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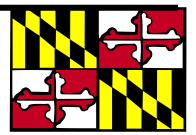
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Presentation of Tree Study

**August 1, 7:00 pm
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During the last 3 months, the Town's tree consultant SaveATree has made an inventory of public and private trees in Berwyn Heights as the basis for drafting an urban forest management plan. In addition to numbers, the inventory provides data on species diversity, age and health of Town trees. Interested residents are invited to attend and comment.

Everyone Likes an Ice Cream Social



So help us plan one and other community events. The Recreation Council needs you and welcomes your ideas.

Next meeting: **SEP 6, 7:30 pm**

Ice Cream Social: **SEP 20th, 6:30 pm**

For information please contact Susan Jones at violin-dreams@verizon.net

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The Police will also come to your property and give personalized advice on making your home more secure. Please contact the Berwyn Heights Police Department at 301-474-6554



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**Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016
6 – 9 pm**

Come out and join us for another wonderful National Night Out and get to know your police officers and first responders.

National Night Out has a variety of FREE & FUN activities:

- ◆ Cookout and summer snacks;
- ◆ Kids games and contests;
- ◆ Martial arts demonstration;
- ◆ Exhibits and visits from other police and sheriff departments.



We thank all the businesses, clubs and people who are supporting this event.

Worksession June 6, 2016

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

Announcements: Mayor Jewitt will attend a number of upcoming meetings: June 7 - zoo event at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES), which the Town Council helped fund; June 7 – Prince George’s County trails master-plan stakeholders meeting; June 7 – meeting with TA Cowles and Public Works Director Hall; next week – ride-along with the Chief. CM Dennison will be sworn-in at the June 9 Town meeting. Residents are encouraged to cheer the Boys & Girls Club Soccer U-12 and U-14 teams during the playoffs. CM Robles will also attend the zoo event at BHES. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will also attend an “M-NCPPC Trails Master Plan for Prince George’s County” meeting. CM Rasmussen celebrated his 50th birthday and joined the Seniors’ Club.

Department Reports: CM Robles met with TA Cowles to discuss how to go about implementing some of her ideas. First, she will work with TA Cowles on formulating criteria for awarding Town grants to schools and community groups, which will later be recommended to the Council. The Education Advisory Committee might be asked to review grant requests from schools. The Sports Park batting cage will soon be repaired with costs shared by the Boys & Girls Club and the Town. The Town agreed to set aside money for the project in the FY 2016 budget.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced the US Army Corps of Engineers plans to undertake aquatic habitat restoration in the Anacostia watershed area, including along Indian Creek. This information will be posted to the “new” Berwyn Heights website; with a link to where citizens may submit comments (these are due by July 1). The US Census bureau will hold a summer webinar series on how to access Census data. She will forward the information to the Council. The Town received notice that Prince George’s County will fund an engineering study of Berwyn Heights’ stormwater drainage

system in the coming year to upgrade and reroute some of the pipes in the system. This feasibility study is following up on a 2015 hydraulic study that was commissioned to determine the causes for the June 2014 flash flood. County Councilmember Glaros monitored the budget process to ensure the funding remained in place.

CM Rasmussen said that he met with Code Supervisor Glass and TA Cowles to be brought up to date with the Code Department. A search for a new part-time code officer has been narrowed down to one candidate, who should be joining the Department soon. For the coming term, updating the Rental Housing Ordinance and associated forms should be a priority, as the Ordinance has not been reviewed in a while and may be out of step with new State and County Code regulations. He plans to go on a ride-along to see how Code officers are monitoring the Town for violations. Further, he will continue to focus on the Urban Forest initiative and track Pepco’s tree trimming activities, which will be the subject of a June 20 community forum. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that SavATree contractors recently visited her yard as part of the tree inventory and evaluation project being undertaken by the Town.

Minutes: The May 11 Town meeting minutes were distributed for adoption at the June 8 Town meeting. Several corrections were made.

FY 2016 budget amendments: TA Cowles provided the Council with a revised FY 2016 budget amendment, which reconciles actual expenditures with what was budgeted. She explained that the emergency generator project came in \$15,000 under budget at \$145,000, with the State and the Town splitting the cost. The generators are now fully functional and employees have been trained on how to operate them. The generators will come on automatically when there is a power outage.

The priority 1 sidewalks project required \$25,500 in additional funding for engineering services to develop a punch list for the project. The original contractor opted not to finish an extensive punch list, and a new contractor will be hired to address the remaining deficiencies. Some of the associated costs may be recouped at a later stage. The Town is withholding the last payment to the contractor, as well as the 5% retainer, and plans to use it to pay the engineers and the completion of the punch list. A warranty of 1 year on the sidewalks work will

set in once the project has been completed to the Town’s full satisfaction.

In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Cowles further explained the reason for the current contractor pulling out was a disagreement over the numerous cracks found in retaining walls built in conjunction with the sidewalks. The contractor maintains that the cracks do not impact the structural integrity of the walls, while the Town engineers think they do. The engineers assert that the walls were not built with enough joints to allow the cement to settle without cracking.

The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the revisions to the FY 2016 budget amendments.

Resolution joining LGIT health co-op:

TA Cowles explained that the Council had extensive discussions about changing Town employees’ health insurance plan during the budget season, including a detailed presentation about the Local Government Insurance Trust’s (LGIT) health cooperative, a self-funded insurance group of local governments that partners with CIGNA as its health care provider. After consulting with the employees, the Council decided to switch from its current health insurance carrier Blue Cross/Blue Shield CareFirst to the LGIT health cooperative as part of adopting the FY 2017 budget. In order to officially join the health co-op, the Council also needs to adopt by resolution a member funding agreement and several riders. These have been reviewed by the Town attorney, who has found no problems.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TA Cowles said that the agreements commit the Town to remain in the health insurance pool for at least 2 years. If the cost of the program should rise dramatically in the second year, the health co-op allows the Town to make changes to the plan design and adjust benefits to bring the overall cost down. The Town’s ability to customize different parts of the health care package is one of the advantages of this health insurance program. In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Cowles said that there are 3 riders to the member agreement that contain privacy agreements and a stop loss confidentiality agreement with the partners of LGIT and members of the health cooperative.

58th Avenue footpath: Mayor Jewitt said that TA Cowles and the Public Works Director have looked at the gravel footpath that connects Nevada Street and Goucher Drive along the 58th

Avenue right of way to identify options for improvements, outlined in a background memorandum.

TA Cowles elaborated that the existing path was constructed 10 years ago as an Eagle Scout project and has deteriorated to a point where improvements are needed. It is proposed to:

- widen and straighten the path to 5' to make it ADA compliant;
- pave it to prevent gravel from being washed away during heavy rains;
- regrade it to direct stormwater runoff into the drainage system;
- shore up the embankments with soil mats and newly planted grass;
- light the path with commercial solar lights;
- and remove trees adjacent to the path that pose a risk of falling.

The estimated cost of the improvements is under \$10,000 and can be funded with Highway User Revenue (HUR).

Mayor Jewitt invited resident Drew Carlisle, who lives next to the path, to comment on the issue. Mr. Carlisle said that the footpath gets a lot of use but is too narrow and has ruts that make riding bikes and pushing strollers difficult. He asked what type of pavement and lighting are considered for the improvements. TA Cowles replied that a 2" asphalt pavement and solar lighting are proposed. Mr. Carlisle further stated that the Town has recently made improvements to bicycle infrastructure in Town and identifies Berwyn Road as bicycle connection to College Park. He suggested that a removable plastic ramp on Berwyn Road at the Metro bridge be replaced by a permanent one for better bicycle access. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town should not expend too much money on a permanent fix because WMATA has plans to replace the entire bridge in 2 – 5 years.

Anthony Schreiber, whose property adjoins the 58th Avenue path, asked if there are plans for installing retaining walls on the slopes below his property. This embankment changes significantly each year from rains eroding the soil and exposing tree roots. He is concerned that the trees with exposed roots might be cut down as part of the project. However, the trees hold soil in place and provide privacy for his yard. Mayor Jewitt and TA Cowles replied that the

Town may monitor the trees from year to year to ensure they are not at risk of falling, and attempt to stabilize the bank with matting and plantings.

CM Rasmussen suggested that the embankment might be stabilized by filling eroded areas around the trees with soil and building a retaining wall to hold it in place, instead of cutting the trees down. He believes the problem should be re-framed as improving the path while preserving the trees. TA Cowles said when she, Director Hall and contractors discussed improvements to the path, they focused on the pavement. No cost estimates were obtained for stabilizing the banks, but it would likely drive the cost above the \$10,000 mark of the current estimate.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she has concerns that the solar lights might be stolen if they are simply staked into the ground. Further, a previous estimate for repaving this footpath and the 60th Avenue footpath along the school was \$3,000 for both. The new estimate of \$10,000 for paving just one path seems high. Regardless, the project should include restoration of the 60th Avenue footpath. TA Cowles replied that the proposed lights would be commercial solar lights and not easily removed. The current 58th Avenue cost estimate includes stormwater drainage and restoring the disturbed banks. Mayor Jewitt summed up that additional proposals should look into refilling eroded areas with soil and installing retaining walls for stabilizing the banks.

Town Council schedule: The Council reviewed the calendar. Pepco will hold a citizens' forum at the June 20 work-session to give residents the opportunity to ask questions about Pepco's tree trimming and removal plans in Berwyn Heights. Currently, Pepco has two projects in Town that proceed along power "feeder lines": 1) removal of trees in southeast section in accordance with plans approved by the Council in April; and 2) planning for the removal of trees in most of the remainder of the Town. Trees marked with blue dots are slated for removal. The Town or residents can object to removing particular trees marked with blue dots.

The Council will attend the MML convention from June 26-29. The volunteer appreciation dinner will be held on June 22, during which the renamed "Jean McConnell" Senior Center will be dedicated. A calendar showing important dates for the next four months should be

part of the agenda packet.

Citizen Comments: The Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee recently met in the Senior Center because the G. Love Room had no air conditioning and asked about the status of this project. TA Cowles explained the planned HVAC system upgrade is delayed by a lengthy MSEC grant application process. TA Cowles will look into the possibility of utilizing speed camera revenue for the renovation of the footpaths. CM Rasmussen plans to check on how the Code Department is enforcing provisions on unregistered vehicles, accessory structures and bamboo containment added to the amended Clean Lot Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Maria Robles. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Swearing-in

Mayor Jewitt swore-in Councilmember Dennison, who was unable to attend the May Town meeting.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the May 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rodriguez began giving the Treasurer's report for the month of May and TA Cowles finished as Treasurer Rodriguez had a sore throat.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that during her first month in office she continues to meet with the Town Administrator and department directors to learn how the

Town operates. She also plans to go on ride-alongs to better understand the daily routines of staff at the ground level. Tomorrow she will ride along on a trash truck, and on Saturday evening she will accompany a police officer on patrol. Yesterday she attended a zoo event for BHES kindergarteners, which the Town had helped finance, as well as an M-NCPPC Trails Masterplan meeting, at which routes, connections and uses of the Prince George's County trails network were discussed and priorities identified.

Mayor Jewitt also noted that during the June 20 worksession, Pepco's Vice President for Government Affairs & Public Policy, Jerry Pasternak, will attend a community forum on Pepco's tree trimming and removal plans. Residents are encouraged to comment and get their questions answered. During the next week, she will participate in a conversation with College Park officials about the reopening of the Berwyn Road Metro bridge and meet with Delegate Washington about his vision for improving his district.

5. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she also attended a session of the Trails Masterplan meetings. The plan was drafted by a consultant and is now going through a public comment phase until June 23, when it will be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. She pointed out that the Berwyn Heights Community Center, which the Trails plan designates as "difficult to access," is a stop on a bicycle route the Town recently marked with sharrows and wayfinding signs. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked the consultant if the designation could be changed to reflect this new reality. She was advised that the Town send a letter suggesting a different designation. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also asked if there are plans to create a better connection to Greenbelt Park through the Westchester Park condominiums, and was informed that there is as yet no such proposal and was encouraged to inquire with the National Park System directly. The Council will likely discuss these matters at the next worksession and draft a letter containing the Town's comments.

Further, Prince George's County is drafting a plan to restore aquatic habitat in streams along six sites in the Anacostia Watershed, including Berwyn Heights. Comments can be submitted until July 1 at <http://CENAB-CC@usace.army.mil/>. The Prince George's County zoning regulations rewrite effort is moving into

Module 2, which covers development standards. Meetings will be held throughout the County for citizens to obtain information and give input. The announcements will be posted on the new Town website, located at www.berwynheightsmd.gov.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen noted that he celebrated his 50th birthday and joined the Seniors Club. He welcomed back CM Dennison and congratulated her on being sworn in for an 8th term. He gave an update on the use of goats in weed removal, noting that Minnetonka, MN has joined the ranks of cities where goats are employed to remove invasive species.

CM Rasmussen said he is pleased to be back as head of the Code Department and has met with Code Supervisor Glass and TA Cowles to find out what is new. One goal for the next term is to update the Rental Housing Ordinance, last updated in 2004, to ensure it conforms to the latest state and county regulations. At that time, the rental application process, forms and fees will be reviewed as well. He also intends to find out how changes to the Clean Lot Ordinance are being implemented, particularly with respect to unregistered vehicle storage, bamboo containment and accessory structures.

Further, he will continue to supervise the Urban Forest initiative, for which he obtained the Council's support last year. Currently, SavATree consultants are performing an inventory of Town trees and collecting data on the location, health, and species diversity of trees. The data will be used to make recommendations on replanting trees, among other things.

CM Rasmussen then made remarks about the ongoing Pepco vegetation management program. Having checked on the area where Pepco finished its first round of tree trimming and removal, in the south-east section of Berwyn Heights, he was distressed to find healthy trees topped off or pruned in a drastic manner. He appealed to his colleagues to vote against approving the next round of vegetation management, unless Pepco becomes more discerning in its tree pruning activities. He questioned whether healthy, mature trees need to be pruned or removed because they happen to grow within 15' of a power line. CM Rasmussen also said that private property owners are under no obligation to follow Pepco's tree pruning recommendations. Home owners should not be intimidated by Pepco

contractors asserting that they would be liable for any damage that results from falling trees or branches.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Robles said that she understands and shares CM Rasmussen's concern for trees. One of the reasons she moved to Berwyn Heights was the many mature trees lining Town streets. She then reported on the zoo event that took place at the elementary school this week. She attended two sessions: one at the gym, where she interacted with a tree frog, a lizard and a Kookaburra, which "laughed" at her when presented; and another at the multipurpose room, where a Rose-haired Tarantula, California King Snake, a Grey Parrot, and a Chinese Alligator were shown, and kids quizzed about the myths and facts about these animals. It was good to see how excited the students were and thanked the Council for helping to fund it.

CM Robles concluded with announcements: The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club U-12 and U-14 soccer teams will play for the championship. The Education Advisory Committee (EAC) is not meeting in June, but continues to recruit members and discuss its role in the community. June 20 is the last day of school. June 18 is the date for the Town-wide yard sale, and National Night Out will be held on August 2. Tables for participants can be reserved with the Police Department. Lastly, CM Robles thanked residents for contacting her with ideas for reshaping the Town's Parks & Recreation programs, which continue to be welcomed.

Public Works: CM Dennison reported that she, TA Cowles and Director Hall have started to review the applications for a new Public Works Director. She then reported the May refuse collection statistics.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik first gave the Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) report for May. The BHVFD operated on 12 working structure fires and 2 complex vehicle extractions. The Fire Department requested support from the Town Council in stopping "incident chain of command" changes to be implemented by the Prince George's County Fire/ EMS Department on July 1. The new policy would strip volunteer fire chiefs of their ability to manage incidents in their "first due" area and their fire house. The BHVFD received a unit cita-

tion for their role in a mass-casualty incident in Hyattsville earlier this year. A specialty crew of 14 volunteers extracted trapped occupants from burning vehicles, prepared the injured for transport, and drove multiple ambulances to area hospitals.

Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for May. There were 6 Part I offenses, as opposed to the 5-year average of 5.2. This brings the year to date total to 25, which is slightly below the 5-year average of 25.8. The police also issued 172 citations and 169 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik commended Police Clerk Iris Cruz and the Neighborhood Watch for their efforts in putting together the Berwyn Heights Day Parade. Residents are invited to attend the promotion ceremony for 3 police officers at the July 5 worksession, and to mark their calendars for August 2, 6 pm to celebrate National Night Out.

In response to CM Rasmussen, Chief Antolik said that he will meet with the speed camera vendor to discuss a new location for the camera on Pontiac Street. While the camera is not generating many tickets, the Town does not incur costs in maintaining it.

6. Committee Reports

Green Team: No report.

Education Advisory Committee: Reported under PRECA

Historical Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Clerk Harper wished BHHC member Hank Becker a speedy recovery. He recently underwent open heart surgery at the Prince George's County Hospital.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Co-chair, Mike Attick reported that the Committee hosted a CERT training session last weekend. On June 11, NW/EP volunteers are participating in Edmonston Day. On June 18, the Committee will hold an Amtrak safety training class at the Town Center, and on August 2, it will participate in National Night Out. Reusable sandbags will be on display and available for purchase. The next meeting is on July 6, 7:00 pm.

Recreation Council: No report.

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 169-A – 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2016 Budget Amendments: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. CM Dennison moved to adopt it. CM Rasmussen

seconded. In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TA Cowles explained that the adopted amendments differ from the introduced amendments in that they account for additional engineering costs incurred for the priority 1 sidewalks projects. With no further comments Ordinance 169-A was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

8. New Business

Resolution 03-2016 – Adoption of LGIT Health Cooperative Agreements:

Mayor Jewitt commended the previous Council for signing the Town up with a new, more cost-effective health plan for Town employees. The plan was well received by Town employees and the Council is ready to sign the agreement tonight. Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. CM Dennison moved to adopt it, and CM Rasmussen seconded.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy commented that she was initially nervous about committing the Town to this plan for a minimum of 2 years. She now feels comfortable doing so because the Town has considerable flexibility in making adjustments to the plan to contain costs, should they go up in the next fiscal year. CM Rasmussen asked TA Cowles for an explanation of the "stop loss confidentiality" addendum to the LGIT agreement, which was not discussed at the last worksession. TA Cowles asked to retrieve the relevant information from her office. Mayor Jewitt in the interim moved to the next item on the agenda.

9. Citizens Discussion

CM Robles announced that she received an email stating that the next EAC meeting would be held on June 9, since it was announced in the June Bulletin. CM Rasmussen said he received a comment about the replanting of what was previously a pollinator garden at the Sports Park entrance.

TA Cowles explained that LGIT has stop-loss insurance with an outside company to cover losses above what is covered by that portion of members' premiums set aside to cover normal losses from claims. She suspects the "stop loss confidentiality agreement" authorizes LGIT to keep private losses resulting from the claims experience of particular members from the general health cooperative membership. With no further comments the Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt the LGIT Health Cooperative Agreement.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that the Fire Department chain of command issue, mentioned by Chief Antolik, is serious because it will result in the decline of the volunteer fire departments. The County Fire Department is trying to increase its control in deploying resources without owning the resources. Most of the apparatus in the fire houses is owned by the volunteer organizations and volunteer fire fighters make up a large share of the County's fire fighting force. He urged the Council to write to the County Executive and Fire Chief to oppose the proposed changes. He also asked whether the Public Works Director recruitment has a closing date. He was told that no closing date was published.

Mr. Attick commented on the Urban Forest Initiative. While he is not against trees, the damage from falling trees should not be minimized. He has helped clear up the roads after a storm, and when a tall tree falls on power lines it will take more than a few hours to restore power. He questioned whether Pepco is using scare tactics when recommending that a tree should be removed because it poses a risk of falling. Making a determination on whether a tree is healthy or not is not always easy. The Town recently had to pay for damage to a resident's car, when a Town tree it had declined to remove despite warnings, fell on it. And home owners' insurance will not pay for damage from a fallen tree if a tree is dead. As with the sidewalks project, he does not like the way a new policy is being forced on residents.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked Mr. Attick which trees specifically he thinks are at risk of falling. Mr. Attick replied he will get back to her with that information. Mayor Jewitt said that proposed tree removals along the 58th Avenue footpath are still under discussion because they affect an adjoining property owner. The Council is taking residents' concerns into account.

CM Rasmussen said he appreciates Mr. Attick as an involved citizen. He is correct that the Town made a mistake in not removing the damaged tree on 58th Avenue, and that home owners can be cited for not removing dead or diseased trees. However, there are always going to be freak accidents, such as the trees on Edmonston Road that fell after the derecho and caused a multi-day outage. Those trees were located on the opposite side of the street from the power lines and would have fallen regardless of Pepco's vegetation management.

Just because accidents happen does not mean all trees near a power line or a walking path should be cut down. Many more people benefit from the presence of mature trees than might suffer injury from falling trees. So, when Pepco contractors recommend that a particular tree should be taken down, residents may want to get a second opinion.

Lastly, CM Rasmussen asked why the County's career fire fighters would be supporting a chain of command change. Mr. Attick replied that it would mean more jobs for them. BHVFD will likely contact the Town and provide more information about this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession

June 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, and Maria Robles. CM Christopher Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Pepco Vice President for Government Affairs and Public Policy Jerry Pasternak and citizens.

1. Pepco community forum

Mayor Jewitt announced that the regular order is suspended to hold a community forum on Pepco's vegetation management plans and welcomed Jerry Pasternak, Pepco Regional Vice President for Maryland.

Mr. Pasternak gave an outline of the legal and regulatory framework for Pepco's tree pruning and removal activities. He said that the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) enacted legislation in 2012 to ensure better reliability of electric service. The legislation contains a section on vegetation management that sets forth standards and processes for tree pruning and removal around power lines, including specific clearances for different voltage lines. Generally, Pepco notifies a community or municipality when it plans to perform vegetation management and then sends out a team of arborists to inventory trees that may need to be trimmed or re-

moved to obtain the required clearances. Pepco then works with municipalities to obtain approval for the plan and also submits it to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for approval. Once the required permissions have been obtained, a different team of tree contractors is employed to carry out the pruning and removals in accordance with the plan. Additionally, Pepco holds community forums to respond to citizens' questions and concerns. Mr. Pasternak then invited input from the Council and residents.

Dennis VanEngelsdorp, Berwyn Road, said that a Pepco contractor recommended to his neighbor to remove a healthy, mature white pine tree in front of her home, saying that Pepco would do this for free. It appears Pepco is using scare tactics and inducements to obtain permission from private property owners to cut down trees. Mr. Pasternak replied, if a tree located on private property is thought to require removal, a planning contractor must contact the homeowner to obtain written approval. The homeowner has a right to refuse, or ask that the tree be pruned instead. Trees for which removal was refused must be reported annually to the PSC, although he does not know how this information might be used.

Mr. VanEngelsdorp made additional comments. He said Pepco's customer service is difficult to contact and in his experience does not respond to voice or e-mails, which produces mistrust. He also wonders how Pepco assesses the risk for a tree falling on powerlines, because the risk often seems insignificant. Mr. Pasternak apologized for the difficulty in contacting customer service and will look into it. Second, Pepco does not make an assessment of the degree of risk a tree or branch may pose of falling on power lines. Pepco is charged with ensuring specified clearances around power lines and any tree or branches growing into the clearances are considered a risk.

A Berwyn resident, Herman Carillo, asked about Pepco's environmental responsibility. Mr. Pasternak said that Pepco takes environmental stewardship seriously and offers to replant trees when trees were cut down. Pepco was a member of a working group that made recommendations to the PSC about vegetation management. However, the PSC set the policy, after receiving input from other stakeholders, under which Pepco now operates.

Diana Agonoy, Cunningham Drive, asked how Pepco goes about deciding what replacement trees will be planted. Mr. Pasternak said, for the replanting of trees in the Town right-of-way, Pepco will consult with the Town and any residents the Town invites to participate in the decision. There is a list of about a dozen trees that Pepco recommends for planting near utility lines from which the Town can choose.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, said he helped clean up the Town when storms caused long power outages in 2010 and 2011 due to falling trees. He is inclined to take a Pepco arborist's word over a resident's opinion on which trees are healthy.

In response to Mayor Jewitt, Mr. Pasternak said Pepco will discuss and negotiate pruning with homeowners. However, if more than 25% of the tree's crown must be removed to obtain the required clearances, the tree will be cut down. In response to CM Dennison, Mr. Pasternak said that about 45 trees are proposed for removal in the current draft plan, but only those trees will be removed for which approval is obtained. Pepco offers to replant trees for those removed. In response to CM Robles, Mr. Pasternak said that stumps will not be removed.

In response to further questions, Mr. Pasternak explained that there are no repercussions for residents for declining to have a tree removed, other than a chance that branches may fall on lines and cause power outages. Trees proposed for removal are marked with blue dots, and with triangles on the maps in the vegetation management plan. Pepco conducts audits of the tree pruning and removals performed by its contractors and will tell them where they need to improve. Pruning standards for utilities are harder than those used by arborists hired by residents, and may be considered aggressive. Tree pruning contracts are bid every three years.

Mr. Pasternak continued that Pepco employed less aggressive tree pruning standards until 2011, when the PSC commissioned a study on Pepco's reliability of delivering electricity to its customers. The study found that poor vegetation management was the principal factor in the high frequency of outages. The PSC agreed, fined Pepco \$1 million dollars and imposed stricter vegetation management standards. This was prior to the legislature adopting new standards in 2012.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy related her experience with Pepco's tree planners as an example of a disconnect between what residents hear from the planning consultants and what Pepco does when trees are being cut. She was told by the Pepco-contracted planner that her trees were marked for pruning and removal because one tree has co-dominant trunks and another poses a risk of electrocution. She requested that the trees not be removed or pruned because they are otherwise healthy, but they still show up on Pepco's proposed tree work map. Further, in a letter Pepco recently sent dated June 8 but received on June 16, she was notified that the tree pruning will commence within 10 days of the date of the letter. She is worried that the trees will be removed regardless of her objections.

Mr. Pasternak explained the 10-day notice letter is sent because the regulations require it whenever Pepco comes to a neighborhood to perform tree work. As for the possibility of electrocution from a tree that touches a powerline, it is a risk. Pepco's first priority is safety and any risk of electrocution, even if remote, is a safety concern. The maps the contractors are working with contain more detail about specific trees than the one provided tonight. MPT Kulpa-Eddy's property may have a notation indicating that trees are not to be pruned. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that those maps should be available for inspection so that home owners can verify that their requests are being heeded.

There were additional comments from residents who said that Pepco is fear-mongering when telling residents that they may be electrocuted if trees touch powerlines; that Pepco is not primarily concerned with saving trees but with cutting them down; that residents can't get in touch with Pepco to talk about tree trimming plans or to complain about tree work in progress. Mr. Pasternak said that he is here to hear those concerns so that Pepco can improve communication. Pepco is willing to talk with the Town about each tree slated for removal or pruning to ensure the best outcome.

1. Announcements

Mayor Jewitt said that she had many ride-alongs last month to acquaint herself with each department's operations. She appreciated the professional and

friendly interaction employees maintain with residents and thanked the directors for making this possible. She also participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony to re-open the Berwyn bridge, which was followed by a walk round Lake Artemesia. CM Robles congratulated the Boys & Girls Club U-11 soccer team on winning the spring championship.

Mayor Jewitt asked for a moment of silence for those slain in the Orlando night club terror attack.

1. Minutes

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the May 16 worksession minutes. CM Dennison seconded. The minutes were approved 4 to 0. CM Dennison moved to approve the June 6 worksession minutes. CM Robles seconded. The minutes were approved 4 to 0.

1. Department Reports

CM Dennison reported that she met with Public Works Director Hall and learned that everything is running smoothly.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council was asked to decide on name tags. She suggested purchasing two sets of name tags, one for formal occasions and one for more informal occasions. The Council agreed. She also confirmed the modalities for the Senior Center dedication: the ceremony will take place before the Volunteer Appreciation dinner on June 22, 6:30 p.m. with some remarks regarding the contributions of the late Senior's Club President Jean McConnell. Town offices will be closed on July 1 for installation of a new HVAC system. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also reported that she received a citizen comment regarding the noise associated with a private event held at the Town Center.

CM Robles reported that she took a look at various Town amenities, including the 58th Avenue footpath slated for renovation. It needs a lot of work. She wondered about a mulched path that goes into the wooded area near Nevada Street. TA Cowles said that it was used by WSSC heavy machinery to rehabilitate their sewage lines along Indian Creek. The project will wrap up by July. CM Robles also heard from residents using the Indian Creek playground that there is a lack of bathroom access, as the Sports Park bathrooms are not always open. At some point, she would like to discuss what can be done to give the public access to those bathrooms. While at Indian Creek park, she

noticed that teenagers were using the playground to do skateboard stunts. It may be worthwhile to think about whether the Town can provide any facilities specifically for teenagers. She also thought about discussing possible upgrades to the tennis court in connection with capital improvements planned for Berwyn Heights Elementary School with PGCPs and M-NCPPC agencies. Lastly, CM Robles reported that the Boys & Girls Club received a revised lower quote of \$3,000 for the batting cage renovation at Sports Park.

Mayor Jewitt reported that Chief Antolik, Detective Unger and Officer Ramirez are attending the 6th Annual INLETS conference in Annapolis. Sergeant Moroney is in charge of the Department.

1. Action Items

M-NCPPC draft Trails Master Plan:

MPT Kulpa-Eddy provided a draft letter commenting on the proposed Park & Planning Trails Master Plan for Prince George's County. She and Mayor Jewitt attended hearings on the plan, which sets priorities for developing walking, bicycling and riding trails in the County. Her letter asks 1) that the plans be updated to reflect the existence of the Nevada Street trail; and 2) that the Berwyn Heights Community Center be designated as "directly served only by designated on-road link" rather than "difficult to link to trail," noting that the Town has recently implemented a bikeway route to the Center and erected a repair station there. Mayor Jewitt suggested the use of active style language in making these requests. On a motion by Mayor Jewitt and second by CM Robles, the letter with said changes to be made was approved.

Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department letter:

Mayor Jewitt provided a draft letter to County Executive Baker and County Fire Chief Bashoor requesting that the implementation of General Order 01-03, making changes in the incident chain of command, be postponed. The Order, which subordinates volunteer fire chiefs to County counterparts in their "first due" area, was issued on June 1, 2016 with an implementation date of July 1, 2016, which does not allow enough time for affected parties to give input. The draft letter does not take a stand on the merit of the order at this time. MPT Kulpa-Eddy agreed with the approach

of focusing on postponement and suggested including the issue date of the Order in the letter. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the letter was approved as amended.

Town Center rental extension request: Mayor Jewitt said that a resident is requesting a one-hour extension for a family reunion party she plans to hold at the Town Center. Alcohol will be served and a DJ will be present. Normally, events must end by 10 p.m., and the premises cleaned and closed by 11 p.m. Previous Councils generally denied extension requests. Mayor Jewitt said she would hesitate to grant the request because party noise is an imposition on the neighbors, including noise from guests leaving and driving off. She asked for Councilmembers' input.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that noise is the principle concern. However, the regulations stipulate that amplifiers are banned, music must be turned down by 9 p.m. and windows remain closed at all times. She would add that doors must also remain closed. CM Robles said

she understands that the applicant would like a wedding celebration to go on a little longer. She would be inclined to grant the extension if those requirements are observed. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Council voted 3 to 1, with Mayor Jewitt opposed, to grant the extension. TA Cowles will communicate the decision to the Police Department, and ensure that the applicants understand the conditions.

6. Discussion Items

Pepco permit: Mayor Jewitt asked what the process is for approving Pepco's vegetation management plan. TA Cowles explained that Pepco has already submitted a permit application, as required by Ordinance 118. It is up to the Town to decide whether to approve the plan, impose certain conditions, or deny the plan. She would recommend allowing a specified time for citizen comments, summarize the main concerns, and submit them for the Council's consideration when the plan is taken up again. She suggested a deadline for

public input of July 15 and consideration of the plan at the August 1 work-session. Pepco normally performs tree work in the summer and early fall, and commences the work 1 ½ to 2 weeks after permit approval. The Council agreed to the schedule.

7. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar for upcoming months. A meeting of the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) was added for July 21, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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If you want to avoid a vehicle fire, take these precautions:

- Do **NOT** smoke in your car
- Do **NOT** leave flammables in your car (e.g. gasoline, explosives, lighter fluid, aerosol cans, etc.)
- Check for damaged or loose wiring, oil or fuel leaks and maintain your car battery
- Respond immediately when a strange odor (e.g. gasoline, burning rubber or plastic), smoke or flames are present or coming from the hood or front wheel well.

If you find yourself already in the midst of a fire, follow these steps:

- Move** to the right and stop your car on the shoulder or breakdown lane
- Turn** off the engine
- Exit** the vehicle
- Warn** others to stay away
- Notify** the fire department or call 911



Station 14 Call Volume June 2016	
Rescue Squads:	144
Ladder Truck:	5
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	112
Ambulances:	179
Total Station Runs for June 2016:	440



Berwyn Heights GreenBee

The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!
Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com



Our next meeting will be **Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!



National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 2, 6—9 p.m.
Berwyn Heights Town Center

Visit the Green Team booth for activities and enter a drawing to win a **FREE RAIN BARREL!!**

Plant Native Shade Trees!

Fall is a great time to plant native shade trees to improve our town's tree canopy.

Shade trees grow to 50' or taller with a wide spread.

Visit www.trees.maryland.gov for \$25 off \$50 tree purchase from participating nurseries. Trees must be selected from the recommended tree list also available on the web-site.

www.arborday.org offers a wide variety of shade trees for sale; most are \$15 or under as they are less mature trees than you might find in a nursery.

Be mindful of power lines when planting shade trees; only plant trees that grow to 20' or less under power lines.

Here are some suggested native shade trees to plant:

BHES Back to School Garden Clean Up!



Volunteers needed to "spruce up" the school gardens!

Sat. August 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Berwyn Heights Elementary School

Rain Date: August 20 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Please bring your favorite tool if you want!

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Preventing Identity Theft When You Travel

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Planning Your Trip

Before signing up for an online or telephone travel offer, check the travel companies with the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the attorney general's office in the state where the company does business.

Securing Your Home

Ordinary burglars aren't the only potential threat to your home. Identity thieves may steal things like checks from your checkbook, important papers, or any credit cards you've left behind.

Here's how to frustrate their efforts:

- Make your home look like it's still lived in. For example, bring in trash cans off the street (or ask the neighbors to do so after a pickup) and leave on a light or two, preferably using a timer.
- Get a house sitter that you trust.
- Lock away valuables. If you have a safe deposit box, transfer your most precious items (including your checkbook, extra credit cards, and Social Security card) and personal documents there. If not, find a hiding place within your house.
- Make provisions for your newspaper and mail. You can have the post office hold mail until you're back by calling 800-275-8777 or visiting the USPS website.
- Schedule online bill payments while you're gone. Avoiding having paper statements sent to you while you're away can dramatically reduce your chances that one of your bills will be stolen from your mailbox, which could give a thief important account information.
- **BHPD House Check Requests:** BHPD will, on request, check on your home when you are away for an extended period. You can sign up here:
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While You Travel

- Keep your wallet or purse light. Bring only one credit card for emergency use, hotel, incidentals,
- and car rentals. Leave your checkbook, Social Security card, library card, and other unnecessary items in a safe place at home.
- Put valuables or personal documents in carry-on luggage. Bags that you check in are not safe places for your credit cards, traveler's checks, cash, and valuables.
- Never leave valuables or personal documents such as your passport in your hotel room.
- Never access personal information, especially bank accounts, from public computers.
- Don't post travel plans on social media sites. Post those pictures after you get home!

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Yard waste must be kept separate from regular trash, when set out for collection. Branches must be tied into bundles not to exceed 4' in length and 2' in diameter. Yard waste is picked up by the Public Works Department on Mondays north of Pontiac Street and on Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street.



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June Activities

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High Grass/ Vegetation	8
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Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	10
Non-Hazardous	2
Vehicles	1
Premise Identification	0
Commercial	1
Total Violations	24
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	4
Dumpster/ PODs	1
Total Permits issued	5
Rentals	
New Rentals	3
Lost Rentals	1
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Rental Licenses Issued	14
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-- August 2016 --

Kindergarten Play Date!

Saturday, August 20th
10am-noon at Pop's Park

Calm any Kindergarten jitters by meeting your new schoolmates before the first day!

Incoming Kindergarteners and their families are invited to Pop's Park (located at the intersection of Cunningham Drive/60th Avenue & Quebec Street) for snacks and some summertime fun!

In the meantime, please feel free to contact Chris at president@bhespta.org with any questions you may have about Kindergarten specifically or the school overall!

BHES Back-to-School Garden Clean Up!

Please help "spruce up" the school gardens!

Saturday, August 6th 9am – 12pm

Rain Date: Saturday, August 20th 9am—12pm

Please bring your favorite tool if you want!

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult, please.

Service hours available for students!

Stop by the BHES PTA booth at **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Town Center.

- Sign up for the PTA
- Purchase gently-used uniforms
- Grab free treats and school swag



Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, August 2**
National Night Out @ Town Center
- **Thursday, August 18**
Kindergarten Orientation @ BHES
- **Saturday, August 20**
Kindergarten Play Date @ Pop's Park 10am-12pm
- **Tuesday, August 23**
First Day of School

Class lists will be posted on the front doors of the school a few days before school begins.

Check the PTA Facebook page for updates.

Please visit www1.pgcps.org/berwynheights for more information about the required school uniform and other school policies.

Please join the PTA for the 2016-2017 school year!

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family. Membership forms are available on the PTA web site and in-person at National Night Out at the Town Center on Tuesday, August 2nd.

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August 8	Arnie Powell
August 14	Marilyn Pula
August 27	Robert Starner
August 29	Mary Hudak
August 30	Darlene Erickson
	Laura Waltz
	Merrill Weinrich

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Happenings

In addition to the normal summer activities, the only thing scheduled is a boat trip on the Anacostia River on August 2.

In the planning stage are Sunday baseball watching on the BIG TV, breakfast at the Silver Diner, and a music video watch.

Call the Center for times and more information.

Wii Bowling:

Congratulations to:

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BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

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POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Tuesday at 5:00 P.M.

We have acquired a Ping Pong Table. Any interest in playing on Thursday nights?

MISCELLANEOUS

We are looking for new Wii Bowling Players. Why not drop in on a Wednesday morning and give it a try!

Interested in playing Bridge or other card games? Let us know by calling the Center.



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **June 2016**. 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.

06/30/2016 at 11:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Seminole Street for a report of vandalism to a 1995 Ford Truck.

06/29/2016 at 9:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of damage to a parked vehicle.

PERMIT ISSUED FROM BHPD / TOWN HALL. Inspire Energy Mr. Devonte Goode and Mr. Frank Kianos

06/25/2016 at 9:10 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 58th Avenue for a vehicle that was struck while parked.

06/24/2016 at 3:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2012 VW from the 8700 block of 63rd Avenue. The vehicle was untagged.

06/23/2016 at 9:15 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the US Fuel located on Greenbelt Road for the report of a commercial armed robbery. Upon arrival, the victim advised that the suspects entered the store posing as customers. Suspect 1 approached the counter to pay for a drink and pulled out a small black revolver. Suspect 1 pointed the handgun at the victim and said, "Give me all the cash." The victim complied with suspect 1's demands and gave suspect 2 the money from both registers totaling \$2000.00 in United States currency. The suspects fled with the business funds on foot towards 59th Avenue. K-9 attempted to track with negative results. Crime Scene Investigator responded to the scene photographed and processed the scene for latent prints with positive results.

06/21/2016 at 12:15 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8900 block of 60th Avenue for a property damage report.

06/20/2016 at 12:15 am, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a confused and agitated person.

06/16/2016 at 10:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1996 Honda from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

06/14/2016 at 12:20 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Greenbelt Road Shell for a report of theft of MD registration plates '0510Z6' from a 1987 BMW.

06/14/2016 at 10:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for an accident involving two vehicles. Both vehicles were disabled and later impounded.

06/10/2016 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8600 block of Cunningham drive for a report of vandalism to a Toyota truck.

PERMIT ISSUED FROM BHPD / TOWN HALL. A 72 hour's parking permit was issued to a 26' U-hall for Mr. Mayfield

06/03/2016 10:25 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a BMW at the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was suspended.



IF YOU NEED POLICE ASSISTANCE IN A NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION AFTER BUSINESS HOURS, CALL 301-352-1200.

Tell the Prince George's County Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to your call.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin
Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond
301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich
mweinrich2@verizon.net

Co-Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000
Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Playgroup

Rachel Cicero
rachelcicero55@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Vacant

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115
therese@celticclans.com

BH Elementary School PTA

Chris McComb
President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com



BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT COFFEE WITH COPS

AUGUST 27, 2016

9AM-12PM

BERWYN HEIGHTS TOWN HALL

A FREE COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT FOR OUR RESIDENTS!

Acompáñenos a nuestro primer “Café con Policías” de Berwyn Heights. Esta será tu oportunidad para que conozcan a los Policia que patrullan tu comunidad.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

PFC Y. RAMIREZ @ 301-474-6554



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle—August 2016

Come join the fun!

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club lives on tradition and has been striving to keep kids active and learning for decades through the dedication of neighborhood parents and volunteers. Beyond sports programs, the BHBGC believes in community and hosts several family friendly events for its members to enjoy each year including campouts, cookouts, parties and more.

Want to help us create memories and keep this tradition alive?

We are always looking for members, parents, volunteers, and coaches!



Our Fall Season is fast approaching!

Registration is OPEN NOW through August 22nd.

Signing up is easy! Stop by any of our BHBGC events, call, or visit us online & click "Register".

This year we are excited to announce the

Sharon McCraney Sports Scholarship Contest!

A writing contest will be held through Friday, August 16th and **(3)** Winners will be awarded a Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Fall Sport Membership, courtesy of Berwyn Heights resident and Local Realtor, **Sharon McCraney of Long & Foster, College Park.**

For more details, Official Form & Rules, Call, visit us **online**, or stop by the town office.



www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org

Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsBGC

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.

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.

BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/BHeightsGOP and Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP.

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.

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.

Piano Lessons in your home. Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-2825.

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 clean-out, 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 and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

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 angelalaz01@hotmail.com.

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

Sale-Pro-Form Air Walker Exercise Machine. Similar to a Nordic-Track. Excellent condition. Cash and Carry. Live in Berwyn Heights. \$75.00 or best offer. [240-460-4722](tel:2404604722).

Tutor Needed: For basic computer skills. 301-520-8811.

Loving, Licensed Child Care: (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

Moving? All The Way Moving. LLC licensed and insured company giving FREE wardrobe boxes along with low prices. ★Studio or small 1 bedroom \$195-\$260. ★Large 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom \$260-\$375. ★3 bedroom or a house \$763-\$1090. Prices shown are general. Please contact us for a free quote today. Call 202-820-0771

Free Seasoned Firewood. Call for details 301-864-1558.

HELP IS HERE. Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

FOR SALE. Men's Golf Shoes. Almost like new. Size 13M; Record Albums and more. Good Condition. Variety of music., \$1 each; 27-inch color Sylvania stereo TV, \$25, and a 14-inch color Zenith TV, \$10. Call 240-460-4722.

Advertising Rates For the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
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



Sold.... Aladdin "Detroit" A Home with History

"The Detroit No. 1 is a sensible and certainly very attractive story-and-a-half house. Its lines are well-proportioned, its interior rooms carefully placed, and it has never failed to give the best satisfaction to all owners. Siding is furnished for the first story and shingles for the second story gables."

(1923 Aladdin Co. Catalogue)



Aladdin Kit Home "Detroit No. 1"

This Aladdin Company mail order home was built by Town resident William H. Willard (1862-1963) on lots 1-3 in block 20. He sold it with a larger package of properties to the Berwyn Heights Company in December 1919 to become part of the Company's overall land holdings. Willard was a leading member of the community and served as a Vice President in the Berwyn Heights Association before he, Fred Benson, Clarence Benson, Elwood Taylor, and John McNitt organized the Berwyn Heights [real estate] Company in November

1919. Willard was also picked as one of three Assessors by the first Board of Town Commissioners in 1924.



The Berwyn Heights Company completed construction of the *Detroit* and put it on the market for \$6,500 in 1921. Mr. Nicholson was the first tenant before Anna M. Myers purchased the house for \$5,750 in May 1923. Unfortunately, she lost the house in the wake of the 1929 stock market crash. The Prince George's Bank foreclosed on her mortgage and auctioned off the property. Clarence Benson, then President of the BH Co., bought it for \$2,900 with private funds. He sold it back to the Company in 1936 when it had the

money.

Next, the *Detroit* was rented to Fred Frost, a former Town Commissioner, and sold to him and his wife for \$5,000 in June 1938. Coming full circle, the *Detroit* again changed hands in December 1944 when Charles H. Willard, son of the man who built it, purchased it. This ended the involvement of the BH Co. with this property. Since then the house has been on the market multiple times, most recently this spring when sold for \$254,000.

Source: *Minutes of the Berwyn Heights Company, 1919-1960* (Copy can be viewed in Town Museum)



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

Please contact Rachel Cicero (rachelcicero55@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 6th degree black belt, five-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and member of Shihan John Roseberry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization. Open to all ages/all levels.

**Berwyn Heights Town Center - 5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.
Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**

Come watch our Karate demonstration at National Night Out

For more information, contact Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 (Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881

Please Use Plastic Bags In Trash Cans to Dispose of Household Trash

Plastic bags are no match for hungry wild life. Birds, raccoons, possum, and foxes are all interested in the leftover food that may be inside your bags. They tear them open and scatter the contents, leaving our Town looking... well trashy.

[Ordinance 117 – Refuse Collection](#), Section 4 requires that household trash is set out in heavy duty trash cans not exceeding a 45-gallon capacity and topped with a tight fitting lid. For collection trash cans must be:

- placed at the curb prior to 7:30 am on scheduled refuse collection days in an area easily accessible to the refuse collector but not prior to 6:00 pm of the night before the scheduled collection;
- removed from the curb by 7:00 pm of the refuse collection day;
- stored out of plain sight to the side or in the rear of the main building.



















































Residents physically unable to move refuse out for curbside pick-up can make a written request for assistance to the Public Works Director.










August 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jul 31  Street Sweeper	Aug 1  7:00  Worksession Town Office	2   6:00 PM  National Night Out Town Center 	3 	4  	5	6 9:00—12:00 BHES Garden Clean Up 
7  Street Sweeper	8   	9   	10  8:00 PM Town Meeting Town Office	11  	12	13
14	15   7:00 PM  Worksession Town Office	16   	17 	18   7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm.	19	20
21	22   	23   PGCPs First Day of School 	24 	25  	26	27 9:00—12:00 Coffee with The Cops Town Hall
28	29   	30   	31 	Sep 1  	2	3



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

 Recycling Collection	  North South
  Yard Waste North South	  Bulk Pick-up North South

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Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
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) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt (240) 472-6835 cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Councilmember — Code Compliance
Maria Robles (301) 455-9299 mrobles@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
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.

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

Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

Or email: yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov

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

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