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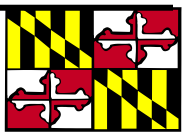
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NEW COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTED

On September 19, the Town Council appointed Gerald Shields to fill the vacant seat left by the Maria Robles' resignation. Mr. Shields has been an active member of the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee since 2003. He also volunteers for the Prince George's County Master Gardeners and the Maryland Defense Force as an emergency management specialist.

Mr. Shields will be sworn in at the October 8 Town meeting. We welcome him as a new Town Councilmember.



Flu shots are now offered in Berwyn Heights!

No travel to a pharmacy or waiting in line while someone else's prescriptions are being filled. Through a joint program with the Greenway Safeway, you can get your shot at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on October 18, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

High dose flu shots for seniors and pneumonia vaccination also available. Bring Medicare Part B card and all other medical insurance cards. Same insurance accepted as at store. Plus a 10% grocery coupon.

For additional information contact Rex Powell at rex.powell@verizon.net, or Berwyn Presbyterian Church, Telephone 301-602-3968.

Electronics/ Styrofoam Recycling

October 22 9am — 12 pm

Recycle your old electronics and Styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at Buddy Attack parking lot (555 Crescent Road, Phone 240-542-2153).

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

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

**IN AN EMERGENCY,
CALL 911.**



OUTAGES & EMERGENCIES

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or Life-Threatening Situations

(877) 737-2662

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1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
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12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle—October 2016

The Fall Soccer

Season is in full swing!

This season we have teams
in Pre-K/K, U8, U9, U11,
U12 & U14 levels!

Visit our website for game
schedules and come out
& show your support!

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL!!

Saturday, October 8th, 2016, 10am-2pm

at Berwyn Heights Town Hall - 5700 Berwyn Rd

Food, Games, Arts & Crafts, Pumpkin Patch,

Make-Your-Own Scarecrow, Mum Sale,

Vendors & More!

The club is currently looking for **Volunteers / Instructors / Teachers** for winter activities after our fall soccer season comes to a close. We'd like to expand with an Arts & Crafts Program. Please contact us if interested!

Join our Board! New members are always welcome, and we currently have an opening for Secretary on our Executive Board. Contact us for details!



Have a Safe &
Happy Halloween

Do you own or run a local business?

Sponsorship opportunities ranging from single event to full year are available!

Send inquiries to info@berwynheightsbgc.org

www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org

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



Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Walk Safely

- 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. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- 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.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

The Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee will be out around Town, assisting the Police Department, on Halloween. Say "hi"!



Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Town Center's G. Love Room

Recreation Council News & Updates

Trunk-or-Treat



Saturday, October 15th 7-9 pm

Set up starts at 6pm

(Rain Date: Saturday, October 22nd)



BH Community Center Lower Lot (6200 Pontiac St.)



Join the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council & Community Center, along with Public Works, BH Police, & BHVFD for this festive, Pre-Halloween Event! Bring your decorated car, "treats" to pass out, decorated kids, and yourselves and enjoy some free refreshments around the bonfire. There will even be a "Dark Spooky Tunnel" for the little ones to tour!

**Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated Cars
& for Best Costumes (ages 12 & under)**



WE WANT YOU!

The Rec Council is looking for new members. Have any ideas for events & activities you'd like to see in our community? Be part of the fun! Join us the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7pm in the Love Room at BH Town Center. Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 4th. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 12th

Town Wide Clean Up

Stay tuned for more information from the Rec Council & the Green Team!!!



Worksession

August 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Maria Robles. CM Rasmussen arrived 10 minutes late due to delays on the Metro. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, urban forest consultant Mike Galvin and residents Amanda Dewey, Mark Emmell, Therese Forbes, and Gerald Shields.

1. Announcements

Members of the Council attended the Four Cities Coalition meeting hosted by Berwyn Heights. College Park gave an update on its recently implemented mBike bike share system, which is seeking to expand to other cities in the area. Mayor Jewitt will meet with Maryland State Delegate Alonzo Washington to discuss issues affecting his district. National Night Out will take place tomorrow, August 2, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

University Park bikeways grant (discussed out of order): MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Town of University Park has applied for a grant to implement bikeway routes and a bike share system in its community to connect to the larger Anacostia Trails system. University Park has requested other municipalities to support its grant application. The grant application deadline is today. MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended supporting the grant and signing and sending a letter, of which a draft was included in the agenda packet, by email tonight. The Council had no objections. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to send the letter. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Minutes (discussed out of order): On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles the July 18 worksession minutes were adopted 4 to 0. The July 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

1. Presentation

Urban Forest consultants: Mayor Jewitt welcomed Mike Galvin, Urban Forest Consultant at SavATree. TA Cowles explained that the Town hired SavATree to perform a tree canopy assessment, public tree inventory and urban forest management plan. The consultants began to survey Town trees in

April and are now ready to report the findings to the Council.

Mike Galvin said, in addition to the items mentioned by TA Cowles, SavATree also provided a tree inventory by parcel, a heat island assessment and an ecosystems services assessment. His colleague Matt Weibel, a tree risk assessment qualified arborist, conducted the inventory field work. The main finding of the canopy assessment is that Berwyn Heights' street trees are in good condition despite the absence of an active tree care program. Overall, the Town's urban forest is very resilient because it is 1) highly diverse, comprising about 86 tree species, and 2) relatively young, with younger trees making up a larger share and older trees a smaller share of the total population. Eighty-five percent of Town trees are in fair or better condition and only 5% are dead or in critical condition. Further, only three trees, or 0%, are at high risk of failure; 6% at moderate risk, and 92% at low risk. Twenty-four percent need crown cleaning and fourteen percent are recommended for removal. There is very little damage, or 1%, caused by trees to roads, curbs and sidewalks. However, 35% of Town trees do grow too close to overhead utilities. Most trees in the Town right-of-way grow in lawns and natural areas as opposed to planting strips between curb and sidewalk (Ballew Avenue).

Mr. Galvin continued with an explanation of the tree cover and heat islands in the Town, as measured by LiDAR (laser beams) and satellite imagery. The existing tree canopy covers 58% of the land surface, which is comparatively high. Another 15% of unpaved land surface is available for planting more trees. Heat islands are found mostly along Greenbelt Road and the Metro tracks and around Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES). Areas with a high tree cover are also the coolest.

Mr. Galvin said the consultants also looked at the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance, which establishes a Shade Tree Board, with members appointed by the Town Council and charged with managing the urban forest. Currently, there is no Shade Tree Board, but there is a Green Team. SavATree advises the Council should consider whether to re-establish a Shade Tree Board or whether the Green Team, or a Green Team subcommittee, should act as an urban forest advisory board, keeping in mind that there may not be a large enough volunteer base to support both committees.

In response to questions, Mr. Galvin said

the criteria used by SavATree for recommending removal of a tree are risk of failure and low value. Indicators of risk of failure are heaving of the ground around a tree, holes or hollowness affecting more than 1/3 of the trunk, two stems of equal size separating, and growth of fungus. American ash trees are recommended for removal because they are likely to fall victim to the emerald ash borer, a devastating insect infestation. CM Rasmussen noted that the number of trees recommended for removal, 14%, is disproportional to the number of trees found to be dead or at high risk of failure, 5%. Further, he disagrees with the removal of trees based on species. One should wait to remove ash trees until the disease is here. It is possible that foresters and plant biologist will develop a treatment for the disease.

Continuing to respond to questions, Mr. Galvin said that SavATree does not provide a list of recommended trees to plant, because new varieties are always being developed. The object of Pepco's vegetation management program, and that of other utilities, is not a healthy tree canopy but the proper functioning of their infrastructure. Pepco has become better at working with communities on tree management and shares its plans for tree pruning and removal but industry still has work to do.

Permit requirements for the removal of mature or specimen trees are effective in preventing tree loss on private property but depend on a vigorous enforcement program. Small towns can defray the cost of an active tree care program by sharing the cost of an arborist with another community or by contracting with an arborist on a limited basis.

TA Cowles said that the next steps would probably include creation of a map of Town trees recommended for removal, and soliciting proposals. Mr. Galvin added that interns might be used to help map Town trees and grants are available to help fund this type of activity. A tree management plan should include a replanting plan, showing which trees to plant where, and a public education program, which might utilize the Town website, direct mail, workshops and events.

Mayor Jewitt raised the issue of the Town Administrator's authority under *Ordinance 118 – Roads and Public Right-of-Ways* to approve or deny permits for any work done in the Town right-of-way. TA Cowles said that she spoke with the Town Attorney about criteria for denying a permit. While giving the Town Adminis-

trator the authority to issue permits, the Ordinance lacks a set of criteria or standards on which approval or denial would be based, possibly inviting a legal challenge to permit denial.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy thought it was the intent of the Council, when it rewrote Ordinance 118, to authorize the Town Administrator to make a permit decision when the Town Council is not around during the work day. However, the Council was to retain ultimate permit approval authority. CM Rasmussen said, generally, permit issuance is a management decision, in which the Council should refrain from interfering. However, the Council could add a condition to issuing Pepco's permit that all Town property owners be educated about their right to disapprove Pepco's removal of trees on their property. The Council will take up Pepco's vegetation management permit at another worksession and review Ordinance 118 for clarification on permit issuing authority.

2. Department Reports/ Citizen comments

Mayor Jewitt invited all residents to come out for National Night Out on August 2. CM Rasmussen said he had his rental homes inspected and was accompanied by CM Robles. He received several citizen comments about a fuel oil spill, a swimming pool with standing water that has become a mosquito breeding ground, and about a neighborly dispute about property maintenance standards. The new part-time Code officer, Adrian Forbes, is doing well and is assisting Supervisor Glass with inspections.

CM Robles reported that the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) had a productive meeting and established a theme for this year, "Building the Future" using Lego building blocks. They also plan to re-start a list-serve to keep the community informed about education issues, and to look into revising the boundaries for BHES. Students from the new Greenbelt Station development are being sent to BHES and are contributing to overcrowding, which led to the placement of 3 temporary classrooms in the school's parking lot. The Committee also discussed possible fundraising activities and how to engage the wider community. CM Rasmussen and MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested that the Council review how Town Committees are established staffed and funded to make sure they are treated in an equitable manner.

CM Dennison reported that a new Public Works director, Stevie Cox, has been hired and will report for work on August 8.

Action Items

University Park bikeways grant (moved up on agenda).

Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar for the upcoming months. No changes were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 10, 2016

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

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Announcements

Mayor Jewitt thanked everyone who helped with a great National Night Out. Senator Pinsky and Delegate Washington were in attendance and US Representative Hoyer sent staff to deliver greetings. The dunk tank raised a little over \$200.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the July 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Robles and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

TA Cowles gave the Treasurer's report for the month of July. In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, TA Cowles explained that the Health Reimbursement Account used in conjunction with the Town's previous health insurance plan will be kept open until all outstanding obligations have been paid. No Council action is required to close it.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that the Council spent much time discussing proposed

tree removals by Pepco and an urban forest study by consultants SavATree. The Council continues to work on coming up with a definitive list for Town (public) tree removals by cross-referencing Pepco's and the consultants' lists and receiving input from residents. The vetted list will serve as the basis for issuing a permit to Pepco to clear vegetation around its power lines. Mayor Jewitt further reported that Berwyn Heights hosted the July Four Cities Coalition meeting and had a presentation on the new *mbike* bike share system operating at the University of Maryland campus and surrounding College Park neighborhoods. The system allows users to rent a bike for a limited time using a credit card.

5. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Administration Department is working with contractors to finish a punch list for the emergency generators project. Two air conditioning units at the Town Center were replaced because they were old and failing. The Department also continues to prepare for the annual audit and is working with human resources consultants on revising the Town's personnel manual.

In other news, the Prince George's County Click 311 will be updated to provide better access to the County's customer service request system. The Town's new website offers access to a variety of Town services, from appliance pickup to Town Center rentals, through a *Contact Us* button on the home page. August has been declared *Low Income Home Energy Assistance Action Month*. This State-managed program offers a number of grants to help defray heating and cooling expenses of low income families. More information is available at the Department of Housing and Urban Development website <http://dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/local-home-energy-program-office/>, or by contacting the Prince George's County Social Services Department at (301) 909-6300.

Code Compliance: Mayor Jewitt reported for CM Rasmussen that a fuel leak on a Cunningham Drive property was reported to the Maryland Department of the Environment, which came out to inspect. The Town will work with the property owner on remediation. A water main break on 63rd Avenue has been repaired and a temporary asphalt patch applied. Code violations for July included 29 high grass and 17 clean lot offenses.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Robles thanked the Police for organizing a successful National Night Out and all the civic organizations for participating in the event. On August 23, schools will be back in session and drivers are asked to watch out for students. The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is gearing up for the next school year and is hosting a number of events, starting with a kindergarten play-date at Pop's Park on August 20, where parents can exchange information about Berwyn Heights Elementary School and gently-used school uniforms can be purchased for as little as \$1.00. Parents may also want to mark their calendars for a "Boo-Hoo" coffee on August 23, Back-to-School Night on September 8, and "Hello Huskies" on September 13.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the report for the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD). On August 13, the BHVFD will hold its annual awards banquet. The Hyattsville Fire Department will cover the station. Thanks go to the Mayor and Town Council for sending a letter of support to the County Executive regarding the chain of command issue. In July, BHVFD volunteers operated on 6 working structure fires and 3 vehicle extractions in addition to many other calls.

Chief Antolik continued with the police activities report. There were 5 Part I offenses in July, compared with the 5-year average of 5.8. There were 33 Part I offenses year-to-date, compared to the 5-year average of 36.8. In addition, the officers issued some 260 State and municipal citations and 114 speed camera tickets. Residents are reminded to watch out for students when schools open on August 23. Enrollment in a citizens' police academy training course running from September 19 – December 12 is now open. Interested residents should contact him to be nominated. Lastly, on August 27, BHPD will host a *Coffee with Cops*, where residents can meet the officers, ask questions and share concerns. Council and staff are also welcome to attend.

Public Works: CM Dennison reported that the new Public Works Director Stevie Cox started to work this Monday. The crew continued its regular work picking up refuse and keeping the Town clean.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Robles reported that the BHEAC will next meet on August 18. On National Night Out they kicked off a year-long reading challenge for students entitled "Don't

Lego That Book." Prizes will be awarded on Berwyn Heights Day 2017. Parents have expressed concerns about 3 temporary classrooms that have been placed in the school parking lot because the school is overcrowded. The Town has no control over the placement of temporaries, but the BHEAC will start looking into the possibility of adjusting the school's boundaries to reduce the student population.

Green Team: Several members of the Green Team attended a presentation on the Town's urban forest study to learn more about the health of the tree canopy and about proposed tree removals. They are in the process of drafting a letter to inform residents about their right to decline tree removals by Pepco on their private property. She will ask for this letter to be on the next meeting agenda so the Council can give input before it goes out to residents.

Historical Committee: BHC chair Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee is producing an oral histories highlights video, which will be shown at its Fall event on November 13, at 2 p.m. The next meeting is on September 20, during which the election of officers will take place.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Committee Co-chair Mike Attick said that this year's National Night Out was the first one at which there was not some type of crisis or mishap. He thanked the Council for supporting this popular event. September is National Preparedness Month and the Committee will show anyone, who attends its September 7 meeting, how to put together a family survival kit. More information can be found in the next Bulletin.

Recreation Council: CM Robles announced that the next Recreation Council meeting will be on September 6, 7:00 p.m. and the Ice Cream Social will take place on September 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Town Center. Anyone who has fresh ideas and an interest in staging community events is welcome to attend the Recreation Council meetings.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

There was none.

9. Citizens Discussion

CM Robles said that she had a citizen comment expressing concern about the temporaries at the school and excitement about the reestablishment of the Education Advisory Committee. The

resident encouraged the Committee and the Council to take up the boundary issue and for all residents to be engaged in school matters.

Mike Attick asked where the money in the Public Safety Taxing District budget goes. TA Cowles replied that this special tax is used to fund expenses associated with employing one police officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
August 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Maria Robles. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Green Team members Amanda Dewey and Anita Cardwell.

1. Announcements

The liquor license held by Siri's/ Chefs Secret Restaurant is scheduled to be transferred to Guss' World Famous Fried Chicken Restaurant.

2. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles the August 1 worksession minutes were adopted 5 to 0.

3. Department Reports/ Citizen comments

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she met with TA Cowles to discuss the revised personnel manual, which is currently under review by senior staff. The proposed revised manual will be presented to the Council at the September 19 worksession.

CM Rasmussen reported that he received a complaint about a sign posted in the yard of a neighbor, which would seem to be covered by the right to free speech. The Town can attempt to mediate the dispute if the parties desire it, but there is nothing in the Town's ordinances to regulate this type of sign. An oil spill on a private property on Cunningham Drive was reported to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) upon his request. MDE officials came out to investigate, confirmed that the ground is polluted and ordered a remediation plan. The Code Department will work with the owners, as this can be an expensive undertaking. He received a complaint about

corn being grown in the front yard of a 57th Avenue property. This falls into the category of a homeowner's right to plant a garden.

CM Robles announced that she has to step down from the Council because a family matter requires her immediate attention and she cannot presently fulfill the commitments that come with service as a Councilmember. She is very dedicated to the Town and plans to run again in the future. CM Robles then reported that she has drafted a template for schools and educational organizations to use to apply for a grant from the Town. The Education Advisory Committee (EAC) will review the form at its next meeting, as it will likely serve as the body that will review future grant applications.

Letter to residents about tree removals:

CM Robles reported that Pepco is currently seeking approval from the Town and Town residents to prune and remove public and private trees around the power lines. The Green Team drafted a letter informing Town residents of their right to decline proposed private tree removals by Pepco on their property. The Green Team requested the Council review the letter and approve it for publication, as well as advise on a method of distribution. TA Cowles said the letter could be inserted into the September Bulletin or printed on the back of a Town-wide mailer to publicize the information at no cost to the Green Team. In addition, the letter could be posted on the website and BHTV.

Mayor Jewitt offered several corrections: 1) include a reference to Berwyn Heights' Tree City USA status; 2) rephrase the sentence stating that the Town Council and Green Team believe Pepco to be "overly aggressive" in proposing tree removals; 3) reword the sentence stating that tree removals could cause "permanent damage" to the Town's tree canopy, as Pepco offers to replace any removed trees on a particular property or give a tree to the Town to plant elsewhere. MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended the letter stress positive aspects of saving shade trees and make reference to higher property values and energy savings. In addition, she proposed including a diagram, provided to the Council in 2014, to show how Pepco's tree pruning around power lines might appear.

CM Rasmussen thanked the Green Team for drafting the letter, which should indicate authorship by the Green Team rather than the Town Council. To his mind,

the main point of the letter is to inform residents that they are under no obligation to allow Pepco to prune or remove trees on their property. Secondly, the letter should highlight the benefits of an urban forest. Further, the Town might ask Pepco to make available its inventory of private trees to be removed, and to delay the process for removing trees on private property until homeowners have had a chance to act upon the information contained in the letter.

Amanda Dewey, Green Team Facilitator, said the Green Team discussed how best to distribute the letter and identified several options: 1) posting to the website; 2) colored insert in the Bulletin; and 3) delivery to every residents' mailbox by volunteers. As for the content, the Green Team will incorporate the corrections from the Council and list a number for Pepco's tree consultant as a contact.

4. Action Items

Pepco vegetation management permit: TA Cowles explained that any utility must have a permit for undertaking work on Town property or in the Town right-of-way pursuant to Ordinance 118. In May 2016, Pepco applied for a permit to clear the space around its power lines, and submitted a list of trees to be pruned or removed. She, Public Works Director Stevie Cox and Interim Director Kenneth Hall inspected every tree included in Pepco's permit request. They compared their visual assessment of the marked trees and cross-referenced Pepco's recommendations with those of the Town's arborist. As a result, the Town concurs with 43 of Pepco's 64 proposed tree removals, provided to Council in a background document. In addition, the following conditions for approval of Pepco's vegetation management permit are proposed:

- Trees shall be replaced on a one (or more)-for-every one removed basis;
- Where private property owners do not wish to replant a tree, the tree shall go to the Town to be included in a tree replacement plan, so that there is no net loss of trees;
- Replanted trees shall be of a caliper of 2" or greater;
- Trees shall be pruned in a manner that does not leave a tree at risk of failure.

Director Cox added that, during the field trip, he noticed trees that were dead or dying but are not on Pepco's or SavA-Tree's removal list. They should be re-

moved as well.

CM Rasmussen thanked TA Cowles and the directors for their work in reviewing the proposed tree removals and coming up with an improved plan. He suggested refining the permit conditions such that:

- Replacement trees are of the same type as the removed trees (shade tree for shade tree);
- Replacement trees are cared for after they are planted so that they survive.

CM Rasmussen also asked if the Town can start over with Pepco regarding tree removals on private property. TA Cowles said this is a transaction between Pepco and the property owner for which the Town cannot require a second layer of approvals. CM Rasmussen suggested the Town ask Pepco to postpone the start date for their tree work until residents have received the letter discussed earlier. TA Cowles said that is a possibility, but the Town should notify Pepco by early September, so the Public Service Commission does not label the Town as uncooperative. It was agreed not to issue Pepco's permit until residents have had a chance to consider the new information in the letter and withdraw their consent for removing trees. Pepco's permit should be approved in early September, with tree work to begin on or after September 12.

The Town Council then discussed the disposition of individual trees on the pruning and removals list. No changes were made.

Mayor Jewitt moved, and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the tree removal and pruning plan as outlined in TA Cowles' memorandum, with the stipulation that Pepco not start its tree work until September 12. CM Rasmussen asked to amend the motion to include the condition that replacement trees are of the same kind as removed trees. Additionally, the Town will accept low growing trees to be planted in the same location where a tree was removed to clear power lines. MPT Kulpa-Eddy so moved, CM Robles seconded. The amendment passed 5 to 0. The main motion was approved 5 to 0.

58th and 60th Avenue multi-use paths reconstruction:

TA Cowles said that the Town received three bids for the reconstruction of the 58th and 60th Avenue paths and recommended accepting the lowest bids. NZI Corporation had the low bid of \$8,800 for the 58th Avenue path. Pronto Paving had the low bid of \$5,500

for the 60th Avenue path. This bid came in late, but would be \$7,000 cheaper than the next lowest bid. The funding would come from the street projects line item in the Public Works budget.

In response to Council's questions, TA Cowles and Director Cox explained that Pronto's bid was received late because it was sent to Interim Director Hall's email and was not noticed right away. Pronto's references were checked. Current customers confirmed that Pronto is a reliable contractor that stays within budget. Pronto Paving's bid is probably lower than the competitors because it is seeking to establish a relationship with a new client.

TA Cowles noted that she also looked into pervious paving and found that it would add 10% to 20% in construction cost, plus an additional cost for maintenance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that, although the additional hard surface added by these paths is relatively minor, pervious pavement would reduce the amount of stormwater runoff into Indian Creek, as it allows more water to be absorbed into the ground. Director Cox said that as part of the 58th Avenue project, rip rap and vegetation would be installed in the drainage ditch to slow runoff. Stormwater from the 60th Avenue path would run into a drain at the intersection at Quebec Street.

CM Rasmussen moved to accept the revised bids for the multi-use paths reconstruction as described in the background memorandum. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Town Center rental extension requests: Mayor Jewitt said that the Town received two requests to extend the normal hours for renting the Town Center beyond the 10:00 p.m. deadline. As with the previous request that came before the Council, she opposes extending the hours because it is an imposition on the neighbors. The Hernandez extension request for Saturday, August 27 is 1:00 a.m., inclusive of cleanup. She thinks this is much too late. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Robles agreed.

CM Rasmussen expressed concern about the timing of the Council's decision to deny the request, as the request was received on July 14 and the event is now only a couple of weeks away. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the BHPD has to review the request since alcohol is served; as this delay was caused by the Town, she is inclined to consider an extension for a minimum amount of time. CM Rasmussen also said the application form can be "gamed" because appli-

cants can be on the premises early for setup but are not billed for it. TA Cowles said that her staff is looking into how party rentals are handled and billed in other communities as part of revising the application form.

CM Rasmussen noted that the extension request filed by the Elisandre family is 11:00 p.m. Therefore, he recommends setting 11 p.m. as the closing time for both applicants, including the cleanup time. Music is to be turned off at 10:00 p.m. He moved to set the closing time for the Hernandez event at 11 p.m. CM Robles seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. He moved to set the closing time for the Elisandre event at 11 p.m. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5. Discussion Items

Security cameras: Mayor Jewitt said she learned from interviews with Town employees that they have concerns about security in the Town office and Senior Center. Office visitors have on occasion entered the employee area without permission and thefts have occurred in the Senior Center. She has consulted with Chief Antolik, and he has ordered a security survey to improve security around the Town Center. The cameras recommended as a result of the survey would cover all entrances of the Town office and the Senior Center, and monitor the Town office vestibule as well as the interior of the first and second floor of the Town Center. The cameras would record only video, not sound, with recordings having a retention period of 90 days.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she reviewed the survey and associated proposals, which were included in the agenda packet. She takes no issue with most of the security recommendations, but has a concern about installing security cameras. She said that cameras are not a security measure because they do not forestall unwanted or criminal activity. They only record it and perhaps allow for later investigation. Additionally, there would be operating costs to maintaining the cameras, besides the installation costs quoted. She also wondered if the cameras could be set up wirelessly rather than hardwired to avoid cutting into walls.

CM Rasmussen said he agrees that the times require tighter security, but action should be taken in the context of a broader security plan. This might include installation of a secure window at the service counter, as is used at the College Park City Hall, moving the Code

Compliance office away from the front entrance and, in the long run, the possibility of replacing the building housing the administrative offices. However, broader security measures would cost much more money and would need to be appropriated in future budgets.

Mayor Jewitt said, in her mind, concerns of the employees, who spend most of the day in the office, carry a lot of weight. In her experience, cameras are an important part of the security picture and their benefits outweigh concerns about privacy of those being recorded. Combined with a buzz-in system, cameras allow an employee to decide whom to let in. MPT Kulpa-Eddy replied that she is not against improving security, but thinks cameras do not really provide it. For example, she thinks a glass divider at the service counter, a buzz-in system, moving the Code office, and installing better lighting around the Town Center, are good ideas.

CM Robles said this discussion has shown that there are a multitude of options for improving security. This will probably be the start of a longer process to develop a comprehensive security plan requiring funding decisions. She would support a buzz-in system and other steps mentioned here but does not know how important security cameras are in a larger scheme. Mayor Jewitt said, unlike adding a glass divider or buzz-in system, security cameras do not say "you are not welcome." And they are already present in most public places and businesses.

The Council agreed that security in the Town office needs to be improved but requires a broader plan. Meanwhile, TA Cowles was asked to look into the cost of installing better outdoor lighting, a glass divider and other proposals discussed tonight.

At 8:55 p.m., the Council took a 5-minute break.

Monthly department reports: CM Rasmussen said that the Town Council undertook a comprehensive overhaul of monthly reports from department directors a couple of years ago and he would like to follow up on this for further improvements. The reports are a way for the Councilmembers to stay abreast of what happens in their departments, and how well routine activities are performed in relationship to overall goals and the budget so that they can make informed policy decisions. For example, the DPW report only states the raw total numbers of refuse collected in a given month, but

lacks comparative information with previous months and years, and an indication of whether expenses track with budget projections.

Mayor Jewitt agreed with CM Rasmussen's point that statistics should be presented in context, noting the Police Department report already conforms to this goal. She asked TA Cowles whether such information is being tracked by other departments and only needs to be incorporated in the reports. TA Cowles said for the most part this is available. She spoke with the new Public Works director about improving the DPW report and he plans to revise it to provide more context. As she understands it, the Council would like the department reports to provide a high-level policy perspective of a department's activity, as opposed to a more detailed operational perspective that might be discussed internally.

The following suggestions for improvement were made: 1) in the Administration report, a column should be added to show anticipated revenue to be collected in a given year, including revenue that might be taken from surplus; 2) in the Code Compliance report, the monthly revenue collected should be shown in the context of revenue budgeted; and 3) the Public Works report should add a section summarizing recent accomplishments and upcoming

objectives in addition to contextual data.

Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing: CM Rasmussen said the Council made a review of the Rental Housing Ordinance one of this year's priorities because it has not been revised since 2004 and needs updating. To start, the Council may want to ask why the Town has a Rental Housing Ordinance and what should be the standards for maintenance, health and safety required in rental units, in conformance with State and County legislation. He asked Councilmembers to identify what top-level concerns should be addressed during the review process.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that short term rentals, such as those offered through the online website Airbnb.com, and the use of in-law suites (as proposed in the revised zoning regulations) should be considered. She further suggested checking with the Maryland Municipal League (MML) for advice and the availability of any model rental ordinances. Other suggestions included reviewing College Park's rental housing program, as they have a lot of experience with student rentals, and setting a timeframe for amending this Ordinance as part of a legislative calendar for this year.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar for the upcoming months. No changes were made.

7. Executive Session (9:25 p.m. – 9:43 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles the Council went into executive session to discuss two legal matters. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the Council ended the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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The Walkathon is our primary fundraiser and we depend on the money we raise to support these enrichment activities for our kids.

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Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, October 4**
PTA Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- **Thursday, October 6**
Intermediate Literacy
Night @ 6:45 pm
- **Wednesday, October 12**
No School – Yom Kippur
- **Thursday, October 20**
Walkathon
- **Friday, October 21**
No School
- **Monday, October 24**
Second Cup of Coffee @
9:15 am
- **Friday, October 28**
2-Hr Early Dismissal
- **Monday, October 31**
No School

Our Gorgeous Gardens!

In September, our 5th graders headed outside and planted various veggies, such as Cauliflower, Broccoli, Swiss Chard, Brussel Sprouts, and Spinach, in our raised beds. The kids will water, fertilize, and inspect the plants for bad bugs until they are ready to be harvested later this fall. Then the students will celebrate the veggies of their labor with a Fresh Vegetable Pasta Salad Party!

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When: Sign-up dates are October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, From 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee

*The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!
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Our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 20th at 7 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Tips for an Eco-Friendly Halloween

1. Make your own costume from items around your house - sometimes the best costumes come from the most creative materials!
2. Short on time or craftiness? Shop at a thrift store for a gently-used costume.
3. Donate last year's costumes to a thrift store to give them new life with another family.
4. Compost your carved Jack-o-Lanterns after Halloween instead of throwing them away.
5. Consider buying slightly higher quality decorations that you can re-use year after year instead of one-time use disposable items (think cloth tablecloths, washable serving dishes, weather-proof outdoor decorations.)



Homemade Face Paint Recipe

1 1/2 tbsp. cocoa butter or thick lotion

Natural food coloring

3 tbsp. cornstarch

Mix lotion and cornstarch to create a thick paste. Add food coloring one drop at a time until you achieve the desired color.

****Test paint on a small, non-visible patch of skin first to make sure it washes off well.**

Recipe from The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics

Halloween Safety Alerts

In their 2009 report, Campaign for Safe Cosmetics found that ten different kids' make-up sets **all contained lead**, as well as nickel, cobalt, and chromium.

None of the metals were listed on product labels.

Research your face paint before buying! Lead exposure can cause irreparable neurological damage.

Consider using organic, non-toxic facepaints that you research online before using, or make your own homemade facepaint.



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Aug 22nd- At 2pm Truck 14 & Chief 14 (McCoy) were alerted on the 2nd Alarm for a Commercial Building Fire in the 3400blk of Kenilworth Ave in Bladensburg, large amount of roofing materials and wood pallets on fire in a warehouse. Squad 14B was also alerted shortly afterwards on the 3rd Alarm. Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad 49 was transferred to BHVFD to assist Ambulance 14 cover the area during four hour incident.

Aug 22nd- Squad 14B, Ambulance 14 & Chief 14 (McCoy) extricated a trapped driver from a crash on Greenbelt Rd at Kenilworth Ave in Greenbelt. Truck 14 also responded to the call to assist with additional manpower.

Aug 29th- Squad 14B & Tech Rescue Support 14 responded to the 1400Blk of University Blvd in Adelphi for a structural collapse, car into an apartment complex. BHVFD stabilized the structure and vehicle.

Sept 6th- Truck 14 operated in the 8200Blk of Powder Mill Road at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center for a building fire, units arrived to find fire through the roof. Hyattsville VFD Truck 1 & Chillum Engine 44 were transferred to BHVFD to cover the area during the incident.

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	Tom Calihan
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October 19	Meg Shane

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

WII BOWLING — Pick Up games every
Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday
At 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS— Second and Fourth Tuesdays
at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday
is also a Pot Luck.

Happenings

REDSKIN FOOTBALL Come watch the games on October 2, 9, 16, and 23, and share a pot luck late lunch. Game times are 1:00 P.M., subject to change.

STEAK NITE at the VFW on October 21, followed by trip to the Bowie Play House to see “HMS Pinafore.”

BREAKFAST at the Silver Diner is also on tap. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

We are hosting the maintenance department employees for lunch on October 25.



LEAGUE PLAY has resumed, but we are still looking for subs.

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POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **August 2016**. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified cate-

08/03/2016 at 11:42 am, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 13200 Old Marlboro Pike, in Upper Marlboro, MD to recover Local Government Tags belonging to the Town.

08/08/2016 at 1:13 pm, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 57th., Avenue for a property damage report.

08/08/2016 at 9:30 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the Town Hall for a report of a vandalism.

08/09/2016 at 7:50 am, Det/Sgt. Unger

responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of a stolen MD temporary tag.

08/10/2016 at 8:45 am, Det/Sgt. Unger impounded a 2010 Chevy from the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace. The vehicle was parked blocking a driveway.

08/10/2016 at 11:30 am, Cpl. Ignowski impounded a 1997 Nissan from the 5800 block of Berwyn Road. The vehicle was unregistered.

08/13/2016 at 1:45 am, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2013 Nissan Altima from the location of Marietta Lane at Bucknell Terr. The vehicle was displaying tags to another vehicle.

08/13/2016 at 5:04 pm, Pfc. Ramirez responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a property damage report.

08/15/2016 at 12:37 pm, Cpl. Krouse impounded a 2002 Mercedes and a 2006 Honda from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. Vehicles were involved in an accident.

08/18/2016 at 3:15 pm, Pfc. Ramirez impounded a 2009 Honda and a 2011 Jeep from the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. Vehicles were involved in an accident.

08/20/2016 at 1:30 am, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road for an assault report. A 36 y/o, b/m alleged that he was punched in the head by unknown black males. Victim appears to be under the influence.

08/21/2016 at 3:45 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a report of a parked vehicle being hit by an unknown vehicle.

08/24/2016 at 9:30 am, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road for a medically distressed person. The person was identified and departed with her family.

08/25/2016 at 8:38 am, Pfc. Ramirez impounded a 2008 Pontiac G6 from the 6300 block of Pontiac Street. The driver was not licensed.

08/25/2016 at 9:25 am, Pfc. Ramirez, Cpl. Ignowski, Sgt. Unger and the Chief of Police responded to the 5912 Osage Street for a check on the welfare of an elderly person. A forced entry was made and revealed that the 78 y/o, w/f was deceased due to several medical conditions.



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For Preschoolers and Younger

Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy



Playground Rotation

1st & 3rd Monday of month — Indian Creek Playground

2nd & 4th Monday of month—Pop's Park

For additional information contact Rachel Cicero

rachelcicero55@gmail.com

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Berwyn Heights Community Center

6200 Pontiac Street

Berwyn Heights MD 20740

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Leaves and Yard Waste

**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 to dispose of leaves and other yard waste, or use a designated trash container.



If you have branches and tree limbs to dispose of, please cut them to a 4-foot length and tie them into bundles with string or twine. Bundles should not exceed 2 ½ feet in diameter, and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

Bamboo must be kept separate from all other yard waste. Please cut stalks to a 4-foot length and tie into bundles that are no more than 2 ½ feet in diameter, and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Mondays north of Pontiac Street.

Tuesday south of Pontiac Street.

CODE NEWS

August Activities

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	38
Clean Lot	20
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	7
Non-Hazardous	4
Vehicles	11
Premise Identification	1
Commercial	1
Total Violations	83
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	2
Dumpster/ PODs	1
Total Permits issued	3
Rentals	
New Rentals	4
Lost Rentals	2
Total Rentals	194
Inspections	30
Re-inspections	2
Fines	3
Rental Licenses Issued	22
Vacant Homes	
	7

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

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Co-Chair Michael Attick
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Historical Committee

JOIN US FOR

Wine & Cheese Reception

NOVEMBER 13, 2:00 PM

Showing of an oral histories highlights video - Interviews with long-time residents of our Town sharing their memories of an earlier Berwyn Heights.

Also on display, Town photo albums from 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Help us identify people and events, and bring your own old photos of our Town to show, if you like.



*Town Office Dedication Ceremony 1992:
Who Are These Guests?*

**Next Meeting: October 25, 7:30 pm,
G. Love Room.**



Maryland Milestones/ ATHA Heritage Center to open soon. Check out their Twitter page for updates on what is going on at <https://twitter.com/atheritagearea>

Next Year's Officers Elected

Chair:	Kerstin Harper
Vice Chair:	Debby Steele-Snyder
Secretary:	Richard Ahrens

Contact Kerstin Harper for info at 301-474-5000 or kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

Visit our blog at <https://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com/>

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

12 PM—4:00 PM — Ages: 2—12

Barcode #1658879—Spaces limited; register early



☺ Come dressed in a costume and enjoy a fright-less good time with crafts, trick or treating, and free swim until 4:00 PM.

☺ Cost: Children \$10/\$13 (includes one adult. 12 and under must have an adult accompanying them.) Additional Adult \$6/\$8.

☺ Children under 5 must be within arm's reach of an adult at all times.

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October 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 25	26 	27 	28	29	30	Oct 1
2 Street Sweeper	3 7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	4 7:30 PM Rec. Council G. Love Room 6:45 PM PTA Meeting BHES Library	5 7:00 PM NW/EP Meeting G. Love Room	6	7	8 10:00 AM Boys & Girls Club Fall Festival Town Center
9	10 	11 	12 8:00 PM Town Meeting Town Office	13	14	15 7:00 PM BHES Parking Lot
16	17 7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	18 	19 7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee Town Ctr. 2nd Floor 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm.	20	21	22 9:00 AM Electronics Recycling Greenbelt DPW
23	24 	25 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room	26 7:30 PM Four Cities Meeting Greenbelt	27	28	29
30	31 6:00 PM TRICK OR TREAT	PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET, IF POSSIBLE, DURING THE WEEK THAT THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.			Recycling Collection Yard Waste Refuse Collection Bulk Pick-up	

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

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 432-0710	crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Vacant		
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

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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.

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