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TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICANTS SOUGHT

Councilmember Maria Robles' resignation, effective August 31, has created a vacancy on the Town Council. To fill the vacancy, a new Councilmember must be appointed 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, September 9, 5 p.m.** Applicants should keep open the evening of **Monday, September 19, 2016** for an interview with the Town Council.

Applications should include a letter of interest, resume and a financial disclosure form, available on the Town website or 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@berwynheightsmd.gov 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.



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Improved access by email and the web

Simplified service request reporting

Status information about your service requests

Easier to use and updated information about government services

To use the system and submit a service request:

Go online and create an account - a new user account will make it more convenient to view the status of your service request online

If you have an existing CountyClick311 account, you still must sign-up - create a new username and password for the new system.

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BHEAC EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets **September 15, 7:00 pm** — Town Center 2nd Floor

All are invited.

The BHEAC organizes the community to improve educational options for all Berwyn Heights students.



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

For Preschoolers and Younger

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

The Berwyn Heights Rec Council Needs You to **Make Fun Happen!!!**



- Would you like to see us do some more or different things?
- Do you have some ideas how to make current activities better?
- Would you like to be a bigger part our community but aren't sure how?
- Do you just want to see what goes on behind the scenes?
- If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Recreation Council wants you!

What's involved?

We meet the first Tuesday evening of the month, at 7:30pm in the Senior Center for about an hour. If you need to miss a meeting, it's OK. We also need volunteers to help us carry out some of our events.

Next meeting

Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:30pm, Senior Center/ G. Love Room.

Have questions?

Contact: Susan Jones, at violindreams@verizon.net or
Theresa Beck, at beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Next event - Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, September 20th, 6:30-8:00 pm, Town Center 2nd Floor.
Free ice cream for all, and games for the kids. Come and socialize with your neighbors and friends.

Worksession

July 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Maria Robles. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger, Officers Scott Krouse and James Ignowski, Public Works Director Kenny Hall, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

1. Promotion Ceremony

Mayor Jewitt performed the promotions of Officer Ignowski to Corporal, Officer Krouse to Corporal and Detective Unger to Detective Sergeant, assisted by Kenneth Krouse who awarded the badges. Chief Antolik gave a brief speech. He said that the Berwyn Heights Police Department is notable for its corps of talented officers, which he is proud to lead. The officers then signed their certificates of promotion and departed for a public reception in the Senior Center.

2. Minutes

On a motion by CM Robles and second by CM Rasmussen, the June 20 work-session minutes were approved 5 to 0. The June 8 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

1. Agenda process

Mayor Jewitt explained that Clerk Harper provided her with a summary of the agenda process previous Councils have followed, which she plans to follow. She asked if the Council had any questions or comments. CM Rasmussen clarified that the process provides for the Mayor to make the final decision of what items will be on the agenda. This ensures that the meetings remain within a given timeframe during which the Council can work productively.

3. Department Reports

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the College Park REI is slated to be closed. The Council may want to take a position to support the store remaining open at this location. CM Robles said that an online petition is circulating asking REI to reconsider, which could be posted to the Town's website. MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued that Prince George's County has banned Styrofoam take-home food containers effective July 1. Restaurants will no longer be able to use them once the current inventory has been used. Fur-

ther, the County Council is proposing to amend its charter to add two at-large members to the County Council. Councilmembers who have already served on the County Council would be eligible to run for these seats and, if elected, could serve another two terms. County Councilwoman Glaros might be invited to a worksession or 4 Cities meeting to explain the amendment. Ms. Glaros will also be hosting her second annual career fair on September 29, 5:30 pm at Parkdale High School.

CM Rasmussen asked for another councilmember to accompany him on the Code Department's inspection of his 3 rental properties in the interest of full disclosure. Mayor Jewitt and CM Dennison said they would do so. CM Rasmussen also asked that the Council think about the extent and timeframe of the planned revision of the Rental Housing Ordinance. It was agreed that the review should begin in the fall and take 2-3 months. An amendment of the Town charter is also on the legislative calendar.

CM Robles reported that she made contacts and gathered information for improving recreational facilities in Berwyn Heights at the MML convention. She scheduled meetings with the Town's school board representative and the M-NCPPC regional director to discuss possible upgrades to the tennis court, basketball court and hockey rink. She also reached out to a vendor for preliminary proposals, and is looking into applying for a DNR Community Parks & Playgrounds grant to finance facility improvements.

CM Robles continued with an update on her efforts to make Berwyn Heights an MML Banner City. The Council fulfilled one of the requirements by attending the MML convention. She asked councilmembers to consider signing up for attending a PGCMA meeting to fulfill another banner city requirement. Flying the Municipal Government Works flag, participating in the "If I Were Mayor" contest, and enrolling in the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance would also earn credits towards Banner City status. Further, CM Robles signed up for the MML Parks & Recreation Association and may join a national Parks & Recreation Association. Lastly, she announced that the next BHEAC meeting will be held on July 21. She will ask if they would like to serve as a review committee for educational grants the Town makes from time to time.

5. Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt received a complaint from a

resident who was not able to obtain information on a police raid that occurred near his home. She has requested Chief Antolik to report on what information can be disclosed to the public about such incidents at the next Town meeting. She also noted that Mike Attick, NW/EP co-chair, donated a commemorative coin to the Town that was given to him by AM-TRAK officials who held a disaster preparedness workshop at the Town Center. NW/EP now has several members that are qualified to help in the event of a train accident in this vicinity.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy received a complaint about dump trucks regularly using Berwyn Road. Chief Antolik has been asked to look into it. She also had a complaint about noise from a construction project, and a question about a leaky fire hydrant. CM Rasmussen said that he learned through an e-mail exchange that a County building permit expires after 6 months and must be extended. He wondered whether Berwyn Heights also requires an extension. CM Robles noted that a driveway apron along Cunningham Drive was rebuilt with asphalt during recent construction work.

Merrill Weinrich, Cunningham Drive, asked whether the Bulletin figure of 190 rental homes in Berwyn Heights is correct. CM Rasmussen confirmed this, noting that the number has come down from a high of 210.

6. Action Items

Footpath improvements: TA Cowles provided additional information on the renovation of the 58th Avenue and 60th Avenue footpaths. Both footpaths have gravel surfaces with no base layer and are prone to washouts and erosion from heavy rains. It is proposed to rebuild the paths to a width of 5' with a stone base and asphalt surface for greater stability and longevity. For the 58th Avenue footpath, it is proposed to re-grade the area, install soil stabilization matting along the slopes, and channel the storm water into the nearest storm water drain. A retaining wall to stabilize the slope would cost around \$18,000.

In response to questions, Public Works Acting Director Hall confirmed that the asphalt surface would be impervious and create additional runoff. Asphalt would be more durable and require less maintenance than asphalt millings. Asphalt sealing will not be necessary as this path will not be used by cars and heavy vehicles. Storm water runoff will be slowed by rip rap to be installed in the channel adjacent to the path. Pervious concrete is an option but would be much more

expensive. The possibility of litter being washed into Indian Creek could be addressed by installing waste baskets at each end of the path.

TA Cowles summarized the challenges for improving the 60th Avenue footpath adjacent to the elementary school. In addition to washouts and erosion, two red maple trees are growing in the middle of the path with exposed roots that cause a trip hazard. SaveATree consultants, who are making an inventory of all Town trees, recommend that these trees be removed, as well as 4-5 trees along the 58th Avenue path.

In response to questions, TA Cowles and Acting Director Hall said that the renovated 60th Avenue path would not be completely ADA compliant because the slope is too steep. However, a straightened, 5' wide asphalt path would be a significant improvement. Installation of solar lights are planned for both paths but more research is needed to determine if there is enough sunlight available on the 58th Avenue path to re-charge them.

TA Cowles gave a brief update on the tree inventory. SavATree has a draft inventory of 860 town trees with recommendations for pruning or removals. They independently came to the conclusion that the two trees in the middle of the 60th Avenue path and several along the 58th Avenue path are in poor health and should be removed. The Town Council will have the opportunity to review the plan at the August 1 worksession. She also noted the Town attorney advises that speed camera money cannot be used to finance the path improvements. She therefore recommends using Highway User Revenues, excluding tree removals, which would be financed from the Public Works Department's tree care budget.

CM Rasmussen said that he appreciates all the work that went into getting a second opinion on tree removals and coming up with alternatives for improving the paths. He will not object to the removal of the two red maples recommended for removal on the 60th Avenue path, nor the removal of any dead trees. He believes that a retaining wall costing \$18,000 is too expensive to save one tree. He remains concerned about soil stabilization and privacy along the 58th Avenue path. Nonetheless, he supports moving forward with the project and made a motion to authorize removal of the designated trees and obtaining bids for the footpath reconstruction. CM Robles seconded.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked to get an estimate for rebuilding the paths using pervious asphalt. Acting Director Hall said he will do so but noted that it costs 3 times as much and requires frequent cleaning to retain its pervious quality. He would recommend using pervious concrete over pervious asphalt. Clerk Harper related a citizen comment from Brad Jewitt, who said that asphalt millings have been successfully used for a perimeter path at NASA/ Goddard Space Flight Center. The motion to approve tree removals and obtain bids for path reconstruction passed 5 to 0.

Strategic planning consultant: TA Cowles explained that she solicited 3 proposals for a strategic planning workshop to help the Council set goals and priorities for the upcoming term and beyond. The Novak Group was used by the Town to recruit a Town Administrator and Code supervisor. The UMD Institute for Governmental Service and Research (IGSR) is familiar to her from consultant services provided to the City of Annapolis. The Phoenix Nest is affiliated with UMD's Center of Leadership & Organizational Change. All 3 proposals are within the \$3,000 budget and each outlines a different approach to the task based on minimal guidance she gave them, including: 1) a list of 46th Council priorities; 2) development of an overall vision and mission for the upcoming Council term; and 3) identifying 2-3 priorities with a step-by-step process for implementation.

Mayor Jewitt said that she prefers the Novak Group because they are already familiar with the Town and its employees. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she is leaning toward IGSR because they provide a specific timetable and objectives for the workshop. CM Rasmussen also preferred IGSR because they provide the most comprehensive proposal. In the ensuing discussion the following points were made: IGSR's agenda may be too ambitious with not enough time to address all items, particularly stakeholder interviews (with businesses or community leaders), in a 1-day seminar; stakeholder interviews may provide valuable insights into concerns of constituents; Novak Group's knowledge of Town's personnel might be limiting and a source of prejudice; IGSR is the only vendor that offers a half day follow-up workshop.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to hire IGSR. The motion passed 5 to 0.

7. Discussion Items

MML debriefing: Mayor Jewitt said her

first MML convention attendance went smoothly but she wished she had a "newbie" tag, so people would know to explain things to her. She enjoyed a workshop on the different forms of local government and was surprised to learn that some cities have unpaid Mayors, or no Town Administrator. She was also surprised that some Councils do not receive regular budget updates, or video-record their meetings. At the Mayor's lunch, she made acquaintance with several other mayors with whom she will consult in the future.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she was busy attending workshops from morning to night, starting with being the Town's flag bearer for the 5th time. She attended a Small Towns Emergency Preparedness workshop and a follow-up snap learning session on how to start up preparedness training in a community. She also took an interesting Fraud Awareness & Prevention workshop that might be integrated into the Town's budget process, participated in a Small Towns Forum, workshops on Intergovernmental Collaboration, Aging Population and The Next Big Thing in Municipal Government, which projected out the types of problems will cities might face 40-50 years from now.

CM Rasmussen reported that he attended many core courses for earning his Academy of Excellence in Local Governance certificate. One was on Hot Button Legal Issues ranging from zoning matters to campaign finance concerns. He attended workshops on Open Meetings and the Public Information Act and was pleased to learn that the Town is already complying with most of the requirements. He attended County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros' breakfast and had an opportunity to interact with Councilmembers from neighboring municipalities.

CM Robles reported that she enjoyed her first MML convention and was particularly impressed with the keynote speaker Jason Roberts, who inspired with his presentation to "Build a Better Block"; ways to improve of blighted neighborhoods with pop-up artistic elements. Some of these ideas might be tried in Berwyn Heights. She also attended workshops on Consensus & Team Building, Inclusive Communities, where Hyattsville stood out as an example, and Aging Population, among others.

TA Cowles said she also attended workshops on Fraud Prevention, Hot Button Legal Issues and Open Meetings. The ideas presented by the keynote speaker

were discussed at length at the Town Administrator's lunch. She particularly enjoyed a workshop on Unmanaged Conflict, which explored the City of Sanford's response to the Trayvon Martin incident.

Monthly reports format: CM Rasmussen said he would like the Council to re-evaluate monthly reports provided by directors to update the Council on workload, projects and expenditures in each department at the next worksession. It may be worthwhile to ask what type of data in which format would be most useful to the Council in leading their departments. The Council agreed and added that Town committees should also be asked to provide a report.

Four Cities agenda: MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained the proceedings of Four Cities Coalition meetings for the benefit of Mayor Jewitt, who will attend her first Four Cities meeting. The July 27 meeting will be hosted by Berwyn Heights, with the Mayor presiding. The following items were proposed for the agenda: 1) presentation by County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros on plans to add two at-large members to the County Council; 2) follow-up discussion with the Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) on improving coordination; 3) update on the County's rezoning effort, Module 2; 4) invitation of M-NCPPC Parks & Recreation representative to address tree removals on park land; 5) update on North County animal shelter; 6) proposed volunteer fire department changes in incident chain of command.

8. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar for upcoming months. The date for the September 6 worksession was confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting July 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen, and Maria Robles. CM Dennison arrived 10 minutes late. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger,

Officer Yomyra Ramirez, and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the June 8 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Robles, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that she will meet with County Councilwoman Dannielle Glaros this Friday to talk about various issues affecting the Town. An Order by the County Executive implementing a new incident chain of command that gives County fire fighters command at the scene of a fire or accident went into effect on July 1. A stay of the Order requested by Berwyn Heights and other cities was not granted. The volunteer companies plan to appeal.

The Town signed a contract with a new contractor to complete a punch list of defective items from the sidewalks project. Work will begin on July 25. Further, the aging air conditioning system in the Town Center will soon be replaced. The compressor of the unit serving the 2nd floor recently failed leading to the cancellation of weekend events. The unit serving the Senior Center is more than 15 years old. The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) will contribute \$13,000 in funding toward the replacement of both units, leaving around \$20,000 to be paid by the Town. The Police Department is getting ready for National Night Out, held on August 2 from 6 to 9 pm.

Mayor Jewitt said she enjoyed attending her 1st MML convention in Ocean City. She attended a number of workshops and took advantage of networking opportunities at the Mayors' Luncheon. She was surprised to learn that some towns do not have a town administrator or manager nor a police force and other important staff.

4. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she had the honor of again being the Town's flag bearer at the MML convention. She participated in workshops on emergency preparedness, fraud prevention, and strategic planning among others. She also attended a public hearing on CB 04-240, which increases the size of the County Council from 9 to 11 members by adding two at-

large seats. Sitting County councilmembers would be eligible to run for an at-large seat. Most speakers expressed concern that this is essentially an "end-run" around term limits voters have repeatedly upheld. The County Council will vote on the legislation on July 19 and, if passed, the legislation will be on the ballot in the November election.

Last Night, MPT Kulpa-Eddy attended a town hall meeting by the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Department on the rewrite of Prince George's 50-year-old zoning ordinance. Citizens present said they were pleased with how the rewrite process has been handled. A number of citizens advocated for loosening the requirements on bee-keeping and hen-housing in residential zones. Several people expressed unhappiness about an unrelated proposal to build a 25 story apartment building at the corner of Kenilworth Avenue and Cherry Hill Road in Greenbelt.

In Administration Department news, MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the railings for the steps leading to Berwyn Presbyterian Church have been approved and will be installed shortly. The Council and senior staff are in the process of reviewing a revised employee handbook that was in need of updating. WSSC today opened a fire hydrant at Seminole Street and 62nd Avenue to flush the pipes. The water will be shut off this evening.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen commented that he can understand adding two at-large positions to the County Council, but not making sitting Councilmembers eligible to run for them. As has been pointed out, this is in clear contradiction to voters' wishes, who have consistently voted not to extend the current term limits of County councilmembers. He also stated that it may not be a bad thing to build a luxury apartment complex in this vicinity, which may attract a Trader Joe's or other desirable business to locate here.

CM Rasmussen thanked TA Cowles and the Town's tree consultant Sav-A-Tree for completing an inventory of trees. It will provide an independent baseline for evaluating Pepco's tree trimming and removal plans in Berwyn Heights. The Town continues to invite citizens' comments on Pepco's vegetation management plan, which can be sent to TA Cowles.

In Code news, CM Rasmussen reported that a property on Seminole Place, which is in the process of being rehabilitated after a fire damaged it, has become a target for vandalism. Last week, a shed

on the property caught fire in what may have been a case of arson. The Code and Police Department are working with the home owner and neighbors to secure the property. It may be useful to review the Clean Lot Ordinance for ways to prevent a property from remaining in a state of disrepair for long periods and thus become a public nuisance. The Code Department received complaints about a dog on Goucher Drive that jumps the fence and attacks other dogs. The Council may want to think about taking up the Animal Ordinance, which has not been updated in a while.

CM Rasmussen reported that he was in a tornado warning when attending a conference in Minnesota and urged residents to take such warnings seriously. Lastly, he noted that the Council voted to approve improvements to two footpaths, which require the removal of 6 trees. He, too, voted for the improvements because alternatives to save the trees were too expensive or impractical.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Robles reported that her first visit to the MML convention was very instructive. She obtained interesting information on aging populations, inclusive communities and downtown revitalization. Further, she met with the Town's school board representative, Lupi Grady. They discussed how Ms. Grady could best assist the Town with education issues, and improve coordination among the Education Advisory Councils of the Four Cities Coalition. CM Robles also met with a playground vendor, who had an exhibit at the MML conference, and asked for preliminary proposals on how to transform under-utilized recreational facilities in the Town. She plans to make a presentation to the Council about recreational facilities at a future worksession.

Public Works: CM Dennison reported the refuse collection statistics for the month of June. She also said that the first round of interviews for a Public Works director has been completed.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik reported for the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD). During the summer months, vehicle fires are at their peak and drivers are urged to take the following precautions: Keeping a fire extinguisher in the vehicle; refraining from smoking, and maintaining vehicle electrical and fuel systems. In case of smoke or flames coming from the vehicle, drivers should pull over, shut off the ignition and exit the car, then call 911.

Detective Sergeant Unger gave the police activities report for June. There were 3 Part I offenses, as opposed to the 5-year average for June of 5.2. The year-to-date total was 28, as opposed to the 5-year average of 31. The police issued 157 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road, and 225 state and municipal citations. Detective Unger asked residents to remain alert for suspicious activities and report them to the police. Examples of suspicious activity include: a person in street clothes running; unidentified people carrying property; or door-to-door vendors without a permit from the Town. When reporting suspicious persons please have a description of their appearance and what they were doing.

Detective Unger gave a brief update on National Night Out plans. Featured attractions include a moon bounce, music with a DJ, free food and drink, exhibits, demos, and a dunk tank. Volunteers are still needed. Students can earn community service hours. Mayor Jewitt said that she will volunteer for the dunk tank and challenge any former councilmembers to volunteer with a contribution of \$10 to a charity of BHPD's choosing. CM Robles asked what a vendor's permit looked like. Detective Unger explained that a vendor's permit is a photo ID with "Berwyn Heights Police Department" stamped on it. He will bring one to show at the next Town meeting. CM Rasmussen spoke briefly about the killing of 5 Dallas police officers on July 7, 2016.

Officer Yomira Ramirez reported that she is planning a new event, Coffee with Cops, to take place on August 27, 9:00 a.m. at the Town Center. This event will provide public safety information for Berwyn Heights residents and especially seeks to reach out to the Spanish-speaking community. More information will be made available at National Night Out or by contacting her at 301-474-6554.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Robles announced that the EAC will meet on July 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Green Team: The Green Team will have a booth at National Night Out with activities and information. They will also participate in a BHES garden cleanup on Saturday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m., with a rain date of August 12. Volunteers are welcome and should bring their own tools. On Berwyn Heights Day, the Green Team earned \$243 from the sale of Butterfly Weed plants.

Historical Committee: The BHHC will have a table at National Night Out with exhibits and giveaways.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP will man the grills and serve the food on National Night Out and welcome any help from volunteers. At the last meeting, the Committee met with the County's CERT liaison, James Morrow, and discussed how coordination with local CERTs can be improved. A County-wide CERT meeting is scheduled for August 27. The next NW/EP meeting is on September 7, 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Council: The Recreation Council will hold an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. They are also seeking new volunteers with fresh ideas. Interested residents should attend the next meeting on September 6, 7:30 p.m.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

There was none.

8. Citizens Discussion

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she received comments about the repaired section of the Metro pedestrian bridge. While this sections looks and feels different from the original section, having been made with different materials, she was assured that the engineering is sound and the bridge is safe. Berwyn Heights has been promised a seat at the table when the replacement of the bridge is discussed in 3 to 6 years from now.

Mayor Jewitt said she received a comment from a resident who is happy about a tree on her property that is to be removed because it grows close to the power lines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
July 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Maria Robles. CM Christopher Rasmussen had excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Announcements

Mayor Jewitt said that the meeting started later than usual because the Council was in executive session to interview candidates for the Director of Public Works position. She reported that she met with County Councilmember Glaros and discussed the County's zoning rewrite effort, particularly as it relates to bee-keeping, the planned replacement of the pedestrian bridge and other topics. She thanked the Berwyn Heights Police for giving guidance on current safety issues at the last Town meeting, and met with Administration staff and with the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee.

2. Minutes

CM Dennison moved to approve the July 5 worksession minutes. CM Robles seconded. A new set of copies of the minutes was made as an earlier draft of the minutes had been provided in the agenda packet. The minutes were approved 4 to 0 with corrections.

3. Department Reports

Mayor Jewitt reported that BHPD and NW/EP are working on preparing for National Night Out held on August 2, 2016. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked Clerk Harper to report on a meeting of the Inter-municipal Bike Share Working Group she attended on the Council's behalf. Clerk Harper said that the meeting focused on a bikeshare feasibility study undertaken by a consultant, Toole Design Group. The study looks at implementing a bikeshare system in Prince George's County using the existing pedestrian/ bicycle trails network and recommends using Capital BikeShare as the system operator. The system allows users to rent a bike at one docking station and drop it off at another. Stations are often located at points of interest such as Metro stations, business districts, government buildings and recreational facilities to provide an alternative to traveling by automobile. Integration with the University of Maryland's mBike system was discussed, as was technology, cost and phasing-in.

At the meeting, Clerk Harper was approached by the Town of University Park to request Berwyn Heights' support for a bikeways improvement grant. The Council agreed to take it up at the August 1 worksession. CM

Robles reported that the next Education Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting will take place on July 21, and that she is following up on a concern raised by a citizen that temporary classrooms are being erected in the Berwyn Heights Elementary School parking lot. She is looking into whether the Town has an agreement with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) forbidding the placement of temporary classrooms. Clerk Harper noted that the Town deeded the school property to PGCPS for reopening the school. There is an agreement in Town files regarding the use of the school fields.

4. Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported for CM Rasmussen that comments were received regarding the Noise Ordinance, dogs, trenches and trash. When raised with the Code Department, Supervisor Glass was already aware of these issues and working to resolve them. MPT Kulpa-Eddy commented that a large patio umbrella was blown into the middle of Ruatan Street near 63rd Avenue by the thunderstorm that passed through this afternoon, in the event any resident was missing one.

5. Action Items

AC for Town Center: TA Cowles explained that she has scheduled the replacement of two air conditioning units that serve the Town Center later this week. The compressor failed on a 1999 unit that serves the 2nd floor of the Town Center. There is a critical need to replace it because the venue is used as a cooling center. The second unit serving the Senior Center is believed to be older still and should be replaced as well. The Maryland Energy Administration will contribute \$13,000 in grant funding but only if both units are replaced. The total replacement cost will be \$32,800 with the Town's share being \$19,800. TA Cowles is evaluating whether to file an equipment failure claim with the Town's insurance company to further reduce the cost of replacement. Filing a claim will depend on whether insurance rates could possibly go up as a result of the claim.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that the heating and cooling systems in the Town Administration building will be replaced, as budgeted in FY

2017. The new unit for the 2nd floor of the Town Center should be up and running by this weekend. The unit for the 1st floor should be installed by the following weekend. The money to pay for the units would be taken from the unrestricted fund balance (i.e., surplus) and appropriated in the FY 2017 budget amendments.

CM Dennison moved and CM Robles seconded to approve the replacement of the two AC units at a cost of \$19,800. The motion passed 4 to 0.

National Night Out: Mayor Jewitt noted that she and Chief Antolik are volunteering for the dunk tank. In addition, she will contribute \$10 for each current or former councilmember who volunteers for the dunk tank. The money will go toward the National Night Out fund. TA Cowles said that the layout for National Night Out may be changed this year due to security concerns. MPT Kulpa-Eddy advised that the best location for the grilling station is in the back of the Town office under the trees.

Monthly reports content: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that this agenda item was requested by CM Rasmussen. She believes that he wanted to find out what type of data each councilmember would like to see in a monthly report from department directors. It was agreed that each monthly report should have a brief summary of recent accomplishments and upcoming initiatives in addition to the statistics on work accomplished. For example, the Public Works department reports currently lack information on accomplishments and initiatives. Mayor Jewitt said the police report contains the data she is looking for, but she would like to have it provided prior to the Town meeting so she can be better prepared.

CM Robles said that her department, *Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs* (PRECA), does not have a director or staff to write a report. Instead, reports might be provided by the Town Committees to inform the Council of what they are doing. In terms of her budget, the Recreation Council receives the largest share and could be asked to provide a regular report. She plans to reach out to other Town committees to learn about their activities and share them with the Council. Mayor Jewitt suggested that it is ap-

appropriate for committee chairs to attend Town meetings and give their respective reports.

Ordinance 124 – Conduct Guidelines: Mayor Jewitt highlighted several provisions of the Conduct Guidelines for Elected Officials of the Town of Berwyn Heights she considers important for this Council to work effectively together, to include:

- Foremost, Councilmembers should treat and debate with each other respectfully
- Come prepared to Council meetings to be able to address the items on the agenda
- Honor the role of the chair in maintaining order during a meeting
- Refrain from disrupting Town staff doing their jobs
- Ask for clarifications but avoid debate during a presentation
- Refrain from disrupting the

meeting verbally or otherwise

Mayor Jewitt said that this Council for the most part observes these guidelines but they should be kept in mind. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if there is a problem that warrants these reminders. Mayor Jewitt said that there sometimes is a need to remind people to remain calm and focused.

Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing: This item was requested by CM Rasmussen and will be postponed to a meeting when CM Rasmussen is present to lead the discussion.

8. Town Council Schedule

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Kerstin Harper,
Town Clerk

CODE NEWS

July Activities

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	29
Clean Lot	17
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	7
Non-Hazardous	6
Vehicles	8
Premise Identification	1
Commercial	1
Total Violations	71
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	4
Dumpster/ PODs	1
Total Permits issued	7
Rentals	
New Rentals	2
Lost Rentals	2
Total Rentals	192
Inspections	22
Re-inspections	0
Fines	1
Rental Licenses Issued	16
Vacant Homes	10

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

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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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Co-Chair Michael Attick

mikeattick@verizon.net

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Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

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Playgroup

Rachel Cicero

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Theresa Beck

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Green Team

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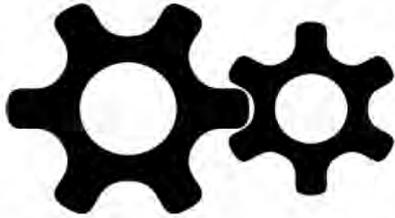
Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com





Public Works Newsletter September 2016

On August 8, 2016, Stevie Cox started as the new Public Works Director. Mr. Cox has 20 years of local government experience in Illinois, North Carolina and Maryland. He has worked as a Planner, Planning Director and a Town Manager. He had most recently served as the Capitol Heights Town Administrator.

Mr. Cox has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Wake Forest University and a Master of Arts Degree in Urban Affairs from Saint Louis University. Mr. Cox has been responsible for the operation of the following enterprise funds: Water, Sewer, Garbage and Stormwater. In addition, he has a strong background in project management, budget preparation and public infrastructure. We are glad to have him aboard as the new Director.

We want to thank Kenneth Hall for his competent leadership and hard work as the interim Public Works Director over the last nine months. Mr. Hall worked for the City of Greenbelt for 42 years before he retired, and came out of retirement to work for the Town of Berwyn Heights. He has been responsible for changing the culture of the department and guiding the Town's Tree Management Project. Mr. Hall will remain with the Town to complete the 58th and 60th Avenue footpaths paving project. We wish Mr. Hall an enjoyable retirement. If you are looking for him in the future, you will find him on a golf course near you.

In addition, we want to thank Kathy Watkins, who stepped down as the Public Works Interim Administrative Assistant in August. She did a great job of organizing the office and working with other employees. She recently retired from the United States Postal Services. We wish her our best as moves into her retirement.

In the coming weeks, we will have two new employees joining the Public Works Department. It is my expectation that we will be able to be at full staff by October 1, 2016. On September 5, 2016, the Public Works Department will be closed in Observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Listed below will be trash, recycling and yard waste collection for that week.

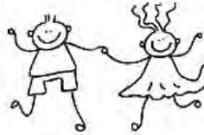


TRASH SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Collection Service
Monday	September 5, 2016	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	September 6, 2016	Trash and Yard Waste – Northside
Wednesday	September 7, 2016	Trash and Yard Waste – Southside
Thursday	September 8, 2016	Recycling
Friday	September 9, 2016	Town Wide Trash Collection

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- September 2016 --



**** The 2016-2017 School Year Has Begun! ****

Let's make it the best one yet!

Visit your child's classroom and learn about plans for the upcoming year at **Back-to-School Night** on **Thursday, September 8th** at 7 pm.

And then, less than one week later, on **Tuesday, September 13th** celebrate the start of a new school year at **BHES' 14th Annual Hello Husky Extravaganza!**

Food! Music! Games! for the whole family in front of the school building beginning at 6 pm.

Please join the PTA for the 2016-2017 school year!

Membership is \$12/person or \$20/family.

Membership forms are available in the school's front office and on the PTA web site.

Meetings *usually* are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm in the school library. **All are welcome!**

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, September 5**
Labor Day – No School!
- **Tuesday, September 6**
PTA Meeting @ 6:45 pm
- **Thursday, September 8**
Back to School Night @ 7 pm
- **Tuesday, September 13**
Hello Husky Night
- **Friday, September 30**
Staff Development Day – No School!

Follow **Berwyn Heights ES PTA** on Facebook for PTA and school-related updates:

- president@bhespta.org
- www.BHESPTA.org



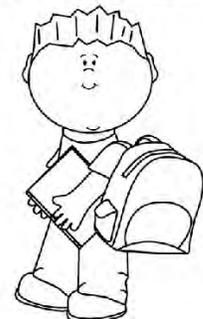
Help Make BHES Even Better!

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer!

Love to garden?

Want to lend a hand in your child's classroom or library?

Do you have a knack for event-planning or fundraising?



**** Please get involved! Even just a few hours makes an enormous difference! ****



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5 BUDGET FRIENDLY BATHROOM UPDATES:

1. Spray paint old vanity w/high gloss darker color. HVLP Sprayer available at Home Depot.
2. Swap out old drawer pulls and towel rack w/ brushed nickel or pewter color.
3. Add new lighting fixture- add drop sconce/ pendant fixture over mirror.
4. Hang X long shower curtain higher, up near ceiling. Adds height & elegance to a small bath.
5. Re-caulk tub, replace shower head with multi water stream type.

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
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- TOWN RESIDENT
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SOLD- 7511 Wellesley Dr 3BR/3BA Rambler.....\$325,000
 Reduced- 6207 Seminole PI 3BR/2BA remodeled rambler \$320K
SOLD-7400 Radcliffe Dr 4BR/2.5BA split w/pool.....\$375,000
NEW LISTING- 5922 Natasha Dr 3BR 2.5BA Rambler....\$290,000
 Reduced-6100 Westchester Pk Dr 2BR/2BA hi rise condo\$170K

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



*The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!
Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com*

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Community Garden Party

**Saturday, Sept. 17th
3—5 p.m.**



Celebrating our 3rd year of gardening together in Berwyn Heights!

Join us at the Berywn Heights Community Garden (58th Ave, 2 blocks up from 7-11) for a potluck celebration.

All town residents are invited!

Please bring a dish to share.
A hot grill will be available for use.

Kids' Activities will be provided.

It's Almost Fall—Time to Plant Trees!

*This great tree planting information comes from the SavATree website.
Visit their website for more tips.
<http://www.savatree.com/fall-planting-trees.html>*

Fall officially begins with autumnal equinox in late September. The ideal time to begin planting trees and shrubs is six weeks before the first sign of hard frost. September through November is the ideal time for tree planting because it allows the roots to become established before the ground freezes and winter sets in. However, it is highly recommended that you do not continue planting trees too late into the fall because this can have a negative impact on plant health.

Cooler, wetter weather is the perfect time for tree planting. With an increase in rainfall and cooler temperatures in the fall, less watering is needed. As tree shoot growth

halts, the trees require less water because the days are cooler and shorter and the rate of photosynthesis decreases. Stable air temperatures also promote rapid root development. Soils stay warm well after the air temperature cools, also encouraging root growth. During shoot dormancy, trees grow to establish roots in new locations before warm weather stimulates top growth.

There are several benefits to fall planting. Trees planted in the fall are better equipped to deal with heat and drought in the following season.



Visit the Green Team Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam>



Berwyn Heights

Información sobre el Mantenimiento de los Árboles con Pepco



Árboles Podados y Árboles Removidos - Conoce Tus Derechos

Pepco necesita cortar árboles en Berwyn Heights debido a las líneas de energía. Sin embargo, es posible que Pepco puede hárbelo dicho que sus árboles deben ser removidos totalmente sin infórmale que sus árboles pueden ser podados, en lugar de cortados.

Los arboles maduros en nuestra ciudad son 50 a 100 años de edad. Arboles recién plantados nunca alcanzaran a la altura de nuestra actual copas de los árboles originales en nuestra vida. Los árboles de sombra proporcionan muchos beneficios estéticos y económicos a nuestra ciudad. Berwyn Heights es una Ciudad de Arbol oficial por la Fundacion Arbor Day.

Como propietario, usted puede negarse a que sus árboles sean removidos totalmente si pueden ser recortados en el cumplimiento de "Maryland Rule Making 43" (RM43). Un radio de 15 pies (4.572 metros) debe ser recortado alrededor de líneas de alto voltaje y un radio de 10 pie (3.048 metros) debe ser recortado alrededor de líneas de voltaje baja, sin ramas colgantes. La eliminación del árbol completa no es necesario, a menos que 25% de la corona del árbol tenga que ser removido, o si el árbol es un árbol menos maduro y tiene rápido crecimiento (8 a 10 pies por año o 2.4384 a 3.048 por año).

Por cado árbol removido por Pepco, uno será reemplazado en su propiedad. Si usted no desea tener otro árbol plantado en su propiedad, el árbol será plantado en otra lugar en la ciudad para preservar nuestra copa de los árboles. Pepco requiere podar arboles cada cuatro años.

Arboles identificados para eliminación, tanto en la ciudad y la propiedad privada, están marcados con puntos azules. No se eliminarán todos los árboles con puntos azules en la propiedad de la ciudad, porque el personal de la ciudad evaluó cada árbol individualmente.

Si un árbol en su propiedad privada ha sido marcado con un punto azul, usted tuvo que haber sido contactado por Pepco.

Muchos de usted compraron su casa en Berwyn Heights debido a la copa madura de los árboles de sombra. Por favor pregunten a Pepco si sus árboles puedan ser podados, en lugar de removidos completamente. Si te dicen que el árbol debe ser removido totalmente, puede pedir una explicación por escrito de una lista de las razones por las que su árbol debe ser removido, en lugar de podado. Los árboles pueden mejorar el valor de nuestras propiedades, proporcionar el secuestro de carbono, y reducir los costos de energía.

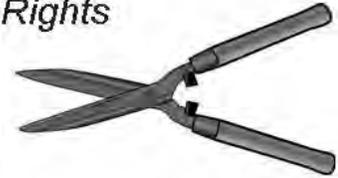
Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Maryland al (410) 767-8115. El representante de Pepco para este trabajo es Theresa de Davey Trees. Se le puede contactar con preguntas o dudas a (330) 274-1576.

Visita www.pepco.com para los diagramas sobre los requisitos legales poda de árboles.



Berwyn Heights Pepco Tree Maintenance Information

Pruning vs. Tree Removal—Know Your Rights



Pepco needs to clear trees in Berwyn Heights from power lines. However, Pepco may have told you that your trees must be removed without informing you if your trees can be pruned instead.

The mature trees in our town are 50-100 years old. Newly planted trees will not reach the height of our current tree canopy in our lifetime. Shade trees provide many aesthetic and economic benefits to our town. Berwyn Heights is an official Tree City certified by The Arbor Day Foundation.

As a homeowner, you may refuse to have your trees removed if they can be trimmed in compliance with "Maryland Rule Making 43" (RM43). A 15' radius must be trimmed around high voltage lines and a 10' radius must be trimmed around lower voltage lines, with no overhanging branches. Complete tree removal is not necessary unless more than 25% of the crown must be removed or if the tree is a less mature, fast-growing tree (8-10' per year).

For every tree removed by Pepco, one will be replaced on your property. If you do not wish to have another tree planted on your property, that tree will be planted elsewhere in Town to preserve our tree canopy. Pepco is required to trim trees every four years.

Trees identified for removal by Pepco, on both Town and private property, are marked with blue dots. Not all trees with blue dots on Town property will be removed, as the Town staff approved the work on each tree individually.

If a tree on your private property has been marked with a blue dot, you should have been contacted by Pepco.

Many of you purchased your home in Berwyn Heights because of its mature shade tree canopy. Please ask Pepco if your trees can be pruned rather than removed. If they tell you that your tree must be removed, you may ask for a written explanation listing the reasons why your tree must be removed instead of pruned. Trees can improve our property values, provide carbon sequestration, and even lower energy costs.

For more information please contact the Maryland Public Service Commission at [410-767-8115](tel:410-767-8115). Pepco's representative for this work is Theresa with Davey Trees. She can be reached with questions or concerns at [330-274-1576](tel:330-274-1576).

Visit www.pepco.com for diagrams on legal tree pruning requirements.

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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. Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/BHeightsGOP and Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP.

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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.

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FULL PAGE		
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Recent Working Incidents:

July 18th- Truck 14 & Utility 14 were first arriving units to the 7500blk of Edmonston Rd in College Park Estates for a House Fire in the living room.

July 20th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a patient from an overturned SUV into the woods OL I-495 (Capitol Beltway) before Annapolis Rd in Lahnam.

July 25th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a trapped driver from an accident at Rhode Island Ave/Hollywood Rd in College Park after a head-on collision.

July 25th- Truck 14 was first arriving unit to the 8300Blk Potomac Ave in College Park for the House Fire. Units arrived to find a fully-engulfed vacant house.

July 27th- Truck 14 & Chief 14A operated in the 4800BLK of Harvard Rd in College Park for a working House Fire.

July 31st- Truck 14 operated in the 4900 blk of Riverdale Rd in Riverdale for a house fire.

July 31st- Truck 14 & Chief 14B operated in the 12000 blk of Lofting Ct in Bowie for a House Fire, hoarder house.

Aug 8th- Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a crash SB BW Pkway at the 1-495 in Greenbelt.

Aug 10- Truck 14 & Chief 14B were alerted to the 8600Blk of Piney Branch Rd in Montgomery Co with many other PG Units to assist MoCo units on scene with an deadly Apartment Fire/Explosion /Structural Collapse/Mass-Casulty Incident.

Aug 11th- Truck 14 was alerted to the 8100Blk of 14th Ave in Adelphi for an Apartment Fire. Units arrived to find heavy fire conditions in the bottom apartments, and a 2nd Alarm was requested as it spread to the upper floors.

Aug 13th- Truck 14 & Chief 14 (McCoy) operated in the 2500 Blk Avalon Place in Adelphi for the working House Fire.

Aug 4th- Truck 14 was alerted to assist units on scene of a working commercial Building Fire in the 7500Blk of Forbes Blvd in Glenn Dale.

BHVFD Operates Two Reserve Rescue Squads

For the past few months, residents might have seen different apparatus responding out of the firehouse, this is because our 1989 reserve Rescue Squad and 2004 frontline Rescue Squad have been out for repairs. Wheaton Vol. Fire Dept. in Montgomery County graciously lent us one of their Squads for a few days until the County's reserve unit became available. The Department is currently planning and designing specifications for a new Squad, and we will be heavily dependent on this year's Fund Drive mailer to help pay for the \$1 million price tag. Pictures of the different units the Department has been

using are below:



Wheaton Vol Fire Dept. Rescue Squad 2 (reserve)



PGFD's Reserve Rescue Squad

BHVFD Smoke/CO Detector Installment Program

Back in June BHVFD was awarded a grant from the State to purchase several dozen dual Smoke & Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors to distribute to Town residents. Town of Berwyn Heights residents who do not have working detectors in their homes. In order for residents to receive the new detectors, BHVFD must install them ourselves. **To schedule an installation, call the Fire Station after 3pm at 301-474-7866.**

If you are a renter, please be aware that the property owner is required to provide you with sufficient working smoke detectors, CO detector, and fire extinguishers.

Station 14 Call Volume July 2016

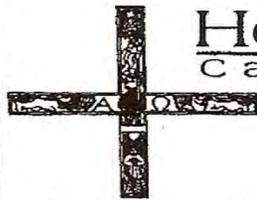
Rescue Squads:	120
Ladder Truck:	103
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	7
Ambulance:	200
Total Station Runs for July 2016:	430

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Now that Fall is here, come to the Center, get a cup of coffee, a soda, or a bottle of water and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

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September 1 Nancy Donaldson
September 2 Betty McCaffrey
September 5 Doris Lehman
September 13 Carol Gill
September 18 Richard Ahrens
Helen Weinrich

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES



Happenings

► September brings the resumption of Redskin football. Come watch the games on September 18, 25, and October 2, and share a pot luck late lunch. Game times are 1:00 P.M.

► Breakfast at the Silver Diner is also on tap.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

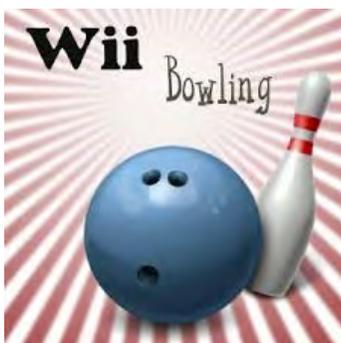
WII BOWLING — Pick Up games every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Tuesday At 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS— Second and Fourth Tuesdays

at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Pot Luck.



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POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **June 2016**. 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.

07/02/16 at 5:10 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a purse from a 2012 Nissan.

07/03/16 at 1:45 am, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2011 Lexus from the 8700 block of Edmonston Road. The driver was found to have passed out in the vehicle from being intoxicated.

07/03/16 at 10:45 am, Cpl. Ignowski impounded a 2008 Hyundai from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver's license was suspended.

07/03/16 at 2:45 pm, Cpl. Ignowski found a cell phone in the 8700 block of 57th Avenue.

07/03/16 at 7:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8400 block of 58th Avenue for an unattended death. Investigation revealed that a 78 y/o, w/m, expired from natural causes.

07/05/16 at 1:37, Cpl. Krouse responded to the 8600 block of 63rd Avenue for a report of a credit card fraud.

07/08/16 at 4:00 am, officers responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Place for

report of someone setting fire to a shed.

07/09/16 at 7:25 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 56th Avenue for a suspicious person in the area. On scene Cpl. Roberson identified the subject as Mr. Hector Morales, a 23 y/o, b/m of Riverdale, Md. Mr. Morales was wanted for robbery by the PG County Sheriff Dept. He was arrested and transported to DOC without incident.

07/10/16 at 4:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a theft from a 2016 Hyundai. I-Pad and a GPS unit were taken.

07/12/2016 at 1:25 pm, Cpl. Krouse responded to the Parkway Liquor for a theft complaint. A black male juvenile around 16-17 y/o grabbed two miniature bottles and fled scene.

07/15/2016 at 7:70 am, Pfc. Ramirez was contacted by one of the BHPDW employees in regard to someone having used his credit card. Victim stated that he suspected one of his co-workers took his credit card and used it. Investigation submitted to Det. Sgt. Unger.

07/17/2016 at 6:40 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the Checkers fast food for an assault complaint. On scene, the manager of the restaurant stated that an employee assaulted her. Case being investigated by Pfc. Ramirez.

07/18/2016 at 3:50 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2010 Toyota from the 8400 block of 57th Ave. The said vehicle was displaying a VA tag that expired as of 02/2016.

07/22/2016 at 11:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8500 block of Edmonston Road for a suspicious person report. Investigation revealed that an unknown person fled the area when a motion activated light came on. The suspect dropped a cellular phone in the process as he/she fled. The reporting person stated that the suspect may have been playing 'Pokémon-Go'. The cellular phone was recovered and placed in BHPD property.

07/25/2016 at 7:04 am, Cpl. Ignowski and Det/Sgt. Unger responded to the Xtra-Fuel at 5919 Greenbelt Road for a robbery in progress. On scene, the victim stated that a black male approached the counter, pointed a handgun at him and demanded money before fleeing. Prince George's County police assisted with the incident along with K-9. Investigation continues.

07/25/2016 at 12:18 pm, Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block for a theft

of bicycle complaint.

07/29/2016 at 12:05 pm, Cpl. Ignowski impounded an unlicensed 2000 Chevy in the area of the 6000 block of Quebec St.

07/29/2016 at 12:13 pm, Cpl. Ignowski impounded an unlicensed 1995 Mercedes in the area of the 6000 block of Quebec St.



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Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle—September 2016

Fall Harvest Festival



Saturday, October 8th, 10am-2pm at BH Town Hall



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Do you like event planning? Join our Event Committee and help plan our annual events, parties, campouts and more! We are also looking for coaches, "team parents", and board members. We also have a vacant seat on our Executive Board! Contact us for details.

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2016 BERWYN HEIGHTS MEN'S LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

Who: Any resident of town or any member of the Boys & Girls Club (a parent or guardian)

What: A fun Basketball league that has been in existence for 40 years. The league is for over 30-year-old players and Tuesdays and Thursdays are open for anybody over 17 years old.

When: Sign-up dates are October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, From 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

Why: Why Not! This is a great way to keep in shape And have some fun doing it. The talent level is very diverse and we have players from 30-60 years old playing.

Price: \$60 for the whole year. You will be required to purchase a gym card, to use the facilities, from MNCPPC for the year.

League Play: League play is on Sundays between 3-7 p.m. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. *all year long*. Come on out, get some much needed exercise and meet some new friends. For further information, contact Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142. We look forward to seeing you on the court.



Historical Committee

National Night Out

The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee enjoyed chatting with residents about what we do. We showed historic artifacts and exhibits, offered brochures, and shared this year's fridge magnet, featuring the Taylor Lofgren House. Get yours at our next event.



Mark your Calendars

Wine & Cheese Reception

November 13, 2:00 pm

The BHHC continues to work on its oral histories project, a series of interviews with long-time residents about their memories of an earlier Berwyn Heights. A highlights video will be shown at our fall wine and cheese event. Also on display, a collection of photo albums from various Town clubs. Bring your own old photos of our Town to show, if you like.

Next Meeting: September 20, 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room.

For information contact Kerstin Harper at kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us,

Visit our blog at <https://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com/>



Free Karate Training!!!!

**Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm
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For more information, contact Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com, or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881

Please congratulate the Berwyn Heights Karate Club's first junior black belts, Senseis Nailah Harris, Aman Harris, and Kimi Harris, on achieving this rank!



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Sharon McCraney, Long & Foster
Silver Diner
TGI Friday's

I would personally like to thank all vendors, sponsors, volunteers and guests for their help and participation in this year's National Night Out. Without the support from all of you this popular event would not be possible. Next year's event is already in the planning stages. So, if you would like to be involved, help, volunteer or sponsor it please contact me by email at skrouse@berwynheightsmd.gov

Sincerely,
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September 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 28	29  	30   	31 	Sep 1  	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY Town Government Offices Closed. No Trash Pickup. 	6   7:00 PM  Worksession Town Office 7:30 PM Rec. Council G. Love Room 6:45 PM PTA Meeting BHES	7   7:30 PM  NW/EP Meeting G. Love Room	8  7:00 PM Back to School Night BHES	9  	10
11	12   	13    6:00 PM  HELLO HUSKIES BHES	14  8:00 PM Town Meeting Town Office	15   7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee Town Center 2nd Floor 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm.	16	17 3:00—5:00 PM Community Garden Party At BH Community Garden
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET, IF POSSIBLE, DURING THE WEEK THAT THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.						
18	19   7:00 PM  Worksession Town Office	20    6:30 PM  ICE CREAM SOCIAL Town Center 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room	21 	22  	23	24
25 Street Sweeper Sep 26 Thru 30 	26   	27   	28 	29  	 Recycling Collection   Refuse Collection   Yard Waste   Bulk Pick-up	

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Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
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Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 432-0710	crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Vacant		
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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 3rd most recent mtg:
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