

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**March 2015**



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## FY 2016 BUDGET



## MEETINGS

TA Cowles will present the proposed FY 2016 budget on March 2, at 7:00 pm.

The Town Council will discuss different aspects of the budget during the worksessions:

- MAR 9, 23
- APR 13, 27 (tentative)
- MAY 11 (tentative)

## PUBLIC WORKS JOB OPENING

The *Administrative Assistant/Crewman II* is a skilled worker engaged in a variety of public works activities. The work is performed under the general supervision of the public Works Director and other supervisory personnel and requires initiative, good judgment and an acquired set of skills. The work involves supervising semi- and unskilled employees and providing administrative support for the Public Works Department.

Send email resumes to: [contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)

## TAX TIME IS COMING! REMEMBER YOUR TOWN

Please remember to specify Berwyn Heights as your municipality on your State income tax return. Each year Berwyn Heights loses out on income tax revenues when residents put down the wrong municipality or do not put down any municipality. Income tax revenues that should come to Berwyn Heights often go to College Park because we share the same zip code. To prevent your income taxes going to College Park, or another town, or the County, mark **BERWYN HEIGHTS** as your municipality on your State income tax return.



† CALVIN C. FOSTER, SR. †

Town Commissioner 1962 - 1964

Beloved husband of the late Norma Audrey Foster passed away on January 16, 2015 at age 95. He is survived by his son Calvin C. Foster, Jr., grand-daughter Jennifer McEldowney, and great grand-children Erienne and Taylor McEldowney. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth N. Foster.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

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## Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Please remember to place your bulk trash out on Mondays and Tuesdays:

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday North Side	Friday South Side
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	Household Trash
► Bulk Trash	► Bulk Trash			
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

# Worksession

January 12, 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, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** Longtime Berwyn Heights resident Dave McCaffrey passed away on January 10. He is remembered for being an active participant in the Boys & Girls Club and other Town activities.

**Calendar:** Adoption of the Clean Lot Ordinances is planned for the February Town meeting. A meeting of the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) will need to be scheduled to appoint board members, notify businesses of changes to Ordinance 134 and discuss economic development.

**Minutes:** On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, December 1 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, December 15 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The December 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

**Department Reports:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Council was invited to attend an open house of the Parkdale High School Robotics Team on January 20. Last year, the Council helped sponsor the Team's participation in a national robotics championship. CM Schreiber reported that Public Works has switched to collecting bulk trash on Mondays and Tuesday. CM Rasmussen reported that he recently completed the permitting requirements for a kitchen renovation. Further, Kevin Simpson, Code Supervisor since June 2014, tendered his resignation. He is working with TA Cowles on a transition plan. His last day will be January 23. The departure and possible restructuring of the Code Supervisor position will be discussed at a January 26 worksession. CM Dennison reported that she met with TA Cowles to discuss the FY 2016 Parks & Recreation budget.

Mayor Calvo reported that the recently-hired 8th police officer, Ben Hollowell, has started to work. Police Clerk Camille Carter has resigned to take up another position in North Carolina. Chief Antolik has begun the recruitment of a replacement. Senator Pinsky held his annual

town hall meeting at Lamont Elementary School.

**Citizen Comments:** Mayor Calvo received comments on tree parts left on public property by Pepco contractors, delays with leaf collection at the end of December, and a Baby Jesus figure stolen from a Christmas display on Seminole Street.

**Clean Lot Ordinance amendments:** Mayor Calvo asked TA Cowles to review the most recent changes to Ordinance 107, Clean Lot and made further changes as follows:

**Section 4 E - Debris:** This newly-added definition was approved as an umbrella term for all types of refuse that might accumulate on private property, including "garbage," defined in subsection G, and "litter," defined in subsection I. Garbage, constituted of "putrescible animal, food and vegetable waste," was considered for a shorter or "time sensitive" enforcement process.

**Section 4 H - Invasive Species:** The word "ecological" was stricken from the definition as it is implied in "environmental" harm caused by invasive species.

**Section 4 N - Public Nuisance:** The definition was relabeled "Hazard" and rewritten to describe a "condition, situation or action that is unsafe, threatens public health and welfare, or causes environmental harm."

**Section 4 Q - Vacant Property:** The definition was revised to mean a "residence that is not occupied by the property owner or a tenant on a habitual basis for the purpose for which it was designed and lawfully permitted."

**Section 7 - Notice of Violations and Penalty of Violations:** It was proposed to reorganize this Section in the following manner: 1) Retain subsection A, which describes the content a violation notice must contain; 2) Retain subsection C, and relabel as subsection B, to describe how a violation notice is to be served; and 3) Create a new section or subsection to combine all schedules for enforcement of different violations in a table format to eliminate duplication throughout this section.

**Section 7 D - Vacant Properties:** It was agreed that the same maintenance standards apply to vacant properties as for other properties. However, an accelerated enforcement schedule will be available to abate violations more quickly.

**Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance:** TA Cowles said that she imported most of the changes from the residential Clean

Lot Ordinance to the Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance.

**Section 6 - Definitions:** It was agreed that all definitions be aligned with those in Ordinance 107, including in subsections B - Accessory Structures, and C - Agent.

**Section 7 - Violations:** With regard to subsection D, which prohibits the storage of junked and non-roadworthy vehicles on properties zoned C-O, C-S-C, D-D-O, or M-X-T, Prince George's zoning ordinance needs to be checked to determine if the storage of such vehicles is allowed on properties zoned I-1 Light Industrial. Businesses along Ballew Avenue are all zoned I-1. It was agreed to refer to zoning codes in the generic "commercial," "mixed use," and "industrial" designation to avoid potential conflicts with the soon to be revised Prince George's zoning ordinance.

**Section 10 - Notice of Violation and Penalty for Violation:** It was agreed to substitute the narratives versions of enforcement schedules with a table. However, the current schedules need to be reviewed to come up with a simpler system.

**FY 2016 budget goals:** Mayor Calvo said that the Council usually gives the Town Administrator guidance in January on items that should be taken into account when drafting next year's budget. He proposed the Council review employee salaries generally, and senior level salaries particularly, to ensure they are competitive with surrounding jurisdictions. The resignation of the recently-hired code supervisor signals that the pay for this position was probably not high enough. At the same time, the Council may want to rethink how it awards merit pay and perhaps give greater consideration to the importance of a particular position or employee.

Other budget goals proposed included: 1) a dog park, for which Park & Planning has reserved some funds. The Town should explore if the funds can be used for purchasing land; 2) reserving funds for purchasing land to accommodate a police station; 3) possible reprogramming of IT resources; 4) purchasing 2 police vehicles, with 1 vehicle funded from the Public Safety Taxing District budget; 5) investment in preserving and renewing the Town's tree canopy by tapping into grant money for planting new trees, exploring the hiring of an arborist together with other small municipalities, and providing seed money to reestablish a tree board. Alternatively, an employee could be trained to become

certified in tree care; and 6) new play equipment for older children either at Pop's Park or at the school behind the community center.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked TA Cowles to check with New Carrollton about increases in property values they may have seen as part of their reassessment. This may be an indicator of what Berwyn Heights can expect from its reassessment at the end of this year in terms of increased property tax revenues.

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

#### 4. Public Works

**Maryland Smart Energy Communities grant:** TA Cowles said that Director of Public Works Lockley is working on a grant application from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to earn the Smart Energy Community designation. He proposes to focus on the areas of 1) reducing the Town's electricity consumption by implementing energy efficient technologies in Town buildings and facilities; and 2) reducing petroleum consumption by making the Town's vehicle fleet more fuel efficient and rethinking how staff and materials are transported to job sites. Director Lockley is seeking approval for moving forward with the grant application, which is due on January 26.

The Council discussed the possibility of using hybrid and flex-fuel vehicles for police cruisers and segways for the Code Department. TA Cowles said that Director Lockley ruled out including renewable energy in the grant request, as the Town does not currently use it. The Council agreed for Director Lockley to proceed as proposed. TA Cowles will review the application prior to submission.

#### 5. Administration

**Priority 1 sidewalks update:** TA Cowles said that with the installation of sidewalks on 57th Avenue the roadway was narrowed making it hard for 2 vehicles to pass each other when cars are parked on both sides of the street. She asked whether the Council would want to make one side 'no parking'. The Council agreed to make the east side of 57th Avenue 'no parking'. The residents have been consulted and are amenable.

TA Cowles continued that sidewalks bids include 22 bus stop pads. So far, the Council has decided on 9 locations of where to install pads and benches. She asked if there was interest in cutting some pads from the project and use the money for other sidewalk-related ex-

penses. The Council thought 22 pads and benches would probably not be needed, but 14 might be reasonable if benches were installed on both sides of the street in some places. A decision on the exact number of pads and benches was postponed.

TA Cowles stated that sidewalk construction was slowed by cold weather and that the contractors skipped the 8600 block of Cunningham Drive because trees have to be removed and utility poles moved. Further, she is working with CP Johnson engineers to determine where things stand with respect to the 63rd Avenue sidewalks, which are funded through the federal Safe Routes to School grant and administered through State's Department of Transportation. She has not been able to find an agreement or MOU that has a time line for completing the project.

**Emergency generators update:** TA Cowles said that the Town went out to bid on the emergency generators for the Town Center last September. A pre-bid conference held in October attracted considerable interest but only 2 bids were submitted subsequently. The low bid came in at \$196,000 and the other at \$280,000. Both bids exceed the \$160,000 budget for the project. The question for the Council to decide is whether to negotiate for a lower price with the low bidder or go out to bid again.

CM Rasmussen asked if the Town has looked into procuring the generators separately from a contractor to install them, and whether this might save money. TA Cowles said the Town has not done that. Mayor Calvo said that the bids exceed his expectations of what the project would cost. Cost estimates the Town was given when it applied for a State bond bill to help fund the generators were in the range of \$136,000. He would like to know how much the Town has already spent on engineering and design, and in permitting fees to determine if the project might be dropped altogether. Alternatively, the Town might look into getting diesel powered generators instead, which are likely to be cheaper, or simplify the installation by supplying only one floor of the Town Center with power instead of both.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy favored going out to bid again or looking into simplifying the project. It appears that the Town did not reach out to the right group of contractors. Several were Verizon contractors that are busy with other projects, and a couple were uncomfortable with posting

bonds for the project.

**Bikeway grant:** Clerk Harper gave an overview of a bikeway improvement project for which the Town received a \$20,000 grant last June. The grant was supported by the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) and fit into ATHA's plans to improve bikeways throughout this region. The goal is to make Berwyn Heights more bicycle friendly and connect it with other nearby communities, namely College Park, Greenbelt, Greenbelt Station, as well as Greenbelt National Park. Based on these parameters, Clerk Harper provided a map showing the proposed bike routes and points of interest in the Town.

Mayor Calvo said that this is a good start but that he would revise some routes and add others, including a connection to Greenbelt Middle School and the Indian Creek trail spur to Nevada Street. Further, he would like to consider the project in its totality, including the bike racks, bike repair stations and interpretative signs also funded in the grant. Clerk Harper was asked to provide a concept plan for all aspects of the project as well as copies of the grant budget.

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the February Bulletin cover: Presidents' Day theme; headlines for BHHC Presidents' Day event and Community Potluck Dinner; jumps for Clean Lot Ordinances adoption and budget presentations.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Suzan Lape, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Swearing-in of Officer Ben Hollowell

Mayor Calvo said that Officer Hollowell has over 30 years experience as a police

officer and last served as a detective in the homicide division of Prince George's County Police. After retiring from the County, he worked several years in internal investigations of the Prince George's County Public Schools. Officer Hollowell is also a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mayor Calvo then performed the swearing-in.

Officer Hollowell introduced members of his family and shared some information about himself. He said that he comes from a family of New York City police officers and moved to Maryland in 1988. He now lives in the City of Greenbelt and is familiar with the area. While serving in the military, he was stationed in Germany and served as an undercover drug agent and in the executive protection services for Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell. He is looking forward to being an officer for this Town and to meet the residents he is sworn to protect.

## 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the December 12, 2014 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Rasmussen, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

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

## 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo gave his annual State of the Town address. He said that in the last year the Town has seen many changes. The Town Council added two new members in the last election and has grown into a cohesive governing body. MPT Kulpa-Eddy has stepped into her leadership role and has become the Council's point person on regional development issues; CM Schreiber has taken on the big job of leading the Public Works Department and will be helping to develop the new Director. CM Rasmussen, while familiarizing himself with the Code Department, has helped the Council work through several important Code initiatives and a revision of the Clean Lot Ordinance. He will face another challenge in finding new leadership for the department as the recently-hired Code Supervisor has resigned. He has also become an advocate for trees and is working on re-establishing a Shade Tree Board. CM Dennison continues to assist the many Town committees and clubs while helping her ailing mother at home. The Council also enjoyed with the newly-hired Town Administrator, Jessica Cowles, who has brought a new energy and a fresh perspective to the many challenges facing Town government.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Town is now in the fifth year of operating in the challenging fiscal environment of substantially lower real estate assessments. After the real estate market crashed in 2009, the Town lost more than a third of its assessable value. Despite the revenue losses, the Town remains in better financial shape than when the real estate market collapsed. This was achieved by responsible management of expenditures and staff, long-term planning, eliminating debt and reserving for capital expenditures, and, unfortunately, raising the real property tax rate. The Council is looking forward to the upcoming reassessment at the end of this year, which is likely to reflect rising real estate values.

Mayor Calvo outlined four priorities that he believes should focus the Town government in the near future.

First, he said that the Council must continue its focus on adding and supporting amenities and services that make Berwyn Heights an attractive place to live and raise a family and contribute to higher home values. He noted significant progress on this front in recent years, including new sidewalks, upgraded playgrounds, and a new community garden. But more needs to be done. He is excited about a grant to improve bikeways in Berwyn Heights and has had some conversations about getting play equipment for older children. He also hopes to get a dog park in Berwyn Heights, an effort that has been delayed by the difficulty of finding a place to put it.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town also needs to do more to help its local schools, particularly Greenbelt Middle and Parkdale High School, and to come up with a plan to renovate its streets. These are things that people will look at when deciding where they want to live.

Second, he said that the Town Council must give serious consideration to employee salaries. Although the Town has given merit and cost-of-living increasing, the overall payroll has remained nearly flat for 5 years. The Town wants to ensure that its salaries remain competitive to attract and retain quality staff, a fact underscored by the departure of Code Supervisor Simpson, who was hired only last summer.

Third, Mayor Calvo noted that he hopes the Council will be able to start an effort to re-envision the Route 193 corridor and engage the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) to do so. The Town first needs to develop a vision of

what it wants its commercial district to look like in the future before it can embark on the work of moving toward the vision. The development on Route 1 and what is starting to take shape at Greenbelt Station could serve as a catalyst to redevelopment along Route 193, but only if the Town is strategic and willing to hire outside expertise to develop a plan for the transformation.

Finally, Mayor Calvo said that he increasingly believes that the Town will need to think and act regionally to successfully move Berwyn Heights forward. We already do this to some degree when working through the Four Cities Coalition and the PGCMA on targeted efforts, like the FBI Headquarters and the Route 1 animal facility feasibility study. However, as the area changes and grows, we will need to partner with our larger neighbors and pool financial and staff resources to make the big changes that work for Town residents. This is certainly the case for the redevelopment of Route 193 but also in ensuring quality schools, economic development, transportation, and regional recreational amenities.

Mayor Calvo also remembered Dave McCaffrey, an anchor of the community for many years, who passed away on January 9 and will be laid to rest at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Lastly, the Green Team will sponsor a nutrition workshop on January 17, with tips and information about how to prepare healthy meals.

## 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave an overview of the Administration Department which she was appointed to lead after the last election. The Department is responsible for the important functions of finances and record keeping, which are carried out by a staff of six: TA Cowles, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, Administrative Assistants Odoi and Forbes, and custodian Darlene Erickson. The Department hired a new Town Administrator last year, whose role has been strengthened within an updated and unified organizational structure. Among last year's accomplishments are the creation of a new meeting room and a face lift of the 2nd floor of the Town Center. The Administration Department also obtained two grants, one for building a sidewalk in the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue and another for improving bicycle routes in Berwyn Heights.

In the coming year, the Department will be busy drafting the FY 2016 budget, hiring new employees, overseeing the completion of the sidewalks project and installation of emergency generators, and

beginning to work on updating the Town's personnel manual. MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked the administrative team for their service and assistance to the Town Council.

**Code Compliance:** CM Rasmussen reported that Code Supervisor Simpson will be resigning on January 23. This is a big disappointment because he brought a lot of skills and code experience to the job. It also means figuring out how to manage the department and complete staff training on the new code tracking system until a new supervisor can be hired. The Town Council is thankful for everything Mr. Simpson accomplished in the short time he worked here.

CM Rasmussen said that he would like to add the urban tree initiative to the priorities Mayor Calvo outlined earlier and hopes it can be addressed next year. He believes that trees not only add aesthetic value but also help increase property values in Town. He said that he enjoyed the "wonky" discussions of Clean Lot Ordinance provisions to distinguish different categories of trash. Lastly, he noted that his kitchen renovation is moving forward and permits are being processed by Prince George's County and the Town of Berwyn Heights.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison said tonight she would like to advertise a new "Lose It to Win It" initiative, in which the Green Team partners with the University of Maryland to promote healthy lifestyles. CM Rasmussen had proposed to do a public weigh-in at an earlier meeting and brought a scale to start off the campaign. CM Rasmussen stepped onto the scale and weighed in at 295.5 lbs. This will serve as his baseline for losing 40 lbs by the end of this year. Mayor Calvo weighed in at 174 lbs, and stated his goal is to arrange for healthier meals during worksession. MPT Kulpa-Eddy weighed in at 185 lbs. Her goal is to eat more healthy foods and exercise more. CM Schreiber weighed in at 208.5 lbs. He said he will work to get to his ideal weight. CM Dennison also stepped on the scale and said that she will try to lose weight.

CM Dennison also announced upcoming events and meetings. All committees and clubs are invited to attend the next Recreation Council meeting to start planning Berwyn Heights Day.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik said that he resolved to lose 40 lbs this year and has joined a health club. He reported that Camille Carter, his police clerk for 11 years, has resigned to take

up a new position in the private sector. He has begun recruitment for a replacement. Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for December. There were 8 Part I offenses, slightly above the 5 year average of 7.8. The year to date total was 72 as opposed to the 5 year average of 83. Looking back of the last 10 years, serious crime has declined noticeably from annual totals of over 100 to totals of below 100 since 2010.

Chief Antolik continued that the police in December also issued 161 municipal and state citations, and 134 speed camera citations, all of which were on Greenbelt Road. The Town's speed camera vendor has been asked to move the speed camera Pontiac Street to Edmonston Road. His officers will continue to work on suppressing crime through frequent in-town patrols, investigations and working with residents. Among last year's accomplishments are anti-terrorism training of Detective Unger and Officer Krouse, promotion of Officer Roberson to Corporal, an MOU with the City of Greenbelt and the Town of Edmonston for mutual assistance, completion of senior resident registration program, and an increase in citations issued.

In response to Mayor Calvo, Chief Antolik said that there were 3 burglaries in Berwyn Heights today, which are probably related. The burglars in all cases stole cash, laptops and other valuables in plain sight. Similar burglaries have also occurred in neighboring jurisdictions. Residents are advised to be vigilant and report unusual activities to the police. If not at home, lights, TVs or radios can be left on to give the impression that someone is home. The police will perform safety checks for home owners and give advice on how to make their homes more secure.

**Public Works:** CM Schreiber announced that the next electronic recycling day will be on January 24, 9 to 12 pm. Drop-off at Greenbelt's Public Works yard, which is accessible from the Buddy Attick parking lot. He also reported that loose leaf collection has been extended to January 16 because of equipment failure in December and that James Thomas was chosen as employee of the month. He thanked Bruce Hockman, who tendered his resignation, for his many years of service with the Town, and wished him well in his retirement. All Public Works employees are appreciated for continuing their work during this cold and snowy time of year.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy an-

nounced that a couple of CERT training workshops will take place in March. Interested residents should contact Mike Attick to register. At the meeting, Ron Shane and Joan Hayden were re-elected as co-chairs of the Committee. It was decided to hold another wine tasting event to take place on April 24. More will be announced in upcoming Bulletins.

## 7. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot and Ordinance 134 - Commercial Clean Lot Amendments:** Mayor Calvo said that the Council continues to fine-tune these two related Ordinances. The section on clean lot standards has been completed. The focus is now on improving readability and on coming up with an easier way to show the schedules of enforcement for different types of violations. No action will be taken tonight. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to postpone consideration of the Clean Lot Ordinances to the February Town meeting. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 8. New Business

There was none.

## 9. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, offered to provide musical entertainment for the upcoming wine tasting. He also suggested asking any suspicious persons walking up to a neighbors house if they have a solicitor's permit from the Town, and if not, offer to help them get one by calling the police. This will often discourage them from sticking around.

Mr. Ventura also acknowledged that he was wrong about the sidewalks and that people are using them. From his observations the sidewalks contractors are skilled and conscientious. However, the final product might have been improved if curbs had been installed with slip joints allowing for movement of the soil. The Town might want to include this into their engineering specifications for future projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**W**orksession  
January 26, 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, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was

Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** Longtime Berwyn Heights resident and former Councilmember Calvin Foster passed away on January 16, and his neighbor, Bernie Connor, died on January 21.

**Calendar:** Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) needs to be contacted to confirm a date for the student mock town council meeting. Deadline for submission of financial disclosures was added for April 30.

**Minutes:** No minutes were approved.

**Department Reports:** Mayor Calvo announced that the Green Team's "lose it to win it" campaign got off to a good start with a well attended nutrition workshop on January 17, and a Town Council weigh-in at the last Town meeting. Last week, he met with County Councilwoman Danielle Glaros' new Chief of Staff, Amy Alevo, to familiarize her with Berwyn Heights and its concerns. Mayor Calvo was invited to participate in a focus group on the Prince George's County zoning rewrite. The process has changed considerably from that discussed at earlier PGCMA meetings, in that community input is sought in the beginning stages. He was also asked to join the Constitution Project's Law Enforcement Committee, which will give input to the President's Police Reform Task Force. Further, Officer Duck tendered his resignation. Chief Antolik will open a search for his replacement.

CM Schreiber reported that Juan Thorpe was promoted to Public Works foreman, the position previously held by Bruce Hockman. Public Works prepared for snow clearing operations this weekend and canceled trash collection. However, they did pick up trash that was set out today as the snow did not materialize. MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported she learned that New Carrollton's real estate assessments went up by 8-9% this year. As a whole, Group 2, of which New Carrollton is a member, saw a 19% increase.

CM Rasmussen said that he received the Town's building permit for his kitchen renovation and thanked his colleagues for reviewing it. He met with TA Cowles a week ago to develop an action plan for staffing the Code Compliance Department in the wake of Code Supervisor Simpson's departure. TA Cowles will prepare a budget to ensure that all staffing requirements are adequately funded. He also learned that the Town will get

another search free from the consultants the Town used to hire him because he left before a full year had passed. Meanwhile, it is proposed to increase the hours of the part-time officers and re-hire Charles Hall as the interim code coordinator. CM Dennison announced that the Green Team is sponsoring a Yoga class for all ages next Saturday.

**Citizen Comments:** CM Schreiber received a comment from former Councilmember James Wilkinson that the 60th Avenue foot path needs graveling.

Mike Attick, who was present, announced that the NW/EP will host an active shooter class on March 14 at the Town Center. Participants will learn how to react if caught up in a shooter situation. He also asked if the new position proposed by Public Works Director Lockley has been advertised; whether the sidewalk contract has guarantees on how long the sidewalks will last; and what the status of the emergency generator project is. He was informed that the hybrid administrative assistant/ crewman II position in the Public Works Department will be advertised shortly; that the sidewalks have only a limited warranty; and that the emergency generator bids came in considerably above budget. The Town is in the process of figuring out how the cost can be reduced and whether to get more bids. Mr. Attick offered to forward information on potential contractors to TA Cowles.

**Clean Lot Ordinance amendments:** Mayor Calvo said that the goal tonight is to finalize the substance of Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot and allow some time for minor corrections at the next worksession before adoption at the February Town meeting. The Council reviewed the Ordinance sequentially and made the following changes.

**Section 1 - Purpose and Authority:** This section is to be rewritten to eliminate the "laundry list" of violations and focus on the purpose of the regulations contained in the Ordinance.

**Section 4 B - Accessory Structures:** It was agreed that the term "accessory structure" is defined broadly to include any structure found on a property apart from the residence itself. References to 1) Prince George's County zoning ordinance; 2) International Property Maintenance Code; and 3) International Residential Code were stricken.

**Section 4 O - Repeat Violator:** The definition was corrected to refer only to "a person who has been noticed for two

violations of this Ordinance..." Receiving more than two violations is defined under sub-section 4 A - Multiple Repeat Violator.

**Section 5 K - Condition of Exterior Property Areas:** It was agreed to move a provision to "keep exterior areas free from debris to prevent infestations by rodents, insects and other pests" from Section 5 (H) to Section 5 (A).

**Section 5 C - Invasive Plant Species and Bamboo:** Chanel Kopecki, Ruatan Street, commented that she has fought bamboo growing into her yard from adjacent properties for over 10 years. Neighbors have not done enough to confine it. The problem is not only the property where bamboo originates but also neighboring properties that allow it to spread.

The Council agreed to apply the same standard that bamboo must not be allowed to spread within 2' of the property line to a property from which bamboo spreads as to an originating property.

The Council considered whether an invasive plant, such as ivy, can be allowed to grow up on a fence if the originating property owner obtains a written consent from the owner into whose yard the plant spreads. Without consent property owners, who want to grow vines on a fence, can be required to build the fence 2' inside their property line.

**Section 5 M - Accessory Structures:** It was clarified that, in the event an accessory structure violation is not corrected; the Town may abate the violation and charge the cost to the property owner. Collection "by filing a lien against the property" was deleted because it is only one type of payment among others.

**Section 5 N - Premises Identification:** TA Cowles was asked to find out which agency approves address numbers, and reference it in this provision.

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

**Clean Lot Ordinance amendments, continued:**

**Section 5 O - Vacant Property:** This provision was flagged for deletion, unless a requirement for the Town to maintain a list of vacant properties is placed here.

**Section 5 P - Hazard:** It was decided to move the requirement to maintain all exterior areas in a safe and sanitary condition to Section 5 A (2) because it deals with conditions of exterior properties, but must be addressed more quickly in order to prevent a public health or safety haz-

ard. The existing provision under sub-section 5 A is to be relabeled 5 A (1).

**Section 7 - Notice of Violations and Penalty for Violations / Time Frame for Violation Penalties:** These provisions were stricken during previous reviews of the Ordinance. Instead a table to reference time frames for enforcing different types of violations was inserted. It was agreed to add an introduction for the table proposed by MPT Kulpa-Eddy. It was further agreed to remove the schedule for vacant properties from the table and explain enforcement under sub-section 7 D - *Vacant Properties*. TA Cowles was asked to have the Town Attorney to review the table for proper legal terminology.

**Section 7 D - Vacant Properties:** It was agreed that the Town can abate a vacant property that is on the vacant property list immediately if it has a violation that is hazardous, such as a broken window. If the violation is non-hazardous, the property owner will have 10 days from the date of notification to fix the violation. If the violation is not corrected in that time frame, the Town has the right to abate the violation at the owner's expense.

**Section 9 - Right to Appeal:** TA Cowles was asked to consult with the Town Attorney if a time limit should be given within which a person must appeal a municipal infraction to the District Court. Currently, the Ordinance provides for penalties to be stayed until the Court reaches a decision. However, this allows for the possibility of a penalty to be stayed indefinitely if an appellant chooses not to request a hearing in Court.

TA Cowles was asked to incorporate the changes made tonight and provide a corrected version as soon as possible.

**Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance:** Mayor Calvo said that most of the changes in Ordinance 134 - Commercial Clean Lot are parallel to those in Ordinance 107 or do not apply. The table with schedules for enforcement for violations has been inserted but needs an introduction, too. At the next worksession, the Council needs to review this Ordinance more closely to be able to adopt the amendments at the February Town meeting.

**Four Cities agenda:** A request for an update on New Carrollton's recent real property assessment was added. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that New Carrollton last week agreed to contribute up to \$5,000 to the production of a Four Cities video to

promote the relocation of the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt Station.

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

### 3. Public Works

**Administrative Assistant/ Crewman II position:** CM Schreiber explained that Public Works Director Lockley is seeking approval for a hybrid Administrative Assistant/ Crewman II position. The hybrid position would afford better productivity and flexibility because an employee with administrative skills is more useful in a reorganized department where no refuse is collected on Fridays. Further, an administrative assistant can usually be trained to perform manual labor while the opposite is not always true. Lastly, recruitment of a full-time employee is likely to tap into a better candidate pool.

TA Cowles explained the financial impact. Hiring one full-time employee instead of two part-time employees the department now has would save approximately \$1,500 in salary, FICA and pension benefits, but may add \$400 to \$4,000 in health insurance, depending on the employee's family status. The Town's share of the health insurance of a current 28 hour/ week part-time employee, who is single, is \$4,400. If a full-time employee of the same age, who has a family, is hired the cost would go up to \$8,400. However, the age of the new employee could change that cost.

Mayor Calvo questioned whether this is correct, because the Town pays only 70% of a part-time employee's health coverage, and 80% of a full-time employee with family. TA Cowles may want to go over those numbers. Ultimately, he wants to ensure that the cost to the Town of hiring the hybrid full-time employee is net zero. If the cost is higher than that of the current two part-time positions, the balance will have to come out of the compensation appropriation of the Public Works budget. On the other hand, any savings also go back to the Department's budget.

CM Schreiber moved and CM Dennison seconded to approve the position provided the cost impact to the Department budget is net zero. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Voting age:** CM Schreiber said that Hyattsville and Takoma Park have recently lowered their voting age to 16. He wondered if the Council would be interested in doing this for Berwyn Heights elections. He thinks that 16 year olds are able to make this decision and raise

voter turnout. It may also encourage residents to get involved in civic life earlier and possibly step up to run for a seat of the Council at a younger age.

Mayor Calvo said he does not see a need to address the issue because residents are not asking for it. He prefers not to have to find a solution to a problem that does not currently exist. The Council already has many other things to deal with. Compared with other municipalities in Prince George's County, Berwyn Heights' voter turnout is on the higher side, going up to 30% in a competitive election.

### 4. Administration

**Priority I sidewalks update:** TA Cowles said that the contractors have laid the sidewalks in front of Pop's Park, working from engineering plans that do not have topographic information. The sidewalks are now essentially level with the curb. However, the engineers appear to have envisioned a shelf type installation, with the sidewalks raised above the level of the curb to allow for easier access into the park through the double gates in the middle of the block. As an alternative, the engineers have proposed to create the ADA accessible entrance at the northern point of the park where the slope is less steep. She asked the Council for direction on how to proceed.

Mayor Calvo said he is concerned that the contractors plunged ahead with construction on the Cunningham Drive section without consultation at a time when TA Cowles was on vacation. This problem could have been avoided if they had asked how to lay the sidewalk at the park. Regardless, the Council needs to decide whether to ask the contractor to redo the sidewalks, approve an ADA accessible entrance at the north point, or find a different solution for ADA access through the double gates. His preference is to make the middle gates ADA accessible because it would be easiest to push a stroller through.

TA Cowles said that making the slope gradual enough to be ADA compliant, would require building a path far into the park with substantial retaining walls on both sides. The engineers can be asked to give a cost estimate on this entrance, but they are recommending the north point gate for ADA access. The double gates entrance could be equipped with stairs.

Mayor Calvo said the Council needs some feedback on alternate designs for this stretch of sidewalks to make a deci-

sion. Personally, he doesn't like the idea of the Cunningham entrance having stairs or massive concrete walls. It may be better not to have an entrance on that side.

**Bus stop pads:** TA Cowles said that the sidewalks contract allows for 22 bus stop pads. The Council already decided the Town did not need that many pads and that the savings can be reprogrammed for another part of the sidewalks project. Director Lockley has identified 5 locations in addition to the 9 already chosen on which the Council is asked to make a decision. They are places where people are often waiting for buses and where no retaining walls or easements are needed.

The Council agreed to add bus pads on the south bound lane of Edmonston Road at Berwyn Road and Charlton Avenue because people get on there to go to the Metro station or the University. Pads on the north bound lane are not critical as people getting off the bus don't spend time standing at the bus stop. It was also agreed not to put a pad on Cunningham Drive at Pontiac Street.

CM Schreiber moved and CM Dennison seconded to approve the locations identified tonight. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Cowles was given discretion to eliminate pads if circumstances warrant it.

**MML conference hotel reservations.** Clerk Harper was asked to reserve 4 suites at the Princess Bayside hotel.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance** and **6. Parks and Recreation**.

**7. Executive session (10:30 p.m. - 11:29)**

On a motion by CM Rasmussen and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss 2 personnel matters and a legal matter. With matters discussed, CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Kerstin Harper,  
Town Clerk



# Active Shooter: What You Can Do

Saturday, March 14—10:00-2:00

Town Center, 2nd Floor

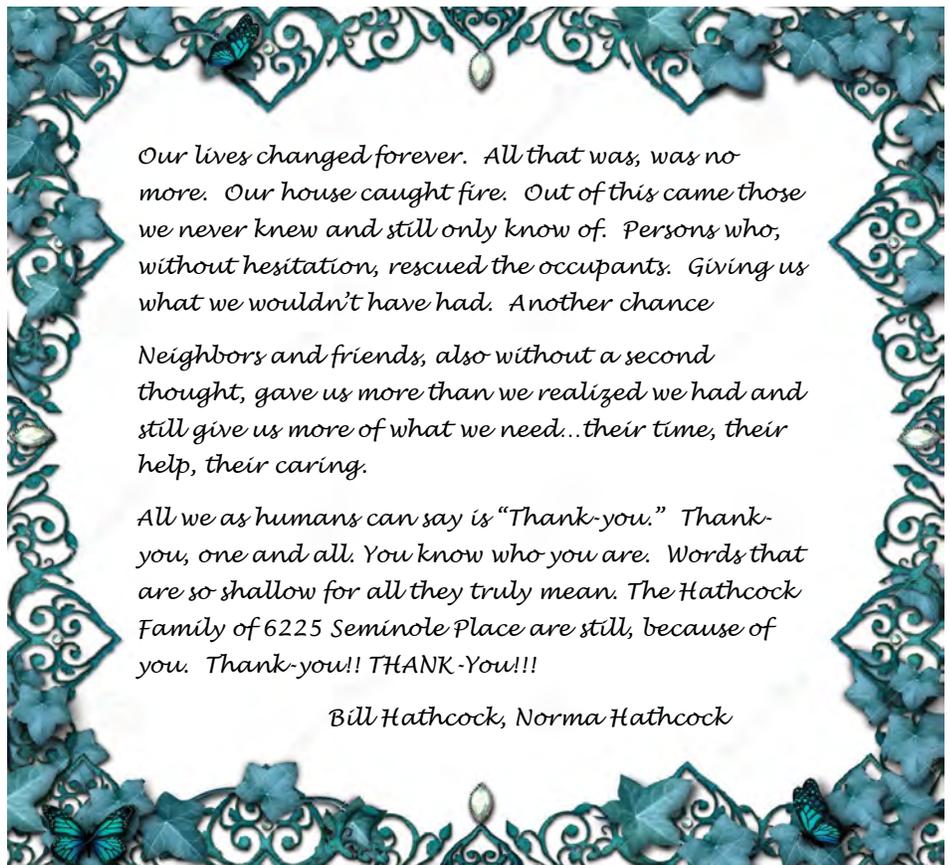
**Course Overview:** An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and other populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. All people can help prevent and prepare for potential active shooter situations. This course provides guidance to individuals, so that they can prepare to respond to an active shooter situation.

This course is not written for law enforcement officers, but for non-law enforcement individuals. The material may provide law enforcement officers information on recommended actions for non-law enforcement individuals to take should they be confronted with an active shooter situation.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completing this course, the participant will be able to:

- Describe actions to take when confronted with an active shooter and responding law enforcement officials.
- Recognize potential workplace or crowded events violence indicators.
- Describe actions to take to prevent and prepare for potential active shooter incidents.
- Describe how to manage the consequences of an active shooter incident.

**To Register:** Space is limited. Contact Mike Attick at [mikeattick@verizon.net](mailto:mikeattick@verizon.net)





Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



# Severe Weather Preparedness



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Make sure that you and your family are prepared for severe weather. This includes creating a disaster supplies kit and making sure that you can receive emergency messages.

What you can do:

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- Create a disaster supplies kit: <http://www.ready.gov/kit>

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## FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS

Flash floods can strike any time and any place with little or no warning. City streets can become rivers in seconds. Observe these flash flood safety rules. They could save your life.

- Keep alert for signs of heavy rain (thunder and lightning). Watch for rising water levels.
- Know where high ground is and get there quickly if you see or hear rapidly rising water.
- Be especially cautious at night. It's harder to recognize the danger then.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing water which may be more than knee deep. If you have doubts, don't cross.
- Don't try to drive through flooded areas.
- If your vehicle stalls, abandon it and seek higher ground immediately.
- During threatening weather listen to commercial radio or TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for Watch and Warning Bulletins.

**Flash Flood Watch** means it is possible that rains will cause flash flooding in the specified area. Be alert and prepared for a flood emergency.

**Flash Flood Warning** means flash flooding is occurring or is imminent in the specified area. Move to safe ground immediately.

### SAVE THE DATE! Wine tasting is back!

The Community Emergency Response Team wine tasting fundraiser will be held on

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 -- 5-9pm**

Watch for more details in the April Bulletin...

# Recreation Council News & Events

## Upcoming Events

### Second Annual Game Night on March 21, 2015 from 6-8 PM

Dealing with a little cabin fever lately? We have just the cure! Be a participant in our second annual game night! Bring your favorite game and a friend, or play one of ours and meet new friends! There'll be something for everyone, with kid and adult-friendly games and activities! Also refreshments will be served! If you'd like to be a part, but playing games isn't your thing, come volunteer to help our night be a success!



### And... The Annual Hollywood Talent Show on March 20th at 6:30 PM

Calling singers, dancers, and performers of all kinds! Join us in entertaining our friends, families, and neighbors at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Show Starts at 6:30 PM in the Multipurpose Room. **Dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 pm.** BHES Music Department will be selling drinks/snacks to raise money for upcoming events.



Interested in performing? Fill out the form below and return it to the Berwyn Heights Community Center, Town Center, or Elementary School or contact Kristen Buker ([KristenBuker@aol.com](mailto:KristenBuker@aol.com), 443-623-0013) for more information. **Permission slips are due by Thursday, March 12, 2015.** If your performance will be accompanied by music, a copy of that music is due with your permission slip.

The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council is seeking new members. Come see what we are all about! Next meeting will be held March 5, 2015 at 7 PM at the Town Center. For more information on any of our events please contact: Trinity Tomsic (301)-474-6350, [trinity.tomsic@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.tomsic@gmail.com), Jaime Sampson, [sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:sampson.jaime@gmail.com), Tim Tormoen, [totormoen@yahoo.com](mailto:totormoen@yahoo.com), or Theresa Beck, [beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)

Performer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be performing to music? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special requirements for your performance (for example, a table or chair)? \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Berwyn Heights Talent Show.

Performer's Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of January 2015. It is not a complete listing of every crimes and/or accident

that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

01/10/2015 at 10:05 pm, Pfc. Duck responded to the Checkers located on the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a 28 y/o black male who presented a counterfeit \$50.00 to purchase food.

01/11/2015 at 3:50 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of a mentally ill subject. The subject was later transported to the hospital for evaluations.

01/14/2015 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski conducted a field observation report when he saw a suspicious person near the US Fuel on Greenbelt Road hiding away from the officer. Subject was check for warrants and sent on way.

01/14/2015 at 2:50 pm, Pvt. Hollowell investigated a domestic dispute from the 6200 block of Seminole Place. 32 y/o Latino female claims that she had been abused by her husband. Investigation continues.

01/14/2015 at 1:50 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8800 block of 63rd. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Unknown person forced entry through the side door. A laptop and coins were taken.

01/14/2015 at 3:09 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a report of a burglary. Unknown person entered through the rear window. X-box and coins were taken.

01/14/2015 at 4:51 pm, Pfc. Duck responded to the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. A white male suspect in his 20's entered through the rear door. Laptops were taken.

01/17/2015 at 9:45 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2012 Dodge Charger from the location of Edmonston Road at Tecumseh Place. The driver was driving without a license.

01/20/2015 at 1:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a theft of a vehicle validation sticker report from a resident of Paxton Ct.

01/21/2015 at 10:28 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block of Tecum-

seh Place for a check on a welfare. Investigation revealed that the landlord called 911 to have police respond to collect rent money. Case is being investigated and charges pending.

01/21/2015 at 3:18 pm, Det. Unger and Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 63rd., Avenue for a unattended death investigation. Decedent, a 77 y/o, w/m died of medical issues at home.

01/25/2015 at 10:42 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2012 Kia from the 5400 block of Greenbelt Road for driver driving without a license.

01/26/2015 at 1:45 am, Cpl. Roberson responded to the PG Scrap yard for a report of theft in progress. On scene a 29 y/o, b/m was identified as the perpetrator and was placed under arrest. He was identified as Aaron Raines of Hyattsville, MD.

01/27/2015 at 11:10 pm, Pfc. Duck responded to the 8826 Edmonston road for a report of theft of a package left by a UPS driver.

01/29/2015 at 6:55 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 Block of Edmonston Road for a report of an assault. Victim, a 55 y/o w/m who stated that a friend of his punched him in the mouth because he asked his friend's girlfriend if he could move in with her.

01/29/2015 at 9:00 am, a house fire occurred in the 6200 block of Seminole Place in Berwyn Heights, MD. Two people were rescued from the burning domicile by a Town employee and residents. A 93 y/o male and his 60 y/o daughter were transported to the hospital. Red Cross has been notified and in route to the scene.



### After Business Hours:

**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE  
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Tell the P.G. County Dispatcher the nature of your problem; specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to your call.

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## † Bernie Ray Connor †

April 17, 1938 - January 21, 2015  
On January 21, 2015, at the age of 76, of Berwyn Heights, MD. Loving husband of Cheryl Connor. Father of Frank (Lisa) Fruth, Roxanne Tyler and Robert Fruth. Grandfather of Joseph Fruth, Kyle Fruth, Jacob Fruth and Dominic Tyler. A brother, Ben Connor, and brother-in-law, John Penoyer, also survive. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ina.



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# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Come join the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee for this last in our series of “The War of 1812” special presentations. Learn about the important impact that African-American slaves had on the outcome of this war in our area.

The BHHC invites all who are interested in working on events and projects to their monthly meetings. You don't have to be a historian or researcher to join in! — just a Town resident who wants to give back to their community and have fun doing it! The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. **Our next meeting is March 24.**

## Slavery in Maryland

### Wine & Cheese Reception



Pictured above is Gabriel Hall, an American slave who took the British up on their offer of emancipation. It is the only known image of a War of 1812 refugee.  
— photo courtesy: Nova Scotia Archives.

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**M**aya Davis is a Research Archivist in the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland division at the Maryland State Archives. Some of her projects include researching the Underground Railroad in Maryland and slaves escapes during the War of 1812. Maya currently serves as a member of the Harriet Tubman Park and Visitor Center exhibition team and is the Vice Chair of the Annapolis 1864 Commission to Commemorate the Emancipation of Slaves in MD.



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

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



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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

March 2015



## PTA ANNUAL ICE SKATING NIGHT

Enjoy a fun Friday night on the ice with your friends at the PTA's annual Ice Skating Night! The PTA has hired the ice rink for two hours so as always, ice skating is FREE for students and their families. Come hungry because the 6th grade will be selling pizza as a fundraiser!

Friday, March 13, 6:45-8:45pm

*Herbert Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park*

More information will come home in backpacks, but please note that no drop-offs are allowed.

**Please use Amazon Smile to support BHES!**

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Attention parents and town residents!!

Do you shop on Amazon? The BHES PTA now has an Amazon Smile account, so every time you shop please use:

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and select **Berywn Heights Elem** from the list of charities to support.

The BHES PTA will get a percentage of all your purchases. It's an easy way to support the school and it can really add up! Thank you!

### Join the email list!

Make sure you don't miss a thing going on at school by joining the PTA email list.

Please email [president@bhespta.org](mailto:president@bhespta.org) to join.

### Interested in serving on the PTA?

There will be some openings on the BHES PTA Board next school year. If you are interested in helping please contact Georgina Stark at [president@bhespta.org](mailto:president@bhespta.org). Taking an active role with the PTA helps improve our school for all its students, including your own. It's a fun, friendly group of moms and dads working together to make BHES the best it can be...for our kids and our community.

### Box Tops = Free Money for BHES!



Thank you to all the families who collected Box Tops and brought them to school in February.

Box Tops are found on many General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker mixers, Ziploc and Hefty products, kids

yogurts, Pillsbury doughs, Green Giant produce, Motts applesauce and juice, Nature Valley and Fiber One bars and much more!

**Town Residents**, if you would like to collect Box Tops for BHES there is a collection box in the Town Hall. Thank you for your support!

### Important Dates

March. 3 - PTA Meeting, 6:45pm,  
Library

March. 13 - Ice Skating Night, 6:45pm  
Wells Ice Rink



Check us out at [bhespta.org](http://bhespta.org) and don't forget to "like" the PTA on Facebook at [facebook.com/berwynheights.pta](https://facebook.com/berwynheights.pta) and the school gardens at [facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens](https://facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens)



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**Recent Working Incidents:**

- Jan 14<sup>th</sup>** - Squad 14, Chief 14A (Fabrizio) & Acting Chief 14B (Ross) extricated a trapped driver in the 8100 Blk of Goodluck Rd. Chief 14B had command.
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup>** - At 4am Truck 14, Squad 14B & Chief 14B(Kiernan) were alerted to the 8400 Blk of Greenbelt Rd in Lanham for the Apartment Fire with reports of people trapped. The units from BHVFD arrived second to find heavy smoke and fire conditions in a basement apartment. Chief 14B established the Greenbelt Road Command of the incident and requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm assignment. Ambo 14 remained staffed at the station to protect the area during the incident. A total of 15 BHVFD volunteers operated.
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup>** - At 9am Truck 14, Squad 14B, & Ambo 14 were alerted to the 6200Blk of Seminole Pl in Berwyn Heights for a house fire. Prior to our arrival 2 victims had been reportedly removed from the house by bystanders and BHDPW. *There were no working smoke alarms in the home to alert the occupants.*
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** - Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a trapped driver from a crash SB Baltimore Washinton Parkway at Rt 50.
- Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** - Truck 14 responded to the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct in Greenbelt for the investigation of an activated carbon monoxide detector. The crew of Truck 14 discovered high CO levels in the apartment building and immediately requested additional units including Chief 14, Squad 14B & Ambo 14. While evacuating the building, BHVFD located an unresponsive resident who was transported for CO poisoning. *Make sure you have a working CO detector in your house!!*
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Truck 14 and its volunteer crew of 8 operated in the 6000 Blk of 85<sup>th</sup> Ave in Lanham on the House Fire in the first floor.
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Truck 14 & Chief 14 (McCoy) operated in the 100Blk of Ivering St in Laurel for the house fire with people trapped. Units fought fire in the walls.
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** - Truck 14, Chief 14, & Chief 14B operated in the 14100Blk of Ledbury Ct in Laurel for the working house fire, attic on fire.
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** - Truck 14, Chief 14 & Acting Chief 14B (Wagner) operated at a high-rise apartment building fire 8200Blk Baltimore Ave, fire in the trash chute and heavy smoke throught the building.
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>** - Truck 14 & Chief 14B (Kiernan) operated in the 500Blk of Clays Ln in Laurel for the house on fire.
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup>** - Truck 14, Chief 14(McCoy) & Chief 14B responded to the 7700Blk of Brooklyn Bridge Rd in Laurel for a large barn on fire. Chief 14 had the command.
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** - Squad 14B & Chief 14B extricated a trapped driver Greenbelt Rd/Rhode Island Ave in College Park after a van slipped off the road due to icy conditions.

*Pictures and additional info about these incidents and others on our website: [www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org) or our Facebook Page!*

**BHVFD Accepting Old/Junked Cars!**

Do you have an old car, SUV, truck, or van that is taking up room in your driveway? Donate it to us! Our members use donated cars to practice the life-saving car extrication techniques that our Department is famous for. A donated vehicle can be used several times for different drills such as vehicle extrication, heavy lifting, stabilizing, and moving. Your donation is tax deductible.



If you are interested in donating your vehicle visit our Website at [www.bhvfd14.org](http://www.bhvfd14.org) and click on the "Donate Your used cars here" link on the left hand side of the page and fill out the online form! *Thank you!*

**Six Flags High-Angle Rescue Article:**



BHVFD Fire Chief Danny McCoy was interviewed by Fire Rescue Magazine on his experience in having Incident Command of the operation at Six Flag's "Joker's Jinx" ride last year. The article was published in the February issue of the magazine. Chief McCoy also acts as the County's Northern Division Chief, responsible for all Volunteer Departments in Northern PGC.

To read the article online visit: <http://t.co/HFY7obEVGS>



**Our New Website is now Online!**



We have officially launched our Department's new website, with more interactive features than the previous one. The new site has the ability to accept online donations as well as an area where residents can also fill out an online form to donate used/junk cars for us to use in Rescue Training. Additionally, there is a new section with the Department's History and pictures of current & retired apparatus and other historic pictures. *Many thanks to our Lt. Scott Peirce for his efforts in getting the new site online and functional!*

Our website URL remains same as it has always been: [WWW.BHVFD14.ORG](http://WWW.BHVFD14.ORG)

**Station 14 Call Volume: Jan 2015**

Rescue Squads:	129
Ladder Truck:	114
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	8
Ambulance & Paramedic Ambulance	181
<b>Total Station Runs for Jan</b>	<b>433</b>



## Free Karate Training!!!!

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**5700 Berwyn Rd - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
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For more information, contact:

**Theresa Beck** at ([beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)) 301-237-2829 or **Sensei Leon Swain** at 301-728-2881

## 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:** 1st & 3rd Monday of month—Indian Creek Playground

2nd & 4th 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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# 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—or join our email list—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 meeting will be **Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Love Room next to the Town Center—all residents are welcome to attend!

## **Save the Date—Town-Wide Clean Up on Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Have you noticed trash on town streets? Join us at our upcoming town clean up—you'll help the environment *and* get some exercise! Volunteers are needed (it's a great way for students to earn community service hours). There will be more details in next month's GreenBee, but we hope you'll mark your calendars now!

### **See Below for Tips from our Recent Nutrition Education Workshop!**

As part of the town's participation in the University of Maryland's Lose It to Win It campaign, in January the Green Team partnered with ECO City Farms to coordinate a nutrition education workshop for community members. If you weren't able to make it, below are some key points that were shared about being mindful of the quality of foods we eat:

- Fill your plate with a *rainbow of colors*—think about incorporating red, orange, yellow, green, and purple foods!
- *Healthy* carbohydrates have high nutrient density—these are things like brown rice, whole grain cereal, whole wheat bread, whole wheat pasta, beans, and quinoa
- *Avoid sugars* as much as possible, because they have no nutrient density
- *Fats do not cause weight gain, excess calories do*—in fact healthy fats and oils are critical for optimal brain and cell functioning. Eat healthy fats/oils in the form of fish, olive, coconut, avocado, seeds and nuts, and avoid or at least reduce consumption of deep fried foods and fats/oils that are hydrogenated or contain trans fats
- *Eating high fiber foods will help you feel full longer*, balance blood sugar, lower cholesterol as well as help you avoid constipation
- *Protein is an important building block* for muscles, cells and your brain, so include small portions of lean, healthy proteins like wild, cold water fish, lean meats (ideally pasture-raised and grass-fed), whole beans such as chickpeas, pinto, kidney or black beans, lentils, and nuts and seeds—and even whole grains have protein!

## **Free Family Bike Ride to Bladensburg Waterfront Park: Sunday, March 29, 1:30 p.m.**



Join the Green Team for this month's *free and fun* exercise activity as part of the Lose It to Win It campaign! We'll be coordinating a bike ride on Sunday, March 29, at 1:30 p.m. We'll start from the Berwyn Heights Town Center and head towards Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Anyone can participate, including families, and participants can go at their own pace and choose to go all the way to Bladensburg or on a shorter ride—it's completely up to you!

If you're interested in participating, please email [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com). We'll also add you to our mailing list so that you can receive the registration link, which we'll be putting on our Facebook page soon. By registering you'll receive additional details about the ride. And as an added bonus, you'll be able to stay updated on other upcoming Green Team events!

## **Upcoming 10-Week Fitness Boot Camp in April! Sundays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

A 10-week fitness boot camp is coming to Berwyn Heights in April! It is designed for men and women of all fitness levels, and will focus on every aspect of fitness. The class will be held outdoors (weather permitting) on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$100, *so it ends up being just \$10 per class, which is a great deal!* If you are interested in signing up please let us know, because we need at least 15 participants to commit to participating to make it happen, so email the Green Team at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com).



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Hello Spring, are you out there??? Well at least it is now March and DST begins Sun March 8 2015. So set the clock Forward on Sat night March 7! Officially spring begins March 20<sup>th</sup>!

### Smart Storage Solutions for Kitchen:

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**SOLD- 1 Austin Ct 2BR 1 BA bungalow in CP.....\$209K.**  
**UNDER CONTRACT- 5708 Misty Dr 3BR, 2BA brick rambler in Lanham.....\$220's.**

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



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The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors. Also check the boards for special activities. Drop in to the Center, or attend the meeting, and find out what’s going on. There is always something to do even if it is just getting together.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 12	Libby Hand
March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 15	Frances Day
March 16	Susan Huber
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Norma Wines
March 22	Pat Agee

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

March 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 4	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 5	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 10	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
March 11	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 12	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 14	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
March 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 18	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 19	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 24	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
March 25	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 26	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 31	Bingo	12:30 P.M.

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**Power Outages**

**CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT**

**Report Street Light Out**

**(Need Pepco Pole Number and house number of nearest house)**

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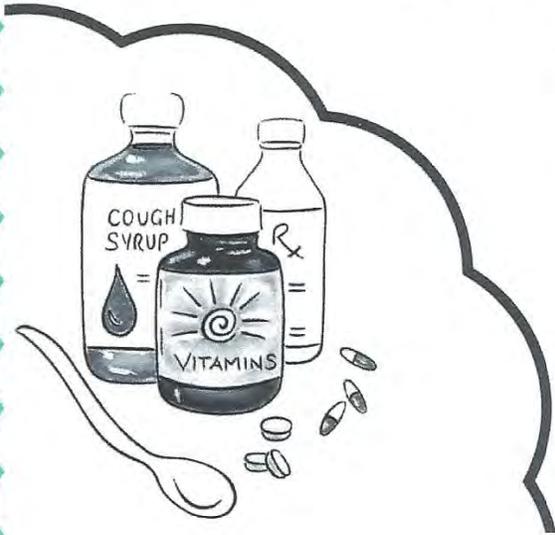
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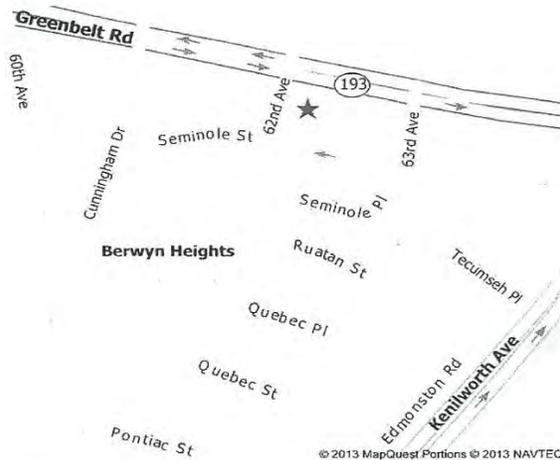
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**Want adventure and achievement?** Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

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

**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.

**1 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags:** \$50. 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:** Great discounted seats for every CAPS and WIZARDS home game. Aisle seats in great sections for Caps and Wizards. No add-ons — Just great seats at discounted prices. Call Jody or Steve at 301-474-3613. Berwyn Heights residents for almost 50 years.

**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)

**STRESSED!!!** Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

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

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

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

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn (17) and Jeremy (16) can help with mowing, raking, mulching, and more. Call 301-474-2002.

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

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**4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent.** Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or [Jmfaruki@yahoo.com](mailto:Jmfaruki@yahoo.com).

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

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## Berwyn Heights Community Garden 2015 Application

The Berwyn Heights Community Garden is expanding, and has openings for new members! Submit your application today! The garden is located between 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> on the Tecumseh thru-way. Anyone who is a resident of Berwyn Heights can submit an application. Gardening classes will be provided to teach you about gardening and a sample garden will be available for hands on learning. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to grow fresh fruits and vegetables and get to know your neighbors!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The lease period is April 1, 2015 - February 15, 2016. **Plot fee \$30.**

Garden rules and regulations available at the Town Center and on the town website.

Plots will be assigned **on a first come, first served basis**. All other applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Only one plot per applicant/household. Garden plots are 4x8 - raised beds. Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to: **Berwyn Heights Recreation Council**.

I/we agree to abide by the 2015 rules and regulations governing the use of the Berwyn Heights Community Garden. I/we hereby release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, contractors, and employees from any and all actions, claims and damages for losses, personal injuries, and disabilities that I/we may sustain as a result of my/our participation in the Community Garden program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date

**Please return this application/fee in person or by mail to:**  
 Office of Town Administrator  
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 Berwyn Heights MD, 20740  
 Applications can be left in the drop box if office is closed.

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The Code Supervisor also performs daily field inspections of commercial and residential properties; prepares correspondence relating to rental licensing and code violations; maintains files and reports on all matters relating to the administration of the department; and supervises and trains the department's staff.

Preferred qualifications for Code Supervisor include an Associates Degree in architecture, engineering or related field, two years of local government supervisory experience and building/housing/road construction inspection experience. Minimum qualifications include proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and the internet; ability to write in a clear and concise manner; converse fluently in English; and possess a valid driver's license. Fluency in Spanish is desirable.

Please apply online at:  
<http://thenovakconsultinggroup.com/code-supervisor-town-of-berwyn-heights-maryland>

Or send your resume to Town Administrator Jessica Cowles at 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740, or email: [jcowles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jcowles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)



**LITTER** is especially obvious after the snow melts and before grass, flowers and trees start to grow. Please help keep our Town looking nice by placing all household trash into containers with a tight-fitting lid and by picking litter up along your property. Trash sitting in the curbs will eventually get washed into the storm drains and end up in our streams.

Also note the next Town-wide cleanup: **Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am -12:30 pm**

Clean Lot Violations	Jan.
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	8
Refuse Collection/ Litter	7
Vehicles	5
Miscellaneous	17
<b>Total Clean Lot Violations</b>	<b>37</b>
Warnings	16
Fines	4
Abatements	0
<b>Permits</b>	
Building	4
Dumpster/ PODs	4
Violations	4
<b>Rentals</b>	
New Rentals	0
Lost Rentals	0
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>200</b>
Inspections	12
Re-inspections	6
Fines	1
<b>Vacant Homes</b>	
New Vacant Homes	1
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## Berwyn Heights Day Vendor/Information Booth Application Saturday, May 2, 2015

- ❖ Calling all volunteers! If you'd like to be part of Berwyn Heights Day, the Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help with the Pancake Breakfast, games, ticket sales, and the Fun Run. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and give back to your community . . . and **students can earn Community Service hours!**
- ❖ If you'd like to be a vendor or set up an informational booth at Berwyn Heights Day, please fill out and submit this page.

Contact Person:
Name of Business:
Address:
Phone Number and Cell Number:
E-mail:
Items for Sale/Distribution:

**The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution.** Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors. Please **do not** plan on selling or providing:

- Ready to eat food/drinks, such as individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. (canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc. are acceptable )
- Also silly string and colored hair spray are not permitted to be sold or distributed.

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

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

**Event time: 11:00am – 4:00pm**

**Check ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

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

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

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

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 17, 2015**. Address is 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

For additional information, contact Tim Tormoen at 612/239-4686 or at [emprisetraveler@yahoo.com](mailto:emprisetraveler@yahoo.com)

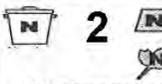
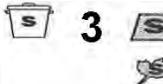
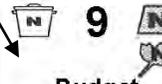
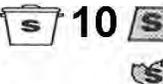
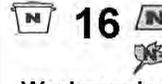
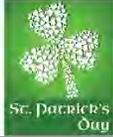
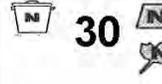
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# March 2015

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Green Team Meeting</b> Mon. Mar. 9 7:00 P.M. G. Love Rm.	 <b>2</b> Worksession Town Adm. Budget Presentation 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>3</b> 	 <b>4</b> NW/EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 <b>5</b> Rec. Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings Time Returns  Street Sweeper	 <b>9</b> Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>10</b> 	 <b>11</b> Town Mtg. 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>12</b>	 <b>13</b> PTA Ice Skating 6:45—8:45 Wells Ice Rink	<b>14</b> Active Shooters Workshop 10:00—2:00 Town Center
<b>15</b> BHHC Maya Davis Presentation 2:00 P.M. Town Center Street Sweeper	 <b>16</b> Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>17</b> 	 <b>18</b>	 <b>19</b>	 <b>20</b> TALENT SHOW 6:30 P.M. BHES Cafeteria 	<b>21</b> GAME NIGHT 6:00—8:00 P.M. Town Ctr. 
<b>22</b>	 <b>23</b> Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>24</b> BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 <b>25</b>	 <b>26</b>	 <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Family Bike Ride To Bladensburg Park — 1:30  Palm Sunday	 <b>30</b>	 <b>31</b>	Yard Waste  North South	Bulk Pick-up  North South	Recycling Collection 	Refuse Collection  North South

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

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

#### Mayor and Council

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