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## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING

The Town of Berwyn Heights has begun a search for a new Town Administrator, who is the Town's chief administrative and financial officer. The Town Administrator supervises the daily operations of the Town, implements the Town Council's goals, priorities and policies, and hires all employees, with the exception of department directors.

Position description and application are available online at:

<http://www.thenovakconsultinggroup.com/jobs>.

## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON  
**Independence Day**

Mon	06/30/14	Trash & Yard Waste, North Side
Tue	07/01/14	Trash & Yard Waste, South Side
Wed	07/02/14	Recycling, Entire Town
Thu	07/03/14	Trash & Bulk Trash Pickup, Entire Town
Fri	07/04/14	NO PICKUP

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

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### Councilmember Assignments Completed

**Cheye Calvo** (Mayor) — Public Safety and Health

**Jodie Kulpa-Eddy** (Mayor Pro Tem) — Administration

**Patti Dennison** — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs

**Christopher Rasmussen** — Code Enforcement

**Anthony Schreiber** — Public Works



### ELECTRONICS & STYRO-FOAM RECYCLING

**SAT., JULY 26 — 9 to 12**

Residents may recycle old electronic items and block Styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, accessible from the Buddy Attick parking lot at 555 Crescent Road.

Alternately, residents can drop electronics off at the Berwyn Heights Public Works Yard at 8418 Ballew Avenue the week leading up to the recycling date.

For more information call 240-542-2153.

The next meeting of the **RECREATION COUNCIL** will be held on Thursday, July 10, at 7:30 P.M., at the Town Office.



### Four Cities Meeting

**July 30 - 7:30 pm**

**BH Town Center**

**Open to the Public**

#### Topics

Animal Shelter for Rt. 1 Corridor  
Metroland Development Update

GreenBee BuzzWorthy:

### Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

In collaboration with other Prince George's County municipalities, the Town of Berwyn Heights can offer funding to 20 low-to-moderate income residents who are in need of home improvements that reduce utility bills, such as insulation or heating system repairs. If you are interested in this program, please send your name, address, phone number, and email to the Berwyn Heights Green Team:

[bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com) or [kristinlarsen274@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlarsen274@gmail.com) or call Kristin Larson from the Green Team at 202-630-3178 for more information. Space is limited so contact the Green Team as soon as possible if you are interested, or stop by the Town Office for an application.

**W**orksession  
April 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) James Wilkinson and Councilmembers (CM) Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. CM Almoguera had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

#### 1. Mayor

Announcements: None.

Calendar: Berwyn Heights will host the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting on April 24. A budget worksession may be added for April 28 or May 5, if needed. The May 19 worksession was canceled.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the March 17 worksession was approved 4 to 0.

Department Reports: CM Dennison announced that the Recreation Council will finalize Berwyn Heights Day at its May 1 meeting. Volunteers are still needed. MPT Wilkinson reported that April 12 Town-wide cleanup went well. No trash totals are available yet. Mayor Calvo said that Chief Antolik announced at the last Town meeting that this Friday will be a no tolerance day. Any traffic violation will be cited, and no warnings given.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo said that he received many comments when campaigning, including the bad condition of roads, rental properties, the budget and the FBI headquarters. CM Dennison received a comment on a rental property. CM Kulpa-Eddy received comments on potholes, non-emergency calls and a tree on 58th Avenue at Greenbelt Road.

MPT Wilkinson said that Delegate Washington at the last Town meeting expressed concern that Prince George's County's elected officials appear not to be united in their support for Greenbelt Station as the best site for the FBI headquarters. He asked whether the Town should follow up and urge them to take a stand for Greenbelt Station. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that this impression was largely based on a biased report in the Washington Business Journal.

Ordinance 121 - Executive Powers & Duties: The Council reviewed draft 2 of the Ordinance, which incorporates changes made at the previous worksession. Mayor Calvo suggested focusing on Section 10 - Duties of the Town Administrator (TA), which contains an itemized list of the TA's core responsibilities.

This section does not currently include one of the main functions of the TA, which is to be the agent of the Town Council in ensuring that the Council's goals, objectives, policies and priorities are carried out. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that this role is covered in Section 7.

The following changes were made to draft 2 of the Ordinance:

Section 10 (A), charging the TA with the duty to "provide for the enforcement of all Town ordinances, appropriate County ordinances and state law" was deemed to be too sweeping. It was revised to read that the TA is responsible for "ensuring execution of all Town ordinances, and compliance with state and federal laws." As an instrumentality of the State of Maryland, the Town does not enforce County ordinances, although it can opt into them. It should be clarified that the Police Department has responsibility for enforcing criminal statutes.

Section 10 (B) was changed to make attendance of all committee meetings optional. Language stating that the "TA shall notice all meetings of the Town Council" was changed to "ensure compliance with the Open Meetings Law and Public Information Act."

Section 10 (F) was changed to read that the TA is responsible for ensuring that the Town's IT infrastructure is properly managed. It was clarified that the TA is not to act as an IT manager.

Section 10 (G) charging the TA with maintaining the Town's records including minutes of all public meetings and executive sessions was revised to state that the TA is responsible for ensuring records are kept and Maryland's Open Meetings Law and Public Information Act is complied with. The Section was integrated with 10 (B).

Section 10 (H) was revised to read "advise the Town Council regarding such measures and actions deemed to be in the best interest of the Town."

Section 10 (I) charging the TA with the responsibility to "employ, promote, set compensation, reprimand, suspend or terminate..." was considered too sweeping. The hiring and firing of directors and core function supervisors remains the prerogative of the Town Council in its capacity as CEO. A distinction needs to be made between directors and supervisors, on the one hand, and other Town staff, on the other, over whose employment the TA has greater authority. Compensation decisions are made within the context of the budget process, and are not at the discretion of the TA.

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

break.

The Council continued reviewing the Ordinance and made further changes.

Section 3 The definition of "policy" was revised to read "a course of action, strategy, goals, objectives and priorities established by the Council, Council Member/ Department Head, TA or Department Director that governs a specific execution of operations."

Section 5 It was clarified that a surety bond is a promise to pay one party (the obligee), in this case the Town, a certain amount if a second party (the principal), in this case, the TA, fails to meet some obligation, such as fulfilling the terms of a contract, and protects the obligee against losses. A blanket bond would cover the entire Town, not just one person.

Section 8 was changed to read "The TA shall designate a member of the Town staff as acting TA who will carry out the duties in his absence, and inform the Town Council in writing."

Section 11 was revised to read "Departments shall submit all operational and budgetary matters requiring Town Council action to the TA, who shall submit them to the Town Council..." Boards and Committees were excluded from this requirement, as some are under direct Council supervision.

TA Murphy was asked to make the above corrections as soon as possible and send the revised document to the Council. If needed, Mayor Calvo may schedule an additional meeting to discuss the Ordinance before adoption at the May 14 Town meeting.

Benches: Mayor Calvo said that the Council wanted to get benches for Pops Park and bus stops around Town. For budgeting purposes, he would like the Council to decide on the number and type of bench to be installed. The Council agreed to purchase twelve 4' park benches made of plastic coated mesh. At bus stops, the benches will be anchored in a concrete pad to be installed in conjunction with the construction of sidewalks to keep cost down. MPT Wilkinson moved to appropriate \$5,000 for park benches and concrete pads. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Pot holes: TA Murphy explained that Acting Director of Public Works Lockley met with a road contractor to take an inventory of pot holes on Town streets. A unit cost of repairing pot holes could not be determined because the price will vary with the size of the hole and the condition of the surrounding road surface. Therefore, it is recommended the

Council appropriate a lump sum for pot hole repairs to be used judiciously on holes that have the best prospects for holding up at least 5 years.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks the repair of pot holes should be undertaken in the context of a Town-wide street renovation plan. Inexpensive, short-term fixes should be considered for pot holes on roads designated to be renovated within the next few years. Acting Director Lockley will be asked to draft a pot hole repair plan.

Fee & fines schedule changes: TA Murphy said that the Council usually considers whether fees and fines for ordinance violations should be adjusted as part of the budget process. Since he has been more closely involved in the management of the Code Department, he thinks that there is too much delay between the occurrence of a Clean Lot Ordinance violation and the first notice to home owners about a possible fine. He suggested tightening the time frames for sending out notices and imposing fines, one solution being to send out a warning notice on the same day a door hanger is left at a property.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks the problem is not so much the current notification time frames but the record keeping with respect to repeat violations. Courtesy door hangers are only given to first time violators, with 15 day intervals between door hanger, warning letter and fine letters, respectively. Repeat offenders do not receive door hangers, but are mailed a warning letter with a 7 day interval before a fine is imposed. The Code officers should focus on problem properties with repeated violations, which requires good record keeping. No changes in fees, fines or notification schedules were made.

TA Murphy suggested imposing new fines for the improper disposal of yard waste, based on the fines imposed for improper disposal of other refuse under the Refuse Collection Ordinance. Many home owners still use plastic bags which have been banned by the County landfill. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the same fines used for improper disposal of waste could be applied to yard waste. The Council agreed.

TA Murphy said one recurring problem the Code Department has to deal with is missed appointments for inspections and re-inspections of rental homes, as mandated by the Rental Housing Ordinance. Missed appointments increase the workload for Code staff, as appointments have to be rescheduled and more visits to the premise made. Similarly, more time is wasted when a home owner does

not address all deficiencies uncovered by an inspection by the time the home is re-inspected. He recommended raising the fine for missing the first appointment of a rental inspection from \$25 to \$50; for missing the second appointment from \$50 to \$100; and for missing the third appointment from \$100 to \$150. The fines for incomplete re-inspections should be raised along the same lines. Mayor Calvo said he supports the proposed raises. The Council agreed.

TA Murphy further proposed to impose a new fine of \$100 when home owners fail to have their rental home inspected by the rental license renewal date. The Code Department sends out rental renewal application packets 60 days prior to the renewal date, which must be returned to the office with payment 30 days prior to the renewal date. Additional \$100 fines are proposed if the initial inspection has not been completed within 15 and 30 days, respectively, after the license renewal date.

Mayor Calvo said that such a violation is not referenced in the Rental Housing Ordinance. However, renting without a license, which carries a \$400 fine, is referenced. Therefore, if a rental home owner fails to complete all requirements for a license renewal, including the home inspection, by the renewal date, his license expires and he is subject to a \$400 fine. But this penalty must be announced when the application materials are sent out, so landlords have time to comply. The Code Director would have discretion in waiving the fine if the home owner is trying to complete the application requirements in good faith. The Council agreed.

Nothing was discussed under 2. Public Safety and 3. Public Works.

#### 4. Administration

Subdivision request - 5811 Pontiac Street: TA Murphy explained that the property owner of the double lot at 5811 Pontiac Street, Scott Chismar, has filed for a minor subdivision request, which would change the lot lines from their current east-west orientation to a north-south orientation. This would create a new legal building site with access from Pontiac Street. The request does not require the Town's approval. However, if the Council wants give input on parking options it should do so before the plans are submitted to Park & Planning.

TA Murphy said the plan he was shown by Mr. Chismar's surveyor made no provision for a driveway for the existing house. After discussing the driveway options with the surveyor, he believes the best option would be to place a

driveway immediately to the left of the home in the eastern side yard with a 20' setback from Cunningham Drive. The driveway can run the length of the home and provide up to 3 off-street parking spaces.

Mayor Calvo said it is not the Town's responsibility to come up with a plan for his driveway. The owner should be informed that he needs to devise a plan for off-street parking for the rental property, which is a condition for obtaining a rental license. Mayor Calvo further noted that Mr. Chismar contacted him about his plans. He wants to build a house for himself on one of the lots, so he can move back to Berwyn Heights and take care of his dad. No action was taken.

Four Cities agenda: Mayor Calvo proposed to add a discussion of the speed camera legislation passed during this legislative session. The Route 1 animal shelter and the Volunteer Fire Department tax rebate are already on the agenda.

#### 6. Parks and Recreation

Volunteer appreciation dinner date: TA Murphy was asked to come back with a proposed date for the next meeting. Likewise for the employee appreciation lunch date.

#### 7. Executive Session (10:00 p.m. - 10:16 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. With the matter discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**W**orksession  
May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tern (MPT) James Wilkinson and Councilmembers CMs Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. MPT Wilkinson arrived half an hour late due to work-related reasons. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

#### 1. Mayor

Announcements: The results of the May 6 Town Council election were announced. Cheye Calvo received 239 of 283 votes cast and will be Mayor, Jodie

Kulpa-Eddy received 157 votes and will be Mayor Pro Tern, Patricia Dennison received 125 votes, Anthony Schreiber received 88 votes, and Christopher Rasmussen received 80 votes.

**Calendar:** The Council will need to schedule a date to interview candidates for the Code supervisor position. The Town Administrator search will probably commence in September 2014.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy, and second by CM Dennison, the April 7 worksession were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy, and second by CM Dennison, the April 14 budget worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The March 10 budget worksession minutes, tabled from a previous meeting and to be corrected at this meeting, will be made available for adoption after the break.

**Bulletin cover (discussed out of order):** The following items were approved for the June Bulletin cover: Yard sale theme; announcements for tipping day, volunteer appreciation and election results; jumps for budget amendments, school's out.

**Election post-mortems (discussed out of order):** Mayor Calvo said this Town Council election demonstrated the need for changes in the election process. The counting of the paper ballots has been done differently in each of the three elections in which paper ballots were used. This time, the election judges, after a discarded count, decided to pull out all ballots on which all 5 candidates running were checked off, (approximately 25%) and then all ballots on which all 3 named candidates were checked off. With that done, the tallying of the remaining ballots proceeded much faster. This simplification might be captured as part of a set of formal guidelines for election judges. On the other hand, the disqualification of an entire ballot, on which one candidate's name was written incorrectly, was probably wrong. Only the incorrect vote on the ballot should be discarded, while the others should be counted. Again this could be adopted into formal guidelines.

Mayor Calvo further suggested that the deadline for requesting absentee ballots be modified so that absentee voters can request a ballot in person until Election Day. Currently, the Town's Election Ordinance sets the deadline at one week prior to the election. This makes sense if a resident requests that the ballot be sent to him or her by mail. But it is not needed if the resident comes to the Town office and requests the absentee ballot. The resident requesting the absentee ballot in person can also turn in the completed ballot at the same time. The office keeps a register of all persons who requested

an absentee ballot, which is given to the election judges along with all absentee ballots on the day of the election.

The Council has already issued several rules regarding write-in candidates to allow them to participate in candidates' night and to be listed on a sample ballot posted in the polling station if they submitted a Petition of Candidacy and a financial disclosure. However, it was inappropriate for election judges to highlight the write-in candidates on the sample ballot at the expense of the declared candidates. Only if asked should they inform the voter of the write-in candidates' names.

TA Murphy noted that the Town Attorney advised to delete any reference to State election law from the Town's election ordinance because State law has many requirements the town does not follow. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested that a sample ballot be posted in the polling booth as well. Mayor Calvo disagreed because this would essentially put write-in candidates on par with declared candidates. The Town should encourage candidates to declare formally by the regular deadline and discourage the write-in route. CM Almoguera suggested the Town use something other than science backboards to function as a polling booth, and to purchase a sign as for Berwyn Heights Day to announce Town Council elections. Mayor Calvo said additional signs should be purchased for use in other elections.

Clerk Harper said that the Town's election ordinance contains many provisions that are no longer relevant to the election process. The Council may want to consider updating it. Mayor Calvo replied that Ms. Harper, who coordinates the elections, should go through the ordinance and recommend changes that need to be made. A revised ordinance should omit the step by step instructions of the voting process and focus on the essentials. However, a clarification of the provisional voting process and Town supplemental registration could be added. Detailed guidelines to the election judges, such as discussed today, might be enacted in a resolution that can be changed more easily.

**Department Reports:** MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works cut the grass at the school field and was busy with Berwyn Heights Day preparations and cleanup. They did not staff the electronics recycling in Greenbelt because it was on Berwyn Heights Day. He appreciated receiving a plaque for his service with the Town Council. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Code supervisor position has been advertised and a number of

applications have been received. The Code Department is dealing with a lot of high grass violations after recent rains. Residents are requested to keep their grass below 10". CM Dennison reported that Berwyn Heights Day went well and that the Volunteer Appreciation dinner will take place on June 18.

CM Almoguera said that the Playgroup has a new coordinator, Jaime Sampson, whose contact information is in the Bulletin. The Playgroup's Facebook page has been renamed "berwyn heights exchange." CM Almoguera is turning over a Playgroup that is now 86 families strong, up from 5 families when she took over in 2010.

Mayor Calvo reported that Berwyn Heights Day went off very smoothly with only a little confusion in lining up the parade. It worked out well to have the bagpipes play at the end of the ceremonies as people stayed around to hear them. Mayor Calvo also reported that two serious crimes occurred during the last month. One was a carjacking at the new 7 Eleven, committed by two Berwyn Heights juveniles. They were tracked to a home on 56th Avenue by a Park Police K-9 unit. This house has been a source of trouble for quite some time and generated over 100 emergency calls in the last couple of years. However, the night after the carjackers were arrested the house was vacated by those who lived there. The other crime was a burglary on 63rd Avenue. Officer Ignowski arrived at the scene in time to chase them down and arrest them.

**Citizen comments:** MPT Wilkinson received a number of compliments on his service as Town Councilmember. He also learned that a couple of cars parked alongside the T-ball field on 56th Avenue got stuck in the mud. The drivers did not know they could park on the grassy parking area. This could have been avoided if signage directing park users to the parking area had been posted. Furthermore, it appears that the police are not sure where cars are supposed to park either. At least one T-ball parent was told by an officer not to park on the grassy area. Last year, the Council approved installation of a whole series of signs and marking of pavement as part of an Indian Creek parking plan. It appears the plan was not communicated to the department directors for implementation. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she received a comment about the swampy area near the T-ball field, which could perhaps be drained with a culvert under the bike path.

At 8:08 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Ordinance 121 - Executive Powers & Duties: The Council reviewed draft 7 of the Ordinance, which incorporates proposed edits by CM Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Wilkinson and Mayor Calvo. Mayor Calvo explained his changes.

In Section 10 - Duties of the Town Administrator Subsection (L) it is clarified that the Town Administrator (TA) is responsible for ensuring that all employment-related decisions conform to the Town's personnel manual, the Town budget, and state and federal law. The Town Council decides or approves all employment matters regarding directors and core function supervisors.

In Section 10 (B) it is clarified that the TA prepares Council meetings under the direction of the Mayor, who is responsible for setting the meeting agenda. In Section 10 (P), a provision was deleted that gave the TA authority to "sign on behalf of the Town any contract authorized by Town Council." The Town Charter designates the Mayor to sign contracts and agreements. The Council had no objections.

CM Kulpa-Eddy explained her comments and questions. The following edits were approved:

In Section 7 - Chief Administrative Officer, the TA is responsible to the Town Council for the proper administration of the Town, as well as for the execution of Town ordinances and for compliance with state and federal laws.

In Section 8 - Acting Town Administrator, the TA may designate in writing different employees as acting Town Administrator and as acting Chief Financial Officer after informing the Town Council. In the event of a prolonged absence, the Town Council shall appoint an acting TA who shall serve until the TA is able to resume his duties or a new TA or acting TA is appointed.

In Section 11 - Matters Directed to Town Administrator's Attention, a provision was revised to read "all formal departmental and employee requests to the Town Council must be submitted to the TA in advance for instructions on current policy and procedures, options and actions."

In Section 12 - Interaction, a provision was left standing that encourages department heads not to give orders to subordinates and work with the TA to accomplish individual goals for their department. It was clarified that the TA may suspend operational directives of a department head if they are in conflict with existing Town policies and procedures until the Town Council can address the issue. Department head was added as a

defined term in Section 2 - Definitions as the Councilmember having charge of the policy direction of a department.

In Section 13 - Removal a core function supervisor was given the same standing with regard to removal from office as a director, acting director and TA, who may be removed in accordance with the law by a majority vote of the sitting members of the Town Council. Generally, those officers appointed by the Council will also be removed by the Council.

TA Murphy was asked to make the above changes by the next day and submit the Ordinance to the Council for review prior to adoption at the May 14 Town meeting.

Nothing was discussed under 2. Public Works and 3. Administration.

#### 4. Code Compliance

Resolution 04-2014 increasing rental housing fines: TA Murphy presented a resolution showing the revised fines for missed appointments for rental inspections and incomplete re-inspections. Mayor Calvo said the thought that the fine for a 3rd missed appointment was set at \$150 rather than \$175. MPT Wilkinson said that it may be better to set it at \$200, which would reflect the doubling of all fines the Council changed at the last worksession. He so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy was asked to include previous fines as strike-throughs for adoption of the resolution at the May 14 Town meeting.

Berwyn Heights Day post-mortems: The Council flagged several problems encountered on Berwyn Heights Day, including continued water problems from poor drainage in front of the concession stand bathrooms, no toilet paper in the women's bathrooms, missing large serving trays and a malfunctioning power strip at the pancake breakfast.

Minutes (continued): MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt the March 10 budget worksession minutes. CM Dennison seconded.

The minutes were adopted 5 to 0.

#### 5. Parks and Recreation

Items were discussed under Mayor's agenda.

#### 6. Public Safety

Police car purchase: TA Murphy recalled that the Council postponed the decision to purchase a new police car because it had reservations about the size and model of the car recommended by Chief Antolik. He also spoke with the dealer about purchasing a police car in January 2015, which the Council was consider-

ing. He learned that if a vehicle is ordered in January it won't be delivered until March. It takes 3 months for the manufacturer to fill an order. The Town will also be charged a higher 2015 model price, rather than the 2014 price it would pay if it follows through with the order it placed in March of this year.

TA Murphy further explained that the Chief recommends purchasing the larger Ford SUV because most of the Town's officers are tall and will not be comfortable in a smaller Dodge Charger. In addition, the officers have to carry more things in their cars because they do not have specialized vehicles, such as paddy wagons to carry prisoners. Instead, a cage may need to be installed in the backseat. This particular vehicle will be assigned to the Town's DARE officer, who carries educational materials in addition to the weapons, evidence kits and other standard equipment. Therefore, he recommends going forward with the purchase of the Ford SUV, for which a purchase order has already been issued in order to reserve it for a July delivery. The Council consented.

School zone speed limit change: Mayor Calvo informed that the State Legislature recently revised the speed camera law to raise the minimum speed limit for school zones from 15 mph to 20 mph, among other things. This means that the Town can only issue speed camera tickets to drivers who go more than 32 mph in the school zone on Pontiac Street because tickets can only be issued when drivers exceed the posted speed limit by more than 12 mph. The Town will at some point have to post new speed limit signs.

MPT Wilkinson commented this will probably affect FY 2015 speed camera revenue projections, which may have to be lowered. Mayor Calvo agreed but noted that most of the revenue comes from the speed camera on Greenbelt Road. He wondered if the Council needed to change a Town ordinance or resolution to comply. CM Almoguera said that she would not take any action, but simply not issue tickets unless cars go faster than 32 mph. She said this legislation is wrong headed and makes school zones less safe. Not only does it reduce the size of the school zone from a 1/2 mile to a 1/4 mile radius, but allows drivers to go faster there as well. The Council agreed.

#### 7. Budget

TA Murphy said that health insurance premiums were raised by another 2.3% in the last quarter, but the appropriation in the introduced FY 2015 budget is sufficient to cover the increase. Further, he also plans to propose a composite health insurance premium, which redistributes

premiums so that older employees and employees with children will not bear as much of the increases as they otherwise would under the Affordable Care Act. Mayor Calvo said he is skeptical about the proposal and will see actual numbers before considering such a change. On a different note, he will propose that the Town pay Medicare Part B expenses for employees over 65 rather than keep them on the Town's Care First plan.

Mayor Calvo proposed that the Council appropriate \$10,000 from surplus to contribute to a feasibility study for an animal shelter serving the Route 1 corridor. This money would only be spent if the study is actually done. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Calvo asked if the FY 2014 budget covers all the anticipated expenses related to the TA and code supervisor search. TA Murphy said a small amount may have to be set aside for advertising in the FY 2015 budget. Mayor Calvo suggested this be financed with a FY 2014 budget amendment. Similarly, the code supervisor search can probably be paid out of the FY 2014 Code Department budget because of the salary lapse. CM Kulpa-Eddy agreed that there are sufficient funds.

MPT Wilkinson asked if any money is left in the kitty. TA Murphy said there is \$1,400 left. He was advised to reduce the sum taken from surplus by this amount. Further, TA Murphy was asked to provide the budget ordinance to the Council for review prior to adoption at the May 14 Town meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.  
Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting May 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy, and Councilmembers-elect Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Hearings

**FY 2015 Town budget:** Mayor Calvo gave a summary of the FY 2015 budget. The key feature is an increase in the real property tax rate of 1.4 cents per \$100 of

assessed value to make up for the drop in real property tax revenues resulting from the January 2013 reassessment. The budget also continues the 3 cents road tax to help finance future road repairs bringing the total real property tax rate to 53 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Income tax revenues are set to go up by 10% to \$380,000 and are one of the few bright spots in the revenue picture. Combined revenues will fund an operating budget of \$2,572,000, a 5% increase over FY 2014. On the expenditure side, the budget reinstates an 8th full-time police officer, which was cut last year, and funds one promotion of a police officer to corporal. Also funded are a full-time Public Works director and part-time Public Works administrative assistant, as well as additional hours for the part-time code officers and code clerk in a restructured Code Department.

Mayor Calvo said the more significant changes are in the capital budget. He is pleased that the Council adopted a funding plan for the construction of priority 1 sidewalks. The money comes principally from 3 sources: speed camera revenue, the Greenbelt Station impact compensation fund and the surplus for a total of \$540,000. The projected cost includes a 20% contingency, which he hopes will not be needed. Other important capital investments include a new Public Works dump truck, a new police car, new events furniture, and a new speed monitor. The Council also agreed to set aside a \$10,000 contribution for an animal shelter study and a \$10,000 contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD).

Despite the substantial capital investments, the Town's reserves and overall financial condition remain strong, with money continuing to flow into the infrastructure, vehicle replacement and cable reserves, and a surplus in the amount of \$567,000.

MPT Wilkinson highlighted additional items in the Public Works budget. He said the new truck is a 1-ton dump truck with a more powerful diesel engine and all wheel drive. The truck is intended to be used as a snow plow, especially in cul-de-sacs and other tight spaces. The budget also increases the tree service appropriation to better maintain trees in the public right of way, and funds a part-time administrative assistant to take some of the load off the now full-fledged Public Works director.

At 7:41 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

**Public Safety Taxing District budget:** Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the

Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget. This budget has not changed much in recent years because the commercial tax base has been stable. A small increase of \$1,000 will bring the FY 2015 PSTD budget to \$72,800. The PSTD levies a special 10 cent real property tax and a 15 cent personal property tax on businesses in Town. It funds one police officer, which happens to be Detective Unger.

At 7:44 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

**Ordinance No. 108:** Mayor Calvo explained that the Council decided to amend this Ordinance to increase the monthly stipend of Councilmembers from \$150 to \$250 per month, effective January 2015. The budget impact will be \$3,000 this fiscal year and another \$3,000 next fiscal year.

At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

### 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the April 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of April.

### 4. Unfinished Business

#### **Ordinance No. 165 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2015 Town Budget:**

Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. TA Murphy noted an error in the reported personal property tax rate, which should read \$1.365 per \$100 of assessed personal property.

Mayor Calvo commented that this has been the second tough budget in a three-year period of lower real property assessments. Last year, the Town was able to absorb the drop in real property tax revenues without increasing the tax rate, largely by cutting one full-time police officer position. But this year, a 1.4 cents tax rate increase was needed to make ends meet. To keep the tax increase small, the Council has been creative in holding the line on expenditures. In Public Works, the smart use of part-time employees has yielded savings that helps fund the new part-time clerk position. In the Code Department, the hiring of a code supervisor instead of a director will save approximately \$12,000.

He is pleased, however, that the Council stepped up to fund the completion of the

sidewalks project that has been in the works for three years. It has been a difficult process, from the technical aspects of design and engineering to navigating the bureaucracy for project approval. He looks forward to walking on the new sidewalks when they are finished. Also of note are the many smaller investments the Council was able to make due to the Town's strong cash reserves, including a new speed monitor, Town Center events furniture and start-up funds for a community garden. While this was not an easy budget, it is a good budget given the circumstances.

With no further comments, the FY 2015 budget was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

**Ordinance No. 166 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of Public Safety Taxing District Budget:** Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Without further comments, the Ordinance was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

**Ordinance No. 108 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of Council Compensation:** Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. CM Dennison moved to adopt it. CM Almoguera seconded. Mayor Calvo said that the raise in the Council stipend was overdue. They have not been raised since 2002 and are one of the lowest in Prince George's County. The stipend should at least attempt to cover expenses that might result from serving on the Council, even if it cannot compensate Councilmembers for the amount of time spent serving the Town. With no further comments, the Ordinance was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

**Ordinance No. 121 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of Executive Powers & Duties:** Mayor Calvo explained that this Ordinance clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the various executive functions in the Town government. To date, it has functioned as a commission-style government, as defined in a series of Council Rules. This Ordinance implements a hybrid commission-style/ weak Mayor (strong Council) form of government. The Town Council continues to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and councilmembers continue to oversee departments, but are limited to policy decisions. The Town Administrator now takes on responsibility for overseeing and coordinating the daily operations of the departments, while ensuring that the Town Council's policies, goals and priorities are carried out. In addition, the Ordinance usefully delineates the specific duties of the Town Administrator and his interaction with the Town Council and the

directors. This will be especially helpful when the Council starts to look for a new Town Administrator.

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m. Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. CM Almoguera moved to adopt it and MPT Wilkinson seconded. Mayor Calvo and CM Kulpa-Eddy offered a couple of corrections of typographical errors.

CM Almoguera commented, as an economist, she places a high value on efficiency. She believes this Ordinance will greatly improve the efficiency of the Town government. While Berwyn Heights has generally had effective governments, it has often operated in an ad-hoc manner. Spelling out the roles of the Council, Councilmembers and Town Administrator will help smooth out the operations of government. She is proud to have been a member of the Council that adopted this change.

MPT Wilkinson said another important aspect of this Ordinance is that the lines of communication have been clarified, which should improve the accountability of all executive functions. This is an important addition to the Town's organizational framework.

Mayor Calvo stated that he appreciated all Councilmembers engaging in this issue. He did not envision writing an Ordinance clarifying the executive powers and duties of the Council and the Town Administrator when he asked the Council to discuss the future of the Code Department, and how to create a more unified organizational structure. But after many long and ultimately productive conversations, the Council arrived at this stage. While the subject matter is somewhat obscure to the casual observer, it will be a valuable addition to the rules guiding the Town government in the future.

The Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt Ordinance No. 121.

## 5. New Business

**Ordinance No. 167 - 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2014 Budget Amendments:** Mayor Calvo said that this pertains to the perennial business of reconciling actual expenses and receipts with the budgeted amounts in a given year. Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it, and CM Dennison seconded. With no comments, the Ordinance was introduced in a 5 to 0 vote.

**Resolution 04-2014 - Rental Housing Ordinance Fee & Fine Schedule:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkin-

son moved to introduce it. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this Resolution raises the fines for missed appointments for re-inspections of a rental home and for incomplete re-inspections. The fines for the first instance of a missed re-inspection appointment or incomplete re-inspection goes up from \$25 to \$50, for the second instance from \$50 to \$100, and for the third instance from \$100 to \$200. The higher fines are intended to put some teeth into the inspections process, and reduce the number of missed appointments, which waste time and money. With no further comments, the Resolution was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

## 6. Recognitions

Mayor Calvo said that the 45th Council has been a very productive Council, in which each Councilmember made meaningful contributions. First, he wishes to recognize CM Almoguera, who was responsible for renovating the Pop's Park playground, and the first Councilmember to give birth while serving. Bringing her baby boy Matthew to Council meetings set a new precedent and highlighted the theme for this Council: retooling the Town for a new generation of young families. CM Almoguera was presented with a commemorative plaque.

CM Almoguera first thanked her husband for supporting her and looking after their other children when she attended Council meetings. She also thanked the employees of the Administration Department and the Public Works Department, who helped with every one of her initiatives. She recognized the Berwyn Heights Playgroup, which grew from a few families to well over a hundred during her time as coordinator. It was the basis for her community engagement. She greatly enjoyed her time on the Council and thanked everyone who voted for her.

Mayor Calvo recognized MPT Wilkinson, whom he first met over 10 years ago, when he served as chair of the Education Advisory Committee (EAC). Then a new father, MPT Wilkinson attended EAC meetings to advocate for the newly re-opened Berwyn Heights Elementary School. He also served on the Safe Streets Committee and the Boys & Girls Club, demonstrating an interest in making the community better for children. When there were a couple of resignations on the Town Council, he asked James Wilkinson to consider applying for a vacant seat, which he did. Once on the Council, MPT Wilkinson anchored the family constituency and became the spokesperson for pedestrian safety. Dur-

ing his last term, he invested much time and effort in putting together the Safe Routes to School grant that resulted in a \$62,000 award to construct sidewalks along the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. Thanking him for his contributions, Mayor Calvo presented MPT Wilkinson with a commemorative plaque.

MPT Wilkinson said it is fitting that School Board Member Peggy Higgins informed him last week that the sidewalks through the Greenbelt bus depot, for which he has long lobbied, will finally be built in June. He thanked his wife, mother-in-law and children for supporting him serving on the Town Council. He is proud of the progress in making the community safer for children. He thanked the employees of the Public Works Department and other Town staff for helping him implement many projects and improvements. He cited a list of accomplishments as evidence of the big impact a resident can have on the community as a member of the Town Council. He encouraged residents to think about serving and thanked everyone for entrusting him with this job.

**7. Election Results**

Clerk Harper read the Town Council election results. Cheye Calvo was re-elected as Mayor with 84% of the vote. Jodie Kulpa-Eddy received 55% of the vote and will become Mayor Pro Tem

partment. The other departments will be assigned once he has spoken with the newly elected Councilmembers.

**10. Remarks of the Council**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she is honored to be on this Council. She will miss her retiring colleagues but looks forward to serving with Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Rasmussen. CM Dennison thanked the residents for re-electing her and looks forward to heading the Department of Parks and Recreation again. CM Schreiber thanked the residents for electing him and looks forward to serving.

CM Rasmussen said that he is honored to have been elected to serve on this Council. He explained that he initially did not plan to run because he knew that he would not be able to be here for the candidates' forum or the election due to prior commitments. But he put his name in the hat when he learned there was a chance for a write-in candidacy. He moved here from Minnesota two years ago for his partner's job at the University of Maryland. They settled in Berwyn Heights because they found an unusual house they wanted to own. Since then, they have become active in the community and helped out with the Recreation Council and Berwyn Heights Day. As a member of Hope Lutheran Church, he met former Councilmember Richard

Ahrens, who encouraged him to seek a seat on the Council.

Mr. Rasmussen said that he was able to keep his job in Minnesota with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), a non-profit organization that seeks to improve access, affordability and quality of higher education in 12 states of the upper mid-west. He spends most of his time in Maryland while telecommuting to his job, but visits Minnesota once a month. Mr. Rasmussen further noted that he owns a rental home in addition to the Osage Street house where he resides. In connection with the rental, he has had a number of interactions with the Code Department. This has led him to conclude that there is a need to balance the interests of home owners and renters, many of whom are University students and make up a substantial portion of Town residents. To conclude, he thanked the residents who voted for him without knowing much about his background. He will strive not to make them regret their vote.

**11. Citizen Comments**

There were none.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



## Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

The BHHC was recently contacted by the Cornell Club of Washington, DC about the first telegraph line that was constructed along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks. Ezra Cornell, the founder of Cornell University, helped design and build the telegraph line. Members of the Cornell Club will embark on an educational trip regarding the telegraph line on September 20, with Berwyn Heights as one of their stops. The BHHC will host them for their lunch at the Town Center. Interested residents are welcome to attend.



**NEXT BHHC MEETING — JULY 22 — 7:30 P.M.**



**JULY EVENTS - War of 1812 Commemoration**

Next up: [http://www.princegeorges1812.org/?page\\_id=266](http://www.princegeorges1812.org/?page_id=266)

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PM Care	4:30-6 pm	\$25(R); \$30(NR)

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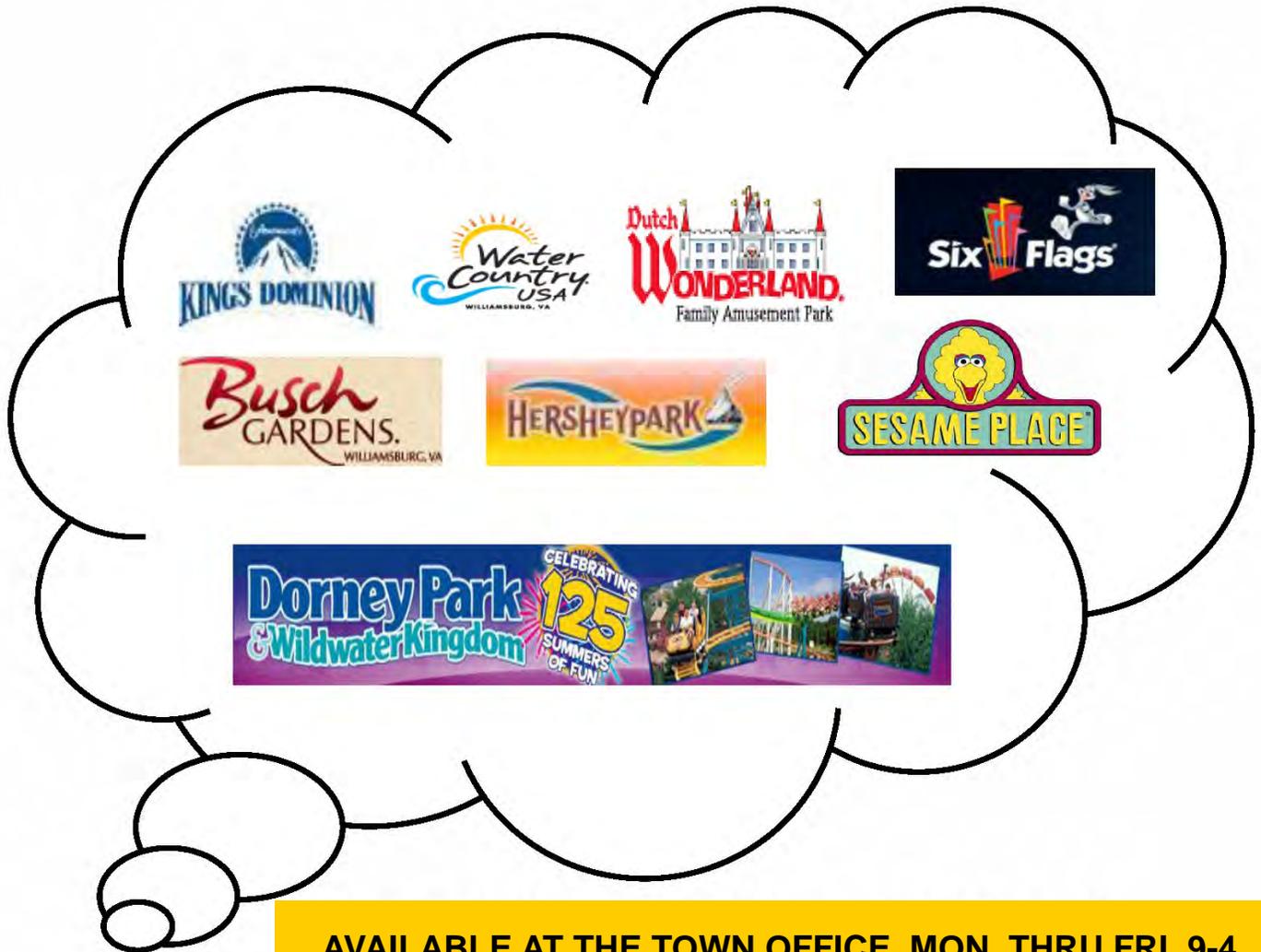
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**Recent Working Incidents:**

May 20<sup>th</sup>-Truck 14 responded to the 8600Blk of Brae Brook Dr in Lanham for the townhouse on fire with people trapped inside. Units arrived to find heavy fire conditions related to a domestic incident.

May 20<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 responded to the 9000 Block of Gettysburg Ln in College Park for the house fire. Crews arrived to find the attic on fire, Truck 14 searched and opened up the roof.

May 25<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14A operated at the 8000 Blk of 14<sup>th</sup> Ave in Adelphi for the working apartment fire.

May 27<sup>th</sup>- Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the intersection of 57<sup>th</sup> Ave/Annapolis Rd in Bladensburg for a PIA. Units arrived to find the driver of the 12 passenger van trapped after being t-boned. Squad 14 worked quickly to stabilize the vehicle and extricate the patient.

June 1<sup>st</sup>- Truck 14 responded to the 4500 Blk Russell Ave in Mt. Rainier for the house fire. The crew assumed the role of Rapid Intervention Team(RIT) for the incident.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14 responded to the 5400 Blk of Emerson St in Bladensburg for the house fire.

June 8<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14B operated at the 9700Blk of Good Luck Rd in Lanham for the working apartmentt fire.

June 10<sup>th</sup>- Flash Flooding: BHVFD volunteers were kept busy after flash floods struck the Town of Berwyn Heights. Station 14 was utilized as the Command & Staging area for the incident, with Chief 14A (Fabrizio) commanding the Berwyn Heights Incident Operations. BHVFD rescued a man from his flooding basement in the 5900 Blk of 59<sup>th</sup> ave, and spent the rest of the day going door to door assessing damage. Chief 14A also worked with the Red Cross in order to help displaced families. Special thanks to surrounding volunteer departments who sent units to assist with the incident.

**Department News:**

-In June was BHVFD awarded the Maryland State Fireman's Association Fire Prevention Grant for \$600.00.

-BHVFD operated **100% volunteer for five consecutive days** Memorial Day Weekend, Friday-Tuesday. Special thanks to the dozens of volunteers who came in to ensure we were fully staffed for every call.

-The Department mourned the loss of a longtime member and Town resident **Donna Hook**. Donna was an active member of the BHVFD Ladies Auxiliary for many years, serving on several committees. She loved to bake and was famous for her Texas Sheet Cake that she made for Monday Night Bingos. Please keep the Hook family in your thoughts and prayers. BHVFD hosted the memorial service.

**Summer Time Safety:**

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor cooking. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

**BBO Safety:**



- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn requires medical attention.



The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents that **all fire works are illegal** in Prince Georges County. We encourage residents to watch the nearby cities of Greenbelt or College Park's public displays instead of endangering themselves and surrounding property with their own. *Thank you for making our job easier!*



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**BHVFD Departmental Picnic & Awards 2014**

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> we held our annual awards banquet, but in a more casual tone. Members decided to hold a picnic on our "lot" across Seminole St from the Station to celebrate 2013. We would like to thank the Hyattsville VFD for providing a stand-in crew for our station while our members celebrated. **The 2013 Awards Recipients are:**

Most Responses: Non-Live Ins

- 1) Lt. Scott Peirce- 676 Runs
- 2) Capt. Ben Ross- 417 Runs
- 3) Brian Cadigan- 415 Runs
- 4) Christopher Hagan- 356 Runs
- 5) Sgt. Brian Consolo- 353 Runs

Most Responses: Bunkroom

- 1) John Kessler- 1,314 Runs
- 2) Tim Riley- 1,128 Runs
- 3) John Hoffman- 1,038 Runs
- 4) Sgt. Steve McDonald- 604 Runs
- 5) Lt. Michael Stevenson- 551 Runs

Top EMS-Only Responder:

Jane Schmidt

President's Award:

Kyle Snyder

Fire Chief's Awards

J. Kiernan & C. Fabrizio

**Station 14 Call Volume: May 2014**

Rescue Squads:	138
Ladder Truck:	84
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	2
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# Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

July 2014

Berwyn Heights, MD

## End of Year Party Update!

We had our Annual End of Year Party sponsored by the PTA on Thursday, June 12th. Due to the weather we had to switch from Indian Creek Park to the Elementary School Cafeteria. Thank you to all of our families, teachers and staff that attended. Thank you to our volunteers who helped with this event. Finally, thank you to Georgina Stark for chairing this wonderful event!

### Mark Your Calendars

August 16<sup>th</sup> - Playdate for incoming Kindergarteners  
TBA – Kindergarten Orientation  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School  
TBA - Hello Husky Night

### Special Events

**INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PLAYDATE at Pop's Park** - The BHES PTA is hosting a playdate at Pop's Park for all new BHES families on **Saturday, August 16th at 3pm**. Making a few new friends who will be at school next year can really help your child feel less nervous about beginning this big adventure. Members of the BHES PTA will be there to answer questions and will provide refreshments.

### School Registration

If you need to register your child for school, please contact the school's main office at 240-684-6210. The school is open Monday-Thursday 10am to 3pm during the summer.

### New PTA Officers 2014-2015

Need to reach us? [Officers@BHESPTA.org](mailto:Officers@BHESPTA.org)

President: Georgina Stark  
1st VP: Therese Forbes  
2nd VP: Suzanna Baldwin-Bott  
Secretary: Kim Goings  
Treasurer: Anna Branderska  
Past President: Kristen Buker

### Box Tops = Free Money!

Remember to keep collecting over the summer! Find out about the latest sweepstakes and Bonus Box Tops opportunities by going to [www.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com). It's like free money! Remember! The more Box Tops collected, the more money we receive to go to bigger and better programs sponsored by your PTA!



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to learn more about about how you can help your child.

Or email Georgina Stark at [georginastark@gmail.com](mailto:georginastark@gmail.com) and simply put PTA Email in the subject box and you'll be added to the list.

### Market Day

We will be continuing the Market Day fundraiser over the summer. Next order deadline is July 30th and pickup is Wednesday August 6th. **Pickups need to be made prior to 5pm.**

### Gardening

In June the 3rd grade classes harvested their vegetables and they were rewarded for all their hard work. The PTA supplied a big harvest party which included a beautiful pasta salad filled with the kids' own veggies!

Ms. Anwar's second grade class planted mounds of pumpkin seeds in our biggest garden and lined the back of the garden with sunflower seeds. We are hoping for a successful summer of growth so they will be surprised at the return to school.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped in this year's gardening efforts. Find us at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens>

If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at [fundraising@bhespta.org](mailto:fundraising@bhespta.org).



## College Park Aviation Museum

Offers a field trip to **ENGLAND** & **SCOTLAND**,  
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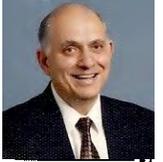
If you are interested in signing up, or for further information,  
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Bob Kovalchik, BH resident and volunteer at CPAM.



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

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July 9	Shirley Dewhirst
July 10	Marian Bachir
	Robert Luftman
	Judy Montgomery
July 12	Bob Kovalchik
July 14	Mary Brocker
	Wnam Valk

### JULY ACTIVITIES

July 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 2	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 8	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
July 9	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 10	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 12	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
July 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 16	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 17	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 22	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
July 23	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 24	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 29	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
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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), or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next Green Team meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Town Office).

## **Coming Soon—Low-Cost Compost Bins for Sale!**

The Green Team held two successful composting events last year, and to build off of that began to look into other ways to help residents compost. We did some research and learned about how Cheverly has helped residents compost in their own backyards by offering low-cost compost bins for sale through their town.

We think it's a great model for Berwyn Heights, and the Town Council did too, as they have provided funding for the compost bins. Because of their support, along with the support from another local nonprofit, the NIE Institute, the Green Team will be able to provide compost bins to residents interested in purchasing them, *for just \$20!* Residents will be able to purchase the bins at the Town Office and Public Works will deliver them to their homes. The Green Team will also provide residents with information and training about using the compost bins.

There will be a limited supply of bins, so if you're interested, please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com). Look for further details in the coming months in the GreenBee and on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam/>!

## **The Community Garden is Open!**

After many months of hard work by the community garden planning committee, residents who signed up to have community garden plots and other volunteers, the community garden is now in full swing! Residents have planted vegetables and it already looks fantastic! The garden is located at the Tecumseh thru-way between the 8900 blocks of 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenues. In the fall, we will sponsor an open house to celebrate this wonderful new addition to our community. Stay tuned for additional details.

## **Did You Know?**

### **Berwyn Heights Elementary School is Making Strides in Gardening & Recycling!**

Recognizing that hundreds of milk bottles were being thrown out daily, the Green Team met with school officials in spring 2014 to determine if there would be a way to recycle at least some of these milk bottles. School officials agreed it would be a great idea to try out a pilot project, and now a group of the students are actively helping clean the milk bottles so they can be recycled. The Public Works Department was already regularly stopping by the school to collect paper recycling and has now increased their recycling pick ups to twice a week.

The Green Team has also helped to expand the school gardens exponentially over the past year, creating a Peace Garden (pollinator garden), a lasagna (layered) garden to better the soil, and a vegetable garden for the students to learn about sustainability. And in May 2014, the Green Team introduced a new partnership to the school with ECO City Farms to enhance the environmental education of the staff and children on composting. Berwyn Heights Elementary School will become the pilot school for Prince George's County on composting! To top all this off, the school has also just submitted paperwork to get recertified in the Maryland Green Schools Program. Nice work Berwyn Heights Elementary School!

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**The Bugle - July 2014**

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(2014 ANNUAL CAMPOUT) L TO R: Angie Wolfinger, Leslie Wolfinger, Shinita Hemby, Lynn White

**Congratulations to all of the teams who participated this year!**

- Please congratulate the U-10 Soccer Team! They made it to the Finals!(Coach Tino and Coach Dave)
- Also congratulate our U12/U14 Baseball Team who also made it to the Finals! (Coach Ronnie & Coach Cheryl)
- Registration is now open for Fall Soccer, Ball Hockey and Track!
- Congratulations to last year's U-12 Soccer players who made the cut and played on the Greenbelt Middle School Team! Those tryouts were extremely difficult. (Coach Jeff)
- Congratulations to all of the coaches who gave their best efforts, time, and care to our children. You guys rock.

**CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS: DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!**

- FALL MUMS AND PUMPKIN SALE!!
- 2014 FALL MOVIE NIGHT
- ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
- ANNUAL MEET AND GREET



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- MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE
- EQUIPMENT MANAGER
- FIELD PREPARATION MANAGER

# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



“Police Beat” includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of May 2014. 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.

05/03/2014 at 9:51 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the McDonald’s located on Greenbelt Road for theft of keys left on the counter by a customer. Suspect was caught on CCTV and being described as a B/F. 5, 05", 130 Lbs., with long straight hair.

05/04/2014 at 12:15 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism to a 2001 Honda. Victim stated that she had an argument with a B/M and he later smashed the driver's side rear passenger window.

05/06/2014 at 12:37 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the SECU located on Greenbelt Road for a report of a 25 y/o, B/F passing bad / stolen check. The aforementioned suspect fled the bank prior to the arrival of officers. Investigation continues.

05/08/2014 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski and Chief of Police responded to the 7700 block of Edmonston Road for a domestic dispute complaint.

05/08/2014 at 3:15 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8200 block of 55th. Avenue for women’s purses that were found. Owners were notified and no crime or criminal activities were involved.

05/09/2014 at 4:52 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2008 BMW from the location of 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without insurance.

05/12/2014 at 8:47 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a white trailer from the location of 6200 block of Ruatan Street. The trailer was not displaying any tags.

05/13/2014 at 9:52 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a subject who failed to pay for his cab fare. Suspect, a 31 Y/O, B/M, resident of Lanham, MD was told to pay after service rendered. Suspect complied.

05/14/2014 at 7:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski was approached by a Town resident who requested a report for lost keys.

05/15/2014 at 1:30 pm, Det. Unger, Chief of Police and Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of drug activities. Investigation revealed that a 43 Y/O, W/M was injecting heroin in the parking lot with four other occupants. All occupants were identified and the 43 Y/O male was arrested.

05/16/2014 at 11:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of a personal computer that had been hacked and rendered useless.

05/16/2014 at 12:25 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft from a 2010 Volkswagen. Unknown person removed the rear view glass and wiring from the left side of the vehicle.

05/17/2014 at 4:40 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of a lawn mower that was found. It is unknown if it was abandoned, discard or stolen.

05/19/2014 at 7:22 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2009 Hyundai from the location of the 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

05/17/2014 at 12:00 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the Shell gas station located in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of an attempted robbery. Two young black male suspects entered the store with a knife and attempt to obtained money. However, they fled out of the store when an employee confronted the suspects.

05/18/2014 at 4:06 am, Pvt. Duck responded to the Shell gas station located in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism. Unknown person cut a lock to a storage bin. No items

were taken.

05/24/2014 at 8:09 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 60th. Avenue for an unattended death investigation. 41 y/o, w/m, was found dead at the bottom of the steps where he resides. Det. Unger and PG County Homicide were notified and investigation continues.

05/27/2014 at 7:04 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the corner of Seminole Street and Edmonston Road for a report of an armed robbery. 36 y/o, Latino male advised officer that he was robbed at knife point of his wallet. Victim further stated that he was robbed by two black males and a black female at approximately 5:30 am. The victim did not report at the time of the incident but drove home. An hour later he decided to call 911 from his residence in Greenbelt.

05/29/2014 at 12:06 pm, Pfc. Krouse and Det. Unger arrested Mr. Nathan Marlo Knight II from the location of 8500 block of 58th. Avenue. Mr. Knight II was a fugitive and wanted through Prince George’s County Sheriff Department.

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## Code News

### Unregistered, Inoperable Vehicles

The Berwyn Heights Code Compliance Department has begun to focus on vehicles that have no tags, expired tags, and may no longer be drivable. According to *Ordinance 107 Section 5 (D)*, such vehicles must be enclosed in a garage or, if parked in a driveway, properly covered with an opaque, fitted car cover. Tarps tied with strings are not acceptable. Property owners, who are not in compliance, are subject to fines.



Not Permitted

### Code Activity for May:

**Top code violations:** Abatements = 1; High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 94; Miscellaneous Violations = 5; Trash/ Litter = 11; Tree Limbs/ Brush; Untagged Vehicles = 11; Yard Waste = 6.

**Other activities:** New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections = 8; Re-inspections = 2; Rental Investigations = 3; Building Permits = 5; POD Permits = 2; Permit Violations = 2.

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**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.

**2 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags:** \$50 each. Canning jars pint & quart size: \$5 mix & match a dozen. Call Jeff after 4 PM at 301-474-5803. Cash only.

**Discounted tickets to Capitals' games:** Dream seats are in Sec.107, Row U. Caps shoot twice. This is the handicapped row next to the Monumental box. Easy access with no seats in front or behind you. All tickets are discounted — with no add ons. Contact Jody at [jwg21248@yahoo.com](mailto:jwg21248@yahoo.com).

**College dorm room items for sale:** 3 like-new appliances. Black 4-cup Mr. Coffee Model DRX5 with brew and set delay; small Emerson 2009 Microwave oven Model MW7305B; small Sanyo 2009 refrigerator Model SR-A2480M [301-646-6938](tel:301-646-6938).

**BH Republican Club** meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. For more information, check out the Berwyn Heights Republicans Webpage: [www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html](http://www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html)

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## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

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Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

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

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

### Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

### Playgroup

Jaime Sampson  
[sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:sampson.jaime@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

### Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Jaime Sampson  
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### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

### BH Elementary School PTA

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### Karate Club

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Berwyn Heights Emergency Preparedness/ Neighborhood  
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## Scams, Scoundrels and Con-Artists

It's not always easy to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Berwyn Heights requires that all solicitors have a permit from the town office. Never open your door and let anyone into your home – especially based on their word that they work for an alarm company or any other company for that matter. They could be impersonating a representative from a company and possibly even try to gain information about access to your home or force their way in. So, what should you do? Always ask for a Berwyn Heights' permit, and if they don't have one close your door and notify the police department.

### **Spring and summer are great months for scoundrels and cons.**

- **Watch out for offers to repave, blacktop or seal your driveway.** Often it is either black paint or some inferior grade of sealant.
- **Lawn care companies** may tell you that they have a leftover tank of Lawn Weed and Feed spray that they can spray on your yard for a greatly reduced price. Even if you smell the tank do you really know what is in it? It could be plain water or worse something that will kill your yard.
- **Watch out for telephone scams too!** There are telephone solicitors that will try to get you to return calls to 876 and 976 area codes. These codes will charge you by the SECOND and could result in Hundreds of dollars of charges.
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# July 2014

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recycling Collection  Yard Waste North South	Refuse Collection North  South  Bulk Pick-up North  South	1	2 NW/EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	3  N S	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	5
6	7  N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	8  S	9 Town Mtg. 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	10  N	11  S	12
13	14  N	15  S	16	17  N	18  S	19
20	21  N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	22  S BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	23	24  N	25  S	26 Electronics Recycling 9:00-12:00 Greenbelt DPW  
Street Sweeper	28  N	29  S	30 Four Cities Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Ctr.	31  N		

# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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

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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
Email: <a href="mailto:code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>	
Public Works Department .....	(301) 474-6897
Email: <a href="mailto:publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>	
Fire Department .....	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center .....	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) .....	(301) 345-2808
Town Office .....	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-A-Bus Reservations .....	(301) 474-5000

#### Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo	(301) 474-6350	<a href="mailto:ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Mayor — Public Safety and Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	<a href="mailto:jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	<a href="mailto:pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 432-0710	<a href="mailto:crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Councilmember — Code Enforcement		
Anthony Schreiber	(301) 466-1807	<a href="mailto:aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Councilmember — Public Works		

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Heavy Trash Day:

Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac  
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71  
 FIOS channel 12**

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
 at 11:30 a.m.  
 or call the Town Office

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website:** <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>  
**Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.**  
**Or email:** [emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
**Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!**  
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