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IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Voter Registration Deadline
June 3, 2014 - **9:00 p.m.**

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
Tuesday, June 17, 2014
8 p.m. (mail) or **11:59 p.m.** (fax/email)

Early Voting (College Park Community Ctr)
June 12 - June 19, 2014
Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Primary Election Day (BHES)
June 24, 2014
Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Please visit: <http://www.elections.state.md.us/>
to find lists of candidates running for:**

US Congress/ District 5 Representative

Maryland Governor, Lt. Governor, Comptroller, and
Attorney General

Maryland Assembly/ District 22 Delegation

Prince George's County Executive
Prince George's County/ District 3 Representative

Judge of the Circuit Court

Or call Prince George's County Board of Elections
301-341-7300 - Office
301-341-7391 - Office Fax

Town Council Election Results

May 6, 2014

Voter Turnout:

283 (14%) of 2088 active registered voters

In this election two write-in candidates, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber, ran for Town Council and were elected. Department assignments will be announced at the June Town Meeting:

Cheye Calvo	239	(84%)
Mayor		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	157	(55%)
Mayor Pro Tem		
Patricia Dennison	125	(44%)
Anthony Schreiber	88	(31%)
Chris Rasmussen	80	(28%)
Others	32	(11%)

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30 pm

Town Center

Each year the Town hosts a catered dinner for the people who volunteered their time and talent for the betterment of Berwyn Heights. In this way, the Town seeks to express its gratitude and appreciation for the important contributions volunteers make to our community.

Please call the Town Office at (301) 474-5000 to make reservations with Administrative Assistant Yvonne Odoi.



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Town Meeting

March 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, BHVFD President James Hurley and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the February 12 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Election Update

Clerk Harper reported that the following residents have filed candidate petitions for the May 6, 2014 Town Council election: Mayor Chye Calvo, CM Dennison, CM Kulpa-Eddy and Barbara Schreiber.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that the Council has begun to deliberate on the FY 2015 budget. At the March 3 worksession, TA Murphy submitted his proposed budget, which includes an increase of the real property tax rate from 48.6 to 50.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The increase was proposed to cover the continued shortfall in real property tax revenues since the December 2012 reassessment. They declined from \$1.57 million in FY 2010 to a projected \$1.2 million in FY 2015.

The 1.4 cent tax increase raises about \$43,000 in additional revenues and helps cover modest increases in the Town's operating expenses. The biggest driver of governmental expenditures is employee salaries and benefits. Last year, the Council awarded both Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) and merit increases, which have roll-up costs in FY 2015. The proposed budget also funds a full-time Public Works Director, a full-time 8th police officer, and one promotion of a police officer to corporal. In addition, there is a small increase in the health insurance budget due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Apart from staffing costs, expenditures are almost flat.

One of the bright spots in next year's budget is a 10% increase in the income tax revenues. This year's receipts are

expected exceed the \$400,000 mark. For the next fiscal year, income tax revenues are budgeted higher at \$380,000, as opposed to \$345,000 this year. Mayor Calvo thought the increase is due to an increase of young families purchasing homes in Town, as well as more young professionals renting rooms. However, even with this increase, revenues are not sufficient to cover projected expenditures, and another \$50,000 will be pulled from surplus.

Another bright spot are the Town's reserves. There is enough money in the vehicle replacement reserve to purchase two Public Works vehicles to purchase one new police car from the operating budget. On the other hand, the Town's roads have deteriorated during this long winter and are in bad shape. The loss in Highway User Revenues (HUR) over the last 5 years, due to State cuts, have made it difficult to finance needed repairs, even with the 3 cents road tax the Council adopted 2 years ago.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Council is also considering making a larger contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) as their revenues from ambulance bills and voluntary contributions have declined. Further, there have been discussions on how the Town might help the BHVFD meet their long term needs in terms of location and space requirements. Mayor Calvo also thanked TA Murphy for putting together another difficult budget, and invited residents to give input.

Mayor Calvo also noted that the Town received \$47,000 from the Greenbelt Station developers, the first installment of \$1 million in compensation for the expected traffic and safety impacts from the development. The money will be coming in as more units are being built, and will help fund the construction of sidewalks. The Town should be ready to put the sidewalks project out to bid this fall.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council had a number of conversations about the organizational structure of the Town. The Town Charter designates the Town Council as the Chief Executive of the Town, with each individual Councilmember in charge of one of the Town's departments. But they serve on a part-time basis and are not here during the day-time. Only when the Council is in session is there a functioning CEO. This leads to a lot of things falling through the cracks. He has been pushing for a more unified organizational structure headed by a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) who has more control over the daily operations of the Town government. The Council plans to introduce legislation to

effect the change at the April Town meeting and adopt it in May.

Another aspect of the reorganization is to merge the Code Compliance with the Administration Department, at least in the short term, to take advantage of their co-location and staffing overlap. To lead the Code Department the Town is looking to hire a full time Code supervisor rather than a director, who will be reporting to the Town Administrator on daily operations and to the councilmember/department head on policy matters. Mayor Calvo thinks this will make the Town government work better and more attractive to a future Town Administrator.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo commented that for the first time in his memory there are not enough candidates running to fill all Council seats. He speculated that the job may be too time consuming, and difficult for younger people with family to manage. Perhaps not by accident, the councilmembers resigning this year both have young children. Another reason may be that the Council is getting along and government is functioning well so that residents don't see a need to get involved. Whatever the reason, he encouraged residents to think about running and help govern their Town.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera said it is with great regret she is announcing that she will not stand for re-election. She found serving on the Council very rewarding and a great fit for her. She hopes other residents will step up and consider serving on the Council.

Further, CM Almoguera reported that Playgroup will continue to hold their regular play dates on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. However, with the weather being unpredictable, parents may want to join the pgcountyconsignments Facebook page to find out where additional play dates will be held. On April 5, the playgroup will get a tour of the fire house. This turned out to be exciting and a great learning experience for kids the previous time it was done. She is also working with NW/EP to set up an infant and child CPR workshop. More details will be announced in the Bulletin and at upcoming meetings.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy announced that March 17 - 23 is fix-a-leak week, a time to check on household fixtures and irrigation systems and make repairs. Most problems occur with worn toilet flappers and worn seals and valves in faucets and shower heads. These can often be fixed by finding the right replacement part at a local hardware store. Outdoor pipes and hoses should also be

checked each spring to make sure they were not damaged by freezing temperatures. Ordinance 120 requires plumbing fixtures in rental homes to be free from leaks and defects so as to minimize problems due to mold. Making those repairs can save up to 10% on the monthly water bill and prevent more serious water damage in the long run.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison announced that there will be a public hearing on changes to the Town's organizational structure at the April Town meeting. Comments are welcome. She also reported that last Saturday a game night was held at the Town Center. Many residents came out to play card and board games at this new event. Upcoming events include the annual Talent Show at Berwyn Heights Elementary School on March 21, a Town-wide cleanup on April 12, a wine tasting on April 25, hosted by the NW/EP, and Berwyn Heights Day on May 3. Volunteers are still needed.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for February. It was a quiet month because cold and snow kept people inside. There were 5 Part I offenses, slightly less than the 5 year average of 5.8. The year-to-date total is 13, also less than the 5 year average of 13.8. The officers issued a total of 155 citations last month, plus 221 speed camera violations.

Chief Antolik warned residents about a robo call scam, in which people are told that their credit or ATM cards have been compromised and are asked to punch in identifying information and PIN number. The scammers will then use the information to steal money from their accounts. Anyone who receives such a call is asked to contact the Berwyn Heights Police Department, which will investigate. Detective Unger recently investigated a resident's stolen Target credit card on which a number of fraudulent charges were made. With the help of Target investigators, a suspect was identified, and all items purchased with the credit card recovered. The suspect, a Target employee, was arrested and charged with theft.

Mayor Calvo commented that he received a number of compliments on Berwyn Heights police checking on elderly and disabled residents during the snow storm. Chief Antolik commended police aides Oscar Rodriguez and Paul Persinger for making those house calls.

Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department: James Hurley, President of the BHVFD gave a report. He thanked the Council for considering an increase in the Town's annual contribution to the

Fire Department. He then reported that Chief McCoy attended a worksession of the College Park City Council with the Chiefs of the College Park and Branchville fire departments to discuss staffing issues with the County's Fire Chief Bashoor. Chief McCoy made the important point that volunteer departments are affected by, but not represented in the contract negotiations between the County fire fighters' union and Prince George's County, where decisions are made about whether to place professional fire fighters at a particular fire station and how many. Even if no staffing changes are made at BHVFD, this station is affected by staffing changes at neighboring fire stations, like Branchville.

Mr. Hurley said that the BHVFD is the largest combination volunteer/professional fire station in the country and always welcomes new volunteers in any capacity. The more volunteers, the more services can be provided. Starting on March 19, a new volunteer paramedic unit No. 814 will make an 8-hour test run. After members receive additional training in advanced life support (ALS), the unit will be rotated in throughout the year. ALS equipment and medicines are provided by the County and placed in one of the BHVFD ambulances for this purpose.

In other news, the County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association applied for a \$50,000 grant to support recruitment and retention of volunteer fire fighters; BHVFD continues to make progress in straightening out ambulance billing after hiring a new billing vendor; BHVFD arranged to meet with community garden volunteers about filling the cistern that will be installed in the garden; and BHVFD requests donations of junk cars for training purposes, which can be written off on tax returns. BHVFD will arrange for them to be picked up and disposed. Lastly, Mr. Hurley thanked the Town for donating a surplus tractor to BHVFD, which came in handy during the snow storms.

Mayor Calvo commented that the Council discussed the issue of a tax differential for fire and rescue services at the last Four Cities meeting. Currently, the Town receives a 14 cents tax credit for providing police service, but nothing for fire and rescue. There was interest in pursuing the matter and it will again be on the agenda at the next Four Cities meeting. The BHVFD may want to send a representative to give input.

CM Almoguera said that for an April 5 tour of the fire station Playgroup parents would like to set up an appreciation buffet and asked how many fire fighters

they should plan to serve. Mr. Hurley said that there are between 15 and 20 members at the station at any given time.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that the Public Works Department's biggest job this month was the cleanup after the last snow storm. This always entails several days of catching up to get back to regular trash pickup. March is also a time to check on stray cables hanging down from the utility poles. If residents report them to the Town, it will forward a service request to the respective utility. The Town gets a faster response if it can report multiple instances of loose wires.

Further, residents are reminded that all yard waste must now be placed in brown paper bags or in clearly identifiable yard waste containers. The Public Works Department has been asked to develop a door hanger to let home owners, who are still using plastic bags, know about the change. MPT Wilkinson has recently been informed by School Board Member Higgins that sidewalks at Greenbelt Middle School have at last gone out to bid. Finally, electronics recycling is scheduled to take place on May 3, postponed from April 26.

6. Committee Reports

Green Team: Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team advertised 20 plots for rent in the March Bulletin, and within a couple of days from publication received 22 requests. It is nice to see such a great response from the community after all the hard work the Green Team has invested in bringing a community garden to Berwyn Heights.

Historical Committee: CM Dennison reported that the Historical Committee is working on producing a plaque to honor Geraldine Love, who ran the former Town Library. The plaque will be hung in the new conference room recently opened on the same premises.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the County Office of Emergency Management will offer a Metro CERT training course on May 1 and May 8, focusing on emergencies related to the Metro system. The course is open to people who have completed basic CERT training. On April 25, NW/EP is holding a wine tasting fundraiser. Four Maryland wineries will be represented. Participants will be able to purchase bottles of wine and wine glasses. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. The next meeting is on April 2.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Resolution 2-2014 - Community Center Use Agreement: Mayor Calvo said this resolution renews the agreement between the Town and Park & Planning for use of the Community Center gymnasium by the Men's League. Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. CM Dennison commented that the Men's League used to run both a soft ball and basketball drop-in league. It is good to see that this tradition continues. The Resolution passed 5 to 0.

Ordinance No. 164 - Comcast Franchise Agreement extension: Mayor Calvo explained that this emergency Ordinance extends the existing franchise agreement between Comcast and the Town which expires on March 30. Currently, a team representing Prince George's County and its municipalities is negotiating the renewal of the agreement, which is not expected to be completed before fall of 2014. An emergency ordinance can be adopted with one reading but expires after 90 days, unless replaced by adoption of a regular Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt the Ordinance. CM Dennison seconded.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town adopted a similar agreement with Verizon in 2006. Since then Verizon FiOS has outperformed Comcast Cable in subscriptions. The two franchises combined represent about \$75,000 in annual revenue to the Town, which now exceeds HUR. The recent upgrades to the Berwyn Heights public access channel were funded from these revenues. The Ordinance was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

9. Citizens Discussion

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession March 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) James Wilkinson and Councilmembers (CM) Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy and Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Calendar: No changes were made.

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

Department Reports: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that there have been no further problems with overfilled dumpsters in the Staples parking lot after the Code Department spoke with the local and regional manager of the new Domino's Pizza restaurant. CM Dennison said that the new game night event was well attended. The annual Talent Show will take place at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) this Friday. Mayor Calvo will be the master of ceremony.

Mayor Calvo reported that Public Works had been instructed to use road salt sparingly in the most recent snow storm and focus on the streets with steep hills. Public Works was unable to procure additional salt at the SHA salt dome despite a contractual agreement. His meeting with County Executive Baker has been rescheduled. Speed camera legislation, which bases the compensation of speed camera vendors on a negotiated flat fee instead of a proportion of ticket revenues, is moving forward in the General Assembly. The Maryland Municipal League (MML) as well as Delegate Healey is supporting the legislation. This is a setback for municipalities as it forces them to take on the risk of fluctuating ticket revenue. CM Almoguera added that the legislation also reduces the zone in which speed cameras can be posted around schools from 1/2 to a 1/4 mile. This could reduce the number of children walking to school and is contrary to the spirit of such programs as Safe Routes to School encouraging students to walk. CM Almoguera encouraged residents to reach out to their representatives to ask them to oppose the law.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo said that he received a suggestion that the Town post signs directing people, who want to solicit, to register with the Town. This has been raised previously and he would like the Town to follow through with the idea.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked how MML decides to support or oppose legislation, such as the speed camera law. He was told that the MML's legislative committee makes those decisions. In response to his question as to how much money is in the public safety reserve he was told that it is not yet known. A better estimate is needed and will be included in the introduced budget available for the April 9 Town meeting.

Storm water management permit update: TA Murphy said he has learned

from Town Attorney Shay that the statute governing storm water management requirements has no provisions for granting waivers but does include a provision for variances. He tried to contact the Department of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE), which handles storm water management issues for the County, for confirmation but could not reach them because they were closed due to snow.

Mayor Calvo said the Attorney advises that variances are to be obtained from the State's Department of the Environment (MDE), and the statute cited focuses on developers, not municipal governments. The Town needs to make a plan about how move forward if it cannot get a variance or waiver. TA Murphy said that the project engineer has provided an estimate of \$1,000 for mitigating additional storm water runoff at the Public Works yard by installing new down spouts and capturing the runoff from an adjacent roof. With the additional mitigation the project would meet the storm water requirements.

Mayor Calvo said the Town should do that. In the context of a \$400,000 project, an additional \$1,000 is not significant. The sidewalks project has been held up long enough over this issue. There was no opposition.

Candidates' Night moderator: Mayor Calvo said this job is best done by an elder statesman of the Town, such as Brad Jewitt or Darald Lofgren. Clerk Harper was asked to check with the former Councilmembers to see if they are available to do this.

WMATA control station: Matthew Jahns representing Jacob's Engineering was present to brief the Council on the planned upgrades for WMATA's control station that will be used to monitor the test track for new Metro trains. He said the project plans call for the laying of new water and sewer lines on Ballew Avenue. This requires the digging of a trench on Town streets that will be 3 to 4 feet wide and 6 to 8 feet deep. The trench will be covered up after hours so that both lanes of traffic can be used. WSSC has already approved the plans. He is happy to answer any questions the Council may have.

In response to questions, Mr. Jahns said the test track will extend from Greenbelt Station 1 ½ miles to the south, stopping just short of the College Park station. The water and sewer pipes will be laid by WMATA contractor Skanska. WSSC and Jacobs Engineering will inspect the work to ensure that it conforms to SHA standards. The contractor will also resurface the road to the median rather than

only the trench, and make sure the seam between old and new asphalt surfaces is properly sealed. The work will be done in sections of about 40 feet, then back-filled until the final resurfacing. Bonds have been posted to cover unexpected expenses. Traffic plans were modified to accommodate truck traffic. Flagmen will be posted at each end to direct traffic. The project is expected to begin in late April and last 6 to 8 weeks.

TA Murphy was asked to notify the trucking company on 55th Avenue of the construction to make sure they do not cut through the Town.

At 8:00 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance** and **3. Parks & Recreation**.

4. Public Safety

Police car letter of intent: TA Murphy explained that the purchase of a new police car is scheduled to occur on July 1 once the budget for it has been approved. However, most manufacturers stop production of police cars on April 1. Car dealers will only reserve a police car until July if they have a letter of intent. TA Murphy plans to provide both a letter of intent and a purchase order detailing all add-ons. The police vehicle Chief Antolik spec'ed is a larger and slightly more expensive Ford SUV because the officer for whom it is intended is cramped in a Dodge Charger.

Mayor Calvo said that he is concerned the Town is modifying its police car fleet to suit the particular needs of one officer. The SUV would have a higher fuel consumption because it gets less miles per gallon and, when used for commuting, would go the maximum allowed distance. As a policy matter, he would like to treat all officers equally, and officers who need special accommodations to pay for the difference. Further, he would prefer to have a uniform fleet with predictable costs. While the need to reserve a police car forces the Council to choose a vehicle now, another option is to postpone the purchase until early next year.

MPT Wilkinson said he, too, is concerned about buying the SUV because of the lower mileage and because it would make it harder to realize cost savings to be had from servicing a uniform fleet. For that reason, he would prefer to reserve a Dodge Charger now.

Mike Attick commented that officers have to carry more things around with them than they used to and need more trunk space than the Dodge provides. In addition, the officer, for whom this car would be bought, is a Drug Awareness and

Resistance Education (DARE) officer and carries educational materials with him. TA Murphy said the problem for the larger officers is that the seat in the Dodge charger can't be pushed back far enough for them to sit comfortably.

CM Almoguera said, although she would like to keep the fleet uniform, she sees no point in buying a car that is too small for this officer. If there is no dealer penalty for not purchasing a car that was reserved, she is leaning toward the SUV option. CM Kulpa-Eddy and CM Dennison also preferred this option. CM Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Dennison seconded, to approve the purchase order for the Ford SUV, with the understanding that the Council will discuss postponing the purchase at a future worksession. The motion passed 4 to 1, with MPT Wilkinson opposed.

Surplus police car: TA Murphy explained that he is requesting approval to surplus two police cars that have reached the age and mileage to be taken out of service, and either sold to a salvage yard or donated to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) for training. One has a blown motor. Mayor Calvo said he has no objections to donating the car with the blown motor. He would like to know, however, what an old vehicle is worth to the BHVFD; i.e. at what point do they prefer to get the proceeds from the sale of the vehicle as opposed to getting the vehicle for extraction training. He asked for a motion to donate the broken car, and either sell or donate the better car based on the quotes TA Murphy gets. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Public Works**.

6. Administration

63rd Avenue temporary grading permit: TA Murphy explained that the Council previously decided it preferred grading the Berwyn Heights Presbyterian Church property instead of building a retaining wall for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk. The Church agreed to this in exchange for a new handicap ramp to the Church entrance. The Council is requested to approve the temporary easement agreement between the Church and the Town, including these terms.

MPT Wilkinson said the agreement stipulates that the Church receive the nominal compensation of \$1.00 for granting the easement. However, he believes the easement has to be granted for free and in perpetuity to conform to the grant guidelines. He asked that TA

Murphy check with the grant office and the Town Attorney to make sure the easement agreement complies with the grant conditions. MPT Wilkinson moved to authorize Mayor Calvo to execute the agreement when it is ready for signature. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Variance request - 5604 Seminole Street: TA Murphy said he has not asked the property owner to attend and state his case because this is fairly straight forward request. He explained that the owner wants to construct a new 6' x 19' front porch and new steps. This requires a variance from the 25' front yard setback requirement of Prince George's County zoning law. He also needs a variance for exceeding the 30% lot coverage limit by 4%.

CM Dennison moved to approve the variance request. CM Almoguera seconded. MPT Wilkinson said he would like to make sure that the Council is consistent in granting its variances. Previously, owners requesting lot coverage variances were asked to mitigate storm water runoff and build permeable driveways. Mayor Calvo suggested the owner be asked to direct the storm water runoff from the roof into a dry well instead of the storm drains for mitigation. MPT Wilkinson moved to amend the motion to include this provision. CM Almoguera seconded. The motion to amend the motion passed 5 to 0. The principle motion was approved 5 to 0.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the April Bulletin cover: Theme - Town Council Election; Headlines - Election, Budget Hearing, and Town Administrator Ordinance Hearing.

G. Love room plaque: CM Almoguera said that the Historical Committee drafted the text for a plaque to commemorate Geraldine Love, the former Town librarian. The plaque is proposed to be mounted in the new conference room, formerly the Town library, when it is dedicated. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy the wording for the plaque was approved 5 to 0 with a minor correction.

Town Administrator ordinance: Mayor Calvo distributed a document outlining some key provisions for new legislation redefining the role of the Town Administrator (TA) and his relationship with councilmembers and department directors. The Berwyn Heights Charter - Section 706.1 defines the relationship between the Town Council and TA in very general terms, noting that the TA is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of the Town Council in the capacity of chief financial

and chief administrative officer, as well as clerk of the council. The Charter further states that additional responsibilities may be specified by ordinance.

Mayor Calvo said, while no ordinance exists that specifies the TA's role beyond the Charter, whatever the Council concludes his role should be ought to be set down in an ordinance. His framework for a future ordinance incorporates the existing Charter provisions relating to the TA, but goes on to assign the TA new responsibility for operational unity and efficiency of the Town government, with department directors reporting to the TA for operational purposes.

The document lists several key responsibilities of the TA including:

- Overseeing the obligation and payment of Town funds, in accordance with the Town budget, which should include the monitoring of departmental expenditures under \$3,000;
- Managing human resources, in conformance with Town Council directives, including hiring, promotion, evaluation, compensation, reprimand and termination of employees. As a new responsibility, it is proposed the TA, in consultation with the councilmember/department head, write the performance evaluations for department directors for approval by the Council. This would bring more uniformity to the evaluations and improve fairness of the process. MPT Wilkinson suggested responsibilities also include professional development, disciplinary action and compliance with federal and state regulations, such as ADA and OSHA standards.
- Deploying and managing information technology.
- Coordinating internal communications, such as alerts, special events, and salaries and benefits.
- Risk management.
- Intergovernmental coordination.
- Preparation of Town Council meetings.

Mayor Calvo said his document also attempts to clarify policy making responsibilities. It reserves for the Town Council the authority to set policy, including over-

riding any policies and procedures set at the departmental level or by the TA. Absent a decision of the Town Council, a councilmember/department head can set policy for his department, as well as oversee the execution of policy. Policy is defined as a course or principle of action established by the Town Council, department head, or department director that governs a specific aspect of operations.

CM Kulpa-Eddy commented that it would help to have some specific examples of how a policy is operationalized and translated into a specific action. Alternatively, it may be easier to define what is not a policy, i.e. define what is the operational work of the departments. Mayor Calvo replied the policy definition may need to be refined to indicate that it means a general principle or rule as opposed to a practice or a specific instance of implementing the policy. The 'how to' of carrying out a policy should be left to the departments and their employees. The TA should work with the directors and supervisors to ensure that department operations adhere to the general policies, with protocols developed as needed.

Mike Attick commented that TA Murphy or Chief Antolik should talk with the City of Greenbelt about their police vehicles, many of whose officers drive SUVs. He also asked whether the Town has received any funds as construction at the Greenbelt Station development is beginning. Mayor Calvo said the Town has received the first installment of \$42,000, and will continue to receive money as more units are being built.

7. Executive Session (10:06 p.m. - 10:16 p.m.)

On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to select a citizen of the year. With the decision made, MPT Wilkinson moved, and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession

April 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Present were Mayor Chye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) James Wilkinson and Councilmembers (CM) Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy

and Clerk Kerstin Harper, Neil Zsak and Joanne Pazmino.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Almoguera will be absent at the April 21 worksession.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to adopt the March 10 budget worksession. Approval was postponed because the printed copies had missing pages. On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the March 24 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team had a busy weekend getting the community garden ready for spring planting. Approximately 20 volunteers turned out to help build flower beds and spread mulch. The conversations about opening a second animal shelter in the Route 1 corridor are continuing. There is a lot of interest in a shelter that is nearby among residents of Northern Prince George's County. A \$150,000 planned feasibility study would be financed in part by Prince George's County and the municipalities in Northern Prince George's County. Mayor Calvo suggested Berwyn Heights contribute \$10,000.

CM Dennison announced that the Recreation Council has moved their next meeting to May 1 to discuss the Berwyn Heights Day program. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Code Department is working on cleaning up an abandoned property. There have been no more complaints about overflowing dumpsters belonging to Domino's Pizza since Officer Hall and TA Murphy have spoken to the restaurant manager and the regional manager.

Citizen comments: MPT Wilkinson received comments on a tow truck that was ticketed by the County, about potholes, and about new speed camera legislation passed by the Maryland legislature. Mayor Calvo said that the Maryland Municipal League (MML) supported changes to the speed camera bill that provides for a new billing arrangement between vendors and municipalities. The League did so in anticipation of the retirement of a key legislator, who has been working to keep speed cameras in place. MML believes that all speed camera legislation would be repealed next year if no bill had been passed this session.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that the tow truck that was ticketed by the County is now being parked at the Berwyn Heights Shell station. He also

asked if the Town has received a notice about Homeland Security grant, what the Greenbelt Road boundary expenditures pertained to, and whether a decision has been made to purchase a new police vehicle. He was informed that the Town has not heard about the Homeland Security grant. In 2013 the Town incurred substantial legal expenses to litigate a boundary dispute with the City of Greenbelt. A decision to purchase a new police car has not been made, but a purchase order has been issued to reserve one. The Town is also contemplating increasing the contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) to \$10,000 to help supplement declining revenues from voluntary contributions and ambulance billing.

Variance request - 5604 Seminole Street (discussed out of order): Mayor Calvo welcomed Neil Zsak who was present to request the Town's support for a zoning variance at his Seminole Street property. Mayor Calvo said that the Council approved a variance for the proposed front porch addition with the provision that the additional storm water runoff generated by the porch roof be routed into a dry well instead of storm water drains at the last worksession. However, Mr. Zsak asked for further guidance.

Mr. Zsak said that he has spoken to a contractor about installing a dry well in his front yard to mitigate the runoff from his down spouts. The estimate was \$6,000. He would like to know if there are specifications or guidelines from the Town or Prince George's County on dry wells to ensure he is meeting the requirements. TA Murphy noted that the routing of the runoff from the garage into a dry well would be difficult because it would require trenching across the driveway. He suggested allowing the owner to install a rain barrel for the garage down spout instead.

Mayor Calvo said he is surprised that a dry well would cost so much and thinks that rain barrels would be sufficient to slow the runoff. He asked if someone would make a motion to amend the Council's previous decision to allow installation of rain barrels instead of a dry well. MPT Wilkinson said that rain barrels are not as permanent as dry wells and could easily be removed by the next owner. He suggested that all rain drains from the new porch roof be directed away from the driveway and into the yard. CM Dennison moved to allow the owner to use rain barrels to mitigate storm water runoff, provided this arrangement runs with the deed. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed

5 to 0.

At 8:02 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Town Administrator ordinance: TA Murphy provided a draft of a new Ordinance No. 121 that clarifies the policy and operational authorities of the Town Council, the Town Administrator and the individual Councilmembers under the Town Charter. The role of the Town Administrator is redefined to give him more control over the daily operations of the Town government and ensure better coordination and efficiency of departments.

TA Murphy said the Ordinance tries to capture the points made on this subject at the last worksession and incorporate an outline of the Ordinance drafted by Mayor Calvo. Sections 1 - 3 of the Ordinance define the relationship of the Town Administrator with the Town Council, at whose pleasure he serves. Sections 4 - 6 describe the principle duties of the Town Administrator, including his function as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Section 7 has a comprehensive list of more specific responsibilities. Section 8 positions the Town Administrator as the gate-keeper and coordinator of matters that need to come before the Town Council. Section 9 states that the Town Administrator can be removed by the sitting Town Council in accordance with the law. Section 10 reserves policy making authority for the Town Council.

In reviewing the draft, the Council asked to 1) add a section with definitions, including a definition of "policy," "surety," "blanket bond," etc.; 2) reorder all Ordinance sections in accordance with importance, such as placing Section 10 on policy matters nearer the top; and 3) clarify and rephrase certain duties of the TA listed in Section 7, such as subsections A - enforcement of ordinances, B - preparation of Council meetings, and I - management of employees.

Further, Section 5 on designating an Acting Town Administrator in case of absence of the Town Administrator need not list reasons for absence, and should be made to conform to the provisions of the Personnel Manual. A succession might be pre-determined as part of a standing policy. Section 6 should clarify the Town Council as having ultimate hire and fire authority of all employees. In Subsection 7 (K), a whistle-blower protection should be added. In Subsection 7 (L), a collective bargaining provision should be deleted. Subsection 7 (Y) requiring the Town Administrator to devote his entire time to official Town duties, could be stricken and instead incorpo-

rated into the employment contract. Alternatively, if there is no conflict of interest in the discharge of non-Town duties or holding other positions by the Town Administrator, they could be permitted.

The Council agreed that an additional discussion of the Ordinance may have to occur at a budget worksession and that Council Rules relating to the authorities of the Council and Administrator may also need to be changed.

Town Council compensation: TA Murphy explained that Ordinance No. 108 - Town Council Compensation was amended, per prior discussion of the Town Council, to increase the monthly stipend of a Councilmember from \$150 to \$250 per month. The increase will become effective January 1, 2015. The Ordinance will be up for introduction at the April Town meeting.

Write-in candidate rules: Mayor Calvo said that at least 2 seats on the next Town Council will likely be filled by write-in votes as only 3 candidates are officially running for Council. Town Attorney John Shay advised that any Town Council candidate must file a financial disclosure under the State-mandated Ethics Ordinance adopted by the Town in 2012. A *write-in candidate*, who actively campaigns for a seat and solicits votes, is distinct from a *write-in vote*, a resident whose name is written in on a ballot without his knowledge or encouragement. Any resident wishing to run as a *write-in candidate* should file a financial disclosure and a Petition of Candidacy to formally register with the Town. As there are no provisions for write-in candidacy in the Town Charter or ordinances, the Town Council needs to establish some guidelines.

After discussion, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Almoguera seconded to permit write-in candidates to

- participate in Candidates' Night if they file a financial disclosure and Petition of Candidacy by April 22;
- be listed in the May Bulletin as write-in candidate if they submit their papers by April 22; and
- be listed on a sample ballot in the polling station on Election Day if they submit their papers by April 30.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

Addressing a concern about possible "back-door" candidates, someone who solicits votes but does not file any papers, the Council agreed to ask those elected to the Council without having

filed papers to swear that they did not actively solicit votes. If this turns out to be untrue, they could be removed office.

Pepco energy incentive program: TA Murphy explained that Pepco is offering to replace T8 light bulbs with LED T8 light bulbs as part of a new energy saving initiative. All light fixtures in the Town office, Town Center, Public Works building, Police offices and possibly the pedestrian bridge qualify, and could yield an annual savings of \$2,600. The cost savings would offset rate increase Pepco is seeking. The Council's approval is needed to proceed.

In response to questions, TA Murphy said that the LED lights would be as bright as existing T8 bulbs, but conserve more energy and last longer. The Council agreed to proceed with conversion.

OptoTraffic authorization to use collection agency for delinquent tickets: TA Murphy said that there is approximately \$120,000 in unpaid speed camera tickets. Many of those tickets belong to out-of-state motorists. The only way to collect them is through a collection agency. Town Attorney Shay advises that authorizing OptoTraffic, the Town's speed camera vendor, to use a collection agency does not require an ordinance or resolution. A simple majority vote will suffice. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Four Cities agenda: The next Four Cities meeting takes place on April 29 in New Carrollton. The Council agreed to place the following items on the agenda: animal shelter for the Route 1 corridor, and tax differential for fire protection. TA Murphy said that he spoke with the County's Finance Office about this. He was told that in order to qualify for a tax differential rebate, the Town must contribute at least one tenth of what the County contributes, which is not now the case.

Nothing was discussed under 2. **Parks & Recreation** and 2. **Public Safety**.

4. Public Works

Dump truck purchase: TA Murphy said that Acting Director Lockley has so far obtained one quote of \$51,000 for a new 1 ton dump truck, a 2014 Ford F350. The price includes the following upgrades: Type 8 diesel engine, 4-wheel drive, 3-4 yard steel dump with electronic lift, a plow and a spreader. The stronger, \$7,000 diesel engine is optional but recommended as the truck would be used for snow plowing. MPT Wilkinson said that the price is \$11,000 more than what has been set aside in the reserve and the

remainder would have to come from surplus.

In response to Mayor Calvo, TA Murphy said the replacement period is 10 years. Mayor Calvo suggested that it be set for 8 years because the plowing is likely to shorten its life span. MPT Wilkinson moved to fund the purchase of the dump truck with the diesel engine and add-ons, taking \$40,000 from the vehicle replacement reserve and \$11,250 from surplus. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. Mr. Lockley, who is in the process of soliciting two more quotes, will make a recommendation on the purchase later.

5. Administration

Geraldine Love room dedication: The Council agreed to hold a dedication ceremony for the new Geraldine Love conference room at 11 am on Berwyn Heights Day. The room was previously the Town library, which Mrs. Love managed.

Dog training class: Mayor Calvo welcomed Joanne Pazmino, resident and certified dog trainer. Ms. Pazmino inquired if she could rent the 2nd floor of the Town Center twice weekly for a puppy training class. She also wondered if the T-ball field at Indian Creek Park is available for outdoor training. Each class would last an hour and she would bring all supplies, including tarps to cover the floor. When the class is over she would clean up so that the room is in the condition she found it. In response to Council questions, Ms. Pazmino confirmed that this is a business and that she would charge around \$180 per person for the course. She is flexible as to which days of the week a class could be held.

Councilmembers expressed concern as to whether the floors could be cleaned up sufficiently, including eliminating odors, about possible damage to the furnishings, about young children using the same facility to play, and about people with allergies to dog hair using the facility. As for reserving the T-Ball field, it is a Park & Planning property and permission needs to be obtained from them. Councilmembers acknowledged that dog training would be a useful service for the many dog owners in Berwyn Heights. It was agreed to allow one 6 week training course on a trial basis after some parameters are established. This would include setting a time, rental fee, amount of deposit, and insurance requirements.

Nothing was discussed under 6. **Code Compliance**.

7. Budget

TA Murphy explained the latest changes to the one-page summary of the FY 2015

budget, including the reserves and surplus section. So far, it has been decided to take \$40,000 from the vehicle replacement reserve and \$11,000 from surplus to fund the purchase of a dump truck. An additional \$50,000 in surplus money was made available to purchase new furniture for the Town Center, a new speed monitor for the police and other items yet to be decided.

CM Kulpa-Eddy proposed, and the Council agreed, to raise the appropriation for NW/EP by \$500 for an even \$3,000. Mayor Calvo proposed to appropriate \$1,000 for a community composting program. The Green Team is planning to train interested residents in composting techniques using subsidized composting bins. MPT Wilkinson said he has concerns about attracting rats and other vermin with composting piles. Mayor Calvo said, if composting is done properly, this should not happen. This is what the training is about. The Council agreed to provide the funding.

TA Murphy reported that the public safety reserve fund is projected to have \$196,000 by the end of this fiscal year. In FY 2014, \$16,000 has been spent from the reserve on sidewalks engineering. Mayor said, in FY 2015, there should be \$200,000 available in the surplus for sidewalks construction. This money should be moved into the *Capital Projects* budget. The remainder could be taken from the Greenbelt Station impact fee funds, which have started to come in. He also proposed to take \$9,000 from the public safety reserve to give to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, as previously discussed, to add to the \$1,000 already budgeted in the *Public Safety, Miscellaneous* line item. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Almoguera seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, and Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper and Delegate Alonzo Washington and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearings

FY 2015 Town budget and Public Safety Taxing District budget: Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the 2015 budget. He said that this is a tight budget because real property tax revenues have remained flat in this 2nd year of the triennial assessment. To continue to finance the core functions of Town government, the Council is planning to increase the real property tax rate by 1.4 cents, from 48.6 cents to 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This increases the operating budget from \$2.439 million to \$2.562 million, or 5%. In addition, the Town continues to levy a 3 cents road tax, which is placed into the infrastructure reserve and does not affect the operating budget.

The increase in the operating budget is driven mostly by salary increases resulting from a 2% COLA and merit increases the Council awarded last year. It also includes the restoration of funding for an eighth police officer and one promotion to corporal, as well as funding for a full-time Public Works director and a Code supervisor. Otherwise, this is a hold-the-line budget.

In the capital budget, the Council is proposing to purchase a new Public Works dump truck using mostly money from the vehicle replacement reserve, one new police car, a speed monitor, and new furniture for the Town Center. The Council also increased the Town's contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to offset the drop in voluntary contributions from residents. This is the start of a conversation with the BHVFD to find better accommodations and keep a strong fire department stationed in Town.

Overall, the Town's financial position remains strong, with healthy reserves and a surplus totaling \$717,000. One outstanding issue for the Council to solve is the sidewalks project. The Town is close to getting the County permits, including a related storm water mitigation permit, and hopes to be able to put the project out to bid this fall.

Councilmembers gave overviews of their departmental budgets. MPT Wilkinson, who heads the Public Works Department, said that his budget funds the replacement of a 1 ton dump truck with a diesel engine and all-wheel drive so that it can be used for snow plowing. It also converts the current acting director position into a permanent full director position, and adds a half-time administrative assistant. The tree care appropriation has been increased to maintain trees in the Town right-of-way, an issue that has

come up frequently in recent years. The budget also includes funding for the start up of the community garden located on the Tecumseh Street right-of-way between 58th and 59th Avenue, and for more improvements at Pop's Park.

CM Almoguera said that the Administration Department budget, which includes the Municipal Building and Town Center, is fairly flat. Fortunately, the Town was able to take care of the most important building upgrades over the last two years and does not need to make expensive investments now. The only increases were in staffing costs due to the COLAs and merit increases awarded last year, which she proudly supports.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that most of the important changes in the Code Compliance Department budget are in the staffing area. The Town plans to hire a Code supervisor to replace the former Code Director at lesser salary. The reasoning is that whoever fills the position will need to first get familiar with the Town and its community standards before working up to a more prominent position. To be able to continue to carry out all Code activities, the budget funds more part-time hours for the officers and clerk. With exception of a slight increase in the telephone line item, there are no other noteworthy increases in the operating budget. On the capital side, the Code Department obtained a new vehicle last year as well as a backup police car, both which are in good shape.

CM Dennison said that there are no big changes in the Parks & Recreation Department. Small amounts of money were added to the equipment line item for Pop's Park improvements and the Historical Committee appropriation to pay for increased cost of supplies. Further, a \$1,000 appropriation was added to her budget to pay for a composting education program for residents.

Mayor Calvo said that the Public Safety Taxing District budget, which funds one full-time police officer, remains healthy at \$71,500. The revenue comes from a special tax that applies to the Town's commercial district: an additional 10 cents in the real property tax rate and 7.5 cents in the personal tax rate. The budget also funds the purchase of one police vehicle every other year.

Mayor Calvo further noted that the operating budget provides for a 10% increase in health care expenditures. While waiting for the final numbers for next year's health insurance rates, usually received in early May, a significant increase is anticipated due to the imple-

mentation of the Affordable Care Act. The Town's pension contribution went down by 0.3 cents.

At 8:49 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing for the FY 2015 Town budget and Public Safety Taxing District budget. Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked how much money the tax increase is supposed to generate. Mayor Calvo said that approximately \$43,000 is expected to be raised from the combined real property and personal property tax rate increases. For residents that means they will pay approximately \$30 more per year. Mr. Attick also asked how much is budgeted for the emergency generators and the sidewalks project. Mayor Calvo said the emergency generators are funded in the FY 2014 capital budget, with the Town's share costing \$81,000. The priority 1 sidewalks are estimated to cost around \$460,000 and will be funded from speed camera revenues reserves and Greenbelt Station compensation funds. With no further comments, the hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m.

Ordinance No. 121 - Executive Powers & Duties: Mayor Calvo explained that the Council spent considerable time in the last couple of months discussing the issue of operational unity within the Town government structure. The Town currently functions as a commissioner-style of government, where Councilmembers function as department heads and directors report to them. The new ordinance clarifies that the Town Council collectively continues to serve as the Town's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) but transfers the responsibility for daily operational matters to the Town Administrator. He would in effect become a Chief Administrative Officer, and, as a full-time employee, be in a better position to monitor daily operations and ensure coordination of the departments. Councilmembers would retain policy control and continue to oversee their departments, but not be as closely involved in day-to-day operations. Mayor Calvo said tonight the Council will introduce a draft of the new Ordinance, while recognizing it needs more work before it can be adopted. Meanwhile, residents are welcome to comment.

At 8:56 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing. Mike Attick asked whether Section 10 (A) of the Ordinance, charging the Town Administrator with the enforcement of all Town ordinances, appropriate County ordinances and State law, is too sweeping. Mayor Calvo replied that the Council did flag this provision for a rewrite, as it gives the Town Administrator too much power. With no further ques-

tions, the hearing was closed at 8:58 p.m.

Ordinance No. 108 - Council Compensation: Mayor Calvo explained that the issue of Council compensation was not on the agenda until this election cycle, when it became clear that only 3 candidates would be running for Town Council. The Council decided to raise the Council stipend from \$150 to \$250 per month, or \$3,000 per year, effective January 1, 2015, in the hope that it will help persuade more Town residents to consider running for office. However, the Town Charter mandates that any Council stipend increase be adopted by one Council for the next Council.

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. Mike Attick commented that he thinks the raise is long overdue. The stipend does not begin to compensate for the amount time and effort Councilmembers put into this job. With no further comments, the hearing was closed at 9:01 pm.

2. Delegate Alonzo Washington Presentation

Mayor Calvo welcomed Delegate Alonzo Washington, District 22, for a report on the legislative session that just ended. Delegate Washington said that a lot of good legislation was passed this session, including legislation supporting wind and solar energy, universal pre-k schooling, school construction (with \$27 million in school construction funds going to Prince George's County), and increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour. The legislature also provided \$2.1 billion in funding for the Purple Line, and \$650 million for a new general hospital at Largo Town Center, to be jointly administered by the University of Maryland, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland.

Delegate Washington continued that several transit oriented developments were also funded. Ground was just broken to build the new Department of Housing and Community Development at the New Carrollton Metro Station, which should bring a lot of new jobs to Prince George's County. The State and the County are also working to attract the new FBI headquarters. In Prince George's County, two sites have been proposed. He thinks the site at Greenbelt Metro Station is preferable to the closed Landover Mall. However, he found it worrisome that at a recent University of Maryland rally, Maryland's U.S. representatives did not endorse the Greenbelt Station location.

Delegate Washington said while it is great to get big federal employers to locate here, Prince George's does not attract enough private businesses, and high-tech jobs. To encourage businesses to come here, \$25 million in tax credits was set aside to support them. Lastly, he thanked the Town for accepting him as their Delegate after Justin Ross left. He wants his constituents to know that he will work very hard to represent this district and bring more prosperity to the County.

Mayor Calvo thanked Delegate Washington for coming out. He appreciated the quick response to his inquiries during the session. He asked what the final status of the speed camera legislation is and the prospects for a long term commitment on Highway User Revenues (HUR), which currently is awarded from year to year. Delegate Washington said that the speed camera legislation went through a lot of changes and that he voted for it. Further, he believes that no long term commitment was made on HUR because legislators did not want to tie the hands of a new governor to be elected this fall. He will fight to get municipalities the increases they were promised after Maryland raised the gas tax.

Responding to other questions, Delegate Washington said that he is proud of his role in changing and passing the proposed law on the decriminalization of marijuana. Those getting caught with less than 10 grams of the drug are now subject only to civil fines, rather than criminal sanctions. However, they must enroll in a rehabilitation program. He also said it is one of his priorities to have the FBI headquarters located at Greenbelt Station and work with the representatives on it. MPT Wilkinson thanked him for informing the Council about the FBI issue and briefing them on the outcomes of the legislative session.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 12 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that the Council had a constructive discussion about the upcoming Town Council election. For the first time in his memory, only 3 candidates filed their papers by the March 4

deadline, and 2 open seats will need to be filled by write-in candidates. While the Town allows for write-in candidates, there are no provisions in the election ordinance regulating them. Therefore, the Council decided to establish some parameters and give guidance to the election judges on how to handle the issue. Like the declared candidates, write-in candidates will be required to file a Petition of Candidacy and a financial disclosure, per the state-mandated Ethics Ordinance. These papers must be filed by April 22, if the candidate wants to participate in the candidates' forum on April 23, or by April 30 to be listed on sample ballot posted in the polling station on Election Day. Any resident interested in becoming a write-in candidate should contact Clerk Harper at the Town office to obtain the needed materials and instructions.

Mayor Calvo continued that another matter he worked on is laying the groundwork to get a 2nd animal shelter built to serve northern Prince George's County communities, where the largest market for animal adoptions is. Adam Ortiz, former Mayor of Edmonston and now Director of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), at a recent Four Cities meeting proposed that the northern communities cooperate to build the shelter and help fund a \$250,000 feasibility study with the County to determine the logistics of the undertaking. He thinks this is a great idea and would give every party making a contribution a seat at the table in making it work. He thought that Berwyn Heights might give \$10,000, whereas the larger cities would give more and the County would pay the largest share. The discussion will resume at the next Four Cities meeting in New Carrollton, which will be attended by the head of the Prince George's County Humane Society to figure out how they might help.

Mayor Calvo further noted that he recently emceed the Berwyn Heights Elementary School talent show, which is always fun, and that the community garden volunteers turned out in great numbers last weekend to build the raised beds with the lumber financed by the Town. Next Saturday, a spring cleanup is scheduled for which volunteers are needed.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the Playgroup visited that BHVFD on April 5, which opened its doors and gave them a tour. Despite

the fact that the crew had a very busy night they were most accommodating. The Administration is still focused on the budget and was busy preparing the ordinances that will be introduced tonight.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that Berwyn Heights has a Noise Ordinance as they are opening up windows and spend more time outdoors. Noise restrictions are usually in effect between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m., and extending into the morning hours on weekends. This particularly includes noises made by sound amplifiers, chain saws and lawn mowers. If a noise disturbance is occurring, neighbors are requested to first try to speak with the neighbors to resolve the issue. If this does not help, residents can call the Town office on weekdays or the police non-emergency number on weekends.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that there was a big turnout at the talent show and thanked Kristin Buker for coordinating it. The next big event is Berwyn Heights Day. Volunteers are still needed. She hopes residents will come out and participate in the many activities.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik reported that he just apprehended a man who had exposed himself to woman and her daughter who were walking on the Indian Creek trail. He cautioned residents to be alert when taking a walk in the park. Otherwise, he is pleased to report another month with little serious crime. In March, there were 2 Part I offenses, as opposed to a 5 year average of 6.6. The total for the year to date was 15, also significantly below the 5 year average of 21. The police issued a total of 193 state and town citations and 294 speed camera citations, with Greenbelt Road accounting for 170 of those. Residents, who received a speed camera ticket on one of the days the school was closed due to snow, are asked to contact the police department so their tickets can be canceled.

Chief Antolik announced that April 25 will be a zero tolerance day for traffic enforcement. Any traffic violation will be fined and no warnings given. With the warmer weather arriving, the police will also be equipped with noise meters to enforce the Town's noise ordinance, particularly on weekends. In response to MPT Wilkinson, Chief Antolik advised that drivers who tried to renew a registration with the MVA online but did not get the stickers issued in time, should

put a receipt of payment in their rear window.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that the Town just received notice that it has an easement agreement in principle with the Berwyn Presbyterian Church regarding the Safe Routes to School grant. TA Murphy said that the Town Attorney is reviewing it to make sure all requirements are met. MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works has focused on tidying up the utility cables that often hang from poles and is taking inventory of pot holes around the Town. The street sweeper is in Town this week and residents are requested to move their cars off the street. Residents are also reminded that plastic yard waste bags are no longer accepted. All yard waste must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags, or so-designated trash containers. Saturday is Town cleanup day, but residents are encouraged to pick up litter that blows around their neighborhood any time.

6. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mike Attick announced that on Friday a wine tasting will be held at the Town Center as a fund raiser for the Berwyn Heights CERT team. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. On Berwyn Heights Day, the NW/EP will have the emergency trailer on display and everyone is welcome to have a look at it. The next meeting will be held May 7.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Ordinance No. 165 - 1st Reading and Introduction of FY 2015 Town Budget: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo said that this is a solid budget. He is not enthusiastic about raising the tax rate, but it is needed as the Town is still absorbing a 17% decline in real property tax revenues from the January 2013 reassessment. The Council hopes that the revenue picture will improve with the 2016 reassessment. This budget again budgets \$50,000 from surplus for operating expenses, as was done this year, but in the end may not have to be used.

Unlike the operating budget, the capital budget has become easier to manage after years of building up reserves to finance the regular replacement of Public Works and police vehicles. Due to prudent fiscal management, the surplus has grown from \$500,000 to \$700,000

over the last decade, and he feels comfortable taking on the sidewalks project this fall, especially with Greenbelt Station money beginning to come in. He thinks that there will be enough money in the reserves and the surplus to do a major road project within a few years, as well as making other investments that add value to the Town. With no other comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the FY 2015 budget.

Ordinance No. 166 - 1st Reading and Introduction of FY 2015 Public Safety Taxing District: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the reading of the Ordinance was suspended. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce Ordinance No. 166. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo said that the Public Safety Taxing District raises \$72,000 in the FY 2015 budget through a 10 cents real property tax rate and a 15 cents personal property tax rate levied on the commercial district. This money funds one police officer, which happens to be Detective Unger. With no other comments, the FY 2015 PSTD budget was introduced in a 5 to 0 vote.

Ordinance No. 121 - 1st Reading & Introduction of Executive Powers & Duties Ordinance: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. CM Almoaguera moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. CM Almoaguera said that this Ordinance does not fundamentally change the structure of Town government but rather improves the efficiency of communication. She believes that this is something everyone can support. CM Kulpa-Eddy respectfully disagreed. She thinks the Ordinance does make significant changes to the government's structure but this is not necessarily a bad thing. The Council will work through it and do the best it can for the Town. With no further comments, the Ordinance was introduced in a 5 to 0 vote.

Ordinance No. 108 - 1st Reading & Introduction of Council Compensation Amendment: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. MPT moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. MPT Wilkinson commented that the increase in the compensation is needed and overdue as Berwyn Heights has one of the lowest stipends in Prince George's County. Serving on the Town Council takes a lot of time and thought and has a real impact on one's life. While there are important non-monetary rewards associated with the job, monetary compensation is part of the package. He happily supports the raise for those who will serve after him.

CM Almoguera commented that there have been months during her term when she paid to sit at the Council table. Although it has been her pleasure to be part of the Council it may be an issue for a family that has only one income. It is good to know that in the future the stipend will be sufficient to pay for a babysitter or other costs associated with serving on the Council. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the Ordinance.

9. Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick sought clarification on how much money has been collected from speed camera citations. TA Murphy said it is shown in the public safety reserve fund, which now stands at \$196,000. Mr. Attick also asked how a citizen can learn how much money comes in from the Greenbelt Station development. Mayor Calvo said that it will be announced at meetings, and reported in the minutes. However, it is probably a good idea to tally it on the treasurer's report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2014 TOWN BUDGET

The Town Council will hold a public hearing prior to adopting amendments to the FY 2014 Town budget on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Town Council amends its budget to ensure that actual expenditures and receipts conform with appropriations, and to comply with the State of Maryland's requirement to have a balanced budget.

The public hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Please call (301) 474-5000 if you would like further information.

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



1. Call 301-352-1200 (P.G. County Police).

2. Give dispatcher your name, address where you are, a phone number

where you can be reached, and explain why you need a police officer.

3. Critically Important: Tell the dispatcher you want the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to respond.

4. In an emergency, Call 911.



Code News

High Grass Violations

'Tis the season for spring flowers, lush lawns, and high grass violations. Please be aware that the Town has a *Clean Lot Ordinance*, which requires home owners to cut their grass when it reaches 10", or be subject to a fine. Yard waste, kept separate from regular trash, will be picked up by the Public Works Department on Mondays north of Pontiac Street and on Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street.

CONTACT THE CODE

DEPARTMENT BY EMAIL —

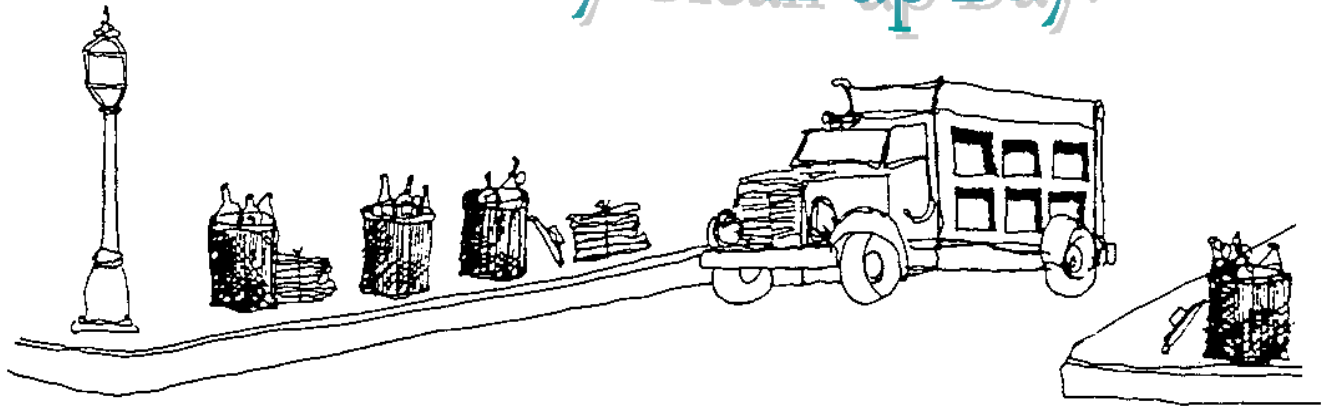
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Code Activity for March 2013:

Top code violations: Animal Complaints = 1; High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 15; Miscellaneous Violations = 8; Refuse = 35; Trash/ Litter = 8; Vehicle Violations = 7; Yard Waste = 3; Abatements = 0.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections = 25; Re-inspections = 4; Rental Investigations = 5; Building Permits = 4; Dumpster Permits = 2; POD Permits = 2; Permit Violations = 2; Vacant Property Checks = 30.

Community Clean-up Day!



THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

This is your opportunity to clean out your attic, basement, garage or shed for FREE! Please take advantage of it and adhere to the following:

All items must be at curbside no later than 7:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 26th. Crews will make only one (1) pass by each residence.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS ARE:

- ✓ Tires – tires must be off the rim.
- ✓ Metals – stoves, washers, dryers, shelving, pipes, etc.
- ✓ Bulk refuse and large household items – chairs, couches, furniture, mattresses, etc.
- ✓ Household appliances – refrigerators, microwaves, freezers, etc. (must be empty)



NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR LIQUIDS of any kind will be accepted at this clean up and it is against the law to dispose of hazardous waste in the trash. Please **DO NOT** jeopardize the safety of children or our sanitation workers by discarding hazardous materials at the curb.

Household hazard waste materials include: poisons, cooking oil, propane tanks, helium balloon tanks, cleaning agents, solvents, oil-based paints, acid car batteries, household batteries, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, fuels, swimming pool chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury, and photographic chemicals.

***Residents South of Pontiac:** There will be no refuse collection on Friday, June 27th so please use this opportunity to discard your household waste. Please do not place Spring Cleanup items at the curb prior to the evening of Wednesday, June 25th.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, June 21st, 2014 at 8:00 am
(rain or shine)



Time for some spring cleaning? Out with the old in with the new? One person's junk is another person's treasure...you get the picture. Join us for this great community event!

Cost is only \$3.00 to have your location & items for sale printed on the map, copies will be available June 20th at the Town Office, and June 21st at the BH Community Center parking lot. The map will display all participating addresses of the yard sales, as well as, a list of items for sale. Advertisements for the Yard Sale will be placed in the Penny Saver, Gazette, and the Washington Post.

For additional information, please contact Trinity Tomsic at: trinity.tomsic@gmail.com, or call: 301-474-6350.

YARD SALE REGISTRATION FORM-Please return this form and \$3.00 (checks payable to: Berwyn Heights Recreation Council), to the Town Office no later than Monday, June 16, 2014 (C.O.B./5:00 p.m.)

Contact Information	Items to sell (please check all that apply)	
Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Clothes
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Clothes
Phone Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Items	<input type="checkbox"/> Toys
E-mail:	<input type="checkbox"/> Knick Knacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please list on lines below.

Thank you!

I wanted to thank the Mayor, Town Council and the Town of Berwyn Heights for giving me the 2014 Citizen of the Year award.

It has been a pleasure to help in the building of a better community. Thank you to the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA who supported my efforts in creating the school gardens and to the Berwyn Heights Green Team for including me in their town efforts.

In my accomplishments met this year, it truly took a hard working team of volunteers to accomplish the goals that have been achieved.

Thank you again, as it has been a wonderful experience meeting and working with so many members of my community.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

June 7	Dianna Lee Hall
June 10	Eunice Burton
June 12	Mark Anderson
June 16	Elaine Colihan
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
June 4	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 5	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 10	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
June 11	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 12	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 14	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
June 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
June 18	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 19	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 24	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
June 25	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 26	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

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June 1, 2014

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20910

Phone 301-356-5566





Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. *The Green Team will not be having a meeting in June.*

Plight of the Pollinators

Honey bees were imported to North America by the early colonists and have become vitally important to the efficient production of many of our fruit, vegetable and nut food crops. The almond crop in California, which covers over 500,000 acres, requires one million honey bee colonies to pollinate the trees. Many other crops, especially fruit trees, use mobile honey bee colonies for pollination, usually about one hive per 1.5 acres.

Honey bee colonies propagate themselves through swarming, and for many decades feral honey bees were part of the natural collection of pollinators. However, over the past several decades, pests and diseases wiped out all of the feral colonies. In 2006-2007, Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) was reported, where the population of the hive would be found missing with capped brood still present, even though honeybees do not generally leave the hive until all of the brood emerges. Many possible causes of CCD have been posited, but the current consensus is that it is caused by multiple stressors; peripatetic beekeeping practices, Varroa mites and the viruses they readily transmit, fungal infections, insecticides, especially the systemic neonicotinoid insecticides, fungicides, and nutrition.

Insecticides obviously can kill bees as they are insects. EPA regulations state that spraying crops that are flowering can only be done when the temperature is below 55° F, or after dark, as bees will not visit flowers in these conditions. But neonicotinoid insecticides are throughout the plant and will kill sucking and leaf-eating insects, and even sub-lethal concentrations have been shown to affect the cognitive processes of the bees and they are not able to find their hive. Europe banned the application of three neonicotinoid insecticides for two years on crops attractive to bees to determine the role these insecticides may play in CCD.

How we can help both native bees and honeybees:

- Dept. of Agriculture trucks have been seen spraying for mosquitoes before dark when children are outside playing and bees are still collecting pollen. If your property is owned or leased you can request to be excluded from the mosquito control which includes a buffer of approximately 300 feet around your property. **Fill out the form ANNUALLY if you do not want them spraying near your residence:** <http://tinyurl.com/o69t9pm>
- Avoid the use of insecticides and fungicides. If they must be used, spray when bees are not flying and avoid drift. Broadcast spraying (fogging) for mosquitoes can be especially harmful if not done after dark
- Avoid systemic insecticides as they can get into the nectar and pollen and affect the bee's brain
- Use flowering plants in your garden that are attractive to bees: Mints, thymes, goldenrod, sedum and many others: <http://tinyurl.com/qgb8ah4>
- Share your plants with you neighbors and encourage pollinator friendly gardening
- Put up insect hotels for solitary bees and butterflies: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insect_hotel.
- Become a beekeeper!

GreenBee BuzzWorthy: Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

In collaboration with other Prince George's County municipalities, the Town of Berwyn Heights can offer funding to 20 low- to moderate income residents who are in need of home improvements that reduce utility bills such as insulation or heating systems repairs. If you are interested in this program, please send your name, address, phone number, and e-mail to the Berwyn Heights Green Team (bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com or kristinlarsen274@gmail.com) or call Kristin Larson from the Green Team at [202-630-3178](tel:202-630-3178) for more information. Space is limited so contact the Green Team as soon as possible if you are interested, or stop by the town municipal building for an application.



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14



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Recent Working Incidents:

April 18th-Squad 14, Ambulance 14 & Chief 14A operated at the Greenbelt Metro station for a pedestrian fatally struck by a MARC train.

April 23rd- Squad 14 responded to the 9900Blk of Locust Dr in Glenn Dale for "brush burn" that spread out of control to multiple sheds and a house.

April 29th-Squad 14 operated at Riggs Rd/Saranac St in Adelphi for the mass-casualty accident with a driver trapped.

April 29th-Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver after an accident at NB I94 near the ICC in Laurel.

April 30th- Squad 14 & Technical Rescue 14 operated on a water-rescue incident at Collin Governor's Bridge in Bowie, rescue one from a submerged car.

April 30th- Truck 14 operated on a working house fire in the 11700Blk of Randy Ln in Laurel.

April 30th- Squad 14 & Technical Rescue 14 assisted units from Hyattsville VFD in evacuating residents from their homes in a flooding neighborhood in Hyattsville.

May 1st- Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a accident SB I95/Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville.

May 6th- Truck 14, Chief 14 & Chief 14B responded to the 8700 Blk of 58th Ave in BH for a reported house fire. Volunteers arrived to find and extinguish a small kitchen fire. Chief 14 had the command.

May 9th- Truck 14 operated in the 9600 Blk of 50th Pl. in College Park for a house fire, fire in the attic.

May 10th- Squad 14B and BHPD responded to Kenilworth Ave/Pontiac St for the car fire with a gas tank rupture.

Pictures and additional info about these incidents and others on our website: www.BHVFD14.org

VOLUNTEER TODAY!! Need service hours? Or just want to help out the community in an exciting and vital way? We are seeking volunteers starting at age 16 for both operational and administrative positions. Not sure? Stop by for a tour and a ride-along! Come join the County's best-organized and strongest volunteer fire department with the busiest volunteer-Rescue Squad in the United States.

Is your Property Fire Safe?

While Prince Georges County is relatively safe from large scale brush and wild fires, this does not mean that it never happens. An example was February 19th 2011, when Prince George's County Fire Departments faced the busiest 24-hour period in its history thanks to seven major brush fires burning simultaneously. BHVFD was able to call in two dozen volunteers to staff every one of our units, which operated on back-to-back calls throughout the day. Thankfully none of these large scale brush fires impacted the Town of Berwyn Heights. With several streets having houses bordering forests, along with Greenbelt National Park just across Kenilworth Ave, the Town is more venerable to brush fires than we care to believe. Homeowners have a responsibility to prepare for a wildfire before it occurs in order to minimize and/or prevent losses when a fire occurs. Creating defensible space – an area surrounding the home and outbuildings – serves as a safety zone around the structures. To protect your property follow these steps:

- 1. Yard** – Maintain a green, mowed lawn.
- 2. Maintenance** – Keep your roof, gutters, and yard free of dead leaves, twigs, and other flammable debris.
- 3. Decks** – Remove leaves, lumber, and other flammable debris from under and around decks.
- 4. Foundation** – Clear flammable material away from the house. Keep all plants landscape plants a minimum distance of 4 feet from the house.
- 5. Outbuildings** – Include all outbuildings and fences in your Firewise improvements.
- 6. House** – When the time comes to replace the siding or roof of the house, choose fire-resistant building materials such as masonry, aluminum siding, fiber cement board, and asphalt shingles.
- 7. Firewood** – Move your firewood pile at least 30 feet from any buildings.



For more information check out
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/>

PG County Burn Laws



When deciding what to do with all that extra yard waste this summer, please decided to put it out for BH DPW to collect instead of burning it. PG County law prohibits "brush burns" inside the Capitol Beltway due to the population density. If you start a fire on the ground we will be dispatched and have to extinguish the fire. All recreational and cooking fires need to be made in a stone/metal container raised at least 6 inches off the ground and 20ft from the house, with a means of extinguishing it nearby. This message comes after BHVFD volunteers battled a large brush/house fire in Glenn Dale that started as "brush burn" that grew out of control. Thanks for making our job easier!

Station 14 Call Volume: April 2014

Rescue Squads:	164
Ladder Truck:	63
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	7
Ambulance/PA	151
Total Station Runs for April	385



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Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team



Summertime is a great time to be outside. It's sunny and hot, and the kids are out of school. Whether you choose to stay in the backyard or take the boat out for a fishing trip, staying healthy is easy. Take some precautions to make sure your summer is as safe as it is fun!

Sun Safe

Dress appropriately: Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors can reflect some of the heat and sunlight and help you maintain a normal body temperature. Cover as much skin as possible to avoid sunburn and over-warming effects of sunlight on your body. Wear a wide-brimmed hat to help keep direct sunlight off your face.

Drink water: Drink continuously even if you don't feel thirsty! Carry water with you. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Eat small meals and eat more often.

Avoid strenuous activity: If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.

Water Safe

Locations where drowning is likely to occur changes with age:

- Children under 1 year most often drown in bath tubs, buckets or toilets.
- Children ages 1 to 4 years most often drown in home pools.
- Older children most often drown in natural water settings.

Maintain constant supervision: Avoid distractions when supervising children around water. Have children or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket around water. Block access to unguarded, non-designated swimming areas.

Know how to respond to an aquatic emergency. If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability. Enroll in Red Cross water safety, first aid and CPR courses to learn these lifesaving skills.

Food Safe

Cleanliness: Wash hands and surfaces often to avoid the spread of bacteria. Bring along disposable moist towelettes for cleaning hands.

Cook thoroughly: Make sure you kill harmful bacteria by cooking food until it reaches the proper temperature.

Chill: Keep cold food cold. In hot weather (above 90°F), food should never sit out for more than 1 hour. Discard any food left out more than 2 hours.

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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

June 2014

Berwyn Heights, MD

End of Year Party!

Our Annual End of Year Party will be held Thursday June 12th. 6:30-8pm.
Please look for a flyer coming home with more information.

Mark Your Calendars

June 17 - Last Day of School

August 26 – First Day of School

Special Events

Teacher Appreciation Week – We would like to thank Domino's Pizza in Berwyn Heights, Marathon Deli, Krazy Kabob, Silver Diner, and Staples for items provided to the teachers.

BHES PTA Officer Elections

Elections to be held at End of Year Party

- Are you a good organizer?
- Like planning events and working with new people?
- Do you want to become more involved in the community?
- Are you interested in serving on the PTA board or as a PTA officer?

The Berwyn Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needs you! We are looking for people - whether they have children at the school or not - who have the time and passion to volunteer for the children of Berwyn Heights Elementary. The BHES PTA keeps abreast of important educational issues affecting the students/teachers as well as plans social events to involved families and the community in the school.

Box Tops = Free Money!

Remember to keep collecting over the summer! Find out about the latest sweepstakes and Bonus Box Tops opportunities by going to www.btfe.com. It's like free money! Remember! The more Box Tops collected, the more money we receive to go to bigger and better programs sponsored by your PTA!

School Registration

If you need to register your child for school, please contact the school's main office at 240-684-6210. The school is open Monday-Thursday during the summer.



Gardening

Spring finally came and summer is fast approaching. This month the kids will be harvesting their vegetable crops and having a pasta party to celebrate their gardening success. Other students will be planting a pumpkin patch and sunflowers for everyone to enjoy when they come back in the fall.

Please help us feed the pollinators by planting lots of flowers for the summer and fall!

Find us at

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens)

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If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org.

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



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

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

On 04/02/2013 at 1:25 pm, a 56 y/o female contacted the Prince George's County Police Criminal Investigation Division and reported that she was sexually assaulted on 03/28/2014 in the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace by an acquaintance. Case is being investigated by the PG County CID as well as BH Investigative Services.

On 04/03/2014 at 11:45 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2008 Toyota from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road as a result of a 74 y/o senior with a medical emergency.

On 04/03/2014 at 7:42 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of theft.

On 04/04/2014 at 11:20 am, Pfc. Ignowski, Pfc. Krouse and Det. Unger responded to the State Employee Credit Union located at 6011 Greenbelt Road for a report of a suspect offering a forged check. The suspect fled the scene prior to the arrival of officers. Investigation continues.

On 04/04/2014 at 10:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2010 Nissan Sentra from the location of Greenbelt Road at Cunningham Drive. The driver, a 22 y/o, L/M of Laurel, MD was driving on suspended license.

On 04/06/2014 at 3:00 am, Pvt. Duck responded to the 8800 block of 60th Avenue for a damaged property report of a hit and run. Suspect was later identified and charges are pending.

On 04/06/2014 at 7:14 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2002 Scion from the location of Edmonston Road at Tecumseh Drive. The driver, a 22 y/o, L/M resident of Upper Marlboro was driving on suspended license.

On 04/09/2014 at 7:19 pm, a 40 y/o, w/f,

of College Park, MD came into the BHPD with her small child and stated that she was approached by a black male in his 20's, who exposed his genitals while she was at the Indian Creek Trail. The suspect was identified and the case was forwarded over to the Maryland Park Police.

On 04/11/2014 at 7:55 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a tampering of a 1996 Volvo. No items were taken.

On 04/11/2014 at 10:58 am, Pfc. Ignowski, Pfc. Krouse, Det. Unger and the Chief of Police responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of an unresponsive 72 y/o, w/f. Investigation revealed that the aforementioned person suffered medical emergency and died at home.

On 04/11/2014 at 5:47 am, Pvt. Duck responded to the 5700 block of Osage Street for a report of a theft from a 2005 Dodge. Unknown person broke out the window and removed an Apple computer tablet.

04/15/2014 at 12:35 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a burglary. On scene Pfc. Ignowski met with a 27 y/o, w/m who stated that someone entered the house through the window and removed his wallet, a pearl necklace and ear rings prior to fleeing the scene. The scene of the crime was processed for latent fingerprints.

On 04/22/2014 at 10:50 am, Pfc. Ignowski received a complaint in the 8600 blk of 57th Ave from a caretaker of the National Children Center, stating that one of her clients had a large bruise to her right inner arm.

On 04/23/2014 at 9:00 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8800 blk of 63rd. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Suspect entered through the small 'doggie door'. Once inside, items such as I-pad, MacBook, PC tablet and a ring were taken.

On 04/24/2014 at 12:23 am Pfc. Thompson arrested a suspicious male subject in the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road. Andree Veney Jr., a 35 y/o, b/m of District Heights had an open warrant through PG. County.

04/25/2014 at 4:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2010 Toyota from the location of Greenbelt Road at Cunningham Drive. The tags on the vehicle were suspended.

04/25/2014 at 4:03 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2010 Ford from the location of the 6300 block of Greenbelt

Road. The driver was driving the vehicle without insurance.

04/28/2014 at 7:10 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2010 Honda from the location of 8900 block of 57th. Avenue. The vehicle was parked in front of a private driveway.

04/29/2014 at 9:50 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Berwyn Road on a domestic standby service.

04/29/2014 at 3:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Osage Street for a report of a stolen bicycle.

04/29/2014 at 5:00 pm, Det. Unger and Pfc. Thompson responded to the 7-11 located in the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a robbery. Two males robbed a 44 Y/O; L/M at gunpoint then forced the victim inside his own car and drove away. A short while later the victim was able to notify 911 and gave his location along with the description of the suspects. BHPD officers along with County officers canvassed the area with K-9 and the two suspects were later found hiding in a garage located in the 8900 block of 56th Avenue. Both suspects were positively identified and the weapon was recovered. The two are being charged with armed robbery, kidnapping, false imprisonment, first-degree assault, and second degree assault and auto theft. Although the suspects are juveniles, they were charged as adults.

04/30/2014 at 9:55 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5600 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a theft from a 2005 Chevrolet. A GPS was taken from the vehicle.

04/30/2014 at 12:50 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft from a 2004 Chevrolet. A GPS and a briefcase were taken.

04/30/2014 at 9:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 63rd. Avenue for a burglary in progress call. Suspect entered an unsecured back door of the house and was interrupted by the arrival of the BHPD. The suspect saw the BHPD officer and fled. After a short foot pursuit, he was apprehended a couple of blocks away. Aquille Abdur Sudah, a 19 Y/O, B/M a resident of Washington DC was identified and charged with first degree burglary and theft.





Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 5th 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 having a special seminar at the Town Center June 19 – June 22nd. Come meet and train with Shihan John Roseberry as well as senior black belts from our organization.

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



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

**Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger)
Mondays 10:30am-12:00pm**

Rotation of Playgrounds: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at Indian Creek Playground and 2nd & 4th Monday at Pop's Park, unless it is raining or too cold in which case we meet indoors at the Town Center.

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

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

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

wyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at (301) 345-1746

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Childcare: Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 29 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on 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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Jaime Sampson
sampson.jaime@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Jaime Sampson
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Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Kristen Buker
President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

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

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Favored with beautiful weather after days of pouring rain, our Town celebrated another wonderful Berwyn Heights Day. The BHHC had prepared two plaque dedications. In the morning, the Town Council dedicated a newly renovated conference room, named for the late Geraldine "Jerry" Love who used to run a small Town library in that location. Two of her sons, former Town Mayor Tom Love and his brother William, were in attendance. They were happy that Mrs. Love's many years of volunteer work in the library were thus honored.

After the parade, BHHC Chair Sharmila Bhatia unveiled this year's

Historic Marker, which commemorates the Washington, Spa Spring & Greta Railroad, or WSSGRR for short. This streetcar company, which ran between 15th and H Streets, NE in the District of Columbia, and Berwyn Heights by way of Bladensburg and Riverdale, operated between 1910 and 1923.

The Committee was very honored that Robert Shea made the trip from Connecticut to participate in the dedication ceremony. Mr. Shea is the great-grandson of former Congressman Samuel S. Yoder, who invested his personal fortune to build WSSGRR, and put Berwyn Heights real estate back on the market.



Above (left to right), Sharmila Bhatia, Robert Shea, and Kerstin Harper.

Far left (1st row), James Wilkinson, Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines, Rose Almoguera (2nd row) William Love, Cheye Calvo, Tom Love, Patti Dennison.

The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on June 24th.



JUNE EVENTS

"Anthem!" Story of The Star-Spangled Banner

June 14, 2014
6:30—8:30 pm

Belair Mansion
12207 Tulip Grove Drive
Bowie, MD 20715

Celebrate Flag Day at Belair Mansion! This is a special year for the American flag – its 200th birthday. As part of our War of 1812 Commemoration, join us

for a screening of the Maryland Public Television production, "Anthem!," the story of the Star Spangled Banner.

The show's producer, Mark Hildebrand will discuss the making of the movie, and the history of our flag. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm, the program is FREE — Reservations are encouraged. Call 301-809-3089 www.princegeorges1812.org/



VISIT THE BHHC BLOG

berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com

1812: Tide of War

June 7, 2014
2—5:00 pm
(show at 3:00 pm)

Patuxent Riverkeeper
17412 Nottingham Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

This original musical presentation describes Maryland in the events of the War of 1812 with music and lyrics from Donald Shomette and Gary Rue and the 1812 Project. Lawn seating, Free \$10 suggested donation. Food & drink for sale. Please call: 301-579-2073 to make reservations.



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Summer is officially here this month! From seashore to mountain, rivers, streams and ponds are alive with activity, birds and animals are breeding and feeding their young, trees and flowers are blooming ... and all this is happening in June.

The warmth and romance of June's midsummer nights have inspired poets and philosophers through the ages.

Everyone always asks.... "what's the easiest home improvement?" Paint is always the answer!!

The new neutrals in paint, have just enough hue without going overboard. Rule of thumb, if its outdoors in nature, it works indoors in most rooms. Gone are the whites, beiges and sand colors.....instead opt for earth colors, sky and tones.

Two top new trending colors:

- Charcoal
- "Greige" (grey beige)

So brighten up your entrance, front door, dark room, kitchen and baths!

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- HELP WITH STAGING
- YEARS OF TOWN REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

UNDER CONTRACT- 8406 Cunningham Dr...3BR cape cod, FP, deck, private landscaped yard...\$320's.

NEW LISTING- 8820 Edmonston Rd 3BR all brick colonial, new kit, HDWD flrs, deck.....\$314,900.

SOLD- 6302 Tecumseh Pl- brk bungalow 4BR, FP, \$292K.

RENTED- 4BR, 2 BA cape in BH.....\$1800 mo.

SOLD- 8510 60th Pl-3BR/2BA rambler, updt kit,..\$265,000.

If your property is currently listed with another broker, this is not a solicitation of that listing.



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& MORE

May 19, 2014

Dear Sponsors,

It gives me pleasure to share with you that the Town of Berwyn Heights, Maryland will be holding the 31st Annual National Night Out this August. In the past, Berwyn Heights police officers, merchants and citizens have worked together to show strength, commitment and solidarity in fighting crime. However, we need your help! The Berwyn Heights Police Department, like the rest of the nation, continues to face tight budgets, due to a slow economy. Your contributions in any monetary



amount would greatly help our cause of battling crime through public education, community outreach, and purchase of related supplies and equipment. The Berwyn Heights Police Department remains deeply committed to the safety and well being of the people and businesses in this community, and thanks you for your continued cooperation in helping us achieve our mission.

Berwyn Heights Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 5, 2014

The 31st Annual National Night out (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event celebrated by citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide, as well as Canada. It is designed to:

- ◆ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ◆ Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, our neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of activities including:

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| ◆ cookout, | ◆ games for kids, |
| ◆ visits from local police and sheriff departments, | ◆ contests, |
| ◆ martial arts demonstrations, | ◆ exhibits, |
| | ◆ And other programs. |

The Berwyn Heights National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer Town. By partnering with local businesses and residents, BHPD has been able to ensure that there is no cost for residents to participate in the event. Please help us continue this great tradition.

We thank you in advance for your support and early response,

Colonel Kenneth K. Antolik
 Chief of Police, Berwyn Heights, Maryland
 (301)474-6554
 Chief@BerwynHeightsPD.com

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12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
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6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

College Park Aviation Museum



Fields UK/Scotland trip this September. If interested, please call the museum at 301/864-6029.

For more information please check

<https://www.facebook.com/fieldoffirsts>

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BH resident & volunteer at CPAM

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Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck
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System Situations

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT
Power Outages

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(Need Pepco Pole Number and
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Languages other than English or
Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical
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Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR
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June 2014

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Street Sweeper In Town	2 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	3	4 NW/EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	5 Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	6	7
8 Street Sweeper In Town	9	10	11 Town Mtg. 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	12	13 PGCPs Last Day Of School	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	17	18 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:30 P.M.	19	20	21 Town Wide Yard Sale 8:00 A.M.
22	23	24 Maryland Primary Election BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	25	26 Tipping Day (Community Clean Up Day) 	27 No Trash Collection	28
29	30	PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET IF POSSIBLE DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN. 				Recycling Collection Yard Waste North South Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South

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 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
 Email: code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Fire Department (301) 474-7866
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 474-5000

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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at
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 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

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