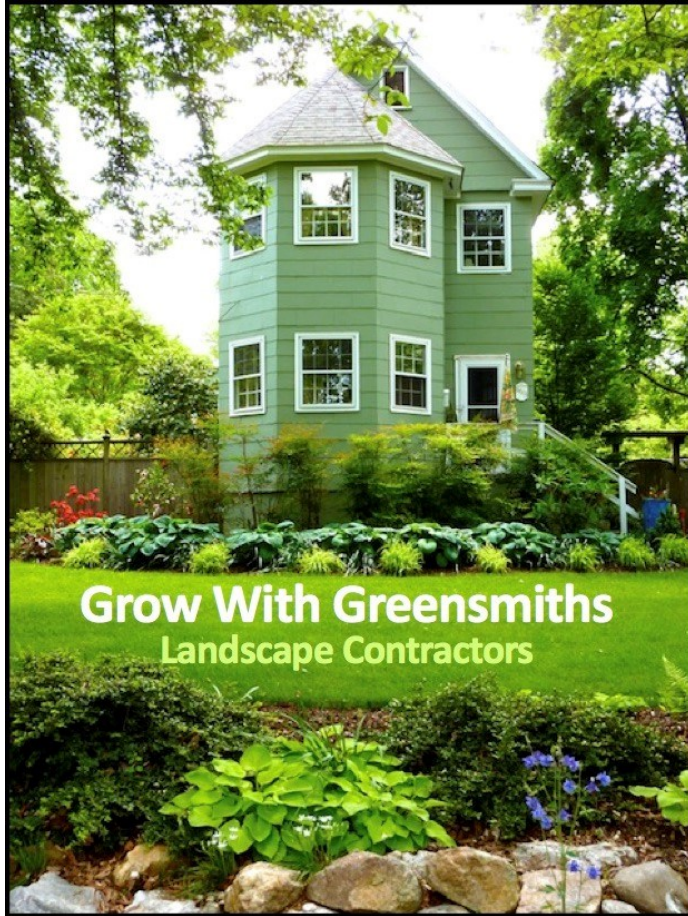
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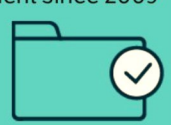
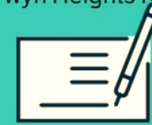


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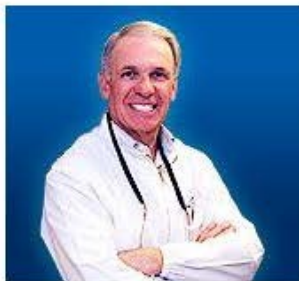
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## June Incidents

### Friday, July 8, 2022, at 2:44 pm, **'CARJACKING'**

On 7/8/22 at approximately 1444 Hours officers and investigators responded to the intersection of Greenbelt Road and 58th Avenue in Berwyn Heights for a reported attempt carjacking. Once on scene, officers learned that the incident occurred at 4803 Delaware Street in College Park. While on scene the Reporting Person stated that he was at a stop sign when an unknown individual approached his driver-side door. The Individual began to ask incoherent questions to the (R) and suggested that he may have a gun in his bookbag. The (R) drove off, stopped at the above location, and called police to alert them of the incident. Patrol responded to the scene and canvassed the area yielding negative results. The (R) was advised and sent on his way.

### **Monday, July 11, 2022, at 11:30 am,** **'THEFT'**

On 7/11/22 PFC. Herriott#1454 received an in-station call to respond to the Shell gas station located at 6327 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for a theft. Upon arrival, he spoke with the reporting person who advised that she stopped to get information and exited her vehicle leaving her purse and a folder containing personal information on top of the rental car and when she returned at 12:55 PM she discovered them missing. The owner of Shell Thomas Watts reviewed the camera but could not see anyone near her vehicle.

### **Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 9:51 pm,** **'VEHICLE IMPOUND'**

Sgt. P. Roberson impounded a 2007 BMW from the location of Seminole St at 63<sup>rd</sup>., Avenue.

### **Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 12:37 pm,** **'SUSPICIOUS PERSON / EPS'**

At approximately 1237 hrs, 7/28/2022, Cpl. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 57\*\* Goucher Drive, Berwyn Heights, Maryland. The call for service was for a bloody shirt and shoes found on the caller's property. Hollowell met with the caller and she states she left her home at 1030 and the items were not on her property. She pointed to a house, later identified as 83\*\* Cunningham Drive where an individual acting strange may be involved. As the officer viewed the house the dispatcher advised of a call for a white male in underwear or

shorts who was going around a house on 83\*\* Cunningham Drive acting bizarre spreading blood around the house.

Hollowell confirmed that the house is to be the same based on the additional information. Backup units from Berwyn Heights Police and Prince George's County Police responded. Efforts were made to initiate contact with anyone inside the house. Two vehicles were parked in front of the house identifying them as belonging to 83\*\* Cunningham Drive. The listed owner of the vehicles were identified as an older male. There were no previous calls for police services or situations at the residence. Further observation of the house showed that blood was wiped on the exterior walls of the house, blood smeared on a rear door and glass. Additionally, it appeared to be blood and some type of letters on the front door of the house. A shed to the right side of the house had what appeared to be blood smeared on it as well. There were four red cups on the street in front of the house positioned in a square with no real explanation or reason.

During the course of trying to make contact with anyone in the house. PGPD units on the perimeter saw a white male come to the rear door. Officers in full uniform called out to the male to respond. The male then receded back into the house out of view of officers. Based on the situation, and the blood at the scene there was concern there may be someone injured in the house. Additional information from neighbors indicated an elderly couple lives in the house and had not been seen for a few days. They believe a son is also at the house and he had been living in the shed to the side of the house.

The front door was breached by members of PGPD District 1, SAT team, and at 1336 hrs and a taser deployment at 1338 hrs on a white male with signs of blood on his person who was not compliant to the direction of officers. The male later identified was taken into custody and placed under the care of PGPD PARAMEDIC/AMBULANCE #802, Capitol Heights. A search of the house and shed found no additional person in the home. The owners and parents of the house were contacted and revealed they had left due to the bizarre and threatening actions of the arrested.

The arrested was taken to Capital Regional Hospital by ambulance #802. The arrested was committed for Emergency evaluation with no additional charges pending.

### **Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 5:51 am,** **'CARJACKING'**

On 07/30/2022 at approximately 0551 hours officers responded to the Xtra Fuels Gas Station located at 5919 Greenbelt Road Berwyn Heights, MD for an armed carjacking. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the Victim who advised that he was near the listed Jeep Cherokee bearing Maryland registration (28750CJ) when three Unknown Suspects walked up to him each displaying three automatic handguns with extended magazines. The Unknown Suspects stated "give me your car", jumped in the listed Jeep Cherokee, and fled down Greenbelt Road towards Kenilworth Avenue. There is video footage of the incident but it could not be viewed at this time. Teletype was notified.

On 07/31/2022 at approximately 0900 hours members of the Washington Area, Vehicle Enforcement team WAVE were contacted by Metro Transit Police ID 213 who stated that there was a carjacked stolen vehicle parked at the Naylor Rd Metro station located at 3101 Branch Ave Temple Hills Md. Wave units responded to the scene and observed a black jeep Cherokee bearing Maryland tag 2870CJ parked in the bus loading lane. A registration check of the Maryland tag revealed that the listed vehicle was reported stolen by carjacking on 07/30/22 to Prince Georges County Police Department case number 22-0036602. The listed vehicle was recovered and towed by Ryons towing to the identification bay for processing. PG County Police Detective escorted the vehicle. Teletype was notified. Further investigation revealed that the Metro transit Police have video footage of the suspect parking the carjacked vehicle at approximately 0417 hours. the suspect in the video exited the vehicle and walked onto Branch ave walking towards the Sams Car wash. A short time later patrol officers conducted a stop on an individual in reference to case number 22-0036728 and the suspect, in that case, was arrested for carrying a handgun on the person. The video of the suspect leaving the carjacked vehicle at the metro was compared to the arrest photos of the suspect who was arrested by patrol for a handgun and the suspect images match indicating that the suspect was the same person who parked and left the carjacked vehicle at the metro.

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

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

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

### Vacation Pet Sitting and Doggie Day Care

Scott Magnus (Owner)  
301-980-8567



For  
Emergencies

**Call 911**

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

Tell the PGC Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and ask that the on-duty BH Police Officer respond to your call.



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

Call (240) 645-5140 or email [angelalazo1@hotmail.com](mailto:angelalazo1@hotmail.com)

Also ask about handyman services

**Angela's**

**Cleaning &**

**Handyman**

**Services**



**HOLY REDEEMER**  
Catholic Church

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

4902 Berwyn Road • College Park MD 20740  
Tel: 301-474-3920 • Web Site: [holy-redeemer.org](http://holy-redeemer.org)  
Email: [parish@holy-redeemer.org](mailto:parish@holy-redeemer.org)

## Thomas A. Gentile, Attorney

301-908-9427 (cell)  
[tgentile301@yahoo.com](mailto:tgentile301@yahoo.com)  
[www.thomasgentile.com](http://www.thomasgentile.com)



Berwyn Heights Resident  
Admitted to Practice, MD, DC, VA  
Over 45 years experience  
Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Trusts,  
Home Visits to Berwyn Heights Residents.



## 2022 BERWYN HEIGHTS MEN'S LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

**Who:** Any resident of town or any member of the Boys & Girls Club (a parent or guardian)

**What:** A fun Basketball league that has been in existence for 40 years. The league is for over 30-year-old players and Tuesdays and Thursdays are open for anybody over 18 years old.

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

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

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

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

**League Play:** League play is on Sundays between 3-7 p.m. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. *all year long.* Come on out, get some much-needed exercise and meet some new friends. For further information contact Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142. We look forward to seeing you on the court.

# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- September 2022 --



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back for the 2022-2023 school year! We are excited to start another wonderful school year. If you are a new or returning BHES parent, please make sure you are signed up to ClassDojo to receive important announcements.

The PTA is always in need of parents and other adults to help support our students! If you would like to find a way to help, please contact Lilly Ridge at [president@bhespta.org](mailto:president@bhespta.org).

¡Bienvenido de nuevo al año escolar 2022-2023! Estamos emocionados de comenzar otro maravilloso año escolar. Si es un padre nuevo o que regresa a BHES, asegúrese de estar registrado en ClassDojo para recibir anuncios importantes. Pregúntele al maestro de su hijo si necesita ayuda para inscribirse.

¡La PTA siempre necesita padres y otros adultos para ayudar a apoyar a nuestros estudiantes! Si desea encontrar una manera de ayudar, comuníquese con Lilly Ridge en [president@bhespta.org](mailto:president@bhespta.org).



## Important Dates/

## Fechas Importantes

### September 5th

Labor Day - No School  
Día del Trabajo - No hay clases

### September 13th

Back to School Night  
Noche de regreso a clases

### September 30

Professional Development- No School  
Desarrollo profesional- No hay clases



## *Join Us*

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

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

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

Visit our PTA Facebook Page:  
Visite nuestra página de Facebook de la PTA:

Berwyn Heights ES PTA



## **2022 ARPA Residential Relief Program**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to eligible Berwyn Heights individuals and families who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Payments will be sent directly to the related entity for payment (e.g., utility company, mortgage company, landlord, etc.). Assistance for groceries or emergency related supplies will be in the form of gift cards. Assistance funds are limited to the budgeted amount per fiscal year. As of September 2022, the town has \$40,000 available for residents and businesses who have received approval of their applications. Assistance payments will be made bi-weekly, until fiscal year allocated/available funds are depleted.

Eligibility requirements:

- Resident of the Town of Berwyn Heights.
- Provide evidence of need (copies of overdue bills, extra health care costs, or other related documentation pertaining to a particular emergency expense request).
- Provide statement explaining that need/assistance request was/is due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Items NOT eligible for assistance: Town of Berwyn Heights property taxes, private school tuition or credit card bills.
- Complete the Application form in full, attach documentation of residence and hardship.
- Eligibility is determined by residency in Berwyn Heights, assessment of financial hardship, and type of need/assistance requested, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town staff will not deny residents from accessing and submitting an application. Approval of applications is overseen and implemented by an equitable Town of Berwyn Heights ARPA oversight advisory board, composed of (2) Elected Officials and (1) Town Treasurer.

The application and fund implementation will follow federal, ARPA guidelines, Title VI, and language access laws (Please contact Town Clerk Melanie Friesen at 301-474-5000 or [mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov) to request assistance in your desired language).

Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy at [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov).

The application may be found on the Town website at [berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/arpa-residential-relief-program](https://berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/arpa-residential-relief-program)



## **Programa de Ayuda Residencial ARPA 2022**

El propósito de este programa es brindar asistencia financiera a las personas y familias elegibles de Berwyn Heights que se han visto afectadas por la pandemia de COVID-19. Los pagos se enviarán directamente a la entidad relacionada para el pago (por ejemplo, empresa de servicios públicos, empresa hipotecaria, arrendador, etc.). La asistencia para comestibles o suministros relacionados con emergencias será en forma de tarjetas de regalo. Los fondos de asistencia están limitados a la cantidad presupuestada por año fiscal. A partir de septiembre de 2022, la ciudad tiene \$40,000 disponibles para residentes y empresas que hayan recibido la aprobación de sus solicitudes. Los pagos de asistencia se realizarán cada dos semanas, hasta que se agoten los fondos asignados/disponibles del año fiscal.

### Requisitos de elegibilidad:

- Residente de la ciudad de Berwyn Heights.
- Proporcionar evidencia de necesidad (copias de facturas vencidas, costos adicionales de atención médica u otra documentación relacionada con una solicitud de gastos de emergencia en particular).
- Proporcionar una declaración que explique que la necesidad/solicitud de asistencia se debió a circunstancias relacionadas con la pandemia de COVID-19.
- Artículos que NO son elegibles para recibir asistencia: impuestos sobre la propiedad de la ciudad de Berwyn Heights, matrícula de escuelas privadas o facturas de tarjetas de crédito.
- Complete el formulario de solicitud en su totalidad, adjunte la documentación de residencia y dificultad.
- La elegibilidad está determinada por la residencia en Berwyn Heights, la evaluación de las dificultades financieras y el tipo de necesidad/asistencia solicitada, como resultado de la pandemia de COVID-19.
- El personal de la ciudad no negará a los residentes el acceso y la presentación de una solicitud.
- La aprobación de las solicitudes es supervisada e implementada por una junta asesora de supervisión equitativa de la ARPA de la ciudad de Berwyn Heights, compuesta por (2) Funcionarios Electos y (1) Tesorero de la ciudad.

La aplicación y la implementación del fondo seguirán las pautas federales de ARPA, el Título VI y las leyes

de acceso al idioma (comuníquese con la secretaria municipal Melanie Friesen al 301-474-5000

o [mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov) para solicitar asistencia en el idioma que desee).

Las preguntas relacionadas con el proceso de solicitud deben dirigirse a la alcaldesa Jodie Kulpa-Eddy a [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov).

La aplicación se puede encontrar en el sitio web de la ciudad. [berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/arpa-residential-relief-program](https://berwynheightsmd.gov/home/pages/arpa-residential-relief-program)



# BERWYN HEIGHTS

## Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

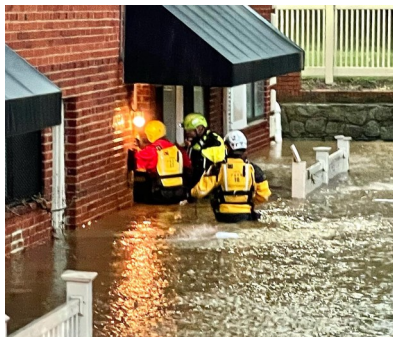
*In Case of Emergency Call 911!*

### Recent Working Incidents

**Aug 7th— Laurel 2nd Alarm** Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to assist units on scene with heavy fire showing from a town House. Units were initially alerted to the 7200-block of Paperbark Ter. in Laurel for a reported grill on fire. On scene, crews found fire visible from the rear and the roof, and a second alarm was sounded. Truck 14 arrived and positioned to the rear of the townhouse to gain optimal access with the aerial ladder for line-over ladder roof operations. Ambulance 14B and its volunteer crew was also alerted to the call as an additional EMS resource. Kentland VFD Tower 33 (County Reserve) was transferred to Station 14 for the duration of this incident to cover the area.



**Aug 10th— Heavy Rain & Flood Response** Berwyn Heights and surrounding neighborhoods were hit with another round of devastating storms, this time in the form of heavy rainfall. This caused a large amount of flooding throughout the northern area of the County, and kept BHVFD volunteers busy. Volunteers Swiftwater rescue techs staffing Rescue Squad 14 & Ambulance 14B removed numerous stranded drivers from flooded vehicles, and operated with other County Swiftwater rescue teams to remove trapped residents from bottom level apartments in Greenbelt. Reminder to turn around and do not drive through standing or running water.



**Aug 12th—** Truck 14 was alerted to the 7500Blk of Calien Ct in Beltsville for a working House Fire.

### Have a Home Escape Plan

Your ability to get out of your home during a fire depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm.
- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.
- Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, paint it on the curb or install house numbers to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.
- If your home has two floors, every family member (including children) must be able to escape from the second floor rooms. Escape ladders can be placed in or near windows to provide an additional escape route. Review the manufacturer's instructions carefully so you'll be able to use a safety ladder in an emergency. Practice setting up the ladder from a first floor window to make sure you can do it correctly and quickly. Children should only practice with a grown-up, and only from a first-story window. Store the ladder near the window, in an easily accessible location. You don't want to have to search for it during a fire.
- Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatcher when you call.

# CODE COMPLIANCE

## When Is a Rental License Required?

An annual rental license is required for all rental units, regardless of the duration for which the property is let for occupancy during a twelve-month (12) period of time. A rental unit is any room, or group of rooms forming a single habitable space, or a unit that is let for occupancy from which the property owner expects monetary payment or any other consideration under a written or oral agreement from a tenant. (*Ordinance 120 -Sections 2 and 4*)

The annual fee for a rental license is **\$300**. Renting without a license may result in an immediate **\$400** fine.

If you have questions whether you need a rental license, please contact the Town's Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331 or email [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov).

Rental licenses are available in the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road or online at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/code-compliance-department](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/code-compliance-department).

## Inspection of Rental Homes

All rental units shall be subject to at least one annual inspection to determine compliance with Ordinance 120 prior to the issuance or renewal of a rental license. The property owner or agent shall have ten (10) business days to correct items noted as failing on the Code Officials' inspection report. Failure to correct violations of the rental regulations may result in a fine. (*Ordinance 120 Section 4*)



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

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

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills  
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

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

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

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

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga  
Secretary:

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

Fundraising Chair:

### Education Advisory Committee

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

### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

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

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

### Historical Committee

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

### Immigrant Neighbors Community of Berwyn Heights (INCbh)

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

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Movie Club

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

### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden  
[jmosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jmosley45@gmail.com)

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

### Karate Club

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

### Quilter's Club

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

























### Recreation Council

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

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4	5 Most Town Offices Closed 	6  7 PM Rec Council G.Love Room	7  7PM NW/EP	8 	9 	10 1-3PM Lake Artemesia Concert Series
11	12 	13 	14  7PM Town Meeting 	15  6-8 PM Ice Cream Party at Sports Park	16	17 10AM Outdoor Trip Town Hall Parking
18	19  7PM Workses- sion 	20  	21 	22 	23	24 11AM Craft Day
25 3PM Book Discussion	26  BHEAC 7PM G. Love Room	27 	28  BHHC 7:30 G. Love Room	29 	30	

The streetsweeper will be in Town from September 19-23rd. Please move your car off the street when possible.

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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling





# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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

**CARRIER-ROUTE SORTED**  
**PRESORT STANDARD**  
**U. S. Postage Paid**  
**College Park, Maryland**  
**Permit No. 5442**

## POSTAL CUSTOMER BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

**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

#### Mayor and Council

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786-2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration  
Shinita Hemby (301) 771-0969 [shemby@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:shemby@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Code Compliance  
Faustino (Tino) Menjivar (240) 854-7845 [fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:fmenjivar@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Public Works  
Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 [lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Town Manager

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

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

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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

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

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