

April 5, 2024



Town of Berwyn Heights Maryland

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10:

6:30 Road Safety Listening
Sessions/ Town Meeting
7PM Council Chambers

April 11: Green Team 7PM
G. Love Room

April 13: Wildflower
habitat resoration 10AM
Woods Trail

April 15: Worksession 7PM
Council Chambers

April 24: BHHC 7:30PM
G. Love Room

April 25: Candidates Night
8PM Town Center

April 28: Porch Concerts
2-5PM 5701 Pontiac

April 30: Rec Council 7PM
G. Love Room

May 4: Berwyn Heights
Day

May 7: Town Council
Elections

Public Hearings

The Town Council will be holding several public hearings during the April 10, 2024 Town Meeting. The first hearing will address the Town Tax Rate for FY2025. The Council is considering tax rates between \$.545 and \$.580 per \$100 of assessed value. The purpose of the hearing is to get public input before the tax rate is set at the May Town Meeting.

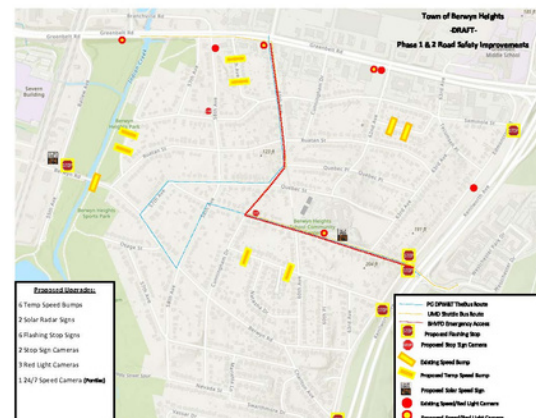
The Council will also be holding a hearing on Revised Ordinance 113, Town Organizations. In response to comment from current and past members of several Town Organizations, the Council has introduced a revised ordinance which codifies the responsibilities and privileges of each category of Town Organization.

A parcel of land for green space has been donated to the Town at the corner of 57th Ave/Pontiac St./Quebec St. Ordinance 190 allows for the Town to accept the donation for a public purpose.

Listening Session

The Town has been working to improve road safety conditions.

As the Council considers implementing some traffic control measures in strategic locations, they value the input from residents. A listening session will be held 6:30PM before the April Town Meeting to share your thoughts.



Wildflower Habitat Improvement

On Saturday, April 13 at 10AM join the Green Team as they tour native spring wildflowers and work to remove invasive species on the Woods Trail. Wear good shoes and bring a pair of work gloves if you have them.



Solar Eclipse Safety and Events



The solar eclipse will be on Monday, April 8, 2024. Berwyn Heights will have about 80% totality at 3:20PM. The current forecast is for a mostly sunny day, with intermittent clouds. Do not look at the eclipse without proper eyewear. Two local events offer an opportunity to safely view the eclipse.

An eclipse viewing party will be held at the College Park Aviation Museum beginning at 1:30 and viewing glasses will be available while supplies last. Registration is recommended, but not required. Register [HERE](#).

At NASA Goddard, a viewing event will begin at noon, with glasses available while supplies last. Registration for this event is required.

Register [HERE](#).

Both events are free.

Election 2024

Council Candidates

What's the difference between a certified candidate and write-in candidate? A certified candidate submitted their nomination paperwork before the deadline and will appear on the ballot. A write-in candidate has declared their intention to run and filed proper paperwork, but after the filing deadline and will not appear on the ballot.

Certified Candidates

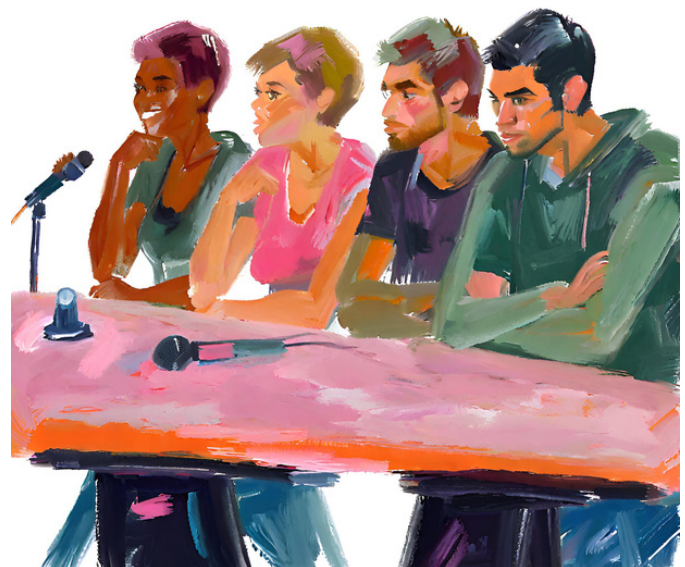
- Chris Brittan-Powell
- Roger Gaines
- David Wolfinger

Write-in Candidates

- Mark Matthews
- Edgar Moctexuma
- Tiffany Papanikolas

Candidate's Night!

Candidate's Night will be Thursday, April 25 at 8PM. Doors will open at 7PM and questions will be accepted until 7:45PM.



APRIL IS FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

April showers may bring May flowers, but they can also bring a sense of unease.

The Town wants to help you be prepared in case of severe weather. There are sandbags behind Town Hall and at the Community Garden for anyone to use. A limited number of easy to install flood gates are still available at Town Hall. Homeowners may be eligible to receive a grant for stormwater mitigation.

Visit the [TOWN WEBSITE](#) for the application or [FAQs](#).

Sign up for flood warnings at mdready.maryland.gov

RESOURCES

Maryland Department of Emergency Management
State guides, alerts and resources at mdready.maryland.gov.

Dial 2-1-1
Access to professionals who can direct you to help. Visit 211md.org for more information.

Dial 7-1-1
Maryland Relay serves Marylanders who have difficulty using a standard telephone.

Dial 9-1-1
FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY: Such as disaster response, flood rescues, medical emergencies.

National Weather Service (NWS)
For active alerts, radar images, forecast maps and resources, visit weather.gov
Follow @NWS for updates

Ready.gov
ready.gov/recovering-disaster
Federal guidance on recovery and safety

Maryland Know Your Zone
To find your evacuation zone, go to, mdem.maryland.gov/action/Pages/know-your-zone-md



Quick Guide to Safety
Before, During, and After
FLOODS



5 STEPS TO PREPARE FOR ANY DISASTER

STEP 1. GET ALERTS
Sign up for warnings at mdready.maryland.gov

STEP 2. MAKE A PLAN
Discuss how loved ones will evacuate and reconnect

STEP 3. PACK A GO BAG
Pack important documents ahead of time. Be ready to grab keys, wallet, phone/charger, medication and personal items

STEP 4. MAKE A STAY BOX
Pack supplies for 3 days at home with no water or power: food that won't spoil, water, plastic bags/bucket for toilet, flashlight, radio and batteries

STEP 5. HELP OTHERS
Be ready to assist those who need help