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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Charter Amendment  
January 11 8:00 pm  
Council Chambers**

An amendment to the Berwyn Heights Charter updating Section 202 – Corporate Boundaries will be introduced at the January 11 Town meeting. The description of the Town's boundaries will be revised to address several Branchville Road properties annexed in 2005, and correct the boundary with Greenbelt in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. The annexations were enacted by Resolutions 8 and 9, 2005 and recorded, as required by law, with the Prince George's County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission and the Maryland Department of Legislative Services.

For more information, please contact  
Town Administrator Cowles at [jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov)

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Amendment of  
ORD 120 – Rental Housing  
January 11, 8:00 pm  
Council Chambers**

A revised and updated Ordinance 120 - Rental Housing will be introduced at the January 11, Town meeting. Important changes include referencing various Prince George's County Codes and applicable Town Ordinances as standards with which rental properties must comply; requiring a rental license for all rental properties, excepting only renting to immediate family members; simplifying the rental license application forms; and revising timelines for rental license application and inspection.

For more information, please contact the  
Code Compliance Department at  
301-513-9331 or [fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov)

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

#### New Year's

Mon	01/02/17	NO PICKUP
Tue	01/03/17	Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste - South Side
Wed	01/04/17	Recycling - Entire Town
Thu	01/05/17	Trash - Entire Town
Fri	01/06/17	NO PICKUP

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mon	01/16/17	NO PICKUP
Tue	01/17/17	Trash, Bulk, Yard Waste - South Side
Wed	01/18/17	Recycling - Entire Town
Thu	01/19/17	Trash - Entire Town
Fri	01/20/17	NO PICKUP

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash out over the Weekend

## ELECTRONICS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING

**January 28 – 9:00 AM–12:00 PM**



Recycle your old electronics and Styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at the Buddy Attick parking lot:

555 Crescent Road — Phone 240-542-2153

**IF YOU NEED POLICE ASSISTANCE  
IN A NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION  
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS**

**CALL 301-352-1200.**

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

**IN AN EMERGENCY,**

**CALL 911.**



## Recreation Council News & Updates



### **JANUARY - Re-Gifting Party - Sat. 1/21, 2-4pm**



Come join the Rec Council as we exchange unwanted gifts! This is an adult event and Wine & Cheese will be provided along with other light refreshments. To participate, please bring a new, wrapped (unwanted) gift. Gifts will then be exchanged during a fun game. Have any leftover holiday treats? Feel free to bring them to share as well!

### **FEBRUARY - Valentine's Party - Sat. 2/11, 2-4pm**

Cookie decorating, kid's valentine's cards & more!



### **MARCH - Pot Luck Dinner - Sat. 3/18, 5-7pm**



Need to wind down after St. Patty's Day? Come and enjoy dinner with your friends, families & neighbors in Berwyn Heights. More details & sign up information in the February bulletin.



Next Recreation Council Meeting is  
Tuesday, January 3rd, 7:30pm in the G Love Room.  
For more information on any of our activities or to join,  
please contact Susan at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).



## **Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club**



### **Bugle—January 2017**

*Happy New Year!*

### **WE NEED YOU!**

**The BHBGC is seeking new Executive Board Members!** We have or will soon have open seats for **President, Secretary & Registrar.**

(New members & volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!)

If interested, please contact us at [info@berwynheightsbgc.org](mailto:info@berwynheightsbgc.org)

**2017 Registration opens the first Saturday of February. Stay tuned!**

*Visit us online:*

**[www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org](http://www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org)**

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# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

## Oral Histories Now Online

You can watch the oral history highlights video featuring the "best of" interviews with long-time residents of Berwyn Heights on the BHHC website at: [www.berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com).

Our oral history team plans to resume interviewing residents about the "good old days" in 2017. Anyone who would like to share their memories about the Town should contact Chanel Kopecky at [chanel.kopecky@gmail.com](mailto:chanel.kopecky@gmail.com), or Richard Ahrens at [dicka@umd.edu](mailto:dicka@umd.edu).



## Twelfth Night Ball at Riversdale Mansion

JAN 14, 2017, 7:30 pm

Cap off the holiday season in festive style at the Regency ball and supper. Period attire admired, but not required and black tie is also welcome.

Register by December 31 at 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544, or [riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:riversdale@pgparks.com)

**Next Meeting: January 24, 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room.**



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

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



## BHEAC

### EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets January 19—7 PM

Town Center 2nd Floor.

All are Invited

The BHEAC organizes the community

To improve educational options

For all Berwyn Heights students



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# Worksession

November 7, 2016

## Executive Session (6:00 pm. – 7:15 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Shields, seconded by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss the Town Administrator's performance evaluation. CM Shields moved and CM Dennison seconded to close the executive session.

## Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and Mike Attick.

### 1. Announcements

The general election will take place tomorrow, November 8, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting takes place at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES). CM Shields is working on a citizen survey.

### 2. Minutes

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the October 17 worksession minutes. CM Dennison seconded. The minutes were approved 5 to 0. The October 12 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

### 3. Department Reports

Mayor Jewitt announced that all directors will personally give their department reports at the next Town meeting. Trick-or-Treating went well and without incidents requiring police assistance. Mayor Jewitt enjoyed bar-tending at a recent College Park Airport Museum happy hour. She also met with Greenbelt Mayor Jordan for a chat.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that early voting at the College Park Community Center was chaotic due to a lack of parking. Besides general election candidates, a number of local bonds and charter amendments are on the ballot. Question 2 proposes to add two at-large members to the Prince George's County Council, which will increase County Council costs by approximately \$1 million. At a recent meeting, the Four Cities agreed to send a letter regarding Module 3 of the Prince George's County zoning rewrite. Berwyn Heights sent a separate letter.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued that she

attended a listening session on legislative priorities sponsored by County Executive Baker. She heard comments regarding County plans to move the County Administration Building to Largo, complaints about the County's current once-a-week trash collection schedule, and requests to consider allowing the use of plastic yard waste bags.

CM Dennison reported that Public Works continues to take care of the Town. Mayor Jewitt added that one of the DPW trucks leaked oil onto Town streets, which was cleaned up.

CM Shields reported he is working on a citizen survey to gauge interest in wheeled recycling bins and other topics. The BHES PTA is working to improve timely school bus pickups and is exploring training at the PGCPSS family institute. The Education Advisory Committee wonders if they should review Town grants to local schools as had been proposed by former CM Robles. The Boys & Girls Club is concerned about non-permitted use of the ball fields. NW/EP will propose appointment of an emergency manager. The Green Team has reached out to the County's Master Gardeners about the raingarden at the Town Center. CM Shields inquired with neighboring cities about becoming an MML banner city and will soon make a recommendation to the Council.

The Council sought clarification on the citizens' survey, the educational grants and the emergency manager. A discussion of the role of the emergency manager and the status of the Town's emergency operations plan ensued. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the emergency plan was adopted from the City of Laurel's plan that was developed in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. It is in need of a revision in light of the adoption by the County of an incident command system.

CM Rasmussen asked why an emergency operations plan is being developed by the NW/EP rather than the Town Administrator and the Police Chief. More broadly, he wondered what the scope of authority of the NW/EP is, and what the Town wants this Committee to do. Mayor Jewitt noted the Council charged the NW/EP with drafting a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the emergency trailer, which will be submitted to the Council for review.

### 4. Citizen Comments

CM Rasmussen received a comment on the draft amendments to the Rental Housing Ordinance and the changes

proposed for renting to family members; a comment on the viability of the Branchville Volunteer Fire Department after the County stopped assigning career fire fighters to the station; and a comment from a resident about Pepco's tree removals. Mayor Jewitt received a comment about the meeting minutes being too detailed, and the suggestion to include a box with key words for particular meeting minutes.

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, stopped in to address the questions raised by the Council about the NW/EP. He said the emergency manager was established by Council resolution and has rotated among different members of the NW/EP. The role of the emergency manager principally is to be a communications link with the Town in an emergency. The manager has command authority over NW/EP members if the police or fire fighters are not at the scene of an incident. NW/EP also manages the trailer, but the trailer belongs to the Town. NW/EP members are working on an SOP for the trailer, which they will present for the Council's review when ready.

### 5. Action Items

**FY 2017 pay plan implementation:** TA Cowles explained that with the recent adoption of a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), there are still a few employees, who are not at the minimum pay rate established with the adoption of a new pay plan. The affected employees are DPW crewmen and Code officers. The cost of bringing these employees up to the minimum pay rate on January 1, 2017 is \$8,000 or \$16,000 annually. It is recommended paying for the wage increases from the \$35,000 reserve in the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) that will no longer be needed following the recent health insurance changes. TA Cowles noted that the employees in question are often the first point of contact with residents and often operate expensive machinery. Not bringing these employees up to the minimum poses a fairness problem in that current employees would be paid less than any newly hired employees for these positions.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said, in future years, the cost of paying all employees at least the minimum pay rate would be absorbed in the operating budget. The Council already awards between 1% to 3% in COLA and merit increases each year, which are paid for with new revenues and efficiencies. CM Rasmussen noted that the Town has \$85,000 in reserves that can be used to cover the pay increases for the next 4

years. The cost of bringing those not paid at the minimum pay rate to the minimum would be greatest this year, and then add a certain percentage to the annual payroll. For FY 2018 the total cost of COLA and pay plan adjustments would be \$48,000.

TA Cowles said that she has restructured the performance evaluation process to occur before the budget season, so that any pay increases can be considered in the context of the coming year's budget making process. She thinks that funding \$48,000 in pay increases can be covered by new revenues or efficiencies. This fiscal year alone, approximately \$260,000 was saved due to efficiencies identified in the way the Town operates. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that she has no objections to moving forward with the proposed pay increases, as the Town is in good financial shape, but with the understanding that payrolls may have to be cut in difficult economic times. Mayor Jewitt thanked TA Cowles for her work in moving the employee salaries closer to the prevailing market rates. There are costs to not being competitive with the market and the resulting higher staff turnover rates.

CM Dennison moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to approve phase 4 pay increases of \$8,000 in this fiscal year, which will be funded from the HRA reserve. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Telephone system:** TA Cowles explained that the Council has appropriated \$19,800 in the FY 2017 budget for a new telephone system. The new system would be internet based (VOIP), serve all the Town's workstations and connect all departments. The system also allows for calls to a desk phone to be forwarded to a Town cell phone, and calls made on a personal cell phone to display the workstation telephone number. Administrative Assistant Odoi has researched telephone systems and has identified 3 vendors offering similar services. TA Cowles recommends Gaithersburg-based Bennet Communications, with the low bid of \$14,500. The vendor offers quality phones, good service response times and already has a working relationship with the Town's IT support vendor.

In response to questions, TA Cowles replied that the Town would keep a land line in each Town building in the event the power goes out. The VOIP phones in the municipal building and Town Center will be connected to the emergency generator backup panel and continue to work during a power outage as long as

internet access remains. As backup, a landline would be used. The Town's main telephone numbers will remain the same with the new vendor. All calls will be routed through a system controller to be located in the Town Administration building.

CM Rasmussen moved and CM Shields seconded to select Bennet Communication's bid of \$14,482 to install and maintain the new telephone system. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Ordinance 120 proposed amendments:** CM Rasmussen said that TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass spent a fair amount of time drafting amendments to the Rental Housing Ordinance, last updated in 2005, and he gave some input. This also includes related rental license application forms and a fee & fine resolution. Tonight the Council may want to make some key conceptual decisions and leave a line-by-line review for the next worksession.

TA Cowles highlighted the proposed changes to Ordinance 120 and responded to Councilmembers questions. The major changes include the following:

- Incorporation of new state and federal regulations, e.g. fire safety and lead paint.
- Adoption of the Prince George's County Housing Code. It was clarified that the Town currently has its own housing code as part of Ordinance 120, but has failed to keep it current with new federal and state regulations. Municipalities that have their own housing code generally have a planning department and a larger code department, with expert staff to keep the standards updated. Adopting the County's Housing Code would relieve some of the burden for the Town to stay on top of new regulations.
- Deletion of provisions regulating landlord-tenant relations. Violations of rental contracts would be governed by existing county and state law and enforced through the court system. However, if a contract violation endangers the health or safety of tenants, the Town could step in and report the violation, or invoke the rental license revocation provisions.
- Deletion of references to County Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes. The Town already adopts the County Building Code with Ordinance 104, since the Town issues permits based on the issuance of a County building permit, and monitors compliance. References to the County's Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Code are not needed in Ordinance 120 because they are matters for the County to permit, inspect and enforce. The role of the Town's Code Department would be limited to reporting violations to the County.

- Requirement of a rental license for all rental homes, with no exceptions currently in place for renting to relatives, or renting only one sleeping room in an owner-occupied dwelling. This proposed change tries to address the difficulty with verifying whether tenants are family members and whether a landlord actually lives at the rented property, as well as unlicensed short term rentals, i.e. Airbnbs.
- Consideration to drop the provision allowing at least 3 home owners living within 500' of a rental property to petition and be heard by the Council regarding Rental Ordinance violations.

The Council agreed to review the above policy issues and to resume deliberations at the next worksession. If there is time, a line-by-line review of the Ordinance will also be taken up. The deliberations would be less time-consuming if the Council decided to adopt the Prince George's County Housing Code, which would result in the striking of large sections of the Ordinance. TA Cowles will send a link to the Prince George's County Housing Ordinance to the Councilmember.

**WMATA proposal to end late night service:** Mayor Jewitt explained that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) is considering ending late night service on the Metro system. Public comment was invited by October 25. A number of Prince George's County representatives signed a letter opposing the proposal. Asked if a comment from the Town of Berwyn Heights would still be accepted, WMATA replied it would. Mayor Jewitt read a short letter she has drafted that opposes ending late night service.

In discussion, questions were raised as to how many residents use late night service, whether the usage justifies potential tax increases and how late the system operates. It was noted that several people are known to Councilmembers, who use Metro late at night. On

weekends Metro operates until 3:00 a.m. There was no objection to sending the letter.

**Charter amendment meets and bounds:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she informed TA Cowles of an alternate way to update boundaries in a municipal charter, and asked if the Town Attorney has looked into it. TA Cowles said the alternate approach consists of referencing annexation maps filed with the County's Clerk of the Court and the State Department of Legislative Services, instead of using survey data to produce the meets and bounds. This would be much more cost effective, but she is still waiting to hear from the Town attorney whether this approach is permissible. A portion of the boundary along Greenbelt Road, which has been in dispute with the City of Greenbelt, will require a survey based description to resolve the dispute, costing around \$2,000. If the Town Attorney approves this approach to updating Berwyn Heights' boundary within the next couple of weeks, the Charter amendment could be introduced at the December Town meeting.

**Pepco's Edmonston Road tree removals debriefing:** CM Rasmussen explained that the Council had an active correspondence over the last couple of weeks with a group of residents upset about tree removals along Edmonston Road north of Pontiac Street. Pepco cut down a significant number of trees in the buffer between Edmonston Road and Kenilworth Avenue to clear the space around high voltage power lines. Part of the residents' complaint was that they were caught unaware because they were not notified of the impending removals. While the Town did notify residents about tree removals in the Town right of way, there was no notification about these trees because they are in SHA right of way, and do not require the Town's approval. Additionally, there are State laws and regulations requiring certain clearances around power lines with which Pepco must comply.

CM Rasmussen said, as a result of the protests, Pepco, SHA and the State Forester have agreed to come to the next Town meeting to answer questions from the residents and engage in a discussion about the tree removal and replanting process. He would like the Council to think about the format for this discussion. Further, he would support making an attempt to examine and change the Public Service Commission's guidelines for removing trees so that in the next vegetation management cycle Pepco must be more careful with tree removals.

CM Shields noted that WTOP ran a special on the protest on November 3, at 1:00 p.m. featuring interviews with residents, Councilmembers and Pepco representatives. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she would like to find out from residents what the Town can do to get such information to the residents, apart from publishing it in the Bulletin and on the website.

Mayor Jewitt said that when she followed up with representatives from Pepco, SHA, DNR and elected officials, they were responsive. She questioned whether Pepco could not have done more to reach out to residents beforehand. Further, the Town should have been treated as a stake holder from the start, even though the trees that were removed did not grow within the Town's boundaries. At the Town meeting, residents should be given the opportunity to ask their questions directly of the parties involved. CM Shields said he would like to hear about the tree replanting plans.

#### 6. Town Council Schedule

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting November 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Public Works Director Stevie Cox, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, and Clerk Kerstin Harper, as well as Pepco Vice President for Government Affairs Jerry Pasternak, Pepco Senior Staff Forrester Dan Landry, State Highway Administration (SHA) District 3 Utility Engineer Joe Nesbitt, and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the October 12, 2016 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

#### 2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt wished all a happy Veteran's Day, and appreciated the veterans for their service. She announced that the directors are present tonight to deliver their monthly reports. This is an opportunity for residents and the Council to hear from the directors in person and to ask them any questions. The Council recently approved a 3% COLA for all employees as a step to moving Town salaries closer to the prevailing market rate. Pepco, SHA and DNR representatives are present tonight to discuss the tree removals on Edmonston Road, and respond to residents who have protested the removals as excessive and having a negative impact on their quality of life. Lastly, she thanked TA Cowles and Administrative Assistant Yvonne Odoi for their work on upgrading the Town's telephone system, to include a conference phone that will allow residents to call in during Town meetings.

#### 3. Town Administrator's Report

TA Cowles said that the directors appreciate the opportunity to report and explain what happens in their departments on a daily basis. She also highlighted the accomplishments of the Administration Department, which includes a number of human resources achievements. With the help of a consultant, the Administration Department produced a new employee handbook that addresses new workplace issues, such as email and social media, and trained employees on its content. The Department developed a new pay plan for FY17 that takes into account the findings of the consultant's compensation study and led the Council to make adjustments in employee salaries.

TA Cowles said the Council and staff participated in a strategic planning exercise organized by consultants from the University of Maryland to set some long-term goals for the Town that will inform future budgets. The Town will seek feedback from residents via surveys to be published in the Bulletin and on the Town website.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

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

#### 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Council in October attended a Four Cities Coalition meeting in Greenbelt. Improving coordination with the Department of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) on the issuance and enforcement of permits was discussed, as was a free dental clinic through the

University of Maryland, and Module 3 of the Prince George's County zoning rewrite. The Four Cities agreed to write a letter to express concern that the role of municipalities in the development review process as outlined in Module 3 is not clear and should be rethought.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she attended a legislative listening session held by County Executive Baker that served as forum for residents to express concerns and ask questions about the County's departments and of the County's legislative delegations to the General Assembly. Among the issues mentioned were once-a-week trash collection, paper yard waste bags, snow removal and the minimum wage. The County departments were promoting the Click311 system for requesting County services, and a new mobile app. Lastly, MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced that Councilwoman Dannielle Glaros will hold a lunch & resource fair for seniors on November 22.

Mayor Jewitt announced executive sessions that were held since she became Mayor on July 18, Aug. 18, Sep. 19, Oct.

**Code Compliance:** Code Compliance Supervisor Glass gave a summary of code violations for the month of October. In coming weeks, the Department will focus on cleaning up the commercial properties along Ballew Avenue and ensure that they have the proper business licenses and address identification. In response to CM Rasmussen, Mr. Glass said that the Town is considering using the call-a-bus to transport BHES students to Joe's Movement Emporium in Mount Rainier. TA Cowles added the Town asked that Joe's Movement Emporium expand its program to include BHES before committing to using the call-a-bus.

CM Rasmussen reported that the Council began to discuss the amendments to Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing, drafted by TA Cowles, Supervisor Glass and himself. It was agreed to first address a few major conceptual issues before diving into a line-by-line review. Those include:

- Whether to exclude from enforcement matters concerning landlord-tenant relations, which are regulated by State and County law and resolved by district courts;
- Which forms to require as part of a rental license application;
- Whether to adopt the Prince George's County housing code, specifying structural, plumbing and electrical requirements for rental

homes, which would obviate the need to maintain and update the Town's housing code;

- Whether to require a rental license for all types of rentals, including rooms rented to family members and short-term rentals;
- Whether to continue to grant the right to home owners within 500' of a rental property to petition the Council about code violations at the rental; and
- Clarify tenants' rights and responsibilities.

CM Rasmussen said that, depending on the decisions reached on the above issues and progress made by the Council in reviewing the entire Ordinance 120, it could be introduced at the December or January Town meeting.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Shields reported that the Boys & Girls Club is discussing the non-permitted use of the ball fields. The Education Advisory Committee (EAC) is working with the school system on timely bussing of students and is discussing its role in reviewing educational grant requests for the Town. WTOP covered the protests of the Edmonston Road tree removals in a November 3 special report. On December 3, 6:00 p.m., the Town will hold its annual tree lighting ceremony. All are invited.

**Public Works:** Director Cox reported that SHA has signed off on the Safe Routes to School sidewalks in the 8900 block of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, which are 100% complete. Luis Cardenas was selected from 129 applicants as the new Public Works Chief of Operations. The Department is advertising vacancies for a full-time and a part-time crewman position, which it hopes to fill in December. He is in the process of conducting a survey and obtaining estimates for a new security system, which he will present to the Council in January. The Public Works crew is preparing for the upcoming snow season. Residents may see them practicing driving the trucks with plows attached in a dry run. The Town earned a safety award from the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company for missing no work days due to safety related incidents.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik reported that Halloween went well. The Police distributed around 600 glow necklaces to trick-or-treaters. He thanked NW/EP for helping patrol the streets. He then gave the police activities report. There were 11 Part I offenses, consid-

erably higher than the 5-year average of 5.4. The year to date total is 59, as opposed to the 5-year average of 55. The Police issued approximately 150 state and municipal citations and 107 speed camera citations, 8 on Pontiac Street. Chief Antolik concluded with safety tips for the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays. In response to CM Shields, Chief Antolik said that Berwyn Heights' crime rate is one of the lowest in the County.

#### 6. Q & A with Pepco and SHA

Pepco's Vice President for Government Affairs Jerry Pasternak gave some background on Pepco's vegetation management program. In 2011 the Maryland Assembly passed legislation to improve the service reliability of the power grid. Subsequently, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) enacted a number of regulations (Rule 43) that mandate certain clearances around the power lines. Pursuant to these regulations, Pepco annually inspects its power lines to take note where trees have grown too close to the power lines and then drafts plans for tree pruning and removals based on the inventory.

Mr. Pasternak continued that Pepco hires different contractors for planning the tree work and carrying out the pruning and removals to avoid potential conflicts of interest. Once a plan for pruning and removals has been drafted, Pepco reviews the plan internally and then obtains approvals of the plan from municipalities, counties, SHA or other jurisdictions owning the property on which trees grow. Next, DNR has to review and approve the plan. If a tree grows on private property, Pepco must obtain written permission from the owner for any proposed tree work.

SHA District 3 Utility Engineer John Nesbitt said that he issues the SHA permits for Pepco's tree pruning and removals. This is a blanket permit that gives Pepco latitude to remove trees deemed to be a risk to the power lines. The permit must then be reviewed by DNR's State Forester, who will decide whether a tree needs to be pruned, or removed and replaced in kind.

In the ensuing discussion, councilmembers and residents asked the following questions, and made the following comments:

- Berwyn Heights should have been notified of the removal of a large number of trees in the SHA right of way on Edmonston Road because it is a stakeholder in that property.
- Pepco's letters of notification of up-

coming vegetation management work are too generic for anyone to know if their property will be affected. Pepco reply: The generic letter is the opening communication to residents. With several hundred thousand customers, it is not practical to send out location specific notices to residents, but any resident can call to get more specific information. In addition, any private properties impacted by the tree trimming plans will be contacted with specific information.

- Are private property owners under any obligation to consent to tree pruning or removals outlined in a plan? Pepco reply: No. However, written permission from the property owner is required to remove any private tree.
- What is Pepco's plan for replanting the Edmonston Road buffer? Pepco Senior Staff Forester reply: replanting will be on a 1 to 1 ratio with utility-compatible trees that at most reach 35' – 40' at maturity. Replanting will also include trees from an earlier replanting that have died. Pepco will work with the Town on species selection.
- What size trees will be used for replanting? Pepco reply: trees planted are usually 2 ½" caliper and 6' – 7' tall, which conforms to County standards. Size may vary according to species.
- What is the timeline for replanting? Pepco reply: Probably spring 2017 as there may not be enough time to develop a replanting plan with input from residents and plant the trees before frost sets in this year.
- Will brush and vines be removed before planting to give saplings a better chance to grow? Pepco/ SHA response: Maybe. Brush will be removed based on replanting plan submitted to and approved by SHA's Environmental Department. Approval may take a couple of months.
- Will the trees be cared for after planting to ensure their survival? Trees have a one-year warranty and will be replaced if they die. SHA's Environment Department will be responsible for maintaining the area, including removal of invasive species. The Environment Department will serve as contact to coordinate maintenance activities with residents.

- What is the replanted tree survival rate? Pepco Forester reply: Between 70% - 80%.
- Removal of many mature trees on Edmonston Road was an unwelcome surprise because they were not part of the tree pruning and removal plan approved and publicized by the Town. Edmonston Road's eastern right of way is unusual because it is not within the Town's boundaries and belongs to SHA. Nonetheless, trees growing there filter noise and pollution from Kenilworth Avenue, and are important to the quality of life for the homes facing the buffer. Replanted trees should include native species and be planted in a staggered pattern to improve the buffer effect.
- Would Pepco consider planting more trees than were taken down to grow a more robust buffer? Pepco reply: Pepco is not required to replant any trees but chooses to replace trees on a 1 to 1 basis. Generally, Pepco will not replant on a 2 to 1 or greater ratio. If the Town were to purchase additional trees, they would be included in the replanting.
- Does Pepco have a program to support the replanting of trees? Pepco reply: Yes, Pepco gives away small trees for free twice a year through the Arbor Day Foundation. Customers will need to sign up for the program. Pepco does not perform stump grinding.
- Why were the Town Council and staff not allowed to see plans for tree removals in the SHA right-of-way? Residents lose their best advocates if the Council is not informed. Pepco reply: Berwyn Heights' Town Council was not informed in this case, but has been an effective advocate for its residents via-a-vis Pepco. Tonight's meeting will serve as a learning experience and inform Pepco's future outreach efforts.
- Are there any plans to change RM 43 to give special consideration to forest buffers, such as the one along Kenilworth Avenue? SHA reply: The buffer issue should be brought to the attention of the Public Service Commission (PSC), which issued RM 43. Their focus is on system reliability and the value of buffer zones was not considered when vegetation management stan-

dards were formulated. State legislators can also be approached to review this rule.

- Is the history of actual outages considered when Pepco drafts a vegetation management plan? Pepco reply: No. Pepco manages vegetation around its power lines in accordance with a four-year plan; however, RM 43 was adopted because of the frequency of large-scale outages.
- The set of standards for vegetation management adopted by the PSC in response to the large scale power outages of 2010 and 2012 were perhaps an over-reaction to actual risks posed by trees. If citizens agree that the value of trees outweighs the risk of power outages, they should work with the PSC to change the regulations. Other steps to protect trees can include informing residents of their right to refuse tree removals and the option to prune instead. Then the focus should move to replanting trees and proper maintenance to ensure their survival. WSSC's Indian Creek trail restoration work can serve as a laudable example of restoring a landscape after servicing of infrastructure.
- Is there enough space in the buffer area to replant canopy trees? Pepco Forester reply: There are still a good number of canopy trees standing. Generally, he prefers not to plant trees that will at any point encroach on the power lines, but it can be considered on a case by case basis.
- Is Pepco done with this round of vegetation management in Berwyn Heights? Pepco Forester reply: Yes, with the exception of a 34 KV sub-transmission feeder bisecting the Town that will be serviced in 2018. Clearances are maintained for the highest voltage lines on a pole. The Edmonston Road feeder has two 13 KV lines.
- Would Pepco consider installing a highway-type sound barrier until trees have grown back? SHA reply: This would depend on the results of a study that would be required before an installation. SHA District 3 Engineer Brian Young is the contact for such an inquiry.
- Pepco, SHA and DNR have done their job. Residents should remember that trees will grow back, but people may die due to power out-

ages.

- The community appreciates the patience with which Pepco and SHA have responded, but people on Edmonston Road are grieving the loss of trees that have been there for many years.

Mayor Jewitt thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She is looking forward to better and regular communication about this issue and other issues of concern. She would like to hear from citizens how the Town can improve its public outreach.

## 7. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Green Team:** CM Shields announced that the Green Team will hold a Town-wide cleanup on November 12. Tools and snacks will be provided.

**Historical Committee:** Clerk Harper announced the November 13 BHHC fall reception featuring the premiere of an oral history highlights video.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** Co-chair of the NW/EP Mike Attick announced that meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. All are invited to attend. A CERT training class is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of February. To gauge interest in emergency training, this issue might be included in the survey CM Shields plans to put together.

**Recreation Council:** CM Shields reported that he is looking into the requirements for Berwyn Heights to become an MML Banner City. He will present the information to the Town Council in the near future so the Council can make a decision about moving forward.

## 8. Unfinished Business

There was none.

## 9. New Business

There was none.

## 10. Citizens Discussion

Former Councilmember James Wilkinson, Pontiac Street, congratulated the Council on a productive meeting tonight and on a number of recent accomplishments: a 3% pay raise for employees, a new employee handbook, and the completion of the Safe Routes to School sidewalks, which he initiated 4 years ago. Berwyn Heights middle schoolers, including his children, use it all the time.

He asked for clarification on plans to build new middle schools in northern Prince George's County, which would

alleviate overcrowding at Greenbelt Middle School and allow Berwyn Heights 6<sup>th</sup> graders to move to the middle school. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council sent a letter of support for 2 new middle schools proposed in the PGCPD FY 2018-2023 CIP.

Mr. Wilkinson also passed along comments about the G. Love Room being too cold for meetings, and recommended that a sign asking drivers to slow down for Halloween trick-or-treaters should be posted at the entrance of the Town at BHES.

Green Team Coordinator Amanda Dewey, Quebec Place, thanked the Council and TA Cowles for their work on the Edmonston Road tree removals. She raised the issue of proper care for domestic animals in Town and suggested the Council may want to review Ordinance 101 – Animals.

Therese Forbes, Cunningham Drive, asked if there are any further developments on bee keeping regulations in connection with the PGC zoning rewrite. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that County Councilmember Glaros is writing legislation that would exclude bee keeping from the definition of agricultural use. The proposed new land use regulations prohibit agricultural uses in residential zones. Ms. Forbes asked if Councilmember Glaros would be the right person to contact about changing RM 43. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that State legislators would ultimately make a decision on that matter.

Laura Knutson, Edmonston Road, asked about the process for giving input on Pepco's tree replanting plan. TA Cowles informed that the Town expects to receive a draft plan in mid-December, which it will post to the Town's website. Then residents will be given a period of time to comment on the plan. Those comments will be taken into account by Pepco and SHA in drafting the final plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**W**orksession  
November 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald

Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

## 1. Announcements

Happy Thanksgiving.

## 2. Audit

Lindsey & Associates Vice President Bob Diss presented the FY 2016 financial report for the Town of Berwyn Heights. He gave the Town a clean report with no findings that need to be addressed. The Town continues to be debt free and has a very healthy fund balance of \$2.4 million, which includes a number of special reserves. The only liability is the Town's pension fund through the Maryland State Retirement System. The Town also compares well to other municipalities in terms of cash reserves.

## 3. Minutes

There were none.

## 4. Department Reports & Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that Public Works responded to a couple of water main leaks and notified Pepco about street lights that came on at the wrong time. Those issues have been corrected. CM Shields reported a comment from a citizen on Goucher Avenue and highlighted upcoming Town office closings.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the Prince George's County Municipal Association did not discuss its legislative initiatives at its last meeting, but will send out an email list of them shortly. PGCMA members were asked to vote on a resolution promoting bike trail safety measures including lights, cameras and call boxes, to make bike trails a more viable commuter alternative. MPT Kulpa-Eddy abstained from the vote because she did not know how Berwyn Heights residents living close to the Indian Creek trail feel about this. PGCMA is also drafting a resolution declaring its support for diversity and inclusiveness. Upcoming meetings include an MML conflict resolution workshop "Time to Talk" on December 13, Senator Pinsky's annual Town Hall meeting on December 3, and the State delegation's legislative forum on December 5.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy participated in the Town-wide cleanup on November 12, with most trash retrieved along Ballew Avenue, Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road, and attended the Historical Committee's oral history highlights reel presentation. She also received a citizen comment on curbside leaf pickup. In response to Mayor Jewitt, MPT Kulpa-

Eddy said that it is not possible for the Council to determine how to vote on PGCMA initiatives beforehand when an agenda is not distributed.

CM Rasmussen asked if PGCMA is serious about lobbying for greater zoning and permitting authority. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that several of the larger communities, such as College Park and Greenbelt, would like to have zoning authority. Only Laurel currently has independent zoning authority. CM Rasmussen also had a citizen comment about opening a dog park at the Indian Creek T-ball field. CM Shields announced the December 3 tree lighting celebration.

## 5. Action Items

**Video streaming proposals:** TA Cowles said that Clerk Harper has researched options for streaming video recordings currently shown on the Town's public access channels to the web. This would support the Council's strategic priority to improve communication with residents, as it would make available recordings of Council meetings to residents who do not subscribe to cable TV.

Clerk Harper gave an overview of 3 proposals she received from video streaming vendors:

- Granicus' annual video streaming fee is \$4,500, plus \$3,000 for an encoder. Granicus is a leading government vendor in the field of video streaming, used by a number of neighboring municipalities. Granicus offers additional modules, such as *illegislate*, a tablet-based agenda management application, and *speakup*, an online citizen survey and engagement application the Town may be interested in adding later. *illegislate* would be offered free of charge as part of this package, but may go up in price after a promotional period expires.
- Leightronix annual video streaming fee is \$4,338, plus \$3,546 for an encoder. Leightronix is the Town's current vendor for cable TV programming, but has an overall smaller customer base centered in the north-east. It offers high quality video streaming that ties in with an agenda management application, but does not offer the same broad range of add-ons as Granicus.
- Swagit's annual video streaming fee is \$5,400, plus \$4,600 for an encoder. Swagit's selling point is "hands-free-streaming," where Swagit staff indexes the video and

posts it to the web, with no Town staff time required. This is reflected in the higher price of the encoder. The quoted price is for a self-indexed and posted video stream. Swagit has no add-on applications like Granicus but is compatible with Granicus and other digital agenda management vendors.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said although Granicus' quote may increase after the promotional period expires, it would not increase dramatically. Granicus is known for high customer retention. The purchase price and future operating costs can be financed through the cable TV reserve, including some of the staff time that goes into producing TV recordings and indexed videos. The Council expressed interest in the Granicus package but asked to clarify costs outside a promotional period.

## 6. Discussion Items

**Legislative Dinner agenda:** Mayor Jewitt proposed to shorten the very detailed agenda for the upcoming legislative dinner to focus on Council priorities. The following priorities were agreed upon:

- Improving Greenbelt Road functionality and aesthetics: SHA plans and coordination
- Stormwater system upgrades: status of engineering study
- Protecting the health, safety and welfare for tenants of rental homes, including Airbnbs
- Infrastructure and facility capital improvement plan: funding assistance
- Restoring PGC municipal tax differential
- Municipal role in rewriting PGC zoning code
- Better coordination with SHA and utilities on projects in municipal right-of-ways, including tree removals and replanting
- Police body cameras: guidelines for use

It was noted that MPT Kulpa-Eddy, CM Rasmussen and CM Shields will not be able to attend.

**Ordinance 120 proposed amendments:** CM Rasmussen proposed that the Council attempt to answer several key policy questions that will facilitate the process of revising the Rental Housing Ordinance:

- Whether to adopt the Prince

George's County Housing Code. This would result in the deletion of large sections of Ordinance 120 establishing a Berwyn Heights housing code, and relieve Town staff of the responsibility to stay on top of new housing regulations.

In discussions, the Council agreed to adopt selected sections of the PGC Housing Code dealing with structural, mechanical, plumbing and electrical standards with which rental units must comply, and strike from Ordinance 120 all that is covered by the PGC code, with possible carve-outs.

- Whether to require a rental license when renting to family members, or to just one tenant in an owner-occupied home. Requiring a license in these situations would remove the difficulty of verifying how tenants are related to the homeowner and whether a home owner actually lives at a rented property.

In discussions, the Council was inclined to continue allowing home owners to rent to family members without a license, but to narrow the definition of family. Renting was defined as a financial transaction specified in a formal contract, or lease. The Council did not reach a conclusion on whether to stop allowing resident home owners to rent to just one tenant without a license. This is a loop hole for some landlords, who do not live at the property they are renting, to avoid paying for a rental license. It is difficult for the Town to verify whether an owner lives at the property he or she rents. The Council tentatively agreed to require a license when rooms or apartments are rented, regardless of whether the home owner lives on the premises, but potentially carve out exceptions for renting to family members and/ or to just one tenant in an owner-occupied home.

- Whether to continue to allow 3 or more households within 500 feet of a rental property to petition the Council for a hearing regarding violations at the rental property.

In discussions, the Council was inclined to drop this provision. The situations demanding this type of redress may have been addressed by the recently adopted Noise Ordinance and the recently amended Clean Lot Ordinance, which make landlords accountable for nuisances and code violations, such as loud parties and littering the surroundings. It was noted that residents already have the option to contact the Code Department or Councilmembers about problems with neighbors.

- Whether to approve the proposed simplified rental license application process. It is proposed to require only a Rental License Application form and stop requiring a floor plan, Housing Disclosure Form and the Tenants' Rights & Responsibilities Form.

The Council tentatively agreed to require fewer forms. Instead of submitting a Housing Disclosure form signed by all tenants, a landlord might be asked to certify that he provided information about Town ordinances to his tenants. Tenants might be allowed to confirm receipt via email. It was also agreed to stop requiring the Tenants' Rights & Responsibilities form signed by all tenants because this type of information should be provided in a lease. Any violation of tenants' rights would be addressed by the District Court or landlord-tenant mediation offices. The form could be handed out as a courtesy without requiring signatures. It was tentatively agreed to stop requiring a floor plan because it is not used by Code officers during inspections. However, it may be useful to require some kind of description of the rented rooms and facilities to guide the inspecting officer.

The Council briefly considered whether reasons for revoking a rental license need to be spelled out in a separate section. Currently, being a persistent public nuisance or being an unfit rental property are covered by the Ordinance. In conclusion, TA Cowles was asked to produce a revised version of Ordinance 120 for discussion at the next worksession.

**Charter amendment update:** TA Cowles said she has consulted with the Town Attorney on how to proceed with updating the boundaries in the Berwyn Heights Charter. He advised that it is permissible to reference annexation maps filed with the State's Department of Legislative Reference and the County District Court to document the revised boundary along Branchville Road, instead of producing new metes and bounds for the entire Town. However, a disputed section of the boundary with Greenbelt along Route 193 will require new metes and bounds, which will cost \$2,000. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to appropriate \$2,000 to update the Town boundaries, with funds coming from the unrestricted fund balance. CM Shields seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Strategic planning workshop debriefing:** Mayor Jewitt explained that the Town Council and senior staff completed a second strategic planning workshop, at which both a vision and mission state-

ment were developed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy proposed, and the Council agreed, to formally adopt the vision and mission statements by resolution at the next Town meeting. At the workshop, the Council also adopted several long term goals and established steps to implement them. The goals include:

- Acquire improved facilities for Town departments;
- Encourage local community building;
- Create a system to bring roads up to standards.

CM Rasmussen added that the Council also identified Town aesthetics and economic development as goals but did not work out a step-by-step plan for implementation. He hopes the Council will flesh them out before the budget season begins. MPT Kulpa-Eddy questioned whether these goals could be worked on simultaneously with the first 3 goals and suggested tackling them later.

**Banner City accreditation:** CM Shields explained that he checked with several municipalities about the benefits of acquiring Banner City status, a certification conferred by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) for being an active participant and showcasing how municipal government works. He said there are no tangible benefits, but rather it is a way to show that Berwyn Heights is a good place to live. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added it also shows that the Town is making an effort to improve its government by participating in MML training and attending meetings.

CM Shields provided a list of required activities the Town must perform to obtain Banner City status. Most of them have already been fulfilled and the remainder are easy to complete. The Council pledged to continue to attend PGCMA meetings to fulfill the 50% attendance requirement by May 2017.

**6. Town Council Schedule**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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## Recent Working Incidents:

Nov 14<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14B (Kiernan) operated in the 4700blk of Naples Ave in Beltsville for a working House Fire, i.e., an outside fire that extended into the house.

GREENBELT LAKE RESCUE: Nov 16<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14, Squad 14B, Tech Rescue 14, Ambo 14, Chief 14A (Fabrizio) & Utility 14 operated at Greenbelt Lake for a trench rescue. While working on the lake's dam, a trench collapsed trapping a worker under 12ft of soil. Crews worked for several hours to free him. Chief 14A had Incident Command, and Truck 14 remained staffed at the station to cover the area during the incident.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>- During the trench rescue, Truck 14 operated in the 2800blk Beaver Lodge Ct in Adelphi for a working House Fire.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14B (Kiernan) operated in the 13500blk of Briarwood Drive in Laurel at a House Fire. During the incident, Glenn Dale VFD Squad 18 was transferred to BHVFD to cover the area with Ambo 14.

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>- Squad 14 was alerted to the 4400Blk Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville to assist units on scene of an accident with one trapped. BHVFD arrived and quickly stabilized and extricate the injured driver.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>- Truck 14 was alerted to the 6300Blk of Sheridan St in Riverdale for a House Fire with people trapped. BHVFD arrived with fire showing, and worked to locate and remove an elderly wheelchair-bound resident from the house. The fire was determined to have originated from the kitchen.

Nov 26<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14, Chief 14A (Fabrizio) & Chief 14B (Kiernan) were alerted to Greenbelt Rd at Lakecrest Dr in Greenbelt for an accident with an overturned vehicle & driver trapped. BHVFD quickly stabilized the vehicle and extricated the driver.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>- Hyattsville VFD Engine 1 (Staffed by BHVFD members during their banquet), Truck 14 & Chief 14B were alerted to the 3400Blk of Dean Drive in Hyattsville for an Apartment Fire. Engine 1 was first arriving to find a basement apartment on fire, and the BHVFD members removed two trapped & injured occupants and extinguished the fire. The occupants were transported with life-threatening injuries. The cause of the fire was determined to be an un-watered live Christmas Tree.

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Squad 14 responded to the 6000Blk of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights for the House Fire. Units extinguished a small fire in the kitchen.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 extricated two trapped patients with life-threatening injuries after a fatal crash NB I-95 at the ICC in Laurel involving a tractor trailer and three other vehicles. One pediatric patient was flown by MSP Trooper 2 to Children's Hospital. I-95 remained shut down for several hours for investigation.

BHVFD Call Volume: November 2016	
Rescue Squads:	145
Ladder Truck:	89
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	5
Ambulance:	201
<b>Total Runs Nov 2016:</b>	<b>440</b>



## 2016 Company Election Results:

The Department held its annual Elections for Administrative & Operational positions within the Department at December Company Meeting with the below results:

### Administrative:

**President:** Ryan Wagner  
**Vice-President:** Richard Kitchen  
**Treasurer:** Eric Norris  
**Secretary:** Kyle Snyder  
 Director Pete Isaacson  
 Director James Hurley  
 Director Chris Wipprecht  
 Director Matthew Huddle  
 Director Michael Stevenson  
 Director Art Gordon

### Operational:

**Fire Chief:** Daniel McCoy  
**Deputy Chief:** Chase Fabrizio  
**Assistant Chief:** Jimmy Kiernan  
 1st Captain: Ben Ross  
 2nd Captain: Ryan Wagner  
 3rd Captain: Scott Pierce  
 4th Captain: Anthony Medlock  
 1st LT- Bryan Eldridge  
 2nd LT Christopher Hagan



## Fire Hydrant Snow Removal

BHVFD would like to remind all residents to clear out their area Fire hydrant when it snows. This simple act can help save us time & effort during an emergency, adopt a hydrant today!



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# CODE

## October Activities

<b>Clean Lot Violations</b>	
High Grass/ Vegetation	3
Clean Lot	20
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	10
Non-Hazardous	30
Vehicles	15
Premise Identification	1
Commercial	6
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>86</b>
Abatements	0
<b>Permits</b>	
Building	1
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Total Permits issued	6
<b>Rentals</b>	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	0
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>193</b>
Inspections	10
Re-inspections	0
Fines	10
Rental Licenses Issued	9
<b>Vacant Homes</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Call-a-Bus</b>	<b>2</b>

## In Case of Snow...

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**P**ark your vehicles in your yard for the duration of snow clearing operations, if there is not enough space in the driveway.

Homeowners are responsible for clearing snow off sidewalks in front of their property.

Curbside

## Leaf Collection

Has Ended December 31.

Please bag your leaves now.

Use brown paper yard waste bags, or a designated trash container marked "yard waste."

Yard Waste Pickup

**Mondays** - north of Pontiac Street

**Tuesdays** - south of Pontiac Street



## RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE REVISION

Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing is being revised to adopt the latest state and federal regulations and streamline the rental licensing process. The draft Ordinance is posted on our website [www.berwynheightsmd.gov](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov) and will be introduced at the January 11 Town meeting. Please submit comments to:

[fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov) or [jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov)



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- Pick Up a new Hobby*
- Eat Healthier.*
- Write a Business Plan.*
- Read More Books.*
- Be More Grateful.*
- Stop Procrastinating.*
- Spend More Time In Nature.*
- Start Doing Planks Every Day.*
- Enjoy the Little Things.*

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 SOLD-8504 60<sup>th</sup> AV 4BR 2BA rambler w/FP &addtn.....\$330K.  
 NEW LISTING-8501 60<sup>th</sup> PL 3BR 2BA rambler "as-is"...\$190K.  
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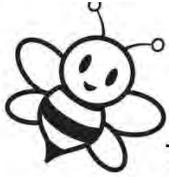
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# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

## Bee Green in 2017!

The start of new year is the perfect time to add something new to your routine while living a greener lifestyle for a more healthy environment and body.

**Use reusable shopping bags.** In the U.S., 60,000 plastic bags are consumed in every 5 seconds. They are made using non-renewable resources, are incredibly difficult to recycle, and contribute to a widespread, global litter problem. Forget to take them when you go shopping? Use ultra-compact reusable bags that fit into pockets, purses, backpacks and even on key chains, for impulse shopping trips.



**Use a reusable water bottle.** With bottled water no longer on your shopping list, you could save as much as \$1,400 this year.

**Eat local and organic as much as possible.** Organic costs a bit more up front, but this is money well spent because your food will be more nutritious and protect the ecosystem. And if your food is also locally grown, then you can be sure you're supporting your local economy, too. Visit the nearby farmer's markets, join a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) or grow your own food.

**Eat better meat and less of it.** Conventional, grain-fed meat is unhealthy and extremely unsustainable. Eat clean, grass-fed, pasture-raised meat, dairy and eggs whenever possible, and make a big difference for small farmers and the environment by supporting pasture restoration. And cutting meat out of your diet just two days a week can decrease your carbon footprint by about 1/3 of a ton.

**Compost your food waste.** Americans throw away an average of 1.3 pounds of food scraps daily – translating to almost 13 percent of the nation's municipal solid waste (MSW) stream. Composting diverts food waste from the landfill and turns it into a nutrient rich soil amendment. Try a backyard compost bin or a vermicompost bin (composting using earthworms).



**Drive less.** Carpool, bike or walk when possible.

### Save the Date

**Weatherization Workshop**  
**Saturday, February 11**

Learn ways to heat and cool your home more efficiently. More details to come in the February bulletin.



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## 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 available.

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



## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, January 3

Back to School from  
Winter Break!

-- AND --

PTA meeting in the  
library at 6:45pm

### Friday, January 13

Kindergarten Open  
House 10-11:30am

### Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day No School

### Friday, January 20

Grading/Teacher  
Planning Day –  
No School

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### Kindergarten Open House

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am

Will your child be ready for Kindergarten next year?  
Please join us on Friday, January 13<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 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 BHES 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.



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Now that Winter is here, come to the Center, get a hot cup of coffee, a soda, or a bottle of water 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 5	Mary-Anne Walkup
January 10	Ken Antolik
	Randy Fortwengler
January 14	Theresa Beck
January 19	Anne Hixson
	Phyllis Wolfinger
January 28	Bobbi Case

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.  
WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.  
POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.  
POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday  
at 5:00 P.M.  
MEETINGS— Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00  
A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is a Pot Luck!

## SOMETHING NEW CONTINUES

On the Second Monday in January, the 9th, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M., representatives from the Prince George's County Library System will be here to do crafts, make Valentine greeting cards, etc.

## WHY NOT JOIN US!



## Happenings

### REGIFTING PARTY...

Receive something you can't use? The Town Recreation Council is having a party on January 21, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., upstairs at the Senior Center. See Page 3.

**MEAL & PLAY**— January 27: Meet at local restaurant, followed by “The Weeping Philosophers” at the Claude Smith Center.

**FOOTBALL:** Watch the PRO SCHEDULE.

If there's a game at 1:00 PM on Sunday, we will have a pot luck and late lunch.

**BREAKFAST** at the Silver Diner is also on tap. Date to be determined. Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

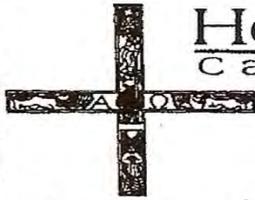


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# POLICE BEAT

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

**2016.** It is not a complete listing of every crimes 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.

11/02/2016 at 12:24 pm, Pfc. Hollowell, Sgt. Moroney, Det. Unger and the Chief of Police responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for an unruly 11 Y/O, H/M.

11/02/2016 at 5:25 pm, Cpl. Krouse submitted a report of a bad check that he received from the Town Hall.

11/04/2016 at 11:39 pm, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 7600 block of Villanova Road for a theft of a bicycle report. Unknown person entered the residence and removed the said bike.

11/08/2016 at 12:28 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the Metropolitan Family Planning located at 5919 Greenbelt Road for a disorderly subject complaint. On scene, a 23 Y/O, W/F, was identified. She refused to leave the property of the facility while protesting. She was advised several times to stay on the sidewalk and she again refused. Lauren Brice Handy of Alexandria, VA, was placed under arrest and charged with trespassing and refusal to obey a lawful order.

11/12/2016 at 5:22 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5500 block of Greenbelt Road near the Greenbelt Station PKWY for a report of an accident. On scene, investigation revealed that one of the drivers of the vehicle involved in the crash was intoxicated. Katherine Elizabeth Kuzman, a 31 Y/O, W/F, of Baltimore, MD was taken into custody and charged with DUI.

11/13/2016 at 7:59 am, Pfc. Holloway responded to the 8400 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of a stolen 2014 Mercedes. Victim stated that he woke up and noticed that his car was gone.

11/13/2016 at 2:11 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of theft from a 2015 KIA. The vehicle was left unsecured. Taken were a headset, a bag and US currencies.

11/22/2016 10:55 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to Quebec Street at 58th. Avenue and recovered a 2008 Acura that

was reported stolen from Montgomery County.

11/24/2016 at 7:38 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Swarthmore Drive for a family disturbance call. On scene, he was advised by the caller that their 27 Y/O relative was walking down Swarthmore Drive without any clothes and drinking from a bottle of rum. Cpl. Krouse located the said female and she advised him that she wanted to kill herself. At which time, she was placed in custody and transported to the hospital for evaluation.

11/25/2016 at 11:10 am, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt for a report of property damage call. A 49 Y/O, B/M drove his car away at the gas pump with the gas nozzle attached.

11/29/2016 at 7:28 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 5600 block of Berwyn Road for a report of theft from a vehicle. Thefts of Apple I-Pads were taken from an unsecured 2015 Nissan.

11/29/2016 at 7:50 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of a theft from a vehicle. A Home Depot credit card and \$40.00 in cash were taken from an unsecured 2010 Honda.

11/29/2016 at 8:00 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a tampering. Unknown person(s) entered an unsecured 2016 Jeep and went through the compartments.

11/29/2016 at 8:20 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of theft from a vehicle. Theft of a handicapped placard was taken from a 2010 Toyota.

11/29/2016 at 8:45 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 6000 block of Berwyn Road for a report of theft from a vehicle. \$200.00 in cash was taken from an unsecured vehicle.

11/29/2016 at 11:45 am, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt for a report of fraud complaint. Victim, a 49 Y/O, B/F complained that she was scammed out of \$400 cash.

11/29/2016 at 3:30 pm, Pfc. Ramirez responded to the 8700 block of 60th. Avenue for a property damage complaint.

11/29/2016 at 4:25 pm, Pfc. Ramirez responded to the 8500 block of 63rd. Avenue for a recovered stolen Apple I-Pad that was taken from a 2015 Nissan.

11/29/2016 at 5:05 pm, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Place for a tampering of an unsecured 2013 Nissan.

11/30/2016 at 5:10 pm, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Berwyn Road for a dispute between roommates.

## Advertising Rates For the BH Bulletin

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
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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>		
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Registrar: Leslie Wolfinger  
[leswolfinger@gmail.com](mailto:leswolfinger@gmail.com)

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

T- Ball Commissioner: James Johnson

Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT**

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Co-Chair Michael Attick  
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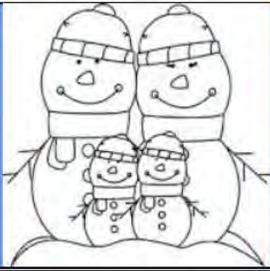
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# January 2017

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Jan 1</b>  New Year's Day	<b>2</b> New Year's Holiday Obsv'd Town Govt. Closed—No Trash Pickup	<b>3</b>   6:45 PM  PTA Mtg. BHES Library 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	<b>4</b>  7:00 PM NW-EP Meeting G. Love Room	<b>5</b>  	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>   7:00 PM  Worksession Council Cham- ber	<b>10</b>   	<b>11</b>  8:00 PM Town Meeting Council Chamber	<b>12</b>  	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> MLK, Jr. Holiday Town Govt. Closed—No Trash Pickup	<b>17</b>   	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>   7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee Town Ctr. 2nd Floor 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm.	<b>20</b> Inauguration Day	<b>21</b> 2:00 PM Regifting Party Town Ctr. 2nd Floor
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>   7:00 PM  Worksession Council Chamber	<b>24</b>   7:30 PM  BHHC Mtg. G. Love Rm	<b>25</b>  7:30 PM Four Cities Mtg. College Park	<b>26</b>  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>   	<b>31</b>   	<b>Feb 1</b> 	<b>2</b>  	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



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

 Recycling Collection	  Refuse Collection North South
  Yard Waste North South	  Bulk Pick-up North South

# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
 5700 Berwyn Road  
 Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue .....	9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency) .....	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office .....	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department .....	(301) 513-9331
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov">code@berwynheightsmd.gov</a></b>	
Public Works Department .....	(301) 474-6897
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov">publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov</a></b>	
Fire Department .....	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center .....	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) .....	(301) 345-2808
Town Office .....	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations .....	(301) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	<a href="mailto:cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov">cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	<a href="mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov">jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	<a href="mailto:pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov">pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Public Works		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 940-8510	<a href="mailto:crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov">crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Gerald Shields	(504) 250-2040	<a href="mailto:gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov">gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac  
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

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@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71  
 FIOS channel 12**

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

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD**

Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

Or email: [yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov)

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