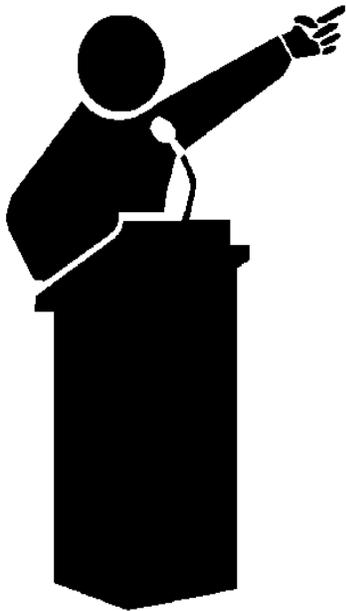


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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Code Compliance Officer

20-25 hours/week
\$18.36-25.32/hour

The Code Compliance Officer ensures that commercial and residential property is maintained in compliance with Town code.

Principal duties include inspection of properties for clean lot and refuse collection violations; issuing violation notices; assessing fines when necessary; and arranging abatements. Duties also include administration of the Town's rental licensing and building permit programs.

Desired skills: Knowledge of property maintenance code, building code, fire and life safety code; proficiency in Microsoft Office programs, and (COMCATE) Code tracking software. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and high school diploma. Some college preferred.



Reminder

**TAX DAY IS
APRIL 18**

Please mark **BERWYN HEIGHTS** as your municipality on your State income tax return. Berwyn Heights loses income tax revenues when residents specify the wrong municipality or none. To ensure your Town gets the revenue it is due, specify the Town of Berwyn Heights as your municipality.

ELECTRONICS/ STYROFOAM RECYCLING



April 23, 9am —12pm

Recycle your old electronics and Styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at Buddy Attick parking lot, **555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.**

Telephone **240-542-2153**



MOSQUITO CONTROL EXEMPTION

The Town of Berwyn Heights has joined the MD Department of Agriculture's mosquito control program. Truck mounted ultra low volume spraying will occur on Monday nights starting May 31. Those wishing to be exempt from spraying may file for exemption. Forms are available at

<http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MosquitoControlExemptionForm.pdf>

For information call 410-841-5870

BHES Garden Clean Up!

Help us keep our Berwyn Heights Elementary School Gardens looking beautiful!

April 9th, 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Berwyn Heights Elementary School

Rain Date: April 10th, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. .

Please bring your favorite tool if you want!

Service hours available for students!
Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult, please.

BHEAC

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets
April 14 - 7 pm - G Love Room

Join this Committee to help improve the educational options for Berwyn Heights students.



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/berwynheightsmtd>

Worksession February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Good luck to the citizens of Iowa, who are caucusing tonight.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the January 4 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The January 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department reports: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced the County Executive Baker will hold listening sessions on the FY 2017 budget on February 4 in Largo, and on February 9 in Laurel. MPT Rasmussen reported that TA Cowles received a response from UMD to an inquiry about Berwyn Height residents being allowed to use the UMD shuttle bus. The terms of the agreement are under discussion. CM Robles reported that the Code Department received an appeal to a code citation, which is being reviewed.

Citizen comments: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received many comments on the snow clearing operations, as did other councilmembers.

Snow emergency response: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the blizzard that would drop up to 2 feet of snow in the D.C. region began Friday afternoon and lasted through Sunday morning. The Town closed at 1 p.m. on Friday and did not reopen until Wednesday the following week. During the storm, 3 public works employees were working through Friday and Saturday plowing snow. They were pulled off the road for a while on Friday night, when it got too dark and difficult to plow, but resumed once it turned light. The goal was to keep the main traffic arteries passable and to have an emergency lane open on every street in Town.

The snowstorm raised questions about what could be done better the next time. While the Town suspended the prohibition against parking vehicles on unpaved surfaces in one's yard to get them off the

road, the Town might also consider making one side of a street 'no parking' to be able to safely plow it more quickly, similar to the County's requirement. However, this would mean that the Town would have to tow vehicles that do not follow the rule. Another problem was the failure to clear snow off sidewalks in front of private properties. The Town may need to better educate residents about their responsibilities. Public Works also did not immediately plow some sections of Town and left those residents stranded, raising the question whether DPW has pre-determined routes for clearing the snow.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the County was very proactive in snow preparations and kept everyone updated about the weather forecast, snow emergency centers and who could be contacted for help. Pepco was helpful as well and provided information about their snow emergency response. The Town is now filing for reimbursement for snow-related expenses from FEMA. Reimbursement can amount to 75% of total expenses.

In discussion, the following recommendations on improving the Town's snow emergency response were made:

- Keep residents informed about snow procedures through social media, email or the website.
- Establish pre-determined plowing routes.
- Remind residents about clearing the sidewalks. Currently, only businesses are required to clean sidewalks of snow.
- Remind residents to clear around fire hydrants.
- Make snow shovels available to young people who want to help shovel driveways.

Small business revolution grant:

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that CM White with input from her, TA Cowles and Clerk Harper submitted an application for a small business revolution grant on January 28. This \$500,000 grant is made available by Shark Tank and Deluxe Corporation to a chosen small town for a main street makeover. Berwyn Heights would apply the funds to improve the streetscaping along Greenbelt as well implement a business promotion program. Finalists will be announced and voted on by a panel of judges during Small Business Week, May 1-7, 2016.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Parks and Recreation**

3. Public Safety

FY 2017 budget request: Chief Antolik presented his FY 2017 budget request. He began with an overview of the Police Department's mission, values and organization. He noted that BHPD has an experienced workforce of 8 full time and 1 part time officers. Two officers are retired from Prince George's County Police and 1 from Internal Affairs. The force includes 1 Detective with U.S. Marshall status, 1 civilian clerk and 2 police aides. All officers received the required firearms training, and designated officers also received DUI and Terrorism Task Force training.

Chief Antolik gave a report of crime trends, arrests served, and citations issued. In the last 10 years, serious crime reported to the FBI in the Uniform Crime Report has gone down by 42% since 2006, and in 2015 amounted to a total of 78 Part I offenses. The most common crimes are larcenies, burglaries and assaults. There were no homicides and one rape during this period. In the last 5 years, citations issued approximated 2,300 per year, but the emphasis shifted from State to Town citations. During the same period, arrests made came to between 13 and 28 per year, with a total of 26 arrests in 2015.

Goals for FY 2017 include updating the BHPD General Orders and Standard Operating Manual to include a new policy on body cameras, developing a self-hosted in-service training program, and continue strengthening police-community partnerships and outreach programs. New initiatives include adding body cameras, more 'all hands on deck' occasions, such as the first day of school and Halloween, adding foot patrols and implementing litter enforcement.

In terms of the FY2017 budget, which comes to \$667,600, Chief Antolik presented an option for a 5% increase, as requested by the Council. The increase would fund 2 promotions to corporal, costing \$6,950; 1 promotion to Sergeant costing \$3,844; and 3 tablet computers for use in vehicles costing \$9,000; for a total increase of \$26,702 or 4%. He is also proposing to purchase 1 new police vehicle that would be financed from the capital operating budget.

In response to questions, Chief Antolik explained that travel expenses budgeted at \$300 cover only taxi fees, metro fares and mileage at the rate of 31.5 cents per mile, usually in connection with conferences and training. Longer distance travel is paid out of *Dues & Conferences* and *Training & Seminars* appropriations.

Expenses for National Night Out are proposed to be increased by \$200 in the 5% increase budget option. No increase is budgeted for body cameras, which were purchased with grants in prior years. Storage options of the camera footage are being explored with the new IT vendor. Currently, footage is stored on a dedicated laptop.

Types of events covered by ‘all hands on deck’ might include 9/11 anniversaries and National Night Out. Overtime would be paid on those occasions. To increase interaction with the community, he plans to hold “meet and greets”, where residents would be able to talk directly with officers and say what activities and programs they would like to see. To connect with the Spanish speaking population, BHPD has 2 officers and the police clerk that can communicate in Spanish. Most officers understand enough Spanish to deal with perpetrators. Educational video clips about BHPD in Spanish are another idea considered for engaging Spanish speakers. The uniform appropriation was raised by \$2,000 to purchase new body vests, which have gone up in cost. Officer Krause has been tasked with studying the costs and benefits of adding a police dog to the department, which will determine whether he will make such a proposal to the Council.

Code Compliance FY 2017 budget request (discussed out of order): Code Supervisor Freddie Glass presented his FY 2017 budget request. He said that it is the mission of the Code Compliance Department to maintain a good quality of life through the enforcement of Town Ordinances. Currently, the Department employs 3 staff, including 1 full time supervisor, 1 part time code clerk and 1 part time code officer to perform the core functions of the Department:

- Licensing and inspections of rental homes, comprising about 200 homes or 20% of the Town’s housing stock;
- Monitoring residential and commercial properties for proper maintenance;
- Issuing permits for new construction, dumpsters and portable storage units (PODs);
- Operating the Call-a-bus.

Supervisor Glass continued with accomplishments of the previous year and goals for FY 2017, which include developing better strategies to deal with vacant and historical properties, improving

collaboration with DPIE on zoning enforcement, and assembling an ideal part-time staff.

Mr. Glass noted that the Town recently renewed its Call-a-bus agreement with the County and is looking into obtaining a newer bus with better fuel efficiency. In response to questions, he said that the current bus has a wheelchair lift. He will check with the Seniors Club if this is a feature they require. If not, a smaller bus might be an option. The Call-a-bus is available on weekends if a reservation is made beforehand. The bus is available for use by Town organizations once they sign an MOU with the Town and designate a driver.

Supervisor Glass said that the FY 2017 budget is mostly flat. The 5% increase budget option has an additional \$5,000 to add 5 part-time hours per week and an additional \$500 for *training & seminars*. In response to questions, Mr. Glass said that the increase in staff hours is needed for Clean Lot enforcement which picks up in spring when grass begins to grow again. The code tracking software is working out well and helps with documenting the previous history of individual properties. Maintenance of the Comcate system costs a little less than \$5,000 per year. Comcate has the capability to track business licenses, but this is not planned for FY 2017. Business licensing is under the purview of the Administration Department.

In response to MPT Rasmussen, TA Cowles said that code revenues are not shown in the departmental budget as departments do not have the ability to generate revenues that sustain their operations. All departments are funded largely from the tax revenues of the Town. Projections on revenues from fees and fines will be included in the Town Administrator’s proposed budget.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she believes that the rental license fee is designed to cover the cost of the rental licensing program. Projected increases in the program, such as might result from the planned revision of the Rental Housing Ordinance, e.g. staff time or new equipment, should also be included in the budget request. In general, department directors are requested to budget as close to their actual expenditures as possible. This helps the Council understand the true cost of services and make better budget decisions.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Public Works**.

5. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the March Bulletin cover: spring theme and supplemental voter registration. MPT Rasmussen commented on the utility of information and overall quality of the Bulletin

TA Cowles was asked to renew the invitation to School Board Member Lupi Grady to attend a Council meeting and provide information on the PGCPs budget, capital improvement plan, and the districting of students from the Greenbelt Station. She should also be invited to the next Education Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting.

6. Code Compliance

Discussed earlier on the agenda.

7. Executive Session (9:05 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Rasmussen, the Council went into executive session to discuss a legal matter. With matter discussed, CM Dennison moved and MPT Rasmussen seconded to close the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**Town Meeting
February 10, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, CMs Patricia Dennison and Lynn White and Maria Robles. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Election Judges Sharmila Bhatia, Sharon McCraney, Debby Steele-Snyder, Robin Walukonis, and Executive Director of Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. (ATHA) Aaron Marcavitch.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Swearing-in of Election Judges

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy swore in Chief Judge Sharmila Bhatia and Election Judges Sharon McCraney, Debby Steele Snyder, and Robin Walukonis.

2. ATHA Presentation

Executive Director of ATHA/ Maryland Milestones, Aaron Marcavitch, gave an update on ATHA activities. After wrapping up the War of 1812 events, ATHA is now focused on improving bicycle trails

and bike amenities in Prince George's County. By October, the last connection of the trail along the Anacostia between Bladensburg and Benning Road should be completed, which will allow riders to travel from here all the way to the Nationals Stadium in D.C. ATHA is also working on bringing Glenn Dale and Cheverly into the trails system and is fundraising for a Heritage Center in Hyattsville.

The Heritage Center will be the new home for the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, a nationally acclaimed paper arts association currently located in Silver Spring, as well as the Neighborhood Design Center, and ATHA. The Center will be located across from Hyattsville City Hall and near the trolley bicycle trail. Outfitting the center is projected to cost \$15,000 and it is hoped that each of ATHA's 15 members might contribute \$1,000. Member benefits include access to grants, technical assistance with projects and all types of free cultural events.

Responding to questions, Mr. Marcavitch said that ATHA has forwarded to each member municipality a Memorandum of Understanding to sign that would formalize cooperation and coordination on bicycle infrastructure, principally to ensure that the trails link up and work as whole system. Most ATHA member cities have already signed the MOU but several, including Berwyn Heights, have not. He is happy to come to a worksession to give more information when Berwyn Heights has had a chance to look at it.

Mr. Marcavitch further explained that ATHA is working with M-NC Park & Planning and other organizations to celebrate 2017 as the year of the bike when all parts of the Anacostia Trail are finished. The Heritage Center will have galleries, conference rooms and studios and offices. Individuals may support the Center with contributions at www.gofundme.com/mdmilestones.

3. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the January 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Robles and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

4. Treasurer's Report

TA Cowles gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January, as Treasurer Rodriguez was absent.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the main event since the last Town meeting was the blizzard that dropped 2 feet of snow on the area. Public Works staff was on

duty throughout the storm to plow the streets but it took 5 days to get back to normal service. Most streets had at least one lane open by Sunday afternoon but trash pickup was suspended until Wednesday when the County landfill and recycling center reopened.

At this stage, the Town is reviewing its handling of the storm to determine what can be done better and educate residents on how they can help. The best assistance residents can give is to move their vehicles off the road so the snow plows have as much space as possible. Code regulations against parking on unpaved surfaces are suspended during these snowstorms. The Council has been considering whether to implement parking on one side of the road only. Residents are reminded to clear snow off the sidewalks in front of their homes. Throughout the storm, the Town will post information on the website and on Twitter about office closings and changes in the trash collection schedule.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy next shared information about the Prince George's County zoning rewrite now underway. At the last Four Cities meeting, the Council received an update on Module 1 of the rewrite, which sets forth land use in the redefined zones. Several changes have been proposed that could affect Berwyn Heights. For example, developers will be allowed to build multifamily homes in commercial and industrial zones by right, provided they follow certain standards. In residential zones, homeowners will be allowed to build certain accessory structures by right, including in-law suites and apartments. If residents want to comment on the proposed changes they may attend a briefing on February 18 at the Town office or do so online at <http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com>.

Lastly, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that School Board Member Lupi Grady will attend the March 21 worksession. Residents are welcome to attend.

6. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Rasmussen reported that the Administration is engaged in ongoing efforts to make the Town government more open and efficient through a review of its personnel management practices and upgrading information technology. The installation of emergency generators was delayed by the snow storm but is scheduled for completion by the end of next week, with a period of testing and training to follow. The Safe Routes to School sidewalks project is nearly finished and is welcomed by parents who have children

walking to Greenbelt Middle School. TA Cowles and Acting Public Works Director Hall inspected priority 1 sidewalks and found several cracks and other deficiencies which the contractor will be asked to repair under warranty.

MPT Rasmussen further noted that the Administration Department received only one response to an RFP for an urban tree study, which it is reviewing. He and TA Cowles are considering revising the RFP and going out to bid again.

Code Compliance: CM Robles reported that code violations are down at this time of year and residents have been responsive to notices sent out by the Code Department. CM Robles thanked Public Works for their hard work clearing the snow and Code Supervisor Glass' assistance in getting residents to move their cars off the main road ahead of the storm. During the last worksession, Code Supervisor Glass presented his budget, which the Council will have a chance to discuss at future budget worksessions. As one of the goals for the next fiscal year, the Department will strive to strengthen the cooperation with Public Works, Police and Town committees to improve all aspects of code compliance. Another goal is to update the Rental Housing Ordinance and revise the rental license form application to eliminate areas of misunderstanding. She thanked Mr. Glass and code staff for keeping up with the workload while being one code officer short.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that the Recreation Council has begun to plan Berwyn Heights Day and is seeking volunteers. She announced that the Education Advisory Committee will meet on February 11 at 7 p.m.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik asked for a moment of silence for two sheriff's deputies who were killed in a shoot-out with a suspect in Abingdon, Maryland. Then he gave the monthly report for the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD). The BHVFD was staffed with 3 crews of 6 volunteers for the duration of snow storm Jonas to be able to respond to any emergencies. The new ambulance's four wheel drive capabilities came in very handy. The BHVFD also established a standing grants committee and appointed a part-time grants administrator to handle the SAFER grant and other grants that may be awarded. Notice of a grant award for the new Rescue Squad will not be received until later this year.

Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for January 2016. There were 3 Part I offenses as opposed to a 5 year average of 5.4. Year-to-date totals were the same as January totals. The police also issued 162 state and municipal citations and 2 speed camera tickets. The low totals were probably due to the snowy and icy condition of the roads. Chief Antolik concluded with an explanation of winter weather driving conditions.

Public Works: CM White said that the Public Works crew was very busy during snow storm Jonas and put in 72 hours of around the clock 12 hour shifts between Friday January 22 and Monday January 25. She commended them for their work especially in light of their relative inexperience with snow plowing. She also thanked residents for their patience and kind notes. In addition to the snow operations, Public Works disposed of 72 tons of solid waste and 22 tons of recyclables during January.

In response to MPT Rasmussen, TA Cowles explained that the Public Works building has a bunk area where employees can stay overnight. The Town purchased new air mattresses and provided food during the storm. The Town is planning to create better overnight accommodations by clearing up some other areas of the DPW building. All staff on duty during the weekend are paid overtime. This was included in the FEMA reimbursement request for storm-related expenses.

7. Committee Reports

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee continues to work on creating an oral history highlights video and had consultants in to explain how they could help produce such a video.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported the NW/EP would like to attend the February 22 worksession to present their budget. The NW/EP sponsored wine tasting is scheduled to take place on April 22. The next meeting will be on March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Education Advisory Committee: The EAC will meet on February 11, 7:00 p.m

8. Unfinished Business

There was none.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession February 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. MPT Rasmussen arrived 20 minutes late. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Happy Birthday to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy's mother and a Happy Sweet Sixteen to CM Robles' daughter Jasmine.

Calendar: The date for a Wine Tasting event was added for April 22, 6:00 p.m. Education Advisory Committee meetings will be added for the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the January 19 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM White, the February 1 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The February 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department reports: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that she and TA Cowles attended an interesting meeting with M-NCPPC Zoning Rewrite Project Manager Chad Williams and Project Specialist Brittany Drakeford on February 18 about Module 1 of the Prince George's County Zoning Regulations comprehensive update. Module 1 establishes new zoning categories and permitted land uses for each zone. Mr. Williams explained what changes the new zones might bring for Berwyn Heights. A notable proposal is that multi-family housing will be allowed in industrial zones. However, properties along Ballew Avenue would likely not be suitable as there is insufficient set back from the road. Existing businesses that no longer fit the new zones, such as PG Scrap, would be grandfathered in. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy plans to draft a letter to convey Berwyn Heights' comments on Module 1.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also reported that a

couple of armed robberies took place along Greenbelt Road recently. BHPD has since increased its presence there to discourage this type of crime in the future.

MPT Rasmussen said that the Administration Department completed the FY 2016 audit and received 2 proposals for the Urban Forest Initiative. He is reviewing them and will be ready to make recommendations at one of the upcoming worksessions. TA Cowles added that the emergency generators have been installed. The contractor still had to make the final connections and run tests.

CM Robles reported that the condemned home on 58th Avenue will be demolished after all. The owners wanted to rehabilitate the property but decided otherwise due to the high cost of renovations. They remain in communication with the Town's Code Department and DPIE to inform them of their plans for rebuilding the house. For the other condemned property on Cunningham Drive, all utilities have been disconnected and a contractor selected to carry out the demolition. DPIE still has to issue permits for the demolition before it can proceed, probably sometime in spring. CM Dennison announced that Game Night will be held on March 5.

Citizen comments: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received a comment on a planned pilot program for a stop sign camera, which Chief Antolik is looking into, and a comment on the expenses for the snow storm that have been submitted for reimbursement through FEMA.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness FY 2017 budget: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that NW/EP Chair Mike Attick had planned to attend, but is unable to present the budget tonight. She said that the Committee is discussing the replacement of the trailer, in which most of the emergency supplies are currently stored. Planning for the replacement will in part depend on how much money is in the NW/EP trailer reserve.

Department reports, additional: MPT Rasmussen noted that he attended the showing of the final Four Cities promotional video. He agrees with Delegate Alonzo Washington, who was in the audience and suggested that a 3 minute version would get more people to view it on the internet. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she believes there is no money left to make a short clip. However, all four cities were given a couple of hours of raw footage which they can use to make their own video.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Safety.**

3. Public Works

DPW FY 2017 budget request: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed Public Works Acting Director Hall for the budget presentation. Mr. Hall thanked TA Cowles for helping him put the budget packet together as he started working for the Town only fairly recently. He said that the Public Works Department is responsible for collecting all types of refuse, maintenance of public property, cleaning up after storms (including snow removals), abatement of code violations and helping to ensure enforcement of certain Ordinances. He has 5 full time and 1 part time staff to carry out the Department's responsibilities. For the most part, staffing is adequate but additional training needs to occur. He has a budget to hire temporary labor when needed. Among the goals for next year are training, teambuilding and raising accountability of DPW staff. He is also helping recruit a permanent director.

Acting Director Hall said the proposed FY 2017 budget does not differ much from the FY 2016 budget, with the exception of the *traffic signs* line item. He would like to replace most of the Town's stop signs, which do not meet current standards for height and reflectivity. He would also like to reduce the number of sign posts by combining different signs on one post. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested looking into getting street signs that help identify Berwyn Heights as a distinct community.

TA Cowles said, apart from an increase in the signage budget, additional money is requested in the *part-time labor* appropriation to fund a position that combines the administrative assistant position with responsibilities that support the Town's recreation programs, such as event planning and marketing. Combined, these two line items reflect the 5% increase option in the DPW budget.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that the proposed fuel budget of \$43,000 is based on a \$3.00 per gallon 5 year estimate. Although fuel prices are very low now, it is hard to predict how long they will remain low as this is a volatile market. In addition, a couple of new larger trucks may result in an increase of fuel consumption, making this line item difficult to project. Acting Director Hall said he would expect some savings to result from having two large 27 cubic feet trash trucks, because they do

not have to go to the landfill as often. Beyond that, once weekly trash collection would be a source of additional savings. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council has discussed this issue before but it would require a lot more preparation to switch to once a week collection. However, she would encourage continued discussion of this option.

Asked if there was a need to increase the street repair budget, Acting Director Hall said that he has ordered a pallet of asphalt and had his crew repair some of the worst potholes last week. He will also speak with WSSC's project manager to ask that WSSC make repairs to their bad temporary patches. Comprehensive street repairs will be funded from the capital projects budget and is not shown in the DPW budget.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that the DPW fleet of vehicles is relatively new and in great shape. She is working with the Director on "right-sizing" the fleet and identifying vehicles for surplus. Regarding the mosquito spraying program, it is no longer the Town's responsibility but that of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, which manages a state-wide integrated pest management program. Spraying trucks will be sent out based on mosquito surveys and number of citizen requests. Residents can also apply for an exemption from mosquito spraying.

4. Administration

FY 2015 audit: TA Cowles said the audit of last year's budget was a challenge because there were a number of capital projects that carried over into this year's budget and because there was a transition in the Treasurer's position leading to several people making entries on the budget tracking spreadsheets. In addition to the audit report, the Council was given a one-page summary of the actual FY 2015 budget, which gives an overview of revenues and expenses in the main budget categories. TA Cowles highlighted noteworthy developments in the budget summary, noting that more money than estimated went into the reserves. Restricted reserves add up to \$1.5 million, while the unrestricted surplus stands at \$985,000. She also gave a brief explanation of the Public Safety Taxing district budget, which shows a surplus of \$9,100 and an ending fund balance of \$54,300.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance.**

6. Parks and Recreation

PRECA FY 2017 budget request: CM

Dennison presented the Parks & Recreation budget, which is proposed to be flat. The only change is a new expenditure of \$4,500 for a pilot program that provides free UMD Shuttle service to residents. The expense has been absorbed in the Department's budget by realigning budgeted expenditures to actual costs.

TA Cowles explained that several neighboring communities are paying the University of Maryland an annual fee of \$4,500 to \$6,000 based on their population to enable their residents to ride the shuttle for free. It would be helpful to have some data on how many Berwyn Heights residents would use the service to help the Council decide if this is a worthwhile expense. She thinks that a survey would not give reliable data and that a pilot program would be the better way to find out if there is a demand.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she would like to know if anyone wants use the service before spending the money. There are other areas of the PRECA budget that may require more funding, such as Berwyn Heights Day, where employees may have to step in for fewer volunteers. An alternative might be to purchase the \$150 annual passes from the University if only a few residents express interest. She suggested checking with Greenbelt or College Park about their ridership, as well as confirming the overall route of the shuttle bus that comes through town. The Council agreed to place an announcement into the Bulletin describing the service and requesting feedback on whether residents would use it.

HUR resolution (added item)

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that MML asked municipalities to pass a resolution to request the General Assembly to reinstate regular funding for Highway User Revenues. It is important for the Town to know if they can rely on this revenue so that they can budget for the major street repairs that will have to occur when the WSSC water main replacement project is finished. She asked that adoption of such a resolution be placed on the March agenda if there are no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk





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Rearrange letters to solve puzzle

Hint: Berwyn Heights Association property.

The Historical Committee will display these items at its Berwyn Heights Day booth. Stop by to find out more about this equipment and the people who used it.

Next meeting: April 26 – G. Love Room

BHHC Blog: <https://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com/>

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BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY ACTIVITIES



- 8:00 am-8:30 am** **Fun Run Registration at Town Center**
- 8:30 am-9:30 am** **Fun Run Begins from Town Center around Lake Artemesia**
- 8:30 am-Sold Out:** **Seniors Bake Sale at Senior Center**
- 9:00 am-11:00 am:** **Pancake Breakfast at Town Center Upper Level**
- 11:00 am-4:00 pm:** **Craft and Information Fair in Sports Park**
- 11:30 am-4:00 pm:** **Food Vendors Open at entrance to Sports Park**
 - Karate Club Grill**
 - Boys and Girls Club Pizza/Snacks**
 - Shagga Grill**
 - Beer Truck**
 - Cotton Candy and Snow Cones**

- 12:00 pm-12:45 pm:** **Parade from BHES to Sports Park**
- 12:45 pm 1:00 pm:** **Citizen of the Year Award at Grandstand**
 Historical Marker Dedication

- 1:00 pm-4:30 pm** **BH Volunteer Fire Department Truck | Activities**
- 1:00 pm-4:30 pm** **Train Rides - Town Center to Indian Creek Playground**
- 1:00 pm-4:30 pm:** **Games, Activities, and Inflatables in Sports Park**
 - Moon Bounce, 5-in-1 Combo, Titanic Slide,**
 - Obstacle Course, and more!**

- 1:30 pm-2:30 pm** **Water Games at Town Center**
- 1:30 pm-4:30 pm:** **Live Entertainment on Sports Park Stage**
 - 1:30-2:30 Old School**
 - 2:30-3:30 Outta Scope**
 - 3:30-4:30 Mariachi de Los Compadres**

Interested in volunteering at Berwyn Heights Day?

Contact Tim Tormoen for more information at

totormoen@yahoo.com



Berwyn Heights Day ***FUN RUN*** May 7th 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia with post-race refreshments!

This race is non-competitive!

Registration and race begins at the Town Center and will proceed to nearby paths

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Cost is **\$10.00** per adult and **\$5.00** per child 13-17 and **\$2.00** 12 and under. Strollers are free.

All registrants receive a t-shirt designed by resident Dave Williams (while supplies last)

Please make checks out to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



NAME _____ AGE (if under 18) _____

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PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 _____

Berwyn Heights Day Vendor/Information Booth Application – Saturday, May 7, 2016

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Items for Sale/Distribution (Please be specific as no more than 2 craft vendors selling similar items will be approved):

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution. Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors.

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc are acceptable – individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.)

Silly String

Colored Hair Spray

All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57th Ave and Berwyn Road).

Set-Up Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Please drop off items no later than 10:15 am to begin your set up.

Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Check ONE:

_____ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

_____ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2015/2015)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table YES NO Chairs? (Supply is limited): 1 or 2

Will you need a canopy? (Canopies available for \$15; supply limited): YES NO

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 27, 2016**. Address is 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

For additional information, contact Tim Tormoen at 612/239-4686 or at emprisetraveler@yahoo.com



OFFICE USE ONLY: SELECT ONE: Cash _____ Check _____ (put check # in space)

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room—all residents are welcome to attend!

Please Join Us at the School Garden Cleanup!

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Rain date is April 10, same time)

We hope you'll join us for a clean up at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School garden—we need volunteers to keep the garden looking good! Service hours are available for students! Children are welcome if they are accompanied by an adult.

Town Clean Up Day!

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Free pizza & drinks will be provided to all volunteers! Students can earn community service hours!

Come beautify our town and help the environment by volunteering on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to help clean up litter around town! Not so sure it's for you? Here are some reasons to join:

- Your community needs you! Trash is quite visible in our small town. A not-so-fun fact is that litter doesn't degrade quickly; an aluminum can takes hundreds of years to degrade and a plastic bottle more than a thousand. If we don't dispose of trash properly it will still be here for our great-great grandchildren.
- It's a great excuse to get some fresh air and exercise while doing something positive for our town.
- You'll feel good—picking up litter is surprisingly rewarding. It's satisfying to see a clean, rubbish free space.
- You'll help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well-kept.
- You'll see your neighbors and maybe make some new friends, and your efforts will make a BIG difference.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Town Center.

Participants should wear pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes. We will provide instructions and distribute clean-up supplies, (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags, and pickers).

For more information contact Anita Cardwell at anita.cardwell@gmail.com

GreenBee BuzzWorthy:

FREE Bike Maintenance Clinic on Saturday, May 14!



The Berwyn Heights Green Team is proud to host a free road/trail side bike maintenance clinic on Saturday, May 14th starting at 12 noon (*look in the May bulletin for further details about location*). Bike maintenance clinics will start every hour from 12 noon-4 p.m. and will cover the following topics:

- Basics on how to fix a flat tire
- How to make minor roadside adjustments
- How to remove and install wheels
- Cleaning your bicycle and properly lubricating moving parts
- Selecting basic tools to carry with you on every ride
- How to stay safe with helmets, lights, reflective gear and other essentials



WINE TASTING IS BACK!



Wine Tasting is a fundraiser for our Berwyn Heights
Community Emergency Response Team

Date Change

Saturday, April 30th 2-6 pm

Second Floor of the Berwyn Heights Town Center
8603 57th Ave
Next to the Berwyn Heights Town Office

\$10 admission to sample (photo ID/proof of age required)
Non-drinkers FREE ~ Non-alcoholic beverages available



What is the Community Emergency Response Team?

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Members of your Berwyn Heights CERT are trained in Metro transit response, radio communications, pandemic influenza, crisis leadership, the Incident Command System and National Incident Management System, emergency management, hazardous materials, animal disaster response, and more!

Curious about CERT? Come talk to us at the Wine Tasting event!

Or check out these resources...

<https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>

Princes George's County CERT:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/emergencymanagement/Services/CERT/Pages/default.aspx>

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Want to improve your laundry room? Top tips for organizing a small laundry area.....

- Use every nook and cranny: Place slim 3" tiered shelf between the gap of washer and dryer. (find at the Container Store)
- Use wall space: A fold away drying rack, made from small ladder, hooks to wall after use. (find at Lowes)
- Mount hide a hook storage for hangables and fold after use. (find at Spectrum Designs)
- Use wasted space under washer dryer by placing appliances on pedestal storage drawers. (find at Sears and Home Depot)

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NEW LISTING- 6300 Tecumseh PI 3BR 2 BA Cape w/loads of charm, updt kit sep, DR& HDWD flrs.....\$314,900.

NEW LISTING- 4410 Oglethorpe St Hyvl- 1 BR condo, updt kit walk to Arts district and new Whole Foods.....\$117,900.

COMING SOON- BH bungalow 3BR, 1BA, FP, sep DR....\$240's.

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



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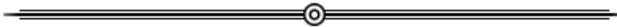
Wednesday, April 27 — 8 P.M.

Town Center



Join us for a Town Hall meeting with the people running in the May 3 Town Council election. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 71 (Comcast) and 12 (FiOS)

The candidates will introduce themselves and their platforms. A moderator will take questions from the floor. This is a great opportunity to talk directly to all candidates and get your questions answered.



Patricia "Patti" Dennison

My name is Patti Dennison. My family and I moved to Berwyn Heights in 1983. We participated in Town organizations from the beginning, such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Recreation Council and the Men's League. My four children, James, Joey, and twins, Sarah and Christopher enjoyed playing on Boys and Girls Club teams and taking part in Town events. I also served on the Traffic Committee and Sidewalks Committee and attended Town Council meetings on a regular basis.

Professionally, I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1994 with a BS in Family Sciences. I was Assistant Director of Potomac Village School. More recently, I worked as a Special Education Aide at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, and I am now helping my mother.

I have been a Councilmember since May 2002, starting as Department Head for Public Health and Safety. Now I am Department Head for Parks, Recreation and Civic Affairs and greatly enjoy working with all the Town committees and clubs. As Councilmember, I have represented the Town on the Prince George's County Municipal Association, and I am a member of the Prince Georges Elected Municipal women and the Women in Elected Government Service.

My accomplishments include helping with reopening the Berwyn Heights Elementary School, building a concession stand at Sports Park and renovating the Indian Creek and Pops Park playgrounds. I have supported the establishment of the Historical Committee and the Town museum. With the Recreation Council's help, I have supported many successful Berwyn Heights Days and other Town events. I have also worked with the Boys and Girls Club, the Seniors and the elementary school to improve their facilities and programs, and I have participated in several Community Emergency Response Team drills including the Maryland Pandemic Drill.

My goals for the future of Berwyn Heights are friendly community policing, a safe and crime free neighborhood, improving pedestrian safety, maintaining community standards in a friendly and educational way, excellent town services at the lowest tax dollar and communication with town residents

Thank you, once again, Berwyn Heights for giving me an opportunity to serve our residents and our community. Vote for me May 3.



Cheryl Jewitt

My name is Cheryl Jewitt, and I am running for the Town Council. I have lived in Town since 2004 when I married my husband, Bradley. We have raised our son Hunter and our dog Baci here. However, my time in Maryland began over 22 years ago when I moved here to attend the University of Maryland, College Park. While a student, I accepted my first job with the Department of Justice. In February, I celebrated my 21st year of federal service. I am currently a squad supervisor, leading a 75+ person team. My exceptional organizational skills, can-do personality, my keen ability to listen and analyze problems have formed a solid foundation for my successes. I have served on many boards requiring those skills to include an employee advisory committee. As a 12-year elected member, I addressed the workplace concerns of the 300+ member body. I am a past member and Chair of the Town's Historical Committee and served as the Town's representative to ATHA. Helping to solve problems through teamwork and doing what is right when no one is watching are two ideals I hold near to my heart. Working on enhancing the 193 corridor and providing the best customer-service to you- the residents are two of my main concerns. I am a people-person; not a politician. I look forward to listening and learning from you. It would be honor to represent your voice and ideas. Please contact me at Jewittforbh@comcast.net. I kindly ask for your vote.



Dr. Jodie Kulpa-Eddy

Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!

My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and I am running for my fourth term on the Town Council. I have lived on Ruatan Street for sixteen years, ever since I moved here from Wisconsin for a job promotion. I am a veterinarian and I work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I have been on the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee since 2002 and with our Community Emergency Response Team since 2004. My most gratifying achievement in serving Berwyn Heights to-date has been to secure funding and now observe the installation of emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center. The next time we face an electrical outage, this reserve system will not only ensure continuity of town government services to our residents, but also ensure a place nearby providing a much-needed heating, cooling or simply recharging center.

I graduated from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland in September 2013. I have headed the Administration Department, Code Department, and most recently the Police Department. After several years enduring necessary fiscal restraints, I believe we may now have an opportunity to make some strategic investments, particularly in our streets and roads, and in public safety. When I first ran for the Town Council in 2010, I wanted to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I still do.

I hope you agree. Please vote on May 3!





Dr. Christopher Rasmussen

I am honored to serve the citizens of Berwyn Heights as a member of the Town Council, and I ask for your support for a second term on the Council.

I have spent my entire professional career making college more accessible and affordable and helping students to succeed. Through my work I have partnered with state legislators, governors, and the business community to solve problems that are too big to manage individually. This experience is key to working within the Town Council and working with other municipalities and county and state officials.

Four areas of focus I believe are most important for the Town Council are:

Safety and security. Recent robberies at our 7-Elevens and other criminal activity has put residents on edge. It is important to maintain a well-trained and visible police force to help keep the citizens of Berwyn Heights safe.

Protect and grow property values. The value of homes must be preserved through enforcement of community standards, oversight of new building and improvements, and maintenance of infrastructure.

Preserve quality of life. Berwyn Heights is a great place to live. Our quality of life is advanced by supporting things such as parks and gardens, and opportunities to become involved in clubs, organizations, and activities.

Manage growth and economic development. The development of the Greenbelt Metro Station property will have a huge impact on the surrounding area, including Berwyn Heights. It is important to minimize the negative impact, and the positive impact, of this development on our citizens.



Maria Robles

Hello Neighbors, my name is Maria Robles. I have lived in Berwyn Heights since 2003. I'm a mother of two children, Anthony a student at Frostburg State University and Jasmine at Chesapeake Math and IT Academy (PG Charter School). I am a Procurement Analyst for the Department of Labor. I was appointed to the council in July 2016. I am running for the first time, after serving for a few months as head of the Code Department.

I have served in a leadership position with the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA as Vice President and Treasurer. Further, I served as a coach for four years and as Treasurer for eight years for the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club. I'm proud to be a resident of Berwyn Heights and want to continue to serve my community.

Working with the Code Department has helped me see the importance of ensuring the town residents' health, safety and well-being through the enforcement of the town ordinances. My vision is a safe and beautiful Berwyn Heights where families buy homes and stay because the town provides the best quality of life possible where families can live, work, learn and play.

I will dedicate my energies to working with the code department to build recommendations to improve code ordinances, increase educational information for town residents and create an easy way for residents to communicate with the code department.

I will work tirelessly to improve and increase educational opportunities for our youth, by working with the Berwyn Height Boys and Girls clubs, collaborating with the four cities Educational Advisory Committee, and communicating with other public officials.

I am committed to making Berwyn Heights the best place to live, work, learn and play. I hope you share my commitment. Please vote on May 3rd.

Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget Message: General Fund

Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and Berwyn Heights Residents:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 proposed budget is the first in several fiscal years not needing to utilize previous years' surplus to balance the budget due to the increase in revenue from real property taxes and income taxes. The budget for FY 2017 is scheduled to be introduced at the Town Meeting on April 13 and adopted at the May 11 Town Meeting, as required in the Town's Charter.

This proposed budget holds the real property tax rates at current levels of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed value for residential real property for the operating budget and \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed value for the dedicated road tax. The personal property tax rates, paid by businesses, also remains unchanged at \$1.25 per \$100 of assessed value and \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed value for the dedicated road tax. The proposed budget achieves balance through:

1. An increase in real property tax revenue as a result of the new real property assessments;
2. Continued growth in income tax receipts driven by rising numbers of multi-income families and more working adults occupying rental properties instead of college students;
3. Achieving operational efficiencies related to telephone service and employee benefits;
4. Modest increases in Police, Code, and business license fines with the expectation that departments will be fully staffed;
5. Sale of surplus vehicles and equipment in the Town's fleet.

The following are expenditure highlights of the FY 2017 proposed budget:

- **Administration** – Funds administrative functions like finance and human resources and the maintenance and operation of the municipal building, Town Center, and Senior Center with three full-time employees and two part-time employees.
- **Code Compliance and Transportation** – Supports the Town Council's commitment to upholding community standards through a full-time Code Supervisor, 35 part-time weekly staff hours for Code inspection and administrative support, and management of the Town's Call-a-Bus program.
- **Police** – Provides 24/7 police protection with eight full-time officers and one full-time clerk, leading to historically low crime rates in Town. BHPD maintains community partnerships with the B.H. Elementary School and the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee, and provides traffic enforcement through the speed camera program.
- **Public Health and Safety** – Supports the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department with a \$10,000 contribution and allocates \$3,000 for the Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch Committee.
- **Public Works** – Funds the collection of refuse, bulk trash, yard waste, and recyclable materials. Eight full-time employees and one part-time employee are proposed in order maintain quality levels of service in infrastructure and facilities, with a FY 2017 focus on replacement of signage to meet new reflectivity standards and working with the urban forest consultants.
- **Parks and Recreation** – Continues to fund Recreation Council special events such as Berwyn Heights Day, with devoted resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park. The Boys and Girls Club requested the Town's financial assistance with the electricity bill at Sports Park and \$2,500 is proposed in this budget.
- **Insurance and Employee Benefits** – Anticipates transitioning to a municipal health pool for cost savings and a better benefits plan for employees, with slight increases expected in premiums for insurance the Town is required to carry. \$750 is allocated to facilitate the Town's acceptance of credit cards in-person and on the Town's redesigned website. Funding is also provided for the Town's match for participation in the State of Maryland's pension system.
- **Transfers** – Allocates the full annual amount (\$93,400) needed to replenish the vehicle replacement fund; \$189,672 for the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve Fund (\$90,216 from Highway User Revenues and \$99,456 generated from the dedicated real and personal property road tax rates); and a transfer of \$200,000 to the Greenbelt Station Reserve Fund.
- **Capital Projects** – Proposes replacement of heating and cooling equipment at the end of its useful life in the Town Office for greater energy efficiency; adding the business license module to Code's existing software package to streamline the licensing process; the upgrade of analog model phones at work stations with digital models to increase employee productivity and effectiveness; and security improvements like cameras and access control devices at Town facilities currently lacking these tools to protect Town employees and property.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process at the public hearings held during the Town Meetings scheduled for April 13 and May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully,
Jessica Cowles,
Town Administrator

**One-Page Summary - General Fund
FY 2017 TA Proposed Budget**

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Adopted	FY 2017 TA Proposed	% Variation
Real Estate Property Tax	\$ 1,461,218	\$ 1,228,776	\$ 1,277,093	\$ 1,283,788	\$ 1,407,605	10%
Penalties on Taxes	\$ 4,458	\$ 3,419	\$ 3,806	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,000	67%
Personal Property Tax	\$ 235,035	\$ 265,576	\$ 265,506	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	0%
Road Fund Tax	\$ 109,096	\$ 96,497	\$ 98,753	\$ 91,227	\$ 99,456	9%
Income Tax	\$ 421,066	\$ 406,645	\$ 438,407	\$ 410,000	\$ 430,000	5%
Recycling Fee	\$ 72,030	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
Highway User Revenue	\$ 24,930	\$ 86,995	\$ 86,430	\$ 76,610	\$ 110,216	44%
Police Aid	\$ 38,505	\$ 50,493	\$ 51,430	\$ 47,812	\$ 51,430	8%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 132,731	\$ 141,844	\$ 133,824	\$ 141,100	\$ 135,300	-4%
Service Charges	\$ 2,701	\$ 4,685	\$ 2,402	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
Intergovernmental/Grants	\$ 99,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 25,220	\$ 33,232	\$ 28,432	-14%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 50,983	\$ 61,121	\$ 100,379	\$ 120,465	\$ 100,000	-17%
Miscellaneous	\$ 60,858	\$ 94,987	\$ 297,665	\$ 288,200	\$ 299,050	4%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 2,712,843	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 2,853,086	\$ 2,834,104	\$ 3,004,359	6%
Transfers from Reserves	\$ 20,345	\$ -	\$ 467,561	\$ 163,000	\$ 9,000	-94%
Transfers from Fund Balance						
For Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	-100%
For Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 479	\$ 42,800	\$ -	-100%
Total Revenues	\$ 2,733,188	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,089,904	\$ 3,013,359	-2%
Mayor and Council	\$ 16,385	\$ 19,129	\$ 24,207	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	0%
Town Administration	\$ 314,152	\$ 336,030	\$ 361,592	\$ 350,334	\$ 355,622	2%
Municipal Building	\$ 30,035	\$ 22,443	\$ 21,971	\$ 27,366	\$ 15,200	-44%
Town Center	\$ 41,826	\$ 36,443	\$ 45,877	\$ 33,916	\$ 25,050	-26%
Police Department	\$ 606,504	\$ 564,541	\$ 615,056	\$ 661,244	\$ 694,676	5%
Misc. Public Safety	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,656	\$ 14,559	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	0%
Code Compliance & Van	\$ 103,567	\$ 91,372	\$ 98,971	\$ 109,401	\$ 117,155	7%
Public Works	\$ 706,615	\$ 625,865	\$ 684,802	\$ 683,375	\$ 696,160	2%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 14,745	\$ 15,661	\$ 16,325	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,500	10%
Cable	\$ 4,851	\$ 5,003	\$ 10,492	\$ 20,134	\$ 14,840	-26%
Insurance	\$ 92,259	\$ 99,391	\$ 88,408	\$ 105,100	\$ 106,400	1%
Employee Benefits	\$ 230,628	\$ 258,565	\$ 228,531	\$ 292,005	\$ 298,304	2%
4-Cities Street Sweeper	\$ 14,424	\$ 16,203	\$ 13,798	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
Consultant Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,500	\$ 33,000	-52%
Capital Operating Expenditures	\$ 122,746	\$ 49,418	\$ 39,286	\$ 34,792	\$ 69,820	101%
Transfers to Reserves	\$ 224,774	\$ 286,160	\$ 383,513	\$ 407,437	\$ 498,632	22%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,525,891	\$ 2,428,880	\$ 2,647,388	\$ 2,879,604	\$ 3,013,359	5%
Capital Projects & Purchases	\$ 186,097	\$ 23,614	\$ 673,738	\$ 210,300	\$ -	-100%
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,711,988	\$ 2,452,494	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,089,904	\$ 3,013,359	-2%
Net Total (Transferred to Fund Balance)	\$ 21,200	\$ 68,946	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	
Reserve Balances						
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	
Cable TV Reserve	35,294	62,013	81,948	62,013	88,239	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	204,015	377,507	553,790	699,152	913,490	
NW/EP Trailer Reserve	5,163	6,007	4,448	2,507	4,448	
Recycling/Tipping Fund	-	10,163	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	230,769	305,711	318,609	235,211	245,354	
Greenbelt Station Impact Fee Reserve			108,456	180,000	610,820	
Total Reserves	\$ 917,241	\$ 1,203,401	\$ 1,519,251	\$ 1,630,883	\$ 2,314,351	
Total Fund Balance	\$ 914,549	\$ 985,575	\$ 985,096	\$ 512,156	\$ 814,202	

Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget Message: Public Safety Taxing District

Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and Berwyn Heights Residents:

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

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

The proposed FY 2017 PSTD budget recommends maintaining the existing tax rates in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George’s County with crime in Town at a historic low. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights’ residents, businesses, and visitors.

Respectfully,
Jessica Cowles
Town Administrator

One-Page Summary - Public Safety Taxing District FY 2017 TA Proposed Budget

Revenues	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 16 Adopted	FY 17 Proposed	\$ Variation	% Variation
Real Estate Tax - Current Year	\$ 38,390	\$ 37,926	\$ 40,583	\$ 39,942	\$ 40,746	\$ 804	2%
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	\$ 57	\$ 44	\$ 416	\$ 50	\$ 300	\$ 250	500%
Personal Property Tax	\$ 28,944	\$ 29,537	\$ 30,339	\$ 30,944	\$ 30,944	\$ -	0%
Penalty & Interest on Real Estate Tax	\$ 314	\$ 144	\$ 79	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ (200)	-100%
Penalty & Interest on Personal Prop-	\$ 2,691	\$ 2,754.00	\$ 1,551	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,000	\$ (5)	0%
Total Receipts	\$ 70,396	\$ 70,406	\$ 72,968	\$ 72,141	\$ 72,990	\$ 849	1%
<i>Transfer from PSTD Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ 19,529</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 35,443</i>	<i>\$ 6,710</i>	<i>\$ (28,733)</i>	<i>-81%</i>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 89,925	\$ 70,406	\$ 72,968	\$ 107,584	\$ 79,700	\$ (27,884)	-26%
Expenditures							
Police Services	\$ 57,074	\$ 58,853	\$ 60,344	\$ 68,385	\$ 74,800	\$ 6,415	9%
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,240	\$ 4,783	\$ 3,512	\$ 4,407	\$ 4,900	\$ 493	11%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 61,314	\$ 63,636	\$ 63,856	\$ 72,792	\$ 79,700	\$ 6,908	9%
Capital Budget - Police Vehicle	\$ 28,611	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,792	\$ -	\$ (34,792)	-100%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 89,925	\$ 63,636	\$ 63,856	\$ 107,584	\$ 79,700	\$ (27,884)	-26%
Net Total (transferred to Fund Balance)	\$ -	\$ 6,770	\$ 9,112	\$ -	\$ -		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 57,958	\$ 38,429	\$ 45,199	\$ 54,311	\$ 21,998		
Fund Balance Generated or (Used)	\$ -	\$ 6,770	\$ 9,112	\$ (651)	\$ (6,710)		
Capital Budget Purchases	\$ (20,529)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (34,792)	\$ -		
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 37,429	\$ 45,199	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 15,288		

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
NONCOMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

For the tax year beginning July 1, 2016, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 8.6%, from \$216,798,158 to \$235,563,003.

2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 8.6% resulting in \$99,454 of new real property tax revenues.

3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.4878, the constant yield tax rate.

4. The Town of Berwyn Heights is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 8.6% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$99,454 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at Town Hall.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-5000 for further information.

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

For the tax year beginning July 1, 2016, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 8.5%, from \$40,087,242 to \$43,503,328.

2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 8.5% resulting in \$21,521 of new real property tax revenues.

3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.5805, the constant yield tax rate.

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April 2	Joyce Bilger
April 3	Mary Briggs
April 6	Bertha Davies
April 11	Eddie Daffron
April 25	Martha Baxter
April 27	Ruth Woodhouse

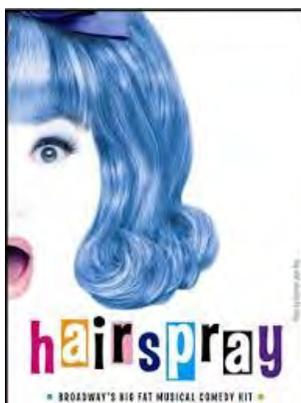
APRIL ACTIVITIES

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

Happenings

April 12 — Meeting with speaker from 911 Call Center: “What happens when you call 911?”

April 14 — The Play “Hair Spray” at Flowers High School. We will go to the Matinee.



MISCELLANY

Remember we are hosting the maintenance department for lunch on April 26.

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Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger)

Mondays 10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Rotation of Playgrounds: 1st & 3rd Monday

Of the month at Indian Creek Playground

And 2nd & 4th Monday at Pop's Park,

Unless it is raining or too cold, in which case

We meet indoors at the Town Center.

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

Please contact **Rachel Cicero** (rachelcicero55@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserve.

Clean Lot Violations	Feb.
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Clean Lot	1
Animals	2
Trash/ Litter	0
Non-Hazardous	11
Vehicles	2
Premise Identification	4
Commercial	0
Total Violations	20
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	2
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Total Permits issued	7
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	2
Total Rentals	192
Inspections	15
Re-inspections	1
Fines	5
Rental Licenses Issued	14
Vacant Homes	14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Childcare: Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 30 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on weekends and evenings. Call (301)345-7622.

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

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

Tutor Needed: For basic computer skills. 301-520-8811.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson

301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen

Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich

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Co-Chair Michael Attick

mikeattick@verizon.net

Historical Committee

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Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Playgroup

Rachel Cicero

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Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Tim Tormoen

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Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

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BH Elementary School PTA

Chris McComb

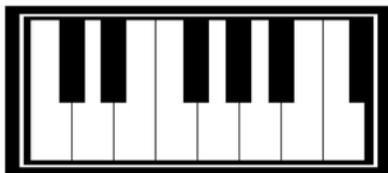
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Karate Club

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POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **February 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 category.

02/06/2016 at 9:03 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of theft of a wallet from a 2012 Chrysler van.

02/10/2016 at 4:30 am, PG County responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of an armed robbery. Suspects displayed a handgun and removed money and cigarette before fleeing.

02/10/2016 at 12:32 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Quebec Street for a report of theft of a table saw from an unlocked 2005 Chevy van.

02/12/2016 at 10:40 am, Pfc. Krouse submitted a police report in regards to a telephone misuse from a 47 y/o, w/m.

02/12/2016 at 2:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson submitted a report in regards to a suspicious vehicle driving by his private residence.

02/13/2016 at 3:40 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a purse from a vehicle. Victim was pumping gas into her vehicle and left her door unlocked.

02/20/2016 at 7:50 pm, Pfc. Hollowell impounded a 2006 Toyota SUV from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without a license.

02/21/2016 at 6:29 pm, Pfc. Hollowell arrested Ms. Sarah Winiski, a 26 y/o, w/f, of Berwyn Heights from the 58th Avenue near Quebec Street. Winiski had an outstanding warrant for DUI.

02/29/2016 at 11:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski, along with the Chief of Police, responded to the 5900 block of Berwyn Road for a report of an unattended death. Investigation revealed that Mr. Alberto Rey

succumbed to natural causes. He was 69 y/o/

02/29/2016 at 3:35 pm, Cpl. Robertson responded to the McDonald on Greenbelt Road for a report of a wallet being stolen.

After Business Hours:



NON-EMERGENCY POLICE

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301-352-1200

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For more information, contact Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 (Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



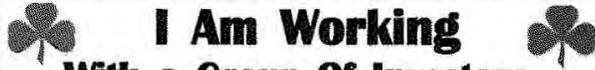
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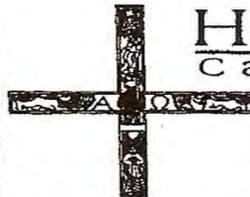
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- Tree Care and Ornamental Pruning
- Tree Risk Assessment Consultation
- Tree and Stump Removal, Cabling/Bracing, Root De-compaction and Invigoration
- Lightning Protection Systems

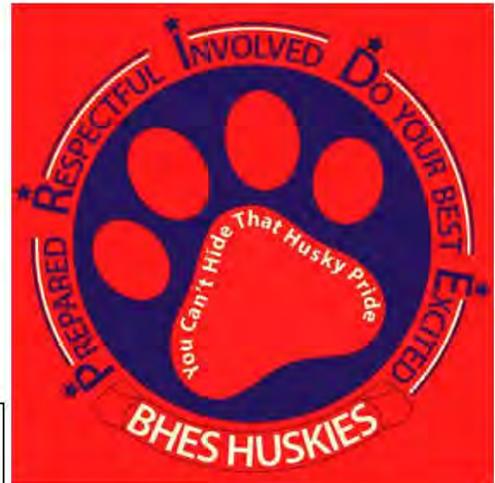
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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- April 2016 --



Kindergarten Open House Friday, April 29th 10-11:30am

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- Tour the school
- Meet the principal
- Learn about our curriculum, including our new Mandarin program
- Learn about our active PTA and meet some members

Contact president@bhespta.org for more details.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 4

No School – Last Day of Spring Vacation

Saturday, April 9

School Garden Clean-Up 9am-12pm

Tuesday, April 12

PTA Meeting @ 6:45 pm in the library

Tuesday, April 26

No School – Primary Elections

Friday, April 29

Kindergarten Open House 10-11:30am

Help us keep the
Berwyn Heights Elementary School Gardens
looking beautiful!



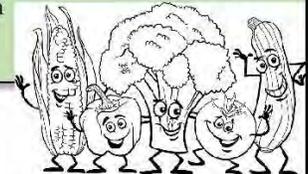
Saturday, April 9th 9am-12pm
Rain Date: Sunday, April 10th 1pm-4pm
In front of the school

Bring your favorite gardening tool.
Service hours are available for students!
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL GARDENS UPDATE

The 5th grade science MODS sowed sugar peas and purple/red Samurai carrots outside in the raised beds alongside other vegetables they have grown from seeds.

In June, the 5th graders will harvest and enjoy the taste of their very own local veggies!



Bring your kids to school and stay for a

SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

** 9AM ** Date To Be Announced **



Join BHES' guidance counselor, Ms. Behe, and parent liaison, Ms. Haber, for this new monthly series for parents. For the April installment, representatives from Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department will present summer program and activity options.



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



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Recent Working Incidents:

- Feb 14- Truck 14 operated in the 7000Blk of Megan Lane in Lanham for a house's solar panels on fire.
- Feb 22- Truck 14 was alerted at 6am to the Beltsville Agriculture Reserch Cntr Building 202 for a building fire. Units arrived to find the structure fully engulfed in flames, and began exterior/defensive operations.
- Feb 23- Truck 14 was second arriving unit to the 6600Blk of Oliver St in Riverdale for the house fire.
- Feb 27- Truck 14 & Chief 14B(Kerinan) responded to the 5600blk of Landover Rd in Cheverly for the liquor store on fire with Hyattsville VFD Engine 1 (staffed by BHVFD volunteers see below).
- Feb 28- Squad 14B & Chief 14B(Kerinan) were alerted at 6am to SB BW Parkway at Greenbelt Rd. Units from BHVFD were first to arrive to find an SUV off the road, down an embankment and into the trees with six people trapped and critically injured.
- Feb 28- Truck 14 & Chief 14B(Kerinan) operated in the 8500Blk of 60th Ave in BH for a stovetop fire.
- Feb 29- Truck 14 investigated report of smoke in Berwyn Heights Elementary School.
- March 2- Truck 14 & Chief 14B(Ross) operated in the 5400blk Stream Bank Ln (new Greenbelt Station development) for a townhouse being built on fire.
- March 2nd- Truck 14 Chief 14(McCoy) & Chief 14B (Ross) operated at a 2Alarm commercial building fire in the 11300 block of Old Baltimore Pike in Beltsville.
- March 8th- Truck14 operated in the 9900Blk of Good Luck Rd in Lanham for an Apartment Fire. Both Volunteers & Career personel on TK14 made numerous rescues of adults and children trapped on their balconies and in apartments, no major injuries.

Station 14 Call Volume: Feb 2015	
Rescue Squads:	142
Ladder Truck:	84
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	3
Ambulance:	148
Total Station Runs for Feb 2016:	378

Maryland's "Slow Down, Move Over" Law

As of October 2015, a new Maryland law requires drivers to 'move over,' if possible, and are aimed at increasing safety for police, fire and emergency medical services personnel working on Maryland roadsides.



This law requires drivers approaching from the rear an emergency vehicle using visual signals while stopped on a highway to, if possible, 'make a lane change into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle.'

This movement should only be done if another lane in the same direction is available and the move can be made **safely** and without impeding other traffic. If moving to another lane away from the stopped emergency vehicle is not possible, the law requires drivers to 'slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions. 'The intent of the 'move over' law is to provide an extra barrier of safety for police officers, fire fighters, and emergency rescue personnel working along Maryland roads. It is hoped drivers will become more aware of police and emergency workers stopped along the road and move away from them or slow down as they pass by the traffic stop or incident scene.

As BHVFD operates on over 60 miles of highway between 495, I-95, and the BW Pkwy this law greatly improves the safety of our volunteers working at accident scenes on these busy highways. BHVFD has suffered the loss of one of our own members, Deputy Chief Jim Yvorra, who was killed in the line of duty when he was struck by a car while operating on an accident scene on I-495 at Good Luck Road on January 29, 1988.



Rescue Squad 14-B (reserve) operating on I-95

*On behalf of the volunteer members at Berwyn Heights VFD,
please move over or slow down for emergency vehicles.
Thank you,*

Come join us for Berwyn Heights Day! Saturday May 7th, 2016



April 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					April 1	2
3	4 7:00 PM Worksession   	5 7:30 PM Rec Council Meeting G. Love Room   	6 7:30 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room 	7 7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee G. Love Room  	8	9 9:00 AM BHES Garden Clean Up
10	11 7:00 PM Budget Worksession Town Office   	12   	13 7:30 PM Town Meeting Town Office 	14 7:00 PM BHEAC Mtg. G. Love Room  	15	16
17	18 7:00 PM Worksession Town Office   	19   	20 	21 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Room  	22	23 9:00 AM Recycling Greenbelt DPW 10:00 — 12:30 Town CleanUp Day
24  Street Sweeper	25 7:00 PM Budget Worksession Town Office   	26 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room   	27 8:00 PM Candidates' Night, Town Center, 2nd Floor 	28 7:30 PM Four Cities Meeting New Carrollton City Hall  	29	30 2:00 PM Wine Tasting Town Center 2nd Floor



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET, IF POSSIBLE, DURING THE WEEK THAT THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.



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

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 Councilmember — Public Works

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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

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**On Comcast channel 71
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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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