

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**Happy  
New Year!**



Snowed-in: 5700 Block of Pontiac Street.

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## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON

### New Year's Holiday

Mon	12/28/15	Trash, Bulk & Yard Waste, North Side
Tue	12/29/15	Trash, Bulk & Yard Waste, South Side
Wed	12/30/15	Recycling, Entire Town
Thu	12/31/15	Trash, Entire Town
Fri	01/01/16	NO PICKUP – Offices Closed

### Martin Luther King Day

Mon	01/18/16	NO PICKUP – Offices Closed
Tue	01/19/16	Trash & Bulk Trash, Entire Town
Wed	01/20/16	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town
Thu	01/21/16	Trash, Entire Town
Fri	01/22/16	NO Pickup

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash  
at the Curb over Weekend



## JOB OPENING

The Town of Berwyn Heights has an opening for a custodian/ grounds-keeper starting February 2016. This person will be responsible for maintaining and cleaning the premises of the Municipal Building and the two story Town Center.

For more information please call the Town office at 301-474-5000, or pick up an employment application at the Town Office.

Completed applications can be dropped off attention to

Town Administrator Jessica Cowles  
5700 Berwyn Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

## Darlene Erickson Retires



Having reached her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working for the Town of Berwyn Heights, Town employee Darlene Erickson announced her retirement at the end of January.

Darlene began as a volunteer, planting flowers and maintaining the grounds around the Town Center. As an employee, she was not only an ever-present custodian of Town Center buildings, but also a generous hostess, who served dinners at official meetings and stocked an ample snack bar in the Town office. Darlene's husband, Ted, assisted her and helped with chores behind the scenes. Darlene loved decorating and taking pictures, which lent a very personal touch to the events she helped plan and prepare.

The Town appreciates the dedication and care Darlene brought to her service. We wish Darlene and Ted a very happy and restful retirement.

## SCHOOLS

### EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets

January 14 ♦ 7 pm ♦ G. Love Room

- Do you have children in school ?
- Are you concerned about education options ?
- Do have ideas about making our schools better ?

Then join Councilmembers Dennison, Robles and White  
To discuss reconstituting the **BHEAC**  
*Responsible for re-opening BH Elementary School*



## REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

## Worksession November 2, 2015

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

### 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** The cities of College Park and Greenbelt will hold elections tomorrow, November 3. CM Robles may attend a Sustainable Maryland leadership training workshop for municipal leaders on November 18 at the University of Maryland.

**Calendar:** No changes or additions were made.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the October 5 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The October 14 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

**Department reports:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Council attended the Four Cities Coalition meeting in Greenbelt on October 22. College Park proposed to hold a joint meeting of Four Cities Education Advisory Councils (EACs) to pool educational resources and support public schools in the area. The Four Cities still have many vouchers left from a grant to provide free spay/neuter services. Interested residents can apply online at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/spayneuter> or call 301-345-5417 for more information. Prince George's County has reauthorized food truck sales near public transportation hubs under a new regulatory framework that provides more oversight. Greenbelt asked College Park and Berwyn Heights to write a letter to SHA to support a redesign of the Greenbelt Road streetscape. After several years of inaction, money may now be available to move forward.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy further reported that she attended a County Zoning regulations rewrite focus group where mayors and city managers were briefed on the Module 1 of the rewrite effort, which proposes to simplify zoning categories and establish standards for residential, commercial and industrial zones. Those attending were asked to give feedback on the proposal.

CM Robles reported that, at the same Four Cities meeting, Safeguard Properties gave a presentation about a service it provides to cities and towns, working with lenders to identify properties undergoing pre-foreclosure and foreclosure proceedings and to provide maintenance services. TA Cowles said that Code Supervisor Glass has already contacted the company. At the MML fall conference CM Robles took a number of workshops about the fundamentals of municipal government. She also took a class on the Public Information Act at LGIT Academy, where Public Works foreman Juan Thorpe received an award for helping save a life at a house fire that occurred in Town.

MPT Rasmussen reported that the Town's new Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez started today. She previously was the Clerk/ Treasurer for the Town of Edmonston and brings valuable experience to the job. CM Dennison reported that Trunk or Treat went well and announced upcoming events.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received a comment on an incident of vandalism during Halloween, and on the deteriorating shoulder of 56th Avenue. The Council received an email on County regulations for commercial vehicle parking.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked when the grass at the corner of Ruatan and 56th Avenue will be restored. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that WSSC is using the place as a staging area after the sidewalks contractor removed its materials and equipment. WSSC is not expected to finish the water main replacement project until 2017, at which time it would revert to its original use. Mr. Attick also noted that the Town asked the County to refrain from ticketing commercial vehicles in Berwyn Heights the last time this issue came up.

**Economic development discussion:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she would like the Council to begin defining a vision for what Berwyn Heights should look like in the future. This will serve as the basis for an economic development study the Council is planning to undertake and may be of use for giving input on the zoning regulation rewrite. Initially, she would just like to brainstorm the issue to come up with a framework that can be presented to the residents for input. For example, would councilmembers look favorably at 12 story buildings in the commercial district along Greenbelt Road, or would they endorse a change in the residential zoning to allow multi-story apartment build-

ings.

In discussion councilmembers made the following points: The Route 193 commercial corridor should be seen holistically. Any re-development of the commercial district on the Berwyn Heights side should be coordinated with neighboring communities. The impact of new development on local schools should be considered. Students living in the new Greenbelt Station development attend Berwyn Heights Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School and Parkdale High School. A more diverse mix of businesses in the commercial district is desirable and should satisfy the needs of Berwyn Heights residents, as well as attract visitors and commuters that pass by on Greenbelt Road. Ballew Avenue may become suitable for retail or offices as the Greenbelt Station development fills in. Tax revenues should be a factor in evaluating proposed zoning changes. Existing businesses might be protected through grandfathering provisions. In the absence of zoning authority and direct control over what kinds of business can locate in the Town, incentives might be offered to attract desired businesses.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked Councilmembers to spread the word and invite comments and feedback when they attend the meetings of Town committees and clubs. Publishing a survey in the Bulletin would be another good method for soliciting initial feedback. The framework for soliciting input from residents should be open-ended, and might pose the question: what do you imagine Berwyn Heights' to look like in the future?

At 8:10 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break. CM White joined the meeting.

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

### 5. Public Works

### 6. Administration

**Website vendor:** MPT Rasmussen said that the Council appropriated \$6,000 for redesigning the Town's website. The appropriation does not include annual maintenance. TA Cowles explained that she received 4 good proposals for redesigning the Town's website. The proposals are comparable in the services provided and include data migration, an online payment system and an online calendar, among others. They differ in the type of content management system (CMS) used, ranging from fully proprietary systems to fully open-source software systems. The advantage of using

open-source software is that the Town would not be tied to one particular vendor but could switch to another vendor if a redesign is needed.

Of the two lowest bidders, Virtual Towns & Cities (VTS) uses an open-source CMS, whereas Revize's is semi-proprietary. VTS' annual maintenance costs are slightly higher than Revize's, but both proposals would allow for shifting a portion of the funding to the human resources study, as was decided at the previous worksession. The Town's current webmaster, who in a professional capacity works on maintaining the University of Maryland's websites, recommended using VTS. In addition, VTS already has a presence in Maryland and is highly recommended by the cities using it. Therefore, she recommends selecting this vendor.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that all vendors provide websites that are mobile compatible. The VTS Content Management System (CMS) allows for extensive customization and permits updating by multiple editors. It would allow Town departments and Town organizations to keep their web pages current. A fully operational website would take 3 to 4 months to implement. MPT Rasmussen moved to award the contract to VTS. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Ordinance 109 revision:** Clerk Harper said that she reviewed the Council's remarks from the last worksession and incorporated the changes in the latest draft of the Ordinance. There were a couple of unresolved issues the Council may want to decide today.

**Section 3 - Definitions:** Definitions for *Registration* and *Universal Registration* were combined under *Universal Registration*. The definition for *Statement of Election Results* was deleted.

**Section 4 - Voter Registration:** It was decided there is no conflict between the Town requiring a voter to be at least 18 years of age, as set forth in the Town Charter, and to be duly registered to vote in Prince George's County, where the County allows a voter to register at age 16 and to vote at age 17 if turning 18 in the year of the election. Town Attorney Shay had advised that the Town Charter takes precedence.

TA Cowles provided a brief explanation of the charter amendment process should the Council be inclined to change the voting age. The charter amendment process, as set forth in the Local Government Article of the Maryland Anno-

tated Code, can take two forms: 1) by initiation of the legislative body, i.e. the Town Council; and 2) by petition of the Town's qualified voters. Adoption occurs by Charter Resolution, which is no different than adoption of any other municipal legislation. However, a Charter Resolution can only deal with one subject at a time, and, once adopted, has to be filed with the Maryland Department of Legislative Services.

**Section 6 E - Campaign Material:** It was decided to permit campaign signs in the Town right-of-way of a private property with permission of the owner, starting 3 weeks prior to Election Day, provided they do not impair drivers' sight lines or pose other safety risks. However, campaign signs may not be posted on Town or public property until Election Day. This includes the Town Center and the Town's parks and playgrounds.

**Section 6 F - Write-In Candidates:** It was agreed to strike the clause "but not within the voting booth" from provision F (3) permitting the names of write-in candidates to be posted inside and outside the polling station. The prohibition against posting the names within the voting booth was maintained under Section 7 A - Preparing the Polling Station.

Clerk Harper was asked to include the above changes in the amended Ordinance 109, which will be ready for adoption at the November Town meeting.

**Charter Resolution process (discussed under Ordinance 109 revision)**

**Bulletin Cover:** The following items were selected for the December Bulletin cover: Holiday theme; announcements for the Holiday Tree Lighting and Holiday Decorating Contest.

**Urban Forest initiative:** MPT Rasmussen explained that the Council appropriated \$15,000 for a consultant to perform a study of the Town's tree canopy and to make recommendations on managing and preserving the trees. The study would include a review of the Town's current tree care policies set forth in Ordinance 122 - Urban Forest. Ordinance 122 was adopted in 1986 when the Town joined the Tree City, USA program, and was amended in 2000 to clarify that all trees within 25 feet of a street's center line are Town trees.

Ordinance 122 provides for a Shade Tree Board charged with making a plan for maintaining the tree canopy and supervising the planting, removal and maintenance of Town trees. It is proposed to re-establish a Shade Tree

Board or, alternatively, charge the Green Team with such responsibilities. A revised Urban Forest Ordinance might also add new permit requirement for cutting down trees above a certain size on private property, and incorporate new State of Maryland and Town of Berwyn Heights regulations on tree management and invasive species. MPT Rasmussen suggested TA Cowles speak with former members of the Shade Tree Board and seek their input in revising the Ordinance.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she agrees that the Town's tree canopy is an asset and makes Berwyn Heights a nicer place to live. Several neighboring communities have taken up the issue of tree maintenance recently and might be consulted. It might also be advisable to explore if there is an interest among residents in serving on a Shade Tree Board before charging it with various tree care responsibilities. It was agreed that MPT Rasmussen and TA Cowles draft a revised Urban Forest Ordinance for the Council to discuss at an upcoming worksession.

#### **7. Executive Session (9:15 p.m. - 10:05 p.m.)**

On a motion by CM White, seconded by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel and a legal matter. With matters discussed CM White moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## **W**orksession November 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T), Office of Highway Maintenance officials and consultants.

#### **1. Mayor**

**Announcements:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy congratulated the cities of College Park and Greenbelt on their recent elections. Patrick Wojahn is the new mayor of College Park. Greenbelt re-elected their

incumbents.

**Calendar:** December 10 was set as the date for a Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee meeting.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Robles and second by CM Dennison, the October 19 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM White and second by CM Robles, the November 2 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the General Services Administration (GSA) released its draft environmental impact statement for the three locations competing for the new FBI headquarters. Public informational meetings will be held in early December with the opportunity to provide written comments. Further, Director Lockley is no longer in the service of the Town. CM White added that former Greenbelt Public Works Director Kenneth Hall has been appointed as interim DPW director and has taken charge of the operations.

MPT Rasmussen reported that the new IT vendor started the conversion of the Town's computer network to Microsoft Windows OS. Additional fixes and new equipment are needed, which will entail more expenses. MPT Rasmussen participated in the Town-wide cleanup last Saturday, which focused on Edmonston Road and the commercial district. TA Cowles added that the demolition of two condemned properties continues to move forward. All utilities have been shut off. Now, the Prince George's County Law Office has to sign off on the demolition. She is making inquiries about moving this project to a higher priority level.

CM Dennison reported that the Town is seeking to re-activate the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC) and has set an exploratory meeting for December 10, 2015. The first item of business may be to define its mission and organizational framework. CM Dennison will reach out to the PTAs to seek their participation.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received a comment regarding the reconstruction of the WMATA pedestrian bridge, which is delayed by manufacturing problems. The bridge may not open until late January. She also received a comment about the deteriorating asphalt of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the T-ball field. MPT Rasmussen received a notice about a December 9 information meeting regarding the redesign of the Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Metro station.

**Hydraulic study presentation:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed representatives of

Prince George's County for a presentation of a study of the Town's storm water drainage system. The study was undertaken to determine the cause of the severe flooding that occurred in the low-lying areas of Berwyn Heights during the torrential rains of June 10, 2014. Vernon Stinnett, Chief of the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), provided some background. He said the Town's storm water system was constructed by WSSC between 50-70 years ago to meet the needs of a less densely populated community. It was transferred to the County in the 1980s, which is now maintaining it. The County hired WBCM Engineering consultants to study the Town's storm water system. They video-inspected the drains and visited all properties that reported the most serious flooding.

WBCM project manager Jerry Carlson gave an overview of the findings. Video inspection found the drains to be in good condition with only minor debris accumulation. The whole system was cleaned in 2009 as part of a regular 5 year rotation. The main problem is that the two largest systems do not meet current standards and are not big enough to handle major (10-year) rain storms, defined as 5.4" of rain in a 24 hour period. Some existing pipes that are 48" in diameter should be upgraded to 72" to handle peak flows. In addition, inlets are generally undersized and need maintenance. Some inlets on private property were blocked.

To alleviate flooding problems in the short term, it is proposed to add inlets where needed and remove blockages from existing inlets, as well as from the overland flow paths, as identified by the County engineers. Residents can help by reporting problems to the County and allowing inspectors to access their property. Problems can be reported by calling 3-1-1, or online, by submitting a service request at Prince George's County Click 311.

In the long term, Prince George's County needs to conduct a feasibility study (proposed to be funded in the FY 2017 budget) to serve as the basis for upgrading the system. The system could then be redesigned and permits obtained, which can take between 3 to 4 years. Construction would be funded through the County's capital improvement plan (CIP).

In response to questions about the project's implementation, Gwendolyn Clerkley, Associate Director of DPW&T's Office of Highway Maintenance, said DPW&T is responsible for commission-

ing and paying for the feasibility study. The study will determine costs of the upgrades and the impact of the improvements on Indian Creek. Storm water pipes directly affecting Indian Creek will require a federal permit and can take 3 to 4 years. Short-term improvements will begin within the next 2 months. The Town can help educate its residents about maintaining storm drains, by keeping leaves and trash out of the gutters, and allowing County employees to enter on their property to repair and maintain the inlets. Ms. Clerkley will follow up with TA Cowles about the feasibility study.

**Legislative dinner agenda:** For the annual legislative dinner with the Town's State and County representatives, the following agenda items were proposed: introduction of new Councilmembers, updates on major projects, County tax differential formula changes, plans to make Route 1 and Route 193 more pedestrian friendly, the hydrologic feasibility study and storm water system improvements, State legislation to regulate utilities' vegetation management activities, and discussing how the Democratic state legislature might work constructively with the Republican governor, and vice versa.

At 8:25 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

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

## 5. Administration

**Ordinance 109 revisions:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that tonight is the last opportunity to make changes to the amended Election Ordinance before adoption at the November Town meeting. She offered several grammatical corrections and a couple of substantive changes.

**Section 6 F – Write-in Candidates:** add the phrase "if forms were filed and determined to be acceptable" to the provision qualifying write-in candidates to have their names posted inside and outside the polling station on Election Day.

**Section 7 C – Tallying Votes:** Under tallying of paper ballots, clarify that provisional ballots, which are tallied separately from all other ballots, are sent to the County's Board of Elections for certification.

**Urban Forest initiative:** MPT Rasmussen said that the FY 2016 budget has funding for a study of the Town's tree canopy to produce a plan on how to best preserve the urban forest. But he thinks it may be better to wait with taking any steps, such as reconstituting a shade tree board, because the winter season

could make an assessment of the tree canopy difficult. TA Cowles said that there are other pieces of a study that could be performed during the winter months, such as an educational campaign and developing a maintenance plan. If a request for proposals is posted in December she expects that proposals would be received by the end of January or early February.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she thinks it is important to have a board or committee in place to carry out any policy recommendations a study might produce. The Green Team might be considered for this role. MPT Rasmussen said he hopes that the study will generate interest among residents and motivate them to join a new board. He does not want to put the Green Team in a position to make hard calls on whether private trees should be felled or not. This may compromise its ability to carry out its core mission. The Green Team might delegate a member to serve on a tree board, as might the Town's Public Works Department, which currently carries out much of the tree maintenance work. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested that the Public Works Department could be designated to execute the recommendations if no residents volunteer to form a board. MPT Rasmussen agreed but said he would prefer to recruit residents that have an interest in the preservation of trees.

It was agreed that the Town would solicit residents to serve on a re-established shade tree board through the Bulletin and Town website, starting in January 2016, while TA Cowles will write an RFP for consultants to carry out a study. In conjunction with the study, a review of Ordinance 122 – Urban Trees needs to be undertaken to include private trees in a regime for maintaining the urban canopy.

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

#### **7. Executive Session (9:02 p.m. – 9:55 p.m.)**

On a motion by MPT Rasmussen, seconded by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. With matter discussed, MPT Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## **T**own Meeting November 18, 2015

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

### **1. Minutes**

Clerk Harper read a summary of the October 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Rasmussen, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October.

### **3. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that Public Works Director Lockley is no longer in the Town's employ. The Department is now led by an interim director. She also announced a series of executive sessions the Council has held since she was sworn-in as Mayor. On July 6, two executive sessions were held: one at 6:30 p.m., to interview applicants for the Council seat vacated by former Mayor Calvo, and another at 9:35 p.m. to select the future councilmember. On August 24, an executive session was held to fill a vacancy on the Town Council left by CM Schreiber's resignation. On September 21, an executive session was held to discuss the performance evaluations of department directors. On October 5, an executive session was held to discuss a pending lawsuit. On October 19 and November 2, executive sessions were held to discuss a legal and a personnel matter, and on November 16, an executive session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

In other news, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that Prince George's County representatives gave a presentation at the last worksession on the findings of a hydrologic study the County commissioned following the severe flooding experienced during a June 10, 2014 rain storm. The storm was labeled a "200 year event" with 4.7" of rain falling in the very short period of 90 minutes. County representatives and a team of consult-

ants explained that the Town's system was built between 50 – 70 years ago and designed to lesser standards. Since then, the Town's population has expanded, more homes have been built and more impervious surfaces added resulting in more runoff.

The examination of the Town's storm water system found that the two largest drain systems are deficient and cannot handle a "10 year rain event" that serves as today's standard. In the short term, the County plans to improve the performance of the existing system through regular maintenance and by cleaning up the existing inlets, some of which are blocked. In the long term, the Town's storm water system has to be redesigned and portions of it rebuilt. The first step is a feasibility study the County is planning to undertake in FY 2017. The Town will work with the County's Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T), which is responsible for storm water systems, on the feasibility study and eventual redesign of the system. Residents may view the presentation when worksessions are played back on BHTV, Comcast Channel 71 and FiOS Channel 12.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that the reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge over the Metro tracks was postponed yet again, and the reopening is not likely to occur before late January. Upcoming meetings of interest include a seniors' lunch & resource fair hosted by County Councilwomen Glaros on November 23; an SHA informal project meeting about the proposed upgrade of the Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Metro Station on December 9; and public hearings on the GSA's draft environmental impact statement for the three proposed sites of the future FBI headquarters, the nearest one occurring on December 8 at the Greenbelt Library.

### **4. Department Reports**

**Administration:** MPT Rasmussen congratulated TA Cowles on hiring Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, who is here tonight. She served the Town of Edmonston for the last 8 years in a Clerk/Treasurer capacity and fit into her new role of Town Treasurer without difficulty. Congratulations also go to Governor Hogan, who is now cancer free, and the recently elected Mayors of College Park Patrick Wojahn and of Greenbelt Emmett Jordan.

MPT Rasmussen reported that the Town's postal service has been reduced to the selling of stamps, as the Town

office's service counter was deemed inadequate for the secure handling and storage of mailed letters and packages. Patrons have the choice of 3 nearby full-service USPS stations to take their mail. Seniors and persons with disabilities can request the Town's call-a-bus service to take them to a post office. Further, the Town's new IT vendor has begun to convert all workstations to Windows operating systems, but has encountered some incompatibility issues with the Linux server. This, and getting all employees to use the same office software and email systems, will require additional expenditures beyond what was budgeted.

The Town has closed out the priority 1 sidewalks project with the mailing of the last check to the contractor E&R Services, and has begun the construction of the Safe Routes to School sidewalks project on the 8900 block of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, which will provide a safer route for students to get to Greenbelt Middle School. With ongoing construction of new housing at the Greenbelt Station south core, the Town's Metroland compensation fund has grown and now stands at \$276,000. The Town receives approximately \$1,200 per housing unit when a permit is pulled. The funds are intended to mitigate the impacts the new development will have on the Town in terms of traffic and use of public services.

MPT Rasmussen said that the Council has made progress on the urban forest initiative and is looking into updating Ordinance 122 – Urban Forest and re-establishing a shade tree board, which would be a vehicle for residents to give their input on preserving the Town's tree canopy. Lastly, he announced that he will do another weigh-in as part of the *Lose It to Win It* campaign at the next Town meeting, which he began last January. He has made progress on his weight loss goal and is looking forward to compare his performance with Chief Antolik's, who also participated.

Regarding the Greenbelt Station development, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that the new traffic light at the Greenbelt Station entrance and associated intersection improvements will be responsibility of the Town's police officers to monitor.

**Code Compliance:** CM Robles reported that Code Supervisor Glass has had to attend to a number of building permit violations. The Town enforces Prince George's County's rules for construction permits for private properties and re-

quires Town permits whenever a County permit is required. Building additions or accessory structures and many home improvement projects require permits. A detailed list of projects requiring permits can be found at the website of the County's Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE).

With winter approaching, CM Robles also reminded residents to be aware of regulations regarding the storage of fire wood, which should be stacked at least 6" inches above the ground. Address numbers should be clearly visible from the street so that public safety personnel can easily locate particular home owners. Lastly, home owners are requested not to rake leaves into the street but keep them on their property near the curb. This will help prevent the clogging of storm drains.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison announced that the holiday tree lighting will occur on December 5 and feature caroling, crafts and a visit from Santa. On December 10, there will be a meeting to try to revive the Education Advisory Committee, which last led the effort to re-open the Berwyn Heights Elementary School.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik said all police officers and the Neighborhood Watch were on patrol during trick-or-treating, which passed without incident. However, there was some vandalism in the early morning hours. The perpetrators have been identified and warrants will be served shortly. Chief Antolik continued with the police activities report for October. There were 6 Part I offenses, all of them larcenies. This number is slightly higher than the 5 year average of 4. The year to date total is 62, as opposed to the 5 year average of 57.8. In all, the police wrote 236 State and Town citations and issued 61 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik concluded with tips for a safe Thanksgiving.

In response to MPT Rasmussen, Chief Antolik said that the speed camera vendor would decide if and when a speed camera is taken out of service after consulting with him. The Town already lost one of its speed cameras after State legislation raising the minimum speed limit in school zones to 20 mph was passed. The Town's police officers will return to enforcing speed limits with radar guns if the camera on Pontiac Street was to be pulled.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy highlighted a few items from the Berwyn Heights Volun-

teer Fire Department monthly report. The BHVFD annual fund drive, done exclusively by mail, is ongoing. In addition, the annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser will start right after Thanksgiving. The trees always sell out early so residents should not wait too long.

**Public Works:** CM White announced that Kenneth Hall has been hired as the Town's interim Public Works Director. He served as Greenbelt's Public Works director for many years and his leadership and experience will be of great value as the snow season approaches. He is expected to serve for approximately 4 – 6 months until the Town has recruited a new director. The Department also has a new temporary administrative assistant in Kathy Watkins, a Town resident. Kudos go to DPW foreman Juan Thorpe, who received an award from the Town's insurance company LGIT for helping to save a life during a house fire. DPW employees are getting ready for the winter season and are receiving training on operating snow plow equipment. For the moment, the Department is busy with leaf collection which will last through the end of December.

## 5. Committee Reports

**Historical Committee:** Clerk Harper, who chairs the Historical Committee, reported that there was a good turnout for the fall wine & cheese reception. Author and blogger John DeFerrari gave a presentation on his recently published book *Capital Streetcars* and a good discussion ensued.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP Committee again helped to patrol the Town on Halloween. The glow sticks passed out by the police officers were a hit and proved very useful in making the trick-or-treaters visible in the dark. NW/EP members are attending a bystanders training session in Greenbelt tonight and will continue to provide emergency training and information to residents. The next meeting will take place on December 2 in the G. Love conference room.

**Recreation Council:** CM Dennison said that the regular meetings of the Recreation Council have been moved to the first Tuesday of the month.

## 6. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance 109 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of Amendments to Town Council Election & Selection Processes:** Clerk Harper read a summary of the amended Ordinance 109. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy ex-

plained that this Ordinance, last amended in 1999, has undergone substantial changes. Recently passed State and County regulations have been incorporated, provisions on write-in candidates and Town Council vacancies were added, and a prohibition against campaign signs in the right-of-way of private properties was lifted, provided the property owner permits it and the sign does not pose a safety hazard. CM Dennison moved to adopt the Ordinance. CM White seconded. CM Dennison commented that the process of revising the Ordinance went smoothly. With no further comments the Ordinance was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

**7. New Business**

There was none.

**8. Citizens Discussion**

Jeff Gourley, Berwyn Road, said goodbye to the Town after living here his entire life. He said his family bought a home on Berwyn Road in 1951 and enjoyed being a part of this community. He attended Berwyn Heights Elementary School, Greenbelt Junior High School and Parkdale High School. His father served as a Town Commissioner in the 1960s and he served on the Council from 2004-2009, after being persuaded by two friends to run. As Councilmember, he

enjoyed helping residents and putting together the annual budget. However, there were many contentious moments, which eventually led him to resign. He congratulated the sitting Council for bringing harmony and cooperation to the meetings and wished them well.

Mike Roberts, 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, said he owns a property that is traversed by a storm water drain, as well as inlets and manholes. He asked how the Town plans to notify homeowners like him when County maintenance crews need access to the property to service the system. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council has not yet devised a plan to communicate this information to residents but will probably publicize it in the Bulletin and the website. If a homeowner has questions about a storm water inlet they should contact the County by calling 3-1-1 or visiting the Prince George's County Click 311 website. Mr. Roberts also suggested that residents mulch their leaves by running over them with a lawn mower rather than depositing them at the curb for pickup. This may save the Town money.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that he thinks the Town needs a leaf pickup service if it wants to promote the urban forest and preserve trees. Mulching too many leaves makes the soil very

acidic. He continued with a complaint about the traffic light that recently went into operation at the entrance of the Greenbelt Station Parkway. He said it is very poorly engineered and poses a safety hazard, especially at night. He foresees many accidents occurring at this intersection, which will be the responsibility of Berwyn Heights' police to handle. He also complained about a resident who rides his electric wheelchair in the roadway and runs the risk of being hit at night; about a misplaced stop sign at Pontiac Street and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue; about a "stop for pedestrians" sign in the middle of Berwyn Road at the bridge; and about the lack of clean-outs of stormwater drain inlets. He also recommended that the Town hire more people from Town, and regulate parking when it snows to facilitate plowing. WSSC should be asked to clean up the temporary patches remaining from the water main replacement project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Kerstin Harper,  
Town Clerk



## BERWYN HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



The BHHC is working on its next street marker, which will feature the Berwyn Heights Association. This citizen association functioned as the quasi-government for Berwyn Heights between 1915 and 1924, maintaining the walks and streets, caring for the schools, and removing trash.

The Association also negotiated with County and State agencies to help with road projects and maintain streetcar service. The photo on the left shows the end of the line of the Washington Interurban streetcar. The Association worked with the streetcar company and the Maryland Public Service Commission to keep this line open.

**NEXT BHHC MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 26. ALL ARE WELCOME.**



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

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



# CODE NEWS

November Fiscal Year 2016

## Activity

<b>Clean Lot Violations</b>	
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	0
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	0
Refuse Collection	16
Vehicles	2
Miscellaneous	12
Commercial	4
<b>Total Clean Lot Violations</b>	<b>31</b>
Abatements	0
<b>Permits</b>	
Building	10
Dumpster/ PODs	6
Violations	7
<b>Rentals</b>	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	2
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>199</b>
Inspections	12
Re-inspections	2
Fines	3
<b>Vacant Homes</b>	
New Vacant Homes	0
Reclaimed Vacant Homes	3
<b>Total Vacant Properties</b>	<b>16</b>



## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 7am - 7pm

*Help govern the Town;  
Run for Town Council!*



### Candidate Qualifications

- ✦ At least 21 years of age;
- ✦ Duly registered to vote in Prince George's County, MD;
- ✦ Town resident for at least six months prior to the date of the election
- ✦ File Nomination Petition with at least 5 signatures of eligible voters and a financial disclosure form.

### Filing Deadline is March 1, 2016.

Forms and information are available at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road, Telephone 301-474-5000: or go to our website:

<http://www.berwyn-heights.com/forms.html>

### Voter Qualifications

- ✦ At least 18 years of age at the time of the election;
- ✦ Town resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election;
- ✦ Registered to vote in Prince George's County, MD, or the Town of Berwyn Heights

**Voter Registration:** Contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections (301-430-8020) to request an application; or download an application from their website, or fill out an online application at:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>

**Supplementary Registration:** The Town of Berwyn Heights carries out supplementary registrations valid only for voting in Town elections. You can register with the Town up to April 1, 2016 at the Town office during office hours 9 am - 5 pm. Please bring a valid ID.

For more information, please contact Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk, at (301) 474-5000; or send an e-mail to [kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)

Home Owners,

## NO PARKING ON GRASS

Please be reminded that you may not park your cars, trucks or trailers on grass or dirt, except during snow emergencies. Ordinance 107 – Clean Lot mandates that your vehicles must be parked on a paved surface or on the street. Vehicles parked on an unpaved surface are subject to an immediate fine of \$25.

Also keep in mind that any inoperable, junked or unregistered cars must be enclosed in a garage or covered with a properly fitting car cover.



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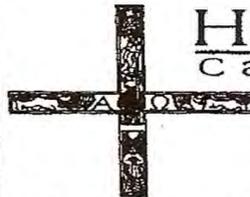
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## HOLY REDEEMER Catholic Church

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

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## IN-TOWN REFERENCES

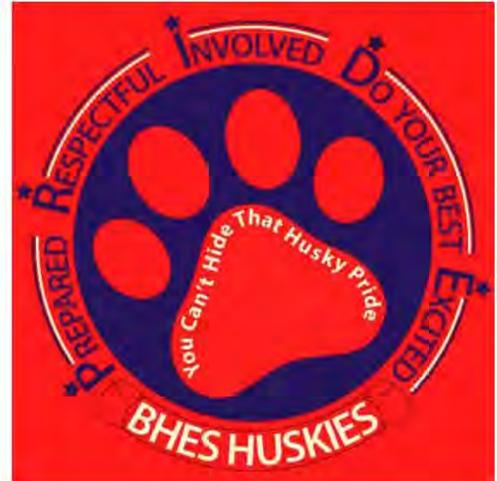
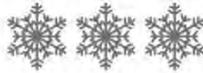
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- Routine Lawn Mowing and Edging
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- Lightning Protection Systems

## EMERGENCY TREE WORK

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and Tree Care Needs!**



# Happy New Year from the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA!



## Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 4**

Back to School from Winter Break!

**Friday, January 8**

Kindergarten Open House  
10-11:30am

**Monday, January 11**

Chipotle Fundraiser – **Help the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Get to North Bay!**

**Tuesday, January 12**

PTA meeting in the library at 6:45

**Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
No School

**Friday, January 22**

Grading/Teacher Planning Day – No School

**Kindergarten Open House**  
Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am

Will your child be ready for Kindergarten next year? Please join us on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to learn everything you need to know about Berwyn Heights Elementary!

- 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](mailto:president@bhespta.org) for more details.

### Keep Warm!

Some BHEP students do not have winter coats. If you have any gently used cold weather gear that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the school.

### Husky Pride Cart

Students earn tickets when they impress the school staff with their behavior -- and they can use those tickets to purchase items from the Husky Pride Cart. This popular program is working wonders in motivating the kids to be good! Please help us keep the Pride Cart stocked! We greatly appreciate donations of new or gently used games or fun school supplies!



Visit the PTA web site at [www.BHESPTA.org](http://www.BHESPTA.org) - Like us on Facebook **Berwyn Heights ES PTA**

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# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

**THE BEST THERAPY IN THE WORLD IS TIME OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS.**

Now that winter is here come to the Center, meet your friends, get a cup of coffee or tea and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

January 2	Mary Anne Eley
January 10	Ken Antolik
January 19	Anne Hixon Phyllis Wolfinger
January 28	Bobbi Case

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

January 5	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
January 6	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 7	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
January 9	Pot Luck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
January 12	Meeting & Bingo	10:3 A.M.
January 13	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 14	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
January 19	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
January 20	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 21	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.
January 26	Meeting, Pot Luck & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
January 27	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 28	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

## Happenings

### January 3 — Redskins Game Watch



Only one regular season game left to watch. The Skins play the Dallas Cowboys. Kickoff: 1:00 P.M.

### January 8 — Trip to Bowie Playhouse

### January 12 — Installation of Officers



## CONGRATULATIONS

To our officers newly elected for 2016:

**President: Ray Smith**

**Vice President: Ron Luftman**

**Secretary: Lise Powell**

**Treasurer: Nancy Donaldson**



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



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

*In Case of Emergency Call 911!*

## Recent Notable Incidents

Nov- 29<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14, Squad 14, & Chief 14 (McCoy) were dispatched to the 8500Blk of Greenbelt Rd for an Apartment on Fire. Units from BHVFD arrived to find fire showing from all three floors of the building, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm was requested. All 14 BHVFD volunteers immediately began an aggressive fire attack and was able to quickly extinguish all fire and search the building for victims. Ambulance 14 remained staffed at BHVFD along with transferred units from Laurel Vol. Rescue Squad Co. 49 to cover the area.

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14 were special requested by Montgomery County Fire to assist their units with an overturned tractor trailer on top of an SUV on Cherry Hill Rd at Calverton. Upon arrival the volunteer Squad crew took over the extrication from the on scene Montgomery Co. Squad and quickly extricated the two critically hurt passengers of the SUV.



Be sure to follow these steps to prevent home fires caused by heating devices during the cold winter months:

- *Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.*
- *Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.*
- *Never use your oven to heat your home.*
- *Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.*
- *Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.*
- *Use extreme caution using open flames at all times!*

## Berwyn Heights VFD Apparatus Profiles

### Part 1: Ladder Truck 14



The Berwyn Heights VFD has operated a "Hook & Ladder" Truck Company since 1968. Our current ladder truck is a 2009 Seagraves Tiller Truck, with seating for 8 personnel including a driver, officer, five firefighters and a "tiller man" who sits in and drives the back of the truck. Truck 14 not only protects in addition to it's 105 foot areal ladder, the truck carries the below equipment:

Portable lighting	Hand tools	Gas & CO Meters	Firefighter SCBA
EMS Equipment	Generators	Rescue Ropes	Forcible Entry Tools
Pressurized water cans & extinguishers	Fans & smoke ejectors	Chain saws & power tools	Aerial & Ground Ladders
Portable radios	Vehicle Extrication tools	Haz-Mat Suits	Thermal Imager Camera

The Ladder truck is dispatched on all structure fires ranging from single story houses to 4 story garden apartments to 18 story high-rises in order to search and locate victims and the fire. The Truck is also dispatched on gas leaks, fire alarms, but can also handle vehicle crashes, medical emergencies, and all other call types. Upon arrival at a structure fire, the truck crew splits in half, with one team entering the structure to search for victims and the fire, while the other team operates on the exterior to deploy ground ladders to windows, ventilates, reports to the roof, and secures utilities.

Our Ladder Truck is one of the busiest in the County, responding to roughly 800 calls per year. While Prince Georges County Fire/EMS (PGFD) requires ladder trucks be manned by at least 4 fully certified firefighters, BHVFD averages 7-8 fully certified volunteer personnel on all calls.

BHVFD's Truck 14 is immediately responsible for the Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt, and Adelphi area, however we also respond to calls in Beltsville, Laurel, Riverdale, Lanham, Bowie, and even Montgomery County just to name a few areas. PGFD operates a total of 21 ladder trucks throughout the county, including Truck 14, with the other area ladder trucks being stationed neighboring College Park VFD, Riverdale VFD, and Beltsville VFD.

## 2016 Department Election Results

**Station 14 Call Volume:  
Nov 2015**

Operational	Administrative	On December 1 <sup>st</sup> , at the December Company Meeting, the membership held our annual election of Line Officers and Administrative Officials. The results are listed to the left.	Rescue Squads:	182
<b>Fire Chief:</b> Daniel McCoy <b>Deputy Fire Chief:</b> Chase Fabrizio <b>Assistant Fire Chief:</b> Jimmy Kiernan <b>1<sup>st</sup> Captain:</b> Ryan Wagner <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Captain:</b> Ben Ross <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Captain:</b> Michael Stevenson <b>4<sup>th</sup> Captain:</b> Scott Pierce <b>1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant:</b> Bryan Eldridge <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant:</b> Anthony Medlock	<b>President:</b> James Hurley <b>Vice President:</b> Chris Wipprecht <b>Treasurer:</b> Eric Norris <b>Secretary:</b> Kyle Snyder <b>Asst. Treasurer:</b> Paul Martein <b>Board of Directors:</b> John Hess     Danny McCoy Pete Issacson     Ryan Wagner Art Gordon     Richard Kitchen			<b>Ladder Truck:</b>
			<b>Technical Rescue Support Unit:</b>	5
			<b>Ambulance:</b>	163
			<b>Total Station Runs for Nov 2015:</b>	437



# The Recreation Council Asks:

**Did you receive a present for the holidays you are not sure what to do with or where to put it? Most seem to get at least one! But, that is OK because we have found a solution!**

**Join the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council on January 23, 2016 for our first ever REGIFT PARTY. This is your chance to take that “not sure what to do with” gift and exchange it for something you might actually like and can use. It’s the luck of the draw and a chance to interact with your neighbors in a fun but competitive way**

**BRING A WRAPPED, NEW GIFT (ONE YOU RECEIVED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON) TO THE EVENT AND PARTICIPATE IN A ROUND ROBIN EXCHANGE. THE REGIFT GAME WILL BEGIN AT EXACTLY 2:15 PM SO BE ON TIME IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE!**

**January 23, 2016**

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Light refreshments will be served**

**Questions? Contact Susan Jones at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)**

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

### **Join Us at Our Upcoming FREE Family Arts & Crafts Event!**

#### **Building Bat Houses & Bat-Themed Arts & Crafts Workshop**

**Saturday, February 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Town Center**



Interested in learning about BATS and the vital role they play in nature? Want to participate in a unique and fun family arts and crafts event? Through generous donations of materials and supplies from Home Depot, the Green Team, in partnership with the Recreation Council, is hosting an educational arts and crafts workshop focused on making bat houses and bat-themed crafts. Come join us at this free event on Saturday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Town Center to learn about bats, build bat houses, and make other bat-themed crafts for children of all ages.

Bats are primary predators of night-flying insects and can serve a very important role in insect population maintenance. Bats are helpful and non-dangerous animals that are beneficial to have in your backyard. Bat houses benefit bats, you, your family, communities, farmers, gardeners and the ecosystem as a whole.

Bat houses mimic the space between bark and a tree trunk, and provide habitat for these important animals—habitat which is needed because it is being lost to development. During this workshop, we'll build and decorate bat houses that can be placed throughout our community.



If you are thinking of installing a bat house, here are some things to consider:



- Bat houses give bats an alternative to our houses thus reducing the chance of human to bat contact.
- Ideal locations are within 1/4 mile or so of fresh water (stream, pond, lake, etc.) and in a diverse habitat
- Houses should be placed at least 15 feet high
- Houses should be free from obstructions with at least 20 feet of space for bats to enter and exit, but near trees that can provide cover for bats.
- Bats find houses on poles or buildings more quickly than they find houses on trees. (We will provide information on how to mount bat houses on poles.)
- Tree-mounted houses are a little less attractive to them. Those under the eaves of buildings but still with sun exposure have been particularly successful.
- Too little sun is a common cause for bat house failure, as they prefer very warm houses, so it's important that the houses be placed in areas with about 8 or so hours of direct sunlight per day—southeast facing houses get great morning sunlight
- Houses can sometimes still be used in a sheltered location with some shade, provided enough of the heat absorbed by the feature above (e.g., roof) can reach the house.
- Houses should not be in brightly lit areas, over a shiny or reflective surface that will reflect light into the house, or too close to a road.

Look for more details and register for the event here:

<http://tinyurl.com/hwvsmjg>



## 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**

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## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

**Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger)  
Mondays 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Rotation of Playgrounds: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Indian Creek Playground and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rachelcicero55@gmail.com))** for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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### Did you know?

The Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. Back then, a 700-pound ball made of iron and wood embellished with 25-watt bulbs was dropped. Now, however, it weighs 11,875 pounds, is 12 feet in diameter and is adorned with 2,668 Waterford crystals. The ball was not lowered in 1942 & 1943 because of war time restrictions otherwise, the tradition has continued to present day.

### Did you also know ...

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

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### Current Listings:

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

### Under Contract:

- 7305 Baylor Ave., College Park



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



## BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

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

### Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000  
[Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com](mailto:Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com)

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Playgroup

Rachel Cicero  
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### Quilter's Club

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### Recreation Council

Tim Tormoen  
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### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115  
[therese@celticlans.com](mailto:therese@celticlans.com)

### BH Elementary School PTA

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### Karate Club

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## POLICE BEAT

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

11/01/2015 at 7:20 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Goucher Drive for a report of vandalism to a 2015 Acura. In addition, there were several other vehicles that had been spray painted.

11/01/2015 at 8:50 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a report that someone spray painted graffiti on the roadway.

11/01/2015 at 1:25 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of vandalism to a house. Unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the side of the house.

11/03/2015 at 2:44 pm, Pvt. Ramirez, Pfc. Krouse and Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 8400 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of an assault in progress. Investigation revealed that a 15 y/o, w/f was assaulting her 63 y/o grandmother. The juvenile was transported to the hospital for EPS and charged with 2 degree assault.

11/04/2015 at 4:35 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the area of Pontiac Street at Edmonston Road for a report of an accident. On scene, investigation revealed that one of the driver of driving while under the influence of alcohol. William Davis, an 83 y/o, b/m of Clinton, MD was arrested and charged with DUI.

11/06/2015 at 8:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Place, 6000 block of Berwyn Road, 8800 block of 62nd., Avenue, and 5600 block of Goucher Drive for reports of vandalism. Investigation revealed that the vandalisms occurred sometime during Halloween night. Unknown person(s) sprayed paint vehicles with green paint. Investigation is being conducted by BHPD Investigative Services and PG County Police.

11/06/2015 at 11:45 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5900 block of Osage Street for a warrant service. Jarvis Snead, a 25 y/o, b/m was apprehended for outstanding warrants from Howard County and Frederick County, MD.

11/07/2015 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski served a peace order to a defendant in the 5600 block of Berwyn Road.

11/08/2015 at 7:45 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1992 Honda from the 6200 block of Seminole Street. The driver was driving with suspended license.

11/08/2015 at 11:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Unknown person entered through the basement door and removed a drill.

11/09/2015 at 8:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of someone tampering with a vehicle.

11/09/2015 at 11:42 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8800 block of 63rd. Avenue for a report of an assault. On scene, Sgt. Moroney identified the aggressor and arrested Katherine Hunter, a 32 y/o, w/f. She was charged with 2nd. degree assault.

11/10/2015 at 7:40 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan Street for a report of theft of \$5.00 from a 2009 Toyota.

11/12/2015 at 7:32 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of a credit card fraud.

11/12/2015 at 11:23 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 60th. Avenue for a recovered stolen 2002 GMC Van. The vehicle was stolen out from PG County.

11/14/2015 at 5:35 PM, Cpl. Roberson responded to the Domino's Pizza on 62nd. Avenue for an assault complaint. Investigation revealed that an employee of the restaurant assaulted his manager. Warrant is pending.

11/14/2015 at 7:45 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6300 block of Osage Street for a fraud complaint. Unknown person attempted to obtain a prescription using the victim's name.

11/15/2015 at 12:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8300 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of theft from a vehicle. \$9.50 was taken from inside the vehicle.

11/16/2015 at 11:55 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terr., for a report of vandalism to a 1993 Cadillac. Unknown person slashed three tires on the vehicle.

11/18/2015 at 10:10 am, Pfc. Ramirez submitted a police report after she was advised that the Town of Berwyn Heights received toll violations from the MTA. Unknown person or employee of the Town illegally obtained a vehicle without permission. Case is under investigation.

11/22/2015 at 9:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded 2007 Dodge Truck from the

6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without a license.

11/25/2015 at 6:40 am, BHPD Investigative Services along with the patrol division served three arrest warrants in Berwyn Heights and Montgomery County charging, NEEL, Joshua a 23, y/o, w/m of Berwyn Heights. THOMPSON, Britany a 18 y/o, w/of Huntington, MD and WALKER, Edward a 23 y/o, w/m of Burtonsville, MD. One suspect is still outstanding. All were charged with nine counts of malicious destruction and one count of hate crime.

11/25/2015 at 11:15 am, a 19 y/o, w/m came into the BHPD and reported that he was sexually assaulted approximately three years ago by a person known to him. Case is under investigation by Berwyn Heights Investigative Services and County Sexual assault Unit.

11/26/2015 at 8:45 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 5900 block of Berwyn Road for a report of an unknown person created a fictitious routing and stole a social security check from a 55 y/o female.

11/26/2015 at 7:37 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of domestic between a male and a female. At one point the male half hit the victim's car with a long object before fleeing the area.

11/26/2015 at 5:13 pm, Pvt. Ramirez conducted a traffic stop in the area of Ruatan Street at 56th. Avenue. Pvt. Ramirez detected a strong smell of marijuana coming out from the vehicle and investigation later revealed that the driver had on his person a large quantity of marijuana along with drug packaging materials. Fredis Pineda, a 19 y/o, Latino male of Berwyn Heights was arrested on scene.

11/27/2015 at 4:06 pm, a 22 y/o, w/f, reported that she lost her wallet in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Rd.

11/29/2015 at 8:55 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 59th. Avenue for a report of theft of a radio from a 2006 Chevy truck.

11/29/2015 at 9:12 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 59th. Avenue for a report of theft of a laptop from a 2012 Chevy truck.

11/29/2015 at 11:27 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the McDonalds for a report of vandalism to the window of the restaurant. Unknown person used a bottle to break the window.

11/30/2015 at 1:07 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue for a report of theft of a battery from the cell tower.



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### New Year Goals and the Power of Creative Visualization.....

- Set Your Intention- Decide on something you'd really like to have, work towards, realize or create
- Create a Clear idea- picture your desire, imagine yourself in the situation, include details.
- Focus on Daily goals- Bring your idea or picture to mind often, in quiet meditation, or during the day
- Give it Positive Energy- Make strong positive statements to yourself, that is has come or is coming to you. See yourself achieving and receiving!

Practice love and patience- remember we are stewards of this earth, wish wisely!

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- HELP WITH STAGING
- 18 YR R.E. EXPERIENCE/TOWN RES.
- LICENSED IN MD & DC

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UNDER CONTRACT- 5717 Pontiac St 4 BR 2 BA rambler.....\$260's.  
 SOLD- 5803 Quebec St 4 BR 2 BA rambler.....\$255,000.  
 COMING SOON:  
 2BR condo Westchester Park  
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**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911**

## Leaf Collection

Curbside Leaf collection ended 12/31/15

**Please bag your leaves now.**

Use brown paper yard waste bags available at your local home improvement or grocery store, or a designated trash container marked "yard waste."

**Yard Waste Pickup**

**Mondays - north of Pontiac Street  
Tuesdays - south of Pontiac Street**

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

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### Advertising Rates

### For the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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	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



# January 2016

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1	2
				New Year's Eve Town Offices Close 12:30	New Year's Day Town Offices Closed	
3	4 7:00 PM Worksession	5 7:00 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	6 7:30 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room	7 7:00 PM Green Team Meeting G. Love Room	8	9
10	11	12	13 8:00 PM Town Meeting	14 7:00 PM BHEAC Mtg. G. Love Room	15	16
17	18 M.L. King Day Town Offices Closed— <b>No Trash Pickup</b>	19 7:00 PM Worksession	20	21	22	23 2:00—4:00 PM ReGifting Party Town Center
24	25	26 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room	27 Four Cities Meeting College Park	28	29	30
31	Feb. 1 7:00 PM Worksession	2 7:00 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	3 7:30 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room	4	5	6 10:00 AM Family Arts & Crafts (building bat houses) 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

Refuse Collection



Yard Waste



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 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) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

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 Councilmember — Code Compliance

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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](mailto:contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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