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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will adopt and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Town for FY 2016 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Special Public Safety Taxing District for FY 2016 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road.

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

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Town offices closed on May 25

MEMORIAL DAY

Mon	05/25/15	NO PICKUP
Tue	05/26/15	Trash & Bulk Trash Town-wide
Wed	05/27/15	Recycling and Yard Trash, Town-wide
Thu	05/28/15	Trash, Northside
Fri	05/29/15	Trash, Southside

Please Do NOT Leave Trash
at the Curb over Holiday

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Washington Suburban
Sanitary Commission

INDIAN CREEK

Water Main Replacement

Test Drilling Starts April 10, 2015

WSSC will replace 3 miles of aging pipes dating from the 1930s-1960s in the western sections of Town. The project will begin with test drilling on Branchville Road, the 8400 blocks of 57th and 58th Avenue, and the 5600 and 5700 blocks of Osage Street. Trenching will begin this summer. Project completion is expected by November 2017.

Residents may contact April Wilt
with questions and concerns:

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Office 301-206-4307,

Cell 240-508-1655



Berwyn Heights Day PHOTOS

Send us your favorite picture of Berwyn Heights Day, showing a scene that captures the spirit of this community event.

After reviewing the entries, we will feature one on the cover of next year's May Bulletin. Top entries will be displayed on National Night Out and in Town office.

Minimum size on long edge 1500 px,
Please email your photo to:
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BRIDGE FALL

On April 15, a section of METRO's pedestrian bridge from Berwyn Heights to College Park was damaged when hit by a crane delivered for WMATA's test track construction. No one was hurt. Debris was removed and all trains run on a normal schedule. The bridge will be closed until the missing section is rebuilt. WMATA estimates that repairs will take 6 - 8 months.



Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

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

Worksession

March 2, 2015

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

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Schreiber was with his wife who is expecting a baby. CM Dennison was with her mother who underwent surgery. The UMD women's basketball team completed an undefeated season and the men's basketball team finished in the top 10 for the first time since 2003.

Calendar: The June 1 worksession was moved to June 8.

Minutes: The approval of the February worksession minutes was postponed.

Department Reports: TA Cowles said that one of plows is in the shop for repairs but is expected to back in operation by Wednesday. Mayor Calvo said that Director Lockley has done a good job getting ready for snow storms and keeping the Town Council and staff informed. A new Police Clerk, Iris Cruz, and new Police Officer, Yomyra Ramirez, have been hired and have started to work. Officer Ramirez is a recent graduate of the Police Academy, where she finished in the top of her class. Both women are bilingual.

Citizen Comments: Mayor Calvo received a number of snow-related comments. There were some complaints about DPW plows were going too fast and not stopping at stop signs. Mayor Calvo noted that the plows as a rule don't stop at stop signs because they need to keep moving to push the snow.

Town Administrator's budget presentation: TA Cowles said that the FY 2016 proposed budget presented tonight is updated to reflect the latest current year estimates. As this is her first budget with the Town of Berwyn Heights she relied on assistance of directors in the Police and Public Works Departments as well as former TA Murphy. She opted to learn and use the existing budget framework this year and implement any budgeting changes in future years. As in prior years, the budget document is organized by department and major activ-

ity and includes audited budget figures for FY 2013-2014, actuals for FY 2015, as well as budget requests and her proposed budget for FY 2016.

TA Cowles said that this budget is balanced but largely flat due to continued lagging real property tax receipts. Real property values have gone up by 1% from FY 2015 to an assessable base of \$256,758,000, per data obtained from the State Department of Taxation and Assessments (SDAT), yielding an increase in receipts of \$11,700. One bright spot in the revenue picture are income tax receipts, which are projected to reach \$417,000 by the end of FY 2015, or \$37,000 more than was budgeted. Based on these actuals, FY 2016 income tax revenues have been budgeted at \$410,000 and increase of \$30,000 over FY 2015. Overall, tax revenues are budgeted to increase by 2.7%.

TA Cowles continued with a detailed explanation of revenues.

Licenses and permits are projected to go up by 4%. For business licenses a new collection process has been implemented, which turns over delinquent licenses to the District Court, and reports unlicensed businesses to the State Comptroller's Office to effect better compliance. This may produce increased revenues in the future, but FY 2016 revenues have been budgeted at previous levels. Other increases come from building permits, projected to go up by 21% to \$8,900, and rental licenses from \$63,000 to \$64,500.

Intergovernmental revenue is projected at the same level as last year, with police aid at \$51,900, and Highway User Revenue (HUR) at \$76,000. HUR may increase if the General Assembly again approves a one-time grant. All HUR is transferred into the infrastructure reserve, which is dedicated to road repairs.

Fines and forfeitures are projected to be down by 66% but this is skewed by a booking error in FY 2015 speed camera revenues. Police fines are projected to go up to \$43,000, if the Council amends Ordinance 119 – Traffic & Parking to allow the police to issue fines for not displaying license plates in front and back of a vehicle. Code fines are budgeted to go up from \$19,000 in FY 2015 to \$22,000 in FY 2016, based on the adoption of Clean Lot Ordinance amendments, which will tighten up enforcement.

In response to CM Rasmussen, Mayor Calvo explained that police fines went up since FY 2014 because enforcement of parking fines was stepped up, and Offi-

cer Roberson put in charge of monitoring the program. In addition, the Council increased parking fines that year. Mayor Calvo also noted that he has doubts about increasing personal property tax receipts by \$15,000 in FY 2016. The only time an increase of similar size occurred was when a backlog was cleared. In this budget process, he would like to focus on improving the personal property tax collection process by streamlining notifications and employing a collection agency.

Mayor Calvo moved to correct the booking error in the speed camera revenue budget and directed TA Cowles to book \$220,000 for the public safety reserve and budget \$79,000 in receipts for this year. CM Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed 3 to 0.

At 8:10 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

TA Cowles gave a detailed explanation of the proposed FY 2016 expenditures.

General Government is flat. Under Mayor & Council, there is a \$3,000 increase for *council stipends* that was approved in the FY 2015 budget. The *Green Team* appropriation is down by \$1,000 as no major funding requests have been submitted. In the Administration budget, the *dues & conferences* line has been increased by \$1,500 to enable the staff to take training. *Capital expenses >500* has been budgeted at 6,500 to continue to upgrade computers and workstations. The municipal building budget is down by \$255. The only planned upgrade is a new furnace at around \$3,000. Some of the cost may be defrayed by an energy efficiency grant for which the Town applied. The Town Center budget is up by \$400. The main expense is in the \$11,000 *maintenance & repair* line which covers mandated State inspections of the elevator and fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

Police Department budget is up by 1.26% to \$611,244. It funds 8 full-time officers and 1 police clerk, as well as 10 hours per week for speed camera citations. No salary increases or shift differential increases are budgeted. *Locality pay* was broken out from *salaries* as a separate line item. *Oil & gas* was budgeted at the same level as last year, despite lower oil prices because miles traveled have gone up. Two new police vehicles have been budgeted at a cost of \$34,800 each. One will be funded from the capital operating budget and one from the Public Safety Taxing District budget. Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness is funded at \$3,000

and the Volunteer Fire Department at \$10,000.

Code Compliance budget is up by \$958 to \$108,400. It is proposed to fund 1 full time code supervisor, 1 part time clerk at 10 hours per week, and 20 part time officer hours per week. Total part-time hours have been decreased in anticipation of efficiency gains from the new code tracking software. A portion of the \$60,000 budgeted for the code supervisor salary is set aside in a salary pool in the non-departmental budget. Network & software support is down by \$3,700, as the code tracking system has been purchased and there are only annual maintenance costs of \$5,000. The call-a-bus program is rarely used and remains at \$1,000.

Public Works Department budget is flat at \$673,400. It funds 8 full-time employees and 1 part time employee at 28 hours per week. During leaf season, this employee is budgeted to work up to 40 hours a week. An administrative assistant is budgeted at 8 hours per week until January 2016 or when a new administrative assistant/crewman II is hired. One temporary help is budgeted for 40 hours per week during leaf season in November and December in case a regular employee is absent. In the Public Works Building budget, the *tools* line item is up by \$1,000 because more maintenance work is to be done in-house. The *gas & oil* appropriation is budgeted to go up by \$1,000 in anticipation of the purchase of another 27 cubic yard trash truck, although increased gas use could be balanced by less miles driven due to fewer trips to the landfill. The *maintenance & repair* budget was broken out into two line items, *maintenance & repairs* and *preventative maintenance*. The overall budget remains at the same level as last year at \$47,000.

Parks and Recreation budget is flat. Special events, Pop's Park, Sports Park concession stand, Historical Committee and maintenance of the school field are funded at the same levels as last year.

Cable budget is down \$5,300 to \$10,000 due to cut in the *capital equipment >500* line. All cable expenditures must be limited to equipment purchases and maintenance of Comcast and Verizon public access channels and I-Net.

Non-Departmental The *miscellaneous insurance* budget is proposed to go down by 7% reflecting the Town's low rate in unemployment compensation claims and a preliminary quote for workers compensation at last year's level. Based on preliminary quotes from the

BlueCross/ BlueShield, FY 2016 health insurance premiums are not expected to increase more than 10% and have been budgeted at \$115,000. Dental and vision/life insurance expenses are projected to go up slightly to cover the cost of an additional full-time DPW employee. The *pension plan contribution* is projected to go down by \$8,600 to \$91,200 due to a lower contribution rate of 8.53%. The Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), which pays for employees' health insurance deductibles, is up to \$37,000 to cover mandated increases in deductibles under the Affordable Care Act. A new *health insurance offset* line item was established to budget for \$2,000 incentives for employees not enrolled in the Town's health insurance plan. They were previously included under the salary line.

Debt Service There is none.

Capital Expenses Operating funds the purchase of one police vehicle; transfers a combined \$158,000 to the infrastructure reserve, and \$58,600 to the vehicle replacement fund.

Capital Projects Surplus covers projected expenses for the 63rd Avenue sidewalks and the emergency generator projects. It also pays for an additional \$19,300 needed to pay for the new \$182,300 trash truck not funded in the vehicle replacement reserve. An anticipated \$120,000 in Greenbelt Station impact fee revenue has been budgeted as a placeholder for any unspecified investments.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Council already voted to transfer this money into reserves.

Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget funds the salary and pension contribution of one full-time police officer at \$72,800, and one police vehicle at \$34,800. Receipts from special real and personnel taxes on businesses total \$72,100, leaving \$35,400 to be pulled from surplus.

Vehicle Replacement Fund: Currently, the funds stands at \$403,000. However, with the purchase of new trash truck the funds will decline to \$221,000. Depending on whether the Public Works Director will go forward with the purchase of a new dump truck the Council authorized last fall, the fund would go down by another \$50,000 to \$171,000.

In conclusion, despite the difficult revenue picture, the budget is balanced with \$2,000 to spare.

In comments, Mayor Calvo said that this is a solid budget but will require a few tweaks. He is pleased that the budget was balanced without a tax increase or staff cuts. Further, the police vehicle funded under the Public Safety Taxing District is not funded from surplus but from the PSTD reserve fund. The PSTD budget also has a small operating deficit, which is covered by the money pulled from the reserves. In the future, the Town could raise the special tax on personal property to balance this budget. Regarding the health insurance budget, he is curious to know whether the age of employees, on which premiums are in part based, has gone down. The Council may also have to make a policy decision this fiscal year on moving employees who are eligible to Medicare.

CM Rasmussen asked why fines & forfeitures show a big jump in the budget summary. Mayor Calvo replied that this due to the booking error in speed camera revenues, which distorts the budget. He has a similar concern about Greenbelt Station impact fees, which he would suggest not to include in the operating budget.

Mayor Calvo also noted that there are some capital expenditures the Council may want to consider, including new radios for the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee, assistance for the Boys & Girls Club with a new batting cage and funds for planting trees. In response to CM Rasmussen, he explained that the Town for the first time contributed \$10,000 to the Volunteer Fire Department, up from \$1,000 in prior years. This was done primarily because the BHVFD asked for a larger contribution. The BHVFD has experienced declining contributions from residents plus a cut in ambulance billing revenue. Capital requests can be made by Town organizations, directors or councilmembers. If CM Rasmussen wishes to propose to set aside money purchase trees with the County's matching program, he can do so, but should provide a framework along with the request. Generally, this type of expenditure would be funded from surplus.

Mayor Calvo said at the next worksession he would like the Council to go through the operating budget and identify line items that should be increased or decreased. On March 23, he would like to discuss the capital budget and on April 6 finalize the introduced FY 2016 budget.

Berwyn Heights letter to PGCPs: Mayor Calvo asked for the Council's approval of a letter from the Town of Ber-

wyn Heights to Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) CEO Kevin Maxwell to initiate discussions on the upkeep of the grounds around Berwyn Heights Elementary School and Community Center, as well as the addition of play equipment for older students. CM Rasmussen so moved. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 3 to 0.

2. Administration

Sidewalks update: TA Cowles said that the Council still needs to make some decisions about the sidewalks project regarding 1) the bumping the sidewalks out into the roadway in front of the school; 2) changing the configuration of the lead walk to the home at 8901 60th Avenue; 3) deciding where to place the ADA accessible entrance at Pop's Park; and 4) whether to redo the sidewalk in front of Pop's Park. CP Johnson engineers will come to the March 16 worksession to answer questions and assist in making these decisions.

Mayor Calvo said that the first 2 decisions are not that difficult, even though they will increase the project cost. The open question is what to do about the Cunningham entrance to Pop's Park. He thinks the sidewalks should be replaced and raised to improve access through the center gate. However, it may not be necessary to have a 2% grade to comply with ADA regulations, as there already is an ADA accessible entrance on the Quebec Street side of the park. CM Rasmussen suggested exploring installing a drainage system behind the sidewalk to prevent rain or snow melt to flow over the sidewalks. No decisions were made.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the April Bulletin cover: biking-fitness theme; headlines for Wine Tasting, Berwyn Heights Day and Introduction of the FY 2016 budget, jumps for tax time, electronic recycling.

3. Code Compliance

Clean Lot Ordinance amendments: TA Cowles said that two versions of Ordinance 107 were provided to the Council. Both have all changes made thus far, but one tracks changes proposed by the Town attorney's office, which are: 1) moving provisions on hazardous conditions from *Section 3 M - Litter* to *Section 3 H - Hazard*; 2) adding a definition in *Section 3 R - Public Nuisance*; 3) and several minor clarifications in *Section 6 A - Notice of Violation of Standards*. TA Cowles will have to check back with the Attorney on the issue of limiting the time period during which a homeowner can appeal a code-related decision by the

Council to the District Court.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy provided clarification on what constitutes an imminent hazard that entails an immediate fine, per request by the Council from the last worksession. Using language from *Section 3 H - Hazard*, she proposed hazardous to mean 1) a condition where a lot *is* infested, rather than *may become*, infested with rodents or vermin; 2) a condition of the lot where a dog or other domestic animal is confined to a small space where it becomes soiled with its own feces; and 3) a condition of the lot that *poses*, rather than *may pose*, a fire hazard. The focus is on conditions that could not be allowed to fester for 7 days or longer without a causing a serious problem.

Mayor Calvo agreed that an imminent hazard has to describe a very concrete and limited set of circumstances. In addition it needs to be a condition caused or exacerbated by the property owner, and that can be corrected within a 24 hour time frame. He would not want to fine people for having rats, but for doing something that attracts them. Nor would he fine people for a violation that cannot be fixed in 24 hours. On the other hand, a violation that is considered an imminent hazard would be fined immediately upon being discovered. There would not be a warning period of 24 hours.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy replied, to the contrary, the proposed language in *Section 6 E (1) - Violations* gives a 24 hour period from the time a notice was issued to correct a violation. Mayor Calvo said that currently immediate fines are issued upon sight of a violation, together with a notice to correct it within 24 hours, or another fine is imposed. This is done when police cite the owner for a vehicle parked on grass. However, police or code officers have discretion to give a warning before they issue the fine. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she would prefer to give a warning but can agree to an immediate fine for the types of violations just discussed.

Mayor Calvo said the table of enforcement schedules should now have 3 categories under A - Condition of Exterior Property Areas: 1) "imminent threat" for an immediate fine; 2) "hazardous" for time sensitive, or 7 day correction periods; and 3) "non-hazardous" for regular order, or 15 day correction periods. TA Cowles was instructed to change the Ordinance accordingly.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession

March 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, MPT Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison, and Chris Rasmussen. CM Anthony Schreiber had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Rasmussen will start a new job as Vice President of Programs and Research with the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in Washington, D.C.

2. Budget

Mayor Calvo said tonight's agenda calls for the Council to go through the proposed budget by department and major activity to flag items of concern and recommend changes. Motions can be made to either add or subtract money from a line item, but all changes must be paid for.

TA Cowles noted that the budget has been updated since she presented it on March 3, both for the FY 2016 proposed, as well as for FY 2015 estimates. Items of note include moving speed camera revenues from fines and forfeitures to transfers from reserves, and placing \$9,000 under Volunteer Fire Department contributions, \$10,000 under speed camera administration and \$21,000 into the public safety reserve. As a result, it is proposed to pull only \$29,000 from surplus instead of \$50,000.

Mayor Calvo sought clarification about the surplus and reserves figures. Speed camera revenues need to be revised to correct a booking error in the FY 2015 budget. He also suspects that emergency generator costs and Safe Routes to School sidewalks expenses were double counted because the surplus seems too low. A discussion on how money flows into and out of reserves ensued. It was agreed that more analysis of the surplus and reserves needs to occur before a one-page summary of the FY 2016 budget can be finalized.

The Council reviewed the budget by department and major activity.

Revenues

Personal Property Taxes: The currently budgeted \$265,000 may be too high as it includes \$15,000 from prior years. However, \$13,000 in personal property taxes is expected in FY 2015 and approximately \$38,000 in outstanding bills going back to 2007. It is not known how much in outstanding bills will be paid this year.

Income Taxes: This revenue, budgeted at \$410,000, is projected to come in at \$417,000 using a formula based on quarterly disbursements in prior years. The State of Maryland Comptroller's Office provides data on quarterly withholdings in the Town of Berwyn Heights. The figure includes self-employed residents, who estimate their incomes, and is subject to frequent change related to economic activity, demographics and other factors.

Police Fines: Estimated FY 2015 receipts are probably too low at \$43,000 and should be raised to \$48,000. This would be a better basis for the \$48,000 budgeted for FY 2016.

Speed Camera Revenues: The Town has received close to \$29,000 in speed camera revenues to date and projects \$50,000 to come in by the end of FY 2015. The revenues are lower than budgeted because no tickets have been issued on Pontiac Street since the General Assembly raised the minimum speed limit in school zones from 15 mph to 20 mph last year. Therefore, \$50,000 is budgeted for FY 2016.

At 8:15 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Expenditures

Mayor & Council: It was proposed to break out a new *education* line item from the *public relations* line to reflect the Council's annual contributions to local schools programs.

Administration: This budget is flat but money has been shifted between line items to better reflect actual expenditures. Thus funds were shifted from *maintenance & repairs* to *training & seminars* to enable staff to take more training. *Maintenance & repairs* was budgeted at \$1,700 but only \$500 has been expended to date. If the Saturn requires extensive repairs it should be sold or scrapped. Funds were shifted from *capital equipment > 500* to *capital equipment < 500* to purchase one computer and miscellaneous office equipment. The *public relations* line was in-

creased to cover semi-annual mailers to residents. Approximately \$1,500 should be added to the *elections* line item for the 2016 Town Council election. The entire Administration budget may need additional funds to hire people for projects now carried out by volunteers such as the Town website or Berwyn Heights Day planning.

Municipal building: Additional money may be needed in this budget to enable the Town to accept credit cards, including online bill payments. Fees charged by credit card companies for providing the service can be passed on to the consumer.

Police Department: A new *locality pay* line item was broken out from *salary* so as to be able to track it. With more police officers living in close proximity to the Town *locality pay* is likely to increase, while the *gas & oil* line item should decrease as miles traveled decrease. The *uniform* line item assumes that there will be a turnover of one police officer per year. The *communications* line item is \$3,500 higher than the estimated FY 2015 expenditures. However, the actuals may reflect the department not being fully staffed for several months.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: The NW/EP has indicated it will request funding for a set of new radios.

Code Department: The *salary* line item may increase or decrease depending on the candidate hired to fill the code supervisor position. *Part-time salaries* for the code clerk have been decreased on the assumption that the new code tracking system will save time spent on paperwork. The *network/ software support* line item is budgeted at \$5,000 to reflect new annual operating costs of the code tracking system. The *dues & conferences* line item may require an increase if the new code supervisor wants to get training and certifications.

Public Works Streets & Sanitation: The *part-time salaries* line item was dropped by \$36,000, and shifted to *full-time salaries* as Director Lockley seeks to replace 2 part-time employees with one full-time employee. It also reflects increases in salaries for 2 crewmen who are taking CDL training. The *solid waste disposal, gas & oil, tree service* and *uniform* and *overtime* line items may require increases. FY 2015 estimated expenditures should be reviewed as they do not seem to reflect actual requirements. For example, gas usage is likely to go up with the purchase of another 27 cubic yard trash truck. To arrive at better *gas &*

oil estimates gas usage should be tracked by vehicle. The *storm drain* line item should be checked because expenditures occur intermittently every other year.

Parks & Recreation: The *BHHC line item* should be checked because it shows \$400 more than in FY 2015, which equals the BHHC events appropriation managed by the Recreation Council.

Cable: The FY 2015 estimate of \$8,900 for the *capital outlay* line item should be reviewed to see what capital items were to be funded. The Town receives \$29,000 in combined PEG fees, but does not normally spend more than \$1,000 per year. With the adoption of the Comcast settlement agreement, the compensation for the cable operator could now be charged against this line item, in addition to miscellaneous equipment purchases and repairs. The Council may want to decide if it wants to fund a major capital project.

Employee Benefits & Insurance: The *merit increases* appropriation should be renamed *salary pool* so that other salary enhancements can be accounted for here. Tuition reimbursement should be taken out of *miscellaneous* and become a stand-alone line item. The budget for FY 2016 *health insurance* and *health reimbursement account (HRA)* should be discussed separately, as staff turnover will entail different usage of health insurance.

Capital Expenses: This budget includes transfers to reserves. The infrastructure reserve is proposed to grow by \$258,000 this year when combining transfers from the road taxes and HUR receipts, bringing the total in the fund to \$709,000. This money can be used to fund a road project, but the Town should get a better idea of the cost involved. The Council may want to set aside money to engineer a road project so that it can piggyback onto WSSC's road contract when water main replacement project begins.

In comments, CM Rasmussen said he thinks the Bulletin needs an overhaul and is not an effective way to communicate with residents. Too much space is devoted to minutes and too little to advertising, which would help generate revenue. Mayor Calvo said that much of the Bulletin content is driven by the submissions of Town organizations. Their pages have gone up as more groups are actively holding events and organize programs that require registration forms. The minutes might be shortened but people read them. To date, advertisements have not been cut because of lack

of space. However, advertising fees might be raised as they have not been changed in years.

TA Cowles said that she would give a higher funding priority to education and training for the professional development of staff. For a small town this is a way to attract and retain staff. In the Administration Department she has set aside funds for seminars, but thinks more should be done to increase the technology training. Mayor Calvo said that he could support a general professional development fund in the non-departmental budget, managed by the TA Cowles with input from department directors to make targeted investments in staff training. Another tool to compensate staff is year-end bonuses to reward staff for above average performance. On the other hand, the Town should develop an outsourcing strategy, and find people it can turn to for expertise not available internally.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Detective Dan Unger, Officers Moroney, Krouse, and Ramirez, Police Clerk Iris Cruz, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Swearing-in

Mayor Calvo swore in Police Officer Yomyra Ramirez. Chief Antolik said that Ms. Ramirez is a native of New York City and came to Prince George's County in 2013. She is a recent graduate of the Police Academy, placing 6th in her class. She will be the first Latina serving in the Berwyn Heights Police Department and bring much-needed Spanish speaking abilities to the job. He welcomed her to Berwyn Heights.

Ms. Ramirez thanked the Town for giving her the opportunity serve. She will think of this community as a second family and looks forward to meeting the residents. Mayor Calvo said that Officer Ramirez is the first officer he swore in,

who just graduated from the Police Academy, who is a mother and a Spanish speaker. He is sure she will bring a new dimension to the Police Department. Ms. Ramirez then introduced her family.

2. Introduction

Chief Antolik introduced Police Clerk Iris Cruz. She most recently served as a courtroom clerk in the Montgomery County District Court, assisting judges with courtroom proceedings. A native of El Salvador, she came to the Washington D.C. area at a young age and graduated with honors from the Stanford Brown College in 2011 with BA in Criminal Justice. He is confident that Ms. Cruz brings integrity and professionalism to the job and will be a good fit for the Town.

Ms. Cruz said she is excited to be here and make this community her second family. Mayor Calvo said that he is pleased to add two professional woman to the department, both of them Spanish speakers. The Town has looked for Spanish speakers for some time to be able to better engage the considerable number of Spanish speaking residents. He is sure the impact on the police staff will be positive, and is happy to see a number of them having turned out for this occasion, including Sergeant Moroney.

3. Minutes

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

4. Treasurer's Report

TA Cowles gave the Treasurer's report for the month of February as Treasurer Lape was absent.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that the budget process has officially started and the Council is reviewing the first budget proposed by TA Cowles. The Council appreciates her efforts taking over the process inherited from her predecessor. This is another tight budget due to continued lagging residential real property tax revenues, the Town's principal revenue source. Overall, revenues went up a little due to a 1% increase in commercial property tax receipts and a significant increase of 7%, or \$30,000 in income tax receipts. In addition, there were savings from staff turnover, moderate insurance rate increases and lower pension contributions. As in the last two years, \$50,000 will be

transferred from surplus. Based on these revenues, it is proposed to maintain the current tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 of assessed real property value, plus a 3 cents road tax to support an FY 2016 operating budget of \$2,588,000.

On the expenditure side, the budget is flat. The main changes are in the capital budget. The Council authorized the purchase of a new 27 cubic foot trash truck, costing \$182,000 to be financed from the vehicle replacement reserve to support the consolidation of the second weekly trash collection on Thursdays, which is expected to yield long-term efficiencies. Overall capital expenditures are down, as the sidewalks project will have concluded. However, consideration will be given to street renovations in conjunction with the WSSC water main replacement project. With the infrastructure reserve having reached \$700,000, a major road repair project is now within reach. To prepare, the Council will likely commission the engineering of a road project in the coming fiscal year.

The Council is also planning to spend money on consultants to help with marketing Berwyn Heights and developing a vision for the commercial district along Route 193. Efforts to improve amenities in Town with targeted investments are ongoing. For FY 2016, renovating the batting cage at Sports Park, adding play equipment for older children at the elementary school, constructing a dog park, improving bikeways, and purchasing new radios for the Neighborhood Watch are on the agenda.

Mayor Calvo concluded by inviting residents to attend budget meetings and give input on the proposed budget.

6. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave an overview of the budgeting function of the Administration Department. The budget process starts with the Town Administrator's submission of a recommended budget for the next fiscal year, which starts on July 1 and runs to June 30 of the following year. The Town is required to have a balanced budget with expenditures matching receipts. Once adopted, the Town Administrator is responsible for managing the budget throughout the year and the Treasurer periodically reports on the financial condition of the Town.

Residents benefit from sound fiscal management in that desired public services are provided with the least amount of tax burden. In the absence of fiscal restraint, some cities and towns have gone bank-

rupt and tax payers are left with having to pay off the debts. Therefore residents are encouraged to be engaged and review the FY 2016 budget, which will be published in the April Bulletin. In addition to the budget, the Administration Department has been busy revising the residential and commercial Clean Lot Ordinances, completing the sidewalks projects and is working on finding the best solution for adding emergency generators.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen reported that the search for a new code supervisor is ongoing and that he will meet with TA Cowles next week to review the candidate pool. Thanks go to Charles Hall and all Code staff for stepping up to complete the work of the Code Department. On a personal note, CM Rasmussen said he has a new job located in the D.C. and will no longer have to travel to Minnesota for work-related reasons. He noted that the University of Maryland women's basketball team has finished their season 18 and 0, and will be 1st seed in the upcoming national championships.

CM Rasmussen continued that he will ask his fellow Councilmembers to set aside some money for the urban forest initiative. Many Berwyn Heights' trees are old and diseased and some resources should be invested to care for them or replace them. He hopes the Council will develop a comprehensive plan to manage the urban forest with the help of the Green Team and other interested parties. One piece of the plan would be to educate residents about tree care and grants available to plant and grow new trees. Another to train Public Works staff to diagnose tree problems and perform some basic tree maintenance.

Mayor Calvo offered CM Rasmussen the opportunity to read the Arbor Day Proclamation on Berwyn Heights Day, which was gladly accepted.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison said she is looking forward to putting together the next budget, and that she has learned a great deal about the budget since she was first elected to the Council in 2002. She then announced upcoming events.

Public Health and Safety: Mayor Calvo noted that the Council will have CP Johnson Engineers at the next worksession to discuss the priority 1 sidewalks and make some final decisions on difficult locations. Anyone interested in the sidewalks project might want to attend.

Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for February. There were 6 Part I offenses, versus the 5 year average of 5.4, and 12 for the year to date, which is in line with the 5 year average of 12. During the snow, police were lenient with issuing parking tickets and consequently the infractions cited were lower than normal with a total of 118. Speed camera tickets came to 173, all issued on Greenbelt Road. On February 20, Berwyn Heights police responded to a robbery at the Suntrust Bank. The suspect escaped with an undetermined amount of cash but was later arrested in Baltimore in connection with another bank robbery.

CM Rasmussen asked what the speed limit on Edmonston Road is. Signs posted say 20 mph, while the pavement has a 25 mph limit. Chief Antolik said that Public Works has attempted to cover the pavement markings but the reflective paint still shines through. Mayor Calvo clarified that the 20 mph speed limit applies only between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. when school is in session, otherwise it is 25 mph. CM Rasmussen also asked what a house check is. He was informed that Berwyn Heights is one of a few Maryland municipalities that will monitor residents properties upon request when they are on vacation or out of Town for a longer period.

Mayor Calvo said that he noticed many drivers talking on the phone when he was checking out the sidewalks at Pop's Park. He asked if the police issue many citations for this offense. Chief Antolik said that they do issue citations for this but list it under miscellaneous infractions. He will talk with Sergeant Moroney to focus attention on this problem.

Public Works: CM Schreiber said that he and his wife had a baby boy on March 3. He will wait to disclose his name until an official naming ceremony has taken place. He has not had a chance to meet with Director Lockley this week, but knows that they were busy with snow clearing operations. With exception of a minor collision, they did a good job keeping the streets passable.

Mayor Calvo added that he appreciates Public Works employees collecting trash and clearing snow during this year's harsh winter. Director Lockley had some difficulty finding road salt lately because all salt storage facilities are empty.

7. Committee Reports

Green Team: Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team had to cancel a couple of their events because of snow and will reschedule. Residents can find out more on the Green Team Facebook page.

Community garden plots are in the process of being rented for the new season.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mike Attick reported that the NW/EP will hold an active shooter training session to help citizens be better prepared if they are caught in such a situation. On March 21, a First Aid class will be offered in Landover Hills. On April 19, an emergency response training will take place at Greenbelt Metro Station, and on April 24, the NW/EP will hold its 2nd annual Wine Tasting event. All through spring and summer, there will be many volunteer opportunities relating to emergency preparedness. Students can earn community service hours.

8. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 107 - Adoption of Clean Lot Ordinance Amendments: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. CM Dennison moved to introduce it. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the Clean Lot Ordinance is an Ordinance that affects every home owner in Berwyn Heights to varying degrees. The Council's revisions have streamlined language and organization of the Ordinance and tightened regulations to focus on key problems. These include:

- Shorter compliance periods for repeat offenders and multiple repeat offenders;
- Clear categories of enforcement. Categories were added for immediate hazards that must be remedied immediately upon receipt of notice (e.g. unsafe storage of flammable materials), and for unsafe accessory structures that may require more time to be fixed.
- Stricter regulation of bamboo and other invasive plants. Home owners who plant bamboo must now maintain a 2 foot buffer inside their property line to prevent it from spreading to neighboring properties.

CM Rasmussen proposed a change in wording to Section 6 E (1) replacing 'shall' with 'may' to indicate that an immediate fine may, or may not be issued, subject to a code officer's discretion. Mayor Calvo said he thinks that 'shall' is appropriate. It mandates either of two options for enforcing a violation: 1) to impose an immediate fine (as for parking on grass) or 2) giving the property owner 24 hours to comply (as for a first offense) at the discretion of a code officer. He thinks using 'may' would give a code

officer unlimited discretion, whereas 'shall' limits discretion to one time. CM Rasmussen said he is comfortable leaving the section as is.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she thinks the revised Ordinance is much easier to understand and wants to see how a new code supervisor will administer these regulations. The Ordinance was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

Ordinance 134 - Commercial Clean

Lot: Mayor Calvo said that this Ordinance needs a little more attention before it can be finalized. CM Dennison moved to postpone adoption. CM Schreiber seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked for clarifications on the Treasurer's report. Mayor Calvo said the Metroland South Core Fund shows money received to date from the developers of the south core. They are placed into a reserve and will total \$1 million when all is paid out. The Public Safety Reserve Fund holds receipts from speed camera tickets, but the numbers still require adjustment. The Public Safety Taxing District budgets money from a special tax imposed on Berwyn Heights businesses to pay for public safety needs in the commercial district.

Mr. Attick also asked about repairs to the island at the intersection of Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue and an accident in which a Public Works snow plow was involved. Mayor Calvo replied he believes that SHA will come back to repair the island, and that damage to the Public Works truck and plow was minimal. However, the Town may receive an insurance claim for the other vehicle damaged in the accident.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented that Public Works employees generally did a good job plowing but are not as experienced as the old crew and have a few things to learn. Further, planting new trees should not be that difficult and could be accomplished by sending out a few men with a pick and a shovel. Lastly, this winter's snow and ice was hard on the home owners who have new sidewalks in front of homes, because snow plows piled snow back on after they had been cleared. The piles then melted and refroze. A regular snow shovel is inadequate to clear ice piles. He was able to offer his motorized equipment to help. The Town may want to consider what

effects new sidewalks have on residents under the worst conditions before undertaking such a project.

CM Schreiber noted that the Public Works Department is planning to get special equipment to clear sidewalks now that there are more sidewalks in Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession March 16, 2015

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

1. Mayor

Announcements: A break of a 10" water main occurred on Cunningham Drive at Osage Street this afternoon. A big hole opened where the water gushed out, flooding the basements of several homes on Cunningham Drive and 58th Avenue. Berwyn Heights Police, Volunteer Fire Department and Public Works were there to secure the area. WSSC took 90 minutes to respond but is on the scene now to make repairs, which are expected to be completed by tomorrow. Repairs to the road are expected to take longer.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. The date of the next Four Cities meeting needs to be added.

Minutes (discussed later in meeting).

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that County Executive Baker submitted his FY 2016 budget last Friday, which discards a 1978 Tax Reform Initiative by Marylanders, or TRIM, and proposes a 15 cent tax increase. This would generate \$131 million more for public schools and cost homeowners several hundred dollars more in annual tax bills. The proposal may face legal challenges and is likely to face opposition by voters. The Council may want to take a position on the matter. Mayor Calvo has also spent time putting together a proposal for hiring a consultant to help the Council create a vision for the commercial district. He will submit it to

the Council at the next budget worksession.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Administration Department has been focused on the FY 2016 budget process. CM Rasmussen reported that he and TA Cowles met with Ms. Tuck Parrish with Novak Consulting to review applications for the Code Supervisor position. Those short list candidates will be interviewed on March 31. CM Dennison reported that the Historical Committee's event featuring Maryland Archivist Maya Davis was well attended. Upcoming events include the BHES Talent Show and Game Night.

Citizen Comments: CM Rasmussen was told by a group of residents gathered at the site of the water main break that they appreciated the addition of new sidewalks.

Sidewalks project design revisions: Mayor Calvo welcomed CP Johnson Engineers Eric Sturm and Brendan Freeman to help the Council make decisions about several unresolved sidewalk design issues. TA Cowles said that the Council had budgeted \$540,000 in FY 2015 to construct the priority 1 sidewalks. The contract awarded to the lowest bidder was in the amount of \$420,000. Change orders account for additional costs of \$7,000 incurred to date. She then gave an overview of the design challenges and possible solutions that would add \$7,300 - \$9,500 to the project cost.

8901 60th Avenue lead walk re-orientation: TA Cowles said that sidewalks on the east side of 8900 block of 60th Avenue will be bumped out into the roadway for a stretch and will become a 'no parking' zone. The owners of the corner lot will have to park their car on Seminole Street. The Town has offered, and the owner agreed, to move the lead walk to their home over to Seminole Street. C.P. Johnson has submitted a revised design for the sidewalks.

Mayor Calvo suggested moving the proposed sidewalk ramp at the property closer to 60th Avenue to match the likely route pedestrians would take to cross Seminole Street. This would also shorten the sidewalk after it turns the corner onto Seminole Street. Mr. Sturm said that C.P. Johnson's design is based on ADA guidelines for the safest route, but the ramp can be moved if the Council so chooses. There were no objections from the Council to proceed in this fashion.

BHES frontage bumped out sidewalks: The engineers have submitted a revised design for the school frontage between

the entrance and exit of the school driveway. It calls for bumping the sidewalk 5' out into Pontiac Street instead of building it into the slope behind the existing curb, eliminating the need for retaining walls. The bump out is meant to save 2 trees, get around a telephone pole and avoid moving the school signs. It would require making this stretch 'no parking.' In addition, the design calls for reducing the point of the corner on the driveway entrance to make it easier for left-turning vehicles to enter. The redesign would add \$2,600 to the cost of the project because curbs will have to be rebuilt.

Following a discussion of different options for this stretch of sidewalks, the Council agreed to bump the sidewalks out 4' between entrance and exit of the school driveway. Signage will be needed to alert drivers to the bump-out.

Pops Park ADA accessible entrance: The engineers have submitted a revised design that would place a new ADA accessible entrance on Quebec Street slightly to the east of the intersection with Cunningham Drive, instead of using a center gate on Cunningham Drive. ADA compliant structures may not have more than a 2% grade. The new entrance would provide a level route into the park near the main play structure. This would add about \$3,000 to the cost of the project.

Mayor Calvo proposed to use the existing entrance on Quebec Street as the ADA compliant entrance. It has a curb cut, a fairly level entrance and a handicapped parking space next to it. In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that there would not be an ADA compliant connection from the sidewalk on Cunningham Drive to this entrance. The engineers believe that there is no requirement for such connection since this playground has been in existence for many years, and does not currently have ADA play equipment.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that there was a desire to provide better access for strollers when the playground was renovated. Mayor Calvo said that access for strollers would not necessarily require a 2% grade. He also suggested omitting an entrance through the central gate on Cunningham Drive. Making an access here would require bringing a walk far into the park and use up valuable space. The problem is made worse by the fact that the contractors built the sidewalks with a lesser grade and height than designed.

Pop's Park sidewalk: The engineers' design of the sidewalks at Pop's Park called for building them higher above the roadway and with a 2% grade. This would

have placed the upper sidewalk edge a foot higher than where it is now. The contractor misunderstood the engineering plans, and should have consulted with the Town prior to proceeding. If the sidewalk edge were a foot higher access through the center gate would be easier.

The Council agreed that the contractor should rebuild the sidewalk to the original specifications, and the engineers to design a new walk into the park from the center gate. It was further agreed that the existing entrance on Quebec Street would serve as the ADA entrance. All sidewalk change orders would add approximately \$7,500. However, this is offset by \$5,000 in savings from not doing as many bus stop pads as initially specified, leaving approximately \$3,000 in additional costs for all change orders. CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to approve the changes. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:18 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Greenbelt Station south core update:

Mayor Calvo welcomed Attorney Norman Rivera and Justin Frye of Woodlawn Development for an update on the south core development. Mr. Rivera said that the first set of town homes has been built and people are now living in the south core. A University of Maryland professor was the first to move in and other young professionals followed. The town homes cost \$400,000 - \$500,000 and are selling fast. Phase I and Phase II town homes have been permitted and are under construction. The plans for the apartment complex have been approved but the parking garage still lacks a permit. The developers are seeking Berwyn Heights' support for the Phase III town homes and open space in the northwest corner of the south core. With the support of Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights, the Phase III plans are likely to be reviewed by the Planning Board in May or June, with building permits to follow.

Mr. Frye said that Berwyn Heights' compensation for traffic and safety impacts from the development is tied to building permits pulled. To date the Town has received \$116,000 based on 58 permits pulled. Another \$112,000 is scheduled to be paid out next week based on another 56 permits pulled, for a total of \$228,000 for Phase I construction. Mr. Frye further informed that, starting on April 1; SHA will begin to make improvements on Route 193 to accommodate traffic from the development. A traffic signal will be installed and a single left-turn lane in, and left-turn lane out will be constructed

by the end of this year. Initially, the light will be just flashing before going live.

In response to questions, Mr. Rivera and Frye said that the total amount of \$1 million in compensation owed Berwyn Heights will not change although the number of dwelling units has gone down from 1018 to 803. Two-over-two condos will be situated along Greenbelt Station Parkway. In Phase III, a blank space has been left to allow for the possibility of future retail outlets. At this point, there is no market for retail businesses. If there is not enough interest from retailers when all residential units are occupied, the retail space will become part of a park in the middle of the development.

Further, the developers are required by agreement with the City of Greenbelt to either open the hiker biker trail to the Metro Station, or provide a shuttle service when permits issued reach 200. As a trail cannot be constructed in time, a shuttle will initially bring residents to the station. Families with young children moving into the south core currently go to Berwyn Heights Elementary School, but PGCPs has not made a decision on which schools students will ultimately attend. Developers have a policy not to make any statements about schools. The former Hercules Fence property is now owned by Suntrust. It is zoned MXT and available for developers to bid on. The billboards on Branchville Road are on land owned by the Woodlawn Development Group, but Clear Channel has a 20-year lease for their use.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council will take a position on the plans in April but would like a memo from the developers detailing the proposed plan for the Phase III, and a disbursement schedule based on the revised unit count.

WMATA construction on Ballew Avenue (discussed out of order):

Mayor Calvo welcomed Adam Brown, Project Superintendent, and John Anderson, Safety Director, both with Skanska engineers, the contractor building the WMATA control station on Ballew Avenue. Mr. Brown explained that they are now working on laying water and sewer lines for the control station. Initially, it was thought that this could be done with a single lane closure. However, since opening trenches on Ballew Avenue, they have become concerned about the safety of drivers coming too close to the trenches. The road is very narrow through the Greenbelt Road underpass and then makes a tight turn onto Branchville Avenue. Therefore they would like permission to close the road between

8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the duration of the trench construction. A signed detour is proposed to have traffic turn onto 58th Avenue from Greenbelt Road, and then turn west on Quebec Place and Berwyn Road to get to the businesses located on Ballew Avenue.

Mayor Calvo said he is unhappy about trucks from the industrial businesses on Ballew Avenue coming through Town, and more so, since the road closure and detour are now proposed to occur in the daytime instead of at night. This raises a safety concern about students walking to school. WMATA originally told the Town that there would be no road closures but is now saying otherwise. Mr. Anderson replied that the contractor will try to keep one lane open for traffic as long as possible. However, the entire road must be closed when the lines are laid across Branchville Road before the tunnel, and when manholes are constructed. He cannot say exactly when that would occur, but the pipe-laying will not take longer than 3 weeks.

Mayor Calvo asked that the contractor close the road at night between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., if possible. Further, he asked not to post detour signs in town, as they are not needed if roads are closed at night. The contractor said it should be possible to work at night and they would consent to not posting detour signs. Instead they will notify businesses ahead of time when the road will be closed. On a motion by CM Schreiber and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Council approved a permit for closing Ballew Avenue/ Branchville Road at night, ending in mid-May. The motion passed 5 to 0.

2. Code Compliance

Ordinance 134 - Commercial Clean Lot: TA Cowles said that the last substantive changes to Ordinance 134 were

made in early February. The question now is to what extent changes should be imported from the already amended Ordinance 107 - Residential Clean Lot.

Mayor Calvo said that some differences between the ordinances are intentional as some of the commercial properties have industrial uses and are not expected to follow the same standards as residential properties. Generally, however, enforcement will be stricter because they are for profit operations. The trigger for amending this Ordinance was a concern that some commercial properties were becoming junk yards and that the Town needed new tools to deal with this problem. The approach for enforcing clean lot violations in the commercial district might follow the model applied to structural violations for residential properties. In such cases, a property owner is asked to come up with a plan to fix a problem and negotiate with the Town about a time table.

TA Cowles was asked to transfer changes from the residential Clean Lot to the Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance using her judgment of what makes sense. Most of the differences between the ordinances will be in the standards and enforcement sections. In most cases, businesses will be given a week to remedy a violation, and if the violation is not remedied a fine will be applied. There will not be multiple repeat offenders. Further discussion was postponed until a new version of Ordinance 134 based on these guidelines is available.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that the fee and fine schedule for Ordinance 107 may need to be adjusted as well. CM Schreiber asked whether there are regulations dealing with sump pump discharge. Mayor Calvo said it is an issue the Council may want to look into, and would probably fall under Ordinance 118 - Roads & Right of Ways.

Nothing was discussed under **3. Parks and Recreation.**

4. Public Safety

Ordinance 119 - Traffic & Parking: Mayor Calvo said Chief Antolik proposed that the Council make not having a valid license plate in front and back of a vehicle a violation that can be cited for a \$60 fine. The authority for such a regulation rests in State of Maryland Transportation Article, Section 13 (415) (a). Chief Antolik provided a draft amendment in the relevant section of Ordinance 119 for the Council's consideration. The \$60 fine would be adopted as part of a revised Ordinance 119 Fee & Fine Resolution.

Mayor Calvo asked if there are any other aspects of Ordinance 119 that should be revised. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that Section 4 C - *Abandoned Vehicles* should be reconciled with the sections on abandoned, non-road worthy vehicles in the just amended Ordinance 107. Mayor Calvo thought that Section 4 B - *Commercial and Recreation Vehicles* might be amended to make it a violation to store commercial vehicles with expired tags on private property.

Minutes (discussed out of order): On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Rasmussen, the February 2 work-session minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison the February 17 worksession minutes were adopted 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Public Works,** and **6. Administration.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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Build Your Own Rain Barrel at Our FREE Rain Barrel Construction Workshop!



Using a rain barrel can provide a free water source for gardens and lawns, and can save hundreds of gallons of water during peak summer months. Attend a free workshop on Sunday, May 17 from 2-4 p.m. at the Town Center to learn how to build and install your own rain barrel!

Through a generous grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Green Team is coordinating a hands-on rain barrel construction workshop. You will be provided with free materials and step-by-step guidance at the workshop on how to assemble your own rain barrel. You will be able to transport it home yourself, or Public Works can deliver it to your home for you.

Also during the workshop, the Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will provide information about watershed protection issues and the importance of rain barrels in helping to reduce storm water runoff.

Workshop space is limited, so please be sure to register by Wednesday, May 13—see below for details!

Rain Barrel Workshop Registration Form

To register, return this form to the Town Center,

or email bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com by Wed. May 13

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

SATURDAY • MAY 2, 2015

PARADE ROUTE

(starts at Berwyn His Elementary)

TRAIN ROUTE

(rides are FREE all day)

ROAD BLOCKS

11:00 am – 4:30 pm

12–1:30 pm (during parade only)



BHVFD First Aid Station & FIRE PREVENTION Activities!

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

at Sports Park (Community Center if rain)

ATTRACTIONS

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

PARADE, Performances, Awards & Presentations

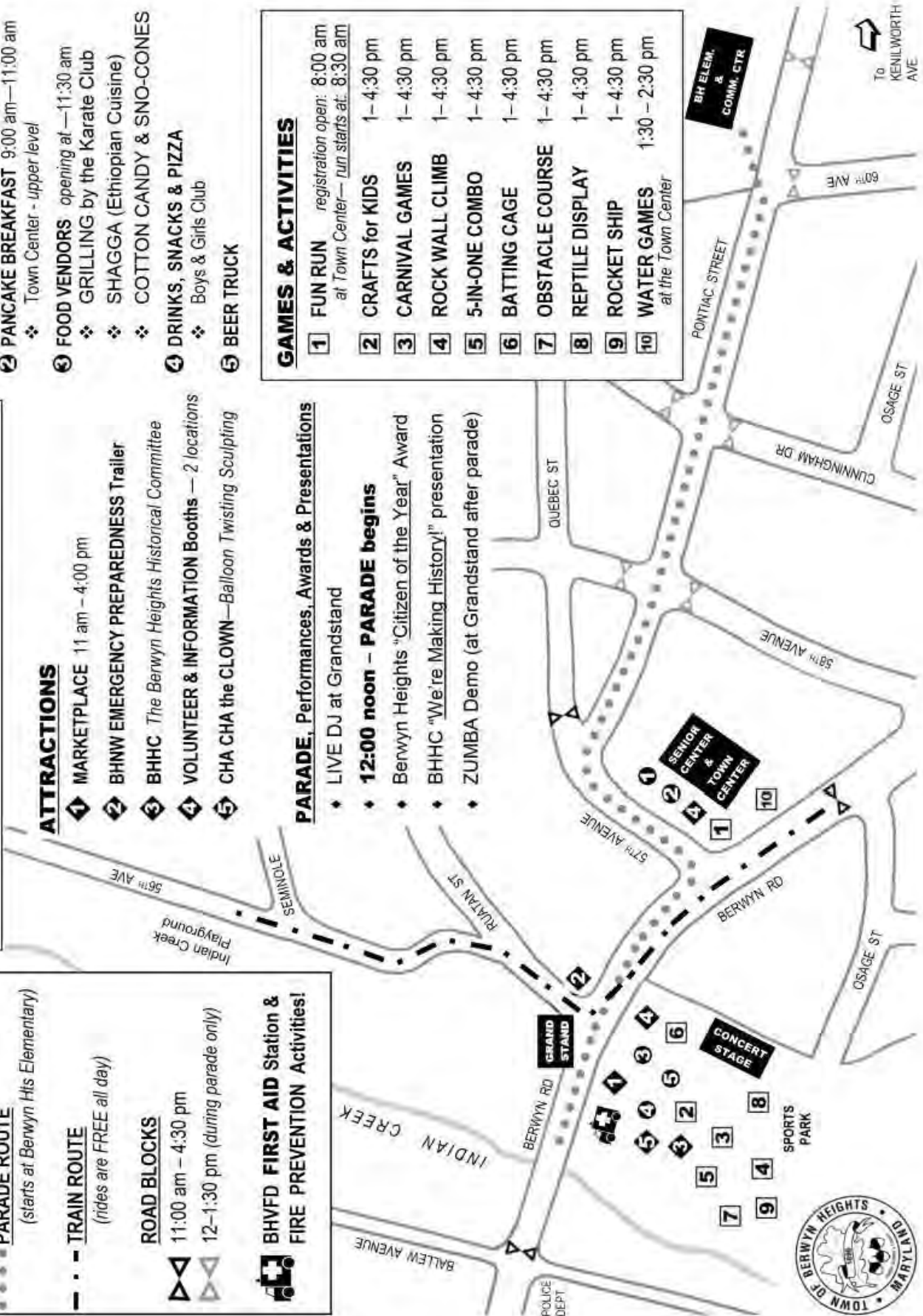
- LIVE DJ at Grandstand
- **12:00 noon – PARADE begins**
- Berwyn Heights "Citizen of the Year" Award
- BHHC "We're Making History!" presentation
- ZUMBA Demo (at Grandstand after parade)

FOOD & DRINKS

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

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

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





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Saturday, June 20th, 2015 at 8:00 AM (rain or shine)

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Cost is only \$3.00 to have your location & items for sale printed on the map, copies will be available June 19th at the Town Office, and June 20th at the BH Community Center parking lot. The map will display all participating addresses of the yard sale 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 Theresa Beck at: beck_theresa@yahoo.com

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 15, 2015 (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 separate sheet to be attached to form.

Fun Run

Berwyn Heights Day — Walk/Run for Fun!

Saturday, May 2, 2015

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



Come out and join the fun. Bring the whole family for a fun 5K run or walk around Lake Artemesia. **Registration is \$10 per adult, \$5 - 13-17 years, \$2 - 12 and under (strollers free) and includes a custom-designed T-Shirt by resident David Williams.** Post-race refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council. These are non-competitive races.

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

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

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FUN RUN

Name _____ Age _____ (only if under 18) Phone _____

CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE: Child: 8-10 14-16 Adult: S M L XL XXL

WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

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

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating more than 30 Years in Berwyn Heights”

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

May 4	Marie La Rue
May 5	Lise Powell
May 6	Rosa Cimermanis
May 9	Howard Johnson
May 14	Rachele Schultz
May 15	Leon Swain
May 20	Deb Hutchison
May 23	Herman Seeger



MAY ACTIVITIES

May 5	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
May 6	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 7	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
May 9	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
May 12	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
May 13	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 14	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
May 19	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
May 20	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 21	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
May 26	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
May 27	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 28	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY 2015—MARKETPLACE VENDORS

Beltway Plaza Mall, Presenting Sponsor (Information)

Berwyn Presbyterian Church (Information)
 Art Way Alliance (Artwork)
 Emprise Travel LLC (Information)
 Midnight Daydreams (Polymer Clay Art)
 Bead Sisters (Beaded Jewelry)
 Scentsy (Candles and Accessories)
 Kathy Shollenberger (Artwork)
 MakerSpace (Science Activities for All)
 Carolee's Soaps (Soap)

Alethia Church of College Park (Information)
 Saramics (Ceramic Artwork)
 Meals on Wheels (Information)
 Greenbelt Farmers Market (Information)
 Prince Georges County Libraries (Information)
 Avon (Health and Beauty Items)
 Paige's Pieces (Textile Artwork)
 AVK Arts (Paintings and More)



The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

WAUGH AVENUE MARKER



At Berwyn Heights Day, the BHHC will be introducing the revised and updated Waugh Avenue Marker. We have new details about the Charlton Heights Improvement Company — stop by our tent to hear about our latest research finds.

Bostwick

A historic Bladensburg home

The community is hereby invited to attend an afternoon of activities, music, food, & entertainment — celebrating the history and culture of Bostwick House.

A special trolley will also be circulating the historic homes of Bladensburg.

May 2, 2015

10am—4pm

3300 48th Street, Bladensburg, MD 20710

info@anacostiatrails.org

301-887-0777

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

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 26



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

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



Free Karate Training!!!!

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

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

Help support the karate club at our grilling fundraiser on Berwyn Heights Day. Menu: hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and pork barbecue.

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

Fiscal Year 2016 Introduced Budget Message

Dear Town Residents:

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

The FY 2016 introduced budget funds the cash purchase of a new police cruiser, implements the Town Council's decision to purchase a new refuse truck from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve to continue planned operational efficiencies in collection services, and appropriates \$34,000 in a salary pool for employee merit or cost of living adjustments at the Mayor and Town Council's discretion.

The FY 2016 introduced budget funds several capital projects: \$30,000 for an economic development consultant for a market analysis; \$17,500 for human resources consulting to overhaul the Town's personnel manual, conduct a classification and pay study, and improve the employee performance evaluation process; \$6,000 to revamp the Town's website with the capability to accept credit card payments online; and \$3,000 in matching funds with the Boys & Girls Club for upgrades to the batting cage at Sports Park.

The following are departmental expenditure highlights:

Administration – The Budget funds Town Administration functions and the maintenance, repair, and operation of the municipal building, Town Center and Senior Center with three full-time employees and two part-time employees.

Code Compliance and Transportation – The Budget funds the Town Council's continued commitment to upholding community standards through a full-time Code Supervisor, 20 hours for Code Inspection, and 10 hours for a Code Clerk, with ongoing streamlining of Code operations expected in this first full year of implementing the Town Council's priority of Code tracking software.

Police Department – The Budget funds 24 hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week police protection with eight full-time officers and one full-time clerk, resulting in the Town's historically low crime rates. BHPD also maintains community partnerships with Berwyn Heights Elementary School and the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee and provides traffic enforcement through the speed camera system.

Public Health and Safety – The Budget appropriates a \$10,000 contribution to support the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department for apparatus outfitting and \$3,000 for the Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch Committee.

Public Works Department – The Budget provides services such as the collection of refuse, bulk trash, yard waste, and recyclable materials. The Department is staffed with eight full-time employees and one part-time employee in order maintain quality levels of service in infrastructure and facilities, with a FY 2016 focus on implementing energy efficiency improvements and replenishing the urban tree canopy.

Parks Recreation – The Budget funds Recreation Council special events such as Berwyn Heights Day, with devoted resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park.

Insurance and Employee Benefits – The Budget includes a 10% increase in health insurance premiums, no increase for general liability insurance, and decreases in workers compensation premiums and unemployment insurance rates due to the small number of claims to date. The budget includes an appropriation for the Town's match for the municipal pool of the Maryland pension system, which decreased from 9.73% to 8.53% of payroll in FY 2016 due to responsible management and favorable performance. Town Employees contribute 7% of their base pay to the Maryland pension system.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process at the public hearing held during the Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Best Regards,

Mayor Cheye Calvo and the Berwyn Heights Town Council

One-Page Summary Introduced Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Introduced	% Variation
Real Estate Property Tax	\$ 1,461,218	\$ 1,228,776	\$ 1,273,469	\$ 1,283,788	1%
Penalties on Taxes	\$ 4,458	\$ 3,419	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	0%
Personal Property Tax	\$ 235,035	\$ 265,576	\$ 249,900	\$ 265,000	6%
Road Fund Tax	\$ 109,096	\$ 96,497	\$ 90,541	\$ 91,227	1%
Income Tax	\$ 421,066	\$ 406,645	\$ 380,000	\$ 410,000	8%
Recycling Fee	\$ 72,030	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
Highway User Revenue	\$ 24,930	\$ 86,995	\$ 93,467	\$ 76,610	-18%
Police Aid	\$ 38,505	\$ 50,493	\$ 51,884	\$ 51,884	0%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 132,731	\$ 141,844	\$ 135,600	\$ 141,100	4%
Service Charges	\$ 2,701	\$ 4,685	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
Intergovernmental	\$ 99,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 171,232	\$ 8,232	-95%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 50,983	\$ 61,121	\$ 140,200	\$ 120,465	-14%
Miscellaneous	\$ 60,858	\$ 94,987	\$ 144,000	\$ 288,200	100%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 2,712,843	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 2,806,963	\$ 2,813,176	0%
Transfers from Reserves	\$ 20,345		\$ 300,000	\$ 163,000	-46%
Transfers from Surplus					
For Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,368	\$ 40,000	-61%
For Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279,251	\$ 42,800	-85%
Total Revenues	\$ 2,733,188	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 3,487,582	\$ 3,058,976	-12%
Mayor and Council	\$ 16,385	\$ 19,129	\$ 27,000	\$ 29,000	7%
Town Administration	\$ 314,152	\$ 336,030	\$ 348,537	\$ 350,334	1%
Municipal Building	\$ 30,035	\$ 22,443	\$ 27,621	\$ 27,366	-1%
Town Center	\$ 41,826	\$ 36,443	\$ 33,521	\$ 33,916	1%
Police Department	\$ 606,504	\$ 564,541	\$ 652,870	\$ 661,244	1%
Misc. Public Safety	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,656	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	0%
Code Compliance & Van	\$ 103,567	\$ 91,372	\$ 108,443	\$ 109,401	1%
Public Works	\$ 706,615	\$ 625,865	\$ 673,506	\$ 683,375	1%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 14,745	\$ 15,661	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0%
Cable	\$ 4,851	\$ 5,003	\$ 15,476	\$ 10,134	-35%
Insurance	\$ 92,259	\$ 99,391	\$ 113,519	\$ 105,100	-7%
Employee Benefits	\$ 230,628	\$ 258,565	\$ 273,978	\$ 294,001	7%
4-Cities Street Sweeper	\$ 14,424	\$ 16,203	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
Consultant Services				\$ 53,500	
Capital Expenditures	\$ 122,746	\$ 49,418	\$ 36,152	\$ 34,792	-4%
Transfers to Reserves	\$ 224,774	\$ 286,160	\$ 247,708	\$ 422,437	71%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,525,891	\$ 2,428,880	\$ 2,615,331	\$ 2,871,600	10%
Capital Projects & Purchases	\$ 186,097	\$ 23,614	\$ 872,251	\$ 185,300	-79%
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,711,988	\$ 2,452,494	\$ 3,487,582	\$ 3,056,900	-12%
Net Total (Transferred to Surplus)	\$ 21,200	\$ 68,946	\$ -	\$ 2,076	
Reserve Balances					
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	
Cable TV Reserve	35,294	62,013	62,013	62,013	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	204,015	377,507	551,315	699,152	
NW/EP Trailer Reserve	5,163	6,007	6,007	2,507	
Recycling/Tipping Fund	-	10,163	10,163	10,000	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	230,769	305,711	339,611	235,211	
Greenbelt Station Impact Fee Reserve				195,000	
Total Reserves	\$ 917,241	\$ 1,203,401	\$ 1,411,109	\$ 1,645,883	
Total Surplus	\$ 914,549	\$ 985,575	\$ 604,956	\$ 522,156	

FISCAL YEAR 2016 — PROPOSED BUDGET

PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT

Dear Town Residents:

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

Mayor Cheye Calvo and the Berwyn Heights Town Council

Public Safety Taxing District Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Summary

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



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **March 2015**. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report

taken during the period within a specified category.

03/01/2015 at 1:30 am, Cpl. Roberson impounded a black Mercedes from the 8900 block of 58th Avenue. The vehicle was unregistered and displaying tags to another vehicle.

03/04/2015 at 10:50 am, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a lost property report at the request of a Town resident who claims that he lost the tags to his vehicle after he removed them.

03/04/2015 at 3:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a report for found property. The wallet was found in front of the CVS in Greenbelt, MD. Pfc. Ignowski identified the owner and investigation revealed that she had lost her wallet in DC.

03/04/2015 at 7:48 pm, Pvt. Hollowell investigated a hit and run that was reported from the location of the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. Pvt. Hollowell identified the suspect and initiated an arrest at the location of Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue. Jose Isaias Marquina, a 46 y/o, white Latino male was arrested and charged with DUI and leaving the scene of an accident. In addition, Mr. Marquina's 2005 GMC truck was also impounded.

03/05/2015 at 1:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski, Pvt. Ramirez and Chief Antolik responded to the 5500 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a citizen robbery. Investigation revealed that while a 37 y/o, white Latino female was using an ATM at the Bank of America located near the Beltway Plaza Mall, a white male attacked her and tried to snatch money from her hands. He later fled down Greenbelt Road towards the SunTrust Bank. While Pvt. Ramirez assisted with speaking Spanish, the suspect was detained by a Prince George's County Officer who was at the 7-11 near Greenbelt Road and University Blvd. The suspect was positively identified by the victim and he was identified as 34 y/o, white male Mr. Benjamin Walter Roston of Shady Side, MD. Greenbelt City Police was notified and Mr. Roston was charged with attempted robbery and assault by the Greenbelt City PD.

03/06/2013 at 2:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2004 Toyota van from the corner of 58th, Avenue at Ruatan Street, due to an accident.

03/10/2015 at 9:28 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the rear parking lot of the McDonalds for a found shotgun. The shotgun was inoperative and broken. A trace through ATF was submitted.

03/11/2015 at 11:07 am, Pfc. Ignowski and Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of a black male tipping over trashcans. Officers located the subject and told him to pick up the mess.

03/12/2015 at 3:42 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a stolen handicapped placard.

03/15/2015 at 12:40 pm, Det. Unger submitted a fraud report from SECU alleging a fraud that occurred in January 2015. Det. Unger later identified the suspect, a 23 y/o, b/m who stole a \$50,000. check from a credit union in VA and deposited at SECU. Charges are pending.

03/16/2015 at 10:25 am, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 1999 Ford Van from the location of the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue. The vehicle was parked for more than 72 hours.

03/17/2015 at 7:45 am, Pfc. Ignowski arrested a 29 y/o, Latino male, Mr. Jorge Membreno-Villatoro, for an outstanding warrant from the location of Kenilworth Avenue at Pontiac Street. Mr. Jorge Membreno-Villatoro was taken to DOC without incident.

03/18/2015 at 2:46 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of a suspicious envelope that a resident received.

03/19/2015 at 1:00 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 8700 block of 58th, Avenue for a report of theft from a 2002 Honda.

03/19/2015 at 2:00 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 5900 block of Osage Street for a report of theft from a 2001 Ford Truck.

03/20/2015 at 12:07, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1997 Honda from the 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

03/24/2015 at 4:25 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7600 block of Marietta Lane for two employees having a dispute.

03/24/2015 at 8:57 pm, Pvt. Hollowell arrested a 27 y/o, b/m, Mr. Curtis Jones of Bowie, MD for an outstanding warrant. Mr. Jones was arrested in the area of Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue.

03/30/2015 at 12:16 pm, Pfc. Ignowski stopped a suspicious person in the area of the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue. The 23 y/o, w/ m was identified and sent on way.

03/31/2015 at 1:50 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8900 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a stolen backpack. Victim left his backpack outside of 7-11 while he was shopping.

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BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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



**THANK
YOU**

I would like to thank everyone who donated to my community service project. I was able to collect more than 40 items to donate to the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. I would also like to thank the staff at the Berwyn Heights Town Office for allowing me to set a donation box in their office.

Alexander Harris

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 Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

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

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

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

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002

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

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

For Sale—Sacrifice: Riding lawn mower, as is, \$200; Large screened gazebo, mint, box unopened, \$150. Need help with sewing project? (My house or Yours.) Call Nancy 301-345-2022 for more details on all three items.

After Business Hours:



**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE
DISPATCH PHONE**

NUMBER— 301-352-1200
Tell the P.G. County Dispatcher the nature of your problem; specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to your call.

**IN AN EMERGENCY
CALL 911**

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond
301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000

Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Playgroup

Jaime Sampson

sampson.jaime@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

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Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Georgiana Stark

President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-237-2829

Theresa Beck 301-728-2881

beck_theresa@yahoo.com



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



Happy Mother's Day!

Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60th Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents:

March 18th - Squad 14B, Ambo 14, Utility 14 & Chief 14A (Fabrizio) extricated a patient trapped under a Metro train in the Greenbelt Metro Station. Chief 14A had command of the incident.

March 22nd - Truck 14 operated in the 8200blk of Northview Ct in Laurel at the working house fire.

March 25th - Truck 14, Squad 14B & Chief 14A extricated a victim from under a van on 38th Ave in College Park. The jack slipped while the victim was working under the vehicle. Volunteer crews from BHVFD quickly stabilized and lifted the vehicle to remove the victim.

April 5th - Truck 14 operated in the 9500Blk of Sheridan St in Lanham for the working house fire. BHVFD crews searched the 1st floor and basement.

April 6th - Squad 14B & Chief 14B (Kiernan) responded to the 13300blk of Edmonston Rd in Beltsville for a head on collision car vs a trash truck resulting in two people trapped in the car, two people ejected, and numerous others injured. The volunteer crew of Squad 14B quickly extricated the trapped patients and then assisted Beltsville VFD units with triage of the other patients. Chief 14B was assigned Rescue Group supervisor.

April 6th - Squad 14B & Tech Support 14 operated in the 6900Blk of Heidenbeug Rd in Lanham for a vehicle into a house with one trapped. The volunteer BHVFD crews arrived, stabilized the house & vehicle, and extricated the driver.

April 7th - Truck 14 responded to the University of Maryland to assist the overwhelmed units from College Park VFD with dozens of people stuck in elevators and other incidents throughout campus after a regional power outage.

April 8th - Squad 14B extricated a trapped driver from a head on vehicle collision in the 9500Blk of Baltimore Ave in College Park.

April 9th - Squad 14B & Ambo 14 responded to Greenbelt Rd/ 57th Ave in Berwyn Heights for a pedestrian struck.

Pictures and additional info about these incidents and others on our website: www.BHVFD14.org or our Facebook & Twitter Pages!

New Ambulance 14 in Service!

The newest addition to the proud Berwyn Heights VFD fleet is a 2015 Demers built Ambulance on a Ford F- 450 4x4 chassis. The unit has many custom features including: Whelen M-series Emergency lighting, LED interior and exterior compartment lighting, exclusive DEMS multiplexed electrical system that allows an anti-idling feature that reduces fuel consumption up to

40% annually, full touchscreen display, Liquid Spring suspension and many eco-friendly options. It is a much needed and welcomed addition to our EMS fleet. This purchase was made possible by **YOUR** generous contributions to our annual Fund Drive and by an increase in funding from the Town of Berwyn Heights. *Thank you!*



New Berwyn Heights Ambulance 14

Outdoor Grilling Safety Tips:

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.



- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep a fire extinguisher close by while grilling.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Station 14 Call Volume: March 2015

Rescue Squads:	93
Ladder Truck:	107
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	4
Ambulance & Paramedic Ambulance	170
Total Station Runs for Marh	374

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR 2014 "YEAR IN REVIEW" VIDEO ON YOUTUBE?

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The Bugle - May 2015

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= LOOK FOR AN EMAIL WITH OUR NEXT DATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE ARTWAY ALLIANCE!!

= 2015 FALL MOVIE NIGHT/ CAMP OUT

= FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

= FALL SPORTS



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club!!!!!!

= Thank you to the parent volunteers who give their time to coach and mentor our children. There is not enough time or space to let you know how thankful we are for you!

**= A huge thank you to town resident Taryn Ege-
lanian who graciously donated two University of
Maryland tickets to our kids! We appreciate you.**

= Thanks for all who participated in our 2015 Annual Camp Out and all who donated for Berwyn Heights Day.

= We are looking to start a Family Kick Ball League and Adult League in town. Look for email soon!

***** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *****

THE BHBGC REALLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

**BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD
COACHES FOR ALL SPORTS
ASSISTANT COACHES
TEAM PARENTS
MENTORS/TUTORS
CONCESSION STAND HELP
MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE
EQUIPMENT MANAGER
FIELD PREPARATION MANAGER**



BHBGC's RISING STAR: My name is Anthony Depaz and I'm currently a student attending Frostburg State University, pursuing an Accounting Degree. I have the privilege to be part of the men's soccer team and participate in the school's business club. Prior to attending Frostburg State, I graduated with honors from De-Matha Catholic High School. I was a part of JV and Varsity soccer team and collaborated in the Student Government Association and the National Honor Society. I have competed at the highest level of club soccer, and had the opportunities to travel outside the country and play with a professional team in El Salvador and try-out for the Salvadorian U-20 National Team. I attribute much of my success to my family and community that have supported me over the years, but also to a certain organization that helped me become who I am today, specifically the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club.

I was about 7 years old when my family moved to Berwyn Heights. Here I was in a new town, a new school, meeting new friends and getting accustomed to a new environment. However, it was the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club that helped make this transition easier. Playing sports like basketball, soccer and baseball allowed me to meet other kids in the neighborhood which became lifetime friendships. I learned the importance of volunteering through the Boys and Girls Club. Still to this day I remember and am thankful to Coach Tom Reynolds and Matt Nichols amongst many others that served as role models, especially since I lacked a father figure. The club also taught me a number of valuable lessons that helped me throughout my high school and college years. Playing for the Boys and Girls Club taught me how to compete, how to win and lose gracefully and how to be a part of a team/ community. Out of all the teams/organizations I have been a part of, the Boys and Girls Club will always have a special place in my heart for being such a vital part of my growth. I encourage our youth today, not only in Berwyn Heights community, but everywhere to participate in the Boys and Girls Club because they teach you a lot and the experiences are priceless. I hope to one day come back and volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club and help jumpstart the next generation.

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Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



Itching to get the yard or home in shape for the summer?

Here are ways to help ensure your spring spruce-up is disaster-free:

- Household and pool chemicals, paints and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.
- When cleaning up hazardous chemicals, wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the packaging. If you don't know how to dispose of them, seek advice.
- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers and magazines.
- Avoid lawn-mower injuries:
 - Rake before you mow to prevent any stones and loose debris from launching into the air.
 - Never operate a mower in your bare feet and avoid wearing loose clothing.
 - When refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine - and **DON'T SMOKE** while pouring gasoline.
 - Never leave your mower unattended.
 - Don't use electrical mowers on wet grass.
- Ladder Safety:
 - Read the manufacturer's instructions that come with your ladder. They contain guidelines for weight and height limits as well as for the proper use of their product.
 - Inspect the ladder before using it to make sure there are no loose or broken rungs.
 - Make sure the ladder is the right height for the job. Many accidents happen when people overextend their reach because their ladders are too short.
 - Make sure the ladder is completely open, and that all of its feet are planted on a firm, level surface. Extension ladders should not be placed at an angle that is too extreme.

Contracting out the work? Stay safe- a less than reputable contractor...

- Solicits door-to-door
- Offers a "free" inspection and then finds a problem that needs to be repaired immediately
- Claims they are doing work in your neighborhood and have "extra material" left over
- Pressures you to sign a contract for the work immediately or offers a "special deal" available "today only"
- Demands full payment up front, particularly if payment is demanded in cash
- **Lacks identification and a permit from the Town**

The Maryland Home Improvement Commission licenses and regulates home improvement contractors, subcontractors and salespersons. Home improvement work includes alteration, remodeling, repair or replacement of a building or part of a building used as a residence.

Find out more: <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic/>

Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Town Office

C O D E N E W S Clean Lot Ordinance 107 Revised

The Town Council recently adopted an updated Clean Lot Ordinance that is now posted at the Town website. The readability of the Ordinance was improved and regulations tightened to focus on key problems. These include:

Shorter compliance periods for repeat offenders and multiple repeat offenders;

Clearer enforcement rules. A table was added to show time frames for remedying different types of violations. New categories of enforcement were added for imminent threats that must be remedied immediately upon receipt of a notice (e.g. unsafe storage of flammable materials), and for unsafe accessory structures that may require a plan to be fixed.

Clearer, stricter clean lot standards. Regulation of bamboo and other invasive plants was addressed. Home owners who plant bamboo must now maintain a 2 foot buffer inside their property line to prevent it from spreading to neighboring properties. Regulation for storage of inoperable, untagged vehicles and property address identification were also tightened.

Clean Lot Violations	March
High Grass/ Vegetation	1
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	6
Animals	2
Trash/ Litter	11
Refuse Collection	7
Vehicles	24
Miscellaneous	18
Commercial	1
Total Clean Lot Violations	53
Permits	
Building	1
Dumpster/ PODs	1
Violations	0
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	2
Total Rentals	202
Inspections	12
Re-inspections	3
Fines	1
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	1
Lost Vacant Homes	0
Total Vacant Properties	43

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May is here and there is so much to do! In addition to those home DIY projects, please make sure to: Go to Berwyn Heights day, Cinco de Mayo festival, DC Yoga week- National Mall, embassy tours, National Harbor fest, Nat's home games, and more, all happening in May.

5 Easy DIY's.....

- Under cabinet kitchen lighting.
- Paint old kitchen cabinets and add new hardware.
- Freshen up and update landscaping.
- Clean up & decorate that patio or deck.
- Closet organizers for even small closets.

These quick and easy updates are featured on DIYnetwork.com under "how to's". Even if you aren't selling, these small changes can help update, clean up and make a small space appear larger! You'll love the space and updates you create. So will family, guests & buyers...

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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

May 2015

A great, big BHES THANK YOU for our new piano!

Until a few weeks ago, BHES did not have a piano! Berwyn Heights residents Pat Agee and Deisy Varona kindly answered the school's request for a piano by donating this beautiful electric piano in perfect condition. Our music teacher, Mrs. Tiffany Papanikolas, and the young musicians of BHES couldn't be happier with the wonderful instrument, which is adding so much to their music education. THANK YOU SO MUCH!



We love our TEACHERS!

Since 1984, National PTA has designated the first week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children.

It is the perfect time to personally thank your child's teacher for their sacrifices and support for your child throughout the year.

The BHES PTA needs parents to **volunteer** to help make this a special week to show our wonderful teachers how much they are appreciated.

Please email president@bhespta.org to ask how you can help.

Join the email list!

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

Please email president@bhespta.org to join.



MAY 4-8, 2015

BHES PTA Board Nominations ATTENTION PARENTS!

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

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



**Without a PTA board,
there can be no PTA at**

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

A nomination form with the descriptions of the board positions came home with your child in March. New board members will be sworn in at the end-of-year party in June.

In the Gardens...

We have a new water feature added to the Peace Garden to help keep our pollinators happy through the warmer days, he is a friendly little hippo. If you ever see him empty, please feel free to fill him up with water from the rain barrel! As for our next plan of action, the PTA garden team is hoping to plant some plants and seeds with the 4th graders to enhance the Monarch visits into our gardens. Lastly, a big thank you to Behnke Nursery for donating \$25.00 towards our garden this spring!



Important Dates

May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5: PTA Meeting, 6:45pm, library

May 14: Instrumental Concert, 7pm

May 21: Chorus Concert, 7pm

May 25: No school (Memorial Day)





May 2015

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr. 26	Apr. 27   	Apr. 28    7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office	Apr. 29 	Apr. 30 	May 1   Street Sweeper	2 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY 
3	4    7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	5   	6  7:30 PM NW-EP Meeting Town Office	7  7:00 P.M. Rec. Council Meeting Town Office	8 	9
10  Street Sweeper	11    7:00 PM Budget Worksession Town Office (tentative)	12    7:00 PM Green Team Meeting Town Office	13  7:30 PM Town Meeting FY 2016 Budget Adoption Town Office	14 	15 	16
17 2:00 PM Rainbarrel Workshop Town Center	18    7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	19   	20 	21 	22 	23
24	25 Memorial Day Town Offices Closed No Trash Pickup	26    	27   	28 	29 	30



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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

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