

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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# TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY – APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Mayor Cheye Calvo's expected resignation will create a vacancy on the Town Council. An appointment to fill the vacancy must be made within 45 days of its occurrence, pursuant to Section 309 of the Town Charter. Residents interested in serving on the Town Council are requested to apply by **Friday, June 19, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.** Applicants should keep open the evening of **Monday, July 6, 2015** for an interview with the Town Council.

Applications should include a letter of interest, resume and a financial disclosure form, available at the Town office. The envelope should be marked 'Council Candidate' and addressed to: Mayor & Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740. An application can also be emailed to [kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us) using 'Council Candidate' in the subject line.

Eligible applicants must be at least 21 years old, registered voters of Prince George's County, and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights for at least six (6) months. While serving on the Council, the person selected cannot hold a paid position in the service of any other municipality in the State. Town Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month and Council worksessions on the first and third Mondays of the month. Additional meetings may be required from time to time.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2015 TOWN BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A public hearing will be held prior to adopting the FY 2015 Town budget amendments on June 10, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Town Council amends the budget to reconcile actual expenditures and receipts with appropriations, and to comply with the State of Maryland's requirement to have a balanced budget.

The public hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Please call (301) 474-5000 if you would like further information.

## ORDINANCE 119 TRAFFIC & PARKING AMENDED

Please be advised that the Town Council at the last Town meeting amended Ordinance 119 to adopt an existing State of Maryland regulation that requires motor vehicles to display license plates in front and rear.

Violations of the regulation carry a \$60 fine.



## Volunteer Dinner

June 17, 6:30 pm, Town Center

Each year the Town hosts a dinner for the people who volunteered their time and talent for the betterment of Berwyn Heights. In this way, the Town expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the important contributions volunteers make to our community.

Please call the Town Office at (301) 474-5000 to make reservations with Administrative Assistant Yvonne Odoi.

## MOSQUITO CONTROL EXEMPTION



The Maryland Department of Agriculture's summer mosquito control program starts in June. Those wishing to be exempt from occasional truck-mounted spraying may find an application form at

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

For information call 410-841-5870.

ANNOUNCING  
A DPW  
SCHEDULE  
CHANGE



## Trash Collection Schedule Change

Come June 29, 2015, the weekly refuse collection schedule will be as follows:

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

# Budget Worksession

March 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, MPT Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Volunteer Fire Department President James Hurley, Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Representatives Ron Shane and Mike Attick, Boys & Girls Club Treasurer Maria Robles.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** Tonight a number of representatives from Town organizations will present budget requests to the Council.

## 2. Budget

**Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department budget request:** Mayor Calvo explained the Council started a conversation with the BHVFD about its long term plans for upgrading the fire house last year, and increased its annual contribution from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The President of the BHVFD is here tonight to give an update on the plans and financial status of the Fire Department.

James Hurley gave an update on last year's activities. The BHVFD will pick up a new 2015 ambulance this week to replace one that was damaged when it was hit by another car last year. The price has gone up to almost \$200,000 since the last purchase, but BHVFD was able to roll in the financing with that for the ladder truck and will be saving about \$30,000 in interest. The Department receives a 25% share of ambulance bills because it owns its ambulances, and up to 75%, if the ambulances are staffed with volunteers. Ambulance bills make up about 37% of all BHVFD revenues, and are used primarily to pay off the apparatus. The ambulance billing process handled by the County continues to be a problem.

The BHVFD has also put together a committee to spec and purchase a new rescue squad at an estimated cost of around \$800,000. The purchase will not be made until 2016, or 2017. The two rescue squads now in use have lot of mileage on them, and the new one is currently in the repair shop. Further, the BHVFD hired a professional grant writer to apply for a \$300,000 FEMA grant for recruitment and retention of volunteers, and BHVFD is still working on repairs from the June 10,

2014 flash flood, which ruined the station generator, and collapsed a concrete storm water drain. It is also in the process of renovating the kitchen used by 13 live-in volunteers.

Mr. Hurley said that BHVFD continues to explore moving or upgrading the fire house. It is leaning more toward renovating in place and is in negotiations with the County about the best way to do that. The County has money in its capital budget to help finance fire station improvements, but it is cumbersome to work with the County's architects and engineers. Therefore, BHVFD has hired its own architect to help evaluate the options and come up with a plan that maximizes the space. Despite support from the County, a station upgrade would be a substantial financial commitment, probably in the range of several million dollars. It is not clear how the project would be paid for in addition to the regular replacement of the Department's apparatus, but the sale of BHVFD property is being considered.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. Hurley provided more details on the BHVFD finances, property, organization and relationship with the County. The \$10,000 contributed by the Town is very helpful, and this year it will be used to buy a new stretcher, backboard and signage for the new ambulance. The Branchville Fire Department is now 100% volunteer but operates on limited hours with the BHVFD helping to cover their area. The BHVFD is responding to more calls every year.

Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Hurley for this status report. The Council hopes to keep the BHVFD in Town and has again included a \$10,000 contribution in its FY 2016 budget. The Council would like to meet again when there are more definitive plans on the station house upgrade.

### **Boys & Girls Club budget request:**

Mayor Calvo welcomed Maria Robles, Treasurer of the Boys & Girls Club (BHBGC), for a budget request relating to the Sports Park batting cage. Ms. Robles said that she has been active in the Club for 11 years, starting as a coach and then as Treasurer of the BHBGC Executive Board. The Club is doing well financially and has saved up \$3,000 to overhaul the batting cage. The cage has started to sag in some places and is no longer holding up the netting on top. The Club has received a quote for \$5,900 from Metropolitan Fence Company to repair the fence. The Club is requesting the Town to pay a share of the bill because the cage is used by residents

other than Boys & Girls Club members, and on Berwyn Heights Day.

Mayor Calvo explained that the Town owns and programs Sports Park, but it is on Park & Planning land, and Park & Planning has done most of the maintenance in recent years. The Town therefore has not had to budget money for Sports Park maintenance and lost sight of repairs that may be needed. He thinks it is appropriate for the Town to pay a share of the fence repairs under those circumstances.

In response to questions, Ms. Robles explained that the BHBGC has not increased its \$30 fee in many years but is feeling the pinch in its budget. The Club maintains a minimum reserve of \$5,000 that is replenished with fundraisers and grants and pays for needed equipment and repairs. Last year, the Club received other fence bids that were in the same range. Area businesses have been approached about donations for the batting cage fencing, but there were no takers.

Lastly, Ms. Robles asked if the Club can take down the wooden platform behind the concession stand because it is a safety risk for young children. The Council had no objections and will ask Public Works to assist with that. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to schedule a meeting with the Club's executive board sometime during the summer and thanked Ms. Robles for coming in. The Council will consider funding a share of the batting cage repairs.

At 8:20 p.m., the Council took a 20 minutes break.

### **Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness budget request:**

Mayor Calvo welcomed NW/EP Chair Ron Shane and Mike Attick. He explained that the Town has helped fund the NW/EP Committee since it came into being in 2001. In recent years, any money of the Town's \$3,000 annual contribution that is not spent has been set aside in a reserve to purchase a new trailer. The reserve will exceed \$6,000 this year.

Ron Shane explained that it is NW/EP's mission to help the Town be prepared for emergencies. The Committee maintains a trailer that stores supplies for emergencies including generators, power cords, chain saws, cots, blankets, etc. The trailer is nearing the end of its useful life and is no longer road worthy to go out of Town. The Committee intends to replace the trailer using the money in the reserve.

This year, however, NW/EP would like to replace the radios it uses to communi-

cate in an emergency or when participating in patrols and Town events. The current set was given to them by the Police Department almost 10 years ago. They worked very well initially, but now only 2 out of 8 are in working order. The 10 radios and chargers they want to purchase would cost approximately \$6,000. The Committee hopes that the Town might assist with the purchase.

Mike Attick explained that NW/EP has looked into different types of radios. The Police Department has applied for a grant to obtain Motorola radios, which may cover between 30%-60% of the cost, but don't know whether they will receive the grant until 8 weeks from now. A second option is a radio from Metro-talk, currently used by the Public Works Department. Either type would allow NW/EP to communicate with Public Works and the Police in an emergency or a Town event.

Mayor Calvo said he is inclined to consent to the request, but believes that the radios should be purchased with the money now in the reserve. This would give NW/EP an incentive to be judicious in its purchase. Mr. Shane said he does not feel comfortable using the entire reserve for radios because the trailer may need to be replaced in the near future. He asked if the Council would consider a match. Mayor Calvo said that it would not be a match because the money now in the reserve was also given by the Town. The NW/EP reserve is intended for capital expenses such as this. When the need to replace the trailer arises, the Council can address the potential for possible supplemental funding at that point.

**Public Works capital needs:** Director of Public Works, Adrian Lockley, said a couple of problems have come up during the past year that should be addressed.

1 Public Works had difficulties keeping some areas free from ice during this winter because of water released from sump pumps that are not tied into under drains. The worst of these areas is at the corner of Osage Street and 57th Avenue where the entire intersection iced up and Public Works crews had use a backhoe to break up and remove the ice from the roadway repeatedly. It is proposed to rebuild the curb and gutter at Osage and 57th to prevent water from ponding there at a cost of \$7,000.

2 Temperatures in the new meeting room and the lounge in the Senior Center are often uncomfortable because the outer walls are not insulated. The new HVAC vents installed during the recent

renovation cannot supply enough warm air in winter or cold air in summer because the air handler is not powerful enough. It is proposed to install a new high-efficiency air handler that is able to keep the rooms comfortable year round at a cost of around \$12,000. He has applied for grant funding through a Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) but will not know whether the grant is awarded until May. A second option is to purchase a dual zone mini split air conditioner to service the two rooms at a cost of \$5,000.

3 The gravel on the 60th and 58th Avenue footpaths gets washed off after each rainstorm and accumulates on lower-lying roadways. Public Works re-gravels these paths every year and periodically cleans the roadways from washed off gravel. It is proposed to surface the footpaths with asphalt milling at total cost of \$3,000 to reduce annual maintenance.

4 The 58th Avenue extension from Nevada Street to Goucher Drive is breaking apart and should be rebuilt. Much of the damage is at the intersection with Nevada Street where water tends to pond and erode the surface. Town trash trucks collecting trash at the one residence accessed from this road contribute to the damage. Rebuilding this stretch of road with a proper sub-base, crown and drainage would cost up to \$25,500.

Mayor Calvo said this is an expensive repair for a public driveway that serves only one residence. He would like to find a cheaper way to do it, such as piggy-backing onto a larger road project. It may be sufficient to rebuild the swale to guide water to the creek, using the contractor now working on the sidewalks, and then just mill and overlay the extension. The property owner served by the road could be asked to bring his refuse down to Nevada Street for pickup.

The draining of sump pumps into the street is a policy issue that probably should be addressed through Ordinance 118, Roads & Right-of-Ways. Residents who connect their sump pump drains to the street should be asked to obtain a permit. The problem of insufficient heat or air conditioning in the Senior Center should be addressed with a more energy efficient HVAC air handler, hopefully with money obtained from the MSEC grant. The upgrade should not affect the size of emergency generator the Town plans to have installed this year. The asphalt milling proposed for surfacing the footpaths is recycled asphalt but contains

less petroleum. Therefore it is more permeable, yet holds together better for a more durable surface than gravel.

Mayor Calvo said that Director Lockley will be asked to return for a separate discussion on roads later. Meanwhile, he would ask the Council to consider increasing the road repair line item in the Public Works budget to \$20,000 to give the Department more money to patch up Town streets until a major road project can be undertaken.

**Commercial District visioning budget:**

Mayor Calvo reported that he met with Stuart Eisenberg of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC), which has done a lot of community planning work in and around Hyattsville. He obtained sample requests for proposals (RFP), as well as good advice. Based on Hyattsville and Greenbelt examples, he has developed a framework for Berwyn Heights, which has the following components 1) an inventory of existing businesses; 2) an analysis of current zoning and land uses, as well as future zoning potential; 3) an analysis of residential-commercial transition standards; and 4) a market analysis.

Mayor Calvo explained that hiring consultants to perform this type of study would cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The cost might be reduced if a market analysis, the most expensive part of the study, can be done in conjunction with a neighboring municipality. A market analysis would help determine the markets to which Berwyn Heights belongs, and what kind of commercial and other uses would work in these markets. Based on the findings, the Town could develop initiatives to promote and encourage the types of businesses it would like to see in its commercial district.

The Council was requested to review the sample RFPs so that a framework for an economic development study can be worked out at upcoming worksessions. Mayor Calvo suggested to set-aside \$30,000 from the Greenbelt Station Reserve to fund the study. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she hopes this product will be in hand in time for commenting on the Prince George's zoning rewrite, which is likely to have a big impact on the Town.

**Administration capital projects:**

TA Cowles gave an overview of projects that would upgrade some Administration Department services. This includes 1) an overhaul of the personnel manual, possibly in conjunction with a position classification and compensation study; 2) an upgrade of the Town website, with electronic payment portal; and 3) paving the

Town Center parking lot.

Ms Cowles said that the personnel manual overhaul is probably the most pressing need, as the last comprehensive revision occurred during the 1990s. Although off-the-shelf models are available that can be adapted to Berwyn Heights, an outside personnel consultant would bring objectivity and expertise to the revision process. It would also afford the opportunity to add-on a position classification and compensation study, which could serve as the basis for comparisons with other municipalities. The preferred quote comes from a Florida consultant, who would charge \$8,000 for revising the personnel manual, \$6,000 for the compensation study and \$3,000 for an assessment of the performance evaluation process, for a total of \$17,500.

The website is the public face of the Town and would benefit from an upgrade. Although it currently provides essential information, it lacks interactive features that would allow residents to make payments submit forms or make reservations online. The first year cost for redesigning the website is between \$4,000 and \$6,000, which includes the cost of implementation, while the subsequent annual maintenance costs are expected to be in the \$2,500 range. Live streaming of meetings would add approximately \$2,500 a year.

The resurfacing of the entire Town Center parking lot is very expensive, costing nearly \$70,000 for milling and overlay, and \$220,000 for a complete replacement of the existing surface and sub-base. Resurfacing just the entrance area and adjusting the slope, so that water does not puddle there, would cost approximately \$5,000.

Mayor Calvo commented that these are all useful investments but funding them is a matter of setting priorities. In his mind, the personnel manual overhaul is the most important item, followed by a review of the performance evaluation process and then the compensation study, which may not need to be outsourced. An upgrade to the website is not an immediate need, but acceptance of credit card as a form of payment should occur soon. CM Schreiber suggested the Town may want to consider looking into video recordings as a detailed record of Town Council meetings instead of lengthy written minutes. Most minutes he has come across are brief summaries. Mayor Calvo thought that it would be helpful to have recordings of meetings available on the web. However, the written minutes published in the Bulletin are what residents

read to follow Town news.

It was agreed that decisions on funding of projects will be made at the next work-session.

**Surplus calculation:** Mayor Calvo said that he has worked with TA Cowles on the one-page summary of the FY 2016 budget that will be published in the April Bulletin. It will provide a simplified summary of the reserves and surplus section. TA Cowles elaborated that she went through recent audits to arrive at the projections for reserves and the surplus in the FY 2016 budget. After reconstituting the reserve amounts from audits, and correcting a booking problem with speed camera receipts, the surplus amounts to approximately \$500,000. It still includes some items that could be broken out as reserves, such as the money set aside for Health Reimbursement Accounts and some liabilities, including unpaid vacation and sick leave that should not be spent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Worksession April 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Anthony Schreiber. Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

### 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** There were none.

**Calendar:** The date of the Four Cities Coalition meeting in New Carrollton was added for April 30.

The date of the observed July 4 holiday was corrected as July 3.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Minutes for the March 2 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy the March 9 budget worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the March 16 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

**Department Reports:** CM Schreiber reminded residents to clearly label trash

cans used for yard waste as 'yard waste'. Recycling bins should not be used for yard waste. Free tipping day, on which all types of bulk trash is collected free of charge, is set for June 25. Residents are reminded to prune shrubs and trees that have grown into the streets and sidewalks.

TA Cowles reported that an executive session is scheduled before the April 13 budget worksession to interview two candidates for the Code Supervisor position. Mayor Calvo reported that he met with the BHES fourth graders about the annual "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. He has selected the winners and will read the top entry at the April Town meeting. Game Night was not well attended this year. but the organizers enjoyed an evening of playing games together.

**Citizen Comments:** Mayor Calvo received a number of comments on the sidewalks, particularly from home owners who had retaining walls constructed along their property. CM Dennison received comments on the sidewalks from the Seniors some of whom thought they are not needed.

**Budget:** Mayor Calvo said that he placed the FY 2016 budget on the agenda to get it ready for introduction at Wednesday's Town meeting. TA Cowles said that she provided an updated budget summary based on the 3rd quarter expenditure report. She then highlighted changes made to the budget since last version, including money to be pulled from surplus, revenue projected from the Greenbelt Station development, estimated health insurance increases, and assumptions regarding capital expenditures. She noted that Director Lockley provided a new, lower year-end estimate for the Public Works *gas & oil* appropriation that stays within FY 2015 budget of \$42,000, and proposed an on-demand yard waste collection system during the winter months to reduce consumption of gasoline. Mayor Calvo recalled that he raised the issue of implementing a better system for tracking gas usage in the Public Works Department, which might be accomplished by keeping a log for each vehicle.

**Personal property taxes:** Mayor Calvo noted that the Town stands to lose several thousand dollars in personal property tax receipts this year due to a failure to inform the assistant who handles billing of the rate increase the Town Council adopted in FY 2015. He also expressed concerns about the \$15,000 increase in personal property tax revenues budgeted for FY 2016. TA Cowles explained that

she arrived at her projection based on \$40,000 in outstanding personal property tax bills and an analysis of personal property tax receipts and penalties & interest payments over the last decade. After further discussion, it was agreed to keep TA Cowles' projection for FY 2016 personal property tax receipts in the amount of \$265,000.

Operating expenditures: Mayor Calvo proposed to raise the *salary pool* in the non-departmental budget to \$34,000 to be able to pay a higher salary to the next code supervisor, adjust other individual salaries as needed and give cost of living adjustments (COLAs). He thinks the next reassessment of real property will cover the roll up costs. In addition, there is surplus money that can be tapped into. MPT Kulpa Eddy questioned whether the *bulletin* and *copier maintenance* line items have sufficient funding. Mayor Calvo proposed to increase the money pulled from surplus from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to cover possible overages in line items, such as the *bulletin*, *mosquito control* and *law books*, as well as provide additional funds for the salary pool. MPT Kulpa-Eddy so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Capital expenditures - NW/EP radios: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee requested funding for a new set of radios. They have been able to negotiate the price down to \$3,200, but want to make the purchase by the end of this month. Mayor Calvo said that would require a budget amendment but he has no objection to funding the lower request. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to authorize expenses of up to \$3,500 from the NW/EP reserve to purchase new radios. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Batting cage: Mayor Calvo said the Boys & Girls Club requested \$3,000 in Town matching funds to repair the Sports Park batting cage. He supports funding the request in the FY 2016 budget with money from surplus. CM Dennison so moved. CM Schreiber seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Tree service: Mayor Calvo said that CM Rasmussen, who could not be here tonight, was interested in setting money aside for a tree initiative. He may submit a plan and request funding for this upon his return.

Street repairs: Mayor Calvo said he proposed to add \$10,000 to the Public Works *street repair* budget, which Director Lockley welcomed. This money should be taken from the transfer to the

infrastructure reserve. CM Schreiber so moved. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Administration projects: MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that, at the last meeting, TA Cowles presented 3 funding proposals to: 1) hire a personnel consultant to revise the personnel manual, review the position classification and pay plans, and possibly evaluate the performance evaluation process; 2) hire a web design firm to update the Town website; and 3) fix the entrance to the Town Center parking lot.

There ensued a discussion about what the extent of the personnel consultancy should be and the types of repairs needed for the Town Center parking lot. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved, and CM Dennison seconded to authorize \$17,500 for a personnel consultant. The motion passed 4 to 0. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to authorize \$6,000 for a website redesign. The motion passed 4 to 0. No money was authorized for the parking lot repairs at this point.

At 8:30 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Road repairs: Mayor Calvo said that the Council may want to consider spending money this fiscal year on fixing some areas of the roads and sidewalks while the sidewalk contractor is still in Town. Director Lockley highlighted the problem with puddling of storm water runoff at Osage Street and 57th Avenue. This might be corrected by redoing the concrete swale at the intersection. Estimates on what this and some other fixes would cost should be obtained so the Council can make a decision at the next meeting.

Economic development study: Mayor Calvo said he spoke with Greenbelt's Mayor Emmett Jordan about jointly funding a market analysis. Mayor Jordan said Greenbelt would consider it but wants to do it this fiscal year. Mayor Calvo would be in favor of appropriating \$7,500 for a joint market analysis this year, but proposed to budget up to \$30,000 for a more comprehensive economic development study in FY 2016. CM Dennison so moved and MPT Kulpa Eddy seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Town Center HVAC upgrade: MPT Kulpa-Eddy recalled that Director Lockley recommended upgrading the heating and air conditioning system for the Town Center, and had applied for a \$25,000 grant from Maryland Energy Administration. If the Town does not receive the grant, the Council was asked to consider a less expensive option. TA Cowles said that

the Town expects to hear next week whether they will receive the grant.

**County Councilmember's request:** Mayor Calvo explained that County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros' office inquired whether the Town would contribute some money to fund senior year expenses of a Parkdale High School student and Berwyn Heights resident, whose mother recently died. Parkdale has a resource coordinator who would administer the funds. He forwarded the request to the Council and asked to give \$370 from the Council's public relations budget to Parkdale to assist this senior. CM Rasmussen objected because he was concerned that this assistance is given to an individual and may set a problematic precedent. Mayor Calvo said he would still like to give some money to help this resident and asked for the Council's support.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that she shares CM Rasmussen's concern about setting a precedent, but offered to contribute \$100 in private money to help. She believes tax payer money should go to a school or a program to benefit an entire group of people. Mayor Calvo said the Councils on which he has served have done a very good job of spending tax payer money responsibly. They have on occasion included support for individual Eagle Scouts and one Miss America contestant. This is an uncomplicated way to help compared to launching a private fundraising initiative. CM Dennison said it is terrible that some Councilmembers do not want to help this person.

CM Schreiber said that CM Rasmussen and now MPT Kulpa-Eddy already pledged \$100 in private funds to assist the senior. He feels more comfortable with this approach and will do the same. CM Dennison moved and Mayor Calvo seconded to authorize a \$370 donation to Parkdale from the Council's public relations budget. The motion failed 2 to 2, with MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Schreiber opposed.

**McDonald's redevelopment:** TA Cowles said that McDonald's legal counsel provided a revised site plan for the proposed redevelopment, which optimizes the site for drive-through service. It will have fewer parking spaces, but does improve pedestrian access. The plans show a sidewalk along the 63rd Avenue side, as requested by the Council when McDonald's first presented the plans in December 2014. The plans also show a new type of sign that will replace the existing yellow arches. McDonald's has requested the Town send a letter of

support to the Planning Board. MPT Kulpa-Eddy so moved. CM Schreiber seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

### 3. Public Safety

**Ordinance 119 parking amendment:** Mayor Calvo explained that Chief Antolik proposed to adopt a State statute that mandates posting license plates in the front and rear of a vehicle for which 2 license plates are required. This would allow to the Town to enforce the violations and collect the fines. The proposed fine is in the amount of \$60. TA Cowles provided an amended Ordinance 119 that adds the violation, and also revises the definition of abandoned vehicles in Section 3 F to align it with the definition in the just amended Ordinance 107. The amended Ordinance 119 is scheduled to be introduced at the April Town meeting. There were no objections.

**Police vehicle letter of intent:** TA Cowles said that Chief Antolik requested the purchase of 2 police vehicles in FY 2016, one funded from the General Fund and the other from the Public Safety Taxing District budget. Chief Antolik obtained a new quote since his initial budget request which provides more uplifting services for the same price of just under \$35,000 per vehicle. To take delivery of the vehicles by July 2015, a letter of intent to purchase is required by the dealer.

Mayor Calvo asked if TA Cowles has a draft letter of intent. TA Cowles said she has a copy of last year's which she can fetch from the office. The decision to approve the letter of intent was postponed.

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

### 5. Administration

**MML conference attendance:** Clerk Harper was asked to make 5 reservations for the MML conference, including 5 dinner tickets and PGCMA breakfast reservations, plus one BBQ breakfast. MPT Kulpa Eddy volunteered to carry the flag in the parade of flags.

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the May Bulletin cover: Theme, Berwyn Heights Day; announcements for Berwyn Heights Day and FY 2016 budget adoption.

**BHHC appointments:** Clerk Harper said that the BHHC nominated Lee Fuerst to be appointed as the Town's new liaison to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA) and Debby Steele-Snyder as a voting member. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Schreiber,

the Council voted 4 to 0 to appoint Lee Fuerst as ATHA Liaison. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Council voted 4 to 0 to appoint Debby Steele-Snyder as a voting member.

**Police vehicles letter of intent, continued:** TA Cowles provided copies of the revised quote of \$34,700 and letter of intent. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the letter of intent was approved 4 to 0.

### 6. Code Compliance

**Ordinance 134 - Commercial Clean Lot:** TA Cowles explained the revisions to Ordinance 134 address the Council's original concern with too many junked vehicles accumulating in the industrial zone and the lack of premise identification. It also makes changes to the definitions so that they are consistent with those in the recently amended residential Clean Lot Ordinance, i.e. definitions for abandoned vehicles and invasive plant species. Most of the differences in Ordinance 134 from Ordinance 107 are in the standards section and in the time frames and categories for remedying violations. A table showing the enforcement schedules for different violations, adapted to Ordinance 134, is also included.

Mayor Calvo expressed concern that this Ordinance was made too much like Ordinance 107. He worries that standards for commercial establishments from the old Ordinance 134 have not been preserved and new standards may have been inadvertently created. He also thinks that the table created for Ordinance 107 showing time frames for correcting violations does not work for Ordinance 134. He believes there is no need to have a time sensitive category, for example, because time frames for correcting violations are already shorter and fines issued more quickly for commercial enterprises. Similarly, there is no need to make distinctions between one-time, repeat, and multiple repeat offenders. A business that has a repeat violation simply gets fined. Structural violations on a residential property usually affect only the property owner. But a structural violation on a commercial property is a public hazard and must be fixed immediately, or the business gets shut down.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that hazards such as a broken light or a condition where a person might be hurt could be addressed within a time-sensitive framework. Also, she would not want to shut a business down if it can't fix a structural violation right away. Time may be

needed to obtain a permit or a contractor to make the repairs.

Mayor Calvo repeated he remains concerned that some of the standards and enforcement processes specific to businesses were lost when whole sections of Ordinance 107 were imported to Ordinance 134. For example, there is now a violation relating to parking surfaces that should not be applied to commercial establishments. He expected that TA Cowles would review each section of Ordinance 134 taking care that commerce-specific standards are maintained. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added that the same concern is also true for vehicle storage. PG Scrap is allowed to store junked vehicles on any type of surface on their property. The Town may need to know more about standards in industrial, CSC and MXT zones before it can regulate commercial standards.

The Council agreed that the Ordinance is not ready for adoption at the April Town meeting. TA Cowles was asked to refine Ordinance 134 based on tonight's comments and to send an electronic copy to MPT Kulpa-Eddy for editing.

**Ordinance 107 fee and fine schedule:** TA Cowles explained that the proposed new fine schedule for Ordinance 107 incorporates the table of the newly amended Ordinance 107 showing the time frames for correcting different types of violations. Two columns were added to the table to list fines for a first offense and another for repeat offenses. It also imports the explanations of the time frames established in the revised Ordinance, which are immediate, time-sensitive, regular order and structural. In the old fee and fine schedule only tall grass violations had a different compliance process.

In discussion, the Council noted that in the new fine schedule violations carrying immediate fines follow a different process. It was agreed that parking on grass should carry a \$25 fine for the first offense, as well as for the continued or repeat violation. A violation that poses an imminent threat, however, should be doubled from \$25 to \$50 for a continued or repeat violation. Structural violations that are not addressed by the homeowner may need to be abated by the Town at some point and billed via the lien process.

TA Cowles said that it is proposed to handle structural violations, such as crumbling retaining walls, through the normal code enforcement process, starting with a formal notice that a structural violation exists and that a plan to fix it

must be submitted within a 45 day period. If no plan is submitted a fine will be imposed, with a notice to submit a plan within 30 days, and so forth. Mayor Calvo added that, if a structural violation is not remedied despite repeated notices and fines, the Town may step in and abate it. However, this would be akin to the process for demolition and may require a review by the courts.

TA Cowles was asked to insert the fines into the table for adoption at the April Town meeting, including the changes made tonight.

**7. Executive Session (9:50 p.m. - 10:08 p.m.)**

On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter related to the hiring of a new code supervisor and to select the citizen of the year. With matters discussed, MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**T**own Meeting  
April 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison and Anthony Schreiber. CM Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Corporal Paul Roberson, Treasurer Suzan Lape, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Budget Hearings**

Town Budget: Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the FY 2016 Town Budget. The budget maintains the same tax rates as last year - 50 cents per \$100 of assessed real property valuation, 3 cents for road improvements, and \$1.25 for personal property. Revenues from taxes are almost flat in this 3rd year of the triennial assessment cycle, with the exception of a \$30,000 increase in income taxes. On the expenditure side, the total operating budget is \$2.8 million, up from \$2.6 million in FY 2015. However, most of this increase is one-time receipts from the Metroland development, which is set

aside in a reserve. Otherwise the operating budget is flat.

Other highlights include a decline in Town's pension contributions from 9.7% to 8.5%, which pays for anticipated health insurance increases, and an increase in the salary pool from \$17,500 to \$34,000 for merit increases, COLAs and individual salary increases as needed to attract and retain quality employees. The capital budget funds 2 police vehicles, one from the Public Safety Taxing District, and one new trash truck. Capital expenditures will go down in FY 2016, as the sidewalks projects and emergency generators projects are wrapped up this year. Additionally, the Council approved capital expenditures for repairs to the Sports Park batting cage, new Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness radios and an economic development study for the Route 193 commercial district.

MPT Kulpa Eddy gave an overview of the Administration budget, which funds the Mayor and Council, Administration Department, Municipal Building and Town Center. As with the rest of Town operations, the Administration budget is flat. Increases in staff training and public relations were offset by decreases in vehicle maintenance & repair and travel stipend. Proposed capital expenditures include the hiring of a consultant to overhaul the personnel manual and review the position classification and pay plan system, and hiring a vendor to update the Town website to enable credit card payments and streaming meetings online.

CM Dennison said that the Parks and Recreation budget had no noteworthy changes from last year. CM Schreiber said that the Public Works budget is also flat, with salaries being the largest line item. On the capital side, Public Works will purchase a new 27 cubic yard trash truck, which will enable it to consolidate the second weekly trash collection on Thursday and leave Friday open for non-trash projects.

Mayor Calvo added that the Council also appropriated \$40,000 from surplus for operating expenditures, less than the \$50,000 originally planned, to get through this assessment cycle. The Town remains debt free and has saved \$700,000 in its infrastructure reserve, \$235,000 in the vehicle replacement reserve and nearly \$500,000 in its "rainy day" operating reserve. He is proud to say that the Town's overall financial condition is very good.

At 7:49 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Public Safety Taxing District Budget (PSTD): Mayor Calvo summarized the PSTD budget. He noted that Berwyn Heights in 2008 was the first municipality in Maryland to establish a special taxing district for public safety. It essentially funds one full time officer, which happens to be a detective that investigates much of the financial crime perpetrated in the commercial district. The FY 2016 PSTD appropriates \$72,800 for one police officer and \$34,800 for a police vehicle purchase. Revenues amount only to \$72,000 but are supplemented from a healthy PSTD reserve of \$42,000.

At 7:52 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing on the PSTD budget. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m. Mayor Calvo concluded with an invitation to residents to comment at upcoming worksessions or in emails to the Council.

**2. Minutes**

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

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

**4. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Calvo commented on the State budget process. Although the legislature will adjourn next week, Governor Hogan and the legislature are battling over \$200 million in education funding proposed by the legislature, which is in part paid for by not making the required contributions to the State pension plan. If the education plan is not funded, it will entail a loss of \$70,000 for Prince George's County Schools (PGCPS).

The County budget process will not conclude until the end of May but promises to be contentious because County Executive Baker proposed a 15 cent increase in the real property tax rate, removing a long-standing cap known as TRIM. If adopted, it would mean an approximate increase of \$300 per year on residents' real estate tax bills. Residents are encouraged to let their County Councilmember know what they think. Councilmember Dannielle Glaros welcomes comments and can be reached at dglaros@co.pg.md.us.

Mayor Calvo continued that the sidewalks project is progressing well now

that the weather has improved. He enjoys walking his dogs on the finished sections and receiving feedback from residents. However, the process of getting to this point has been long, difficult and more expensive than anticipated, probably costing the Town close to \$500,000 when all is done. The Council also expects to complete a new section of sidewalks in the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue funded with a Safe Routes to School Grant by the end of this fiscal year.

In other news, the Council has taken a position to support the redevelopment of the McDonald's restaurant on Greenbelt Road at 63rd Avenue. McDonald's was responsive to the Town's requests to make pedestrian safety improvements on the property, including a sidewalk on their side of 63rd Avenue and marked crossings in the parking lot. Activity is likely to begin later this summer and the restaurant will be closed for the duration of construction. The Recreation Council will sponsor another Town-wide cleanup this Saturday. Residents are encouraged to participate and will be served free pizza and snacks.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo presented the winners of this year's 'If I Were Mayor' contest, one of his favorite Mayoral acts. Each year, fourth graders at Berwyn Heights Elementary School write an essay about what they would do if they were mayor and receive prizes for placing in the top. The runners up were Auden Baldwin-Bott, Kiara Reddon, Andrea Gomez and Nathaniel Diaz. The overall winner was Gannon Forbes in Ms. Jin's class. Mayor Calvo read the essay for the record.

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*"If I were mayor, I would look at how much it costs for different sources of energy for our town and try and get grant money. Two ideas of energy are a small wind turbine or solar panels. They can generate energy for our town resources, such as the town office and hall, parks and street lights. A good location for the windmill would be up at the elementary school because the school is located on a hill. It is windier on hills and the school could use it to teach students about wind and energy.*

*"Solar panels cost less than wind turbines and they do not need much maintenance. Panels on the Public Works building would be good for the town since Public Works uses a lot of energy. The elementary school would be a good place for the entire town's use and has*

*the highest elevation without a lot of trees.*

*"With the money the town would save, it can be reinvested into the town. As mayor, I would use the money saved to install a saltwater pool for the people of Berwyn Heights. The filtration system for a saltwater pool would not cost as much money as a pool that uses chlorine. Also, having a saltwater pool would not irritate your skin like a chlorine pool. The pool would help provide jobs for teenagers and fun for the residents in the neighborhood.*

*"It is my job as mayor to make our town awesome. With these ideas, I can help make Berwyn Heights a greener place to live and bring more enjoyment with these attractions."*

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Mayor Calvo congratulated Gannon Forbes, the runners-up, and thanked all fourth graders for sharing some interesting ideas about how to make Berwyn Heights a better Town.

**5. Department Reports**

**Administration:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Administration Department has been focused on the FY 2016 budget during the last month. On April 15, County Councilmember Danielle Glaros will hold a Town Hall meeting for her constituents at William Wirt Middle School. The meeting will be attended by County Executive Baker and staff members as well as PGPCS CEO Kevin Maxwell and will be a good opportunity to ask questions about the County's proposed budget and education plans.

**Code Compliance:** Mayor Calvo said that the Town has continued its search for a new code supervisor and has identified 2 finalists, which the Council will interview next Monday.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison said that she has been working with the Council on putting together the FY 2016 budget. As noted, a Town-wide cleanup will be held on April 11.

**Public Health and Safety:** Corporal Paul Roberson gave the police activities report for March for Chief Antolik, who was unwell. There were 4 Part I offenses, all thefts from cars, which is below the 5 year average of 5.8. The year to date total was 16, also below the 5 year average of 18.2. The police also wrote 159 citations and issued 234 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. The lower than normal offenses and citations were likely due to the cold

weather but credit should also be given to watchful residents who report unusual activities.

**Public Works:** CM Schreiber reported that Gary Stanton was chosen as employee of the month for March. In upcoming weeks the Public Works Department will perform pot hole repairs, prune broken and low-hanging branches in the Town right-of-way and prepare for Berwyn Heights Day. Following the recent water main break on Cunningham Drive, Director Lockley has contacted WSSC to ask if the Town might be given the tools to perform an emergency shutoff so that it can prevent water from flooding homes and back yards in the future.

**6. Committee Reports**

**Green Team:** Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team is sponsoring a run/walk around Lake Artemesia this Sunday as part of the 'Lose It to Win It' fitness campaign and has enlisted enough participants for a fitness boot camp on Sunday mornings. The Community Garden is open and most plots have been rented.

**Historical Committee:** Clerk Harper, as Chair of the Historical Committee, reported that the Council appointed Lee Fuerst, the BHHC's Vice Chair, as liaison to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA), and Debby Steele-Snyder as a new voting member.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that NW/EP will host the 2nd annual Wine Tasting fundraiser on April 24. Up to 6 Maryland wineries are expected to participate and there will be live music. A \$10 entrance fee applies. The Committee will again have its trailer open on Berwyn Heights Day and the next meeting is on May 6.

**Recreation Council:** Nothing was reported.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance No. 134 - Adoption of Commercial Clean Lot Amendments:** Mayor Calvo said that the Council is still working on refining amendments to the Ordinance but hopes to adopt it at the next Town meeting. On a motion by CM Dennison, and second by CM Schreiber the Ordinance was continued.

**8. New Business**

**Ordinance No. 169 - 1st Reading & Introductions of the FY 2016 Town Budget:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to introduce the FY 2016 budget. Without any comments, the motion passed 4 to 0.

**Ordinance No. 170 - 1st Reading & Introduction of the FY 2016 Public Safety Taxing District Budget:** CM Dennison moved and CM Schreiber seconded to introduce Ordinance 170. Mayor Calvo noted that the real property tax rate for the Public Safety Taxing District is 10 cents and the personal property tax rate is 15 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. With no further comments, the motion passed in a 4 to 0 vote.

**Ordinance No. 119 - 1st Reading & Introduction of Traffic & Parking Amendments:** CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to introduce the Ordinance amendments. Mayor Calvo explained that the proposed amendments address two specific issues: 1) updating the definition of an 'abandoned, junked or wrecked' vehicle to match the definition in the recently amended Clean Lot Ordinance; and 2) adopting a regulation that already exists in State law to require vehicles to display front and rear license plates. Once adopted in a Town ordinance, the revenue from citations for this violation will go to the Town of Berwyn Heights. With no further comments, the motion was adopted in a 4 to 0 vote.

**Resolution 02-2015 - 1st Reading & Adoption of Clean Lot Fine Schedule:** Mayor Calvo explained that the Resolution implements the new table of enforcement schedules adopted with the recently amended Ordinance 107. It maintains a \$100 fine for most first time violations and a \$200 fine for repeat or multiple repeat violations. A \$25 fine applies to all violations carrying an immediate fine, such as parking on grass, as well as the new imminent threat category established for violations such as an unsafe storage of flammable materials. If violations that carry immediate fines are not corrected within 24 hours the fine doubles to \$50.

CM Dennison moved to adopt the Resolution. CM Schreiber seconded. With no further comments, the motion passed 4 to 0.

**9. Citizens Discussion**

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**B**udget Worksession  
April 13, 2015

**Executive Session (5:00 p.m. - 7:18 p.m.)**

The executive session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, MPT Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber, as well as Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles. On a motion by CM Schreiber and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss code supervisor interviews. With matter discussed, CM Schreiber moved and CM Dennison seconded to close the executive session.

The public meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. Town Clerk Kerstin Harper joined the meeting.

**1. Mayor**

**Announcements:** Preceding this meeting, the Council had two executive sessions related to personnel matters, which was the reason for the late start of the regular meeting. There will not be an executive session following this meeting, as originally planned. On April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) will convene to give input on the proposed FY 2016 Public Safety Taxing District budget. The meeting is open to the public.

CM Schreiber's Men's League basketball team had a win in the playoffs and will advance to the next round. CM Rasmussen thanked Councilmembers for their expressions of sympathy on the death of his mother. On April 20, he will start his new job and will not be able to attend the worksession.

**2. Budget**

Mayor Calvo noted that TA Cowles provided new budget spreadsheets and one -page summary of the FY 2016 budget. They contain the most recent changes made by the Council, including raising the money to be pulled from surplus from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Most of this money will go toward the salary pool, which was raised from \$17,000 to \$34,000 to remain competitive with neighboring municipalities. The remainder will go into a 'kitty' to pay for possible overages in some line items. On the capital side, the Council also authorized expenditures of \$3,200 from the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness reserve, appropriated a \$3,000 contribution from surplus for improvements to the Sports Park batting cage, \$17,500 from surplus for a personnel consultant, and \$30,000 from the Greenbelt Station reserve for an economic development study. In addition,

the Council agreed that money should be set aside for an urban tree initiative, but it requires a framework to determine funding levels.

Mayor Calvo said that the *street repairs* line item in the Public Works budget was increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to pay for patching the Town's deteriorating roads. However, a more comprehensive plan is needed for renovating all Town streets. Public Works Director Lockley has been invited to discuss the roads at the next worksession. There are a number of different problems that should be fixed in the short term, such as the storm water drainage issues highlighted by Director Lockley at a previous worksession. This and other needed curb and gutter work could possibly be performed by the sidewalk contractor now in Town. As part of a comprehensive plan, an inventory of all current problems afflicting the roads is needed. Beyond that, a framework for fixing the roads over the long term should be developed, including options on how to pay for it.

CM Rasmussen asked what kind of standards the Town would use when budgeting for road renovation: less expensive but aesthetically acceptable versus more expensive but durable. Mayor Calvo agreed that is a central point. It may be advantageous to patch roads until there are enough savings to pay for a major project in cash and avoid debt payments. However, at some point, postponing resurfacing will damage the sub-base and necessitate a more expensive replacement of the entire road bed.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy questioned whether there is enough money in the *bulletin* and *copier maintenance* line items of the Administration Department budget. TA Cowles said that she will check into it. CM Rasmussen asked if there are any guidelines for developing a comprehensive tree program. He has looked into different types of matching funds offered by County and State agencies, re-establishing a tree board, and amending Ordinance 122 - Urban Forest. Mayor Calvo said that guidelines for replanting trees would be useful. The Edmonston Road buffer was cleared by Pepco and to some extent replanted, but still seems incomplete. On the other hand, vines are still overrunning the buffer and should probably be cleared. Any tree program should have an educational component that advises on which trees should be planted where and how to care for them.



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In conclusion, Mayor Calvo noted that there are several open issues in the FY 2016 budget that still need to be addressed: a roads plan, a method for tracking gas usage in the Public Works Department, and health insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



Clean Lot Violations	April
High Grass/ Vegetation	76
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	4
Animals	2
Trash/ Litter	7
Refuse Collection	7
Vehicles	16
Miscellaneous	13
Commercial	11
<b>Total Clean Lot Violations</b>	<b>136</b>
Abatements	2
Permits	
Building	3
Dumpster/ PODs	2
Violations	2
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	2
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>201</b>
Inspections	11
Re-inspections	9
Fines	3
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	3
Lost Vacant Homes	0
<b>Total Vacant Properties</b>	<b>46</b>

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**New Code Supervisor**

We are pleased to announce that Freddie Glass has joined us as the new Code Supervisor. Mr. Glass previously worked as a code officer for the City of Bowie and the Town of North Brentwood and is certified in building and property maintenance. He will be responsible for coordinating day-to-day operations of the Code Department under the direction of the Town Administrator and the Councilmember for Code Compliance.

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Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



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- Make emergency plans for pets.
- Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators and battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards and cell phones.
- Buy food that will keep and store drinking water.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
  - Trim trees and shrubbery.
- Review home, renters, and flood insurance policies.



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### When in a Watch area...

- Listen frequently to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for bulletins of the storm's progress.
- Fuel and service your vehicles.
- Stock up on batteries, food that will keep, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purpose such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.
- Store lawn furniture and other loose, light-weight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Have cash on hand in case power goes out and ATMs don't work.

### When in a Warning area...

- Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials.
- Leave immediately if ordered to evacuate!
  - If evacuating, leave as soon as possible. Stay with friends or relatives, at a low-rise inland motel or at a designated public shelter outside the flood zone.
  - Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
  - Take pets with you. Identify pet-friendly motels along your evacuation route.

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### If Winds Become Strong...

- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- If you are in a two story house, go to an interior 1st floor room.
- Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.

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# TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:00 AM  
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Cost is only \$3.00 to have your location & items for sale printed on the map, copies will be available June 19th at the Town Office, and June 20th at the BH Community Center parking lot. The map will display all participating addresses of the yard sale, as well as, a list of items for sale. Advertisements for the yard sale will be placed in the Penny Saver, Gazette, and the Washington Post.

For additional information, please contact Theresa Beck at: [beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com), 301-237-2829

**YARD SALE REGISTRATION FORM** - Please return this form and \$3.00 (checks payable to: Berwyn Heights Recreation Council), to Town Office by **Monday, June 15, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.**

Contact Information	Items to sell (please check all that apply)	
Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Clothes
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Clothes
Phone Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Items	<input type="checkbox"/> Toys
E-mail:	<input type="checkbox"/> Knick Knacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please attach separate sheet listing items.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

June 7	Dianna Lee Hall
June 10	Eunice Burton
June 12	Mark Anderson
June 16	Elaine Colihan
June 23	Grace Karikari
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson

## JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 2	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
June 3	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 4	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 9	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
June 10	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 11	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 13	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
June 16	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
June 17	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 18	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 23	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
June 24	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 25	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 30	Bingo	12:30 P.M.



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Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **April 2015**. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified

category.

04/06/2015 at 7:46 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a damaged back hoe.

04/06/2015 at 6:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the location of Greenbelt Road near 57th. Avenue for an accident involving two vehicles.

04/08/2015 at 10:29 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the BHPD station and met with a Town resident who claims that her credit card was compromised on or about October 2014.

04/07/2015 at 11:45 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 7700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a dog bite incident. Owner of the alleged dogs also resides in the same block;

refuses to cooperate with the officers. Animal Control was contacted and report submitted.

04/13/2015 at 12:02 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a found property report. Citizen found a zippered bag filled with I.D's.

04/14/2015 at 10:20 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a dispute between co-workers.

04/15/2015 at 12:30 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the Berwyn Heights Department Works for a report of an assault between two co-workers. 04/17/2015 at 8:22 am, Pvt. Ramirez submitted a found property report. A Manitou Mountain Bike was found in the 6200 block of Pontiac Street.

04/17/2015 at 8:50 am, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 2003 GMC truck from the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road. Driver was not licensed.

04/20/2015 at 12:05 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2003 Honda from the 6100 block of Seminole Street. The driver was suspended.

04/22/2015 at 7:51, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a vandalism report. Victim alleged that someone had been throwing small rocks at his vehicle.

04/24/2015 at 6:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2006 Chevy truck from the location of Greenbelt Road and 57th. Avenue due to an accident.

04/28/2015 at 8:18 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Greenbelt Road Shell for a counterfeit \$20.00.

04/29/2015 at 3:00 pm, Pvt. Yomayra and Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a 17 y/o runaway.

04/30/2015 at 3:40 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8000 block of Cunningham Drive for a property damage report.

04/30/2015 at 10:28 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Berwyn Heights Town Hall for a report of an injured / sick person. Subject was described as an Asian male in his late 20's who was transported to the hospital.

04/30/2015 at 11:18 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Parkway Liquor for a report of an illegal dumping.

MONTH OF APRIL -- PERMITS ISSUED FROM TOWN HALL.  
None reported

**After Business Hours:**

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## Filming Berwyn Heights

Producer Bill Cornette will be out and about filming scenes of Berwyn Heights this summer. He has been engaged by the Four Cities Coalition to make a promotional video, and has a letter of introduction from the Town.



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This is your opportunity to clean out your attic, basement, garage or shed for FREE! Please take advantage of it and adhere to the following:

Please do not place Spring Cleanup items at the curb prior to the evening of Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Collection crews will make only one (1) pass by each residence therefore all items must be at curbside no later than 7:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- ▣ Tires – Tires must be off the rim.
- ▣ Metals – stoves, washers, dryers, shelving, pipes, etc.
- ▣ Bulk Refuse and Large household items – chairs, couches, furniture, mattresses, etc.
- ▣ Household Appliances – refrigerators, microwaves, freezers, etc. (must be empty)

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR LIQUIDS of any kind will be accepted at this clean up and it is against the law to dispose of hazardous waste in the trash. Please DO NOT jeopardize the safety of children or our sanitation workers by discarding hazardous materials at the curb. Household hazard waste materials include: poisons, cooking oil, propane tanks, cleaning agents, solvents, oil-based paints, acid car batteries, helium balloon tanks, household batteries, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, fuels, swimming pool chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury, and photographic chemicals.

\*Residents South of Pontiac: There will be no refuse collection on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> so please use this opportunity to discard your household waste.

## REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGE

THE SECOND REFUSE COLLECTION DAY FOR RESIDENTS SOUTH OF PONTIAC STREET WILL BE MOVED TO THURSDAYS EFFECTIVE THE WEEK OF JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE REFUSE CURBSIDE ON FRIDAYS AFTER JUNE 29, 2015 AS IT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED AND YOU WILL RISK ORDINANCE VIOLATION NOTICES AND FINES.

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

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

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**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:

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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.

**Cordless Electric Lawnmower:** Free, but note that battery is old and getting weak. Contact Eric: 301-345-1516.

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

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

**Childcare:** Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 29 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on weekends and evenings. Call (301)345-7622.

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

**For Sale—Sacrifice:** Riding lawn mower, as is, \$200; Large screened gazebo, mint, box unopened, \$150. Need help with sewing project? (My house or Yours.) Call Nancy 301-345-2022 for more details on all three items.

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Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson  
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen  
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond  
301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

### Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000

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

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Playgroup

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

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### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

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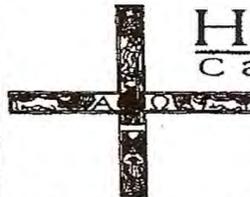
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# Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14



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### Recent Working Incidents:

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**- Truck 14, Squad 14B & Tech Support 14 responded to the 5400 blk of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights for the structural collapse of a pedestrian bridge onto the Metro tracks. Scene Command was passed over to Metro personnel from BHVFD after it was determined there were no life hazards.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**- Truck 14, Squad 14 & Chief14A operated in the 9700blk of 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Adelphi for the working house fire.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**- Squad 14B & Ambo 14 responded to Golden Triangle Dr. in Greenbelt for the machine rescue, child's hand stuck in a treadmill at a hotel.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**- Truck 14 & Chief 14A (Fabrizio) responded to the 21000 blk of Guilford Rd in Adelphi for the Apartment on Fire. Units arrived on scene to find heavy fire showing from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and multiple adults and an infant trapped inside. The volunteer crew of Truck 14 reported to the fire floor to locate and remove the trapped occupants to the awaiting EMS units outside. Chief 14A had command of the fire floor, overseeing rescue and extinguishment operations. Truck 14 remained on scene for several hours to assist the Fire Marshals with their investigation. Ambulance 14 remained staffed throughout the incident to protect the community with the help of Glenn Dale VFD Squad 18 (transferred to BHVFD).

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**- Squad 14B extricated a trapped driver from a crash on Riverdale Rd at Balt/Wash Parkway in Riverdale.



### Prince Georges County Burn Laws:



When deciding what to do with all that extra yard waste this summer, please decide to put it out for BHPDW to collect instead of burning it. PG County law prohibits "brush burns" inside the Capitol Beltway due to the population density. If you start a fire on the ground we will be dispatched and have to extinguish the fire. All recreational and cooking fires should be made in a stone/metal container raised at least 6 inches off the ground and 20 ft from the house, with means of extinguishing it nearby. *Thanks for making our job easier!*

### BHVFD Volunteers honored at Prince Georges County Public Safety Valor Awards Ceremony

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, three BHVFD volunteer members were awarded the Silver Medal of Valor for their efforts in the Six Flags Joker's Jinx high-angle rescue last summer. The Valor Awards is an annual event that recognizes all Police Officers, Sheriffs, and Firefighters in Prince Georges County for their heroic efforts. BHVFD volunteer Deputy Chief Chase Fabrizio, Captain Michael Stevenson, and Sergeant Everett Hoffman were awarded for their "great personal risk and ingenuity" while operating 85 feet above ground on greasy rails to bring the 24 stranded passengers down to safety. BHVFD Rescue Squad 14 received an overall Unit Citation for the difficult rescue as well.



Chief Fabrizio



Capt. Stevenson



Sgt. Hoffman

### BHVFD Hosts Full Scale Metro Rail Exercise

On Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, BHVFD volunteers staffing Truck 14, Squad 14B, Ambulance 14, Chief 14 & Chief 14A participated in a full size Metro Rail emergency exercise at the Greenbelt Metro Station hosted by Metro, PG County's Homeland Security & PGFD. Units from BHVFD simulated the evacuation of a disable Metro train away from the station with dozens of stranded passengers. Chief 14 (McCoy) had Incident Command of the exercise, and Chief 14A (Fabrizio) had "Recon Group Supervisor" of all units operating on the tracks. Additional volunteer units from Branchville VFD & College Park VFD participated as well. Other county Fire/EMS units were transferred into the area to ensure coverage during the exercise.

#### Station 14 Call Volume: April 2015

Rescue Squads:	95
Ladder Truck:	121
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	5
Ambulance & Paramedic Ambulance	168
<b>Total Station Runs for April</b>	<b>389</b>



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# The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

## Berwyn Heights Day

The BHHC re-issued the Waugh Avenue (Berwyn Road) historic marker. The new marker corrects previous errors and puts Waugh's role into context. Waugh Avenue was named for James E. Waugh (1841-1895), one of seven Washington investors who in 1888 established the railroad suburb of Charlton Heights.



JAMES E. WAUGH



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 23**

Debbie Steele Snyder, Sharmila Bhatia, and Lee Fuerst set up the booth.

Kerstin Harper, with Mayor Cheye Calvo, presents the Waugh Avenue marker.



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

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



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## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

### For Preschoolers and Younger

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

**Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy

**Playground Rotation:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month - Pop's Park

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



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- Old Shoes (tip- donate to thrift store)
- Clothing never or rarely worn (tip-hook hangers backwards, in 6 mo's if not used-toss it).
- Unidentified "frozen" objects in your fridge. (toss on trash pick up day)
- Expired pantry and medicine cabinet items. (tip- flush RX)
- Old movies you don't watch (donate to community center).
- Old holiday/birthday cards and kids art work. (tip- scanner wand to keep those memories on your computer).

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**CONTRACT- 4910 Hollywood Rd- 4BR,3 BA cape cod completely renovated, fam rm w/FP....\$299,900.**  
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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

June 2015

## THE END OF YEAR POOL PARTY IS BACK!!

Enjoy a wonderful evening at the pool with your friends to celebrate a great year at school and kick off your summer break!

There will be plenty of food and fun at Adelphi Pool - a beautiful, large pool with a baby pool and picnic areas just off Riggs Road in Adelphi, 10 minutes from Berwyn Heights.

Look for more information coming home in backpacks soon!



## Thank you TAW Team!

A HUGE Thank You to PTA parents Chris McComb, Suzanna Baldwin-Bott, Susan Levy, Erin Eaker, Lilly Ridge and Denise Moctezuma for making Teacher Appreciation Week in May such a success! The PTA provided a great lunch from Jersey Mikes for all the teachers and staff; gave everyone a nice mug filled with treats; did a bathroom makeover of the staff bathroom complete with pictures on the walls, a rug and lots of nice soaps and lotions; and provided coupons for a free Zumba class at the College Park Community Center. Thank you for showing our teachers just how much we appreciate all they do for our kids every day!

## Chipotle Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all the school families and town residents who supported our first Chipotle fundraiser in April. We raised an amazing \$915 in four hours! \$500 of this the PTA has given to the school to help fund the Maryland ZooMobile visit to all grades this month, and the remainder is being used for Teacher Appreciation Week and the Pool Party. Thank you for supporting BHES!

## Don't forget!

The last two days of school - Monday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 23rd are two hour early dismissal days so school will end at 1:25pm.

## In the Gardens...

Fifth grade has been busy in the gardens growing kale and harvesting their broccoli, which they enjoyed with dips. A complete harvest of the raised beds in June will celebrate all the successes of grades 3 and 5! June also brings a planting of gourds and pumpkins in the big garden patch ready for fall. Lastly, 4th grade classes will be planting Butterfly Weed plugs around the Peace Garden to attract more Monarchs to our gardens during their migration in the fall for the kids to see.

## Are you interested in helping with the PTA next year?

We will have lots of new board members and openings for various committee chairs next year. It's a lot of fun, a great way to meet other parents and you are helping your child's school! Please come to our June PTA meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:45pm in the library to see how you can help.

## Important Dates

- June 2nd - Volunteer Breakfast
- June 3-10 - Field Trips to the USDA
- June 5th - Career Day
- June 8-12 - Visit from the MD ZooMobile
- June 8-12 - Scholastic Book Fair
- June 19 - End of Year Pool Party
- June 23 - Last day of school





**Dear Sponsors,**

It gives me pleasure to share with you that the Town of Berwyn Heights, Maryland, will be holding the 31st Annual National Night Out this August. In the past, Berwyn Heights police officers, merchants and citizens have worked together to show strength, commitment and solidarity in fighting crime. Please consider a contribution in any monetary amount to help battle crime through public education and community outreach. The Berwyn Heights Police Department remains deeply committed to the safety and well being of the people and businesses in this community, and thanks you for your continued cooperation in helping us achieve our mission.



**Berwyn Heights Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

The 32nd Annual National Night Out (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event celebrated by citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide, as well as Canada. It is designed to:

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- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, our neighborhoods celebrates NNO with a variety of activities including:

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| ◆ cookout  | ◆ games for kids       |
| ◆ visits from local police and sheriff departments | ◆ contests             |
| ◆ martial arts demonstrations                      | ◆ exhibits             |
|  | ◆ and other activities |

The Berwyn Heights National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. By partnering with local businesses and residents, BHPD has been able to ensure that there is no cost for residents to participate in the event. Please help us continue this great tradition.

We thank you in advance for your support and early response,

Colonel Kenneth K. Antolik  
Chief of Police, Berwyn Heights, Maryland  
(301)474-6554  
Chief@BerwynHeightsPD.com



# June 2015

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 31	1 7:00 PM Worksession	2 	3 7:30 PM NW-EP Meeting Town Office	4 7:00 P.M. Rec. Council Meeting Town Office	5	6
7	8	9 	8 8:00 P.M. Town Meeting FY15 Budget Amendments	11	12	13
14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15 7:00 PM Worksession Town Office	16 	17 6:00-9:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	18	19	20 8:00-12:00 TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
	22 	23 PGCPS Last School Day 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office	24	25 TIPPING DAY	26 No Trash PickUp	27
28	29 	30 	July 1 7:30 PM NW-EP Meeting, Town Office	July 2 	July 3 Independence Day Observed Town Offices Closed—No Trash Pick Up	July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 



**THE STREET SWEEPER WILL NOT VISIT BERWYN HEIGHTS DURING JUNE. PLEASE DON'T LITTER OUR STREETS.**



# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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 Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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#### 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 Compliance		
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:

Monday for North of Pontiac  
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71  
 FIOS channel 12**

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

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website:** <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

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

Or email: [jcowles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jcowles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)

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

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