

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**SEPTEMBER 2015**

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## ANNOUNCING NEW COUNCIL MEMBER LYNN WHITE

Council Member Anthony Schreiber resigned on August 21 due to scheduling conflicts with his law school classes. The Town's Charter requires the Town Council fill a vacancy within 45 days from a resignation. The Town had a recent pool of applicants for the Town Council vacancy created when Cheye Calvo resigned in June, and it was from this applicant pool that the Town Council offered Ms. Lynn White a Council Member position to fill the vacancy from Council Member Schreiber's resignation. Ms. White will be sworn in as a Berwyn Heights Council Member at the Town Meeting on Wednesday, September 9. Please join the Town in welcoming Ms. White to the Town Council!

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORD 109 - ELECTIONS

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

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

The revisions will update the Ordinance to conform with new State of Maryland and Prince George's County requirements and redefine the responsibilities of the Board of Election Supervisors and Town Clerk.

Public comments at the September Town Meeting are welcome.



### † Jeanne E. McConnell †

November 2, 1927 - July 30, 2015

The Berwyn Heights Seniors' Club lost its long-standing President and the Town one of the few remaining "old timers" when Jean McConnell passed away on July 30, 2015. A grand daughter of former Town Commissioner Sam Moyer, Jean was born in his Victorian home at 8911 57th Avenue and lived in Berwyn Heights for most of her life.

Jean was dedicated to family and community. She was the beloved wife of the late James McConnell, Sr.; loving mother of Jim (Fran) McConnell, Frank McConnell, and the late Sam McConnell; grandmother of five, great-grandmother of six; and great-great-grandmother of one. Sister of Shirley Duwhirst and the late Pat. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

As a founding member of the Berwyn Heights Senior Citizens' Club and its President since 1985 (except in 1988), Jean was instrumental in bringing about the establishment of the Senior Center. She was also a member of the Town's Recreation Council and Historical Committee. At the Berwyn Heights Presbyterian Church, she coordinated the Help-by-Phone Food Pantry, served as a church elder and deacon, and taught Sunday school.

Jeanne's presence in Town will be sorely missed.

## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON  
Labor Day**

Mon	09/07/15	NO PICKUP
Tue	09/08/15	Trash, Bulk Trash, Entire Town
Wed	09/09/15	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town
Thu	09/10/15	Trash, Entire Town

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash  
at the Curb on Weekends and Holidays.  
During the remaining weeks of  
September trash collection will take place  
as indicated in the table below.

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## FRIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION MOVED TO THURSDAY, EFFECTIVE JULY 2015

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

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orksession  
July 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and interviewees Cheryl Jewitt, Maria Robles, Gerald Shields, and Lynn White, and resident Jeff Gourley

**1. Town Council vacancy interviews:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that this meeting will begin with interviews of the 4 residents who applied for the Town Council vacancy: Cheryl Jewitt, Maria Robles, Gerald Shields and Lynn White. The interviews will take place in closed session, with each candidate being allotted 1/2 hour and asked the same set of questions.

## 2. Executive Session

At 6:35 p.m., CM Dennison moved and MPT Rasmussen seconded to go into executive session. The motion passed 4 to 0. With interviews completed, CM Dennison moved and MPT Rasmussen seconded to end the executive session at 8:27 p.m.

## 3. Mayor

**Announcements:** Charles Hall, a long-time resident and valued Town employee, passed away on June 29, 2015. Fellow employees took the opportunity to say good bye at a subsequent memorial service and to offer sympathies to his wife and children.

**Calendar:** The date for the first worksession in September was set for September 8.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Schreiber, the June 15 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The June 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

MPT Rasmussen commented that proof-reading minutes is a terrible use of the Council's time. He proposed Councilmembers be sent the minutes ahead of time to make edits, which would be incorporated into the minutes that will be approved at the upcoming worksession. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said a similar process is followed for the editing of Town meeting minutes and merits further discussion.

**Department reports:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy

said that the Administration Department was busy planning the July 10 reception for former Mayor Calvo in honor of his service. The Prince George's County Planning Department is holding a zoning rewrite public meeting entitled "Know Your Neighborhood" on July 25 at the Sports & Learning Complex to explain what zoning regulations are currently in place. A follow-up meeting entitled "Build Your Neighborhood" is scheduled for September 17, 7 p.m. at the Sports & Learning Complex, when citizens can give input on future zoning regulations. Further, Prince George's County Police have been performing some targeted actions in the Town. The Berwyn Heights Police Department has been informed and is working with County Police in the ongoing investigation.

MPT Rasmussen expressed his sympathies to the family of Charlie Hall, who postponed his retirement to help lead the Code Compliance Department through the periods when the Code Supervisor position was vacant. He had a lot of institutional knowledge and was able to maintain a cooperative relationship with homeowners while performing code duties. Code Officer Keelah Allen Smith attended the MML conference and helped serve at the Maryland Code and Zoning Officials Association exhibit.

CM Dennison reported that participation in the Town-wide yard sale was up this year, which resulted in a big tipping day. The Susan Jones Quartet jazz concert will be held this Thursday.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received a comment on a code matter, which she forwarded to TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass.

At 8:50 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

## 4. Administration

**Sidewalks update:** TA Cowles shared the good news that SHA fully funded the Town's request for an additional \$31,000 to pay for construction management services of the Safe Routes to School sidewalks on the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. Further, Director Lockley has provided updated cost estimates for repairing curbs, gutters and sidewalks around the Town, beyond what is specified in the E&R Priority 1 sidewalks contract, to take advantage of E&R's exceptional unit prices for concrete work.

There are a total of 762 feet of curbs and gutters that need repairs at a cost of no more than \$19,000, some of which could be covered by the budget for the current sidewalks contract. The proposed curb

and gutter repairs would occur on streets that are scheduled for resurfacing within the next 3 to 8 years. There are also a number of places that require repairs to aging sidewalks, which would cost an additional \$19,000. Those sinking and cracked sidewalks are mostly found on Pontiac Street, but a substantial number are on Ballew Avenue where tree roots have lifted some sections of the sidewalk and pose a tripping hazard. This would cost up to \$6,700 to correct. A shifting driveway apron on Ruatan Street, which is the Town's responsibility, would cost an added \$660 to replace.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she would make the Pontiac Street sidewalks a priority because many children walk to school along this route. She would also repair the driveway apron on Ruatan Street because it is inexpensive, but questioned whether this was really the Town's responsibility. She asked why the concrete work at 57th Avenue and Osage Street is not included, as the Council has previously agreed that it is a priority. TA Cowles will check whether this project has already been addressed and financed from the Public Works budget. She will also seek to confirm that the broken sidewalks panels on Pontiac Street can be replaced in kind, and do not fall under the new 5' wide sidewalk requirement for ADA compliance.

MPT Rasmussen sought clarification that all Pontiac Street sidewalks in need of repairs were constructed at the same time. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy thought they were probably constructed when SHA turned over upgraded former State highways Pontiac Street and 58th Avenue to the Town in the mid 1980s. MPT Rasmussen suggested that it may be worth finding out what percentage of the total length of sidewalks the broken panels represent, and consider whether it is prudent to replace all with new ADA compliant 5' sidewalks. TA Cowles will look into it.

The Council expressed reservations about repairing the Ballew Avenue sidewalks because there is not much pedestrian traffic, and the curbs and gutters on Seminole, Ruatan and Quebec Streets if there is no structural reason other than these streets would be next in line for resurfacing. TA Cowles was asked to provide the additional information requested so that a decision can be made at the next worksession.

**Performance evaluations:** TA Cowles said she drafted a revised memorandum outlining the performance evaluation

process. Department directors have already been given the draft memo and evaluation forms for completion of employees' evaluations by July 31. The employee evaluations will then be reviewed by the department heads/ councilmembers to be finalized by the end of August. The evaluations for department directors this year will be drafted by the Town Administrator and finalized in discussions with the Council. It is a slightly different process than in the past and conforms to the recently passed Ordinance 121 - Executive Powers & Duties. In other respects, the process follows previous practices. However the evaluation process is likely to change more substantially next year after personnel consultants have had a look at it.

In response to CM Schreiber, TA Cowles said that she will assist Code Supervisor Glass in drafting the evaluations for his staff. MPT Rasmussen will also be able to provide input. Her own evaluation will be prepared by the Department Head for Administration with assistance from the Mayor and finalized by the Council during an executive session, as will all director and supervisor evaluations.

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the August Bulletin cover: National Night Out theme; headlines for National Night Out and Back to School and a jump for CERT training class. MPT Rasmussen proposed to keep Bulletin cover decisions off the Council agenda and empower the Town Administrator to approve the cover. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy disagreed as there may sometimes be news only the Council is aware of and wants to put on the cover.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance**, **6. Parks & Recreation**, **7. Public Safety** and **8. Public Works**.

#### **9. Executive Session (9:36 p.m. -10:55 p.m.)**

CM Dennison moved and CM Schreiber seconded to go into executive session to select a candidate to fill the vacant Council seat. With the decision made, CM Dennison moved and CM Schreiber seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



## **T**own Meeting

**July 8, 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, and Maria Robles. CM Anthony Schreiber had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Suzan Lape, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. Swearing-in**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council selected Maria Robles to fill the Council vacancy left by Mayor Calvo's resignation. Four well qualified residents applied and were interviewed at the July 6 work-session. She welcomed Ms. Rita Robinson, a representative of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, to perform the swearing-in.

Ms. Robinson swore in Maria Robles as Councilmember of the Town of Berwyn Heights. CM Robles introduced herself. She said that she has lived in Berwyn Heights since 2003, and became active in the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA in 2004, serving alternately as treasurer and as vice president. She has also been active in the Boys & Girls Club, serving first as a soccer coach and more recently as treasurer. She has long felt a calling to serve her community, and decided to step up and apply for the Council when the opportunity became available.

### **2. Minutes**

Clerk Harper read a summary of the June 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Rasmussen, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of June. In response to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, Ms Lape explained that the public safety reserve fund is not listed in this report because some corrections need to be made.

### **4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of Charles Hall, a long time Berwyn Heights resident and valued Town employee, who had served as a part-time code officer since 2006.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Council held an additional worksession

on June 25 to award contracts for the emergency generators project and the Safe Routes to School sidewalks project. The emergency generators were budgeted at \$160,000, with half of the funds coming from a State bond bill and half from the Town. The winning bid from America's Best came in at \$114,000, well below the budget. The Safe Routes to School project was budgeted at \$62,000 and the contract was awarded to E&R Services, who came in with the low bid of \$66,000. TA Cowles asked the grant maker SHA whether it would adjust the grant to cover the bid and additional engineering expenses. SHA agreed. The Town will be able to start constructing the sidewalks in the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue before the next school is back in session.

Mayor Kulpa Eddy announced Prince George's County will hold a zoning rewrite meeting open to the public on July 25, 2015. Attendees can learn how zoning codes have shaped the communities in which they live. The wholesale revision of the County's zoning code is likely to have significant impact on the future development of Prince George's communities. On July 29, the Four Cities Coalition will meet in Berwyn Heights. A representative from the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) will give an overview of the Department and its functions. The Four Cities are interested in exploring how the permitting process can be streamlined. Lastly, residents are reminded that a reception for former Mayor Calvo will be held on July 10 at the Town Center.

### **5. Department Reports**

**Administration:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported, with Ms. Robles' coming on the Council, Councilmembers' departmental responsibilities will be adjusted. New departmental assignments will be announced at the August Town meeting. The Administration Department reports that FY 2015 revenues came in above budget but some bills are still outstanding. The FY 2015 audit will begin shortly, with TA Cowles as the main point of contact.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that she, MPT Rasmussen, and CM Schreiber attended this year's MML conference, along with TA Cowles and Director Lockley. She was the flag bearer for Berwyn Heights in the opening ceremony, and attended workshops on community policing, blighted properties, ordinance writing, as well as several sessions focused on small towns. She also participated in the cabinet round table and had a con-

versation with the Secretary of the Transportation Department. On behalf of the Town, she thanked him for the Safe Routes to School grant and raised issues relating to the Kenilworth Avenue/Pontiac Street intersection.

**Code Compliance:** MPT Rasmussen congratulated Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and TA Cowles on securing additional funding for the Safe Routes to School project. He noted that June saw a significant increase in high grass violations as a result of frequent rains and asked residents to try to keep up with grass cutting. Since the arrival of a new code supervisor, code activity has gone up, not only in the amount of citations issued, but also in building permits issued and rental homes inspected. MPT Rasmussen also recognized the late Charles Hall. Mr. Hall had put in many additional hours as a Code officer to help lead the Code Department through the periods when it was short staffed and without a supervisor.

MPT Rasmussen gave an overview of the workshops he attended at the MML conference. They included sessions on the Maryland economy, emergency communications, strategic planning and an interesting session on cops, liability and videotape, a topic the Council discussed during a spring budget meeting.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison conveyed her condolences to the Hall Family. She then thanked the Recreation Council for organizing the Town-wide yard sale and Tim Tormoen for publishing the yard sale map. Tomorrow, the 4th annual Lake Artemesia concert with the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet will take place. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Town Center.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik welcomed CM Robles and then gave the police activities report for June. There were 6 Part I offenses, which is slightly above to the 5 year average of 5.6. The year-to-date total of 32 was below the 5 year average of 34.4. The Police also issued a total of 204 municipal and state citations and 39 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik and his officers completed 40 hours of in-service training.

In other news, the Police and NW/EP will host the 32nd National Night Out on August 4. MPT Rasmussen will act as master of ceremony. Further, the Department will auction off one of its surplus police vehicles after purchasing and outfitting the two new vehicles budgeted for FY 2016. The Department is also implementing a new category of fines for fail-

ure to display license plates in front and rear. Officers have been issuing tickets.

**Public Works:** As CM Schreiber was absent, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported on Public Works activities. The Department hired Clinton Lewis as a crewman II and Nichelle Howard as a new administrative assistant. Gary Stanton was named employee of the month for June.

During free tipping day on June 25, the Department was able to dispose of 27 ½ tons of trash for a savings of \$1,600. A new trash schedule has gone into effect that combines the second weekly pickup on Thursdays and eliminates Friday pickups entirely. Residents, who are still setting trash out on Fridays, have been given courtesy notices, but no fines have been issued yet. The quarterly electronics recycling day will be held on July 25.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that NW/EP is getting ready for National Night Out on August 4. On August 1 and 2, the Committee will hold Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes. Mike Attick is taking registrations. The next meeting will be held on September 2 and a disaster drill is planned for later in September.

**Recreation Council:** Reported under Department Reports.

## 7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

## 8. New Business

There was none.

## 9. Citizens Discussion

Joan Ahrens, Seminole Place, thanked all the residents who applied for the vacant Council seat and congratulated Maria Robles on her appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**W**orksession  
July 20, 2015

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

## 1. Mayor

**Agenda:** The appeal of a rental code violation was postponed due to a scheduling conflict.

**Announcements:** College Park Councilmember Patrick Wohans was in a car accident and broke his ankle. Berwyn Heights will send get well wishes.

**Calendar:** Trunk or Treat Halloween event was added for October 17.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the June 25 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Rasmussen, the July 6 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy attended a progress meeting on the FBI video project. The videographer Bill Cornett has almost completed the Berwyn Heights video shoot. A clip will be shown during the July 29 Four Cities meeting. A Prince George's County zoning rewrite meeting "Know Your Neighborhood" will take place on July 25 at the Sports & Learning Complex. This Wednesday, July 22, the water will be shut off at the Town office and Town Center due to WSSC water main replacement project. There will be limited availability of water and restrooms. The restrooms at Sports Park should be opened as an alternative. Employees may take a day of unscheduled leave.

CM Schreiber reported that he and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting last week. The main topic was leadership succession following the resignation of PGCMA Vice President Cheye Calvo, who was designated to take over as President. In his stead, Glenarden Councilmember Maxine Phifer was elected President and Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene Grant Vice President. In addition, the PGCMA's budget and Pepco's double utility poles were discussed. The current contract for the PGCMA legislative liaison was extended for 60 days, while a new contract is being reviewed.

CM Schreiber also reported that Public Works hired 3 new employees: crewman Clinton Lewis, administrative assistant Nichelle Howard and part-time crewman Clifton Covington. CM Dennison reported that she attended the Susan Jones concert last week, held indoors due to rain.

**Citizen comments:** CM Schreiber and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received comments on the change in the trash pickup schedule and the shorter and longer periods in



between pickups this causes for south side residents.

Councilmembers noted that residents can skip a pickup day if there is not enough trash to set out on a particular day. The Town is also promoting recycling and composting to reduce the overall amounts of trash going to the landfill. BHES has a separate paper recycling program that generates some funds for the school. The Green Team has held composting workshops and made composting bins available to interested residents.

MPT Rasmussen received a comment from a resident entomologist who is leading an effort to increase the habitat for the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, the Maryland State insect, by planting certain plants the butterfly prefers. He will refer the matter to the Green Team. He also received some comments about code issues. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also received comments about the doorhangers given out to residents who are still setting trash out on Fridays.

**Four Cities agenda:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the next Four Cities meeting will be held in Berwyn Heights on July 29. Among the items already on the agenda are presentations by the Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE), the Veterans Outpatient Clinic, and the Four Cities video project, among other items. The Council added an update on the North County animal shelter. The topic of school attendance of children from Greenbelt Station south core was proposed but set aside. It was agreed that it should be the subject of a separate meeting with School Board Representative Lupi Grady.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance, 3 Parks & Recreation, and 4. Public Safety.**

#### 5. Public Works

**Concrete repair recommendations:** Director Lockley presented his revised recommendations for concrete repairs to sidewalks, curbs and gutters around the Town ranked by priority. He has identified 762 linear feet of broken, sunk and eroded curbs and gutters on the streets due to be resurfaced in the next 8 years. Replacement of these curbs and gutters would cost \$17,400. In addition, 2,064 SF of sidewalks have been identified that require repairs at a total cost of \$18,280. This includes an optional 664 SF of sidewalks on Ballew Avenue costing \$5,644, as well as a concrete swale at Osage Street and 57th Avenue costing \$4,560. The cost without the Ballew Avenue

sidewalks and the concrete swale options would be \$8,076.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, Director Lockley said that the purpose of repairing curbs and gutters is to preserve current roads as best as possible by ensuring even flow of storm water into the drains. Repair of the concrete swale at Osage Street and 57th Avenue has been taken off the list because it requires more extensive repairs to the roadway. Further, the problem may be resolved as part of WSSC's water main replacement project, which affects this street. WSSC has committed to resurfacing half of the roadway where water mains have been replaced. Director Lockley is the point of contact with the WSSC contractors, and will discuss the swale with them. The Council earlier considered resurfacing the other half of the streets affected by the WSSC project, but has yet to make a decision.

The sidewalks proposed to be repaired are mostly on Pontiac Street where many students walk to school. The problems are mostly tripping hazards due to lifting or dropping of sidewalk sections as well as some drainage issues. A couple of driveway aprons are proposed to be replaced to mitigate tripping hazards but there is a question if this is the Town's or the homeowner's responsibility. The Town attorney has been asked to look into it because the Town expects this circumstance will continue to come up in the future.

TA Cowles explained that the actual cost of the priority 1 sidewalks project is expected to be at the \$500,000 mark, including add-ons and additional engineering cost. This is below the FY 2015 budget of \$540,000. The money was taken from several sources with \$168,000 coming from the public safety reserve, leaving \$102,000 to help fund additional sidewalk repair work. Money for curb and gutter repairs could be taken from general surplus, the infrastructure reserve or the public safety reserve, depending on the Town attorney's advice.

In a discussion of the Ballew Avenue sidewalks, several options for repairing the sunken and lifted panels were considered, including installation of a root barrier, constructing a raised sidewalk to avoid tree damage, and grinding down or building up the panels to smooth out differences in elevation. It was agreed not to repair these sidewalks now as there is not much pedestrian traffic on Ballew Avenue. Restoration may be considered as part of a possible overall redevelopment of the industrial zone, once

the Greenbelt Station development has been completed.

CM Schreiber moved and MPT Rasmussen seconded to approve \$17,425 for curb and gutter repairs outlined in Director Lockley's memo, and \$8,280 for sidewalk repairs on Pontiac Street with money taken from the public safety reserve, if possible, and/or from the general surplus, if curbs and gutters cannot be funded from the public safety reserve. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The Council also postponed the deadline for issuing fines for putting trash out to the curb on Fridays to August 7.

At 8:50 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

#### 4. Administration

**Minutes review process:** Clerk Harper said that in 2004, the Council revised Council Rule 3, which guides the minute writing and review process. It also sets standards for what should be included in the minutes and how the content should be ordered. The Rule is silent on whether minutes that record only the decisions of the Council (action minutes) are acceptable. Maryland law allows for video recordings to serve as the official record.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that this item is on the agenda because MPT Rasmussen thought that the Council spends too much time on reviewing the minutes. She offered to proofread the minutes before they come before the Council to minimize the time spent on approval. She did so with the minutes approved today, which took much less time than before. However, her edits will be confined to spelling and grammar. Substantive changes remain to be made at Council meetings. The Council had no objections.

MPT Rasmussen said he believes that the minutes could be shorter without negatively affecting open government norms the Town tries to follow. This would also reduce the amount of space taken up by minutes in the Town Bulletin and reduce production costs. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested MPT Rasmussen put together a memo, or an example of how more compact minutes should look.

**Ordinance 109 - Elections revision:** Clerk Harper explained that the Election Ordinance was last amended in 1999 and no longer reflects how the Town conducts its Town Council elections. The main problem areas that need to be ad-

ressed include:

- Redefine makeup and responsibilities of the Board of Election Supervisors (election judges). The Board currently consists of 5 election judges, including one Chief Judge but no clerks. Election judges responsibilities are limited to staffing the polling place on election day, and supervising the voting and vote counting;
- Redefine responsibilities of the Town Clerk (or Town Administrator) to include those detailed in Section 3-A. At this point, the Town Clerk manages the election process, with the exception of Election Day. This includes interfacing with the Council candidates on filing their papers and financial disclosures; with the PGC Board of Elections on voter registration and certifying election results; and with the election judges on training, preparing ballots and supervising the voting;
- Incorporate the latest State election law changes on provisional voting and absentee voting;

- Add provisions on write-in candidates if less than 5 citizens run in a given election. This should comprise paperwork to be filed by late declaring candidates and any privileges granted them.
- Formalize the election calendar;
- Formalize candidates' night;
- Clarify posting of election signs;
- Clarify machine versus paper ballot voting; and
- Delete or summarize overly detailed instructions for machine voting and paper ballot voting in Section 3-B and 3-C of ORD 109.

In response to Council questions, Clerk Harper said that the filing of financial disclosures is set forth in the recently amended Ethics Ordinance. Several rules pertaining to write-in candidates were adopted in April 2014, when only 3 candidates had filed for the Town Council election. Two late declaring candidates were granted quasi-formal status and were listed on the specimen ballot after filing financial disclosures and candidate petitions.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked about the process for updating the Ordinance. TA Cowles recommended using Clerk Harper's bullet points to produce an amended Ordinance with tracked changes. Then the Ordinance would be introduced with a public hearing and adopted after a second reading, at which time public comments can also be made. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Ordinance could be revised in sections to break down the work into more manageable portions. At a minimum an outline of the amended Ordinance should be produced for the Council's consideration at the next worksession with the aim to introduce a draft Ordinance in September and adopt it in October.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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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/berwynheightsmd>



## 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:

[http://www.pepco.com/  
connect-with-us/contact-us/](http://www.pepco.com/connect-with-us/contact-us/)



## Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness



# SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



AMERICA'S  
Prepare/thon!



## Build a Basic Disaster Supply Kit

Your disaster supplies kit should contain **essential food, water and supplies for at least three days**. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

- Water:
  - One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food
  - Non-perishable and a manual can opener
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

## Plan to Protect Yourself and Your Family

Prepare yourself and your family for a disaster by making an emergency plan:

<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Download the "Family Communication Plan for Parents and Kids", print the pages and fill them in offline:

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34330>

Your emergency planning should also address:

- the care of pets  
<http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals>
- aiding family members with access and functional needs (who may need extra assistance)  
<http://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs>
- safely shutting off utilities  
<http://www.ready.gov/utility-shut-safety>

You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.

Once you've collected this important information, gather your family members and discuss the information to put in the plan. Practice your plan at least twice a year and update it according to any issues that arise.

**Join NWEPP and become active in community emergency preparedness in Berwyn Heights!**

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



September 2015

# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

## **\*\* The 2015-2016 School Year Has Begun! \*\***

Let's make it the best one yet!



Visit your child's classroom and learn about plans for the upcoming year at **Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.**

And then, one week later, on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** celebrate the start of a new school year at **BHES' 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hello Husky Extravaganza!**

Food! Music! Games! for the whole family in front of the school building beginning at 6 pm.



## **Upcoming Events**

### **September 1**

Back to School Night

### **September 7**

Labor Day – No School!

### **September 8**

Hello Husky Night

### **October 9**

Walkathon

## **Please join the PTA for the 2015-2016 school year!**

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family.

Membership forms are available on the PTA web site and at the PTA display at the entrance to the school.

Meetings **usually** are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm in the school library.

Visit the PTA web site at [www.BHESPTA.org](http://www.BHESPTA.org).

Like us on Facebook (search for Berwyn Heights ES PTA)!

Follow us on Twitter  
@BHES\_PTA.

Berwyn Heights' annual **Walkathon** fundraiser will take place on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all money collected is used to sponsor wonderful school events, such as field trips and enrichment activities.

Please support your local school!

Extra special thanks to our school gardens' extremely generous donors: the BH Dept. of Public Works and the College Park Home Depot.

## **\*\* Our Gorgeous School Gardens \*\***

The Garden Team has already dug their heels into the dirt for our 2015-16 school year! The clean-up event was a great success thanks to all the volunteers that showed their Husky pride by coming and helping! Please contact **Therese Forbes at [Therese@CelticClans.com](mailto:Therese@CelticClans.com)** if you are interested in volunteering in the gardens or during class projects.

This month the 5th graders will plant their vegetables with a harvest party before the frost hits Berwyn Heights. Among the other exciting projects the kids will participate in through the year include:

Crimson Clover cover crops  
Sunflower Garden  
Soil not Dirt

Growing Micro greens  
Sprouting veggies from veggies  
Terrariums and much more!

Please visit the gardens with your kids and find some of the hidden treasures there. We have spotted Praying Mantis, ladybugs, honeybees, hummingbirds and so much more. The Peace Garden has a beautiful seating area for you to enjoy and soak in some nature! Keep an eye out for Monarchs this fall. Last year, the 4th graders planted Butterfly Weed plants and they have been blooming and waiting to host some of the Monarchs as they return to Mexico!

**For any further information,** please contact the PTA co-presidents, Chris McComb and Jason Papanikolas at [president@bhespta.org](mailto:president@bhespta.org).  
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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 [lwhitesq@gmail.com](mailto:lwhitesq@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 \_\_ yellow \_\_ burgundy \_\_ orange \_\_ purple \_\_ multi-colored

Total Check Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable 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.



# The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

## National Night Out



Debbie Steele Synder & Chanel Kopecky chat about town history with Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford



Dick Ahrens, Kerstin Harper, Lt. Governor Rutherford, & Hank Becker at the BHHHC table

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

**Save the Date**  
**Fall Wine & Cheese Event**  
**November 8, 2015**

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22.



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

**Maryland Milestones** (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area): [www.anacostiatrials.org](http://www.anacostiatrials.org)



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## RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, 6:30-8 PM **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

FREE ice cream, will be served by the Berwyn Heights Seniors. Come mingle with friends, neighbors, and new town residents while enjoying a delicious treat!

**DAY TO SERVE** Are you a senior or other BH resident that needs a little help with yard work and other household tasks? As part of "Day to Serve" we want residents to contact us if they would like assistance. We will coordinate a time and volunteers to provide assistance. *Day to Serve*, is on-going from **Sept. 11- Oct. 10**. Please contact Tim on how to sign up.

**SHOUT OUT FOR  
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**Bring your ideas for  
fun town events to  
life.**

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**Find out more by  
attending our next  
meeting or  
approaching us at  
any event (like  
maybe the ice  
cream social).**

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**JOIN US!**

**NEXT MEETING**  
SEPT 2 at 7PM (Town  
Center)

**CONTACTS:**  
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Did you know.....

The old saying "A picture is worth a thousand words", has been updated...."A thousand pictures is worth one word" **SOLD!**



Well, maybe a few less.....Just some of my recent listings and sales around town.....I'd love to add yours! Isn't this what you want to know?

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**SOLD-** 8515 60<sup>th</sup> Av 4/5BR,2BA rambler renovated\$280's.  
**UNDER CONTRACT-**5613 Osage 4BR,2BA new kit \$300's  
**UNDER CONTRACT-**5803 Quebec St 3BR,2BA rambler.  
**SOLD-**1801 Clydesdale PI NW Wash eff condo \$160's.  
**AVAILABLE-**51 E Ridge Rd- GHI 3BR 1.5 BA  
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# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

## “Celebrating more than 30 Years in Berwyn Heights”

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

September 1	Nancy Donaldson
September 2	Betty McCaffrey
September 3	Margritt Vause
September 5	Doris Lehman
September 11	Linda Sinclair Debbie Mayland
September 13	Carol Gill
September 18	Richard Ahrens
September 21	Patricia Dunnavant Rod Hand
September 23	Jeanette Enderson

### SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

September 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 2	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
September 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 8	Meeting	11:00A.M.
September 8	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 9	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
September 10	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 12	Potluck and Movie	5:00 P.M.
September 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 16	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
September 17	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 22	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 23	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
September 24	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.
September 30	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 30	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.



We regret to announce the sudden passing of our beloved president, Jean McConnell, on July 30, 2015. (See page 2.)

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



## Do You Sit at Home during the Day?

Coffee and sodas are always available at the Senior Center.

Why not come visit us and enjoy a beverage and companionship.







## 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](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)**. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center—all residents are welcome to attend!

### Let's Celebrate!

#### Join Us at the Community Garden Party on September 20!



All residents are welcome to come and celebrate the success of the community garden! Come see how this wonderful addition to our community has grown and improved over the past year!

Join us at a celebration with refreshments and activities on  
**Sunday, September 20, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**



The garden celebration will feature a number of activities such as:

- Opportunities to sample foods and herbs from community members' garden plots and tour the garden to learn about what is being grown
- A plant exchange, so please bring any plants you would like to trade in for other varieties
- Activities for kids, including a garden scavenger hunt and a build your own terrarium station
- Instructions on yoga poses for gardeners
- Opportunities to share your favorite garden tips and learn about how to extend your gardening season into the fall and even winter
- A raffle to win honey products from our local business, Honey Glow
- An opportunity to decorate and paint the garden shed!

The community garden is located between 58th and 59<sup>th</sup> Streets, north of Seminole Street

*Even if you don't have a plot in the garden,  
you are welcome join us at the celebration and we hope to see you there!*

### More Information Coming Soon!

#### October Workshop on Tree Planting and Maintenance

The Green Team is planning to hold a workshop featuring information and tips about how to properly plant trees, as well as maintain and prune them after planting. The workshop will be led by a certified tree expert, and it will be a great opportunity for you to get your questions answered!



The Green Team is in the process of determining a date and time for the workshop,  
Look for more information about this in the October Bulletin!





## 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  
([beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com))  
or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881

*Please join the karate club in congratulating Abby Reznick on winning multiple medals in swimming events at the World Special Olympics this July. Abby, your spirit is an inspiration to all your fellow karate club members!!!*

Sensei Leon Swain with Abby Reznick (and her World Special Olympics medals for swimming events!!!!)



## 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 ([Sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:Sampson.jaime@gmail.com)) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.



## 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.

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

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

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

[www.npgcrg.com/pages/BHR.html](http://www.npgcrg.com/pages/BHR.html)

**STRESSED!!!** Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

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

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

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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](mailto:angelalazo1@hotmail.com)

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

**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.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

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Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson  
301-982-2052

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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](mailto:Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com)

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Playgroup

Jaime Sampson

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### Green Team

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### Karate Club

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# POLICE BEAT

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

07/08/2015 at 11:34 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of shoplifting. Suspect was later identified as a 17 y/o, b/m resident of Greenbelt, MD. The respondent walked into the store and decided that he did not want to pay for his merchandise and left. He was charged with theft and released to his mother.

07/11/2015 at 12:31 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block of Pontiac Street for a report of theft from a vehicle. Money was taken.

07/11/2015 at 12:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 63rd. Ave., for a report of theft from a vehicle. Money was taken.

07/11/2015 at 3:08 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a rear license plate from a 2008 Nissan.

07/12/2015 at 7:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski arrested Brayan Lopez-Funes, a 22 y/o, w/h/m from the location of the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue. Subject was sitting in vehicle acting suspicious and was identified. He had an open warrant.

07/12/2015 at 2:07 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Xtra Fuel located on Greenbelt Road for an assault report. Victim, an employee, stated that a female customer wanted refund on gas that she spilled and started assaulting him. Investigation continues.

07/13/2015 at 10:09 am, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a theft report after a Town resident came in and stated that his girlfriend failed to return his vehicle in addition to opening several credit card accounts under his name.

07/13/2015 at 3:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to Parts Authority on Greenbelt Road for a report of a lost or stolen tag.

07/14/2015 at 2:00 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of an assault. Em-

ployee attempting to stop a theft in progress was assaulted by a b/m before fleeing from the scene. Investigation continues.

07/16/2015 at 3:15 pm, Det. Unger responded to the 6100 block of Ruatan Street for a report of an identity theft. Unknown person used the victim's identity to get cable services in New York.

07/18/2015 at 3:14 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a 911 hang up. Investigation revealed that a mentally challenged person was playing with the telephone. Subject refused to open the door to the police and the case was forwarded to the States Attorney office for review.

07/22/2015 at 9:45 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded back to the above address on Bucknell Terrace for a 911 call stating that "someone changed him into a baby". A police report was submit and forwarded to the States Attorney office.

07/22/2015 at 7:42 am, Pfc. Ignowski conducted a traffic stop at the location of 63rd. Avenue at Greenbelt Road on a Jeep SUV with tinted windows. After receiving the citation, the violator, 51 y/o, b/m, resident of Greenbelt City, began using profanity and telling the officer that a war is coming for the officer.

07/22/2015 at 5:20 pm, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 8400 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of property damage to a 2007 Audi.

07/24/2015 at 11:37 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Swarthmore Drive for a report of a theft from a 2014 Toyota.

07/29/2015 at 12:53 am, Pvt. Ramirez stopped two suspicious subjects in the area of the 8800 block of Edmonston Road. They were checked and sent on way.

07/30/2015 at 2:25 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6100 block of Ruatan Street for a report of theft of UPS packages from the front door.

## Advertising Rates

For the

Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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



**NW-EP to host  
Nighttime**

**Emergency Drill**

**September 12**

**6 pm — BHES**

**Volunteers are needed.**

**Please contact**

**Mike Attick**

**at 301-335-1633.**

## After Business Hours:



**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE  
DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER**

**301-352-1200**

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In honor of Frank Gifford, who recently passed away:

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### **Did you also know ...**

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- 7894 Lakecrest Dr. Greenbelt

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- 7316 Edmonston Rd., College Park
- 7303 Baylor Ave., College Park







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



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## Recent Major Incidents:

July 16<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 operated in the 6100blk of Forbes Blvd in Lanham for a commercial paper shredder on fire in the building.  
July 17<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Acting Chief 14B (Ross) operated in the 8400Blk of 85<sup>th</sup> Ave in Lanham for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm apartment fire.  
July 18<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 was alerted to Jasmin Ter. in Adelphi to assist units on scene with freeing a cat stuck in a car engine. This rescue was featured on News Channel 8 & The Washington Post.  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>- Squad 14B extricated a motorcyclist who was pinned under his bike under a guardrail OL 1495/Kenilworth Ave in Greenbelt.  
July 26<sup>th</sup>- After receiving a call to the station from a resident, Utility 14 proceeded to the 8900blk of 58<sup>th</sup> Ave in Berwyn Heights to rescue a kitten stuck in the rafters of a house.  
July 28<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 operated in the 7400 block of 50th Ave in College Park for an auto shop/gun repair facility on fire with ammunition shooting off from the heat.  
July 30<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Acting Chief 14B (Ross) responded to the 13000Blk of Rt. 1 at the Agricultural Research Center for a hazmat chemical explosion/fire.  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14, Squad 14 & Chief 14B (Kieran) operated in the 7100blk of Hanover Pkway in Greenbelt for an apartment fire in the dryer.



## Fund Drive 2015:



The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind our neighbors that our annual 2015 Fund Drive mailers will be mailed in the coming weeks. 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 for the Fund Drive.*

**Starting this year:** You can donate online! Visit us at [BHVFD14.org](http://BHVFD14.org) and click on the "Donate" button to support BHVFD using PayPal (which takes a %).



BHVFD would like to welcome students back to all schools we protect including BH Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Friends Community, and Dora Kennedy French Immersion. We would like to remind drivers to be careful and watch out for pedestrians and STOP for school buses.

## BHVFD Departmental Picnic & Awards 2015

On Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held our annual awards picnic on our "lot" across Seminole St from the Station to celebrate 2014, catered by Mission BBQ. We would like to thank the Hyattsville VFD for providing a stand-in crew for our station while our members celebrated. **2014 Awards Recipients are:**

### Most Responses: Non-Live Ins

- 1) Scott Peirce- 484 Runs
- 2) Ben Ross- 344 Runs
- 3) Kyle Snyder- 281 Runs
- 4) Brian Consolo- 232 Runs
- 5) Anthony Medlock- 219 Runs

### Most Responses: Bunkroom

- 1) Tim Riley- 1,183 Runs
- 2) Mark Pugliese- 1,164 Runs
- 3) John Hoffman- 1,009 Runs
- 4) John Kessler- 844
- 5) Christ Hagan- 696

### Top EMS-Only Responder:

Jane Schmidt  
**President's Award:**  
 Paul Martein  
**Fire Chief's Awards**  
 Michael Stevenson

## Station 14 Call Volume: July 2015

Rescue Squads:	140
Ladder Truck:	85
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	9
Ambulance	162
<b>Total Station Runs for July</b>	<b>396</b>



# CODE NEWS

## JULY 2015 ACTIVITIES➤



### CALL-A-BUS SERVICE

The Code Compliance Department continues to offer a curb-to-curb on-demand taxi service. The service is available to residents who are not served by or cannot use the existing bus services. However, priority is given to seniors and disabled persons.

Reservations can be made by calling the Code Compliance Department at (301) 513-9331. Hours of service are between 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding County holidays). Same day requests are accepted, but are subject to availability of vehicles and drivers.

The regular fare is \$3.00 round trip.

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	25
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	13
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	16
Refuse Collection	56
Vehicles	13
Miscellaneous	53
Commercial	6
<b>Total Clean Lot Violations</b>	<b>177</b>
Abatements	3
Permits	
Building	2
Dumpster/ PODs	6
Violations	8
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	3
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>200</b>
Inspections	25
Re-inspections	0
Fines	1
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	1
Lost Vacant Homes	2
<b>Total Vacant Properties</b>	<b>34</b>

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# September 2015

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug. 30 Street Sweeper	31	Sept. 1 	2 7:30 P.M. NW/EP Meeting Town Office	3 7:00 P.M. Rec Council Meeting Town Office	4	5
6	7 <b>LABOR DAY * TOWN OFFICES CLOSED * NO TRASH PICKUP</b>	8 6:00 P.M. Hello Huskies Night BHES 7:00 P.M. Worksession	9 8:00 P.M. Town Meeting	10	11 <b>PATRIOT'S DAY</b>	12 6:00 P.M. NE/EP Night Time Drill BHES
13	14	15 6:30—8:00 PM Ice Cream Social Town Center	16	17 7:00 P.M. Green Team Meeting Town Office	18	19
20	21 7:00 PM Worksession	22 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Oct. 1	2	3 10:00—2:00 B&GC Harvest Fest Town Center



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN TO ENSURE THE STREET SWEEPER CAN CLEAN OUR TOWN.

Recycling Collection

Yard Waste  
North South

Refuse Collection  
North South

Bulk Pick-up  
North South

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#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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

#### Mayor and Council

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
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Councilmember — Code Compliance

Lynn White (240) 351-7813 [lwhite@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:lwhite@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
Councilmember —

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac  
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?  
Email Town at  
[contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto: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](mailto:yodoi@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)

Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!

Helen Van Doren, Design & Layout