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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORD 109 - ELECTIONS

**OCTOBER 14, 2015** 

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on amendments to the Town's Election Ordinance, last amended in 1999.

The updated Ordinance incorporates new State of Maryland and Prince George's County election requirements, adds provisions on write-in candidates, and redefines the responsibilities of the Board of Election Supervisors and Town Clerk.

Public comments and questions are welcome. For more information call (301) 474-5000, or e-mail the Town at contact@town.berwynheights.md.us



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, October 24 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM Buddy Attick Parking Lot Greenbelt Public Works Yard Telephone 240-542-2153

## Treasurer Job Opening

The Town has an opening for a full-time Treasurer. The Treasurer serves as a member of the senior management team and is responsible for managing day-to-day and long-term financial operations.

Applicants must have an excellent knowledge of accounting procedures, budget and financial statement preparation, familiarity with payroll tax laws, and proficiency in Microsoft Office, automated payroll services, and financial software such as Quick Books.

Minimum Qualifications: A degree in finance, accounting, public administration, or a related field; and at least five years of experience, preferably in a municipal or public sector organization.

Salary is up to \$68,000 plus benefits package. Send letter of interest, resume, and Employment Application to the Town Administrator at 5700 Berwyn Road Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.



#### **PERMITS ISSUED**

Solicitors: Aflac

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#### **OUTAGES & EMERGENCIES**

### **English Speaking**

(877) 737-2662 Downed Wires, Burning Wires or Life-Threatening Situations

(877) 737-2662
Power Outages, or
Street Light Outages
(Need Pole Number
and nearest Address)

Hard of Hearing (TTY)

(202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking

(202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical Equipment

(202) 833-7500 To Register for Priority List

You can also report and check on outages online at: <a href="http://www.pepco.com/">http://www.pepco.com/</a> connect-with-us/contact-us/

## REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday Entire Town	Friday
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	NONE
Bulk Trash	Bulk Trash			
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

## Worksession August 10, 2015

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

#### 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** Long-time resident and President of the Seniors Club, Jean McConnell, passed away unexpectedly on July 30, 2015. The Boys & Girls Club is preparing for the Harvest Fest fundraiser on October 3, 2015.

Calendar: The first day of school will be on August 25. The date for an emergency preparedness drill was added for September 12. The date for the Town's legislative dinner needs to be scheduled at the end of November or early December.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Schreiber, the July 20 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

**Department reports:** TA Cowles said that the Code Department has been busy with high grass violations. CM Dennison noted that the Town committees are on break now and will resume meeting in September. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that two new police cruisers are being readied for use. In Administration, Treasurer Lape retired and the position is now filled by a temporary accountant, Regina Williams, until the Council reviews the Town treasurer position and hires a replacement.

CM Schreiber reported that new Public Works Clerk Nichelle Howard was named employee of the month. She helped educate residents about the new refuse collection schedule, and reduced rates of non-compliance from 150 to 20 households in July. The Public Works Department earned praise for sprucing up the landscaping at the Town Center for National Night Out. On the recent electronics recycling day, he was pleased to find Juan Thorpe, Marvin Plummer and Gary Stanton helping out at the Greenbelt Public Works yard.

Citizen comments: Councilmembers received a warning about the splitting of an old tree on Edmonston Road, which was at risk of falling. The Police and

DPW cordoned off the area and sent cars on a detour. The home owner called in a contractor who removed the tree without incident. CM Robles said that National Night Out went well and had good attendance despite the rain.

Ordinance 109 - Elections revision: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council is hoping to complete the revision of the Election Ordinance by this fall, so an updated Ordinance is available for the 2016 Town Council election.

Clerk Harper explained that in the first draft of the revised Ordinance entire sections have been added, deleted and moved. Other changes include updated references to relevant State of Maryland legislation, addition of provisions on the pre-election processes, and redefining the responsibilities of the Town Clerk and the Town's Board of Election Supervisors. The revised Ordinance follows the template of other recently revised Ordinances, and is arranged in a chronological order. The section dealing with Election Day maintains the separate descriptions for voting by machine and voting by paper ballot. However, a large part of the step-by-step instructions for election judges has been removed, and will be retained as part of the Elections Procedure Manual.

The Council reviewed the revised Sections 1 - 5 and made the following observations and changes:

After Section 1 - Purpose and Authority: a section on applicability will be added.

Section 2 – Definitions: These will be reviewed and updated after the rest of the Ordinance has been written.

<u>Section 3 - Voter Registration:</u> Chapter V of the Town Charter should be cited to define eligibility to vote instead of "Section 5". The residency requirement of 30 days prior to an election will be added for determining eligibility to vote.

Section 4 - Appointment and Duties of the Board of Election Supervisors: a reference to five election judges should be dropped from the statement of duties of the Board of Election Supervisors, so as to avoid conflict with the Town Charter. A provision to appoint a Chief Election Judge should be added. How the invitation to serve on the Board is advertised should be written more broadly, to include not only publishing in the Town Bulletin, but also on the website and perhaps other venues.

<u>Section 5 - Preparing for Elections:</u> The Elections Procedure Manual should be referenced as one of the guiding docu-

ments election judges need to be familiar with. The amount of compensation for election judges should be referenced in the Elections Procedure Manual. A new subsection on Candidates' Night should not specify a date for holding a Candidates' Night, and leave participation as an option. A subsection on notice of elections should be added, as per Town Charter.

Clerk Harper further noted that the post election sections have some new provisions as well. After the Board of Election Supervisors completes the tallying, a "Statement of Election Results" is prepared and presented to the sitting Mayor for signature within 48 hours of the election. The form of the statement is incorporated in the revised Ordinance. Further, a subsection on reporting the election results to the County Board of Elections for certification was added. Time frames for reporting the results to the County need to be confirmed.

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

Prioritization of FY 2016 capital projects: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that this item was requested by MPT Rasmussen, who could not be present tonight. However, for the benefit of newly appointed CM Robles, she explained that after each election the Council brainstorms the things they want to accomplish during their term and then prioritize them. TA Cowles provided the list of priorities the Council developed after the 2014 election. Some goals on the list have already been accomplished, (such as the hiring of the new Town Administrator), some are in progress, and some have not been initiated. In addition there are goals that can be implemented at the department level and do not require the Council's involvement. With 9 months left in this Council's term, not all goals can be completed. The Council needs to make a decision on which projects to pursue and in what order.

TA Cowles gave an overview of the status of FY 2015 priority projects that are as yet unfinished. Contractor E&R Services is finishing up priority 1 sidewalks, bus stops pads and benches. Then they will mobilize for the 63rd Avenue sidewalk, which is only one block long. They expect to be done the end of September. In response to CM Robles, TA Cowles said that trash receptacles were not a part of the planned bus stop improvements, but can be added. She is also in the process of negotiating a contract for the emergency generators with the low bid contractor. A County building

permit has already been issued but may have to be revised for the scaled down project. The contractor is responsible for obtaining the electric and mechanical permits. The project is expected to be finished in November this year. The demolition of two vacant homes is moving forward. The owners of the properties have been notified and have another 30 days to address the deficiencies themselves. The Town has identified the low bid contractor for the demolitions, who is working on obtaining the permits. The demolitions are expected to be completed by the end of September.

TA Cowles continued with an overview of FY 2016 capital projects. She said that a Request for Proposals is probably needed to define the scope of the economic development study the Council funded at the amount of \$30,000. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy elaborated that the study was intended to identify ways to attract businesses to Berwyn Heights and to improve the commercial district. The County zoning rewrite is likely to impact how the Route 193 corridor develops in the future.

TA Cowles said that the Council also funded a personnel consultancy at the amount of \$17,000, which would help the Town update its personnel manual, perform a pay and classification study and review the performance evaluation process. She has identified two vendors that might bid on this project. An urban tree consultant was funded at the amount of \$15,000 undertake a tree inventory, possibly draft a master plan for planting and caring for urban trees, and make recommendations for updating the Urban Tree Ordinance. A website consultancy was funded at the amount of \$6,000 to upgrade the Town's website. Four vendors have been asked to submit proposals. Lastly, \$20,000 was budgeted for street repairs to contain further deterioration of the roadways until a larger street resurfacing project can take place. Deteriorated curbs and gutters on the streets that are next in line for repaying will be repaired in conjunction with the priority 1 sidewalks.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy proposed and the Council agreed to rank the priority of FY 2016 projects as follows:1) human resources study; 2) website upgrade; 3) urban forest planning; 4) Economic development study; 5) street renovation whenever Public Works is ready to move forward.

TA Cowles noted that the Council also considered revising Rental Housing Ordinance to incorporate changes in State law regarding carbon monoxide detectors. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that this may have to wait as other changes would be more extensive. She thought the Council should finish amending the Election Ordinance, then work on the Urban Forest Ordinance and then the Rental Housing Ordinance.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance**.

#### 3. Parks and Recreation

Jean McConnell plaque: CM Dennison said that the Seniors Club would like to commemorate the contributions of the recently deceased Jean McConnell. A plaque or senior citizen of the year award was proposed as possible ways to memorialize her. More input from the Seniors Club will be needed.

#### 4. Public Safety

Police station lease: TA Cowles explained that the lease for the police station in the Weygandt Building expired in June. The space is now rented on a month-to-month basis. The landlord offered the same rate of \$1,744 per month as in the old lease and to make some repairs and improvements to the building if the Town signs up for another two years. TA Cowles recommended opting into mediation to resolve disputes in addition to litigation. A penalty clause for breaking the lease might be added, if desired. In response to CM Robles, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town does not currently own any property large enough to build a police station, and therefore continues to rent. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Schreiber, the Council voted 4 to 0 to approve the signing of the lease.

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

#### 6. Administration

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the cover of the September Bulletin: Labor Day theme; headlines for Hello Huskies, Ice Cream Social and Boys & Girls Club Harvest Festival. A NW/EP emergency preparedness drill was added as a jump.

Bike repair station agreement: TA Cowles explained that the Town requested Parks & Planning to permit installing a bike repair station at the Community Center. M-NCPPC requires a use agreement to be signed that requires the Town to install, maintain and replace the repair station. The attorneys for M-NCPPC and the Town have reviewed the agreement and made the necessary changes. On a motion by CM Robles,

and second by CM Dennison, the limited access license agreement was approved 4 to 0. The agreement will be approved by resolution at the next Town meeting.

Treasurer's position: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that Treasurer Suzan Lape retired at the end of July after 20 years of service with the Town. The Town hired a temporary accountant to fill the position until a permanent replacement can be found. Meanwhile, the Council is requested to rethink what the role of the treasurer might be in the context of a unified government structure enacted with Ordinance 121 - Executive Powers & Duties. When the Council discussed this Ordinance, it was thought desirable to have another staff member who could act as an assistant to, and support for the Town Administrator.

Initially, the code supervisor position was considered in filling that role. However, the Council concluded the two areas of responsibility are too dissimilar. This leaves the treasurer position to be considered for the assistant town administrator role. This would probably be a better fit as the treasurer is already a member of the Administration Department and works on financial matters. Former Treasurer Lape used to step in as Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Antolik as Chief Administrative Officer, when former TA Murphy was out sick for an extended period.

TA Cowles said the budget is big part of her job and assistance in developing the budget is welcome. The treasurer is already familiar with the book keeping function but could be asked to learn more about how the budget is arrived at. She envisions budget making as a team effort between the town administrator and a treasurer/ assistant town administrator. This would also help in marketing the position and finding a better candidate. She provided the current treasurer position description and a treasurer job advertisement from the Town of Brentwood as an example. She would strongly recommend including the minimum educational requirement of Bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration or at least 5 years experience when advertising the opening.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said the Town's treasurer's job description has most of the needed pieces but should be reorganized. The responsibility of assisting the town administrator should be moved up after payroll and general accounting responsibilities, while others can be deleted. The post office and amusement park ticket functions should become

backup duties to the administrative assistant. An educational requirement should be added. The advertised salary should start with the salary Ms. Lape earned. If necessary, additional funds might be taken from a salary pool the Council set aside in the FY 2016 budget. TA Cowles was asked to provide a revised job description at the next worksession for the Council's approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## own Meeting August 12, 2015

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

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Minutes

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

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

TA Cowles gave the Treasurer's report for the month of July as Treasurer Lape had retired.

#### 3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that longtime Treasurer Suzan Lape retired on July 31, 2015. A temporary accountant has taken her place until the Town can hire a new treasurer. The Council is in the process of reviewing the duties and responsibilities of the treasurer and is drafting a new job description, which will serve to recruit the next treasurer. It is hoped that the position will be filled by the end of this year.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that two longtime residents have recently passed away. Jean McConnell, who was the Seniors Club President for 30 years, died on June 30. She was very active in the community and her church and served on the Recreation Council and Historical Committee for many years... The Town also lost Elwood McClary of 59th Avenue, who died on August 7.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that departmental assignments of councilmembers changed following CM Robles' appointment to the Council. CM Robles is now heading the Code Compliance Department, MPT Rasmussen the Administration Department, and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy the Police Department.

In other news, the Town of Berwyn Heights hosted the last Four Cities meeting, where a representative from the Department on Permits, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) gave an overview of the agency and received questions about the permitting process. DPIE also responded favorably to citizen concerns about the proposed farmers market permit fee increases brought up at the meeting, and rolled back the increases at least for the coming year. The meeting drew veterans concerned about the closing of the Veterans' Outpatient Clinic in Greenbelt. They were informed that transportation will be provided for any elderly or disabled veterans who want to utilize the services at the south county facility in Camp Springs.

Further, there was an update on the pedestrian bridge that has been closed since it was damaged when a construction crane hit it this spring. WMATA and the contractor building the test track are close to settling the insurance claims relating to the accident, and moving ahead with repairing the bridge by November this year. The shooting of the Four Cities video to promote the relocation of the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt Station is nearing completion. A "World Premiere" showing of the video will take place on August 30, 1 p.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theater. Finally, the Spellman House Apartments in College Park, which offers assisted living for low income seniors, has some openings on their waiting list. Anyone interested can contact the Town office for more information.

#### 4. Department Reports

Administration: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the contract for the emergency generators has been signed and construction is likely to begin within the next couple of months. It is hoped that the generators will be installed by the end of the year and henceforth provide reliable backup power during a power outage. The Administration Department is also working on revising the Town treasurer's job description and finding a new treasurer.

Code Compliance: MPT Rasmussen said it was a privilege to emcee National Night Out, which was well attended despite a light rain. He thanked the police and public works staff for all their preparations. He also thanked Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford for speaking at the event and spending time visiting with all the clubs and booths represented. It was an honor to participate in the memorial tree planting for former Code Officer Charlie Hall with his wife Dianna, son Michael and a grandson.

In Code news, he will soon meet with CM Robles to hand over the Code Department and brief her on its operations. He plans to talk about the recently amended Clean Lot Ordinance and the substantial changes made in the approach to curbing invasive species, especially bamboo, storing unregistered vehicles, and maintaining accessory structures. Lastly, he has made progress toward his public pledge to lose 40 lbs as part of the "Lose It to Win It" campaign. He lost 10 lbs as a result of a 30 minute walk to work that comes with his new job in D.C.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that school starts on August 25. Drivers should watch out for students.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik remarked on another successful National Night Out and thanked the NW/EP Committee volunteers for their help in manning the grills, Public Works for setting up and MPT Rasmussen for being Master of Ceremonies. He then gave the police activities report for July. There were 2 assaults and 7 larcenies for a total of 9 Part I offenses, which is higher than the 5 year average of 6.8. The year to date total is 41, slightly above the 5 year average of 40.8. Residents are advised not to leave valuables in their cars, where most of the larcenies occur. The police wrote 198 state and municipal citations and 156 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road.

Chief Antolik then read an email from resident Michael Hunt commending Officer Ignowski for his thorough and professional response to a security alarm going off in his daughter's house while being abroad. Lastly, Chief Antolik showed the new Berwyn Heights police patch that will soon be worn by the officers.

In response to questions, Chief Antolik said that he plans to move the speed camera from Edmonston Road to Pontiac Street with the beginning of the school year. Residents are reminded that the police will not give warnings but immediately issue tickets for any traffic violation

during the first two weeks of school. A theft of \$1,500 from a vehicle is believed to have been perpetrated by a person who knew it was in the glove box.

**Public Works:** CM Schreiber thanked the Police for hosting National Night Out and the Public Works Department for helping with setup and cleanup. Nichelle Howard was chosen employee of the month for educating residents on the changes in the trash collection schedule, reducing violations from 150 to less than 10 in a 30 day period. He was pleased to find 3 DPW employees helping out with Greenbelt's last recycling day.

CM Robles reported that she attended the July 25 Prince George's County zoning rewrite workshop. This was an opportunity to meet the rewrite team and learn how zoning can shape a neighborhood. The next meeting will be on September 17 at the Sports & Learning Complex.

#### 5. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane reported that the Committee will hold a night time emergency preparedness drill on September 12 at BHES and are in need of volunteers to act as victims and citizen helpers. The mass casualty drill will be a joint exercise with the CERT teams of neighboring cities who are likely to help each other in an actual emergency. Volunteers can sign up at berwyn.heights.certs@hotmail.com.

In response to CM Schreiber, Mr. Shane said that a worst case scenario emergency would be a train accident with an explosion of chemicals, for example. CERTS are trained to respond to such an incident, but would only do so if professional first responders are not able to. Once professionals are on the scene, they would take over command. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that the type of freight trains carry is not made public, but a special National Capital Area force is supervising such shipments and is ready to respond should an accident occur.

#### 6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

#### 7. New Business

Resolution 04 -2015 - MD Smart Energy Community, Electricity Usage: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the first two resolutions on the agenda tonight are related to a Maryland Energy Administration grant Public Works Director Lockley obtained, and pledge the Town to become a 'smart energy community.' The grant will be used to up-

grade the HVAC system in the Senior Center and other measures to reduce electricity and gasoline consumption. Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Dennison moved to adopt it, CM Robles seconded. The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Resolution 05-2015 - MD Smart Energy Community, Gas Usage: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Schreiber moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. CM Schreiber explained that the gasoline savings will be achieved mainly by equipping Town vehicles with new idling technology. The motion was approved in a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution 06-2015 - M-NCPPC Bike Repair Station Agreement: Clerk Harper said that this agreement gives the Town permission to install and maintain a bike repair station at the Berwyn Heights Community Center. She then read the Resolution. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the agreement is related to a grant the Town received from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) to make the Town more bicycle friendly. This includes installation of bike racks, bike repair stations, shared bike routes and signage. The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission requires an agreement to spell out the conditions under which a bike repair station can be placed on their property. On a motion by MPT Rasmussen and second by CM Dennison, the Resolution was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

#### 8. Citizens Discussion

Ron Shane, 57th Avenue, had an addition to the NW/EP report. He said that a recent CERT training class was very well organized with instructors coming from several Prince George's cities and Fairfax and had 21 participants. The next meeting will be on September 2.

Ron Shane further noted that James Northly, another longtime resident, also passed away. Then he made a complaint about the new trash collection schedule, saying that the uneven intervals between collections causes problems for south side residents. CM Schreiber replied that all sides of the change were considered, but the new schedule was thought to have more advantages. Residents that have too much trash accumulating over the weekend might purchase another trash can for the overflow, or try to recycle more.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Worksession August 24, 2015

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

#### 1. Mayor

**Agenda:** A discussion of the Council vacancy resulting from CM Schreiber's resignation was added, as well as an Executive session if warranted. Revision of Ordinance 109 - Elections was moved to the Administration Department's agenda.

Announcements: MPT Rasmussen met with CM Robles to discuss the transfer of the Code Compliance Department. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that CM Schreiber had resigned and read the letter of resignation.

Calendar: A premiere of the FBI marketing video will take place on August 30, 12 noon. A date for a joint meeting of the Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Town Councils to discuss the Greenbelt Road streetscape should be set for the end of September. Several code appeals are scheduled for the September 8 worksession. The Boys & Girls Club Harvest Fest will take place on October 3. Preparations are underway. The MML fall conference will take place October 26-28. CM Robles plans to attend. The next Four Cities Coalition meeting will be held in Greenbelt on October 22.

The Council selected Monday, November 30 as the first choice for the Town's legislative dinner, and Tuesday, December 1 as the second choice. Clerk Harper will contact the delegates to see if they are available on these dates.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the August 10 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy attended a presentation by County Councilmember Danielle Glaros on the Master Plan Support Project, which sets priorities in the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) capital improvement plan based on an evaluation of all school buildings with regard to the critical areas of mission, condition and function. Berwyn Heights Elementary School is slated for improvements in the

1st round. Town residents with an interest in schools are encouraged to follow this effort. Chief Antolik has requested a vacant properties list so he can have his officers check on them.

MPT Rasmussen reported that he will meet with TA Cowles about transitioning from the Code to the Administration Department. CM Robles said she has met with Code Supervisor Glass to get an understanding of how the Code Department is run and hopes to do a ride-along with one of the code officers. She will also meet with TA Cowles this week for a new Councilmember orientation and hopes to get an overview of recent changes in the Town. CM Dennison said that the Town organizations did not meet during August but will resume activities in September.

Citizen comments: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received a comment on the curbs and gutters that are being repaired. CM Robles received a comment about a neighbor's fence that is falling down. Code Supervisor Glass is looking into it as the resident is reluctant to report it.

Council vacancy (added item): Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council must appoint a new Councilmember to replace CM Schreiber within 45 days, per the Town Charter: that is, by October 5. 2015. The only Town Meeting (where a new councilmember could be sworn in) before that date will be held on September 9. Following former Mayor Calvo's resignation in June, four Town residents applied to fill the vacancy. She asked whether Councilmembers preferred to start a new search or approach applicants from the previous search to find a candidate. There is precedence to fill a Town Council vacancy in this manner.

CM Robles, who was not a member of the Council when the interviews of the applicants were conducted, said it would be simpler to offer the new vacant seat to one of the previous candidates, and she feels comfortable with it. There were no objections to proceeding in this manner. It was agreed to make a selection from the previous candidate pool during an executive session after reviewing the applications and briefing CM Robles on the interviews that took place. If the candidate accepts, the swearing-in would take place at the September Town meeting.

Nothing was discussed under 2. Parks and Recreation, 3. Public Safety, and 4. Public Works.

5. Administration

Town Treasurer's position: TA Cowles

presented a revised job description and recruitment announcement for the Town Treasurer position. The job description consolidates redundant information, and reorganizes the Treasurer's duties based on their importance. The recruitment announcement summarizes the Treasurer's responsibilities and spells out the skills and education requirements, which include a Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting or related field and five years of experience, preferably in a public sector organization. Based on research of iob announcements of comparable finance positions in this area, the salary offer would be up to \$67,000.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested revising the job announcement to allow for other than Quickbooks accounting software knowledge. She also asked that the salary offered be in a range of \$63,000 - \$68,000. MPT Rasmussen said that another, less expensive option would have been to down-grade the position to an accounts payable type officer and create a hybrid clerk-treasurer position, while outsourcing the finance officer type responsibilities. He asked why TA Cowles chose to go the other way.

TA Cowles replied that the Treasurer position is a one-person finance department, who deals with all finance-related activities in the Town government, while serving as a backup to the front desk. From a management perspective, it is easier to work with one person who performs a multitude of financial tasks than multiple part-time staff performing specialized financial duties. One missing piece in the current set-up is someone to help her put together the budget, analyze trends and look for new sources of revenue, including grants. The business licensing function could be streamlined with the help of the new code software and the freed-up part-time staff used to assist the treasurer.

The Council approved the posting of the job announcement. TA Cowles and MPT Rasmussen will discuss how the candidate might be selected and will make recommendations to the Council.

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

**Performance evaluations:** TA Cowles gave an update on the status of the performance evaluations. All staff evaluations have been completed and reviews of the evaluations by the councilmember/ department heads are scheduled to take place within the next week. Interviews with staff about their evaluations are expected to occur in late September.

Evaluations of the department directors are in progress, with former CM Schreiber reviewing the Public Works Director, former Mayor Calvo and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy both reviewing the Police Chief, and TA Cowles and MPT Rasmussen reviewing the Code Compliance Supervisor. Merit increases will be discussed in October to become effective in the first pay period in November.

IT vendors: TA Cowles said that the Town hired its current IT vendors some 12 years ago when it switched to Linux operating systems on its computers. However, now most of the Town's computers run on the Windows operating system, which is not the strong suit of the current vendor. She has done research and talked with other municipalities about their technical support to identify three vendors that would be able to provide better service. All of them are familiar with I-Net, the intergovernmental internet service provider that serves most municipalities in Prince George's County. The vendors have different pricing structures, but all would provide more service for approximately the same price the Town currently pays for IT support.

TA Cowles recommended BAIS2, which is the IT vendor for Riverdale Park and University Park. They charge \$45 per user per month and provide unlimited hours of support. The contract can be renewed annually at cost of \$10,800. The contract would cover the Town offices, police station and Public Works Department as well as the Senior Center. Councilmember and Senior Center workstations would not count as users, since they don't experience full daily usage. MPT Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to select BAIS2 as the prospective vendor. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ordinance 109 - Elections revision: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said tonight she hopes to complete the review of the remainder of the amended Election Ordinance. Clerk Harper said that this draft incorporates the changes made by the Council at the last worksession, as well as additional, mostly grammatical and typographical changes by Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and TA Cowles.

The Council reviewed the Ordinance and made the following changes:

<u>Section 4 - Voter Registration:</u> Subsection B on the Town's supplemental registration should include a registration period for the last Monday in March between 7-10 p.m. to conform to the Town Charter.

Section 5 - Appointment and Duties of the Board of Election Supervisors: The definition of the Board of Election Supervisors should explain that it is the same body as the "Board of Supervisors of Elections," the term used in the Town Charter.

<u>Section 6 - Preparing for Elections:</u> A definition for *Town Clerk* should be added to Section 3 to clarify that employees other than the Town Clerk can be designated to perform the same election-related functions. This will eliminate the need to repeat the phrase "or other designated employee" throughout the Ordinance.

<u>Section 6 A - Election Schedule:</u> A definition for *public outreach* should be added to Section 3 to clarify that outreach is not limited to the Town Bulletin and can include newspapers of general circulation, websites and other electronic forms of communication.

<u>Section 6 C - Board of Election Supervisors</u>: The term *election judges* should be replaced by *members of the Board of Election Supervisors* to avoid conflict with the Town Charter, which states that the Board consists of 3 election judges and 2 clerks.

<u>Section 6 E - Campaign Material:</u> It should be clarified that campaign signs of Town Council candidates may not be posted in the Town right-of-way except on Election Day. Clarification regarding the extent of the Town right-of-way on properties may be needed.

Section 6 F - Write-in candidates: The Council debated which privileges the Ordinance should grant to a write-in candidate. It was tentatively agreed that candidates who submit their forms after the filing deadline are entitled to have their names posted in the polling station but not on the sample ballot or near the voting booth. Write-in candidates should not be entitled to have their biographies published in the Town Bulletin but are free to place a paid advertisement. Write -in candidates may participate in Candidates' Night, provided their forms were filed no later than one week prior to the event.

<u>Section 6 I - Notice of Election:</u> The posting of an election notice in at least 3 public places in the Town was added to this sub-section, to conform to the Town Charter.

<u>Section 7 - Election Day:</u> The opening hours of the polling station from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day were added.

Section 7 A - Preparing the Polling Station: The arrival time of election judges at the polling station was removed. The distance of the *no electioneering* zone from the poll entrance should be checked to ensure it is consistent with State law.

<u>Section 7 C - Vote Tallying:</u> Sub-section 7 C - Tallying Using Voting Machines should include a section on how provisional votes are handled. In Sub-section 7 C - Tallying Using Paper Ballots refer-

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ences to calling for ballots to be organized and counted in stacks of 50 should be deleted. The provision on announcing the councilmembers-elect should become its own *Sub-section D*, as it applies to voting both by machine and by paper ballot. The same provision should also state that the second-highest votegetter will be declared Mayor Pro Tem. A definition for *spoiled ballot* mentioned here should be added in *Section 3 - Definitions*. The signing and sealing of the *Statement of Election Results* should not be included among the numbered items listed on the Statement.

Clerk Harper was asked to add the changes made tonight into a new draft that shows all changes made to date in the old Ordinance, using underlining and strikethroughs. The Council will review that version at the next worksession before introducing it at the September 9 Town meeting.

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

## 7. Executive Session (9:18 p.m. - 9:29 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the Council went into executive session to discuss the selection of new councilmember. With matters discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Robles seconded to end the executive session.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## A Hearty Thanks to all the Good Folks who Advertise in the Berwyn Heights Bulletin this Month:

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## **GET ALERTS**



Local Public Safety, Weather, Traffic, and now...

Town of Berwyn Heights Closings & Cancellations Sign up with Nixle or Town Twitter mail:

https://local.nixle.com/register/
And/or https://twitter.com/
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## RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS



Trunk r' Treat (lower lot of BH Community Center)
October 17, 2015

Car set up 6-7PM event 7-8:30PM

Decorate yourself and/or your car trunk with spooky or fun Halloween scenes and pass out treats with other BH residents. Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department will all take part in the fun. Enjoy smores and cider at our community bonfire. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a "Spooktacular" evening! *Sponsored by the Recreation Council and the Berwyn Heights Community Center.* 

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Town Clean-Up Day Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 10 AM-Noon. Event begins and ends at the Town Center.

The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council is seeking volunteers to help clean up litter around town and at Indian Creek. Help beautify our town!

Participants should wear pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes. We will provide instructions and distribute clean-up supplies, (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags, and pickers). Free pizza/drinks will be provided to all volunteers from 12-12:30 PM!

Students can earn credit hours for community service and feel good about a job well done. Win, win! SHOUT OUT FOR

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NEXT MEETING
Oct. 6 at 7PM (town center)

Elections for officers will be held.

CONTACTS:
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Trinity Tomsic
trinity.tomsic@gmail.com





Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee

## **Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips**

S	Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
Ā	Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
F	Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
E	Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.
H	Hold a flashlight to help you see and others see you. WALK, don't run, from house to house.
A	Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.
L	Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
L	Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
O	Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
W	Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
E	Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
E	Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses.
N	Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

## Look for your Neighborhood Watch members around Berwyn Heights on Halloween!

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

## BERWYN HEIGHTS BOYS IN GIRLS CLUB INC



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# CELEBRATE THE FALL HARVEST & SUPPORT THE BERWYN HEIGHTS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

OCTOBER 3, 2015 10 AM - 2 PM - BERWYN HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club (BHBGC) is sponsoring a fall mum and pumpkin sale beginning August 1, 2015 through October 3, 2015. We are pleased to offer beautiful 18 inch, mums for \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00 and pumpkins (price to be determined by weight based on market) from locally grown sources right in Prince George's County. Mums and pumpkins can be picked up at our Fall Harvest Celebration at Town Center October 3, 2015 where we'll have hot apple cider and sample fall dishes made out of locally grown produce. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the fall harvest and fund our club activities.

BHBGC provides hundreds of youth in Berwyn Heights and the surrounding areas with competitive sports and community building opportunities. Please support the club and reserve your mums and pumpkins today!

## BHBGC PUMPKIN AND MUM ORDER FORM Please contact Lynn White at lwhiteesq@gmail.com or (240) 351-7813 to submit your order.

Family name/person ordering: Email address so that we confirm receipt of check:		
(#) of pumpkins to reserve	\$8 Medium	\$12 Large
(#) of mums @\$15.00 /each or 2 for \$25.00 _white _yellowburgundyorangepurplemulti-colored	\$	
Total Check Amount: \$ (pa	ayable to BHBGC)	

Chartered in 1969, the BHBGC provides a wide range of sports activities for youth ages four through eighteen years. We are pleased to serve all children regardless of gender, race or ability.

## **CODE NEWS:** LEAF DISPOSAL





## Please bag your leaves through October 31.

Curb-side collection begins November 1.

Use brown paper yard waste bags available at your local home improvement or grocery store, or a designated trash container. Do not include debris, large sticks and litter, and do not rake leaves into the street, storm drains and drainage swales.

#### YARD WASTE PICKUP

- Mondays north of Pontiac Street.
- **♣** Tuesday south of Pontiac Street.

<b>Clean Lot Violations</b>	AUG.
High Grass/ Vegetation	19
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	3
Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	22
Refuse Collection	11
Vehicles	12
Miscellaneous	22
Commercial	6
Total Clean Lot Violations	95
Abatements	10
Permits	
Building	2
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Violations	7
Rentals	
New Rentals	2
Lost Rentals	1
Total Rentals	201
Inspections	21
Re-inspections	5
Fines	4
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	1
Lost Vacant Homes	3
Total Vacant Properties	32









Berwyn Heights Elementary School's annual **Walkathon** will be held on **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2015**. During the Walkathon, students walk from the school to Lake Artemesia, around the lake and back to school. Students collect sponsorships for this healthy and fun fundraiser. It is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the PTA to fund many opportunities and events for students throughout the school year. These include transportation for field trips, our beautiful school gardens that serve as an outdoor classroom for our students and social events to build school community and pride, such as Hello Husky Night in the fall and the Pool Party in the spring. Last year, we collected a record amount in donations and this year we're hoping to top it!

## WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE WONDERFUL RESIDENTS OF BERWYN HEIGHTS TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

\*You can make a donation by dropping a check off at the school or visiting our online donation page\*

https://www.razoo.com/story/Bhes-Walkathon-2015

## An Update from the BHES Gardens!

All three of the 5th grade classes headed out to their outdoor classroom in September and planted in the raised beds. They planted various veggies such as Cheddar Cauliflower, Confetti Cauliflower, Broccoli, Red and Green Cabbage, Kohlrabi and Spinach. The students are responsible for the planting, water, weeding and how to eliminate Cabbage Worms and other bad insects from the gardens.

If you are interested in helping in or outside the classroom, please contact Therese@CelticClans.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens

Parents – if you would like to volunteer to help with the Walkathon, please contact us at president@bhespta.org. It takes a massive effort to organize these events and we could really use your help!

Lots of jobs can be done from home!

Hello Husky Night was a huge success!
Thanks to everyone for coming out and to all of the volunteers whose hard work makes these fun events happen!
Special thanks to the Public Works
Department for allowing us to borrow their grills!

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTA!

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family. Visit the PTA web site at www.BHESPTA.org.

Like us on Facebook (search for Berwyn Heights ES PTA)! Follow us on Twitter @BHES\_PTA.

Email president@bhespta.org











## COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015 (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
Where: Waranatha Fellowship (3828 University Blvd. College Park, MD 20740)

### **EXHIBITORS**

American Red Cross Blood Mobile – go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your blood donation	Jamie Reisinger with Outside The Box Nutrition - general nutrition including sugar consumption, BMI		
Washington Adventist Hospital - blood pressure checks and derma scan(sun damage)	Vital Traditions Jared Urcheck, L.Ac,CZB - acupuncture and zero balancing		
PG Co. Police Department - Domestic violence	Ojas Wellness Center - Massage Therapy		
Dr. John Powers, DMD,PC - dental into and cancer screenings	CPR Information		
Main St Pharmacy - flu shots (may require a co-pay)	Ramona Brown - Sex Education & HIV Awareness		
Holy Cross with Sister Kathleen - Senior Citizen Care	PG County Health Department - WIC Program		
Stacey Abraham with Safe Harbor- Mental Health/Christian Counseling	Maranatha Fellowship, Childrens Church Spanish Congregation - Information		
White Lotus Wellness Center- Ann Contee-Yoga and wellness	Greenbelt Pregnancy Aid Center		
Smile Herb Shop - Tom Wolfe	and more!!!		



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## Be sure to follows these simple tips to make sure everyone stays safe this Halloween night!

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.



- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

## Fire Extinguisher/Fire Safety Class

Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am-12pm Town Center- 5700 Berwyn Road, BH Town Cntr.



Description: BHVFD is hosting a quick Fire Extinguisher & Fire Safety Class at the BH Town Center free for all residents. All residents who attend will be given a free fire extinguisher, 10 year smoke alarm, and other items (one per household). Kids are

welcome and refreshments will be served. Rain date is Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> (Same time).

#### County Reserve Truck at BHVFD

We have been running a white PGFD County owned Reserve Ladder Truck 19 (Bowie) for the past two months while our Ladder Truck was out for repairs and paint work.

#### **BHVFD Awarded FEMA SAFER Grant**

In September BHVFD was notified that we had been awarded a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for Recruitment & Retention of Volunteer Firefighters & EMTs over the next four years.



## Fund Drive Mailer 2015 in Progress!!

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind our neighbors that our annual 2015 Fund Drive mailers have been mailed out to each address in Town. Each household and business in Berwyn Heights will receive a Fund Drive packet that includes instructions on how to donate to support your town's volunteer fire department. There will be no door-to-door or phone solicitors collecting on behalf of BHVFD for the Fund Drive this year. Starting this year: You can donate online! Visit us at BHVFD14.org and click on the "Donate" button to support BHVFD using PayPal (who takes a %). Also remember us on Amazon Smile!

Station 14 Volume: Au	
Rescue Squads:	174
Ladder Truck:	67
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	4
Ambulance	179
Total Station Runs for Aug	424



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## BERWYN MEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO		
October 1	Aruna Nadasen	
October 2	Linda Benko	
	Tom Colihan	
October 3	Ed Burton	
October 7	Bob Angell	
October 17	Sandra Price	
	Lorraine Wilson	



## THE MUSIC MAN

On Friday, October 16, the Seniors are going to the VFW for dinner and then to the Bowie Play House to see The Music Man.

Come by the Center and sign up.

For information on other special events/trips, visit the Senior Center or call us at 301-474-0018.



## REDSKIN FANS ALERT

WE ARE WATCHING ALL 1:00 P.M. GAMES ON THE BIG TV. COME JOIN US!

	OCTOBER ACTIV	ITIES
October 1	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 6	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
October 7	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 8	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 10	Potluck and Movie	5:00 P.M.
October 13	Meeting & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
October 14	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 15	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 20	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
October 21	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 22	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.
October 27	Meeting, Pot Luck,	
	Bingo	11:00 A.M.
October 28	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 29	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

## Wii BOWLING LEAGUE starts October 7 at 10:30 A.M.

Come watch or join.

You will have FUN and LAUGHS.

### DO YOU SIT AT HOME DURING THE DAY?

Why not drop in at the Senior Center, meet your neighbors, and have a cup of coffee or a soda. There is always a puzzle being worked on, and new books in the library.

**SURVEY:** We would like to know who reads this page. Would you call the Center and let us know who you are. The phone number is 301-474-3482



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Fall is officially here, temperatures becoming chilly. A great time for pumpkins, sweaters, boots and cider! It's also time to look around the house and take care of any areas of drafts. Seal cracks, make sure all windows close properly, clean fireplace, weather strip on exterior doors and insulate the attic.

### Top 5 things to throw away / change out NOW!

- 1. Bathroom wall to wall carpet and toilet seat covers.
- 2. "Scatter rugs" in large room. Choose a larger room size carpet that touches all furniture.
- 3. Fake or plastic flowers, even outside. Choose fresh flowers, fruit or objects in a
- 4. Too many knick knacks. Display some, but remember less is more.
- 5. Keeping something you hate. Like shag carpet, old wallpaper, mismatched door knobs.

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SOLD-6004 Westchester Park DR 1BR terr IVI condo...\$103,500. COMING SOON- Westchester Park Dr 2BR, 1BA......\$140's. COMING SOON- 3BR/2.5BA rambler sepDR,hdwd firs...\$290's

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## Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas—or join our email list—please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center—all residents are welcome to attend!

## Free Workshop on Tree Care and Ways to Attract Honey Bees! Wednesday, October 21, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Town Center

We hope you'll join us at a free workshop featuring useful information and tips on two related topics—tree planting and maintenance, and trees and plants that attract honey bees. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Town Center.

Josh Singer, Community Garden Specialist at the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, will share information about how to properly plant trees as well as maintain and prune them after planting. Jeff Forbes, a town resident who is an expert on honey bees and is the owner of the local business Honey Glow, will talk about the types of trees and plants that attract them and other important pollinators.



We hope to see you there, it will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered!

### GreenBee BuzzWorthy:

### Easy, Eco-Friendly & Economical Ideas for Halloween!

Halloween is coming up, and while it may seem like the most convenient thing is to buy a new costume off the shelf, below are a few tips on some more eco-friendly—and less expensive—options.



- Use your own closet as your inspiration: For example, the perfect clown costume is a combination of just a few pieces of plaid, striped, and polka dot clothing, along with some face paint and some yarn in your hair. Or some outdated clothes from decades past can be turned into a whole new look—pick a theme and get creative!
- Use makeup and face paint instead of buying masks: Plastic or rubber masks are expensive and not eco-friendly, so another option is to use make up or face paint you already have on hand. You can even make your own face paint by combining cornstarch, solid shortening, and food coloring.
- Organize a costume swap with friends: Spend an evening mixing and matching costumes until everyone is geared up and ready for the holiday season.
- Check out your local thrift store: There are often some very interesting and unusual clothes and
  accessories available at thrift stores that can be put together for a unique—and inexpensive—fun
  costume!
- Repurpose old costumes from previous Halloweens or other events: Old Halloween costumes or outfits from plays or dance recitals can be turned into new ideas for characters by combining them together in different ways.

And you can always make the traditional ghost or mummy costume with a sheet!

Also, you can make trick-or-treat bags out of items you already have around—old pillowcases, other fabric or gallon-sized ice cream buckets. You can add your own decorations to them too!

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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

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



## JOIN THE BERWYN HEIGHTS YAHOO GROUP

And stay on top of everything...

https://groups.yahoo.com/group/berwynheightsmd

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

#### **Boys & Girls Club**

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191 Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

## Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022 Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

#### **Historical Committee**

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

## Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

#### **Playgroup**

Jaime Sampson sampson.jaime@gmail.com

#### **Quilter's Club**

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

#### **Recreation Council**

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350 Jaime Sampson sampson.jaime@gmail.com

#### **Seniors Club**

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

#### **Green Team**

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

#### **BH Elementary School PTA**

Chris McComb President@BHESPTA.org

#### **Karate Club**

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



# Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 6<sup>th</sup> 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm

For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829 (<a href="mailto:beck">beck theresa@yahoo.com</a>) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

## For Preschoolers and Younger

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

## Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy

Playground Rotation: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month - Pop's Park

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



## POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of August

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.

08/04/2015 at 1:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a police report after a Town resident came in and advised that someone attempted to steal her bicycle from the 5700 block of Goucher Drive.

08/05/2015 at 7:58 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of theft from a 2002 Nissan. Unknown person removed approximately \$1,525 of cash from the unlocked vehicle.

08/05/2015 at 9:45 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft from a 2004 Toyota. Unknown person took a cell phone.

08/05/2015 at 12:23 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 59th. Avenue for a report of theft from a 2014 Ford. Unknown person removed \$15 cash from the vehicle.

08/07/2015 at 10:03 am, BHPD officers responded to the 8900 block of 59th. Avenue for a welfare check on an elderly person. Upon entering the domicile, investigation revealed that the 69 y/o elderly male had passed away.

08/08/2015 at 9:15 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the McDonald for a theft report. A bank deposit for the restaurant was missing.

08/09/2015 at 3:40 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the Greenbelt Road Shell for a report of a counterfeit bill.

08/09/2015 at 3:10 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a subject attempting to commit suicide. The 19 y/o female was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

08/12/2015 at 4:04 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted an identity theft report after a Town resident came in to the BHPD and advises that an unknown person opened credit card account in his name without his consent.

08/14/2015 at 12:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Quebec Street for a report of an identity theft.

08/17/2015 at 4:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of a subject trying to pass counterfeit money.

08/15/2015 at 2:27 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8800 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a bicycle.

08/20/2015 at 4:05 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a report a vehicle that drove away with a gas nozzle.

08/22/2015 at 5:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5900 block of Berwyn Road for a death investigation. 56 y/o, w/m discovered his estranged wife, a 41 y/o, w/f, deceased. Homicide and Forensic Investigator responded to the scene and preliminary investigation revealed no foul play involved.

08/25/2015 at 7:08 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1999 Ford from the location of Quebec Street at 63rd Ave. Vehicle was disabled from an accident.

08/25/2015 at 1:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for an identity theft report.

08/26/2015 at 7:15 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a theft from a vehicle.

08/26/2015 at 12:10 pm, Pvt. Ramirez arrested Nixon Cantarero a 32 y/o, h/m, resident of Burtonsville, MD from the location of Tecumseh Place at Edmonston Road. Mr. Cantareo had an outstanding warrant.

08/26/2015 at 4:35 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft from a 2004 Ford Truck.

08/28/2015 at 9:50 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of an I-phone.

# Advertising Rates For the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

		NON-				
TERM	RESIDENT	RESIDENT				
El	EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE					
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00				
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00				
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00				
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE						
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00				
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00				
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00				
H	HALF (1/2) PAGE					
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00				
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00				
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00				
	FULL PAGE					
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00				
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00				
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00				



Have Fun Trunk or Treating October 17 See Page 9 for details

#### **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 onduty Berwyn Heights Police officer respond to your call.

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911** 



## 2015 BERWYN HEIGHTS MEN'S LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

**Who**: Any resident of town or any member of the Boys & Girls Club (a parent or guardian)

**What**: A fun Basketball league that has been in existence for 39 years. The league is for over 30 year old players and Tuesdays and Thursdays are open for anybody over 18 years old.

**When**: Sign-up dates are October 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 27, 29. From 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

**Why**: Why Not! This is a great way to keep in shape and have some fun doing it. The talent level is very diverse and we have players from 30-70 years old.

**Price**: \$60 for the whole year. You will be required to purchase a gym card from M-NCPPC to use the facilities,

**League Play**: League play is on Sundays. Games are played between 3-7 p.m. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. *all year long*. Come on out, get some much needed exercise and meet some new friends. Feel free to drop in and check out the games. For further information contact Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142. We look forward to seeing you on the court.



REALTOR

Direct: 301-343-7370

"Working hard so you don't have to"



## Did you Know...

A full moon on Halloween is extremely rare.

Though a common image in horror movies and Halloween decorations with witches flying across the full moon, the next full moon on Halloween won't occur until 2020. The most recent Halloween full moon was back in 2001, and before that it was in 1955.

## Did you also know...

While I have been in the real estate business for over 10 years, I have lived in Berwyn Heights my entire life and I'm here for you and only a phone call away. I can help you buy or sell homes and make your real estate experience so easy that you will have more time for family & friends all year long!

If you would like to know the value of your home or looking to purchase a new home please call me.

New/Current Listings: 7305 Baylor Ave, College Park

7316 Edmonston Rd, College Park 7303 Baylor Ave, College Park 8405 58th Ave., Berwyn Heights

Sold: 8307 Cunningham Dr, Berwyn Heights



## SHAUNA AURICH

**Long & Foster Realtors** 301-343-7370-Direct 301-441-9511—Office Shauna@LNF.com—Email









## Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

VETERANS DAY

EVENT

MARK YOUR

CALENDARS

JOHN D. FERRARI

**Book Signing** 

"Capital





Wine & Cheese

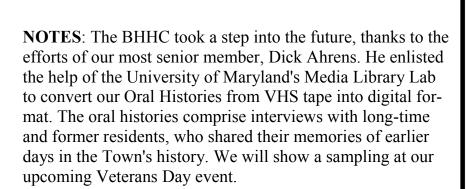
## Reception

SUNDAY

November 9

2-4 P.M.

TOWN CENTER



**BHHC** meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road. The next meeting is on October 27.



Visit the BHHC website & BLOG at: http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com

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









## New Changes to Ordinance 107- Residential Clean Lot in Effect

## Code Compliance will enforce the new residential clean lot standards including:

- Exterior properties shall be maintained free of imminent treats, hazardous, and non-hazardous materials, discarded vehicles, motor vehicle parts, non-road worthy vehicles and building materials.
- Abandoned, junked, wrecked, or non-road worthy vehicles must be kept in a garage or be properly covered with a tightly fitted vehicle cover in a driveway. The number of covered vehicles in a driveway is limited to two.
- Invasive plant species and bamboo must be kept two (2) feet from the property owner's property line and be contained in a manner so as not to spread to other public or private property.
- Accessory structures, such as fences and retaining walls, shall not pose a public health or safety hazard, must comply with Prince George's County and Berwyn Heights Ordinances, and have proper permits.
- Address numbers must be visible and legible from the street fronting the property.
- The Town may enter vacant properties when a hazard to public health, safety, or welfare exists.





## New clean lot violation timetable for correction:

- "Immediate" means a property owner has 24 hours from the time of the correction notice was issued to correct the violation.
- "Time Sensitive" means a property owner has 7 days from the time the correction notice was issued to correct the violation.
- "Regular Order" means a property owner has 15 days from the time the correction notice was issued to correct the violation.
- "Structural" means a violator has 45 days from the time the correction notice was issued to provide an adequate plan to the Code Compliance Department to correct the violation
- Two violations occurring within an 18 month period are considered to be a repeat of any previous Clean Lot Violation

See the complete ordinance and fine schedule at Berwyn-heights.com under "Ordinances" for more information





# October 2015

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 27	28 🖹 🙉	29 5 5	30	Oct. 1	2	3 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM B&GC Harvest Fest Town Center
4	7:00 PM Worksession	7:00 PM SERCE. Council Meeting Town Office	7:30 PM. NW/EP Meeting Town Office	7:00 PM Green Team Town Center	9	10:30—12:00 Fire Extinguishe Work Shop Town Center
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18 Street Sweeper	19 N 7:00 PM Worksession	20 5 5	7:00 PM Tree Care Workshop Town Center	22 N S 7:30 PM Four Cities Mtg. Greenbelt	23	9:00 AM— 12:00 PM Electronics Re- cycling
25 Street Sweeper	26 💌 🙉	27 S S 7:30 PM S BHHC Meeting Town Office	28 🚭	29 🗎 🖺	30	316:00 PM- 9:00 PM Halloween
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## BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLET

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## **TOWN INFORMATION**

### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue ..... (301) 352-1200 Police (Non-Emergency) ..... Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331 Email: code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7866 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018 Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call-A-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 474-5000

## **Mayor and Council**

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 Mayor — Public Safety/Health

jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

Christopher Rasmussen (612) 432-0710 Mayor Pro Tem — Administration

crasmussen@town.berwynheights.md.us

Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759

pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs

Maria Robles (301-455-9299 Councilmember — Code Compliance

mrobles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

lwhite@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

(240-351-7813) Lynn White Councilmember — Public Works

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

### **Heavy Trash Day:**

Monday for North of Pontiac Tuesday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

### **Town Helpline**

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email? **Email Town at** contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

### **Watch Council Meetings**



On Comcast channel 71 FIOS channel 12

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: http://www.berwyn-heights.com; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

> Or email: yodoi@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon! Helen Van Doren, Design & Layout