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Friday Refuse Collection moves to Thursday Effective July 2015

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday Entire Town	Friday
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	NONE
Bulk Trash	Bulk Trash	All Town offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. This will not affect the Trash Pickup Schedule, since pickups are no longer being made on Fridays.		
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			



Mayor
Jodie
Kulpa-Eddy

Town Council Changes

Mayor Calvo's official resignation on June 10, 2015, triggered several changes on the Town Council. In accordance with Section 302.6 of the Town Charter, Mayor Pro Tem Jodie Kulpa-Eddy became Mayor and was sworn in by a representative of the Clerk of the District Court's office. Councilmember Rasmussen was sworn in as Mayor Pro Tem. The vacant seat on the Council will be filled by appointment of the Town Council from a pool of applicants at the July 6 work-session.



America's Night Out Against Crime

August 4
6 pm - 9 pm
Town Center

Join the Berwyn Heights Police Department and Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee for another *National Night Out Against Crime*, and meet the officers and volunteers who protect us and make our neighborhood safe.

- * Free Hamburgers * Hot Dogs * Drinks *
- * Demos * Raffle * Give-aways *
- * Games for the Kids *

Come celebrate and honor Chye Calvo's public service to the Town of Berwyn Heights on Friday, July 10, from 6:00-8:00 P.M., at the Town Center. Please RSVP not later than July 6 to Yvonne Odoi at 301-474-5000 or email to: ydoi@town.berwyn-heights.md.us



Four Cities

Meeting

July 29

7:30 pm

BH Town Center

Open to the Public

Topic:

PGC Department of Permits, Inspection & Enforcement (DPIE)

LICENSE PLATES REQUIRED FRONT & REAR

Please be advised that the Town Council amended Ordinance 119, Traffic & Parking, to adopt an existing State of Maryland regulation that requires motor vehicles to display license plates in front and rear.

Violations of the regulation carry a \$60 fine.



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April 20, 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 and Anthony Schreiber. CM Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Schreiber's Men's League basketball team did not advance to the next round of the championship.

Calendar: The May 21 PGCMA meeting taking place in Berwyn Heights was added to the calendar.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy the March 23 budget worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department Reports: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she and CM Dennison attended County Councilmember Danielle Glaros' Town Hall meeting. County Executive Baker and PGCPs CEO Maxwell were present to explain the rationales and objectives for the County's FY 2016 budget and the proposed 15 cents tax increase to fund education. She provided a packet of handouts available at the meeting to the Council for information. A meeting on the Prince George's County zoning rewrite will take place next Monday in College Park.

Mayor Calvo reported that he will attend another Route 1 Coalition meeting next week. The Greenbelt Middle School Talented & Gifted (TAG) program, which grants admission by lottery, did not admit any students from Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) this year. When the TAG program was implemented, local students were promised guaranteed seats. In addition, Berwyn Heights students complete the 6th grade at Berwyn Heights and do not enter Greenbelt Middle School until 7th grade, which contributes to overcrowding at BHES and adjustment problems at the middle school, which may require a restructuring of the transition process. He will discuss these issues with School Board Representative Lupi Grady.

Further, an accident on the Metro Green Line damaged the pedestrian bridge. Metro contractors building the test track caused the partial collapse with a construction crane. The construction of the

test track, including the control station on Ballew Avenue is on hold until an investigation has been completed. A re-opening of the bridge is not expected until 6 to 8 months. CM Dennison noted that Councilmembers traditionally serve the pancake breakfast on Berwyn Heights Day.

Citizen Comments: Mayor Calvo received a comments regarding speeding on Osage Street and the danger posed to children playing there. There was increased interest from residents in the community garden this spring. All plots have been assigned. The fitness boot camp sponsored by the Green Team, started last Sunday and received high marks from participants.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she received many comments on the County budget from members of the NW/EP during the clean-up of the emergency trailer. She also received an inquiry as to why the Code car does not have license plate in front.

Four Cities agenda: Mayor Calvo said that the proposed agenda is already full. School Board Representative Lupi Grady, and CEO Kevin Maxwell's representative Monica Goldson are scheduled for presentations, and County Councilmember Chair Mel Franklin has expressed interest in discussing the County's FY 2016 budget, next to other agenda items. No items were added for Berwyn Heights.

2. Public Works

Road repair planning: Mayor Calvo welcomed Director of Public Works Lockley for a presentation on street repairs. Director Lockley began with an overview of current conditions of the Town's streets, using a map showing when particular blocks were repaved. There are a couple of blocks that have not been resurfaced since 1988, including the 8500 blocks of 63rd Avenue and Cunningham Drive. Most other streets were last repaved in the early and mid 1990s and are near the end of their expected life span. Generally, road pavement lasts between 15 to 20 years, or longer with good maintenance. Former State highways, which include Pontiac Street, parts of 58th and 57th Avenue and Berwyn Road, plus recently rebuilt sections of Ruatan and Seminole Streets, are equipped with 6" under drains. This prevents erosion of curbs and gutters from storm water runoff.

Director Lockley continued with an explanation of the Prince George's County specifications for roads, which differ between primary and secondary roads.

There are just a couple of primary roads in Town, including Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road, which are wider and built for heavier traffic. They require a 6" sub-base, as opposed to a 4" sub-base for secondary roads. A 3" base course of asphalt, topped with a 1/5" intermediate surface course and another 1.5" final surface course must then be applied to both primary and secondary roads. To prevent rippling of asphalt at stop signs caused by bus traffic a cement bus pad should be installed.

A recent evaluation of the condition of Town streets by a contractor showed that most streets in Berwyn Heights are structurally sound. Those in the best condition, comprising approximately 1/2 of all streets, will not have to be resurfaced until 15 to 20 years from now at an estimated cost of \$1,254,000 for mill and overlay. Another group of streets in fair condition comprises about a 1/3 of Town streets and should be resurfaced in 10-15 years. The cost or resurfacing them is estimated at \$900,000. About 1/10 of Town streets are not in good shape and should be resurfaced within 5-8 years. They include the 6100 block of Quebec Place, Villanova Road, and the 8400 and 8500 block of 58th Avenue. The cost to repair them is estimated at \$201,800. A small portion of Town streets are in bad condition and may require rebuilding of the sub-base. They should be resurfaced within the next 1-3 years. The streets in that category include the 6300 block of Seminole Street, 6200 block of Quebec Place, the 8500 and 8300 block of Cunningham Drive, the 5700 block of Nevada Street and the 8300 block of 58th Avenue. The cost to mill and overlay them is estimated at \$171,400. However, additional cost may be incurred if the sub-base has to be rebuilt.

Director Lockley outlined options for maintaining Town streets until they can be resurfaced. These include hot mix asphalt patching for localized areas of distress; "slurry seals" to fill and cover surface defects over a larger area of the existing pavement; and crack sealing to fill and seal individual cracks in their early stages of deterioration. The Public Works Department has performed crack sealing in house in recent years but has found it is better to hire a vendor to do the work because they have the equipment to keep the asphalt mix hot.

Next, Director Lockley would find out if the Town can borrow an Automated Road Analyzer from the SHA, and if so, use it to determine the condition of the streets below the surface. This would be a great help in getting cost estimates for

repairs, as well as engineering subsequent street projects. Once a project is initiated, deep patches requiring a rebuilding of the sub-base should be addressed first. On some blocks, such as the 6200 block of Seminole Street, it may make sense to remove and replace the entire road bed because there is too much damage to the sub-base. In conclusion, the cost of mill and overlay of all Town streets is estimated to cost \$2.5 million.

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

Mayor Calvo thanked Director Lockley for providing this very useful framework for future street repairs. In addition to the cost of mill and overlay, there is the cost of rebuilding of curbs and gutters, which may, or may not be done in conjunction with resurfacing. Based on the information just presented, Mayor Calvo thought it makes sense to take on the roads rated in bad and pretty bad condition (marked in blue and orange on an accompanying map) first. This is projected to cost approximately \$400,000, plus any repairs to the sub-base and possibly to curbs and gutters. There is enough money in the infrastructure reserve to add even some blocks rated in fair condition (marked red) to the next project.

Mayor Calvo continued that Director Lockley should think about any needed curb and gutter work that could be done now by the contractor who is working on sidewalks now. Some curb and gutter repairs are already budgeted as part of this sidewalks contract but other areas might be added, particularly if they are on blocks that would be included in the next street project. In addition, there are bus pads to be installed and old sidewalks to be repaired. The sidewalks contractor should be asked for an estimate on all those things.

In response to questions, Director Lockley said that most of Branchville Road was recently resurfaced but it is dirty because trucks haul dirt and construction material on it. Mayor Calvo added that the developers probably had it resurfaced, but as a County Road it is the responsibility of the County to maintain. For the most part, the streets rated in poor condition do not overlap with the WSSC water main replacement project, with the exception of parts of Osage Street and 58th Avenue.

Dump truck purchase: Director Lockley explained that since he last presented quotes to replace a 1 ton dump truck, he has narrowed the options down. He recommends getting an F350 gasoline pow-

ered, 4 wheel drive dump truck with a stainless steel dump body and tail gate spreader and 8 1/2 foot wide snow plow. The price for this package is \$58,700 as opposed to the 51,300 package he previously quoted, but is expected to make this truck more durable over the long-term and better equipped for snow plowing and salt spreading operations. There are additional uplifting costs of \$2,300 for communications, strobe lights and shock absorbers for the plow, bringing the total cost to a little over \$61,000.

Mayor Calvo proposed to shift \$10,000 appropriated in this year's budget for a speed monitor to pay for the added cost of the truck package Director Lockley just described. He has decided not to buy the speed monitor for the Police Department, which frees this money up for the truck purchase. CM Schreiber moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to authorize the purchase of the dump truck in the manner discussed. The motion passed 4 to 0.

3. Administration

Sidewalks project update: TA Cowles briefed the Council on the progress of the priority 1 sidewalks project. She said that approximately 10,000 of 15,600 total square feet of sidewalks have been laid. This makes the sidewalks installation 64% complete but it does not account for the storm water management improvements at the Public Works yard. The sidewalks contract is for \$421,000 of which nearly \$192,000 or 45% has been spent. Change orders account for approximately \$7,200 in additional costs, but some \$6,000 is expected to be recouped for items included in the contract but not needed. Separate engineering costs were budgeted at \$34,000, of which \$25,000 has been spent.

Construction on the 8600 block of Cunningham Drive has been complicated by sloping ground and required a few adjustments in the plans. At 8623 Cunningham Drive, a longer driveway is necessary to conform to Prince George's County specs of a maximum allowable grade of 10%. After excavation, it became apparent that a retaining wall was needed on the property to save a magnolia tree. An easement agreement was drafted for Council's approval to allow temporary access for construction and grading. The agreement also commits the Town to remove the Magnolia tree if it dies within a year after construction. The owner will handle replanting.

At 8901 60th Avenue, where the lead walk was to be reoriented to provide access to the house from Seminole

Street, the owner has recently asked if an apron can be built where a planned driveway would be built off 60th Avenue. The apron was not programmed as part of the project and would cost an additional \$1,500.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town spent \$3,600 to reorient the lead walk to compensate this homeowner for the loss of parking on 60th Avenue. If the owner now wants to add a driveway on 60th Avenue, he will have to pay for the cost of the apron. Further, plans and a permit would have to be prepared very quickly because the contractors are already constructing sidewalks on the 8800 block of 60th Avenue. However, TA Cowles has the authority to work something out with the home owners, provided it does not add to the cost of or hold up progress on the project.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what has been done about the front entrance of Pop's Park. TA Cowles said that the engineers have drawn up a new schematic for the section leading to the front entrance. The sidewalks will be replaced at the contractors cost at a higher level so that the height differential from the sidewalk to the interior of the park is not as great. This will also reduce the size of retaining walls needed along the sidewalk and the lead walk. In response to CM Schreiber, Mayor Calvo confirmed that the Council had planned to put up iron railings in the green strip in front of this gate to prevent children from running out into the road.

TA Cowles recommended formal approval of the easement at 8623 Cunningham Drive. CM Schreiber so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Bikeway signage plan: Clerk Harper presented a signage plan as part of the Town bikeways project funded by a 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas grant. Signage includes two different types of signs:

1. Way finding signs help out-of-Town bicyclists and tourists to find their way through the town to destinations in neighboring communities. The signs use Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA) templates and identify the demarcated route as a part of the Anacostia Trails system.
2. Interpretive signs feature a regional and a local map, showing points of interest, and describing the Town of Berwyn Heights in the context of its heritage.

Clerk Harper reviewed the proposed locations and content of 8 individual way

finding signs that will be posted at points where bicycle routes divide or where direction is needed. The Council gave feedback and made the following points: Directions to Greenbelt Metro Station should include a Metro symbol; each sign should include a distant destination; signs should note only the name of a neighboring city, but not a neighborhood within it; signs should reference shopping and food generally, but not a particular mall or business; signs should not indicate destinations leading car drivers to places that can only be reached by bike. The exact location and directions of a sign at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and 58th Avenue pointing to Greenbelt Station, and at the intersection of Pontiac Street and 63rd Avenue pointing to Greenbelt Middle School need further thought.

Clerk Harper explained that interpretive maps feature a regional, and a local map, as well as a "Welcome to Berwyn Heights" message. She provided four location options of interpretative signs, of which two or three might be selected. Mayor Calvo commented that the maps take in too large an area and therefore do not provide enough detail about the Town. The number of points of interest featured on the local map could be reduced and their description shortened. Clerk Harper was asked to find out if ATHA can make those changes to the template. No decision on the signage plan as a whole was made. Discussion of bike racks and bike repair stations was postponed.

4. Code Compliance

Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance amendments: TA Cowles gave an overview of the changes she made to Ordinance 134 since the last discussion. In addition she provided a zoning map indicating the permitted land uses and limitations for each zone within the Town of Berwyn Heights. The amended Ordinance adopts the *International Building Code* and *Maryland Rehabilitation Code* as codes of the Town of Berwyn Heights, as applicable to the commercial, industrial and mixed-use zoned properties. Several exemptions apply. Abandoned or non-road worthy vehicles may be stored at a commercial or industrial property if the property is a motor vehicle inspection or repair station, and may be parked on unpaved surfaces if the County zoning ordinance permits it. Similarly, building materials and motor vehicle parts may be stored on a commercial property if permitted by the County zoning ordinance. A standard for construction safety was added in *Section 6 - Violations*, while

Section 7 - Construction Safety and Stop Work Orders was deleted. Stop work orders are normally addressed through Ordinance 104 - Building. Lastly, the timeframes for notice of violations and penalties set forth in *Section 9 E*, were imported from the residential Clean Lot Ordinance, but may need further refinement.

Mayor Calvo commented on the timeframes for enforcing violations. He questioned whether a vehicle parked on an unapproved parking surface, such as dirt or grass, deserves an immediate fine. The County zoning code may provide an exemption for certain types of businesses. The Town would only issue an immediate fine if the business does not have an exemption. The immediate fine for this violation was retained.

Further, Mayor Calvo proposed to collapse the time sensitive and regular order enforcement schedules and apply a 7 day period from a notice of a violation to the issuance of fine. There was no objection. For structural violations, such as building security hazards or grading issues, a 30 day time frame for submitting a plan to correct the violation was agreed upon. For repeat violations, 18 months was set as the frame of reference. For abatements, 10 days from the first notice of a violation was proposed as the trigger for the Town to be able to enter a property and abate a violation. However, violations for which immediate or time sensitive enforcement schedules apply, a 1 day abatement period might be warranted. A decision on the matter was postponed to the next worksession.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Public Safety**.

7. Executive Session (11:00 p.m - 11:45 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. With matter approved, CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
May 4, 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, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Mike Attick.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Mayor Calvo announced that he will retire following the May Town meeting to pursue a professional opportunity that will not leave time for remaining on the Town Council. In conformance with the Berwyn Heights Charter, MPT Kulpa-Eddy will become Mayor. Mayor Calvo's seat on the Council can be filled by appointment or special election.

Calendar: The June 8 worksession was proposed to be moved to June 1. The date for PGCPs' last day of school was corrected as June 23. The date for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner was set for June 17.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy the April 6 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Schreiber and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, approval of the April 13 budget worksession minutes was postponed to later in the meeting because information about the preceding executive session needed to be looked up.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he heard back from PGCPs CEO Kevin Maxwell's office regarding the letter the Town Council sent requesting a meeting pertaining to BHES school grounds. He declined to schedule a meeting with Dr. Maxwell and requested to meet directly with appropriate staff. He is still waiting to hear back. Mayor Calvo met with the Mayors of University Park and Riverdale Park about the next meeting of the Route 1 Coalition, which will be hosted by Riverdale Park but probably not take place before summer.

CM Dennison reported that the Town celebrated a great Berwyn Heights Day and thanked all those who organized the event. Sharmila Bhatia was named citizen of the year, and Jan Knutson delighted with his performance of jazz guitar pieces. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that some late night plumbing repairs needed to be made to the Town Center kitchen sinks before Berwyn Heights Day so that the Pancake Breakfast could proceed.

CM Rasmussen reported that the Town Council hired Freddie Glass as the new Code Supervisor. Mr. Glass has exten-

sive code experience and most recently worked for North Brentwood and the City of Bowie. His first day will be May 13. CM Schreiber reported that Public Works employees Derek Spottswood and Emerson Ellis resigned and Dannielle Banjoman was hired for the hybrid administrative assistant/ crewman position.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a comment that the owners of the Staples property are not cutting the grass along Seminole Street as they are supposed to. He also received comments on the sidewalks, and children at play signs. MPT Kulpa-Eddy received a comment about the Public Works crew working late into the evening. TA Cowles said that the crew needs longer to finish the pickup as they are 2 employees short. CM Rasmussen received questions about when the Metro pedestrian bridge will reopen. TA Cowles said there is no set time frame yet. Metro engineers are assessing the structural integrity of the remaining bridge section and are looking for a vendor that might be able to fabricate the missing section.

Mike Attick asked why the Town is budgeting \$30,000 to maintain the bridge if it is Metro's responsibility to repair. He was told the town budgets around \$2,500 to keep it properly lit and cleared of snow. Mike Attick further commented that a neighbor is placing trash bags at the side of the road because Public Works reportedly does not pick up their 45 gallon trash can. The bags are torn open by animals that scatter the trash. TA Cowles was asked to look into the matter.

Body cameras: Mayor Calvo welcomed Chief Antolik for a presentation on body cameras for police officers. By way of a preface, he said he had the chance to discuss the many policy implications of this subject while serving on the Constitution Project Committee on Police Reforms. The issue is not just whether to have them but how to use them. Questions include: when should they be turned on; should they be used inside people's homes; do officers need to request permission to record; and are the recordings subject to the Public Information Act, among others.

Mayor Calvo wondered whether body cameras are the solution to a problem Berwyn Heights police does not have. Unlike police forces in a big city, such as Baltimore, Berwyn Heights police has a good relationship with its citizens. Body cameras might change this largely positive dynamic. The availability of new technology does not mean that it must

be used.

Chief Antolik said that the perception of police officers has changed over the last half century. Today many citizens see often heavily armed police in an adversarial light, not as protectors who keep neighborhoods safe. There is also a proliferation of cameras recording public venues and in the hands of private citizens. Frequently, the video taken by citizens on their cell phones is selective and shows police in an unfavorable light. In court, unbiased video evidence taken by a body camera can be a powerful tool for prosecutors, eliminating disputes of facts and enabling faster summary judgments. The use of a body camera also tends to induce more professional behavior in officers and more civility in those engaged with an officer. In conclusion, body cameras can be a counterweight to often biased, private videos, and prevent public perception of the police as being unjust.

Chief Antolik demonstrated a 1st and 2nd generation body camera the Department has purchased with a Secret Service grant. The newer camera is lighter, records longer, and is worn on the lapel. When deployed, a Berwyn Heights police officer might turn it on for a traffic stop and turn it off when the incident is over. After the shift, the video will be uploaded to a dedicated laptop and kept for one year, or 3 years if the incident is being litigated.

Mayor Calvo asked Chief Antolik to give a summary of the State law recently passed by the legislature that authorizes the use of body cameras. Chief Antolik said the law authorizes uniformed, on duty police officers to record the public when responding to a call for service and in most other circumstances, provided they display their badge and notify those with whom they engage they are being recorded. However, the specific standards are still to be written by the Maryland Police Training Commission and Maryland State Police.

Mayor Calvo commented that the policy submitted by Chief Antolik gives very broad discretion to the officer as to when he can activate the camera. It probably needs to be more specific about when the camera is to be used, and not used. For example, he would not want minors recorded needlessly. Nor would he want the camera to become an impediment to developing relationships with residents. Cameras make sense during traffic stops, when serving a warrant or when pursuing a suspect. On the other hand, he is less sure about using it when re-

sponding to a call about domestic violence, which may have implications for the victims' privacy. He hopes the State will give clear guidance on the circumstances for using the camera.

CM Schreiber asked what weight is given to a civilian's request to turn the cameras off, for example during a traffic stop. Chief Antolik said, if the policy requires cameras to be used during a traffic stop, the request will not be granted. CM Rasmussen commented that a Berwyn Heights policy for body cameras is perhaps premature because the State has not yet come out with its guidelines. The topic might be considered for discussion during a Town meeting to hear what residents think about them.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks this policy needs refinement. He also has misgivings about the Police spending money, in the form of Secret Service credits or otherwise, without Council oversight. The existing cameras were obtained without his knowledge or Council approval. Secret Service credits are funded from asset forfeitures. Asset forfeiture programs are prone to abuse as they are often run with insufficient oversight. He would want the Council to authorize all purchases from asset forfeitures.

Mayor Calvo further noted that special care should be taken about when making recordings inside private homes. Any video of a private residence, regardless of whether it was the scene of a crime or not, is subject to the Public Information Act (PIA), and might be requested by private citizens or the press. Chief Antolik said that there are exemptions from disclosures under the PIA. Mayor Calvo concluded noting that there are many implications to using body cameras, which should be considered when writing a policy for Berwyn Heights. The Council may want to take this up again after the Police Training Commission has published its standards.

At 8:32 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Prince George's County tax increase: MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that Prince George's County has proposed a tax increase of 15 cent per \$100 of assessed real property valuation as part of its FY 2016 budget, as well as increases in personal property, telecommunications and hotel taxes. The increases would mainly fund the County's "Investing in Our Schools" initiative, which expands pre-k and breakfast programs, and appropriates more money for neighborhood schools, reduction of class size and availability of technology. Homeowners

earning less than \$60,000 per year are eligible for a State tax credit to reduce the burden of the tax increase. The County Council has requested feedback from citizens.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said so far everyone she has spoken to does not want the tax increase. She too has misgivings and would like to know if the Town Council wants to take a stand on the matter. Mayor Calvo said that he has gained the same impression from the comments he received. There are two reasons for opposing the tax increase: 1) the amount of additional money extracted from residents would by far exceed the amounts returned to the schools serving Berwyn Heights students; and 2) it overturns TRIM, a longstanding cap of the County's real property tax rate at 96 cents passed by citizen initiative, as well as a more recent restriction, "Truth in Taxation," requiring the County to put all tax increases on the ballot.

Mayor Calvo continued that the County maintains it has the authority to raise the tax rate because State law allows setting aside voter imposed tax restrictions to fund the school system's "maintenance of effort." However, the proposed tax increase would exceed the amount required for "maintenance of effort" by \$170 million, and raises all kinds of concerns about how the County would spend this money. For his part, he strongly favors taking a stand against the tax increase.

CM Schreiber said he has heard from other families with school-aged children about the need to fund schools but they do not trust the stewards of the money. CM Rasmussen noted that this would make tax rates in Prince George's County the highest in the Washington area. On a motion by CM Rasmussen and second by CM Dennison, the Council voted to oppose the proposed 15 cents increase in the Prince George's County real property tax rate. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will work with TA Cowles in drafting a letter to submit to the County Council.

2. Administration

Sidewalks update: TA Cowles said that this week the contractors will begin to work on the sidewalks in front of the school and finish the 8900 block of 60th Avenue. To date change orders have added \$7,200 to the cost of the project, which the engineers expect to recoup. Previously contemplated additional improvements include: 1) resurfacing the entrance portion of the Town Center parking lot at a cost of \$5,000; 2) redo-

ing the lead walk and driveway and sprinkler systems at the Lord & Simmons property at a cost of up to \$8,000; and 3) adding 2 flashing lights on both sides of the fire house alerting pedestrians to exiting fire trucks and ambulances at a cost of up to \$5,000. In addition, the Lord & Simmons property has upgrades to the retaining wall costing up to \$2,000, which were negotiated as part of the easement agreement.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked how much money has been spent on the project so far. Mayor Calvo said that the Council has committed about \$475,000 of \$540,000 budgeted for the sidewalks project, including engineering costs. Thus the project is \$65,000 under budget. However, the speed camera revenues, with which much of the project was funded, have declined after the State imposed a 20 mph speed limit in school zones. This means more funding will have to come from the Metroland reserve.

CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to authorize additional expenditures of up to \$20,000 to complete the change orders outlined by TA Cowles. The motion passed 5 to 0.

TA Cowles informed that the 63rd Avenue sidewalks project still requires SHA to sign off on the bid package before the Town can go out to bid. She has been pushing SHA to approve the bid specifications while the sidewalks contractor is still in Town in the hope of getting a better price, and to avoid carrying the project over to the next fiscal year.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the June Bulletin cover: Yard sale theme and headline; announcements for FY 2015 budget amendments, and Council vacancy.

3. Code Compliance

Commercial Clean Lot amendments: TA Cowles reviewed the latest changes and open questions regarding the Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance. The following issues were decided:

Section 6 B - Tall Grass and Weeds: It was agreed to prohibit grass or weeds from growing in or into driveway aprons, sidewalks or the Town right ways. Any plantings are subject to the approval of the Town Administrator.

Section 9 C- Town Abatement: It was agreed that the Town may abate a regular order violation after 10 days of continued violation. After some discussion, it was further agreed that the Town may abate any violation that requires an immediate correction after 1 day, as set

forth in the current Ordinance. Violations in this category comprise imminent threats, abandoned vehicles, parking on an unauthorized parking surface and building security issues. It was noted that the authority to abate does not mean a requirement to abate.

Section 9 - Time frames for Notice of Violation and Penalties: It was agreed to eliminate the time sensitive enforcement schedule for commercial clean lot violations. All violations previously in this category will be enforced in accordance with the regular order schedule, by which a fine is issued after 7 days of continued violation from the date of notice. This includes hazardous conditions of exterior property.

With the above changes, the Ordinance was cleared for adoption at the May Town meeting.

Nothing was discussed under 4. **Parks and Recreation.**

5. Public Safety

Traffic & Parking Ordinance fee and fine schedule: The Council agreed to adopt Resolution 03-2015, which adds a \$60 fine for failure to attach a license plate in the front and rear of a vehicle for which 2 license plates are required, at the May Town meeting.

Nothing was discussed under 6. **Public Works.**

7. Budget

Urban tree initiative: CM Rasmussen presented a framework for an urban forest initiative. He said that the loss of mature trees due to removals by utilities, government agencies and private home owners, as well as through disease and old age can be stopped by comprehensive approach of tree maintenance, replanting and education. He proposed a 5 step program to be implemented:

1. Devising an urban forest plan with the help of a consultant, the Green Team and/ or a reconstituted Shade Tree Board.
2. Funding tree acquisition through matching funds of available grant programs.
3. Clearing invasive species from Town right-of-ways and public land.
4. Training and certification of a Public Works employee as an arborist.
5. Educating residents about tree maintenance and invasive species.

CM Rasmussen said that this approach

calls for setting aside up to \$10,000 for developing a plan with the help of a consultant, and \$5,000 for an assessment of the Town's existing tree canopy, plus a small amount for year one tree planting.

TA Cowles said that she identified a couple of consultants that perform this type of planning, usually in the context of a zoning master plan. The critical piece is reviewing and updating of the Town's Urban Tree Ordinance to create the legal parameters for a future tree program. In addition, there is a need to engage stakeholders, possibly in the form of charrettes, to develop a vision for an urban forest program, as well as to gain an understanding of the current condition of the Town's tree canopy through a formal inventory. There may be grants available to undertake such a study and develop a master plan.

Mayor Calvo said he suspects there is some flexibility in negotiating the price for a consultancy. He also suggested looking into leveraging resources of SHA and Department of Natural Resources in developing a plan and restoring the buffer along Edmonston Road. When rewriting the Urban Forest Ordinance, the Council may want to think about not making it as restrictive as Takoma Park's and limiting protections to significant trees. However, he supports budgeting \$15,000 for the tree initiative from the Metroland reserve. CM Rasmussen so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Minutes, continued: TA Cowles provided the missing information needed to approve the April 13 budget worksession minutes. She said that CM Schreiber had moved and CM Dennison had seconded the motion to open and to close the executive session prior to the April 13 worksession for the purpose of interviewing code supervisor candidates. On a motion by CM Schreiber and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0 as amended.

8. Executive Session (9:46 p.m. - 10:06 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Schreiber and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. With matter discussed, CM Schreiber moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession May 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: There were none.

2. Budget

TA Cowles gave an overview of the latest adjustments to the FY 2016 Town budget.

Insurance: No changes are need in the insurance line items with the exception of General Liability & Property Insurance from LGIT. An additional \$2,500 is needed to cover an increase in the caps to claims recently passed by the State legislature. The \$115,000 budgeted for health insurance in FY 2016 is expected to cover the costs of filling currently vacant positions and any vacancies throughout the fiscal year.

Mayor Calvo asked if there is enough cushion in this line item to pay for the increase in general liability. TA Cowles advised against it because the family status of yet to be hired staff is not known.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if the money left in the 'kitty' could be used to cover this cost. TA Cowles said the money in the kitty was used to help offset a \$4,000 decline in State police aid since the budget was introduced. She would look to pull money from the workers compensation line item, where preliminary quotes suggest a cushion of \$8,000.

After further discussion, CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to offset the police aid deficit by taking \$2,000 from the kitty and \$2,000 from the salary pool, which the Council increased substantially this year. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Rasmussen also moved, and CM Dennison seconded to reduce the workers compensation line item by \$2,500 to fund the general liability insurance increase. The motion passed 5 to 0.

HUR, MSEC grants: TA Cowles said that Highway User Revenues could go up by 1% to 2% depending on how the Governor's additional one-time grant funds will be allocated. The Town also expects to

receive a Maryland Smart Energy grant of \$25,000 for upgrades to the Town Center's HVAC system. Mayor Calvo commented that additional revenues do not have a limit but should be accounted for in the budget amendment. TA Cowles suggested allocating MSEC grant funds to the building & grounds appropriation in the Town Center budget. CM Schreiber so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Demolitions: TA Cowles noted that demolition of 2 condemned houses is estimated to cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000 and that the County is ready to go forward when the Town so decides. Noticing the demolition takes between 30 and 45 days. Mayor Calvo said that the demolition should occur as soon as possible and be paid from the FY 2015 budget, with the appropriation listed in the budget amendment.

TA Cowles said that the Safe Routes to School sidewalks project is inching towards SHA approval, as are the emergency generators. She asked if the Council wants to set money aside in the budget amendment. Mayor Calvo said, if the contracts can be signed before this fiscal year ends, the projects should be paid for with FY 2015 funds, if need be by purchase order.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if an additional \$10,000 for street repairs in the Public Works budget has been appropriated in the FY 2016 budget. TA Cowles confirmed this and said the money is being pulled from the HUR receipts. CM Rasmussen asked what the overall increase is in the FY 2016 operating budget. Mayor Calvo said it is approximately 1%.

FY 2015 budget amendments: Mayor Calvo thanked TA Cowles for providing an early draft of the amendments to be adopted at the June 10 Town meeting. TA Cowles said that the draft represents a high-level summary, which is based on the year-end estimates of actual expenditures detailed in the enclosed budget sheets. The amendments reflect the disbursement to departments of merit increases and cost of living adjustments (COLAs), corrects the public safety reserve, and reduces the amount to be pulled from surplus to \$96,000 from the \$101,000 budgeted. Mayor Calvo offered several corrections to the presentation and content of the budget amendments. Speed camera revenues should show \$79,000 from current year revenues and \$220,000 from the speed camera reserve.

TA Cowles asked how the Council wants

to proceed with the demolition of the condemned properties. The Council agreed to fund up to \$35,000 for the demolitions from surplus in the FY 2015 budget with a budget amendment.

TA Cowles asked if the Council still plans to pay \$5,500 for the FBI promotional video from the cable reserve in this year's budget. Mayor Calvo corrected that the Council had agreed to contribute \$5,000 and give the City of Greenbelt discretion to manage the contract. No consent was given to spend an additional \$500 for legal review of the contract. Mayor Calvo further proposed to appropriate a given amount of money from the cable reserve for any cable TV related expenditures that might occur in a given fiscal year. With the recently amended Comcast franchise agreement this can include salaries. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Schreiber seconded to appropriate \$12,000 in FY 2015 from the cable reserve. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Draft Minutes Town Meeting May 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Clerk Kerstin Harper and residents Mike Attick, Cheryl Jewitt, and Ron Shane.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearings

Town Budget: Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the proposed FY 2016 Town budget. The overall budget totals \$2,879,000, including transfers to reserves and capital expenditures. The operating budget is approximately \$2.6 million reflecting a 1% increase over the FY 2015 budget. The budget maintains the real property tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, with 3 cents dedicated to road repairs. The personal property tax rate is \$1.325 per \$100 of assessed valuations, or 2.5 times the real property tax rate. The budget is sup-

ported by a substantial increase in income tax receipts and more modest increases in real and personal property tax receipts.

On the expenditure side, the budget is largely flat with only a few changes in selected line items. Salaries generally remain at FY 2015 levels, reflecting senior staff with less seniority, on the one hand, and vacancies filled, on the other. Employee benefits overall are flat due to modest increases in health insurance rates and lower pension contributions. This budget also sets aside \$29,000 in a salary pool that will fund any merit increases and cost of living adjustments (COLAs), plus other salary adjustments as deemed necessary.

The FY 2016 budget will be the last in a series of tight budgets that resulted from the 2008 crash of the real estate market. With the impending reassessments, real property tax revenues are expected to rebound. The Town came through these difficult years in good shape thanks to a clear plan on how to adjust spending and use reserves. One adjustment was to annually pull \$50,000 from the surplus for operating expenses, which will be continued in FY 2016.

Despite the difficult revenue picture, the Town has accumulated a \$500,000 surplus, and an additional 1.6 million set aside in various reserves while remaining debt free. This puts the Town in a strong position for the future and for addressing some deferred investments, such as road repairs.

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave an overview of the Administration Department budget. This budget has four major activities: Mayor & Council, Administration, Municipal Building and Town Center. With the exception of an increase in Council stipends taking effect this year and additional money for the next Town Council election, the Administration budget is flat. However, additional capital expenditures have been authorized to hire a consultant to update the personnel manual, to upgrade the Town website and to help fund a Four Cities promotional video to attract the new FBI headquarters.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen said that the FY 2016 budget appropriates \$109,000 for the Code Compliance Department, which amounts to a little less than a 1% increase over the FY 2015 budget. The Code Compliance Department this year purchased a code tracking system, which will entail \$4,000 in annual maintenance costs but is expected yield operational efficiencies.

Hence part-time staff hours have been reduced by 2 hours per week. The budget also anticipates an increase in revenue from fees and fines and appropriates more money for the code supervisor's salary, who just started working today.

The Town Council also appropriated \$15,000 for a planning exercise to assess Berwyn Heights' tree canopy and determine how best to preserve existing trees, educate home owners on tree maintenance, and advise the Town on tree planting and revising the Urban Forest Ordinance.

Parks and Recreation: CM Dennison said that the Parks & Recreation budget remains largely unchanged. The biggest line item is Berwyn Heights Day where the help of many volunteers keeps the cost down.

Public Works: CM Schreiber said that it is the Public Works Department's mission to maintain a clean and well functioning Town by providing regular trash and recycling pickups and maintaining roads, walks and right of ways. As the Town does not grow in area or road miles, the budget has remained fairly consistent from year to year. The FY 2016 DPW budget totals \$683,000 as opposed to \$672,000 in FY 2015, with approximately half of the budget going to salary-related expenses.

CM Schreiber continued that the Town Council authorized the purchase of a new 27 cubic yard trash truck from the vehicle replacement reserve to be taken into service in October and a 1 ton, dump truck to be taken into service in August. The new trash truck will help transition to a 3 day refuse collection schedule which will be implemented starting June 26. The new schedule consolidates the second weekly trash collection on Thursday, leaving Friday open for other jobs.

Police: Mayor Calvo said that the Police Department budget is almost flat. A modest 1% increase over FY 2015 reflects the merit increases and COLAs the Council approved last year, which have roll-up costs in FY 2016. The budget also continues the practice of funding the purchase of 1 new police vehicle each year. This year, a second police vehicle will be purchased from the Public Safety Taxing District budget. The budget also reflects an anticipated 20% increase in police fines, some of which will be derived from a new \$60 fine for failing to display a license plate in front and rear of a vehicle for which two license plates are required.

Mayor Calvo further noted that one of the capital expenditures the Council author-

ized is a \$30,000 investment in an economic development study. The money is to be used to hire a consultant to perform a market analysis of the Town's commercial sector and develop a vision for the future and make long range plans for improvements.

At 7:56 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. Without any comments, the hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m.

Public Safety Taxing District Hearing:

Mayor Calvo said this budget is funded by a 10 cents tax on real property and a 15 cents tax on personal property levied on businesses in the Town of Berwyn Heights. The PSTD operating budget totals \$72,800, which funds one police officer. The capital budget totals \$34,800 and periodically funds a police vehicle. A small deficit in the operating budget is covered made up by money pulled from a PSTD reserve.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing on the PSTD budget. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 8:01 p.m.

2. Minutes

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

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo announced that this will be his last Town meeting as he will be resigning after serving as Mayor for 11 years. Looking back on his tenure, he said he had just completed his university degree when he filed for candidacy on the Town Council. But he had been interested and active in government and public service since being a member of the student government of Parkdale High School.

When he began his tenure as Mayor, he had big ideas for improving the Town government. Although he and his fellow Councilmembers accomplished many things, he found that the Town changed him more than he changed the Town. The people and the community he served for so long have shaped him profoundly, and he believes made him a better person. People that don't usually speak up or come to meetings have turned to him with their problems or shared their opinions when he stopped by their homes campaigning. For this majority that goes quietly about their

lives he has tried to steer a middle course, and disregard occasional criticism from one side or another.

Mayor Calvo noted that the different Councils with which he has worked have shared longstanding core values. He is confident that these values will continue to guide the Council's work after he has left. These include:

1. Fiscal responsibility, which aims to make spending decisions on what the Town can afford while maintaining reserves to be prepared for potential economic downturns;
2. Long-term planning, which calls for identifying shared priorities that guide the Council's work for the near and longer-term future. Recently, the Council's priorities have focused on investments in amenities that make Berwyn Heights an attractive place to live.
3. Modesty, which means recognizing the Town's limited resources in offering government services, while engaging volunteers to get some things done.
4. High standards, which means being responsive to citizen comments and alert in exercising oversight over government operations to ensure continued quality of service.
5. Efficiency, which is the search for new and better ways to do things and offer Town services in a cost-effective way.

Mayor Calvo concluded that while he is sad to leave, he believes councilmembers and staff will continue to work together to provide the quality services residents have come to expect. He thanked the Town for allowing him the opportunity to serve, and residents for sharing their lives with him.

5. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council plans to carry out the goals and objectives it has set itself after the last election. Mayor Calvo knows how to get in touch with the Council and his feedback will be welcome. She then reported that she and TA Cowles attended a crowded meeting of the State of Maryland's Board of Public Works to answer any potential questions about the emergency generator project that might come up at the Board's budget hearing. It so happened, that the Board adopted the budget without changes and before

she and TA Cowles could enter the room to offer input. Other than that, the Administration Department has been focused on planning two potential demolitions of blighted properties.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen said that Mayor Calvo's resignation was one more life event in addition to his mother's passing and his starting a new job that occurred during the last month. He has learned a lot about local government and this community since serving on the Council with Mayor Calvo and wished him luck in his new job.

In Code Compliance news, he reported that the new Code Supervisor Freddie Glass started his job today and will be formally introduced at the June Town meeting. He brings years of valuable experience as a code officer in North Brentwood and Bowie to the job. The Code Department's part time staff is appreciated for stepping into the breach when the previous supervisor left.

Lastly, he noted that the Town of Indian Head in southern Prince George's County recently elected a 19 year old as mayor, and wished him good luck.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:

CM Dennison reported that Berwyn Heights Day was a big success and thanked all those who organized and contributed to the event. She also congratulated Mayor Calvo on his new job and thanked him for all he has done for the Town.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik congratulated Mayor Calvo on his new job. He then gave the police activities report for April. There was only 1 Part I offense, whereas the 5 year average is 4.8. The year to date total comes to 17, notably lower than the 5 year total of 23.2. The police also issued 222 citations and 201 speed camera tickets all on Greenbelt Road. Officer Yomira Ramirez continues her training and is doing well patrolling.

Mayor Calvo said that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Chief Antolik and to see him grow into the role of police chief. The Berwyn Heights Police Department under the Chief's leadership is a model of a small town police department and has been a source of pride to him whenever he has spoken about policing matters.

Public Works: CM Schreiber reported that Gary Stanton has been chosen as the employee of the month for the second month in a row. He has put in long hours when the Department was short staffed, providing critical help with Ber-

wyn Heights Day preparations. Further, Public Works recently added 2 new full time employees. Dannielle Bonjomo was hired in April to fill the hybrid Administrative Assistant/ Crewman II position and Marvin Plummer was hired more recently as a Crewman II. A Crewman II does have a valid driver's license, while a Crewman I does not. A Crewman III and above has a CDL license. The Department is still looking for a full-time crewman and a part-time crewman.

CM Schreiber reminded residents that trash cans should be no larger than 45 gallons, and not exceed 50 lbs in weight. Large appliances generally require a fee to be picked, said fee to be paid at the Town office, which then schedules a pickup date. Lastly, Tipping Day is on Thursday, June 25, followed by a Friday with no trash pickup.

CM Schreiber concluded saying that he moved his growing family from a beautiful house in Bowie to a home in Berwyn Heights intended as a rental property, because he likes the community. Mayor Calvo had a lot to do with that and he thanked him for his service.

6. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Co-Chair Ron Shane thanked Mayor Calvo for his service. He said that they have not always seen eye to eye, but the Town is in great shape which he attributes to Mayor Calvo's leadership. Mr. Shane reported that the NW/EP had a good month of engaging with the community. The 2nd annual wine-tasting was a success. Five Maryland wineries were represented, and the event raised a considerable sum of money. During Berwyn Heights Day, the Committee was stationed nearer to the action at Sports Park and had many more visitors checking out the trailer than in years past. Further, NW/EP completed the purchase of 10 new radios, which will work on the frequency used by the Public Works Department. Lastly, a CERT training class will be held at the Fire Services Building in Landover on May 16 and the next meeting will be held on June 3.

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 169 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2016 Town Budget: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo said that the outlines of the FY 2016 budget have been covered under the hearings but it should be noted that the Council made a minor change relating to the cable TV reserve based on an error

recently discovered by TA Cowles. He congratulated TA Cowles on a good first budget while learning the fine points of the Town's budget format and process. He has no doubt that she will produce excellent budgets in the future. As a last piece of advice, Mayor Calvo said to beware of the good economic times when revenues start to increase. Most budget problems are created on the way up when elected officials feel no longer constrained in their spending decisions and often overspend. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the FY 2016 budget.

Ordinance 170 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2016 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. On motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the FY 2016 PSTD budget was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

Ordinance 134 – Adoption of Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance Amendments: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. CM Schreiber moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the Council spent a long time finalizing the amendments to this Ordinance, which applies clean lot standards to businesses in Berwyn Heights' commercial and industrial district. The amendments echo the revisions in the residential Clean Lot Ordinance which were adopted in March. In addition, a problem with storage of junked cars in the industrial district has been addressed, and repeat violations are dealt with more strictly.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that the Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance differs from the residential in some respects. For example, bamboo and invasive plants are prohibited, and time frames for correcting repeat violations are shorter. With no further comments, the Ordinance amendments were adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

Ordinance 119 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of Traffic & Parking Amendments: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. CM Schreiber moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that Chief Antolik during his budget presentation proposed that the Town adopt a regulation already existing in State law that requires vehicles to display license plates in front and rear. To do so, the Traffic & Parking Ordinance needed to be amended to add this requirement. The revenue from citations will come to the Town, as this is not a moving violation. With no further comments, the Ordinance amendments were adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

8. New Business

Resolution 03-2015 – Adoption of Traffic & Parking Fine Schedule: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo noted a correction in the last paragraph, then explained that the Resolution adopts a \$60 fine for failure to display a license plate in front and rear of a vehicle for which 2 license plates are required. With no further comments, the Resolution was adopted as corrected in a 5 to 0 vote.

Ordinance 165 B – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2015 Budget Amendments: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. CM Schreiber moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that every year the Council has to go through a process of reconciling the actual revenues and expenditures in a fiscal year with what was budgeted. In some cases this simply means shifting money between line items, as is the case with the distribution of merit increases and COLAs from the miscellaneous budget to the departmental budgets. It also accounts for any grants received, adjusts money spent from surplus, and fixes an accounting problem with speed camera revenue, among other issues. With no further comments, the FY 2015 Budget amendments were introduced in a 5 to 0 vote.

9. Citizens Discussion

Cheryl Jewitt, Natasha Drive, on behalf of her family thanked Mayor Calvo for his outstanding service. She moved to Berwyn Heights in 2004 and can honestly say that he is the best Mayor she has known.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked why 'no parking' signs were put up on the east side of 57th Avenue in front of the Town Center. Mayor Calvo said this was done because the sidewalks were bumped out into the street making the roadway narrower. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that the homeowners on the east side of 57th Avenue didn't need on-street parking as much as residents on the west side because they have larger driveways. Mr. Attick said that there were complaints from some participants of the *Active Shooter* workshop about having to park on the other side and walk through traffic. He concluded by thanking Mayor Calvo for his service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.
- Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.
- When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, wear bright, reflective clothing and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well.

Water Safety

Boating

Always have your children wear a life jacket approved by the U.S. Coast Guard while on boats, around open bodies of water or when participating in water sports. Make sure the life jacket fits snugly. Have the child make a "touchdown" signal by raising both arms straight up; if the life jacket hits the child's chin or ears, it may be too big or the straps may be too loose.

A large portion of boating accidents each year involve alcohol consumption by both boat operators and passengers. To keep you and your loved ones safe, it is strongly recommended not to drink alcoholic beverages while boating.

Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool: They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.

Swimming

Always watch your children and never leave them unattended near the water. A lack of adult supervision is one of the leading contributing factors to children drowning.

Do not rely on flotation devices to protect your children from drowning. You must supervise them at all times.

Have a phone nearby in the event you need to call 911.

Have children swim in pairs - the "buddy system."

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July 2	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 7	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 8	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 9	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 11	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
July 14	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 15	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
	Open Bowling	
July 16	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 21	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 22	Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 23	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 28	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 29	Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 30	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.

**NO MEETINGS
UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 8
Happy Summer!**



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 Jaime Sampson (Sampson.jaime@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group’s listserv.

TEEN CERT Training

August 1, 2- Town Center—8 AM to 5 PM



Are You Ready...

- Learn about the hazards in your area?
- Help others in the event of a disaster?
- Be a leader in your school?

Hosted by your Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee, TEEN CERT training teaches you readiness and response skills. Hands-on practice and realistic exercises prepare you for the unexpected in your community. Newly learned leadership skills empower you to safely respond to an emergency and assist victims without endangering yourself or others.

So, all you Boys and Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Club members sign up to learn some useful real life skills while earning your Community Service hours. Adults are also welcome. Sign up early as class size is limited. Attendance to both days is mandatory to be certified. Contact mikeattick@verizon.net for more information.



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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, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center—all residents are welcome to attend!

Did You Miss Our Rain Barrel Construction Workshop in May?

Here's Some Information on How to Build Your Own Rain Barrel

Through a generous grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Green Team coordinated a rain barrel construction workshop in May. We had a great turnout, and close to 30 residents got to build and take home their own rain barrels! If you missed the workshop, below is some information about the importance of rain barrels and how you can build your own—and potentially get a rebate from the county for doing so.

Why should I have a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is small-scale conservation practice that collects and stores rooftop runoff. Preventing runoff is important because it can cause erosion that destroys in-stream habitat and that can deliver excessive sediment, bacteria and trash to Indian Creek, the Anacostia River, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

Also, using a rain barrel can provide a free water source for your yard, and can save hundreds of gallons of water during peak summer months. Since rain water is soft, oxygenated, devoid of chlorine and other chemicals, it can help improve the health of your plants, lawn and trees.

How do I make a rain barrel?

Finished rain barrels are available commercially for \$100 or more online and at many hardware stores.

However, they are relatively easy and inexpensive to construct yourself. One local place to purchase barrels is True Value Dollar in Riverdale, and a helpful site for purchasing rain barrel supplies is rainbarrelparts.com

There are also many websites and videos that guide you through this project, such as “Building a Rain Barrel” by the Maryland Department of the Environment: <http://tinyurl.com/cpeyayb> and “Take Action: How to Install a Rain Barrel” by the Chesapeake Bay Program: <http://tinyurl.com/n7ofon6>

What are some recommendations for installing a rain barrel?

- Place the barrel at least 15” above the ground on leveled cinderblocks, and face the overflow valve away from your foundation.

Be sure to level the barrel before it fills with water, because a full rain barrel can weight over 400lbs.

How do I maintain my rain barrel?

- Clean gutters regularly to reduce debris, empty your barrel after significant rainfall, and clean the rain barrel periodically and inspect it for clogs and leaks. If a leak forms, aquarium caulk can be used to fix it.

In the winter, it is recommended to remove and drain rain barrels to prevent ice damage.

Can I get a rebate for installing a rain barrel at my residence?

- Yes, you might be eligible for a rebate to cover the costs of purchasing a rain barrel through Prince George's County's Rain Check Rebate program.



To qualify for the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate, rain barrels must capture a minimum of 100 gallons. Most rain barrels hold 55 gallons, so in most cases more than one rain barrel will be required. Visit this website for more information and how to apply: <http://tinyurl.com/kkb2qxb>



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of May 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.

05/02/2015 at 1:40 am Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 7-11 on Edmonston Road for a theft report. Several black male juveniles walked into 7-11 and took food and drinks before fleeing.

05/05/2015 at 9:58 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Amazing Security located in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a dispute between a security guard and the representative of the company.

05/06/2015 at 4:40 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6300 block of Osage Street for a domestic assault in progress. A 42 y/o w/f was assaulted by her 40 y/o, b/m boyfriend. Charges are pending.

05/07/2015 at 6:45 pm, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 2000 Nissan from the location of 58th. Avenue at Ruatan Street. The driver was not licensed.

05/08/2015 at 9:30 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 8900 block of Edmonston Road for a theft from a vehicle complaint.

05/09/2015 at 10:13 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a purse at the Shell Gas Station.

05/09/2015 at 3:57 pm, Pvt. Hollowell impounded a 2004 Honda from the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road due to an accident.

05/13/2015 at 7:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Osage Street for a report of a theft from a 2013 Dodge. I-phone charger, an auxiliary jack and cord were taken.

05/13/2015 at 8:28 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of a theft of a purse taken from a 2005 BMW.

05/13/2015 at 9:13 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Osage Street for a theft of various papers from a 1999 VW. The various papers were later found.

05/13/2015 at 11:37 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8300 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of a theft from a 2009 Chevrolet. Various items were taken from the vehicle.

05/14/2015 at 8:50 pm, Pvt. Ramirez and Pfc. Krouse conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Acura for failing to stop at a stop sign in the area of Cunningham Drive and Quebec Street. Investigation by the officers revealed that there was strong odor of marijuana permeating from the vehicle. The driver, a 30 y/o, b/m was charged and given a Maryland Uniform Civil Citation charging him with possession.

05/14/2015 at 7:25 pm Pvt. Ramirez received a wallet that was found in the area of 63rd Avenue at Seminole Street and returned it to the owner.

05/15/2015 at 8:58 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the XTra Fuel Gas Station on Greenbelt Road for an assault complaint. Investigation revealed that a 20 y/o, b/f, did not have enough money for a purchase of cigarette and became hostile. She began to throw items on the floor and assaulted the employee. Investigation continues and charges are pending.

05/19/2015 at 6:17 pm, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 2010 Subaru from 62nd. Avenue at Greenbelt Road for suspended tags.

05/22/2015 at 7:35 pm, Pvt. Ramirez located a suspicious person in the area of the 6200 block of Seminole Place knocking on doors asking for money. The subject was identified as a 49 y/o, b/m resident of Westchester Park. He was sent on way.

05/23/2015 at 7:75 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Drive for B/M acting suspicious. Investigation revealed that the suspicious subject was identified as a 25 y/o, b/m with extensive mental history. He was transported to the hospital for evaluation to avoid injuring himself or others.

05/25/2015 at 12:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski found a wallet in the 8700 block of Edmonston Road containing US Currency, identification and credit cards.

05/26/2015 at 9:40 am, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 2008 Volk from the 5500 block of Greenbelt Road. The vehicle was disabled from an accident.

05/27/2015 at 8:07 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 6200 block of Tecumseh Place for a report of a tree that fell on a car.

05/28/2015 at 10:45 am, Det. Unger submitted a lost property report after a 25 y/o; w/m reported that he lost his laptop in the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road after driving off with it while it was on the trunk of his car.

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 officer respond to your call.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911



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Summer Time Safety Tips:

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor cooking. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

BBQ Safety:



- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn requires medical attention.



Fireworks Safety:

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department



would like to remind residents that ***all fireworks are illegal*** in Prince Georges County. We encourage residents to watch the nearby cities of Greenbelt or College

Park's public displays instead of endangering themselves and surrounding property with their own. *Thank you for making our job easier!*

Department News:

- In June BHVFD was awarded both the Maryland State Fireman's Association Fire Prevention Grant for over \$1,200.00 and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fire Grant for around \$5,000. We are also waiting to hear back from FEMA's Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) in which we requested a total of \$300,000 over four years for recruitment & retention of volunteers.
- BHVFD operated **100% volunteer for five consecutive days** Memorial Day Weekend, Friday-Tuesday. Special thanks to the dozens of volunteers who came in to ensure we were fully staffed for every call.

BHVFD Goes Green with new LED Lights

The Town of Berwyn Heights, through a Pepco energy grant, generously replaced all of the light bulbs in our firehouse with energy efficient LED lights last month. These new bulbs will greatly reduce the electricity consumption of our busy firehouse. New lighting, our recycling program, and the new eco-friendly ambulance we recently placed in service are just some of the efforts we are making to our firehouse "greener." We would like to thank the Town of Berwyn Heights, as well as the BH Dept. of Public Works, for assisting us with both our recycling program and installing the new LED lights.

Station 14 Call Volume: May 2015	
Rescue Squads:	162
Ladder Truck:	86
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	4
Ambulances	143
Total Station Runs for May	395

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.

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.

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.

Cordless Electric Lawnmower: Free, but note that battery is old and getting weak. Contact Eric: 301-345-1516.

Berwyn Heights Residents. If you need your grass cut. Call for free estimate. After 4:30pm. Jeff 301-474-5803.

ELECTRONICS/STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Sat., July 25—9 AM to 12 PM
Greenbelt DPW Yard
555 Crescent Road

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 and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. 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 weekends 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

For Sale—Sacrifice: Riding lawn mower, as is, \$200; Need help with sewing project. (My house or Yours.) Call Nancy 301-345-2022 for more details.

Piano Lessons: In your home! Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private teacher. \$27 per half-hour lesson. Call Ms. Liz: 240-601-2825.

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

FILMING BERWYN HEIGHTS



Producer Bill Cornette will be out and about filming scenes of Berwyn Heights this summer. He has been engaged by the Four Cities Coalition to make a promotional video, and has a letter of introduction from the Town.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond
301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000

Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Playgroup

Jaime Sampson

sampson.jaime@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Jaime Sampson

sampson.jaime@gmail.com

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Georgiana Stark

President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Theresa Beck 301-237-2829

beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

July 2015

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the PTA board members and volunteers who helped make this a successful year for our school, our students and our teachers! Your volunteer spirit and dedication to BHES makes a real difference and it is appreciated. A special thanks goes to our outgoing PTA board members who have given countless hours of their time and energy to BHES this year: Georgina Stark, Suzanna Baldwin-Bott, Therese Forbes, Anna Branderska and Kim Goings. THANK YOU!!

Plas help the PTA next year!

The PTA has a whole new board who would LOVE to have your help.

- No experience necessary
- Rewarding and fun work that helps your child and their school
- Help as little or as much as you can

Its never too late to start, so make this year the year you volunteer!

Email president@bhespta.org to find out how!

Box Tops and Amazon Smile

Attention parents and town residents!!

Please keep using Amazon Smile every time you shop on Amazon and keep collecting those Box Tops over the summer. They will be collected at the start of next school year.

Every time you shop on Amazon please use: <http://smile.amazon.com> and select **Berywn Heights Elem** from the list of charities to support. The BHES PTA will get a percentage of all your purchases. It's an easy way to support the school and it can really add up!

Town Residents, if you would like to collect **Box Tops** for BHES there is a collection box in the Town Hall.

In the Gardens...

The large bricked garden is currently getting prepped for a squash garden full of pumpkins and gourds with a back drop of sunflowers for our birds.



The 3rd and 5th graders brought this season's harvest to a close with a wonderful celebration. They all enjoyed their veggies with 3rd grade making lettuce wraps and the 5th graders enjoying several splashy-colored recipes.



The 4th graders joined in the Project Monarch and planted bunches of Butterfly Weed to help the Monarchs as they travel their 3,000 mile journey from Canada to Mexico! Keep

an eye out next fall for Monarchs in our gardens!

Please "like" us at [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens)

BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens for continuous updates!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Therese@CelticClans.com

THE BHES PTA WISHES YOU ALL A FUN SUMMER!

Please drive safely through our town! There will be lots of kids out walking around the town during the summer months and many of our streets do not have sidewalks. Thank you!





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SOLD-4910 Hollywood Rd 4BR/2BA Colonial.....\$302,000.
UNDER CONTRACT-8515 60th Av 4BR/2BA Rambler..\$280's.
SOLD-5933 Natasha Dr (oldest house in town).....\$180,000.
NEW LISTING-5803 Quebec St 4BR/2BA Rambler.....\$274,900.
NEW LISTING-7612 Sweetbriar Dr 4BR/2.5BA split...\$345,000.

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The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

BHHC member named Citizen of the Year



At Berwyn Heights Day, Sharmila Bhatia, BHHC member and recently past chair, was honored to receive the Citizen of the Year award. Over the years, Sharmila has also served as co-chair of the Safe Streets Committee, member of the Ethics Committee, and chief election judge for the town's elections.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS JULY 28



Stop by our table at National Night Out, August 4. We'll be on hand to talk history and sign up new members!

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.



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

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



Free Karate Training!!!!

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

The Karate Club will be selling snacks and drinks as a fundraiser at the July 9th Susan Jones Concert at Lake Artemesia.

For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829 (beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881

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New Smoke Detectors Required

Smoke Detectors

Did you know that 75% of fatal fires occur in homes without a smoke alarm or working smoke detector, according to the United States Fire Administration?



Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article §9-102, all homes in Prince George's County must have smoke detectors installed in each sleeping area. Rental properties without the required smoke detectors will be brought into compliance as part of the annual rental property inspection.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide can come from several sources including gas fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood burning furnaces, fireplaces, motor vehicles and gas powered generators. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is toxic and impossible to see, taste, or smell. Rental properties must comply with the Prince George's County requirement of a carbon monoxide detector installed on each level of a dwelling in close proximity to sleeping quarters in any residential property.

Clean Lot Violations	MAY
High Grass/ Vegetation	96
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	1
Animals	4
Trash/ Litter	12
Refuse Collection	21
Vehicles	12
Miscellaneous	12
Commercial	17
Total Clean Lot Violations	175
Abatements	4
Permits	
Building	1
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Violations	5
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	0
Total Rentals	202
Inspections	12
Re-inspections	0
Fines	0
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	3
Lost Vacant Homes	15
Total Vacant Properties	34

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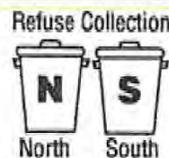
July 2015

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 28	29 	30 	July 1 7:30 PM NW-EP Meeting Town Office Street Sweeper	2 	3 Independence Day Observed Town Offices Closed, No Trash Pickup	4 ★ 4th JULY ★ INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 Street Sweeper	6 7:00 PM Worksession	7 7:00 PM Rec. Council Town Office	8 8:00 P. M. Town Meeting	9 6:30 PM Lake Artemesia Concert	10 6:00—8:00 PM Reception for Cheye Calvo Town Center	11
12	13 	14 	15	16 	17	18
19	20 7:00 PM Worksession	21 7:00 PM Green Team Meeting Town Office	22	23 	24	25 9:00—12:00 Electronics Recycling Greenbelt DPW
26	27 	28 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office	29 7:30 PM Four Cities Meeting Berwyn Heights	30 	31	Aug 1



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



BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue	9-1-1
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

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor — Public Safety/Health & Administration		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 432-0710	crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor Pro Tem — Code Compliance		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs		
Anthony Schreiber	(301) 466-1807	aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Public Works		
Vacancy to be filled by appointment July 6		
Councilmember —		

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@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.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

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

Or email: yodoi@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

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