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September 4: Labor Day Town Offices Closed

September 14: Ice Cream Party 6-8PM Sports Park

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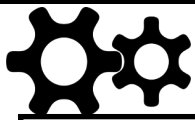
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Gary Stanton and Oscar Ramirez who obtained their Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL)! This is a difficult test that required several months of training. We have been encouraging staff to work toward this certification so we are able to make sure we have enough drivers for our trash trucks and the leaf truck and they have made an immediate impact filling in for drivers needing time off.

Public Works News:

The Four Cities Streetsweeper will be in Berwyn Heights the week after Labor Day (September 5th to 8th). If there is debris in the gutter on your street, make sure to not park cars in a manner that it blocks the streetsweeper from cleaning.

In August, Public Works assisted the Green Team by rototilling and removing weeds, and delivering mulch for a garden clean-up at Berwyn Heights Elementary School.

There are many projects awaiting final planning/approval including road repairs, an updated tree inventory, and playground improvements. More to come on those projects soon.

Labor Day Trash Schedule:

Monday: September 4: No Trash
 Tuesday: September 5: Town Wide Trash and Bulk
 Wednesday: September 6: Town Wide Recycling
 Thursday: September 7: Town Wide Yard Waste
 Friday: September 8: Town Wide Trash

¡Felicitaciones a Gary Stanton y Oscar Ramírez quienes obtuvieron sus Licencias de Conducir Comerciales (CDL)! Esta es una prueba difícil que requirió varios meses de entrenamiento. Hemos estado alentando al personal a trabajar para obtener esta certificación, de modo que podamos asegurarnos de tener suficientes conductores para nuestros camiones de basura y el camión de hojas y han tenido un impacto inmediato reemplazando a los conductores que necesitan tiempo libre.

Noticias de Obras Públicas:

El barrendero de las cuatro ciudades estará en Berwyn Heights la semana después del Día del Trabajo (del 5 al 8 de septiembre). Si hay escombros en la cuneta de su calle, asegúrese de no estacionar los autos de manera que bloqueen la limpieza de la barredora.

En agosto, Obras Públicas ayudó al Equipo Verde con la rotocultivación y la eliminación de malas hierbas, y con la entrega de mantillo para la limpieza del jardín en la Escuela Primaria Berwyn Heights.

Hay muchos proyectos que esperan la aprobación/planificación final, incluidas las reparaciones de carreteras, un inventario de árboles actualizado y mejoras en los parques. Más por venir en esos proyectos pronto.

Horario de basura del Día del Trabajo:

Lunes: 4 de septiembre: No Basura
 Martes: 5 de septiembre: Basura y granel en toda la ciudad
 Miércoles: 6 de septiembre: Reciclaje en toda la ciudad
 Jueves: 7 de septiembre: Desechos de jardín en toda la ciudad
 Viernes: 8 de septiembre: Basura en toda la ciudad

Worksession Minutes July 6, 2023 | 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 and Councilmember Shinta Hemby. Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen were the staff present. Representatives of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission attended to conduct a presentation on placemaking. Residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights were also present.

Approval of the Agenda

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

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported on two closed sessions that had been held since the last Open Meeting. The first was on June 29, 2023, and was closed under Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(1): To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Present were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Brittan-Powell, and CM Papanikolas who all voted to close the session at 5:32pm. CM Menjivar joined at 5:40pm. Also present (virtually) was the recruiter for the Town Manager search, David Deutsch. There was an added agenda item that occurred in open session, regarding a possible community service for a recently deceased Police Officer who had served in the BHPD. In the closed session, Council reviewed Town Manager applications and residents who had expressed interest in serving on the resident panel to interview the Town Manager candidates. Action taken included a consensus to invite 3 applicants to the interview process and to hold another closed session on July 6 to continue the discussion on the resident panel.

The second closed session was held on July 6, 2023, from 6:52pm to 6:58pm, also held under Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(1). Council reached consensus and appointed the 5 residents who will serve on the resident panel to interview Town Manager candidates.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared a brief biography of Sgt. William Duck who passed away on June 28th after a long battle with cancer. She also shared the service details for Sgt. Duck.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that a long-

time resident, Marilyn Hayden passed away on July 2nd and she asked that we keep former councilmember Joan Hayden in our thoughts.

MPT Brittan-Powell asked if Sgt. Duck's services were open to the public.

CM Hemby asked that residents who have any concerns regarding applying for the Town's Flood Mitigation Grants to please reach out to her personally.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the July Town Calendar and highlighted the Four Cities Meeting and adding the Town Manager interviews on the 21st with staff and residents and on the 22nd with Council. At the request of MPT Brittan-Powell, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the anticipated timeline for the Town Manager search and its conclusion.

c. M-NCPPC Placemaking Presentation

Adam Dodgshon, Garrett Dickerson, Connor Klein, and Tony Felts from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Placemaking Department gave a brief presentation on "Placemaking 101". They highlighted that this is a very brief overview of a relatively new section of M-NCPPC. Placemaking is defined as a process of engaging with communities to understand issues, often using temporary or demonstration activities to address needs and show what is possible. Mr. Dodgshon emphasized that placemaking must be inclusive and provide a vision for a single space that is both transformative and flexible. He continued that the Placemaking Team at M-NCPPC is hoping to celebrate the diversity of the County and to improve opportunities for people to participate in their communities, as well as promote sound planning practices and provide assistance to communities in placemaking. He reviewed the three pilot projects that the team has planned, noting that two are upcoming, one in Riverdale and the other in Largo. Mr. Dickerson then reviewed visual examples of placemaking events that have been done in the County and elsewhere. He highlighted that placemaking pays great attention to detail and branding. Mr. Klein reviewed the Planning Assistance for Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) program, noting that these are consultant-led projects to further elements of Plan Prince George's 2035, which includes Healthy Communities, Housing and Neighborhoods, Transportation and Mobility, Community Heritage, Culture and Design, Economic Prosperity, Natural Environment, Land Use and Public Facilities. He noted that the Town already has a PAMC project based on the Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights report and that he will return on July 17th to address that in more detail. Council asked questions and discussed the upcoming placemaking events in the County. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about the relationships with contractors and how our current project with PAMC would affect working with them going forward. Mr. Dodgshon explained that the Placemaking program is not currently

active, but rather a test program. He explained that they are working with a nonprofit out of Dallas called "Better Block" and will be doing a report once the three pilot projects are completed to determine how things move forward. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about how stormwater management could work alongside placemaking. Mr. Dodgshon explained that well-designed stormwater management can also be a place of passive enjoyment. Further, Mr. Felts added that the Planning Commission could be able to help with technical assistance, but that he could not make any commitments, especially until there is a better understanding of what was desired. CM Hemby asked for clarification on if the Town would be able to seek technical assistance while the Walkable Bikeable project is in process. Mr. Felts clarified the difference between a PAMC project (similar to a grant) and technical assistance. She also asked about how locations would be determined. Mr. Felts stated that it is up to the Town to decide. In discussions about where projects might be located, it was concluded that a plat map will be sent to the Town to help determine property ownership. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy encouraged residents to participate in the Community Advisory Team to provide input on projects like this one. Mr. Felts added that so much of community partnerships is about managing expectations, as you cannot please all the people all the time. He added to make sure that people who may not have the time to sit on an advisory board also be included in discussions. Finally, the M-NCPPC team concluded that they will work to connect the Town with resources.

d. Green Team discussion on Pollinator Garden

Geneviève de Messieres and Michael Ellis from the Green Team joined the Council to discuss the need for a pollinator garden as part of the Bee City requirements. Mr. Ellis shared his experience as a horticulturist on conservation landscaping and stormwater gardens as well as adding pollinator space to the Town. He expressed a desire to reinvestigate the garden at Berwyn Heights Elementary School; since the pandemic it has fallen somewhat into disrepair. He would also like to see pollinators incorporated in rain gardens within the Town. Ms. de Messieres added that there needs to be both public and private pollinator gardens. Mr. Ellis expressed a desire to have the garden at the school rejuvenated by the first day of school. He would also like pollinators to be considered in all of the planning projects within the Town. MPT Brittan-Powell expressed that there are sometimes concerns about bee stings with pollinator gardens. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Green Team would be able to maintain gardens in the community. Ms. de Messieres expressed concern about the bandwidth of the Green Team. She also stated that

for the Green Team to plan other areas for gardens, they would need to know what land was on the table. Mr. Michael Bloom stated that there is potential for a tree lawn on the south side of the new Aldi parking lot, with 12 feet of land and would like to see shorter trees there.

e. Small Cell Facilities Update

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that the Council needs to decide if we will rely solely on the County's approval for small cell facilities installed in Town or if we would like to hire their consultants ("CTC") to do an independent review of applications with potential added requirements specific to Berwyn Heights. She added that the costs of the CTC review would be added to the cost of the application. There was discussion regarding if reviewing these applications would be within Code Compliance capacity. After discussion, the Council decided to vote on a resolution to hire CTC for consulting at the next Town Meeting.

f. County Hazard Mitigation Grants Notice of Interest

ITM Jones reviewed that the Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security held a webinar on the opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Grants. He stated that there are two areas of funding, one is called Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and the other is Flood Mitigation Assistance. However, the Town is unlikely to be qualified to receive Flood Mitigation Assistance. One requirement of receiving BRIC funding would be that the Town needs to provide 25% matching funds, but they cannot be federal (ARPA) funds. BRIC funding could include pre-construction projects, possibly management costs, and large mitigation projects. There was concern about providing the 25% match and where those funds would come from. ITM Jones explained that the first step is to provide a Notice of Interest (NOI) to the County, which should be done by July 12, 2023. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for confirmation that if the Town sends a NOI to the County, that we can withdraw if we cannot find the matching funds. ITM Jones will send the NOI to the County and the Council will vote on a resolution to confirm the Council's intent.

g. Update: IT Vendor

ITM Jones reviewed the contract with our current vendor has been extended for 90 days. He is preparing a "Request for Qualifications" for a new vendor. Council asked to be able to give input on the RFQ. It will be drafted for Council review by July 17, 2023.

h. ARPA Budget discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked ITM Jones to review the introduced ARPA budget that he has been working on. MPT Brittan-Powell had also created a budget document and there was discussion on which document to review. Council worked through the line items on the document introduced at the June Town Meeting and updated by ITM Jones. MPT Brittan-Powell declined to

comment on the budget until the draft he provided was up for review later in the meeting. As Council reviewed the introduced document, CM Hemby requested that \$10,000 be added for upgrades for Code Compliance hardware and software needs. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the request from the Volunteer Fire Department for a utility vehicle. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he did not believe there was consensus on that item. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested \$40,000 be included for the VFD. There was also discussion to add the Community Partnership pilot project with the Cornerstone Grand Council for \$5,000. MPT Brittan-Powell reviewed the agreed upon guidelines and explained that he had divided his budget into two categories: Stormwater/Green Infrastructure and Community Building. He reviewed his document in detail. Council discussed proposed job positions for stormwater management. There was also considerable discussion on how much the stormwater mitigation efforts would be relegated to Code Compliance, how to fund the specialized training and if additional personnel would be needed. They determined that this would need input from Code Compliance Director Goodwin. There was discussion on the possibility of adding solar projects as well as how backflow preventers are incorporated into the budget. MPT Brittan-Powell had proposed several new projects under the heading of "Townwide and Localized Interventions". He reviewed park and community development projects, including placemaking and implementing the "Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Action Plan". After discussion on the subtitle "Centers and Programs", CM Hemby asked if the budget was going to be discussed line item by line item without CM Menjivar and CM Papanikolas present. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested passing a truncated version of the introduced FY24+ ARPA budget at the next Town Meeting to address the agreed-upon, pre-existing line items and to continue working through more detailed projects with the entire Council. As the Council comes to consensus on these, they can be passed as Ordinance 189 budget amendments.

i. Resident Comments

Geneviève de Messier of 58th Ave shared that MPT Brittan-Powell had reached out to her to ask the Green Team for items for the ARPA budget. After discussion, they would like to advise the Council to preserve and protect the tree canopy. Trees, as well as gardens, such as the pollinator garden and stormwater relief should be top priorities. There was also concern about the heat island in the new Aldi parking lot and they would encourage bilingual educational signage for demonstration projects. She added that personally, she believes the stormwater mitigation grants should be funded at a higher level. She expressed concerns over the limited value in rain barrels and cisterns. She also does not believe that solar should be prioritized over trees, as trees add generational value.

2. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that National Night Out will be August 1st. CM Hemby added that she hopes this year's activity options will be closer to pre-Covid levels.

3. Public Works

There was no Public Works Report.

4. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that during the heavy rains earlier in the day, ITM Jones and he visited areas of Town that had experienced flooding in the past. He reported a great deal of confusion about the different grant programs and a lot of false information out there about the programs. He reported no need to address the agenda items he requested (listed below as a-f.) as they were covered during the budget discussion.

- a. Status Update of SWM Prevention and Preparedness for Areas of Past Victims
- b. Status Update on SWM Grant and Floodgates
- c. Update of SWM Townwide Mitigation Efforts
- d. Update of Makerspace Possibilities
- e. Update on Community Building Efforts
- f. Encouraging Citizens Participation in Town Affairs

5. Code Compliance

CM Hemby reminded residents if you'd like to build anything, to please call Code Compliance to determine if you need a permit.

6. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs

There was no PRECA report.

7. Adjournment

CM Hemby moved to adjourn. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:18pm.

Town Meeting Minutes : July 12, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 6:59pm. Present was Councilmember Faustino Menjivar with Councilmember Shinita Hemby attending remotely. Councilmember Jason Papanikolas had an excused absence. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell joined after the approval of the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Announcements

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared about Berwyn Heights Police Officer, Sergeant Duck's memorial services. There were no other announcements.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Hearing: Ordinance 189 ARPA Budget

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed how the ARPA funds needed to be allocated by ordinance, which was introduced at the June Town Meeting. She opened the public hearing at 7:03pm and with no comments, she closed the hearing at 7:05pm.

4. Consent

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the consent agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. In discussion, MPT Brittan-Powell shared that residents have commented they would like to have the department reports presented by the department heads and requested that it be part of a future worksession agenda to discuss. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Mayor & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that she attended part of a public forum on Thursday June 22, 2023 with the UMD School of Architecture, Urban Planning and Preservation on stormwater management and climate change. The focus was on rain-fall runoff and stream restoration. She also shared about attending the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference, where it was announced that Berwyn Heights was again a Banner City for 2023. She reviewed the classes she attended at the conference. She stated that the Town Council and the UMD School of Public Health are looking for residents to apply for the Community Advisory Team (CAT). She concluded with a reminder that M-NCPPC parks are smoke free, including all forms of tobacco and marijuana.

MPT Brittan-Powell shared that he spent some time out and about with CM Menjivar speaking with residents. He and ITM Jones also visited 59th Ave during a rain-storm and had conversations with those residents.

CM Hemby shared that she also attended MML, focusing on the Academy core classes, where the instructors were informative and great.

CM Menjivar provided highlights from the Public Works report, including their focus on curb painting and pruning bushes and trees at corners of intersections to increase visibility. There was discussion on who determined what areas needed trimming. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked residents to let the Town know if they notice areas of overgrowth that may need to be cut back.

6. Committee Reports

a. Education Advisory Committee: There was no report.

b. Green Team: CM Hemby shared that the Green Team has received permission from BHES to work on and rejuvenate the school garden, with funding from the Council.

c. Historical Committee: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy read a report from the BHHC shar-

ing that they will be participating in National Night Out (NNO) and they've been working on updating the brochures to make these available at NNO. There will be no meeting in July, but there will be a meeting on August 23, 2023 at 7:30 in the G. Love Room. Visitors are always welcome.

d. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that the June CPR/AED/PulsePoint App training had to be postponed and they are looking to reschedule in the Fall. NNO will be on Tuesday, August 1, from 6-8pm at Town Center.

e. Recreation Council: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared they will also be at NNO. There is a concert on August 3 from 6-8pm at Sports Park. The next meeting has been moved to Aug 8, 2023 due to NNO.

7. Old Business

a. Ordinance 189 ARPA Budget Adoption
Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the ARPA budget process again and how those funds need to be allocated. Ordinance 189 currently funds a stormwater management consultant, grants for financial relief for businesses and residents, and a partnership with the UMD SPH, among other projects. There is still about \$1.7 million to be allocated which will be handled in future budget amendments.

MPT Brittan-Powell moved to adopt Ordinance 189. CM Hemby seconded. MPT Brittan-Powell asked if we can amend the budget before moving forward with the vote. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated that she believes it would best be done through a future budget amendment. MPT Brittan-Powell stated there are a few of these projects that he understood, but he would like to make \$90-\$120 thousand available for placemaking. There was considerable discussion regarding the inclusion, which highlighted that CM Menjivar and CM Papanikolas were not present for the placemaking presentation and may not be aware of what this entails. MPT Brittan-Powell reiterated his belief that it was a mutually agreed-upon decision to include this funding and that the delay in the fund approval would be a significant hindrance. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he cannot support this as presented. CM Hemby stated that she could support the document. CM Menjivar asked about the procedure on why it would be two months before the amendment funding would be available. MPT Brittan-Powell made his argument to CM Menjivar. CM Menjivar stated his concern is that we need to keep moving on all the items that are in the ordinance and not delay them for placemaking. CM Hemby moved to adopt the ordinance as presented. CM Menjivar seconded. The motion passed 3:1, with MPT Brittan-Powell opposed.

8. New Business

a. Resolution 07-2023 Small Cell Facilities

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy stated federal law requires municipalities to allow installation of small cell facilities but gives them some authority to determine some of the criteria those facilities must meet. Given that Staff does not have the expertise to evaluate applications for small cell facilities, Resolution 07-2023 allows the Town to engage with an independent consultant, CTC Technology & Energy, to evaluate applications when the Town receives them. The Town is permitted to assign the cost of the evaluation by an independent consultant to the applicant. Town Clerk Friesen read the resolution into record. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve the resolution. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 08-2023 Notice of Intent to Apply for Hazard Mitigation Grants

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked Town Clerk to read the resolution into the record, which authorizes the Town Manager or designee to submit a notice of interest and apply for Hazard Mitigation Grants from the Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security. ITM Jones shared that he believes the Town is only ready to add capability and capacity building activities. He doesn't believe we are ready to apply for mitigation projects, or the actual construction projects. MPT Brittan-Powell had concerns about not including mitigation projects. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy agreed, stating that we should include mitigation projects, in case the Town is ready during the grant cycle. MPT Brittan-Powell moved to approve Resolution 08-2023. CM Menjivar seconded. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

c. Four Cities Agenda Items

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that Berwyn Heights will be hosting the Four Cities Coalition meeting on July 27th. Pepco has been invited to give a presentation on their streetlight tariff filing with the Public Service Commission. Residents are welcome to attend. Specific items of interest for Berwyn Heights include Housing and Food Security, and Aging-in-Place submitted by MPT Brittan-Powell, and a discussion on transportation for elderly residents submitted by CM Menjivar.

9. Resident & Community Comments

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy shared that a resident had asked if the Town can do anything about people who don't pick up after their animals.

Resident Justin McMullan (Ruatan Street) shared that Public Works is doing a great job of picking up refuse, but car drivers are not considerate around the stopped trucks, and he has concerns about the safety of the workers. He also expressed concern about household bio-hazardous waste not being disposed of properly. He mentioned concern about littering and trash that is caught in fences

near the commercial areas of Town. He also expressed concern about work vehicles parked on the streets of Town overnight. He shared about a large spot of oil that had leaked onto 58th Avenue that needs to be cleaned up. MPT Brittan-Powell asked for suggested fixes for his concerns. Mr. McMullan suggested the Town consider issuing a limited number of parking permits for each house.

10. Adjournment

CM Menjivar moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Worksession Minutes July 17, 2023 | 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Shinta Hemby, Councilmember Faustino Menjivar and Councilmember Jason Papanikolas. Also present were staff from Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Mr. Eric Tang from VHB (a contractor engaged by the County) and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights. Staff present were Interim Town Manager Peter Jones and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen.

Approval of the Agenda

CM Hemby moved to approve the agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. In discussion, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested an amended agenda item brought forth by ITM Jones to review the I.T. vendor RFQ. CM Hemby moved to approve the amended agenda. CM Menjivar seconded. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Mayor

a. Announcements

There were no announcements.

b. Calendar

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed the upcoming calendar, which includes the Four Cities meeting and Town Manager interviews. There was discussion on moving the first worksession in August, but ultimately, the meeting will remain on August 7th.

c. M-NCPPC Walkable Bikeable Action Plan

Mr. Connor Klein from the M-NCPPC Planning Department reviewed that this project is the result of the Walkable Bikeable Berwyn Heights (WBBH) Task Force study. The Planning Assistance for Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) program is designed to give technical assistance to help achieve programs that are in line with the County's "Plan 2035". Mr. Eric Tang presented that the goal is

to bring the projects from the WBBH study to reality. There are 11 recommendations in the WBBH plan, but the action plan will be focusing on four of the recommendations. He reviewed several of the WBBH recommendations, including improved lighting, traffic infraction enforcement, sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks, traffic calming, and user-activated traffic beacons. The focus areas of this action plan will be Ballew Ave, Pontiac Street (from 58th to BHES), Berwyn Rd between Charlton Ave and 60th Ave, and improvements at the steep downhill intersections of Quebec St./62nd Ave and Goucher Dr./Cunningham Dr. Mr. Tang reviewed the existing conditions at these locations and stated that they recognize that most of the crashes in Town are on Greenbelt Rd. He emphasized that the goal is to make roads safer for everyone. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about implementing stormwater management ideas alongside the recommendations. Resident Angie Wolfinger noted that all of the proposed sites run East/West across Town, when most of the through traffic comes from the North. Mr. James Wilkinson, co-chair of WBBH taskforce replied that they did look at N/S travel, and there was no intention to exclude those areas as places for improvement. Mr. Tang continued with more detailed current conditions of the areas of interest. Resident Jeff Knutson stated that stop signs don't work and noted a preference for passive controls, such as raised speed tables. He also expressed concern about Edmonston Road, with pedestrians walking to the 7-11. Susan Jones added that she finds Edmonston Road to be the scariest street in Town to walk, with no sidewalks and speeding vehicles. There was ongoing discussion on the safety of Edmonston and options for that area. Resident Jeff Bell asked why the intersection of Quebec St/Cunningham Ave was not being considered. Mr. Tang responded that these are meant to be pilot projects that could be expanded upon. Mr. Dave Wolfinger expressed that cyclists do not always follow traffic laws. Mr. Tang responded, highlighting the County's Vision Zero plan and the need to foster a culture of safety. MPT Brittan-Powell noted that the number of cars parked on the streets can also be problematic. Resident Justin McMullan stated that a few times a year there are groups of cyclists that come through Town along a recognized bike route and stated that there should be additional resources for that area. He also noted that sidewalk slopes and driveway aprons can make sidewalk utilization a challenge. Mr. Wilkinson spoke on behalf of bicyclists and stated that he does not believe enforcement would be the right way to go. Mr. Tang then reviewed the preliminary recommendations for each location, including a time frame, relative cost, and the challenges of each recommendation. One

recommendation that was highlighted was to create a sidewalk directly on the road by demarking an area of the street, using striping or flexible bollards. He reviewed the remaining timeline for the action plan, which will include another presentation to Council and residents in November. Until then, residents can continue to send written comments to connor.klein@ppd.mnccppc.org. A final plan will be delivered in February of 2024.

Resident Susan Jones asked about streetlighting that was lost during the windstorm of 2022. Another resident stated that she sees the area on the backside of the school as a real challenge, where there are no sidewalks and there is heavy student traffic. Mr. Wolfinger expressed frustration with the comment that bicycles should not have the same traffic enforcement as cars. Mr. Bell stated that much of the bicycle traffic in Town likely comes from DC, where they have passed legislation stating bicycles do not have to stop at every sign, and he would not expect everyone to know the traffic laws in our community. He also commented that he would like to see real infrastructure changes on Ballew Avenue as he doesn't feel that sharrowes do much. MPT Brittan-Powell asked about changes and manipulation of the road surface, such as rumble strips which would not impact pedestrians but would affect cars and bikes. Mr. Tang stated that there is often pushback on rumble strips as this creates noise for residents. CM Papanikolas asked about cost estimates and if funding would be available from the County to implement the plan. Mr. Tang replied that the final report will include general (not specific) cost estimates for the different elements of the plan. Mr. Klein stated that the plan does not come with implementation funding, but that having a County vetted plan does make getting funding from the Department of Transportation and Public Works easier. Resident Angie Wolfinger asked about creating a safety culture when cyclists may not be residents. There was discussion on how it might be possible to work with neighboring municipalities on creating that culture of safety. Mr. Justin McMullan stated that he believes it should be the responsibility of the County or State to enforce safety in the communities in which they designate bike routes.

d. ARPA Budget Amendment Discussion

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reviewed that at the last Town Meeting the latest ARPA budget was passed to ensure that the consensus items could move forward while there is a deeper dive into the project lists, with approximately \$1.7 million left to allocate. MPT Brittan-Powell stated there are many new items that will need to be discussed by Council. There was brief discussion on a few line items, but it was determined that the document needed to be gone

over line item by line item to eliminate duplication. Council determined that this could be an administrative task and done outside of a meeting. Council will go over the list over the next two weeks in order to have discussion at the next worksession. A Councilmember will be prepared to speak on each line item. There was also conversation on how to prioritize the items, with MPT Brittan-Powell making argument for Placemaking to be prioritized and CM Hemby making argument for the projects for the Berwyn Heights Elementary School being prioritized. MPT Brittan-Powell stated that he understood the funds have been obligated under Administration and that the reports have been filed with Treasury to state that. There was discussion regarding how detailed the "allocations" need to be and it was determined more clarification is needed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy concluded that prioritization will likely be done based on the timeline in which projects need to be implemented.

e. IT Vendor RFQ (amended agenda item)

Council briefly discussed the process for proceeding with the RFQ for an IT vendor. The revised RFQ will be published with new deadlines based on the discussion.

f. Resident Comments

Paul Kavanaugh thanked the Council for the productive conversation on making the Town more walkable and bikeable. He added he believes that, beside the people, it is the commitment to sustainability in the community that makes it special. He stated he is glad to see the Council considering collaborating with the Green Team and the elementary school. He would like to encourage the Town to reach out to the UMD Environmental Finance Center for technical assistance grants for stormwater management, adding that climate change is a part of our lives and will be an ongoing issue.

MPT Brittan-Powell responded that once the Town is more situated there will be plans to reach out to the Environmental Finance Center.

Angie Wolfinger stated that she hasn't been to a meeting in quite some time and she sees a lot of specific things in the ARPA projects list and would like to know where they came from.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy responded that some of these come from the initial ARPA listening sessions and conversations with residents as well as input from the Town Committees. She stated another ARPA listening session might be in order. Ms. Wolfinger would like a date set before the upcoming summer events, like National Night Out and the summer concert at Sports Park. CM Papanikolas added that this list is basically a "brain dump of ideas".

2. Public Works

There was no Public Works report.

3. Administration

MPT Brittan-Powell stated that stormwater and drainage are still ongoing issues and our residents are just as vulnerable as they were a year ago. There is still so much that needs to move forward. He also floated an idea of regular events where native plants are made available to residents.

4. Code Compliance

CM Hemby asked residents to keep in mind that there is a noise ordinance and gave suggestions on how to proceed when holding an event and when residents encounter violations, highlighting that Code Compliance can respond to calls during the day and the police department responds outside of regular business hours. She shared the yard signs the Town made to encourage residents to slow down and watch out for kids. She also encouraged residents to wear reflectors when walking at night, including on their pets. She added that Code is working on enforcement solutions for residents who do not pick up their pet waste. Finally, CM Hemby shared that Code Compliance is a source of information and to always call and ask if you need a permit before starting a project.

5. Parks, Recreation, Education, and Civic Affairs (5 minutes)

CM Papanikolas shared that he understands the frustration in the Town on the speed of stormwater management, but that the Council is moving at a comparatively rapid pace to other projects. He noted that the Council has had to educate themselves on how to use the funds. He asked that residents spread joy this summer.

6. Public Safety

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy polled the Council on interest in attending a "Portadam" demonstration in College Park during the Fall.

7. Adjournment

CM Papanikolas moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Hemby seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

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Quilter's Club

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Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones

violindreams@verizon.net

Seniors Club

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September 18	Helen Weinrich
September 22	Ron Hand
September 23	Jeanette Enderson
September 24	John Raum

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

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

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WII BOWLING— Every Wednesday 10:30AM

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

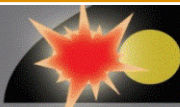
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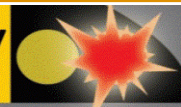
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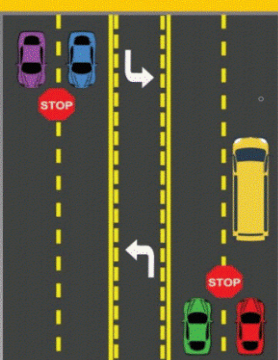
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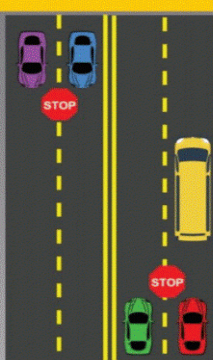
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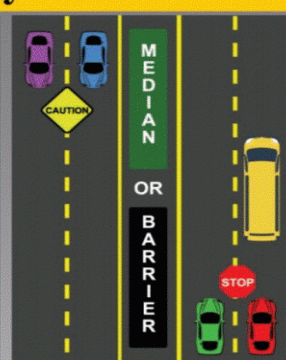
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Vehicles traveling in opposite direction USE CAUTION.



Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



Thursday, September 14th, 6-8pm—Ice Cream Party @ Sports Park

Visit with your neighbors, play games, and enjoy some free ice cream!

Rain location will be upstairs in the Town Center

Celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** with these **FREE** family-friendly events by PG Parks:

Saturday, September 16th, 2-6pm join the Prince George's Publick Playhouse at 5445 Landover Rd (Hyattsville) for an art exhibition and public reception; with music, dancing, and more. And on **Sunday, September 17th, 12:30-5:30pm** the Annual Hispanic Festival at Lane Manor Park at 7601 West Park Dr. & University Blvd (Adelphi) featuring music and live performances, ethnic food, games and more.

And we hope to see you at the **Multicultural Event** on **October 14th** at the Berwyn Heights Community Center hosted by the **Berwyn Heights Police Department**.

Also in October will be our Halloween events: **Trunk or Treat** on **Saturday, October 21st, 6:30-8pm** at the Berwyn Heights Community Center and our **Sensory Friendly Glow Party** on **Friday October 27th 6:30-7:30pm** upstairs at the Town Center.

Rec Council Elections will take place at our next in person meeting on **Tuesday 9/5 at 7pm** at the Town Center, 1st Floor. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Have any suggestions for new events or how to make our existing events better? Email us at violindreams@verizon.net



Jueves, 14 de septiembre, 6-8pm—Fiesta de helado en Sports Park

¡Visita a tus vecinos, juega y disfruta de un helado gratis!

Si llueve, la fiesta se trasladará al segundo piso del Town Center.

Celebre el **Mes de la Herencia Hispana** con estos eventos **GRATUITOS** para toda la familia organizados por PG Parks: el **sábado 16 de septiembre, 2-6 pm**, únase a Prince George's Publick Playhouse en 5445 Landover Rd (Hyattsville) para una exhibición de arte y una recepción pública, con música, baile y mucho más. Y el **domingo 17 de septiembre, 12:30-5:30 pm**, el Festival Hispano Anual en Lane Manor Park en 7601 West Park Dr. & University Blvd (Adelphi) presentando música y presentaciones en vivo, comida étnica, juegos y más.

Y esperamos verlos en el **Evento Multicultural** el **sábado 14 de octubre** en el Centro Comunitario de Berwyn Heights organizado por el Departamento de Policía de Berwyn Heights.

También en octubre serán nuestros eventos de Halloween: **Trunk or Treat** el **sábado 21 de octubre, 6:30-8pm** en el Centro Comunitario Berwyn Heights y nuestra **Fiesta Sensorial de luces** el **viernes 27 de octubre 6:30-7:30pm** arriba en al Segunda piso del Town Center.

La elección para líderes de la junta de Recreación se llevará a cabo en nuestras próximas reunione en persona el **martes 9/5 a las 7pm** en el Town Center, 1er Piso.

¡TODOS ESTÁN BIENVENIDOS! ¿Tiene alguna sugerencia para nuevos eventos o cómo mejorar los eventos existentes? O envíenos un correo electrónico a violindreams@verizon.net



Historical Committee

National Night Out-August 1, 2023



What a great evening to get together. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table and a special thank you to Sgt. Krouse and the BHPD for organizing this wonderful event.

Next meetings: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 and October 25, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the Love Room.

All other inquiries to: dsteelesny@yahoo.com

For more information visit our Website:

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

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm

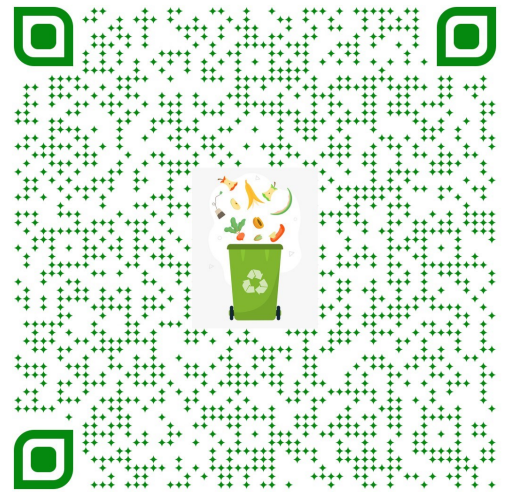
in the G Love Room, Town Center. All residents of Berwyn Heights are welcome.

Nuestra proxima reunion del Equipo Verde sera el jueves 14 de septiembre a las 7:00 pm

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

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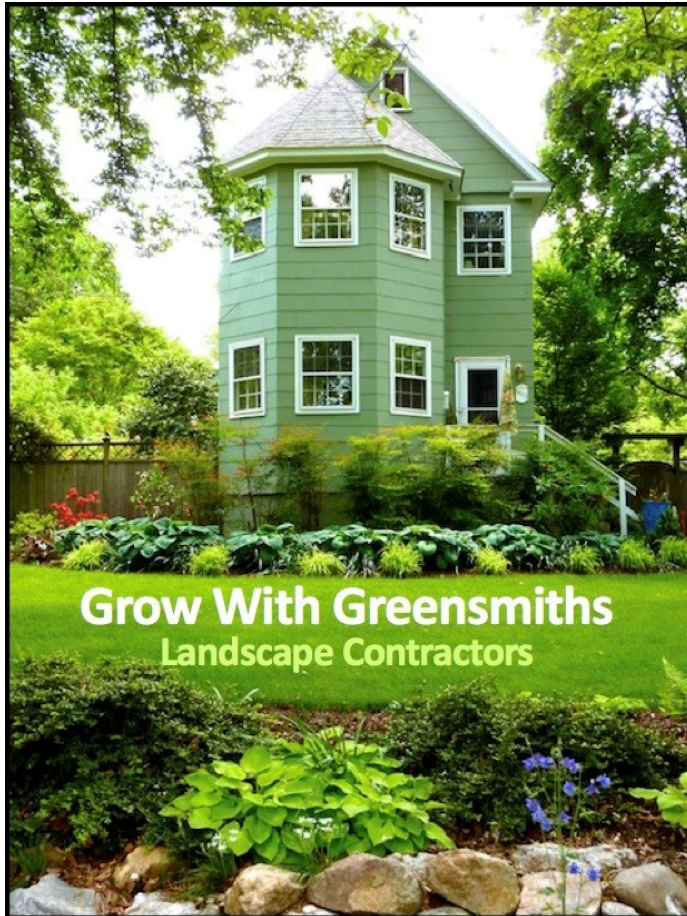
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Every year in September, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) celebrates Emergency Preparedness month. This year's theme is Preparing Older Adults for disasters, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation. The early announcement is designed to allow all parties to plan ahead and join the crucial work to ready our communities.

With the Atlantic hurricane season underway, it is extremely important that we support the welfare of our elderly citizens and treat them as cherished, revered, and valued members of our community. We recognize that older adults can face greater risks when it comes to the huge number of severe weather events and disaster emergencies we now face, especially if they live alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas. Through FEMA's Ready Campaign, our senior members can be more inclusive and impactful than ever before. This includes meeting older adults where they live and providing them the emergency preparedness resources they need and/or require.

The American Red Cross acknowledged numerous reasons as to why older adults are more vulnerable after disasters, which are listed below:

- a greater likelihood to suffer from chronic conditions and the need for associated medications;
- a greater reliance on assistive devices such as walkers or glasses, as well as support from caregivers and others; and
- an increased likelihood of social isolation.

It is recommended that we encourage our elderly residents and/or their caregivers and family members to access the new webpage available on FEMA's website in English and Spanish languages at [Ready.gov/older-adults](https://www.fema.gov/older-adults) and [Ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores](https://www.fema.gov/es/adultos-mayores) for disaster and emergency preparedness resources. As we prepare our communities for natural and/or man-made disasters, let us pay special attention to our older residents, and provide them emergency preparedness materials that will be released in September for National Preparedness Month. Additional resources will be posted on FEMA's website at [Ready.gov/older-adults](https://www.fema.gov/older-adults) in the coming weeks.

Everyone has access to the disaster readiness information available on [Ready.Gov](https://www.ready.gov) and [Listo.Gov](https://www.listo.gov), which includes other disaster campaigns designed for specific populations. Help us to ensure that all of our neighbors, both young and old, receive the disaster preparedness information they require. Watch out for your neighbors especially if they are older and you know they are alone.

Our prayers go out to those who are suffering in Hawaii and other places where disaster has struck!!!!

NW/EP Group

FEMA website, <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20230608/fema-administrator-announces-2023-national-preparedness-month-theme-focused>

[Ready.gov/older-adults](https://www.ready.gov/older-adults) and [Ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores](https://www.ready.gov/es/adultos-mayores)
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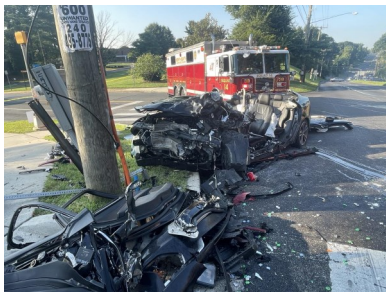
June 28th- Rescue Squad 14 and its volunteer crew were alerted to respond as the Search Company to the 1900 block of Erie Street in Adelphi for the reported apartment fire. Units arrived to find a working fire. The Squad completed searches throughout the structure before returning to service.

July 4th- At around 2130hrs, just after the Greenbelt Fireworks, Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was alerted to respond as the first due truck to the 6200 blk of Twain Ct in Beltsville. Units arrived on the scene to find fire showing from a townhouse. The crew of Truck 14 laddered, opened up, and ventilated. Units operated for approximately 2 hours before returning to service.



July 21st- Ladder Truck 14 and its volunteer crew operated on a working house fire in the 9200Blk of McHenry Lane in Lanham.

July 23rd- Rescue Squad 14B (2004 Seagrave) was alerted to respond to the intersection of New Hampshire Ave & Metzerott Rd for the accident with reported entrapment. The Rescue Squad and its crew arrived and removed the doors, roof, and dash to extricate the victim.



July 23rd- Ladder Truck 14 was alerted to assist units with a working building fire in the 6200Blk of 87th Ave in Lanham.

August 1st- Berwyn Heights National Nigh Out- Several volunteers attended BHPD's annual National Night Out against crime event at the Town Center.

August 10th- Ladder Truck 14 was alerted to the 2000Blk of University Blvd in Adelphi for a reported building fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from a commercial building.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Carbon Monoxide Facts and Stats

- The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.
- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine such calls per hour. The number of incidents increased 96 % from 40,900 incidents reported in 2003. This increase is most likely due to the increased use of CO detectors, which alert people to the presence of CO.

Generators should always be used outside the home.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur when a generator is not working or vented properly.

U.S. Fire Administration FEMA

Solo use los generadores fuera de la casa.

Cuando un generador no funciona bien o no tiene la ventilación adecuada podría causar envenenamiento con monóxido de carbono.

FEMA U.S. Fire Administration

Install and test carbon monoxide (CO) alarms at least once a month.

CO is called the "invisible killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

U.S. Fire Administration FEMA

Instale y pruebe los detectores de monóxido de carbono por lo menos una vez al mes.

El monóxido de carbono es conocido como el "asesino invisible" porque es un gas venenoso sin color y sin olor. Inhalar niveles altos de monóxido de carbono puede causar la muerte.

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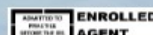
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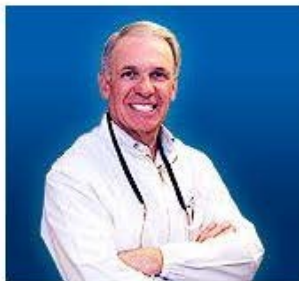
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July Incidents

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 AT 5:00 PM, 'THEFT.'

07/03/2023 I Cpl. Rufino 1451 was dispatched to a theft from auto located at 85** 60th Place Berwyn Heights, MD 20740. Upon arrival, she met with the reporting person who stated that sometime between July 2, 2023, and early morning July 3, his personal belongings were stolen from his vehicle. RP does not know if the theft occurred while the vehicle was parked at his home in Berwyn Heights or at a parking lot in Greenbelt, Maryland while he his errands at Target, Chipotle, or Safeway. RP found that his belongings were missing on July 3, 2023, at approximately 8:30 AM. The stolen items were inside his Dodge Ram displaying MD registration 1EB7710. The items were in a blue tote box and include a Mac Book, an external drive, clothes, shoes, a backpack, and toiletries. His current estimate for all the items is estimated at \$3,500. The officer did not observe any damage to the vehicle or signs of forced entry. RP was provided with a case number.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 AT 9:00 AM, 'IDENTITY THEFT.'

A resident came into the BHPD to report that an unknown person attempted to open an account for a retail credit card.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 AT 2:24 PM, 'EXTORTION.'

On 07/09/2023 Cpl. Rufino arrived at 59** Natasha Drive to do a follow-up investigation on a station call regarding cyberbullying/ sextortion/ blackmail of a minor on Instagram. Upon arrival, the officer with reporting parents who state that their 14-year-old daughter had been a victim on social media through Instagram. Reporting person(s) explains that on July 4, 2023, she received an Instagram message from an IG account named stacy_not_here1 demanding her to send nude photos and threatening if she didn't comply that they would expose and spread fake nudes of herself and her friends. The aforementioned account and another account named checkmate.maria1324 sent several nude pictures of the minor along with 5 other of her friends that attend Parkdale Highschool. These accounts continued to threaten and harass the minor and her close friend. On July 7, 2023, since neither the minor nor her friend complied with the request, the suspect created a group message on IG and dispersed fake/photoshop nudes of all the girls. This case is an open investigation

and all events occurred within the jurisdiction of the Town of Berwyn Heights Maryland.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 AT 2:57 PM, 'IDENTITY THEFT.'

On July 10, 2023, PFC Lowndes responded to 58** Berwyn Road for a report of identity theft. The officer arrived at the stated location and met with the victim. The officer confirmed her identity by her Maryland driver's license. The victim stated the unknown suspect used her personal information including her date of birth enrolling and taking several college courses at the University of Maryland. On June 28, 2023, she received a letter from the University of Maryland informing her of an outstanding monetary debt of \$2,295.54 for unpaid college courses. Which she did not take.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 AT 12:34 AM, 'THEFT.'

On 7/12/2023 at approximately 12:34 hours PFC. Herriott#1454 received an in-station call per Lt. Unger to respond to 57** Goucher Drive Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for theft. Upon arrival, he met with the resident, who advised while out of town last Friday 7/8/2023, she noticed that her ring camera was not operating and that it had been disconnected. Upon arrival back home on Monday 7/10/2023 at 1938 hours she discovered her ring camera Mac ID # 3C:A3:08:82:82:6C missing from the rear of the house. The victim also advised that the ring camera was not properly secured at the time it was disconnected. The victim also advised that she checked the area to see if it had fallen but met with negative results. There is no video footage at this time to determine who might have taken the ring camera.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2023, AT 2:37 AM, 'THEFT'

On 7/14/2023 at approximately 0237 hours. PFC. Herriott #1454 was dispatched to 7'Eleven located at 8900 Edmonston Road. Berwyn Heights, MD. 20740 for a robbery. Upon arrival, he spoke with store employees who advised that two unknown persons wearing all black gained entry to a locked front door using a special tool breaking the lock and damaging the right bottom window, as two unknown suspects entered the 7' Eleven, both employees fled to the rear of the store and hid in an empty room. The unknown suspects then broke into the ATM using the same tool and removed an unknown amount of currency and exited the 7' Eleven, enter an unknown vehicle, and fled the area. A view of the CCTV revealed two suspects wearing all black attire and their faces covered with

masks, parking a dark-colored sedan on the side of the building, exiting the vehicle approaching the front door in a crouching position, using a large tool to gain entry through the front door. A view of the CCTV also revealed the two suspects walk over to the ATM machine using the same tool broke the lock and remove an unknown amount of currency. The two suspects then exited the store return back to the vehicle and fled the area traveling southbound on Edmonston Road. The CCTV could not reveal the tag number of the vehicle because of the lighting. The above incident was not determined as a robbery because of the nature of the incident. This report will be forwarded to SGT. Krouse of CID. All events occurred in Prince Georges County Maryland.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023, AT 4:00 AM, 'SEARCH WARRANT'

The PGPD along with BHPD conducted a search and seizure warrant in the 85** block of 60th Place. Evidentiary evidence was recovered and an adult black male was arrested. The investigation is ongoing.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 AT 2:30 PM, 'RUNAWAY.'

On July 15, 2023, at about 2:30 PM Ofc Lowndes was dispatched to 84** 57th Ave for a report of a runaway Juvenile. Once on scene and met with the runaway's mother who is the listed complainant. The listed complainant stated earlier this morning that at about 9 am she confronted her daughter about a marijuana blunt she found in her daughter's book bag. After the verbal argument about the marijuana blunt the victim stated she was going to find someone else to live. Prior to leaving, she unplugged the doorbell cameras and left home. The runaway was last seen wearing a white shirt, black shorts, and black sandals. There are no critical factors involved with this runaway. Prince Georges County teletype was notified and the runaway personal information was entered in NCIC by teletype operator # 1369

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023, AT 8:30 PM, 'THEFT FROM AUTO.'

An unknown person smashed the window of the victim's vehicle and removed a bag.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 AT 2:58 PM, 'THEFT.'

At 1448 hrs, 7/25/2023. Sgt. T. Hollowell, #1449, Berwyn Heights Police was dispatched to 8904 62nd Avenue, T-Mobile for a theft report. Sgt. Hollowell met with T-Mobile supervisor who



CONT.; reported the suspect(s) came and apparently manipulated the security locks on the listed phone property. Other store employees were busy with other customers at the time. The suspect(s) took five cell phones which are listed. The suspects ran out of the store to the right. The police were called and the incident was documented. T-Mobile loss prevention will review surveillance footage at an off-site location to determine if similar suspect(s) were involved in other incidents. There are no additional leads or identification of the suspects.

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28 **September** **2023**
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3		5   NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room Council Chamber Rec Council 7PM Love Room	6  NW/EP 7PM G. Love Room	7 	8 	9
10	11 	12 	13   Town Meeting 7PM Council Chamber	14  Green Team 7PM G. Love Room Ice Cream Party Sports Park 6-8P	15  Start of HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH	16
17	18   Worksession 7PM Council Chamber	19 	20 	21 	22	23
24	25 	26 	27  BHHC 7:30 PM G. Love Room	28 	29	30

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 7.

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3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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