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TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 6 ★ POLLS OPEN 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ORDINANCE ★ CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE ★ FY 2015 BUDGET



**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
ORDINANCE
APRIL 9, 2014**

The Berwyn Heights Town Council will hold a public hearing on a new Ordinance that clarifies the policy and operational authority of the Town Council, the Town Administrator and the individual Council Members under the Town Charter. The Ordinance will make clear that the Town Council serves as the Town's chief executive officer with the authority to set policy and supervise, direct, and override Town staff, including the Town Administrator and department directors. The Town Administrator is clarified as the Town's chief administrative and financial officer responsible for the operational unity and efficiency of the Town government. The intent is to move the Town towards a more unified organizational structure in which the Town Administrator supervises daily operations while the Mayor and Council, individually and collectively focus on policy-setting and oversight. The Town Administrator will report and be accountable to the Town Council for Town government operations and for implementation of Town Council policies and priorities.

The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. For more information about this hearing please call (301) 474-5000.

**TOWN
HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE**

All Town offices close at 1:00 p.m. on **Good Friday**, April 18. There will be normal trash collection for the south side that morning.

**TOWN COUNCIL
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Dear Residents,

For this year's Town Council election only three candidates have signed up to be on the official ballot. Two vacant seats will have to be filled by write-in voting or by appointment by the Town Council. Residents interested in a write-in candidacy may want to consider participating in **CANDIDATES' NIGHT**, to be held on April 23, 8:00 pm in the Town Center. Please contact Clerk Harper or Town Administrator Murphy to register by phone 301-474-5000; or by email kharp@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

**TAX TIME IS COMING!
REMEMBER YOUR TOWN**



Please remember to specify Berwyn Heights as your municipality on your State income tax return. Each year Berwyn Heights loses out on income tax revenues when residents put down the wrong municipality, or do not put down any municipality. Income tax revenues that should come to Berwyn Heights often go to College Park because we share the same zip code. To prevent your income taxes going to College Park, or another town, or the County, mark **BERWYN HEIGHTS** as your municipality on your State income tax return.

**MOCK STUDENT
TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
Monday, April 7,
6:30 pm**



Berwyn Heights Elementary School 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will perform a mock Town Council meeting and discuss an issue of interest to Berwyn Heights students. The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of the Town Center and televised over Comcast channel 71 and Verizon FIOS channel 12. Families and residents are welcome.



**ELECTRONICS/STYROFOAM
RECYCLING**

MAY 3* 9am - 12pm

Recycle your electronics and Styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at Buddy Attick parking lot:

**555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt
Tel. 240-542-2153**

*If you have items to be recycled but will not be able to take them to the Greenbelt Public Works Yard on May 3 (It's Berwyn Heights Day after all!), take them to the Berwyn Heights DPW yard, 8418 Ballew Avenue, and deposit them in the special recycling dumpster available April 28—May 3.



Worksession

February 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) James Wilkinson, and Councilmembers (CM) Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) Chair Ron Shane, and Mike Attick.

1. Mayor

Announcements:

Calendar: The date for the next Four Cities meeting needs to be confirmed. On Good Friday Town offices are open 1/2 day.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the January 27 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works was busy preparing for a snow storm, which did not materialize, and then worked to catch up with trash collection. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she spoke with Peggy Higgins, Berwyn Heights' School Board member, at the legislative reception in Annapolis. She asked her where future students from the Greenbelt Station development would go to school. Ms. Higgins replied in an email, forwarded from CEO Maxwell, that the development sits on the border of Springhill Lake and Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES). While the school system assumes that Greenbelt Station will not have a significant impact on enrollment in the near term, the nearby schools are already over capacity, and resizing or relocation of special programs may be necessary. No formal strategy has yet been adopted to solve the issue. Mayor Calvo commented that the quoted state-rated capacity for BHES of 518 is incorrect. It should be 435.

CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department is busy with budget preparations. The Town Bulletin lists 3 Playgroup play dates per week, but currently Playgroup only meets on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Center. CM Dennison announced that School Board member Peggy Higgins will host a Town meeting for her constituents on February 12, 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School. She also announced an upcoming Historical Committee Presidents' Day event and a new Game Night event.

Mayor Calvo reported that he, MPT Wilkinson and CMs Dennison, Kulpa-Eddy attended the Four Cities meeting in College Park last week, at which UMD President Loh was present. He resumed the conversation about collaborating more closely with the University's surrounding communities and may be in a better position now to launch specific initiatives. Loh also talked about plans to partner with Corcoran Gallery in opening an art gallery at the University, and possibly exhibit artworks in storage at National Archives II. MPT Wilkinson said he had a chance to ask President Loh about the proposed UMD golf course development, against which the Town Council had taken a stand. Loh maintained that the golf course development was raised at an Alumni meeting but was never a formal proposal. He said the media had blown the story out of proportion. The Four Cities are also continuing to work with DER on opening a second animal shelter to serve the Route 1 corridor communities.

In addition, a number of development updates were given at the Four Cities meeting. Prince George's County is apparently preparing a video to support the FBI headquarters relocation to Greenbelt Station, while a new contract has been issued to develop the parking lot and adjacent industrial properties across from College Park Station. The original plans for the East Campus development have been dropped but new plans are being drawn up, which include a four star hotel and a business incubation zone. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that support for volunteer fire departments was discussed as well. The possibility of receiving a tax differential from the County for the services rendered by the volunteer stations will be looked into by the City of New Carrollton.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison received a comment that a Berwyn Heights officer searched the home a resident of Marietta Lane. Mayor Calvo received a comment about 7 Eleven trash accumulating at the corner of 57th Avenue and Greenbelt Road. He wondered if Public Works could move a trash can to the My Eye Doctor location to reduce the trash on the ground. Mayor Calvo also noted that the Community Garden team met last Sunday morning to draft rules for the garden. They plan to make 23 plots available for renting within a month.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that the City of College Park gave its volunteer fire department \$43,000 last year and is helping pay for the debt service on a ladder truck they purchased. In light of the upcoming budget sessions, the Council may want to give considera-

tion to increasing its annual contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD). They need a new ambulance, for example, as well as other things. Mayor Calvo said that the BHVFD was present to discuss their finances with Council in January. This is the first time, they have formally approached the Town and the Council will give their request consideration in the budget process.

Police budget request: Mayor Calvo welcomed Chief Antolik. Chief Antolik gave highlights of last year's Accomplishments. Upon the retirement of Corporal Bennett, the Department stepped up patrols and community engagement, resulting in a further reduction in serious crimes (Part I offenses). A Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Police Assistance was signed with the City of Greenbelt and the Town of Edmonston. An emergency notification system for Berwyn Heights seniors and residents with special needs was implemented, and a traffic calming system for Indian Creek Park was adopted. The Department also secured another Secret Service grant to purchase police equipment and supplies.

Chief Antolik continued that the force increased issuance of citations for moving and parking violations despite being down one officer. Detective Unger and Officer Krouse completed the annual Joint Terrorism Task Force training, and Officer Krouse graduated from the Drug Awareness, Resistance and Education (DARE) program. One of the Department's 2 public safety aides, Paul Persinger, passed the entrance exam for the Police Academy. Unfortunately, the Department has not been able to recruit new volunteer police aides among the Town's young people. It is difficult to find youths with a strong academic record who are also dedicated to serve.

Chief Antolik said that the significant budget items he is requesting include:

- \$33,900 - \$35,200 (including uplifting) for one new police cruiser. He recommends the somewhat more expensive Ford Interceptor over the Dodge Charger because it is more comfortable for larger officers. The next new vehicle will go to Officer Krouse, who would be cramped in the Dodge.
- \$3,700 for 9 new all-metal Smith & Wesson handguns to replace the Beretta service pistols now in use. Beretta pistols have a plastic component,

which is wearing out from frequent use in firearms training, and makes the weapon prone to malfunction. Officer Roberson last year had a misfire, which can cause serious injuries. Also needed are new holsters costing \$817 and magazine pouches costing \$230, bringing the total cost to \$4,730.

- \$1,700 for one Automatic External Defibrillator, to either place in the Senior Center or be taken along on patrols. He believes an AED is important because the Town has a very active Senior Club. The BHVFD, which also owns AEDs, would probably be first called when someone has a heart attack, but may not always be available to respond. There should be a backup, preferably at the Senior Center.
- \$13,870 to raise the shift differential from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hour. The shift differential was instituted with BHPD in FY 2002 and has not been raised since. Shift differential compensates officers for working night shifts, or on weekends and holidays, which can result in sleep disorders and other health problems. If an eighth officer is reinstated, however, a shift differential of \$1.50 per hour is requested, a total of \$12,500 per year.
- \$3,475 for the promotion of one officer to corporal. This amounts to a 7% increase in salary, plus \$267 in FICA expenses.
- \$45,000 in salary for reinstating the 8th officer, plus \$3,400 in FICA.

In response to questions, Chief Antolik said that \$45,000 is requested to make the current part-time officer, who reviews speed camera citations, a full time officer. This would bring the department back to its old complement of 8 full time officers. In addition to his salary, which is partially funded from speed camera revenues, there are FICA costs of \$3,400. Not having the 8th officer has made it difficult to cover all shifts if an officer is sick or on vacation. Mayor Calvo noted that the budget currently funds the part time officer at 26 hours/week, 10 hours of which are funded from the speed camera reserve. He estimated that the remaining 14 hours needed to get to 40 hours/week would cost around \$13,500.

Asked to rank his funding priorities, Chief Antolik listed his priorities as follows: 1)

replace the faulty firearms; 2) reinstate an 8th officer; 3) purchase an AED; 4) increase the shift differential and 5) reinstate a second corporal position.

The Council reviewed the actual expenditures for FY 2013 and FY 2014. Mayor Calvo noted that *Overtime* is projected to come in low at \$22,000 this year, repeating the similarly low expenses of FY 2013. However, the budgeted amount in FY 2015 is \$34,000. He asked why the *Overtime* expenditures have gone down and whether the *Overtime* line item can be reduced next year. Chief Antolik said he believes that some of the savings come from officers opting to get off early on Fridays in lieu of taking overtime for court appearances. Mayor Calvo thought some savings could have resulted from not having had a full time 8th officer for a year, and from using the part time officer to cover vacations and sick leave, who does not get paid overtime. There may be enough savings to pay for the increase in shift differential and the promotion. He asked if Chief Antolik is comfortable with a cut in the *Overtime* appropriation. Chief Antolik said he believes \$22,000 covers the likely expenses for the rest of the year, but cautioned that Berwyn Heights Day and weather emergencies always lead to more use of overtime.

With respect to *Capital Outlays* < 500, this line item is over budget because Halloween promotional items were purchased, which should have come out of the public relations appropriation. For FY 2015, he is requesting \$1,200 for public relations. The request for *National Night Out* has also been increased \$1,100 to \$2,300 because donations have dropped off significantly. Mayor Calvo said that the Council supports this event and other outreach the Police undertake. However, there should be a request form associated with it that explains the change and presents a plan for how this money will be spent. Conceivably, the National Night Out appropriation could be combined with other public relations expenditures so that money can be shifted around when needed.

MPT Wilkinson noted that the *Ammunitions* line item was not increased despite the proposed change to new handguns. Chief Antolik replied that the new guns will use the same ammunition. Other savings come from utilizing a shooting range where the officers can practice with lead ammunition. MPT Wilkinson further suggested that the purchase of an AED may not be needed if the Volunteer Fire Department has this equipment and would be first called for medical emergencies. Mike Attick commented

that it would be good to have an AED at the Senior Center so that anyone with training can use it. The BHVFD may be out on a call when a senior needs assistance.

CM Almoguera sought clarification about the *Salary* request, which is lower than actual salary expenditures in FY 2014, despite the request to reinstate a full-time 8th officer. TA Murphy explained that the FY 2014 budget includes expenditures for 7 full time and 1 part-time officer and 1 clerk, while the FY 2015 request includes neither a part-time nor full time 8th officer. It does include one promotion to corporal and the COLA and merit increases awarded last fall.

In response to CM Dennison, Chief Antolik said the *Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs* line item has been broken out into 3 line items, adding a line for preventative maintenance and another for repairs. When totaled, the FY 2015 budget for Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs is slated for a \$1,000 increase. The police fleet currently has 13 vehicles, 2 of which will soon be surplus.

At 8:45 p.m., the Council took a 10 minutes break.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness budget request: Mayor Calvo welcomed NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane. Mr. Shane said that the NW/EP trailer will be a focus in FY 2015. It has to be checked out to get a better idea of what shape it is in. Repairs and maintenance is estimated to cost \$600. Another \$200 is budgeted for supplies, such as batteries and water; \$600 for promotional materials; \$400 for printing and mailing; \$750 for a new propane generator; and \$450 for incidental expenditures. For example, this year the NW/EP purchased a couple new radios to replace the older models that were not as effective as hoped.

In response to questions, Mr. Shane said a new trailer is likely to cost approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000. However, the Committee would prefer to get 2 smaller trailers instead of replacing the current large trailer. The large trailer is difficult to move because a large Public Works truck is needed to pull it. A smaller trailer could be filled up with selected supplies, such as generators and power cords, if assistance with a power outage is needed, and hitched to any private pickup truck to get it on location. It would make transport faster and more flexible.

Mayor Calvo commented that having smaller trailers makes sense. He also encouraged the NW/EP to make long term plans to acquire equipment, vehicles and storage space that would best

meet their needs. For example, storage space could become available if the Town were to acquire a permanent home for the Police Department. Mike Attick asked whether the NW/EP could use the Town's bus to move around equipment. Mayor Calvo said that, while the NW/EP is eligible to use the call-a-bus as a recognized Town organization, he is not sure the bus is suitable for moving generators from one place to another.

Parks & Recreation budget: CM Dennison presented the FY 2015 PRECA budget. After the installation of a new playground last year, no new equipment purchases are planned at Pop's Park, which is reflected in a 48% decline in the *equipment* line item. However, picnic tables may have to be replaced, which are covered by \$1,550 in the *maintenance & repairs* appropriation. A small increase of 8% has been budgeted for the Historical Committee (BHHC) to cover increased costs of supplies and printing. The BHHC also requested that their events funds, which are administered by the Recreation Council, be returned to their budget. Funds of \$500 appropriated to the former *Media Center* have been transferred to the *Geraldine Love Room* line item. A new special events line item was created in the Public Works Department budget to purchase canopies and grills that previously was purchased with Recreation Council money. Lastly, \$1,000 was appropriated for a new *community garden* line item in the PRECA budget that will pay for expenditures related to getting the garden up and running.

Mayor Calvo summed up that \$1,150 from the equipment line was used to pay for increases in the BHHC and *community garden* appropriation, leaving the PRECA budget at the same level overall as last year. He questioned whether taking \$1,000 out of the *equipment* line is a good idea. This money may be needed for maintenance and improvements, such as picnic tables or bike racks. Mayor Calvo disagreed with the BHHC's request to return the events line item to their budget. He said the BHHC has benefited from events money being managed by the Recreation Council in that its event appropriation was increased from \$200 to \$400. Further, the appropriation for the Love Room should be moved from the PRECA budget to the Town Center budget, as the Love Room is part of the Town Center. PRECA's small budget should not be burdened with expenditures that may break the budget if a major repair has to be made. He feels the same way about the *tree service* line item, which should be combined with the *tree service* line item in the Public Works

budget. In addition, the Council recently agreed to increase the *tree service* appropriation to deal with an aging stock of mature trees that needs more work.

MPT Wilkinson said there may not be enough money for mulch in the *supplies* line item. He thinks that the fall zone around the merry-go-round needs to be upgraded with more mulch and a border to confine it. In addition, he would like to add some kind of apparatus for older children because they do not have anything to play on now. CM Almoguera said that apparatus for older children will require more space because it requires a bigger fall zone. A plan should be made with the help of an expert as to what type of equipment to get and where to place it. She has already raised the concern with the Little Tykes vendor who installed the tot equipment.

Unified organizational structure: Mayor Calvo said, having reflected on the previous discussion, he wants to assure the Council that he does not have a fixed vision of the future organization of the Town government. Rather, he would like the Council to discuss and find a structure that works best for the Town. Conceptually, he believes the Town would benefit from a greater unity of operations. One way to achieve this is to give the town administrator (TA) greater control over the departments. However, this does not mean that the Councilmember in charge of the Administration Department would be more powerful than all other Councilmembers, as CM Kulpa-Eddy feared. On the one hand, the TA functions as a department director for Administration, but in this position he is one among equals. On the other hand, the role of the TA is fundamentally different from the other department directors when he acts as an agent of the Council. As the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) his principal job is to ensure that the will of the Council is carried out. However, currently he does not have sufficient authority to do that. This role is carried out by councilmembers who each supervise a department with varying success.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said the Maryland Municipal League (MML) advises that a municipality's organizational structure is normally defined by charter. She wondered whether Berwyn Heights' charter references the Town's organizational structure. Mayor Calvo replied it does not. Virtually all organizational matters are defined by Council Rule. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested that the Town consult with its attorney to ensure that nothing is done to the organizational structure that conflicts with the mandates of the charter. TA Murphy said the Town Charter

has a short provision on the role of the TA, sufficient for the International City Managers Association (ICMA) to recognize the Town as a general management community. He plans to inquire what this means.

Mayor Calvo read Section 7A of the Town Charter, which defines the role of the TA and the roles of other Town staff appointed by the Council. He said the Charter only establishes the Town Council as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), which makes it weak mayor form of government. But it leaves most organizational details to be spelled out in ordinances and council rules. Councilmembers are free to consult with MML or the Town attorney about the Charter. However, he would encourage everyone to read the Charter again to see what it says about organization, as well as the council rules. This establishes the baseline by which to judge the significance of the change that is proposed. While he does not think the change is radical, he believes the Council needs to do a lot of work filling in the details. CM Kulpa-Eddy rightly pointed out that it will be difficult to define what is a policy matter that would be decided by a councilmember / department head, as opposed to an operational matter that would be decided by a department director and the TA. The more clarity the Council can provide on the system it will put in place or the system it will keep will help any employees working within it.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Safety** and **3. Public Works**.

4. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the March Bulletin cover: spring theme; headlines for Town Council Candidate Filing Deadline, Game Night and Talent Show; jumps for community garden and others.

Personnel manual working rules: CM Almoguera said work rules refer to rules for employee conduct and are standard in most personnel manuals. She has put this section together using some material from the Berwyn Heights manual but most from other municipalities' manuals. She then organized the rules into 3 categories: 1) General Employee Conduct, 2) Use of Town Assets and 3) Conflicts of Interest. This is a first draft she would like councilmembers to first read and then make suggestions for improvement. She will send out an electronic copy to facilitate editing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting

February 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Officer Roberson, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper and prospective election judges Sharmila Bhatia, Richard Ahrens, Sharon McCraney, Paul McNulty, Debby Steele-Snyder, and Robin Walukonis.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Swearing-in of Election Judges

Mayor Calvo swore in Chief Election Judge, Sharmila Bhatia, first, and then Election Judges Richard Ahrens, Sharon McCraney, Paul McNulty, Debby Steele-Snyder, and Robin Walukonis. Election judges Lee Fuerst and Shirley Sorensen were unable to attend and will be sworn in later.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the January 8 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January. The totals for the FY 2013 and FY 2014 general fund balance were missing. Treasurer Lape will provide corrected versions of the report.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo announced that trash pickup will be cancelled this Thursday and Friday due to the impending snow storm so the Public Works crew can focus on snow removal operations. As the coming Monday is a holiday, the next trash pickup day will be next Tuesday. Mayor Calvo requested that residents park their cars in the driveway or on their property so streets can be properly plowed. Anyone who needs assistance during the storm may call the police who will be on duty throughout or himself.

In conformance with a new State law, Mayor Calvo announced that the Council held an executive session on January 27 from 10 p.m. - 11:06 p.m. to hear a director's appeal to a performance evaluation. At the February 3 worksession, the Council received budget requests from the Police Department, the Parks & Recreation Department, and the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP). The remaining

budget requests will be presented at the February 18 worksession and the Town Administrator's budget at the March 3 worksession. Lastly, March 4 is the filing deadline for any resident wishing to run for Town Council. Forms and information can be obtained at the Town office.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera announced that in winter the regular meetings of the Playgroup are held on Mondays at 10 am in the Town Center. Other play dates may be scheduled as needed. Anyone wishing to find out about newly scheduled or rescheduled play dates is encouraged to join the Playgroup Facebook page at pgcountyconsignment.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Code Department remains without a director for the near future. She asked residents for their continued patience and understanding. Acting Director and Town Administrator Murphy has compiled statistics about code activities over the last few years, which reflect the absence of full-time code director for the last six months. However, requests for building, POD and dumpster permits appear to be on the rise, which could be a sign that people are ready to invest in improving their homes. Rental inspections are also up but citations for code violations are less than half of what was reported in previous years. Residents may help identify code violations such as trash, overgrown vegetation and vacant properties by calling the Code Department at 301-513-9331 or sending an e-mail to code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison announced upcoming events, including a first time Game Night on March 8, the annual Talent Show on March 21, and a Town cleanup in April. She also noted that tonight's meeting with school board member Peggy Higgins has been canceled.

Public Health and Safety: Officer Roberson gave the police activities report for January. There were 8 Part I offenses, including 1 robbery, 1 burglary and 6 thefts from autos. Car thefts could probably be eliminated if people remembered to lock their cars. One of 2 arrests was made due to neighbors reporting someone sleeping in a car on the side of the road. When officers investigated, they found that the car was stolen and the man had been in a hit and run accident. Officer Roberson also reminded everyone to stay safe during the storm and encouraged the elderly to contact the police if they need assistance.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson said that last week a pedestrian was struck and killed on Route 1 at Knox Road. He reminded everyone to look out for pedestrians and slow down. He also reminded residents that yard waste must now be bagged in paper yard waste bags or designated containers. The paper bags are available at local grocery and hardware stores, and the Town office plans to have some on hand to ease the transition.

MPT Wilkinson said he received several comments about the crack sealing Public Works did last fall. Residents report that some of the asphalt is flaking off. Acting Director Lockley has talked to the vendor about the issue and was told that the flaking asphalt may be overflow. Director Lockley continues to research the issue and may try out a different product or technique in the future. With respect to the impending snow storm, he asked residents to park off the street and to clear any sidewalks that may be in front of their homes. The Public Works Department is exploring expanding recycling paper from the elementary school to capture more of the white office paper used at the school.

MPT Wilkinson announced that he will not run for the Town Council in this election. His family and a new job are placing too high a demand on his time. However, he enjoyed his time on the Council and may run again in the future.

6. Committee Reports

Green Team: Mayor Calvo reported that the fence was erected at the community garden last week. The process was a little more complicated than expected and neighbors complained about trucks being parked in their driveway. The Green Team was pleased to have the fence up and is looking forward to renting plots, which will become available in March. Applications and information will be published in the next Bulletin.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that a CERT training workshop is scheduled for March 8 and 9 in Clinton. To register interested residents can call James Murrow at 240-601-3855. However, they may be wait-listed if the class is full. The NW/EP will host a tasting of Maryland wines on April 25 to raise funds for the committee. The next NW/EP meeting will take place on March 5.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Resolution 1-2014 - Support for FY 2014 MEA EmPower LMI Communities Grant: Clerk Harper read a summary of

the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this Resolution supports a collaboration of Prince George's County municipalities, led by the Town of Bladensburg, to obtain grant funding for energy efficiency projects. Under the grant provisions, each municipality is eligible to nominate 15 low income families to receive energy assistance funds for their homes. There is no cost to the Town of Berwyn Heights in signing onto the collaboration agreement. With no comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the Resolution.

9. Citizens Discussion

Steve Blizzard, Pontiac Street, asked about the status of the priority I sidewalk project, noting that he is the owner of the property at Pontiac and Quebec Street, which will be affected by the project. He is concerned that he may lose up to 1,500 square feet of his property and possibly a couple of mature oak trees.

Mayor Calvo replied the Town has held several public hearings on the sidewalks over the last couple of years. The project is now in the design and engineering phase, and is awaiting approval from Prince George's County for the required storm water mitigation to move forward. He clarified that the planned 5' wide sidewalk will only be built on the Pontiac Street side of Mr. Blizzard's property, and will be located entirely within the Town's right of way. As such, no easement is needed. The Town has been sensitive to saving as many trees as possible impacted by the sidewalks and is willing to discuss the plans with Mr. Blizzard to come up with an acceptable solution. Mr. Blizzard agreed to this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession February 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) James Wilkinson, and Councilmembers (CM) Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Acting Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley and citizens.

1. Mayor

Announcements: PGCPs Chief Academic Officer Duane Arbogast tendered his resignation. He plans to work at the Children's Guild, a Baltimore non-profit

working with special needs children.

Calendar: The date for the next Four Cities meeting needs to be confirmed.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the February 3 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works today completed trash pickup for the entire Town after last week's second pickup was canceled due to the big snow storm. Acting Director Lockley was notified that the State Highway Administration (SHA) will complete the renovation of a series of off/on-ramps for Kenilworth Avenue, including the Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road intersection, this spring. The work has been delayed by bad weather. Mayor Calvo noted that the harsh winter has been hard on Town streets. He asked if anything has been done to close a large pothole on 58th Avenue at Berwyn Road. He was told that Public Works has put down a temporary patch.

CM Dennison reported that the Historical Committee's Presidents' Day event was very well attended and featured an informative talk by UMD Archivist Doug McElrath. She also announced that PGCPs' Chief Academic Officer Arbogast resigned. Mayor Calvo said he is disappointed about the departure. CEO Maxwell is likely to fill the position with a member of the team he brought with him. CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department is busy with budget preparations. Also, Playgroup's regular meeting takes place on Mondays at 10 am at the Town Center until the weather gets warmer. Interested parents can join the Playgroup's Facebook page at [pgconsignments](#) to find out about impromptu play dates, as well as other information relevant to families with young children.

Mayor Calvo said that his meeting with County Executive Baker has been postponed. Meanwhile, he has spoken with County Councilmember Olson about the permitting process for storm water management projects, which takes place in the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE). It still needs to be determined whether State law allows DPIE the flexibility to waive quantitative guidelines for offsetting storm water runoff, which Berwyn Heights requested for its proposed storm water mitigation project at the Public Works yard.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received praise from many residents for Public Works' snow clearing operations. It was noted, however, that the plows

stuck to the middle of the road and left a lot of snow piled up along the sides. This meant more shoveling for home owners who had to clear a longer path out of their driveways. CM Dennison received a suggestion to publish snow alerts in Spanish, so the Town's Spanish speaking residents are also informed about weather-related cancellations of services.

CM Kulpa-Eddy received another comment about an overfilled recycling dumpster in the Staples parking lot. The dumpster belongs to the new Domino's Pizza. The restaurant appears not to be overly careful about disposing its garbage, and is mixing soiled cardboard in with recyclables. CM Kulpa-Eddy also received a suggestion that residents park on one side of the street during a snow storm, so the plow can clear to the curb, and then switch parking to the other side the next day to complete the curb-to-curb clearing. This is the procedure in cities like Milwaukee, which get a lot of snow. Mayor Calvo said he believes Prince George's County also does this on a voluntary basis. The question is whether to enforce the regulation if residents do not comply, either by fining the owner or towing the vehicle. If a new system is adopted, it would have to be in place prior to a snow storm.

Code budget request: TA Murphy, Acting Director of the Code Compliance Department, presented the Code budget request. He said that the Code budget remains mostly unchanged from last year with the exception of the salary & wages appropriation. The FY 2015 budget funds 1 full-time position at a salary of \$65,000 per year. It also budgets 20 hours/week for the first part-time officer as opposed to 10 hours/week last year; 12 hours for the Code clerk as opposed to 10 hours last year; and nothing for a second part-time officer as opposed to 8 hours last year. This is net increase of 4 part-time hours/week. The appropriation has enough money to add a second officer if the hours of the other part-time employees are reduced. TA Murphy explained that he budgeted 20 hours for the first officer because this is the minimum amount of time needed to complete a week's rental inspection work. It assumes that a new full-time supervisor would primarily work on code violations and administration of the department.

With respect to the van program, TA Murphy proposed to institute a regular, twice yearly preventative maintenance schedule using a vendor that comes to the Public Works yard at a cost of \$700. He believes this is necessary to comply with the stringent new maintenance re-

quirements for the call-a-bus. If the call-a-bus needs a major repair, more money will likely be needed in the *maintenance & repair* appropriation.

Mayor Calvo commented next year's budget essentially proposes an increase of \$2,500 or 4% in the code supervisor salary line, and an increase of \$5,000 or 21% in the part-time salary line. He asked Code Officer Hall how the department is working now, operating as it is without a full-time supervisor, and how the workload is divided. Mr. Hall said that the department is functioning well overall, but is lacking in the monitoring of clean lot violations. He is responsible for all rental inspections, commercial clean lot violations and building permit inspections. This work requires between 20 - 30 hours/week. Since TA Murphy has taken on supervision of the department, he has been able to perform more thorough inspections because he has been given more time and new tools.

TA Murphy clarified that Mr. Hall is now in charge of the entire rental inspections process, including write-up of findings and any needed follow-up, whereas previously he handed off his findings to the code director, who made the decisions about follow-up. The code clerk, who works in the evenings, handles the correspondence and scheduling of inspections with rental owners. The second part-time officer is responsible for handling all clean lot violations as well as the needed follow-up. However, this occurs under his and Mr. Hall's supervision. Clean lot monitoring includes corresponding with home owners and property managers in accordance with a formal schedule of notifications and fines specified in the Clean Lot Ordinance. TA Murphy said he personally spends 2 hours per evening reading over outgoing correspondence, meeting with staff and revising procedures. A future code supervisor will assume the administrative oversight he is performing and any work that is currently performed on an ad-hoc basis, such as the issuing of building and dumpster permits and more thorough monitoring of clean lot violations.

Mayor Calvo thought the main question remaining is how to build on the new structure, while making sure that all work gets done. However, he does not support the proposed increase in part-time hours if a new full-time code supervisor is hired. Further, TA Murphy's budget is based on the salary for a grade 12 code director but he continues to favor hiring a grade 10 code supervisor, who spends more time in the field. This would leave more funding for part-timers.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the budget in-

cludes enough money to purchase equipment TA Murphy specified in the code supervisor job description. TA Murphy said that some equipment he recommended has been purchased from this year's budget and that there is \$300 in the FY 2015 budget to purchase additional items. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she wants to make sure that the department does not rely on staff's personal resources to perform the job. A future code supervisor should have the right equipment for proper rental inspections as well as for monitoring clean lot violations. She suggested that part-time hours might be cut back if the future code supervisor backs up the code officers in the field. TA Murphy said he does not think the part-time officers' hours can be cut below 20/hours per week because a large part of his work takes place after hours and on weekends.

Mayor Calvo said that this issue could possibly be addressed by having the supervisor work different hours to include some evenings and weekends. The key is to find a staffing model in which the supervisor backs up the part-time officers by doing work in the field. Whatever the model, he does not think an 8% increase in the Code budget is warranted. Beyond the budget, the Council needs to agree on a job description for the supervisor so the hiring process can begin, preferably before TA Murphy leaves.

At 8:25 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Public Works budget request: Mayor Calvo welcomed Acting Director Lockley for a presentation of the Public Works budget request. Director Lockley highlighted key benchmarks of success, including: 1) continued reduction in refuse taken to the landfill by increasing recycling; 2) improved turn-around time on routine work and on service requests from residents; and 3) improved maintenance of infrastructure, including implementation of new methods for patching and striping of streets. The budget he is submitting requests the resources needed for continued progress in these areas.

Mr. Lockley explained that the Public Works crew last fall instituted a program of crack-sealing on priority streets. Since then considerable flaking of asphalt has occurred on the treated streets. According to the vendor, this is due to improper bonding of the asphalt to the street. He was advised this can be avoided by better sweeping or blasting the cracks prior to applying the asphalt. Public Works will attempt to remedy the problem during the next round of crack-sealing. Mr.

Lockley also noted accomplishments outside Public Works' regular duties. These included installation of bollards at Indian Creek playground, improvement of 60th Avenue footpath, laying of a protective mesh at the parking area next to the T-ball field, installation of trash receptacles at bus stops and in the commercial district, conversion of the Media Center into a meeting room, and demolition of the old Pop's Park playground.

Mr. Lockley continued with an explanation of the main changes in the FY 2015 budget.

- +\$25,800 or 11% in *salary & wages* for the reinstatement of an 8th full-time employee. This is in part paid for by reducing funding for *temporary labor* and *part-time wages*.
- -\$17,800 in *temporary labor*
- -\$2,800 or 6% in *part-time wages*.
- +\$1,000 or 25% in *street repair materials*. This line item is over budget this year due to the crack-sealing project, where more expensive polyflex fill was used.
- +\$3,500 in *capital outlays* > 500 to pay for bike racks at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) and at Town parks and playgrounds.
- +\$1,000 or 13% in *uniforms* to pay for the biennial refurbishment of employee uniforms, including steel-toed boots and better rain gear.
- +\$400 or 67% in *dues & conventions* to pay for attendance of the MML conference.
- +\$500 or 14% in *communications* to switch to Verizon wireless cell phone service and to repair and upgrade radios. Verizon will provide better call quality and priority service in an emergency. The increase is paid for with a reduction in the office supplies appropriation.
- +500 or 50% in *miscellaneous* expenditures, to pay for the employee recognition program and sleeping over during snow storms and other emergencies.
- +500 in *books & periodicals* to cover purchase of repair manuals and OSHA brochures

- +\$1,800 in *special events* to cover expenses related to Town events such as new canopies and grills.
- -\$14,000 in *maintenance repairs*. Some savings were obtained from performing maintenance in-house.
- +\$14,000 in *preventative maintenance*. Per Council request, preventative maintenance was split off from *maintenance & repairs* to be tracked separately.

Mayor Calvo commented that the headline for next year's budget is the addition of one full-time Public Works employee at 40 hours/week. This is largely paid for by eliminating funding for temporary labor and reducing funding for part-time wages. He asked what the cost of the part-time clerk is. TA Murphy said there is a cushion of \$7,000 in the *part-time wages* line, which covers the clerk as well as additional hours for part-timers during leaf season. When all shifting of funds is taken into account, there remains a marginal increase of approximately \$9,000 in salaries and wages.

In response to MPT Wilkinson, Mr. Lockley said the thermo-plastic crosswalk material is budgeted in the *street repair materials* appropriation, which also covers the poly-flex crack sealant. He has not budgeted for the crosswalk material in FY 2015 because enough has been purchased to complete the next round of striping. Further, no *temporary labor* funds have been budgeted because additional man-hours can be obtained by extending the hours of the two part-timers. The new part-time employee Public Works plans to hire is budgeted for 20 hours/week to start with. There is a cushion in the part-time labor appropriation if more hours are needed. The new employee will serve primarily as an administrative assistant and will have more computer skills.

In response to other questions, Mr. Lockley said that there are several line items where the FY 2015 request is lower than the FY 2014 estimated amounts. This is because he makes a lot of one-time purchases that will not recur. For example, there is an overrun in *capital outlays* > 500, which paid for the renovation of the Public Works offices. Further, he does not think that hiring an administrative assistant will necessitate an increased use in *overtime* or *temporary labor*. He will still have the same employees who want to work more hours. Overtime is paid only during snow storms, electronic

recycling and Berwyn Heights Day, and that is budgeted. There is no increase in the *tree care* appropriation because tree trimming is performed once a year when he rents an aerial lift for a week. An increase of \$200 in the *mosquito control* appropriation is triggered by an increase in the mosquito control contribution mandated by the State of Maryland.

Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Lockley for a thoughtful budget request.

TA Murphy provided a budget detail on Police Department salaries. He noted the different funding mechanisms for the 8th officer in Chief Antolik's request and his proposed budget. In each case, 10 hours/week are funded from the speed camera reserve and 30 hours/week from the general fund. However, he proposes to offset part of the cost with a reduction in the *overtime* appropriation, lowering overall salary costs by \$8,000.

Community Center use agreement renewal: TA Murphy explained that the agreement between the Town and the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), which owns and runs the Berwyn Heights Community Center, is up for renewal. The 5-year agreement provides for the Men's League's use of the gymnasium under specified terms and conditions, including fixed days and times. The Men's League has reviewed the agreement and it is ready for adoption at the next Town meeting.

Unified organizational structure: Mayor Calvo said that he would like to continue the conversation about a unified organizational structure for the Town government to work toward an agreed upon framework. For him, implementing a unified organizational structure is the most important of three related issues. It means that the Town Administrator (TA) would be elevated to a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who is responsible for supervising daily operations of the Town government across all departments. But Councilmembers would remain responsible for making policy decisions for their departments. The second issue is whether to subordinate the Code Compliance Department to the Administration Department for administrative purposes. He is in favor of doing this because he believes there are efficiencies to be gained, as indicated by the existence of similar arrangement under previous Councils. The third issue, the creation of an assistant TA position, who would supervise the Code Department part time, he will no longer pursue, although he continues to believe it would be beneficial. This should clear the way for hiring a full-time code supervisor, preferably

while TA Murphy is still working for the Town and can instruct that person on the code enforcement systems he has put in place. He would like the future code supervisor to be a "working supervisor", who performs some of the clean lot and rental inspections. Meanwhile, the Council should work on fleshing out the organizational structure by drafting a council rule defining the role of the TA.

MPT Wilkinson said the unified organizational structure makes sense to him. He thinks the Code and Public Works Department have benefited from having been more closely supervised by TA Murphy in recent months. The TA should be given formal authority to guide the departments' daily operations, with department directors reporting directly to him. Councilmembers have not always been able to monitor the internal workings of their departments and this has led to problems. Second, and more importantly, he believes creating a TA with formal authority to manage the other departments would help attract better qualified applicants. Lastly, the Council needs to give thought to defining the line between policy matters that will be decided by Councilmembers, and operational matters that will be decided by the TA.

CM Dennison said she would like the residents to have a say in the matter. The Council agreed to hold a public hearing at the April Town meeting. The subject of the hearing will be a council rule outlining the powers and responsibilities of the TA. Adoption of the council rule might take place in May when the Council has taken public input into consideration.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she agrees with holding a public hearing. There may be residents who can lend a historical perspective to the discussion and help explain how and why the Town government evolved to its current structure. She also supports the concept of a unified organizational structure and to initially subordinate the Code Department to supervision by the TA. When a code supervisor has gained experience in leading the department the position might be upgraded to a director. Further, she plans to contact MML and seek advice on whether the Town charter mandates a process for changing the governmental structure.

CM Almoguera said that she too agrees with holding a public hearing. But she wants to be careful on how a council rule is worded so that it does not look like a radical change. People who do not closely follow Town affairs may not understand that the proposed change implements what is already taking place on

the ground.

Mayor Calvo said, if the Council agrees on the concept of creating a more unified organizational structure and the process of implementing it, he would suggest moving forward with hiring a code supervisor. He asked for a motion to 1) work toward implementing a unified organizational structure in accordance with process outlined above; 2) bring the Code Department under Administration for a period of time until a code supervisor has gained enough experience to lead the department; and 3) to authorize TA Murphy to hire a search firm to look for a code supervisor. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1, with CM Dennison abstaining.

TA Murphy said that he would use the Novak Group, with which he already initiated negotiations about the price of the search. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

Come join us to get to know other parents in the community while our children play!

Winter Weekday Playdate – Town Center
Mondays 10:30am-12:00pm

**Join our Facebook Group – PG County Consignment -
for impromptu playdates and more!**

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community! This playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area.

Please contact Rose Almoguera (rose.almoguera@yahoo.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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Now residing in Berwyn Heights,
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- * DESIGN & INSTALL
- * PLANTING & SEEDING
- * YARD CLEAN-UPS
- * HEDGE TRIMMING
- * LEAF REMOVAL
- * GUTTER CLEANING
& MORE

MEET THE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

APRIL 23—8:00 P.M.—TOWN CENTER

Join us for an interesting Town Hall meeting with the people running in the May 6 Town Council election. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 71 (Comcast) and Channel 12 (FiOS).

The candidates will introduce themselves and their platforms. A moderator will take questions from the floor. This is a great opportunity to talk directly to all candidates and get your questions answered.



CANDIDATE PROFILES APPEAR ON PAGES 12-14➔





CHEYE CALVO

Berwyn Heights is a special place with a proud history, a strong sense of community, and a Town government that adds value to our quality of life. It has been my privilege to serve as your mayor for the last decade, and I promise to keep working hard every day to lead Berwyn Heights forward.

The Town has met the economic uncertainty of recent years with proactive planning and fiscal responsibility – and we now stand debt-free and financially stronger than before the downturn began. Crime and taxes remain low. Engagement from long-time residents is up even as new families infuse fresh vitality into the community and town clubs and organizations. We are upgrading our playgrounds and amenities, enhancing town activities, supporting our schools and our seniors, promoting high community standards, and making important investments in the town's infrastructure.

Yet, I continue to take the greatest pride in leading a Town Council that builds consensus around shared priorities, proactively confronts challenges, and moves the Town forward to achieve results.

I grew up in this area – attending Greenbelt M.S. and graduating from Parkdale H.S. I earned my B.A. and M.A. degrees in American history. I have experience in county and state government and now work for a national education nonprofit. I live on Edmonston Road with my wife, Trinity, and our two black Labrador rescues, Marshall and Xander.

The Town's financial strength, sense of community, and other diverse assets provide a robust platform for us to thrive in the years ahead. To succeed, we must ensure that the Town has the senior staff and operational structure that ensure reliability and promote steady improvement. We must offer amenities – good schools, parks, sidewalks, community gardens, a dog park, transit options, and smart economic development – that will make Berwyn Heights an attractive place to live and raise a family. We must invest in the Town's infrastructure, develop staff, build our tax-base, and plan for the long-term. We also must innovate, make the most of new opportunities – like the potential FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt – and engage with state, county, and school leaders to continually improve services that we provide.

We have made great progress in recent years but still have much more to achieve. Working together, I believe in an even brighter future for our Town. ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON MAY 6th!





PATRICIA "PATTI" DENNISON

My name is Patti Dennison. My family and I moved to Berwyn Heights in 1983. We participated in Town organizations from the beginning, such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Recreation Council and the Men's League. My four children, James, Joey, and twins, Sarah and Christopher enjoyed playing on Boys and Girls Club teams and taking part in Town events. I also served on the Traffic Committee and Sidewalks Committee and attended Town Council meetings on a regular basis.

Professionally, I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1994 with a BS in Family Sciences. I was Assistant Director of Potomac Village School. More recently, I worked as a Special Education Aide at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, and I am now helping my mother, who lives with me.

I have been a Councilmember since May 2002, starting as Department Head for Public Health and Safety. Now I am Department Head for Parks, Recreation and Civic Affairs and greatly enjoy working with all the Town committees and clubs. As Councilmember, I have represented the Town on the Prince George's County Municipal Association, and I am a member of the Prince Georges Elected Municipal women and the Women in Elected Government Service.

My accomplishments include helping with reopening the Berwyn Heights Elementary School, building a concession stand at Sports Park and renovating the Indian Creek and Pops Park playgrounds. I have supported the establishment of the Historical Committee and the Town museum. With the Recreation Council's help, I have supported many successful Berwyn Heights Days and other Town events. I have also worked with the Boys and Girls Club, the Seniors and the elementary school to improve their facilities and programs, and I have participated in several Community Emergency Response Team drills including the Maryland Pandemic Drill.

My goals for the future of Berwyn Heights are friendly community policing, a safe and crime free neighborhood, improving pedestrian safety, maintaining community standards in a friendly and educational way, excellent town services at the lowest tax dollar and communication with town residents

Thank you, once again, Berwyn Heights for giving me an opportunity to serve our residents and our community. **Vote for Patricia "Patti" Dennison on Tuesday, May 6, 2012.**





JODIE KULPA-EDDY

Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!

My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and I am running for my third term on the Town Council. I have lived on Ruatan Street for fourteen years, ever since I moved here from Wisconsin for a job promotion. I am a veterinarian and I work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I have been on the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee since 2002 and with our Community Emergency Response Team since 2004. My proudest accomplishment in serving Berwyn Heights so far has been locating and helping to secure matching funding from the State in order to install emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center. This will ensure not only ensure continued government services to our residents in the event of an electrical outage, but will also allow the Town Center to serve as a heating or cooling center, as it did after the derecho in 2012.

On a personal note, I completed the coursework and graduated as a Fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland in September 2013. I found the knowledge valuable as I headed the Administration Department during my first term, and the Code Department my second term. It will be even more so as the Town will be hiring new managers for both of these departments in 2014, and it is imperative we select the right people. When I ran for the Town Council in 2010, I wanted to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I still do.

I hope you agree. Please vote on May 6!



BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 30 Years in Berwyn Heights”

The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors. Also check the boards for special activities. Drop in to the Center, or attend the meeting, and find out what's going on. There is always something to do even if it is just getting together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

April 2	Joyce Bilger
April 3	Mary Biggs
April 4	Bettie Prosisce
April 5	Mike Attick
April 6	Bertha Davies
April 11	Eddie Daffron
April 25	Martha Baxter
April 27	Ruth Woodhouse

APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
April 2	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 8	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
April 9	Wii Bowliing	10:30 A.M.
April 10	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 12	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
April 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
April 16	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 17	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 22	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
April 23	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 24	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 29	Bingo	12:30 PM.
April 30	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.



CONGRATULATIONS, ALAN SINCLAIR,
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OF 300 IN WII BOWLING!



Sunday, April 6, 2014

Open House at the Senior Center

From 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Come talk to some of our members and
find out what we have to offer seniors
aged 50 and up.

Fun Run



**Berwyn Heights Day
Walk/Run for Fun!!!**

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

Start Time: 8:30AM Registration: 8AM(at Town Center)



Come out and join the fun. Bring the whole family for a fun 5k run or walk around Lake Artemesia. **Registration is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 13-17 yrs., \$2.00 12 and under (strollers free) and includes a custom-designed T-Shirt by resident David Williams.** Post-race refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council. These are non-competitive races.

Course: The run walk will begin at the Town Center and will proceed to Lake Artemesia and nearby paths.



Please bring your completed form and race fee to the Fun Run Registration on Berwyn Heights Day. Forms may also be returned prior to Berwyn Heights Day at the Town Center. Make check payable to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council. Additional forms will be available on Berwyn Heights Day.

Name _____ Age _____ (only if under 18)

Phone _____

Circle T-Shirt Size

Child: 8-10 14-16

Adult: S M L XL XXL

WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

I know that running a race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic and the condition of the road track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants, or employees and event sponsors for all claims or liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature if under 18 _____

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

SATURDAY • MAY 3, 2014

• • • **PARADE ROUTE**

(starts at Berwyn Hts Elementary)

— • — **TRAIN ROUTE**

(rides are FREE all day)

ROAD BLOCKS

▷ ▷ 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

▷ ▷ 12–1:30 pm (during parade only)

 **BHVFED FIRST AID Station & FIRE PREVENTION Activities!**

CONCERTS 3 LIVE BANDS! (starts at 2:00 pm)

at Sports Park (Community Center if rain)

Akoma Drummers ♦ The House of Jam Band ♦ Jan Knudson

ATTRACTIONS

1 MARKETPLACE 11 am – 4:00 pm

2 BHNW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Trailer

3 BHHC The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

4 VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION Booths — 2 locations

5 CHA CHA the CLOWN—Balloon Twisting Sculpting

PARADE, Performances, Awards & Presentations

♦ LIVE DJ at Grandstand

♦ 12:00 noon – **PARADE begins**

♦ Berwyn Heights Citizen of the Year Awards

♦ BHHC Historic Marker Dedication

FOOD & DRINKS

1 Senior's BAKE SALE opening at — 8:30 am
♦ Senior Center (open until sold out)

2 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00 am—11:00 am
♦ Town Center - upper level

3 FOOD VENDORS opening at —11:30 am
♦ GRILLING by the Karate Club

♦ SHAGGA (Ethiopian Cuisine)

♦ Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Sno-Cones

4 DRINKS, SNACKS & PIZZA

♦ Boys & Girls Club

5 BEER TRUCK

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

1 FUN RUN registration open: 8:00 am
at Town Center—run starts at: 8:30 am

2 CRAFTS for KIDS 1–4:30 pm

3 CARNIVAL GAMES 1–4:30 pm

4 MOUNTAIN CLIMB 1–4:30 pm

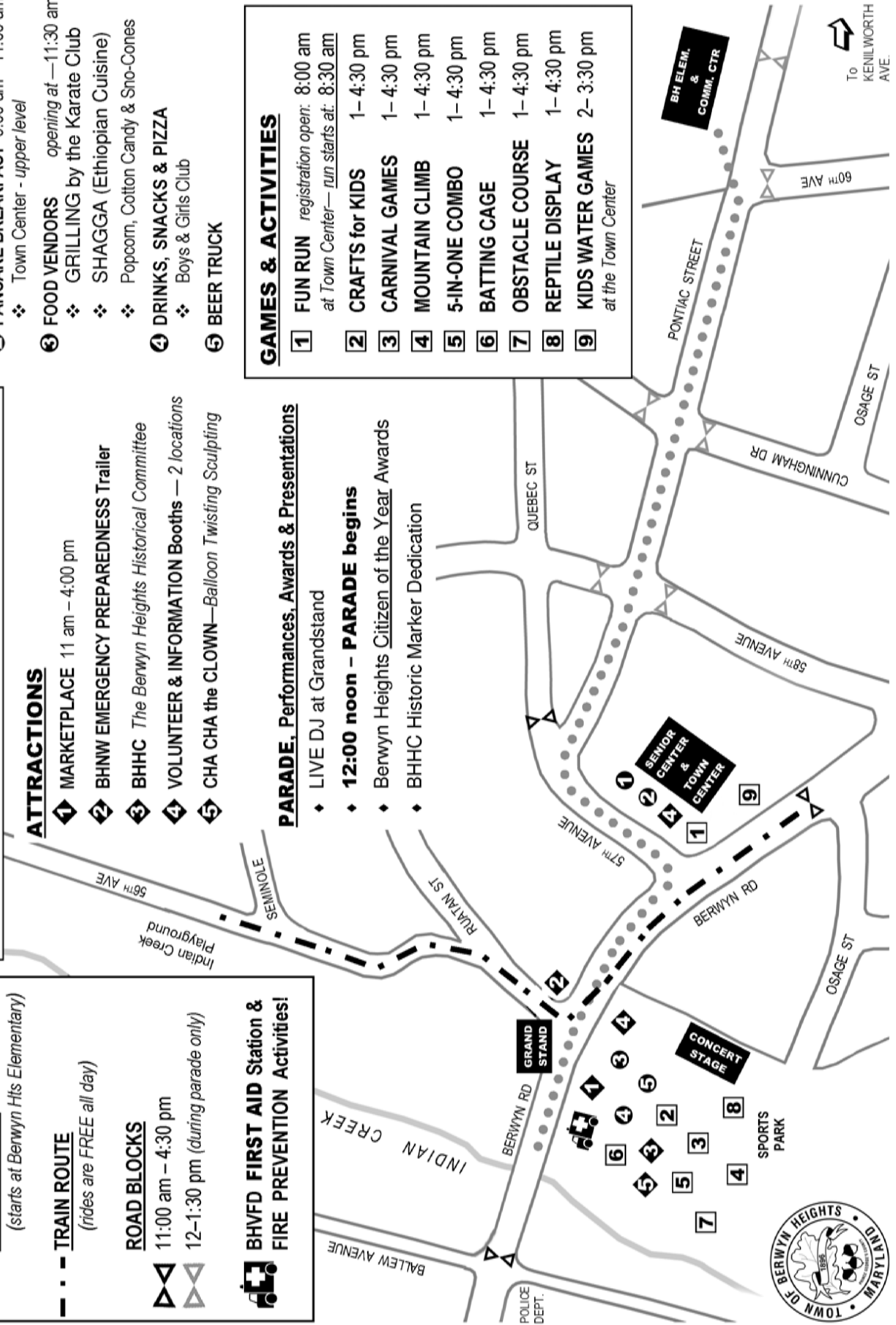
5 5-IN-ONE COMBO 1–4:30 pm

6 BATTING CAGE 1–4:30 pm

7 OBSTACLE COURSE 1–4:30 pm

8 REPTILE DISPLAY 1–4:30 pm

9 KIDS WATER GAMES 2–3:30 pm
at the Town Center



Berwyn Heights Day Vendor/Information Booth Application – Saturday, May 3, 2014



❖ Calling all volunteers!!! If you'd like to be part of Berwyn Heights Day, the Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help with the Pancake Breakfast, games, ticket sales, and the Fun Run. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and give back to your community . . . and **students can earn Community Service hours!**

❖ If you'd like to be a vendor or set up an informational booth at Berwyn Heights Day, please fill out this page and submit to Town office.

Contact Person:
Name of Business:
Address:
Phone Number and Cell Number:
E-mail:
Items for Sale/Distribution:

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution. Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors. Please **do not** plan on selling or providing:

- Ready to eat food/drinks (example: individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. - canned/jarred items, bread loaves, etc. are acceptable)
- Also silly string and colored hair spray are not permitted to be sold or distributed.

All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57th Ave and Berwyn Road).

Set-Up Time: 10:00am – 11:00am. Please drop off items no later than 10:15am to begin your set up.

Event time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Circle ONE: BOOTH COUPON

Check ONE: _____ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

_____ \$10 Brochure or Coupon for Information Board (Must provide 250 copies – no larger than 5x7")

_____ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 3/15/2014)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table and two chairs? (Supply is limited): YES NO

Canopy: Will you need a canopy? (Canopies available for \$15; supply limited): YES NO

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 18, 2014.**
Address is: 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

For additional information, contact Tim Tormoen at 612/239-4686 or at emprisetraveler@yahoo.com

OFFICE USE ONLY: Select ONE: Cash _____ Check _____ (put check # in space)

AMOUNT PAID _____

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY
TAXING DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed Public Safety Taxing District budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

- For the tax year beginning July 1, 2014, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 0.2 % (a) from \$214,946,403 (b) to \$215,351,136 (c) for noncommercial property.
- If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.516 (d) per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 0.2% (e) resulting in \$2,088 (f) of new real property tax revenues for noncommercial property.
- In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate for noncommercial property should be reduced to \$0.515 (g), the constant yield tax rate.
- The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.53 (h) per \$100 of assessment for noncommercial property and \$0.63 per \$100 of assessment for commercial property. This tax rate is 2.9% for noncommercial property and 0.7% for commercial property (i) higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$32,303 (j) in additional property tax revenues for noncommercial property and \$1,682 for commercial property.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights. The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

The Town has a different rate for commercial property. The following chart provides the corresponding information and tax rate for those properties:

Property Type	a. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN BASE	b. PREVIOUS ASSESSABLE BASE	c. NEW ASSESSABLE BASE	d. CURRENT TAX RATE	e. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN REVENUES
Noncommercial	0.2%	\$214,946,403	\$215,351,136	\$0.516	0.2%
Commercial	-1.5%	<u>\$39,732,258</u>	<u>\$39,119,300</u>	\$0.616	-1.5%
		<u>\$254,678,661</u>	<u>\$254,470,436</u>		
Property Type	f. INCREASE IN REVENUES	g. CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE	h. PROPOSED TAX RATE	i. PERCENTAGE HIGHER THAN CONSTANT YIELD	j. ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
Noncommercial	\$32,303	\$0.515	\$0.530	2.9%	\$32,303
Commercial	<u>\$ 1,682</u>	\$0.6257	\$0.630	0.7%	<u>\$ 1,682</u>
	<u>\$33,985</u>				<u>\$33,985</u>

- 2015 BUDGET MESSAGE -

Dear Mayor and Town Council Members:

The proposed Town budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is scheduled to be introduced at the Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 9 and adopted at the May 14 Town Meeting, as required by the Town Charter.

The triennial property reassessment completed in January, 2013, reduced the Town's largest source of revenue, real property taxes, by 16% or \$231,098 in the FY 2014 budget. The impact of the reduced 2013 triennial assessment continues in FY 2015 budget. The Town, at the current tax rate will see an additional decrease of \$1,074 in real property tax revenues.

The proposed FY 2015 budget proposes to increase the current operating real property tax rate of \$0.48.6 cents to \$0.50 cents, to increase the business personal property tax rate of \$1.215 to \$1.25, and to continue the real property tax rate and the business personal property tax rate for the dedicated road repair fund at 3 cents and 7.5 cents (all tax rates are per \$100 of assessed value). The 1.4 cent tax rate increase will generate an additional \$43,349 of real property taxes, an average annual increase per household of \$30 a year or \$2.50 a month. Revenues from most other sources are flat. The one bright spot in revenues is income tax receipts, which is expected to increase 10%. The budget also proposes using \$50,000 from surplus to balance the budget.

Overall, the proposed operating budget represents an increase of 3% or \$62,001 from the 2014 budget. While the budget proposes to freeze non-salaried expenditures at essentially 2013 levels, the budget does set aside a salary pool of \$15,500 or about 1.5% of payroll, that may be used for merit increases or cost-of-living adjustments, proposes to restore an eighth police officer position, which was cut last year, and public works positions, both Town Council high priorities.

The FY 2015 proposed budget again funds the outright purchase of a new police cruiser rather than relying on lease purchasing, appropriates the transfer of \$54,514 of Highway User Revenues to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, appropriates the \$90,541 generated by the 3-cent real property-7.5 business personal property road tax to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, and proposes to appropriate \$66,900 to the Vehicle Replacement Fund.

The following are departmental expenditure highlights:

Administration – Budget funds the Office of Town Administration and the maintenance, repair, and operation of the municipal building, Town Center and Senior Center.

Code Compliance & Transportation – Budget funds Town Council's continued commitment to fund a Code Supervisor, 2 part time code officers, and a part time code clerk to assist residents' compliance with community standards and to provide low cost transportation service for the elderly and disabled, upon request.

Police Department – Budget funds Town Council's continued commitment to provide 24/7 police protection. This budget proposes to fill the current eighth police officer vacancy so that the department will consist of the Chief, five patrol officers, a detective and a police clerk. Town Council also utilizes the Public Safety Taxing District to fund 1 additional patrol officer. The budget includes the purchase of one new police cruiser.

Public Health and Safety – Budget proposes making a \$1,000 contribution to support the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and \$2,500 for Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch.

Public Works Department - Budget proposes continuing to provide refuse, trash, bulk refuse, metals, and yard waste collection service and once-a-week pick-up of recyclables. The budget adds salary for a permanent department director and a part-time clerk.

Parks Recreation – Budget proposes continuing to fund special events such as Berwyn Heights Day plus resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park.

Insurance and Employee Benefits – Budget anticipates a 9% increase in health insurance premiums even after increasing the employees' deductibles 15%, no increase in workers compensation premiums, no increase for general liability, and no increase in the unemployment insurance rate. The budget also includes an appropriation for the Town's match for the Maryland pension system, which decreased from 10% to 9.73% of payroll. (Employees contribute 7% of their base pay). Debt Service – With the paying of the 2006 police car lease payment in 2012, the Town remains totally debt-free.

Residents should contact the Town Council with questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed budget and to participate in the budget adoption process at the public hearings on April 9 and May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully,
Edward J. Murphy
Town Administrator

**ONE PAGE SUMMARY
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET**

	FY 10 ACTUAL	FY 11 ACTUAL	FY 12 ACTUAL	FY 13 ACTUAL	FY 14 ESTIMATED	FY 14 BUDGET	FY 15 PROPOSED	% VARIATION
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	\$ 1,570,262	\$ 1,436,719	\$ 1,430,689	\$ 1,461,218	\$ 1,229,990	\$ 1,230,120	\$ 1,273,469	4%
PENALTIES ON TAXES	\$ 5,334	\$ 5,442	\$ 1,269	\$ 4,458	\$ 268	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,800	80%
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 267,051	\$ 260,566	\$ 302,459	\$ 235,035	\$ 242,889	\$ 266,000	\$ 249,900	-6%
ROAD FUND TAX	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,195	\$ 109,096	\$ 90,672	\$ 91,969	\$ 90,541	-2%
INCOME TAX	\$ 257,718	\$ 318,688	\$ 367,454	\$ 421,066	\$ 375,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 380,000	10%
RECYCLING TAX	\$ 61,260	\$ 71,470	\$ 71,470	\$ 72,030	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
HIGHWAY USER REVENUE	\$ 18,247	\$ 11,111	\$ 42,336	\$ 24,930	\$ 86,780	\$ 59,689	\$ 64,514	8%
POLICE AID	\$ 49,377	\$ 38,505	\$ 38,505	\$ 38,505	\$ 51,709	\$ 51,709	\$ 51,709	0%
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$ 102,777	\$ 117,130	\$ 130,491	\$ 132,731	\$ 134,678	\$ 128,136	\$ 135,600	6%
SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,770	\$ 4,068	\$ 2,701	\$ 2,982	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 42,396	\$ 8,232	\$ 25,232	\$ 99,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	0%
FINES AND FORFEITURES	\$ 70,365	\$ 60,336	\$ 56,800	\$ 50,983	\$ 55,896	\$ 57,200	\$ 61,200	7%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 44,103	\$ 70,363	\$ 80,678	\$ 60,858	\$ 84,630	\$ 60,792	\$ 64,000	5%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 2,490,925	\$ 2,401,332	\$ 2,660,646	\$ 2,712,843	\$ 2,435,896	\$ 2,374,717	\$ 2,455,835	3%
TRANSFERS FROM SURPLUS								
FOR OPERATING BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 50,000	-
FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 466,044	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,600	\$ -	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,490,925	\$ 2,401,332	\$ 3,126,690	\$ 2,712,843	\$ 2,435,896	\$ 2,521,317	\$ 2,505,835	-1%
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	\$ 14,898	\$ 15,974	\$ 17,176	\$ 16,385	\$ 16,900	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	0%
TOWN ADMINISTRATION	\$ 271,876	\$ 261,817	\$ 300,945	\$ 314,152	\$ 323,135	\$ 334,497	\$ 322,777	-4%
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$ 29,781	\$ 23,684	\$ 23,606	\$ 30,035	\$ 23,922	\$ 30,141	\$ 30,521	1%
TOWN CENTER	\$ 25,260	\$ 28,144	\$ 52,419	\$ 41,826	\$ 31,197	\$ 33,141	\$ 33,521	1%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 551,415	\$ 595,190	\$ 600,471	\$ 606,504	\$ 575,611	\$ 595,677	\$ 632,870	6%
MISC. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 2,168	\$ 3,266	\$ 3,022	\$ 2,380	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0%
CODE COMPLIANCE & VAN	\$ 103,927	\$ 103,928	\$ 101,013	\$ 103,567	\$ 77,180	\$ 106,274	\$ 98,143	-8%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 724,333	\$ 704,446	\$ 681,964	\$ 706,615	\$ 613,532	\$ 640,529	\$ 673,506	5%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 22,177	\$ 15,214	\$ 24,400	\$ 14,746	\$ 22,332	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0%
CABLE	\$ 6,442	\$ 3,147	\$ 6,496	\$ 4,851	\$ 11,732	\$ 15,476	\$ 15,476	0%
INSURANCE	\$ 108,551	\$ 92,724	\$ 86,309	\$ 92,259	\$ 100,091	\$ 113,519	\$ 113,519	0%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 196,368	\$ 199,873	\$ 206,466	\$ 230,628	\$ 255,362	\$ 257,736	\$ 263,978	2%
4-CITIES STREET SWEEPER	\$ 7,857	\$ 16,940	\$ 18,348	\$ 14,424	\$ 16,405	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
TRAFFIC ENGINEER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 92,827	\$ 90,806	\$ 4,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 36,387	\$ 22,232	\$ 29,277	\$ 122,746	\$ 35,315	\$ 33,869	\$ 35,152	4%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	\$ 124,245	\$ 81,300	\$ 282,499	\$ 224,774	\$ 234,352	\$ 208,358	\$ 211,755	2%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,318,513	\$ 2,258,685	\$ 2,439,032	\$ 2,525,892	\$ 2,340,566	\$ 2,439,717	\$ 2,501,718	3%
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 66,804	\$ 118,020	\$ 686,929	\$ 186,097	\$ 94,487	\$ 81,600	\$ -	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,385,317	\$ 2,376,705	\$ 3,125,961	\$ 2,711,989	\$ 2,435,053	\$ 2,521,317	\$ 2,501,718	-1%
Difference - Receipts & Expenses	\$ 105,608	\$ 24,627	\$ 729	\$ 854	\$ 843	\$ -	\$ 4,117	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,462,520	\$ 1,692,371	\$ 1,798,376	\$ 1,614,752	\$ 1,840,380	\$ 1,840,380	\$ 2,075,575	
Less Leave Balances	\$ 64,450	\$ 64,450	\$ 60,212	\$ 60,312	\$ 66,352	\$ 66,352	\$ 66,352	
ADJ. BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,398,070	\$ 1,627,921	\$ 1,738,164	\$ 1,554,440	\$ 1,774,028	\$ 1,774,028	\$ 2,009,223	
RESERVES								
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	
Cable TV - Capital Outlay Reserve	40,515	52,843	55,609	35,294	35,294	35,294	35,294	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	347,019	347,019	69,989	204,015	371,467	345,473	516,322	
Supplemental to Trash Truck Reserve*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NW/EP Trailer Reserve	1,832	2,565	3,543	5,163	-	5,163	5,163	
Recycling Tipping Fee Restricted Fund	-	10,163	10,163	10,163	-	10,163	10,163	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	157,032	238,332	162,956	230,769	297,669	297,669	364,569	
Non-Spendable (Prepaid Expense)	-	4,621	7,983	8,590	-	-	-	
TOTAL of RESERVES *	\$ 988,398	\$ 1,097,543	\$ 752,243	\$ 935,994	\$ 1,146,430	\$ 1,135,762	\$ 1,373,511	
Fund Balance less Reserves	409,672	530,378	985,921	618,446	627,598	638,266	635,712	
Transfers to Reserves	124,245	104,524	282,499	224,774	234,352	208,358	211,755	
Reserves Used	-	-	(432,976)	-	-	-	-	
Surplus Added or (Used)	105,606	1,098	(41,130)	(13,776)	843	(146,600)	(50,000)	
Less: Capital Surplus Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-spendable Reserve	-	4,621	7,983	8,590	-	-	-	
Surplus Available	639,523	640,621	802,297	838,034	862,793	700,024	797,467	

- 2015 BUDGET MESSAGE -**SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT**

Dear Mayor and Town Council Members:

In 2005, Berwyn Heights became the first municipality in the State of Maryland to exercise the new authority granted to towns and cities by Governor Ehrlich and the General Assembly to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Town passed the ordinance creating the Public Safety Taxing District encompassing the commercial and industrial properties on Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, Branchville Road, Greenbelt Road and 55th Avenue. The special taxing district provides the Town additional resources to finance the capital and operating costs for a police officer to enhance police protection in the commercial district and the Town at-large. This additional officer enhances the current public safety efforts by providing the Berwyn Heights Police Department increased flexibility and coverage and allows for a second on-duty officer during the evening and midnight shifts.

To mitigate the effect of the new Public Safety Taxing District on Town businesses, the Town Council elected to phase in the financing and equipping of this additional police officer over three years. In fiscal year 2006, the first year, the Town established a real property tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 of business and industrial property assessed value to purchase a fully equipped police patrol car at a cost of \$24,000. In fiscal year 2007, the Town added a personal property tax rate of 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value permitting the Town to hire the officer in January 2007.

In fiscal year 2008, another 5 cents was added to the personal property tax rate for a total of 10 cents per \$100 of personal property assessed value to fully fund the police officer. In fiscal year 2009, the personal property tax rate was increased from 10 cents to 15 cents per \$100 of assessed value to further reduce dependence on the General Fund for the police officer's pay, benefits and other costs.

In fiscal year 2012, the Town Council increased the tax rate on real property 3 cents and 7.5 cents on business personal property, both per \$100 of assessed value, all to be placed in a dedicated road repair improvement fund.

Over the previous six years, the Town was able to set aside enough funds to purchase in fiscal year 2013 a new police patrol car used by the officer to replace the patrol car purchased in 2006.

The fiscal year 2015 Public Safety Taxing District budget proposes no increase in the Public Safety Taxing District's real property tax rate of 10 cents or the business personal property tax rate of 15 cents, both per \$100 of valuation. Also the Dedicated Road Repair Improvement Fund real property and the personal property tax rates will remain unchanged at 3 cents and 7.5 cents respectively.

However, commercial and industrial properties in the Public Safety Taxing District will see an increase in their real property and business personal property tax rate of 1.4 cents and 3.5 cents respectively, both per \$100 of assessed valuation, to fund the Town's operating budget. This will be the first increase in the tax rates that fund the Town's operating budget in 10 years.

Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County and last year crime went down again. The Town Council envisions continuing to use the Special Public Safety Taxing District funds to make the Town safer for our residents and businesses.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Murphy, Town Administrator

**PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET SUMMARY**

REVENUES	FY 10 ACTUAL	FY 11 ACTUAL	FY 12 ACTUAL	FY 13 ACTUAL	FY 14 ESTIMATED	FY 14 BUDGET	FY 15 PROPOSED	% VARIATION
REAL ESTATE TAX-CURRENT YEAR	\$ 37,149	\$ 38,791	\$ 31,871	\$ 38,390	\$ 38,049	\$ 34,986	\$ 39,119	12%
REAL ESTATE TAX-PRIOR YEARS	\$ 820	\$ 244	\$ 614	\$ 57	\$ 368	\$ 244	\$ 368	51%
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 31,549	\$ 31,615	\$ 34,703	\$ 28,944	\$ 30,980	\$ 31,949	\$ 30,944	-3%
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	\$ 33	\$ 692	\$ 1,324	\$ 314	\$ 314	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,035	3%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 69,551	\$ 71,342	\$ 68,512	\$ 70,396	\$ 69,711	\$ 68,186	\$ 71,466	5%
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,529	\$ -	\$ 3,425	\$ -	-100%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 69,551	\$ 71,342	\$ 68,512	\$ 89,925	\$ 69,711	\$ 71,611	\$ 71,466	0%
EXPENDITURES								
POLICE SERVICES	\$ 46,434	\$ 58,166	\$ 59,668	\$ 57,074	\$ 63,541	\$ 66,691	\$ 68,047	2%
INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ 4,601	\$ 1,558	\$ 4,240	\$ 4,782	\$ 4,920	\$ 4,746	-4%
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 46,434	\$ 62,767	\$ 61,226	\$ 61,314	\$ 68,323	\$ 71,611	\$ 72,793	2%
CAPITAL BUDGET-POLICE CRUISER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,611	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 46,434	\$ 62,767	\$ 61,226	\$ 89,925	\$ 68,323	\$ 71,611	\$ 72,793	2%
Difference - Receipts & Expenses	\$ 23,117	\$ 8,575	\$ 7,286	\$ -	\$ 1,388	\$ (3,425)	\$ (1,327)	-
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 18,982	\$ 42,098	\$ 50,672	\$ 57,958	\$ 37,429	\$ 37,429	\$ 38,817	4%
Surplus Added or (Used)	\$ 23,116	\$ 8,574	\$ 7,286	\$ -	\$ 1,388	\$ -	\$ (1,327)	-1327%
Less: Capital Budget Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
ENDING FUNUD BALANCE	\$ 42,098	\$ 50,672	\$ 57,958	\$ 37,429	\$ 38,817	\$ 37,429	\$ 37,490	0%



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next meeting will be April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

Town Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Free pizza/drinks will be provided to all volunteers! Students can earn community service hours!

Come beautify our town and help the environment by volunteering on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to help clean up litter around town! Not so sure it's for you? Here are some reasons to join:

- Your community needs you! Trash is quite visible in our small town. A not-so-fun fact, litter doesn't degrade quickly; an aluminum can takes hundreds of years to degrade and a plastic bottle more than a thousand. If we don't dispose of trash properly it will still be here for our great-great grandchildren.
- Great excuse to get some fresh air and exercise while doing something for our town.
- You'll feel good—picking up litter is surprisingly rewarding. It's satisfying to see a clean, rubbish free space that you've created.
- You'll help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well-kept.
- You'll see your neighbors and maybe make some new friends, and your efforts will make a BIG difference.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Town Center. Participants should wear pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes. We will provide instructions and distribute clean-up supplies, (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags, and pickers). For more information contact Tara Lewis, the event coordinator, at (301) 974-2389 or taralewis20740@live.com.

GreenBee BuzzWorthy!

Relay Foods: An Online Grocery Store and Farmers Market



Relay Foods (RelayFoods.com) is a rapidly growing online startup that is one part grocery store and one part farmers market, with a focus on healthy, sustainably-produced foods. Relay sources from about 200 local farmers, artisans, and food producers as well as national suppliers to get you all the groceries you need.

How does it work?

- Just go to RelayFoods.com and add anything to your cart - from produce to milk to cleaning products.
- You can stop by a [pick up location](#), like the one available every Friday in College Park (in front of University View at 8204 Baltimore Ave), and grab your order! Doorstep delivery is also an option for an extra cost.
- **New customers can get \$30 in FREE groceries the first time! Just go to relayfoods.com/friend/8u37k9**

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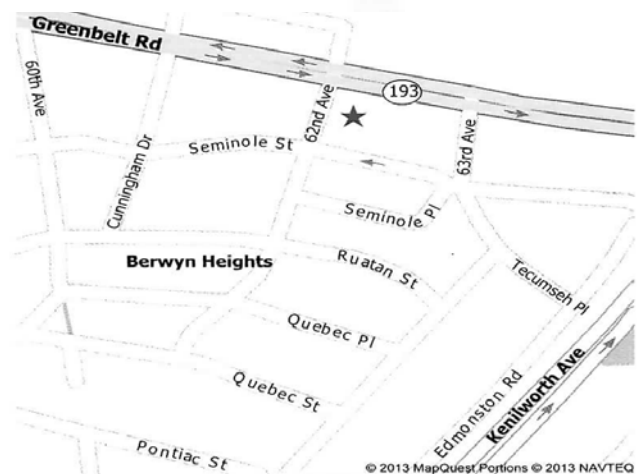
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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

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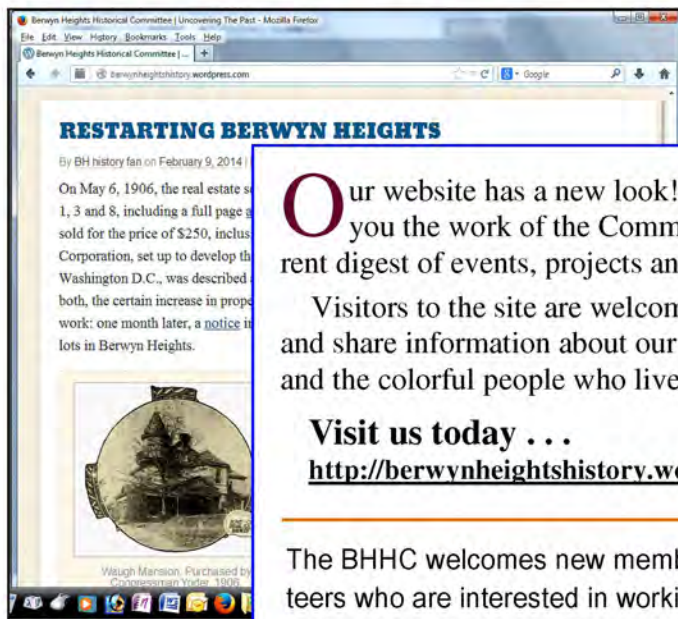
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Time Travels...



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Our website has a new look!, We share with you the work of the Committee plus a current digest of events, projects and activities.

Visitors to the site are welcome to comment and share information about our Town's past and the colorful people who lived here.

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<http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com/>

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on April 22.

Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage Tour

April 26, 2014 • 10:00 am—5:00 pm

Tickets & Info, call: 410.821.6933 or Email: mhgp@aol.com, or Website: <http://mhgp.org/>



Follow the British footsteps in August 1814 from Nottingham to the Town of Upper Marlboro by exploring architecturally significant structures and sites, some of which are related to the War of 1812. Tour starts in Nottingham and finishes with a walking tour of the Town of Upper Marlboro. A hot Southern Maryland style lunch will be available.



Visit the BHHC website & BLOG at: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>
ATHA (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area / Maryland Milestones): www.anacostiatrials.org

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of February 2014. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are

listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

02/01/2014 at 6:45 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6215 Greenbelt Road parking lot for a report of a damaged 2000 Honda.

02/04/2014 at 4:00 pm, Pfc. Thompson, Pfc. Krouse and Detective Unger responded to the 8700 block of 58th. Avenue for a death investigation. A 58 y/o, w/m was found unresponsive.

02/05/2014 at 11:20 am, a 58 y/o, a/f, resident of Berwyn Heights came to the BHPD and stated that she received a call from a person impersonating an IRS agent. The suspect attempted to extort money from her. Investigation continues.

02/10/2014 at 11:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski found a canvas bag containing cable installation materials in the 7600 block of Villanova Road. The bag was recovered and taken to BHPD.

02/12/2014 at 9:27 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 2000 Toyota. Unknown person slashed tires to the vehicle.

02/12/2014 at 10:07 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a report of a domestic dispute. On scene, Pfc. Krouse met with the complainant who stated that his female friend was acting crazy in the house. Preliminary investigation also revealed that the 44 y/o, w/f, is a wanted fugitive from Prince George's County. She was taken into custody and transported to DOC. During the transport, the arrestee became agitated and started to kick the inside of the police cruiser. The transport became a priority transport without further incident after arrival at the correctional facility.

02/15/2014 at 9:35 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the US Fuel gas station located at 5901 Greenbelt Road for a theft of gas report.

02/19/2014 at 9:00 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2007 Chevy Aveo from the 8900 block of 56th. Avenue. The vehicle was left abandoned in the roadway.

02/19/2014 at 11:15 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8600 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of theft. Unknown person(s) stole a wii station from the senior center.

02/19/2014 at 11:55 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8700 block of 63rd. Avenue for a theft of a credit card.

02/19/2014 at 4:26 pm, Pfc. Krouse, Det. Unger and Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Unknown person entered the rear basement window and once inside, a handgun and ammunitions were taken. The scene was processed for latent prints.

02/20/2014 at 9:28 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a damaged gas pump.

02/25/2014 at 1:55 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the SECU for a person trying to cash a fraudulent check.

02/25/2014 at 4:45 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of an assault. A 34 y/o, w/f was told, "You talked too much" by a black male before she was hit.

02/28/2014 at 12:37 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a vandalism report. Jessie Bishop, a 26 y/o, w/m resident of Silver Spring, punched out windows to the front door and was subsequently arrested by Pfc. Krouse.

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER (301-352-1200)

1. Call 301-352-1200 (P.G. County Police).
2. Give dispatcher your name, address where you are, a phone number where you can be reached, and explain why you need a police officer.
3. Critically Important: Tell the dispatcher you want the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to respond.
4. In an emergency, Call 911.

Code News

The Code Department continues to operate without a full time director and requests residents' help and patience. Residents who notice anything--such as building construction, "For Rent" signs, overgrown vegetation or properties that appear abandoned-- are requested to please report this to the Code Office at: (301-513-9331) or email them (Code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us). You may remain anonymous.

Code Activity for February 2014:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 0; Trash/ Litter = 8; Yard Waste = 2; Tree Limbs & Brush = 8; Vehicle Violations = 2; Building Permit Violations = 1; Abatements = 0; Miscellaneous Violations = 7.

IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS



English Speaking Customers

(202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck Poles or Life Threatening Electrical System Situations

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Report Street Light Out

(Need Pepco Pole Number and house number of nearest house)

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

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Servicio en Espanol

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR

Registration to be on Priority List



Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

April 2014

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

April 11 – Jeans Day!
April 14-21 - Schools Closed - Spring Break
April 24 – Book Club

Special Events

Happy Birthday Berwyn Heights Elementary!



classes.

We celebrated the school's birthday on Friday, February 28th. Your PTA was able to provide cupcakes and drinks for every student, teacher and staff person in the school to help celebrate. Thank you to our volunteers who helped out by passing all of the goodies out to the

Ice Skating Party Update - Our Ice Skating Party was held on Friday, March 21st and was well attended. Students, teachers, parents and friends came out to enjoy themselves for a family night of skating. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff that came out and for our volunteers who helped make this night such a successful night. Thank you to all that bought pizza and helped out with the 6th Grade fundraiser for their end of year social!

Jeans Day – Pay \$1.00 on Thursday April 10th from 9:00am-9:30am in front of the office to the PTA and wear Jeans and your School shirt (T-shirt or Polo) on Friday April 11th. Proceeds go to the transportation fund.

Market Day

Thank you to all who have ordered from Market Day!

If you are looking for portion controlled, tasty food idea, please check out Market Day. Overwhelmed with BG Club practices and afterschool activities? Trying to get a nutrition dinner on the table? Market Day can help with prepared food that only need to be heated up!

Donations

Thank you to Costco and Behnke Nurseries in Beltsville for their \$25.00 donations.

PTA Officers 2012-2013

Need to reach us?

Officers@BHESPTA.org

President: Kristen Buker
1st Vice President: Leslie Wolfinger
2nd Vice President: Susanne Baldwin-Bott
Secretary: Kimberly Goings
Treasurer: Vicky Buckland
Past President: Cheryl Compton

Would you like to be a PTA Officer? We are accepting nominations for officers for next year! E-mail us with your name and position you would like to hold. Voting will take place in May. A number of the key positions will be 'aging' out this year – our children are moving on to Middle School.

Gardening

Ms. Halpern, Ms. Harrell and Ms. Levine's kids are doing a great job with their seedlings for the Spring Garden project. The planting will take place in early April and end in early June with a salad party with all the students that were involved. We had our garden clean up in late March to prepare the vegetable garden for the planting in early April and other gardens were prepared for other projects such as soil amendments and soil testing and we cleaned up so our plants will bloom and entice the pollinators during the spring.

Grow kids, grow!!

If you are interested in helping the Garden Team at the school, please contact Therese Forbes at Therese@CelticClans.com for more information.

Check out our BHES PTA Website! BHESPTA.org Contact us at: Officers@BHESPTA.org

BULLETIN BOARD

Rooms for Rent: \$450.00 - \$500.00. Please call (301) 237-2829.

House Cleaning: Berwyn Heights resident since 2000 - with 25 years professional house cleaning experience and takes pride in the work done looking for new clients. References in Town and out of town are available. Please give me a call and let me help tackle the house cleaning for you. Free estimates. Please call (301) 474-3024.

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Need Computer help? Call RJ 240-602-0815. Microsoft A+ Certified.

Licensed Family Daycare: Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

2 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags: \$50 each. Canning jars pint & quart size: \$5 mix & match a dozen. Call Jeff after 4 PM at 301-474-5803. Cash only.

Discounted tickets to Capitals' games: Dream seats are in Sec.107, Row U. Caps shoot twice. This is the handicapped row next to the Monumental box. Easy access with no seats in front or behind you. All tickets are discounted — with no add ons. Contact Jody at jwg21248@yahoo.com.

College dorm room items for sale: 3 like-new appliances. Black 4-cup Mr. Coffee Model DRX5 with brew and set delay; small Emerson 2009 Microwave oven Model MW7305B; small Sanyo 2009 refrigerator Model SR-A2480M [301-646-6938](tel:301-646-6938).

BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. For more information, check out the Berwyn Heights Republicans Webpage: www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html

STRESSED!!! Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Ber-

wyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

Computer Repair: Having computer problems? Want files moved from an old computer to a new one? Flat rates cheaper than any store around. Call Jason 301-919-9980.

Pet Services: Experienced dog walker and pet sitter available. Will happily help you with your pets. Call Katelyn, 301-233-2588.

Lawn mowing and trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

Dog Walking: 30 minutes, \$15.00 per walk. Special offers for multiple pets. Local trustworthy neighbor. Pet first aid and CPR certified. Call 240-605-2745.

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn (17) and Jeremy (16) can help with mowing, raking, mulching, and more. Call 301-474-2002.

Attention Seniors: Kind, compassionate Berwyn Heights resident available to go grocery shopping, run errands, etc. Please call Mary Ann at (301) 982-9295.

Childcare: Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 29 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on week-ends and evenings. Call (301)345-7622.

Berwyn Heights Cleaning: Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials and rational price. 240-645-5140 or angelalazo1@hotmail.com

4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent. Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or jmfaruki@yahoo.com.

Tutor: Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002, kathybrosh@gmail.com. References available.

Do you need an affordable daycare? Hi, my name is Carol and I would like to help you. I'm CPR certified and I have three children on my own. Give me a call if I'm the one you need. (301) 474-0963.

Jimmy Taylor will cut grass. To schedule, please call 301-982-1137.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Jaime Sampson
sampson.jaime@gmail.com

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Kristen Buker
President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-237-2829
Theresa Beck 301-728-2881
Beck-Theresa@yahoo.com



The Bugle – April 2014

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club recognizes four individuals each year for their outstanding achievements with our club and throughout the community. This year's recipients are James Hudson, Leslie Wolfinger, Cody Compton, and Jasmine Depaz. Please join us in congratulating them all!

Jasmine has been a part of the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club since 2005. She has participated in numerous sports with the club. She has maintained a good attitude on the field as well as off the field. She is always willing to help where help is needed. She has also volunteered her time to the Berwyn Heights PTA events, and for the Boys and Girls Club activities. She has maintained a 3.0 GPA and currently is an 8th grader at CMIT Academy.

Cody has been a member of the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club for the past 9 years, starting at the age 3 playing T-ball. He is a very energetic, versatile athlete and has participated in T-ball, Basketball, Soccer, Ball Hockey and his favorite sport, Baseball, where he plays the positions of pitcher and short stop. Cody is a 6th grader at Berwyn Heights Elementary School where he maintains honor roll status. He is in his 2nd year of serving as a Safety Patrol, and in his 3rd year of playing the French Horn. Outside of the Boys and Girls Club, Cody plays for his ice hockey team, the Wells Warriors, in which he is Assistant Captain. Whether he is on the field or off the field, he is a joy to be around and a tremendous help when needed. He volunteers his time with the Club in setting up fields, working in the concession stand and wherever else he may be needed. He also volunteers by helping little kids, ages 4-7, learn the sport of ice hockey at Wells Ice Rink. He has his sights on becoming an ice hockey or baseball player when he grows up.



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Local Incidents:

Crews Rescue Two in Berwyn Heights

At 5:41 PM on February 15th, Rescue Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 responded to NB Kenilworth Ave in the area of Pontiac St for an auto accident with entrapment. Company 14 arrived to find a single vehicle in the woods with 1 patient ejected and 1 pinned in the vehicle. The Rescue Squad stabilized the vehicle and began extrication while the ambulance crew provided EMS care to the ejected patient. Rescue Squad 14 later returned to the scene to assist State Highway and Greenbelt PD with removing a section of guardrail in order to recover the vehicle from the woods.

Truck & Deputy Chief Run BH House Fire

On Wednesday March 12th, at around 10PM Truck 14, Utility 14 & Chief 14A were alerted to the 8500Blk of Cunningham Dr for the house fire. Crews arrived to find and contain a small electrical fire. Chief 14A had the Cunningham Dr command. BHVFD units operated with a total of 12 volunteers.

Truck 14 In St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Sunday March 16th Truck 14 and Truck 9 (Bladensburg VFD) were invited to the D.C. St. Patrick's Day parade to set up a ladder arch at 15th and Constitution Ave NW. Truck 14 & Chief 14 attended the parade, while another crew of volunteers remained at the station to staff the Rescue Squads and Ambulance who were kept busy running calls. Including a working house fire with hoarding conditions in Lanham.



Truck operating at a BARC building fire on 3/15

BHVFD Hosts Paramedic Assist Classes

As we move closer towards placing our Paramedic Ambulance (PA-14) in-service in the upcoming months, BHVFD hosted an ALS (Advanced Life Support)-assist class for our current volunteer Ambulance drivers (who are EMT-Bs) certifying them to drive PA-14 and assist our volunteer medics with ALS level skills. We experienced such a large turnout for our 8 hour class on Saturday Feb 15th that our own Jaime Simpson, the Prince George's County Fire Dept. Volunteer ALS Coordinator, has scheduled another class in April at BHVFD. We anticipate PA14 to be in service only a few times a week, with the unit running as Ambulance 14 as it does now when no volunteer medics are available.



1536 Can We See Your House Number?

During an emergency every second counts, and if your house numbers are easily visible from the street we can find you much quicker.

To assist emergency workers in finding your location in a timely manner please do the following: On houses, the numbers should be a minimum 3 inches high. Businesses numbers should be sized so that they can be easily visible from the fire department access road. Use a contrasting color and make sure they are reflective. Also, be sure to place numbers at the end of long driveways next to the road. After calling 911, it is also a good idea to turn on you're porch light if you are able and it is safe to do so. Help us help you!

Station 14 Call Volume: Feb 2014	
Rescue Squads:	120
Ladder Truck:	75
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulances:	145
Total Station Runs for Feb:	346

Save the Date: Berwyn Heights Day! Saturday May 3rd - Come see our apparatus in the parade & visit our booth!



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Welcome to Spring, winter is finally over (we hope). It is time to get out and enjoy the outdoors! However, if you want to sell in the near future, it is time to call me....

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NEW LISTING-5710 Pontiac St-3/4 BR, 2BA rambler,Hdwd flrs, w/garage....\$294,900.

NEW LISTING-5609 Goucher Dr-5BR,3BA cape, updt kit,deck, inlaw suite..\$339,900.

REDUCED-6100 Westchester Pk Dr-eff hi rise condo \$69,000.

AVAILABLE-4849 16th St Wash DC-Lg 3 BR brick 2story FP,sunrm,charm..\$479,900.



April 2014

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 1 	 2 NW-EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 3  Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.	 4 	5
6  Street Sweeper	 7  Mock Town Council Mtg. 6:30 P.M. Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Center Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 8 	 9 Town Mtg. 7:30 P.M. FY 2015 Budget Intro. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 10 	 11 	12 TOWN CLEANUP 10:00 A.M. 
13  Street Sweeper	 14  Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12 PGCPS Spring Break Begins	 15 	 16 Green Team Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 17 	 18  Good Friday Town Offices Open 1/2 Day	19
20  EASTER DAY	 21  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 22  BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 23 CANDIDATES' NIGHT 8:00 P.M. TOWN CENTER	 24 	 25  NW/EP WINE TASTING 5:30-9:00 P.M. TOWN CENTER	26
27	 28  Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office (if needed)	 29  Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots	 30	MAY 1	2	 3 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY Electronics Recycling 9AM-Noon
 Recycling Collection  Yard Waste North South		 Refuse Collection North South  Bulk Pick-up North South		 PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET IF POSSIBLE DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.		 Electronics Recycling See Page 2

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 Email: code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Fire Department (301) 474-7866
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 474-5000

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 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)
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 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
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 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac
 Weekly on Friday 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
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