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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 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 134, COMMERCIAL CLEAN LOT

APRIL 8, 2015

The Town Council will hold a public hearing prior to adopting amendments to Ordinance 134 which sets standards for the maintenance of commercial properties.

The amendments revise standards in parallel with Ordinance 107, Residential Clean Lot, but focus on storage of inoperable vehicles, and premises identification. In addition, a table to show the schedules of enforcement for different types of violations will be included.

The hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. For more information about this hearing call (301) 474-5000, or e-mail Town Administrator Cowles at

jcowles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 119, TRAFFIC & PARKING

APRIL 8, 2015

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on introducing an amendment to Ordinance 119, which regulates enforcement of vehicle parking violations.

The amendment proposes to adopt an existing State of Maryland regulation that requires motor vehicles to display license plates in front and rear.

The hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. For more information about this hearing call (301) 474-5000, or e-mail Town Administrator Cowles at

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES
CLOSE AT 1:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
(GOOD FRIDAY)



TRASH COLLECTION

WILL PROCEED

ON A NORMAL SCHEDULE

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

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Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

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301-982-2052

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Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen

Buker 240-965-7055

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ELECTRONICS/ STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Sat., April 25: 9am - 12pm
Greenbelt DPW Yard

For additional information, see page 29.

Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday North Side	Friday South Side
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	Household Trash
► Bulk Trash	► Bulk Trash	Please remember to place your bulk trash out on Mondays & Tuesdays.		
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

Worksession

February 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: None.

Calendar: The date for the next PGCMA meeting needs to be added.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison, and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the January 12 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The January 14 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he tried to learn more about the real property reassessments some areas of the County have gone through. The central areas, including New Carrollton and Cheverly went up between 23 and 30 percent, which is encouraging. Commercial property values went up less than residential property. Even with higher assessments, real property tax payments to the county are capped at the rate of inflation by the 1978 voter initiative known as "TRIM." Mayor Calvo also had conversations with County Councilmember Danielle Glaros about how stakeholders can better support Parkdale High School. Ms. Glaros has made this a top priority.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that Berwyn Heights residents can for a time avail themselves of free spay and neuter services for their pets. The Four Cities received a \$75,000 grant to finance the free procedures, but the amount of procedures is limited to 600-650. Fliers and applications are available at the Town office or online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter.

CM Dennison reported that the Town was recently reimbursed \$91,000 for the renovation of Pop's Park playground. The grant was written by former Councilmember Almoguera. She invited all community groups to give input into the Parks & Recreation budget, which she will present at the next worksession. Lastly, she thanked long-time resident Ed Barrett for inviting her to the 50 year anniversary of the basketball championship game DeMatha High School won in a huge upset against reigning champion Power Memorial. Mr. Barrett had played

on the DeMatha championship team.

Mayor Calvo noted that there was a big house fire on Seminole Street last week. A couple of neighbors, who happened to pass by, ran into the burning house to rescue the residents, who might otherwise have died. The County Fire Chief was on the scene first with the Branchville Fire Department and informed him of the incident. Family members of the victims, who live in Town, also came to help.

Citizen Comments: MPT Kulpa-Eddy received a comment about a big pot hole on Greenbelt Road in front of Money Federal Credit Union. A cone that marked the spot earlier is no longer present. The Town may want to make sure that SHA knows about it and gets it repaired. Mayor Calvo noted that a number of Washington Gas covers are missing on their gas access pipes. He wondered if people are stealing them to resell them.

Police Department budget request: Chief Antolik presented the Police Department budget. He began with a review of recent accomplishments. He noted that criminal activity in the Town during the last 10 years has declined significantly since 2010 from annual Part I totals of well over 100 to now ranging between 61 and 85 per year. He attributed reduction in crime to the focus on community policing, which relies on frequent in-Town patrols and close cooperation with residents, including an active Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee. Last year's accomplishments included: Joint Terrorism Task Force Training for Detective Unger and Pfc. Krouse; Pfc. Krouse's graduation from the Firearms Instructor School; Officer Roberson's promotion to corporal and officer-of-the-year award; implementation of a senior residents welfare check program; and activation of an MOU of mutual assistance with the City of Greenbelt and the Town of Edmonston, among others.

Chief Antolik continued with the FY 2016 budget request, stating that this budget is essentially flat, with the exception of salaries. The hiring of a new police clerk at the starting grade will save approximately \$10,000. Additionally, one police officer position will be vacant, as Officer Duck has resigned but will, for the time being, handle the issuance of speed camera citations. In addition, the budget has 2 new police vehicles, one to be funded from the capital operating budget and another from the Public Safety Taxing District budget. The cost of the proposed Dodge Chargers with All Wheel

Drive is \$27,000, plus another \$7,800 for outfitting for a total of \$34,800 each.

In response to Councilmembers' questions about current year expenditures, Chief Antolik explained that the *vehicle maintenance & repair* budget is above budget because of air conditioning repairs in the older Crown Victorias. *Other maintenance & repairs* has a cost overrun because he had to purchase 2 new rifles for officer training. The *periodicals* appropriation is over budget because a new supply of citations was purchased. *National Night Out* was over budget despite this appropriation having been raised in FY 2015, because fewer cash donations were received. Promotional give-aways for National Night Out were paid for mostly out of the public relations budget.

On the other hand, Chief Antolik said that an increase in the *shift differential* appropriation was not requested, despite an increase from \$1.00 to \$1.30 per hour. He believes that former TA Murphy already calculated the FY 2015 needs and FY 2016 roll up costs based on the anticipated increase. However, he will go over the calculations with TA Cowles to make sure that the requested amount is sufficient. The appropriation for *gas and oil* was calculated by TA Cowles and is based on a 10 year average of \$3.00/gallon in this part of the country. The *ammunition* appropriation reflects use of ammunition during the regular firearms training officers must undergo. The Town saves money by utilizing the federal firing range.

In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Cowles said that she asked directors in her budget guidelines memo to identify line items that could be cut to arrive at a 5% cut in the overall departmental budget as a contingency. Chief Antolik said that the new police clerk would start at a lower salary than the one that resigned, which would produce some of those savings. Mayor Calvo commented that a 5% cut could not be achieved without cutting officers, which the Council did 2 years ago.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to discuss the police fleet and how the vehicles are used. To provide context, Town police vehicles on the whole log 2 times more commuter miles than patrol miles. Those officers with long commutes put 2 to 3 times more miles on their vehicles than those that live nearby. He asked what results the Town's take home car policies and locality pay have on the life-span of vehicles.

Chief Antolik replied that distances driven are not the only factor affecting a vehicle's life span. Patrol miles usually cause more wear and tear than commuter miles. The way a car is driven and serviced also affect life span. Further, he believes that a new Dodge Charger will last longer than a new Crown Victoria because the computer technology helps stabilize the ride of the vehicle and reduces wear. But the data on that is still out. As far as Council policy is concerned, he believes that the reduction of the permitted commute from 40 aerial miles to 30 road miles and offering locality pay has resulted in fewer miles driven.

Mayor Calvo said in the future he would like to see more of this type of analysis as well as an annual report on miles driven in each vehicle as part of the budget presentation. Data analysis will produce better projections of each vehicle's life span and ultimately, get a better reading of the purchasing schedule for police cars. CM Rasmussen suggested that it may be useful to figure out what the per mile cost of a vehicle is and to base locality pay on that. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked how the old vehicles are disposed of. Chief Antolik said that the unmarked vehicles are either sold with the Council's permission or passed on to the Code Department as a spare. Marked vehicles are also used as decoys.

Code Compliance budget request: TA Cowles presented the Code Department budget, which was put together with Code Compliance Supervisor Simpson before he left. TA Cowles briefly summarized the Code Department's mission, organization and last year's accomplishments. The Department normally has a full time code supervisor, 1 part time code clerk, who works 12 hours per week, and 2 part-time code officers who work a combined 20 hours per week. With the supervisor's departure, Officer Hall will fill in and perform some of the administrative functions.

Reviewing the FY 2015 accomplishments, TA Cowles noted that Supervisor Simpson created document templates for letters and reports, established a patrol schedule to organize field inspections, developed an egress window guide for basement rental units and researched and purchased an electronic code tracking system on which staff is now being trained.

Next year's goals include completing the implementation of the code tracking system, developing more effective ways to

deal with vacant properties and work with the County on accelerating demolition of blighted properties; educating residents about changes in property maintenance standards following the amendment of the Clean Lot Ordinance; reviewing the Urban Forest Ordinance; and partnering with Public Works, the Police and community organizations in monitoring and improving different aspects of property maintenance.

TA Cowles then discussed the FY 2016 code budget request. The main change is in the salary line, where there is a salary lapse of \$10,000 from the vacant code supervisor position. These savings were shifted to part time salaries to compensate part time staff for additional hours worked to compensate for the absence of a supervisor. In FY 2016, the salary line has a \$13,000 increase over FY 2015, reflecting the anticipated hiring of a new code supervisor by May. On the other hand, part-time salaries are decreased by \$1,400, as a full time supervisor will be present and some efficiencies from the implementation of the code tracking software are realized.

Further, the postage appropriation will be kept at last year's level despite cost overruns in this fiscal year, because the goal remains to reduce use of certified mail where practical. The network/software support line item was reduced by \$3,700 as the implementation of the code tracking system will be mostly complete. The uniform line item will be brought back down to its normal level, which pays for 1 uniform in a fiscal year, after experiencing a large cost overrun this year because 2 new sets of uniforms were purchased. No changes were made to the van program.

On the revenue side, the building permit and rental license line items are budgeted for increases of \$1,500 and \$2,000, respectively, based on this year's estimated receipts. Dumpster and POD permit revenues were budgeted slightly lower based on this year's receipts. Code fines and forfeiture revenues are budgeted for a slight increase of \$1,200, mostly due to expected higher receipts from clean lot, high grass, refuse, and rental violations.

In discussions, Mayor Calvo said that he likes the new format of the budget spreadsheet, which is easier to read than previous versions. Regarding code fines, he wants to repeat what he has pointed out in previous years: liens should not be treated as a separate code fine category but merely as a different form of payment. Therefore they should

not be listed as their own line item. Regarding rental revenues, the fees received for issuance of a license should be differentiated from the fines for rental violations. He also questioned the assumption that fine revenues from clean lot violations will be higher. Anecdotal evidence suggests that enforcement of clean lot violations has gone down. However, the tracking of data on the different types of violations is helpful and should continue.

CM Rasmussen said he conferred with TA Cowles about the budget and some of his suggestions were incorporated. He pointed out that the FY 2016 code budget would be 5% less than this year's were it not for the full time salary line that allows for a higher code supervisor salary. Mayor Calvo commented that the van program may no longer be needed as the van is no longer used as a call-a-bus and Town groups have not used it much. CM Rasmussen noted that the program probably should get a thorough analysis to see if it should be kept or reconfigured.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Works.**

3. Administration

Emergency generators update: TA Cowles said that the Town went out to bid for installing emergency generators in November 2014 and received 2 bids, 1 coming in at \$280,000 and 1 at \$196,000. Both bids are substantially over the \$160,000 budgeted for the project. Since then she has worked with the project engineer to identify options to reduce the cost, which include:

- Switching from natural gas-powered to diesel-powered generators lowers cost to \$170,800.
- Connecting only 1 building to generators lowers cost to either \$141,000 (Town Center) or \$72,100 (Town Office)
- Installing only one 60 KW generator to connect either the 1st or 2nd floor of the Town Center but not both, and roughing in for a second generator. The Town office would be connected to a 30 KW generator.

TA Cowles further explained that the Town already spent close to \$10,000 on engineering the project, but has not been billed yet. The cost for the third option has not yet been determined as it requires re-negotiating with the low bidder.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks connecting only the 1st floor of the Town Center to a

generator is sufficient if that will keep the cost of the project under \$160,000. The Town only needs a small temporary cooling center if there happens to be a power outage during the summer. He asked whether the Town is bound to go forward with the project as it was initially described if it signs the capital project grant agreement due on March 1. TA Cowles said that she will check with the Town attorney.

After further discussion of the options, the Council agreed to try to find other eligible contractors by seeking advice through MML and then going out to bid again, but with the project broken out into pieces. That step is contingent on finding out if the Town is committed to carry out the project as initially designed.

Comcast settlement agreement: Clerk Harper explained that negotiations between Comcast and the I-Net legal team to renew the franchise agreement have been difficult and are hung up over Comcast non-compliance issues with no resolution in sight. However, the parties have worked out an interim settlement, in which each party gets something it wants. Prince George's County and its municipalities have agreed not to object to the Comcast - Time/Warner merger and in return would get several concessions from Comcast, including a minimum numbers of HD channels, more flexibility in using the PEG grant, and extension of service in the south county. The I-Net negotiating team recommends adopting the settlement, which is due by February 13.

Mayor Calvo expressed doubt that the Town's cable TV revenue will hold up as more customers get TV over the internet and satellite. He asked if the franchise and PEG fees Comcast and Verizon pay the Town for the use of the right-of-way are levied on TV only, or internet and telephone services as well. Clerk Harper said she will have to find that out. Franchise and PEG fees will not be affected by the settlement agreement but may change when a new franchise agreement is finalized. The Council agreed to take up the settlement agreement for approval at the February 11 Town meeting.

Bulletin cover: The following items were selected for the March Bulletin cover: Spring theme; headlines for Talent Show and Game Night; jumps for budget process, tax time and Maya Davis presentation. CM Rasmussen noted that the December 1 worksession minutes erroneously report him as being absent. A correction will be published in the minutes.

4. Code Compliance

Clean Lot Ordinance amendments: Mayor Calvo said that the agenda packet only contained a clean version of Ordinance 107, Clean Lot, but not a version that tracks the changes that have been made thus far. While it is helpful to see the amended Ordinance without all the strikethroughs, the Council does not have a baseline now from which to evaluate the amended Ordinance. This raises the issue of whether the Ordinance can be adopted at the February Town meeting. Tonight, the Council is requested to review the available version and focus on making substantive changes.

At 10:08 p.m., CM Rasmussen excused himself because he had an early flight the next morning.

The following changes were made:

Section 3 O – Repeat Violator: It was clarified that a repeat violator is someone who has been noticed for up to 2 clean lot violations, but not more.

Section 4 K – Parking Surfaces: This provision was divided into subsections 4 K (1) and 4 K (2). Subsection 4 K (2) is to be rewritten in an affirmative manner, stating that the Town Administrator can issue a 72 hour permit to grant an exception to the requirement that all motorized vehicles must be parked on an approved parking surface.

Section 4 M – Accessory Structures: Subsection 4 M (1) needs to be rewritten to clarify that a Code officer or other designated Town representative can require a property owner to repair a fence that is broken or not in compliance with the Prince George's County zoning ordinance.

Section 6 D – Vacant Property: It was agreed that non-hazardous situations described in subsection 6 D (2) fall into a "regular order" compliance timeframe, comprising situations that the Town deems to be a violation, other than an immediate hazard. Further, it was agreed that subsection 6 D (3) should be revised to require the Code Department to simply maintain a list of vacant properties, but not a list of all vacant properties.

Section 6 E- Timeframe for Notice of Violation and Penalties: It was agreed to add explanatory language about the 4 types of enforcement processes, each describing the different time tables for issuing notices and violations in new subsections 6 E (1)-(4), and delete the descriptions from the table.

Section 7 – Repeat Violations: Subsections 7 A and B, setting forth the enforcement process for a repeat violator and

multiple repeat violator, refer to Section 6. However, new provisions need to be created in subsection 6 E to spell out the compliance timeframes and fines for repeat violators and multiple repeat violators.

Section 8 A – Right to Appeal: The question of whether to set a time limit on a request to appeal a Code violation upheld by the Town Council in the District Court is awaiting review by the Town attorney.

TA Cowles was asked to incorporate the changes made tonight and provide a draft showing all deletions made to the original as strikethroughs, and all additions in caps. This version should be available to the Council by the end of the week so a decision can be made of whether to adopt the amended Ordinance at the February Town meeting.

Ordinance 134 – Commercial Clean Lot: Consideration of this Ordinance was postponed.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Parks and Recreation** and **6. Public Safety**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting

February 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Suzan Lape, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the January 14, 2015 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that the Town Council will start its budget process with TA Cowles presentation of the proposed FY 2016 budget. The Council anticipates

another difficult budget in this last year of lower real property assessments. This budget will be affected by deep cuts in the State's budget as Governor Hogan attempts to address the long-term structural deficit he inherited. Education will see some of the largest cuts and raise education costs in Prince George's County and other jurisdictions with high minority populations. Prince George's County is facing its own structural deficit and is cutting expenditures even in this fiscal year, as income tax revenues are coming in far below budget. Mayor Calvo commented that these problems are the result of the State and County having applied short term budget solutions designed to get them through the next fiscal year.

Mayor Calvo continued, in contrast to the State and County, Berwyn Heights' fiscal outlook is much brighter. Having spoken to assessors and finance officers, he has learned that the central parts of Prince George's County, which have already been reassessed, saw increases of around 23% in residential real property values and 15% in commercial real property values. There is a good chance that Berwyn Heights and northern Prince George's County will see a similar increase next year. Another piece of good news is that Governor Hogan has added \$19 million to the initial \$7 million in Highway User Revenues (HUR) for municipalities, which is a little more than municipalities received this year.

Mayor Calvo said another set of issues that will be important in the next budget cycle is regional cooperation among municipalities, especially where economic development is concerned. The initiative for economic development in the Route 1 corridor has largely come from municipalities, and he will ask the Council to set aside money in the FY 2016 budget to hire a consultant to develop a vision for the commercial district.

In other news, Mayor Calvo met with PGCPs and M-NCPPC staff to discuss options for putting play equipment for older children on the school grounds. New Carrollton joined the Four Cities Coalition in financing an FBI video to promote Greenbelt Station as the site for the future FBI headquarters. Discussions have been initiated between County Councilwoman Danielle Glaros and municipal leaders, whose communities send students to the school, about how to best support Parkdale High School. Mayor Calvo thinks Parkdale is better than its reputation, but like most other schools in northern Prince George's County, it is

over-enrolled. This is in contrast to schools in the central and southern tier of Prince George's County, which have excess capacity.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo noted that a couple of elderly residents on Seminole Place were rescued from a house fire by courageous neighbors who happened to walk by. Public Works employee Juan Thorpe also helped when he arrived at the scene.

4. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced that the Four Cities Coalition has received a grant to offer free spay and neuter services to low income residents. Applications are available at the Town office or can be downloaded from Greenbelt's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued a series of reports on the different functions of the Administration Department. As provided in the recently adopted Ordinance 121, Powers & Duties, the Town Administrator is charged with ensuring that all regular and special meetings of the Town Council are noticed and recorded in compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Law. The minutes of Council meetings and other related records are made available to the public in conformance with the Public Information Act and can be accessed on the Town website. For those interested in the history of Berwyn Heights, the Historical Committee will exhibit the handwritten minutes of the Berwyn Heights Association, the forerunner of the Town government, at its upcoming Presidents' Day event.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen reported that TA Cowles has put together a plan to manage the Code Department with an interim supervisor and part-time staff following the departure of Code Supervisor Simpson. The vacant position has been advertised by Novak Consultants and applications are available from the Town website. It is hoped that a new supervisor will have been hired by mid-May.

CM Rasmussen also pointed out that the groundhog saw his shadow bringing 6 more weeks of winter. Very cold weather is in fact forecast for next week. Residents are reminded that all homes using oil or gas furnaces are now required to have carbon monoxide detectors on all levels. On a lighter note, he hopes that the Council will be able to address the issue of livestock next year so that he might be able to have pygmy goats graze in his back yard.

Parks and Recreation: CM Dennison reported that she has been busy preparing for the PRECA budget presentation at the next worksession and welcomes all public input. CM Dennison also announced upcoming events, including a community potluck and Lake Artemesia walk sponsored by the Green Team as part of its Lose it to Win it campaign. On February 14, the Boys & Girls Club will hold registrations at the community center. Coaches will be on site to answer parents' questions.

The BHES garden team continues to plan many interesting student activities under the tutelage of parent Therese Forbes and Green Team coordinator Trinity Tomsic. The BHES PTA is also has new T-shirts for sale, which were designed by student Joshua Thomas, and is collecting box tops as fundraisers. The Recreation Council has started to plan for the next Berwyn Heights Day, which will feature all the favorite activities of recent years.

Public Health and Safety: Mayor Calvo noted that the residents which suffered a house fire last week did not have a smoke detector, illustrating the importance of having working smoke detectors.

Chief Antolik announced that the Department hired a new clerk, and will formally introduce her at the next Town meeting. He then gave the police activities report for January. There were a total of 6 Part I offenses as opposed to the 5 year average of 7. The officers also wrote 137 state and municipal citations and issued 299 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. The speed camera in front of the school has been moved to Edmonston Road.

Public Works: CM Schreiber commended Juan Thorpe for his assistance in getting the residents whose house was on fire to safety. He also congratulated Mr. Thorpe on his recent promotion to chief foreman. The Department so far has been lucky with winter weather, and has an ample supply of salt in stock should snow come to the Washington region. Further, Director Lockley is working with WSSC to replace a number of broken covers to its water lines. Mayor Calvo added that Public Works staff has also installed the new 'no parking' signs on 57th Avenue the Council recently approved.

5. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced that a 2 hour active shooter

workshop will be held on March 14 at the Town Center, sponsored by the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Prince George's County Homeland Security Department. On April 24, the NW/EP will hold another wine tasting event at the Town Center.

6. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot and Ordinance 134 - Commercial Clean Lot Amendments: Mayor Calvo said that the Council has made a lot of progress updating the ordinances. Initially, it was hoped that the residential Clean Lot Ordinance would be adopted tonight but there are a few more changes to be made. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to postpone consideration of the Clean Lot Ordinances to the March Town meeting. The motion passed 5 to 0.

7. New Business

Resolution 01-2015 - Adoption of Comcast Settlement Agreement: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Schreiber moved to adopt it and CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that, as a member of the Prince George's Intergovernmental Network (I-NET), the Town is represented by an I-Net negotiating team in the ongoing effort to negotiate a new franchise agreement with Comcast, Inc. While the negotiations are at an impasse, the parties agreed to an interim settlement whereby Prince George's County and its municipalities agree not object to the Time-Warner merger with Comcast in exchange for some concessions I-Net has sought, including more flexibility in the use of PEG funds. Meanwhile, the parties continue to operate under the 1999 Comcast franchise agreement.

With no further comments, the Resolution was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

Purple Line letter of support: Mayor Calvo explained that this matter was brought up at the last Four Cities Coalition meeting. The Four Cities agreed that now is a good time to confirm their support for the Purple Line as Governor Hogan is reviewing funding for the project. This also gives newly elected Councilmembers a chance to take a stand on the matter. CM Schreiber moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to confirm the Town's support for the Purple Line and sign the Four Cities letter to the Governor. The motion passed 5 to 0.

8. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

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February 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The Green Team will meet on the second Monday of the month in March and April.

Calendar: A date for a CDMA meeting has not yet been set.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison, and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the January 26 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that she attended a zoning rewrite workshop, and Mayor Calvo attended a focus group on the zoning rewrite for municipal stakeholders.

Citizen Comments: None were reported.

PRECA budget presentation: CM Dennison presented the Parks and Recreation Department budget for FY 2016. She began with an overview of recent accomplishments, including:

- improvements to Town parks, in particular the renovation of the Pop's Park playground;
- planning and staging Berwyn Heights Day and other community events; and
- supporting PTA and educational enrichment programs at BHES, Greenbelt Middle School and Parkdale High School.

CM Dennison said that she is requesting a total of \$25,000 for FY 2016, which is the same amount as last year. In response to questions, she said that the *Pop's Park maintenance and repairs* line item is based on recent years' expenditures. No specific repairs to playground equipment are expected as the equip-

ment is brand new. Mulch expenditures are covered in the *Pop's Park supplies* line. The *equipment* line item is flat as no new purchases of playground equipment are planned. The *volunteer appreciation* line is also flat, but may be considered for an increase. Food ran out at some previous dinners. Administrative Assistant Odoi, who coordinates the event, should be asked if the number of attendees has gone up in recent years. TA Cowles added that this event was budgeted at \$1,000 last year but had expenditures of \$2,000.

Public Works budget request: Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley presented the FY 2016 Public Works budget. Overall, the proposed FY 2016 budget is almost flat. Several green initiatives are funded through Maryland Smart Energy Communities grants and focus on improving the energy efficiency of Town buildings through installation of new furnaces and LED lighting, and reducing fuel consumption of Town vehicles. The cost of planting native trees in open spaces will be minimized by utilizing the Maryland Treemendous Program.

In response to questions, Director Lockley said that the Town is working with Prince George's County on implementing programs to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill. However, there is no specific quota the Department is trying to achieve. Total refuse collected has actually gone up last year, as has the amount recycled. Mayor Calvo added that this is a function of the change in the Town's population.

Turning to the budget request, Director Lockley said that the main change is in the *salary* budget. Roll up costs from last year's salary increases will be absorbed by planned staffing changes, where 2 part-time positions will be replaced by one full time position and additional overtime. In the Public Works building budget, a \$1,000 increase in the *tools* appropriation is proposed as part of an ongoing effort to perform more maintenance and repairs in-house. With the exception of scheduled maintenance on trucks, all vehicle maintenance is already done in-house.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to focus discussion on 3 areas: 1) the organizational structure, 2) specific line items; and 3) the vehicle fleet. He observed that Director Lockley was recently authorized to combine the 2 part-time positions into one full-time hybrid crewman/ administrative position, provided the effect on the department's budget is net zero. He asked if the position has

been advertised and whether any candidates have applied. Director Lockley said that he has received 4 applications to date. However, the combination of skills required has proved to be a challenge. His preference is for a candidate with good administrative skills, as the need for crewman hours will be reduced with the implementation of a 3-days per week trash collection schedule. It is assumed that the *overtime* budget will not go up much as a result of eliminating the part-time position. Additional hours are usually needed when a regular employee is absent. The overtime budget is driven mainly by weather events, such as snowstorms, and, more predictably, by electronic recycling and event preparations. Mayor Calvo suggested that Director Lockley develop a model of the average labor cost of a winter storm on which to base the overtime budget.

Director Lockley further explained FY 2015 cost overruns in the *gas & oil* and *maintenance & repair* line items. Both are related to the new 27 cubic yard garbage truck, which uses more fuel than the older, smaller trucks. In addition, the diesel fuel has not gone down in price as much as regular gas and is still over \$3 per gallon. Despite the planned purchase of a second 27 cubic yard truck, he budgets less for gas next year because he assumes there will be fewer miles traveled when the Town switches to 3 day trash collection, made possible by the 2nd large truck. Diesel fuel has also entailed additional repair costs as its corrosive qualities necessitate more frequent replacement of fuel injectors and tanks. However, he budgeted less in this year's budget because he assumes that the same repairs will not recur this year. Mayor Calvo suggested that Director Lockley track the fuel usage of gas and diesel-powered vehicles more carefully and separately to arrive at a better estimate for next year's budget.

In response to CM Schreiber, Director Lockley explained that a vendor is used to perform maintenance on the trucks at the yard because taking them to the service location entails too much downtime. Absenteeism is high among his employees because Public Works jobs are physically demanding. Employees sometimes take a day off to rest. In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, Director Lockley said that the diesel trucks have more horsepower, which is useful for snow plowing. However, the difference is less critical than initially thought. CM Rasmussen suggested it may be prudent to budget for at least one unanticipated major vehicle repair to avoid cost over-

runs. The same goes for tree maintenance, where the line item was exceeded due to a large tree falling on a car.

Mayor Calvo next turned to the *Fleet Inventory Report* provided by Director Lockley as part of the budget presentation. The report assigns a replacement priority rating numbered 0-3 to each vehicle, which may have to be reviewed. For example, the 1985 leaf collection machine is assigned the highest replacement priority of 3 or 'mission critical'. However, it is used as a backup to the 2007 leaf vacuum, and is therefore not critical to performing leaf collection. Further, the priority ranking of 2, or 'necessary to be 100% effective', is given to 5 vehicles, indicating that they are hampering efficiency.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Council should take a closer look at the Public Works vehicle fleet later in the budget process to determine what the optimal fleet should look like and evaluate replacement ratings and schedules. An updated vehicle replacement reserve report should be made available to see the current funding levels. To prepare for the discussion, an explanation of the principle use of each vehicle should be written as the basis for composing a framework for the optimal fleet and the funding plan needed to maintain this fleet. Once in place, the framework can be updated for each successive budget cycle.

In response to CM Schreiber, Director Lockley said he established a full-time position combining administrative assistant and crewman skills to draw better applicants than he may get from advertising a part-time administrative position. Mayor Calvo said he thinks he may find qualified part-time administrative help among Berwyn Heights stay-at-home parents that want to work only when children are at school. In any case, Director Lockley should fill the administrative assistant position soon.

At 8:45 p.m., the Council took a 5-minute break.

Refuse truck proposal (discussed out of order): Director Lockley explained that he obtained a bid of \$182,255 from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems for a 2016 Freightliner refuse truck with 27 cubic yard packer, an 83 liter 300 HP engine, and 3500 RDS transmission. It is the same truck as the previous one purchased, except for a larger gas tank. The customizations give a fully loaded truck enough power and torque to get up the hills in a stop and go mode and reach

traveling speed on the highway. The bid is based on a competitively awarded, nationally-leveraged cooperative purchasing contract and includes a 4% discount on the packer.

Mayor Calvo said that the vehicle replacement reserve has approximately \$160,000 to fund the truck, plus potentially \$10,000 in recycling revenue, which is added to the fund annually. This leaves an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 to be funded from the surplus. Although the reserve does not have enough money to purchase the 2016 Freightliner as of now, the intent was to set aside enough money each year to purchase a new trash truck every 5 years. TA Cowles needs to make sure that the contributions to the reserve are increased to take into account inflation in the price of the next truck.

CM Schreiber moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to authorize the purchase of the 2016 Freightliner, pending full funding in the FY 2016 budget. The motion passed 5 to 0.

2. Administration

Emergency generators update: TA Cowles informed that she has reached out to the Town attorney to find out if the Town is committed to carry out the emergency generator project as originally designed if it signs the capital projects grant agreement to obtain state funding through the bond bill. Attorney Shay advised to do everything necessary to keep the bond bill alive, including signing the agreement and showing evidence of the Town's matching funds. If the Town cannot go forward with the project the State will be able to shift funding to another project without penalties to the Town. MPT Kulpa Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to authorize Mayor Calvo to sign the agreement. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Bikeways comprehensive plan: Clerk Harper presented a comprehensive plan to implement a bikeways project to better connect Berwyn Heights to the regional Anacostia Trails system for which the Town received a \$20,000 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) grant last year. The grant requires a \$20,000 match and funds 1) design of shared bike routes; 2) purchase and installation of 12 bike racks and 2 bike repair stations; and 3) design, purchase and installation of interpretative signs showing bike routes and points of interest in Berwyn Heights.

Clerk Harper provided a revised map of proposed bike routes in Town that takes

into account previous input from the Council. A connection from Indian Creek Trail to Nevada Street was added, guiding cyclists along 58th Avenue to Greenbelt Road, as well as a connection from Pontiac Street to Greenbelt Middle School via 63rd Avenue and Tecumseh Place. Clerk Harper also showed types of bike racks, bike repair stations and signs under consideration, and their approximate costs and possible location along the routes.

Mayor Calvo said that he agrees with most of the routes. The southernmost section of 58th Avenue, which is partially graveled, should be repaved whenever the Town undertakes its next road project. The connection to Greenbelt Middle School via 63rd Avenue would add safety for students already using this route. An open question is where to guide cyclists across busy Route 193 to get to Greenbelt. The decision largely depends on where Greenbelt will place its bike route on the other side of Route 193. The issue is one among others to be discussed in a joint meeting with Greenbelt's City Council that affect both municipalities.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested that Edmonston Road is a better route than 63rd Avenue for cyclists to reach Greenbelt Middle School from Pontiac Street because there is more space. Cars parked on both sides of 63rd Avenue do not leave much space for cyclists, and sharrows might be covered by parked vehicles. Mayor Calvo thought that 63rd Avenue is safer because there is less traffic. Routes will be finalized at a future meeting.

The Council agreed that Clerk Harper should request an amendment to the grant budget that would shift money from the route design line item to other items, in particular signage.

3. Code Compliance

Clean Lot Ordinance amendments: TA

Cowles explained that the latest version of Ordinance 107 include comments and suggested changes from the Town Attorney's office. The Council reviewed the changes.

Section 3 J - Litter: It was agreed to remove sub-sections J (1) - (4) because they create a higher standard of what constitutes litter. Further, the definition was limited to private property by taking out "public places."

Section 3 S - Weeds: It was agreed to remove grass from the list of weeds because the violation pertains to plants that are untended as indicated by a height above 10". Properly tended lawns, ornamental plants, and undisturbed woodland are not a violation, as specified in the exclusions portion of the definition

Section 4 L - Building Security: It was agreed to add a definition for 'public nuisance,' which is referenced here.

Section 4 M - Accessory Structure: It was agreed to retain subsections M (1) - (2) as only the improper maintenance of an accessory structure, such as a fence or retaining wall, is regulated. The building or installation of such structure is a County function.

Section 6 C - Abatement: The Town Attorney clarified that the Town does not require a court order to perform abatements as outlined in this section.

Section 6 E - Timeframe for Notice of Violation and Penalty: Mayor Calvo proposed to apply a more lenient enforcement schedule to 'conditions of exterior property' as set forth in Section 4 A. A 'hazardous' condition should be moved from the 'immediate' to the 'time sensitive' category, and 'non-hazardous' condition to 'regular order'. The same should happen with violations set forth in Section 4 I - Animal and Habitat and 4 L Building Security. Under the proposed definition of the violation too many conditions would fall under an immediate en-

forcement schedule. In his mind, this constitutes a major expansion of code enforcement authority and encroachment on private property rights.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy disagreed in part, noting that there are conditions of exterior property that need to be addressed in short order, i.e. those posing a threat to the health of people and domestic animals. For example, dogs kept in filthy yards or garbage piles in the middle of summer. Mayor Calvo clarified that those conditions should be defined narrowly as an emergency. Further, property owners must be able to remedy such a violation in a 24-hour period. Many animal violations can be dealt with in Ordinance 101. His main concern is having too many violations that are swept into the 24-hour remedy category. At this point he cannot support adopting the amended Ordinance if this issue is not addressed.

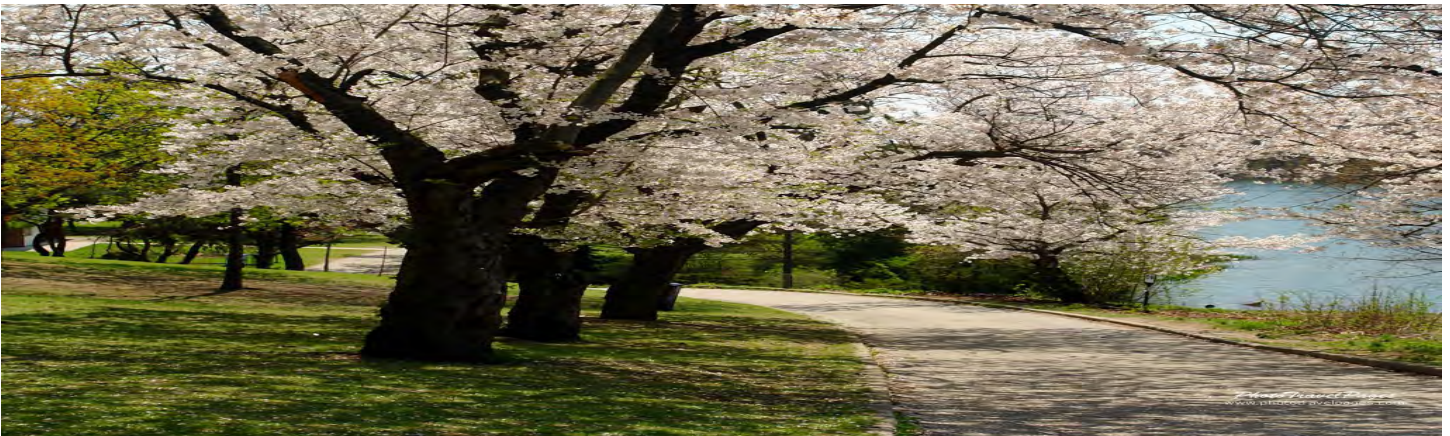
MPT Kulpa-Eddy proposed to re-insert definitions of hazardous that were just removed from Section 3 J Litter, specifically those causing a fire hazard or disease. It was agreed to add an 'imminent' category to the table of enforcement schedules that would keep only emergency conditions of exterior areas as a violation that must be corrected in 24 hours. All other types of hazardous conditions would become time-sensitive with 7-day correction periods, and non-hazardous conditions would become regular order violations with 15-day correction periods.

Section 6 E (3) Regular Order: The enforcement schedule was corrected to specify correction/fine periods of 15 days, 7 days, and 7 days, if a violation is ongoing.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Parks and Recreation**, **5. Public Safety** and **6. Public Works**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Town for FY 2016 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road.

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 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Special Public Safety Taxing District for FY 2016 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road.

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.

Join Maryland Milestones for 10th Annual Bike Rally

"Rivers to Rockets Rally: A Decade of Exploration"

Sunday - May 3, 2015 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Start: Magruder Park, Hyattsville, MD

This year we are teaming up with the Bostwick Heritage Festival on Saturday and the Riverdale Park Arts Festival on Sunday for a weekend of activities. Come celebrate with us!

We will use the Anacostia Tributary Trail System for most routes with some on-road bike time on the back streets of our communities. At a few points major roads have to be crossed, but families are encouraged to participate and see the sights. Lunch, snacks as well as a water bottle will be provided for participants.

Registration for participants opens in April 2015.

Regular \$15.00

Combo (2 adults) \$25.00

Family (up to 4) \$40.00





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Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget Message

Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and Residents:

The Town of Berwyn Heights budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 is scheduled to be introduced at the Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 8 and adopted at the Wednesday, May 13 Town Meeting, as required in the Town's Charter. The proposed FY 2016 budget holds the real property tax rates at current levels of 50-cents per \$100 of assessed value for residential real property for the operating budget and 3-cents per \$100 of assessed value for the dedicated road tax. The personal property tax rates, paid by businesses, also remains unchanged at \$1.25 per \$100 of assessed value and 7.5-cents per \$100 of assessed value for the dedicated road tax. The proposed FY 2016 budget achieves balance by:

1. Continued growth in income tax receipts, projected to increase 8% over the FY 2015 budget, driven by rising numbers of multi-income families and more rental properties occupied by working adults rather than college students;
2. Real property tax revenue increase of 1%, largely from rising assessments of a few commercial properties;
3. Modest increases in police and code fines and fees with the expectation that both departments will be fully staffed;
4. Managed savings in employee benefits and salaries from employee turnover;
5. The use of up to \$50,000 in surplus for operating purposes, consistent with the Town Council's policy for this real property assessment cycle (FY 2016 is the final year of this three-year cycle, which began in FY 2014 with a 16% decrease in real property assessed values).

The FY 2016 proposed budget funds the cash purchase of a new police cruiser, implements the Town Council's decision to purchase a new refuse truck from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve to continue planned operational efficiencies in collection services, appropriates transfers into the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve of \$66,610 in Highway User Revenues and \$91,227 generated from the dedicated real and personal property road tax rates, and proposes to transfer \$58,600 to the Vehicle Replacement Reserve. Overall, the proposed FY 2016 operating budget is \$8,000 less than the FY 2015 budget. Although the FY 2016 budget proposes to freeze non-salaried expenditures, the budget sets aside a salary pool of \$20,400 for the Town Council's use in allocating employee merit increases or cost-of-living adjustments.

The following are departmental expenditure highlights:

- **Administration** – The Budget funds Town Administration functions and the maintenance, repair, and operation of the municipal building, Town Center and Senior Center with three full-time employees and two part-time employees.
- **Code Compliance and Transportation** – The Budget funds the Town Council's continued commitment to upholding community standards through a full-time Code Supervisor, 20 hours for Code Inspection, and 10 hours for a Code Clerk, with ongoing streamlining of Code operations expected in this first full year of implementing the Town Council's priority of Code tracking software.
- **Police Department** – The Budget funds 24 hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week police protection with eight full-time officers and one full-time clerk, resulting in the Town's historically low crime rates. BHPD also maintains community partnerships with Berwyn Heights Elementary School and the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee and provides traffic enforcement through the speed camera system.
- **Public Health and Safety** – The Budget proposes a \$10,000 contribution to support the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department for ambulance outfitting and \$3,000 for the Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch Committee.
- **Public Works Department** – The Budget provides services such as the collection of refuse, bulk trash, yard waste, and recyclable materials. The Department is proposed to be staffed with eight full-time employees and one part-time employee in order maintain quality levels of service in infrastructure and facilities, with a FY 2016 focus on implementing energy efficiency improvements and replenishing the urban tree canopy.
- **Parks Recreation** – The Budget proposes continuing to fund Recreation Council special events such as Berwyn Heights Day, with devoted resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park.
- **Insurance and Employee Benefits** – The Budget anticipates a 10% increase in health insurance premiums, no increase for general liability insurance, and projected decreases in workers compensation premiums and unemployment insurance rates due to the small number of claims to date. The budget also includes an appropriation for the Town's match for the municipal pool of the Maryland pension system, which decreases from 9.73% to 8.53% of payroll in FY 2016 due to responsible management and favorable performance. Town Employees contribute 7% of their base pay.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process at the public hearings held during the Town Meetings scheduled for April 8 and May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jessica Cowles
Town Administrator

One-Page Summary Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

	FY 12 Actual	FY 13 Actual	FY 14 Actual	FY 15 Budget	FY 16 Proposed	% Variation
Real Estate Property Tax	\$ 1,430,689	\$ 1,461,218	\$ 1,228,776	\$ 1,273,469	\$ 1,283,788	1%
Penalties on Taxes	\$ 1,269	\$ 4,458	\$ 3,419	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	0%
Personal Property Tax	\$ 302,459	\$ 235,035	\$ 265,576	\$ 249,900	\$ 265,000	6%
Road Fund Tax	\$ 109,195	\$ 109,096	\$ 96,497	\$ 90,541	\$ 91,227	1%
Income Tax	\$ 367,454	\$ 421,066	\$ 406,645	\$ 380,000	\$ 410,000	8%
Recycling Fee	\$ 71,470	\$ 72,030	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
Highway User Revenue	\$ 42,336	\$ 24,930	\$ 86,995	\$ 93,467	\$ 76,610	-18%
Police Aid	\$ 38,505	\$ 38,505	\$ 50,493	\$ 51,884	\$ 51,884	0%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 130,491	\$ 132,731	\$ 141,844	\$ 135,600	\$ 141,100	4%
Service Charges	\$ 4,068	\$ 2,701	\$ 4,685	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
Intergovernmental	\$ 25,232	\$ 99,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 171,232	\$ 8,232	-95%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 56,800	\$ 50,983	\$ 61,121	\$ 140,200	\$ 120,465	-14%
Miscellaneous	\$ 80,678	\$ 60,858	\$ 94,987	\$ 144,000	\$ 63,200	-56%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 2,660,646	\$ 2,712,843	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 2,806,963	\$ 2,588,176	-8%
Transfers from Reserves	\$ 322,706	\$ 20,345		\$ 300,000	\$ 163,000	-46%
Transfers from Surplus						
For Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,368	\$ 18,791	-81%
For Capital Projects	\$ 143,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279,251	\$ 19,300	-93%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,126,690	\$ 2,733,188	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 3,487,582	\$ 2,789,267	-20%
Mayor and Council	\$ 17,176	\$ 16,385	\$ 19,129	\$ 27,000	\$ 29,000	7%
Town Administration	\$ 300,943	\$ 314,152	\$ 336,030	\$ 348,537	\$ 348,834	0%
Municipal Building	\$ 23,606	\$ 30,035	\$ 22,443	\$ 27,621	\$ 27,366	-1%
Town Center	\$ 52,420	\$ 41,826	\$ 36,443	\$ 33,521	\$ 33,916	1%
Police Department	\$ 600,470	\$ 606,504	\$ 564,541	\$ 652,870	\$ 661,244	1%
Misc. Public Safety	\$ 3,022	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,656	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	0%
Code Compliance & Van	\$ 101,013	\$ 103,567	\$ 91,372	\$ 108,443	\$ 109,401	1%
Public Works	\$ 681,962	\$ 706,615	\$ 625,865	\$ 673,506	\$ 673,375	0%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 25,130	\$ 14,745	\$ 15,661	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0%
Cable	\$ 6,496	\$ 4,851	\$ 5,003	\$ 15,476	\$ 10,134	-35%
Insurance	\$ 86,309	\$ 92,259	\$ 99,391	\$ 113,519	\$ 105,100	-7%
Employee Benefits	\$ 206,466	\$ 230,628	\$ 258,565	\$ 273,978	\$ 279,368	2%
4-Cities Street Sweeper	\$ 18,348	\$ 14,424	\$ 16,203	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
Debt Service	\$ 4,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Capital Expenditures	\$ 29,277	\$ 122,746	\$ 49,418	\$ 36,152	\$ 34,792	-4%
Transfers to Reserves	\$ 282,499	\$ 224,774	\$ 286,160	\$ 247,708	\$ 237,437	-4%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,439,758	\$ 2,525,891	\$ 2,428,880	\$ 2,615,331	\$ 2,606,967	0%
Capital Projects & Purchases	\$ 686,929	\$ 186,097	\$ 23,614	\$ 872,251	\$ 182,300	-79%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,126,687	\$ 2,711,988	\$ 2,452,494	\$ 3,487,582	\$ 2,789,267	-20%
Net Total (Transferred to Surplus)	\$ 3	\$ 21,200	\$ 68,946	\$ -	\$ -	
Reserves						
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	
Cable TV Reserve	55,609	35,294	62,013	62,013	62,013	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	69,989	204,015	377,507	551,315	709,202	
NW/EP Trailer Reserve	3,543	5,163	6,007	6,007	6,007	
Recycling/Tipping Fund	-	-	10,163	10,163	10,000	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	162,956	230,769	305,711	339,611	235,211	
Greenbelt Station Impact Fee Reserve					120,000	
Total Reserves	\$ 734,097	\$ 917,241	\$ 1,203,401	\$ 1,411,109	\$ 1,584,433	
Total Surplus	\$ 872,672	\$ 914,549	\$ 985,575	\$ 604,956	\$ 566,865	

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Message: Proposed Public Safety Taxing District Budget

Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and Residents:

Ten years ago, the Town of Berwyn Heights became the first municipality in Maryland to exercise new authority to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) encompasses the commercial and industrial properties along Greenbelt Road, Branchville Road, Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, and 55th Avenue.

The PSTD provides the Berwyn Heights Police Department additional resources to finance capital and operating costs for a police officer to strengthen police protection in the commercial district and the Town at-large. This additional officer augments existing policing efforts with increased staffing flexibility and allows for a second on-duty officer during busy evening and midnight shifts.

The proposed FY 2016 PSTD budget recommends maintaining the existing tax rates in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property. The FY 2016 budget also proposes to fund the purchase of a new police cruiser from PSTD reserves.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County with crime in Town at a historic low. The Town Council envisions continuing to use PSTD funding to provide for the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights' residents, businesses, and visitors.

Respectfully,

Jessica Cowles
Town Administrator

Public Safety Taxing District Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Summary

REVENUES	FY 12 ACTUAL	FY 13 ACTUAL	FY 14 ACTUAL	FY 15 BUDGET	FY 15 ESTIMATED	FY 16 PROPOSED	\$ Variation	% Variation
REAL ESTATE TAX-CURRENT YEAR	\$ 31,871	\$ 38,390	\$ 37,926	\$ 39,119	\$ 39,119	\$ 39,942	\$ 823	2%
REAL ESTATE TAX-PRIOR YEARS	\$ 614	\$ 57	\$ 44	\$ 368	\$ 368	\$ 50	\$ (318)	-86%
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 34,703	\$ 28,944	\$ 29,537	\$ 30,944	\$ 30,944	\$ 30,944	\$ -	0%
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	\$ 1,324	\$ 314	\$ 144	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 200	\$ 170	567%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ 2,691	\$ 2,754.00	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ -	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 68,512	\$ 70,396	\$ 70,406	\$ 71,466	\$ 71,466	\$ 72,141	\$ 675	1%
TRANSFER FROM PSTD RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 19,529	\$ -	\$ 1,327	\$ 1,327	\$ 35,443	\$ 34,116	2571%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 68,512	\$ 89,925	\$ 70,406	\$ 72,793	\$ 72,793	\$ 107,584	\$ 34,791	48%
EXPENDITURES								
POLICE SERVICES	\$ 59,668	\$ 57,074	\$ 58,853	\$ 68,047	\$ 68,047	\$ 68,385	\$ 338	0%
INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 1,558	\$ 4,240	\$ 4,783	\$ 4,746	\$ 4,746	\$ 4,407	\$ (339)	-7%
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 61,226	\$ 61,314	\$ 63,636	\$ 72,793	\$ 72,793	\$ 72,792	\$ (1)	0%
CAPITAL BUDGET-POLICE CRUISER	\$ -	\$ 28,611	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,792	\$ 34,792	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 61,226	\$ 89,925	\$ 63,636	\$ 72,793	\$ 72,793	\$ 107,584	\$ 34,791	48%
Difference - Receipts & Expenses	\$ 7,286	\$ -	\$ 6,770	\$ (1,327)	\$ (1,327)	\$ (651)	\$ 676	-51%
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 50,672	\$ 57,958	\$ 38,429	\$ 45,199	\$ 45,199	\$ 43,872	\$ (1,327)	-3%
Surplus Added or (Used)	\$ 7,286	\$ -	\$ 6,770	\$ (1,327)	\$ (1,327)	\$ (651)	\$ 676	-51%
Less: Capital Budget Purchases	\$ -	\$ 20,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,792.00	\$ 34,792	-
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 57,958	\$ 37,429	\$ 45,199	\$ 43,872	\$ 43,872	\$ 8,429	\$ (35,443)	-81%



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of February 2015. 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.

02/01/2015 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Krouse recovered a stolen 1997 Honda from the location of 5600 block of Ruatan Street. The vehicle was stolen in Greenbelt City.

02/03/2015 at 12:28 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5700 block of Berwyn Road for a property damage report.

02/04/2015 at 4:40 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the PG Scrap Yard for a theft in progress and arrested a 47 y/o, w/m who was later identified as David Wenk of Hyattsville.

02/04/2015 at 11:25 am Pfc. Krouse and Det. Unger assisted the BHVFD in forc-

ing entry into a house on the 5900 block of Quebec Street. A 68 y/o, w/f was trapped inside her home filled with trash and rubbish. She was transported to the hospital and PG County adult protective service was notified.

02/04/2015 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2005 Ford truck from the location at Edmonston Road and Pontiac Street. The vehicle was involved in an accident.

02/05/2015 at 9:47 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of damage to property.

02/13/2015 at 6:27 pm, Pvt. Hollowell impounded an abandoned 2000 Nissan from the location of 57th. Avenue at Greenbelt Road.

02/20/2015 at 12:30 pm, BHPD Officers along with the Prince George's County Police responded to the SunTrust Bank located at 5600 Greenbelt Road for a robbery in progress. Suspect entered the bank, produced a note and departed with cash.

02/24/2015 at 11:20 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the area of Pontiac Street

at 58th. Avenue for a suspicious person. The suspicious subject was identified and sent on the way

02/25/2015 at 12:15 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 5900 block of Natasha for a report of an assault. Investigation revealed that a 18 y/o female hit her 17 y/o male boyfriend and in return, he pulled her hair. They were advised and sent on their way.

02/28/2015 at 12:53 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of a white male suspect who passed counterfeit money.

After Business Hours:

**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE
DISPATCH PHONE
NUMBER— 301-352-1200**

**Tell the P.G. County Dispatcher the
nature of your problem; specify that
the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police
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Berwyn Heights Wine Tasting

*A fund raiser for our Community
Emergency Response Team*

Friday, April 24th 5 to 9 pm

**Community Center—second floor
5700 Berwyn Road (Berwyn Rd. at 57th Ave.)**

Music by Phil Ventura

\$10 admission to sample—photo proof of ID required

Non drinkers FREE—NON-alcoholic beverages available

Call or Text 301-674-4919 for more information or detailed directions



What is the Community Emergency Response Team?

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Members of your Berwyn Heights CERT are trained in Metro transit response, radio communications, pandemic influenza, crisis leadership, the Incident Command System and National Incident Management System, emergency management, hazardous materials, animal disaster response, and more!

Curious about CERT?

Come talk to us at the Wine Tasting event!

Or check out these resources...

<https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>

Prince George's County CERT: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/CERT>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/PrinceGeorgesCountyCert>

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BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

SATURDAY • MAY 2, 2015

• • • **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)

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

CONCERTS 3 LIVE BANDS! (starts at 2:00 pm)
at Sports Park (Community Center if rain)

ATTRACTIONS

- **MARKETPLACE** 11 am – 4:00 pm
- **BHNW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Trailer**
- **BHHC** The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee
- **VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION Booths** — 2 locations
- **CHA CHA the CLOWN**—Balloon Twisting Sculpting

PARADE, Performances, Awards & Presentations

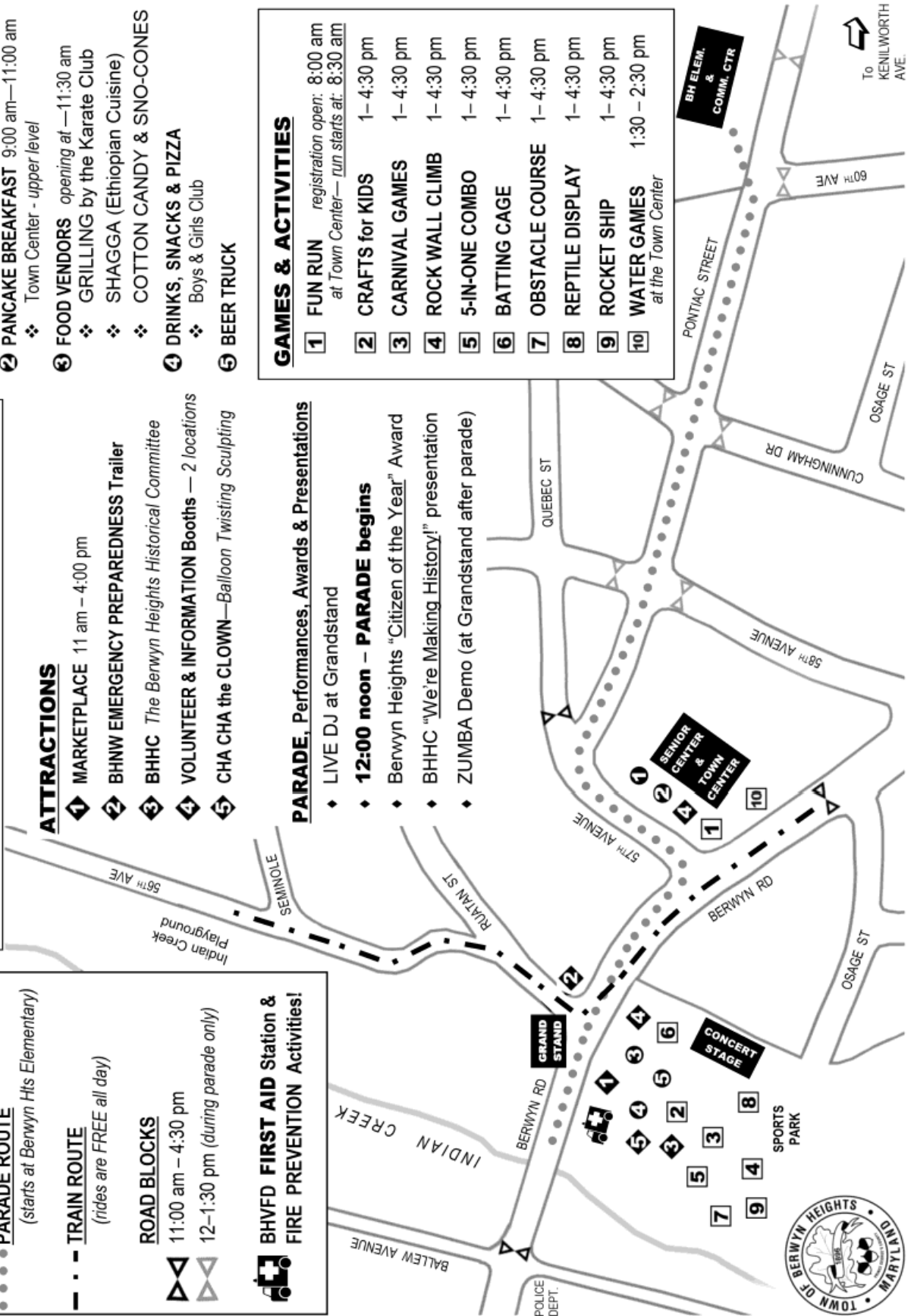
- LIVE DJ at Grandstand
- **12:00 noon – PARADE begins**
- Berwyn Heights "Citizen of the Year" Award
- BHHC "We're Making History!" presentation
- ZUMBA Demo (at Grandstand after parade)

FOOD & DRINKS

- **Senior's BAKE SALE** opening at — 8:30 am
Senior Center (open until sold out)
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 9:00 am—11:00 am
Town Center - upper level
- **FOOD VENDORS** opening at —11:30 am
- **GRILLING** by the Karate Club
- **SHAGGA** (Ethiopian Cuisine)
- **COTTON CANDY & SNO-CONES**
- **DRINKS, SNACKS & PIZZA**
- Boys & Girls Club
- **BEER TRUCK**

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- **FUN RUN** registration open: 8:00 am
at Town Center—run starts at: 8:30 am
- **CRAFTS for KIDS** 1–4:30 pm
- **CARNIVAL GAMES** 1–4:30 pm
- **ROCK WALL CLIMB** 1–4:30 pm
- **5-IN-ONE COMBO** 1–4:30 pm
- **BATTING CAGE** 1–4:30 pm
- **OBSTACLE COURSE** 1–4:30 pm
- **REPTILE DISPLAY** 1–4:30 pm
- **ROCKET SHIP** 1–4:30 pm
- **WATER GAMES** 1:30 – 2:30 pm
at the Town Center



Fun Run



**Berwyn Heights Day
Walk/Run for Fun!!!
Saturday, May 2nd, 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 Vendor/Information Booth Application

Saturday, May 2, 2015

- ❖ 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!** Contact Trinity Tomsic if you are interested in volunteering: trinity.tomsic@gmail.com
- ❖ If you'd like to be a vendor or set up an informational booth at Berwyn Heights Day, please fill out and submit this page.

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: canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc. are acceptable – individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.)
 - 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

Check ONE:

_____ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

_____ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2015)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table YES NO Chairs? (Supply is limited): _____ 1 or 2 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 17, 2015**. 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 _____

The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Presidents' Day Reception



Despite the icy roads, guests came from California, Virginia, D.C. and Maryland to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Berwyn Heights Association. Many were descendants of the first President of the Association, Fred Hodges Benson. James Benson, who compiled a genealogy of his family, showed a video about his great grandparents and their lives in Berwyn Heights. Maureen Tobin, brought the minute book of the Berwyn Heights Company, passed down to her from Clarence Benson. Resident Darald Lofgren brought an old set of tools he found in his basement that were once were used by the Association to erect poles to string electric wires in Town. He summed it all up when he said it is amazing how one find leads to another and helps to piece together the past.

"Slavery in Maryland"



From left to right, DaJanee Fennell, Mayor Cheye Calvo, State Delegate—Diana M. Fennell, Guest Speaker—Maya D. Davis and M. David Williams discuss the history uncovered about local slaves during the War of 1812, at the BHHC's March 15th Wine & Cheese event.

TELEGRAPH TALK

On February 24, the BHHC welcomed Bob Day of the Washington D.C. Cornell Club to their February meeting where he gave a presentation of his research on the first telegraph line that was constructed along the B&O Railroad tracks in 1843-44.

The Cornell Club alumni had their lunch at the Town Center during their tour of nearby sites last September, where Ezra Cornell lived and worked—after being hired by Samuel Morse to build the first telegraph line between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.



Dick Ahrens, Kerstin Harper, Bob Day and Patti Dennison review a map of the county Mr. Day donated to the BHHC.

We invite those who are interested in working on events and projects to our monthly meetings. **You don't have to be a historian or researcher to join us!** — just a Town resident who wants to have fun giving back to their community! The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at 7:30 p.m.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 27



Visit the **BHHC** website at: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

Maryland Milestones (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area): www.anacostiatrials.org





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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

April 2015

Come visit our wonderful school!

OPEN HOUSE

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Thursday, April 30th, 10:00 - 11:30am



Take a tour, meet the principal and kindergarten team, learn more about the K program, Chinese language program, the active PTA and much more!

BHES PTA Board Nominations

ATTENTION PARENTS!

ALL of the positions on the BHES PTA board will be open for the 2015-16 school year:

- President
- Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary



Without a PTA board, there can be no PTA at

our school, so the PTA really needs some parents to step into these roles and help make our school the best it can be...for our kids and our community.

A nomination form with the descriptions of the board positions came home with your child in March. Nominations for the positions are due by May 1 and the new board members will be sworn in at the end-of-year party in June.

Join the email list!

Make sure you don't miss a thing going on at school by joining the PTA email list.

Please email president@bhespta.org to join.

Important Dates



- April 1: Bring in your Box Tops!!
- April 2-10: Spring Break, No School!!
- April 15: PTA Meeting, 6:45pm
- April 16: "Let's Get Moving Day"
- April 18: Garden Clean Up, 9:00 a.m.
- April 30: Spring Open House

In the Gardens...

In March, the PTA Garden Team and volunteers taught some of the younger classes how to make a lettuce terrarium by reusing clam shell containers. The 5th grade science MODS planted four of the raised beds with vegetables they have grown from seeds. We also have two raised beds dedicated to different varieties of lettuce that Ms. Levine and Ms. Gaertner's class planted.

Save the Date: Garden Clean Up

April 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

(Rain date: April 19, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

All are welcome - parents, family members, community members. Service hours available for students. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your favorite tool if you wish!

"Let's Get Moving Day"

Thursday, April 16th

All students will enjoy a day of movement, games and fun at the new PTA-sponsored "Let's Get Moving Day", while the teachers get extra planning time...win-win!! Each class will rotate for 45 minutes through lots of fun physical activities outside (weather permitting) including a variety of relay games. **A huge THANK YOU to parent, Denise Stephens, for putting this great event together!** *Your child does not need to wear their uniform on April 16, and should wear rubber-soled shoes.*

Next Box Tops Collection: April 1

Please keep clipping Box Tops from participating products and bring them to school on **Wed. April 1** and give them to your child's teacher.

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(beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**

Berwyn Heights Playgroup

For Preschoolers and Younger

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

Mondays 10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy

Playground Rotation: 1st & 3rd Monday of month—Indian Creek Playground

2nd & 4th Monday of month—Pop's Park

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New Listing-6839 Eastern Av -Takoma Pk- 3 unit home \$609,000.

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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—or join our email list—please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center—all residents are welcome to attend!

Join Us! Town-Wide Clean Up on Saturday, April 11, 10:00 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 11 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.
- It's a 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!
- 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 Kayla Agonoy at kayla_agonoy@yahoo.com.

Lose It to Win It Campaign: Upcoming Health Promotion Events

If you've been reading the GreenBee, you know that the Green Team is partnering with the University of Maryland on its Lose It to Win It campaign, and is coordinating a variety of health and wellness activities throughout the year—see below for this month's events!

Lake Artemesia Walk/Jog & Calisthenics: Sunday, April 12, 1:30-2:30p.m.

Since we have easy access to the beautiful Lake Artemesia, we'll be coordinating exercise activities there on Sunday, April 12, from 1:30-2:30 pm. We'll meet in the parking lot, and from there participants can walk or jog around the lake at their own pace. We'll even offer tips on fun and easy ways to incorporate calisthenics into your exercise! If you're interested in participating, please let us know by emailing bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Sign Up! 10-Week Fitness Boot Camp Starts Sunday, April 19, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

TRI Fitness Boot Camp is coming to Berwyn Heights in April! It is designed for men and women of all fitness levels, and will focus on every aspect of fitness. The 10-week class will be held outdoors (weather permitting) on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. The total cost is \$100, *so it ends up being just \$10 per class, which is a great deal!* Fola Awosika, the instructor, has more than 15 years of experience in the fitness industry. If you are interested in signing up please let us know, because we need at least 15 participants to commit to participating to make it happen, so email the Green Team at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com or return the application below to the Town Center by Wed. April 8. Bring your payment of \$100 to the first class on April 19 (checks payable to TRI Fitness).

TRI Fitness Boot Camp Registration Form

To register, return this form to the Town Center, or email bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com by Wed. April 8

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



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Volunteering in the fire department is a unique experience that can be as rewarding and educational as you choose to

make it. Motivation, dedication and professionalism are qualities that successful volunteers must possess. Members of the Berwyn Heights VFD not only possess these qualities, but are continuously seeking to further their knowledge and skills as well. BHVFD responds to 4,500 calls a year, ranging from structure fires, auto accidents, specialty rescues (high angle rope, structural collapse, water rescue, confined space, etc.), EMS, and anything else that gets thrown at our highly trained volunteer crews.

Basic Requirements:

- At least 16 years of age
- No previous training required!
- Criminal background check conducted by Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department
- Completion of medical physical conducted by PGFD contracted representative
- Completion of Volunteer Recruit School Completion of Firefighter I or Maryland EMT-B within 18 months of membership and both within 36 months (except EMS-only and Administrative members)
- Participation in the duty shift program (minimum of two shifts per month) to ensure station staffing
- Participation in Annual Spring Clean Up (One day in Spring)
- Participation in two shifts during Christmas Tree Sale



Due to the high volume of calls and urban environment, Station staffing is maintained 24 hours a day as there is no "home response." There are 20 bunks available for members while providing overnight staffing. The Berwyn Heights VFD is a combination department, with both volunteer and career firefighter/EMTs working together. The station is staffed on week days from 0700 to 1500 hours by Prince George's County career personnel. Nights, weekends and holidays however, are staffed exclusively by volunteers. The volunteer and career members enjoy an excellent professional relationship, working side-by-side with overlapping schedules to ensure continuous, 24 hour-a-day station staffing.

Whether you are looking for a firefighting, EMT, live-in or administrative position, we have opportunities available for you. Volunteering in such a highly urban area is truly a unique experience, and the environment at Berwyn Heights makes it friendly, exciting and educational. **Not sure?** You can come down for a visit and tour, and even Ride Along on some emergency calls to witness how our dedicated volunteers at work first hand. Check out our YouTube Videos as well! Search BHVFD14.

Interested? Visit www.BHVFD14.org and fill out the Contact form!

Can We See Your House Numbers??

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 locations 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 your porch light if you are able and it is safe to do so. **Help us help you!**

Station 14 Call Volume: Feb 2015

Rescue Squads:	146
Ladder Truck:	94
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulance & Paramedic Ambulance	192
Total Station Runs for Jan	438

BULLETIN BOARD

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.

1 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags: \$50. 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: Great discounted seats for every CAPS and WIZARDS home game. Aisle seats in great sections for Caps and Wizards. No add-ons — Just great seats at discounted prices. Call Jody or Steve at 301-474-3613. Berwyn Heights residents for almost 50 years.

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 Berwyn 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

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.

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.

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.

Sewing Assistance Needed: Looking for someone to make a slipcover for a child's chair. Contact Diane at 301-345-5359.

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6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

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Amusement Park Tickets are **HERE!!!**



Available at the town office Mon-Fri 9-4.



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ELECTRONICS AND STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Residents can recycle old electronic items and block styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works yard each 4th Saturday of January, April, July and October. Greenbelt recycling is accessible from the Buddy Attick parking lot at 555 Crescent Road. Old batteries and fluorescent light bulbs can always be recycled in designated containers in front of the Town Office, at 5700 Berwyn Road. Please note: The drop-off at Berwyn Heights Public Works Yard is no longer available.

Accepted electronics: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries (with terminals taped.)

Accepted styrofoam: Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6), which is the white, block Styrofoam used as packaging. **NO** cups, food containers, egg cartons, or peanuts accepted.

For more information go to: http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Electronics_Recycling.php or call: Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153

CODE NEWS



LITTER is especially obvious after the snow melts and before grass, flowers and trees start to grow. Please help keep our Town looking nice by placing all household trash into containers with a tight-fitting lid and by picking litter up along your property. Trash sitting in the curbs will eventually get washed into the storm drains and end up in our streams.

Also note the next Town-wide cleanup: **Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am -12:30 pm**

Clean Lot Violations	FEB.
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	0
Animals	2
Trash/ Litter	4
Refuse Collection	12
Vehicles	10
Miscellaneous	19
Commercial	2
Total Clean Lot Violations	53
Permits	
Building	1
Dumpster/ PODs	2
Violations	4
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	3
Total Rentals	201
Inspections	12
Re-inspections	12
Fines	7
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	1
Lost Vacant Homes	2
Total Vacant Properties	42

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BerwynLawnCare@gmail.com

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- * GUTTER CLEANING
& MORE

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating more than 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 6	Bertha Davies
April 11	Eddie Daffron
April 25	Martha Baxter

APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 1	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 2	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 7	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
April 8	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 9	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 11	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
April 14	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
April 15	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 20	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 21	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
April 22	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 23	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
April 28	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
April 29	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.



**SEE
YOU
AT OUR
BAKE
SALE
8:30 A.M.
UNTIL
SOLD OUT**





April 2015

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar. 29 1:30 P.M. Family Bike Ride to Bladensburg Park PALM SUNDAY	Mar. 30   	Mar. 31   	1  7:30 PM NW-EP Meeting Town Office	2 	3  1:00 PM Town Offices Close Early—GOOD FRIDAY PGCPs SPRING BREAK	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY	6    7:00 PM Worksession Town Office PGCPs SPRING BREAK	7   	8  7:30 PM Town Meeting Budget Intro Town Office	9 	10 	11 10:00-12:30 PM Town Wide 
12 1:30-2:30 P.M. Walk/Jog & Calisthenics at Lake Artemesia	13    7:00 PM Budget Worksession Town Office	14   	15 	16 	17 	18
19 7:30-8:30 A.M. Fitness Boot Camp starts Outdoors	20    7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	21    7:00 PM  Green Team Meeting	22  7:00 PM Rec. Council Meeting Town Office	23 	24  5:00 PM Wine Tasting Town Center	25  9:00—12:00 N Electronic Recycling Greenbelt DPW 555 Crescent Rd.
26  Street Sweeper	27    7:00 PM Budget Worksession Town Office	28    7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office	29 	30  7:30 P.M. Four Cities Meeting New Carrollton	May 1 	May 2 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET, IF POSSIBLE, DURING THE WEEK THAT THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.



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 Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
 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

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health
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 Christopher Rasmussen (612) 432-0710 crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Code Compliance
 Anthony Schreiber (301) 466-1807 aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Public Works

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
contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

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

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Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!

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