

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**APRIL 2012**

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## BERWYN HEIGHTS TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012**

The polling station is on the first floor of the Town Center (Senior Center) at 8603 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. As in the previous election, the Town will be using paper ballots. To vote, all you need to bring is a valid photo ID. If you need assistance in getting to the polls please contact the Town Office at (301) 474-5000. Any resident who wishes to observe the tallying may remain in the polling station after closing. Results are usually available by 10 p.m. on the night of the election.

### SAMPLE BALLOT:

#### TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

(Place an "X" beside your selection)  
(Select no more than five (5) candidates)

Rose Almoguera	_____
Cheye Calvo	_____
Patricia Dennison	_____
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	_____
James Wilkinson	_____

## ➔ ABSENTEE VOTING TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012

Any resident of the Town of Berwyn Heights, who is 18 years old and is a registered voter of Prince George's County or the Town of Berwyn Heights, may cast an absentee ballot for any reason. Absentee ballots may be requested from 30 days to 7 days prior to the election at the Town office. Absentee ballots must reach the Town office by election day, or can be turned in on election day until polls close at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Kerstin Harper at 301-474-5000 if you have questions.

## MOCK STUDENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, April 23  
6:30 pm**

Berwyn Heights Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will enact a meeting of the Town Council and discuss an issue of interest to Berwyn Heights.

The meeting will be held on the second floor of the Town Center and will start at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be televised over Comcast channel 71 and Verizon FIOS channel 12. Residents are invited to attend and participate in the students deliberations.

## 2012 ELECTION TOWN VOTER REGISTRATION

From March 1 to April 2, the Town offers supplemental voter registration for any residents who are not currently registered with the State of Maryland or Prince George's County. Frequently, those residents are military personnel or students, but it also includes residents who recently moved to Berwyn Heights and are not yet on State and County voter rolls. Any resident who is on State and County voter rolls is automatically eligible to vote in Town elections.

Supplemental voter registration is available at the Town office during normal office hours, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. You will need to fill out a simple application form recording your name and address and show a valid photo ID. For more information contact Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at 301-474-5000 or [kerstin.harper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:kerstin.harper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us).



### NINTH ANNUAL DAVE DALY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**June 22, 2012**

**Bowie Golf and  
Country Club**

Contact Sean or Bernadette Daly for  
more information  
[bernmwass@gmail.com](mailto:bernmwass@gmail.com)  
301.345.2416

### APRIL HOLIDAY & TRASH SCHEDULE

All Town offices close at 1:00 p.m. on  
**Good Friday, April 6.**

There will be normal trash collection.

**pepco**



### Smart Meter Installation

Pepco sub-contractor Scope Services, Inc. is installing smart meters in Berwyn Heights through the end of 2012. This is part of a long-term investment to upgrade the power grid. Scope Services workers wear blue shirts, khaki pants and photo ID, and drive white vans marked with Pepco and Scope Services logos.

During the meter exchange, there may be a brief power interruption of 5 minutes or less. If you or a member of your household is currently registered in Pepco's Emergency Medical Program for customers with special medical needs, the meter installer will make personal contact prior to exchanging the meter. Or you can call Scope Services at (888) 226-8761 to make an appointment. If you wish to register for the program, call Pepco at (202) 833-7500.

If you have general questions about the installation, please call Pepco's customer care center at (202) 833-7500, or visit the "Smart Grid" section on [Pepco.com](http://Pepco.com) under "Our Energy Future."



## TAX TIME IS COMING! REMEMBER YOUR TOWN

**TAX TIME IS COMING!** 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 frequently 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.

# Worksession

February 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Director of Code Compliance Sonjia Solomon, and Clerk Harper.

## 1. Mayor

**Agenda:** Indian Creek playground dedication was taken off the agenda.

**Announcements:** Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) will send a team to participate in the science bowl tomorrow.

**Calendar:** No changes were made.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the January 23 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that he attended a meeting in University Park on a small town energy program called STEP-UP. University Park received a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to start a community-wide energy transformation program that can serve as a model for other small towns across the U.S. The goal of the program is to improve energy efficiency by 20% in at least 20% of the homes in University Park, Maryland. University Park is also promoting solar energy. A membership-funded investment group, Community Solar LLC, purchased and had solar panels installed on the roof of a church. The panels produce electricity that feeds into Pepco's power grid. Community Solar earns money from the sale of the electricity, as well as from solar renewable energy certificates, which may pay for the initial investment in a few years. Mayor Calvo hopes to learn more about the program and see if it can be applied in Berwyn Heights. The Town could perhaps save a large part of its \$70,000 in annual electricity expenses.

Mayor Calvo continued that University of Maryland President (UMD) Wallace Loh gave an excellent presentation at the last Four Cities Coalition meeting. President Loh shared his vision of a university that is firmly anchored in the surrounding communities, and outlined his plan on how to improve collaboration with their municipal governments. He believes it is important that University faculty and employees live in closer proximity to the

University. To that end, UMD has commissioned a study of what faculty is looking for in a neighborhood they want to live in. Such study could provide valuable data for marketing Berwyn Heights.

CM Ahrens said the Code Department assessed two fines last week, one of which was paid. CM Dennison reported that she was unable to find out when the Indian Creek playground installation will be completed because she could not get in touch with the architect overseeing the project. Therefore a date for a dedication ceremony has not yet been set. At the last Recreation Council meeting, the Talent Show and Berwyn Heights Day were discussed. The proposal for a traveling garden was approved and will go forward. The Boys & Girls Club registration is ongoing. The hockey rink has been defaced with offensive graffiti. CM Dennison has informed Berwyn Heights police and the Park Police. The graffiti could either be removed by Park & Planning staff or artistically changed. MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works employees were on stand-by for a snow event last Saturday, which did not materialize.

**Citizen comments:** There were none.

**Code Compliance budget presentation:** Mayor Calvo welcomed Director of Code Compliance Sonjia Solomon for the presentation of her budget request.

Ms. Solomon said that she is not requesting any increases in the Code Department's operational budget. However, she is requesting a new code car. She then gave an overview of important developments in her department. As decided by the Council in the last budget process, the sharing of one administrative assistant between the Code and Administration Departments was stopped, eliminating a source of friction between the two departments. The administrative assistant was returned full-time to the Administration Department, and the Code Department was given 15 hours per week for the code clerk position and an additional 5 hours per week for the part-time code officer position, which brought the total to 20 hours per week. The hiring, training, and scheduling of the new employees took up a good amount of time and effort. With the help of the new administrative assistant, she has implemented a more vigorous notification program. Those with whom the Department is in contact, such as rental home owners, banks and residents with code violations, are reminded by e-mail or telephone of deadlines and due dates for license renewals, rental inspections and fines. This has resulted in a drop of certified letters sent and a savings of

\$1,600 in postage. Further, the Code website has been upgraded with social media to enable residents to stay in closer contact with the Department, and the Code car is running well after it was repaired.

Ms. Solomon explained the request for a new code vehicle. She said that the Code Department has been given surplus police vehicles, which need frequent repairs and are not ideal for Code use. The Ford Crown Victoria the department currently uses has 144,000 miles on it. Her preferred new car would be a 6-cylinder, 4-WD Jeep Liberty. It is shorter and taller than the Crown Victoria, and has enough legroom to accommodate the department's tall officers. An SUV would be more suitable for inspecting properties for code violations because the driver is higher off the ground. It would also be easier for elderly residents to get in and out of when it is used for call-a-bus service. She has obtained a quote of \$18,800 for a 2012 model. Her second preference is a slightly larger SUV crossover, the Chevrolet Equinox at \$22,200, with similar features but a less powerful 4 cylinder engine. The third choice is a Hyundai Tucson at \$24,300, also an SUV Crossover with similar specifications. The prices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> options are preliminary, as Ms. Solomon has not had time to get alternate quotes. In addition, she has obtained a quote of \$7,800 for a Segway Patroller, in which MPT Wilkinson had expressed interest. She would have to learn more about the operation of Segways, to make an informed recommendation. There is a possibility of obtaining 2 Segways for free through a police grant program. Chief Antolik is helping her look into it.

Mayor Calvo commented on the budget request. He asked why the FY 2012 estimated numbers are the same as the budgeted numbers. It suggests to him that not enough attention was paid to the estimates. Ms. Solomon said that she lost the estimates and entered the budgeted numbers. Mayor Calvo noted that in FY 2011 the appropriation for postage declined by almost \$2,000. He would have liked to see the FY 2012 estimates to find out if this trend continued in the current year. Similarly, he would have liked to know what the spending trends are with respect to the *maintenance & repair* line item, which the Council raised to \$1,700 in FY 2011, and with respect to the *oil & gas* line item, which exceeded its budget last year. Ms. Solomon replied that vehicle repair costs have been fairly modest this year and well within the budget. Gasoline expenditures exceeded the budget because the Crown Vic is not

a fuel efficient car and because gas prices spiked at the beginning of last year. Mayor Calvo asked if gas purchases and miles patrolled are tracked, as is done in the Police Department. Ms. Solomon said they are not, except for the miles traveled under the call-a-bus program, which are reported to the County for reimbursement.

Mayor Calvo asked how Ms. Solomon is managing the staffing changes, in particular the transition from 1 to 2 Code officers. Ms. Solomon said that she likes having 2 officers because each can specialize in a particular area, which is a plus for an employee who works very limited hours. Currently, Officer Hall works 8 hours per week mostly on rental inspections, while Officer Keim works 12 hours per week on code violations. The shift to 2 officers has helped reduce workloads. But it also meant that she had to spend more of her time on training. Her focus this year has been on transferring more decision-making authority to the officers when she is away, which worked very well when she took a Christmas vacation. However, delegating responsibilities when she is here is still in the beginning stages. Another initiative this year has been to move from handwritten notices and licenses to computer generated forms and letters. This has already led to substantial savings in time spent on these tasks.

Mayor Calvo asked whether the Department is realizing or could realize other efficiencies from using new software and/or hardware. Ms. Solomon replied that code enforcement software she has requested in previous years has become too expensive to make it worth purchasing. However, she has upgraded her cell phone from a Blackberry to an iPhone, which is easier to use and has some useful applications. A code enforcement application available for the iPhone is excellent but requires space for data storage the Town's IT infrastructure can't accommodate. There are also some other problems arising from outdated software on some of the Town's computers. She hopes this was fixed with the installation of a new operating system on the computer her administrative assistant uses.

Mayor Calvo asked what the number of rental homes is and whether there is a connection with the downturn in the housing market. Ms. Solomon said that currently there are 194 rentals, which is up from 177 last year at this time, and more than double the number when she became Code Director. For the most part, new rentals are converted from homes that sell. Mayor Calvo said he

would like the Code Department to develop a reporting framework, such as the Police Department uses, for code activity that allows for monthly and yearly comparisons. This would help the Council see trends more clearly. He suggested setting up categories of violations and other activity based on the ordinance they relate to, e.g. clean lot violations, rental violations, or trash violations. He has given it some thought but has not come up with a definitive solution.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo said that Ms. Solomon should make a case for a new car based on the needs of the Code Department and the call-a-bus program. In terms of the budget, the Council will consider the vehicle price above all. However, other criteria, such as fuel efficiency, dependability and comfort for drivers and passengers will be considered as well. Personally, he would prefer a station wagon to an SUV.

MPT Wilkinson asked how often the call-a-bus service is used. Ms. Solomon said it now averages about once a week. When the Town first got the bus, which is paid for by the County, there were many more people using it. MPT Wilkinson suggested that the Town may want to give up the bus, if it is no longer used for transporting seniors. Ms. Solomon said that the bus is used by Town organizations for other purposes. Further, the Town is in line for a new vehicle and she is requesting a smaller one.

CM Kulpa-Eddy commented that higher profile vehicles, such as SUV or minivans, are generally considered easier to get in and out of for seniors. She also asked what the *gasoline & oil* appropriation is based on. TA Murphy said that he tracks the gas purchases but not miles traveled.

At 8:30 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

#### **Police Department budget request:**

Mayor Calvo welcomed Chief Antolik, who began his presentation with an overview of last year's accomplishments. He noted that Berwyn Heights had a 39 % drop in serious crime overall and a 36% drop in its violent crime, which he attributes to a program of proactive patrolling and new approaches to community policing. This includes assigning officers to a particular sector of the Town to establish closer relations with residents; encouraging and rewarding tips about suspicious activity; designating an officer to work with young people and their families; and cooperating closely with the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness. Relations with the Hispanic population greatly im-

proved due to the efforts of a public safety aide, who is himself a member of the Town's Hispanic community.

Other accomplishments include Detective Unger's promotion to Corporal and Officer Ignowski being named Officer of the Year for 2011, and promoted to Private First Class. A retired Prince George's officer was hired part-time to issue speed camera citations. The Department continued its cooperation with the Secret Service and obtained a \$4,000 grant with which it purchased laptops and other office supplies. Further, a new Dodge Charger police cruiser was purchased and another vehicle obtained as a donation from a local business. It is used for under cover investigations. The police reporting system was upgraded to Windows 10 and, after fine-tuning, is expected to reduce office supply costs.

Turning to the FY 2013 budget requests, Chief Antolik said that he is requesting funds to purchase 2 new Dodge Charger police cruisers, one marked and another unmarked, for a combined total of \$60,000, which would be funded from the capital projects budget. The department currently has 8 operational vehicles and 3 spares. Three of the cruisers in use have traveled over 100,000 miles and are in poor condition. One of the newer vehicle is a Chevrolet Suburban SUV, obtained through forfeiture, and used only for special purposes, such as driving in inclement weather. Since the fleet has many aging vehicles, the maintenance and repair costs have risen. He therefore requests an increase of \$3,500 in the *maintenance & repair* line item.

Chief Antolik further requested an increase of \$3,600 in the *network software* line item to upgrade the website and make it more interactive. Social media links for Facebook and Twitter would be added, creating another avenue for residents to report crimes and public safety problems. Also planned is a crime mapping feature, that would show the locations of crimes committed in the Town. An increase of \$18,000 is requested in the *capital outlay-equipment* line item to purchase a License Plate Recognition (LPR) system. This is a computerized camera that enables police officers to identify thousands of license plates per minute, greatly increasing their productivity over manually entering and checking license plates on a mobile data terminal. There is a good chance of financing an LPR through grants, which he intends to take advantage of. Lastly, another increase of \$7,800 is requested in the *capital outlay-equipment* line item is requested to replace 5 aging mobile data terminals in the police cruisers. A

cheaper ruggedized laptop has been located that is comparable to the Panasonic Toughbook and costs \$1,430.

Chief Antolik concluded with a report on speed camera citations issued by location during 2011. It shows that the 6200 block on Greenbelt Road generated a small fraction of the citations than were issued for the 6300 block in front of Greenbelt Middle School. TA Murphy said that arrangements have been made to move the camera back to its previous location. The statistics also show that about 30% of citations were paid late. The number of vehicles flagged is not available. Chief Antolik will request a more comprehensive report from Opto-Traffic.

The Council commented on the presentation. Mayor Calvo sought clarifications regarding the salary, overtime and shift differential appropriations in the FY 2012 budget. These appropriations appear to be coming in under budget according to estimates of actual expenditures. TA Murphy will check on the numbers and provide explanations at the next meeting. He further confirmed that the number for the FY 2013 *maintenance & repair* request should be \$20,000 rather than \$23,000. This line item needs to be bifurcated to separate vehicle maintenance from other types of maintenance. Mayor Calvo noted that the *gasoline & oil* line item appears to be under budget. Chief Antolik said that this is probably due to officers are not commuting as far and to the use of spare vehicles on Fridays.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town has to come up with a workable purchasing schedule for police vehicles, because purchasing 1 vehicle per year is not enough to keep the fleet up to date. The question is whether to fund the purchase of a second car this year. He asked which officers would be next in line for a new car and whether an unmarked car has to meet the same requirements as a patrol car. Chief Antolik said the 1<sup>st</sup> car would be for a patrol officer. The 2<sup>nd</sup> car would be for detective Unger. A detective's unmarked car can be a 'soft car' and need not have all the specifications of a patrol car. However, he would prefer for it to be a police cruiser because Detective Unger patrols as well.

Mayor Calvo suggested a different ranking for the items requested. He considered laptops for police vehicles a higher priority than the license plate recognition system because they are essential equipment for patrolling. However, he would prefer to purchase them on a rotation at a rate of 2 or 3 per year. Mayor Calvo would rank the website as

the next highest priority. He asked how many hits the police website gets per month. Chief Antolik agreed with the suggested priority ranking. He will check that with the webmaster about monthly hits of the website. The website does get a lot of positive feedback from other law enforcement agencies.

MPT Wilkinson asked whether 2 new cars are needed, considering the Department recently obtained a new SUV through forfeiture and another vehicle by donation. Chief Antolik said that the SUV is only used in special circumstances and that the donated car is in poor condition. He has considered replacing it with a new used car, which has traveled less than 10,000 miles. MPT Wilkinson asked for clarification about the *network software* appropriation. Chief Antolik said that in addition to \$1,940 for website maintenance, the line item funds several other IT programs. MPT Wilkinson asked how the new County non-emergency dispatch service is working. Chief Antolik said that it is a hit or miss proposition. MPT Wilkinson expressed skepticism that the ruggedized Gammatech Dura-book laptops costing \$1,400 are comparable to the Toughbooks costing \$6,000. Chief Antolik said that they are comparable and were recommended by their IT consultant. The difference in price can perhaps be accounted for by the marketing of Toughbooks for police.

In response to CM Dennison, Chief Antolik said that the proposed police 'open houses' would be held whenever seems most appropriate. Confidential information is sometimes obtained from young people who have been in trouble with the law. The purchase of a 'certified used car' can save between 30% - 50% off a new car. The proposed upgrades to the website would allow residents to interact better with the department, enabling them to pose questions and leave comments or anonymous tips. NW/EP would be able to link to the website if desired. The purchase of 2 new vehicles this year, does not negate the need for a new car next year or in subsequent years. Chief Antolik's personal insurance would cover expenses in case he were to get in an accident while driving his car to work.

In response to CM Ahrens, Chief Antolik said that the sharp drop in calls for service in 2011 is in part due to officers responding more often to calls for service routed through the Berwyn Heights police station. More importantly, officers spend more time patrolling the Town and self-initiate responses. The calls for service in the statistics he provided refer only to those calls routed through the County's dispatch service. In response to CM

Kulpa-Eddy, Chief Antolik said that the *network software* line item includes annual subscriptions to the Blue Line Data Solutions. A "poor" rating of a vehicle's condition is not only based on miles traveled but also on frequency of repairs. CM Kulpa-Eddy thought that a vehicle's rating should improve once it has been repaired. Chief Antolik will provide a list of the criteria used to rate the conditions of vehicles.

**Ethics Commission:** Mayor Calvo said that he has obtained a commitment from 2 residents to serve on the Town's Ethics Commission. Ray Smith has been a member since 1986 when the Commission was established, and Darald Lofgren has been a long-serving former Councilmember. A third member still has to be found. He is looking for people that are knowledgeable about Town government and trustworthy because they will have the important responsibility to review the detailed financial disclosures department directors and Town Council candidates are now required to submit. The proposed members would be appointed by resolution at the February 8 Town meeting. There were no objections to the candidates proposed.

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

### 3. Public Works

**Sidewalks addition:** MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to add another section of sidewalk to the surveying priority list, which is 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Greenbelt Road to Seminole Street, and Tecumseh Place from Seminole Street to 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. This sidewalk would connect to the proposed sidewalk along 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and provide a safe approach for students walking to Greenbelt Middle School. It would also serve the Berwyn Presbyterian Church and McDonald's restaurant and should probably be rated priority 2.

Mayor Calvo agreed that the 8900 block of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue should be priority 2, but that Tecumseh Place should be priority 3. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the 8900 block of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue could also be priority 3 because pedestrians can use the Church parking lot to walk to Greenbelt Road. CM Dennison disagreed, noting that the Church parking lot is private. CM Dennison moved to add the 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Tecumseh Place blocks as priority 2 sidewalk locations. CM Ahrens seconded. The motion passed 4 to 1, with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked what the directional tags in the sidewalk priority locations mean. TA Murphy said that these

denote which side of a street is better suited for a sidewalk and likely to be surveyed. However, the designation is just preliminary. Mayor Calvo said that the Council decided to obtain estimates of surveys for 3 options: 1) only first priority locations; 2) first and second priority locations; and 3) all proposed locations. If these estimates appear too high, they can then be limited to one or another side of the street.

#### 4. Administration

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the March Bulletin cover: Town Council election - candidates filing deadline, supplemental registration deadline; Berwyn Heights Day.

**Berwyn Heights schools sign approval:** Mayor Calvo said that he would like to add a sentence about the findings of the 1996 school census, the Education Advisory Committee carried out, e.g. the dispersion of the 360 school-aged children that lived in Town to 61 different public or private schools. No other changes were proposed. The proposed text and images will be sent to ATHA's signage designer for production.

**Comcast franchise negotiations:** TA Murphy explained that the Council already notified the Prince George's I-Net Coordinating Committee (PGINCC) that the Town wants to participate in the joint negotiations to renew the Comcast franchise agreement. However, the Council is requested to adopt a formal resolution to that effect. With no objections, the resolution will be taken up for adoption at the next Town meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting February 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, Officer Roberson and citizens.

#### 1. Swearing-in of Election Judges

Mayor Calvo swore in the residents who agreed to serve as the Board of Election Supervisors for the May 1 Town Council election. He first swore in Chief Election Judge Sharmila Bhatia, and then Election Judges Jeff Knutson, Paul McNulty, Debby Steele Snyder and Shirley Sorensen.

#### 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the January 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by MPT Wilkinson, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the treasurer's report for the month of January.

#### 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that the formal budget process for FY 2013 has started with budget presentations from Code Compliance Director Solomon and Chief of Police Antolik at the last worksession, and will continue with budget requests from Public Works Director Coleman, CM Dennison and the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) at the next worksession. TA Murphy will unveil his proposed budget at the March 5 worksession, which the Council will discuss throughout March and April. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and share their thoughts.

Mayor Calvo noted that the FY 2011 audit has been completed and shows that the Town's financial position is strong despite substantial expenditures for road repairs and the continued loss of Highway User Revenues. Revenues exceeded expenditures for the second year in a row, and the Town's assets increased by \$400,000 to \$2.8 million. This represents a tripling of assets from \$800,000 when he first became Mayor.

Mayor Calvo said that before the budget season started, the Council discussed and identified its priorities for the FY 2013. There was agreement that the Town's aging facilities are in need of attention. The lack of investment in this area is catching up. Last fall, some costly repairs had to be made to the Town Center hose tower. Next year, money will likely have to be spent to fix the leaky roof of the Town administration building. Further, the Council is considering upgrades to the Town Center so that it can function as an emergency shelter, as well as a remodel of the former media center into a useable meeting space.

In addition to investing in facilities, Chief Antolik had pointed out that the police vehicle fleet is aging and that an additional police cruiser may have to be purchased in FY 2013. Street repairs will need to continue as cracks are beginning to appear in the streets that were resurfaced in 1996, the last big road repair project in Town. Director Coleman will address the issue of street repair needs when presenting his budget. At the same time, the Council is continuing its sidewalk discussions and established priorities for surveying the blocks in Town where sidewalks should be built.

In other news, the Council attended a productive Four Cities Coalition meeting in College Park, at which University of Mary-

land President Wallace Loh shared his vision on how to better connect the University to its surrounding communities. It was apparent that President Loh, who has led the University for a little more than a year, has given this matter a great deal of thought and is taking concrete steps to reach out to the municipalities. The Council also reached an agreement in principle with Larry Jarbo, the owner of the ReMax property. In return for the Town's support for rezoning the property to allow a Dollar General store to open, the owner has committed to make certain upgrades to lighting, signage and dumpsters, as well as a financial contribution to green the parking lot.

Mayor Calvo reported that he recently learned that another 7 Eleven store plans to open in Berwyn Heights on the property that used to house Nikki's Bridal and the Video Store. The property owner, with whom he has regularly discussed the development of his property, did not inform the Town of this plan. 7 Eleven project representatives will make a presentation at the March Town meeting. Further, the Indian Creek playground renovation is nearing completion. A dedication of the playground, which will be nominated for an award, is planned for warmer weather. At the last worksession, the Council approved the production of an interpretative sign on the history of Berwyn Heights schools. The sign was commissioned to honor former resident Ann Harris Davidson's work in getting the Berwyn Heights Elementary School reopened. The dedication of the sign may occur sometime this spring. In talks with County Councilmember Olson's office and Park & Planning, a new site for a dog park has been identified on the grounds of BHES. If the legalities can be worked out with the school system, the dog park would be placed where the tennis court is, with access from the 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue footpath. Mayor Calvo likes a location in Town that can be reached easily by residents and hopes this plan will come to fruition.

#### 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** CM Kulpa-Eddy said she is happy to report that the Town is ahead in revenue collection and has already received 82% of all projected revenues. Referring to future facility upgrades the Council will be discussing, a new, automatically-opening front door has just been installed at the Senior Center, which makes it more accessible for people in wheelchairs. An old dishwasher will also be replaced soon. In connection with the schools history sign, a photo of the opening of Berwyn Heights Elementary School in 1958 is being sought. Any resident, who has early photos of the school can contact the Town office to arrange for copies to be made.

**Code Compliance:** CM Ahrens said that one of the problems the the Code Department has to deal with is hoarding, which is the accumulation of things or animals to an extent that it interferes with normal function-



ing of home, health and social life. The Code Department usually becomes involved when hoarding creates fire or health hazards, threatens the structural integrity of a home or impacts the well-being of neighbors. The cleanup of such a home became a code action last month. Other Code activity included 27 trash and litter violations and the collection of \$3,100 in fines.

**Parks and Recreation:** CM Dennison announced upcoming events including the Boys & Girls Club registration, the annual Hollywood Showcase of Talent on April 13 and Berwyn Heights Day on May 5. She reported that two garden projects are underway in Town: a traveling garden initiated by Playgroup coordinator Rose Almoguera, and the Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) garden/outdoor classroom managed by Therese Forbes. A spring cleanup will be held at the school garden in April. In other school news, the Board of Education voted to place a Talented & Gifted (TAG) Program at Greenbelt Middle School. Any TAG student at BHES is eligible to participate in the program. In addition, all 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Greenbelt Elementary School and Hollywood Elementary School were transferred to Greenbelt Middle School. Park & Planning informed CM Dennison that the Indian Creek Playground should be completed at the end of March after a rubber surface has been installed. Park & Planning has also been asked to remove the graffiti at the hockey rink.

**Public Safety:** Officer Roberson gave the police activities report for the month of January as Chief Antolik was absent. There were 7 Part I offenses, including 6 larcenies and 1 armed robbery at a gas station. The low rates are due largely to good cooperation with Berwyn Heights residents, who report suspicious activities, and to an aggressive crime prevention program, which includes high visibility patrols and close coordination with surrounding municipalities. Officer Roberson further reported that there were a total of 85 speed camera citations. Of those, 35 were paid and 50 remained outstanding.

**Public Works:** MPT Wilkinson announced that the BHES science bowl team made it to the last round of the competition, but then lost to Glenarden Woods by one missed question. He congratulated the team and its coach Bret Goldstein on their success.

MPT Wilkinson said that, beginning in March, residents can begin to drop off their electronic recyclables at the City of Greenbelt Public Works yard. In exchange for piggy-backing onto its recycling program, Berwyn Heights is sending two helpers to Greenbelt. Last weekend, Public works was on standby for a possible snowfall, which failed to materialize. In preparation for the budget discussion, Director Coleman is working on updating a street survey that rates the condition of Town streets. While

streets do need attention, MPT Wilkinson believes that the number one infrastructure need is sidewalks. Currently, pedestrians must share the road with cars in most places, which is not a safe situation. He was able to have pedestrian access to the Raleigh Inn added to the Town's ReMax property agreement.

#### Committee Reports

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the NW/EP held a very successful day of service on Martin Luther King's day. Between 40-50 volunteers participated, including the Prince George's fire chief, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, ham radio operators and other emergency officials. They distributed emergency information throughout the Town and surveyed residents on the use of smoke alarms. The BHVFD agreed to install smoke alarms for free where needed. She thanked Mike Attick for putting this event together. On February 16, the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (MFRI) and the City of Hyattsville are hosting a CERT training workshop. Interested residents can contact Calvin Hawkins in the County's Homeland Security Office at 301-883-3300 to sign up.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

#### 8. New Business

**Resolution 01-2012 – Comcast Joint Franchise Negotiations:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson and CM Dennison moved to adopt it. Mayor Calvo explained that the current Comcast Cable TV agreement is expiring in 2013. The Resolution enacts the Council's decision to enter into joint negotiations with Comcast, led by Prince George's County and the I-Net Coordinating Committee. Comcast's share of business in Berwyn Heights has declined substantially since Verizon began to offer cable TV service in Town. Comcast hopes to negotiate terms similar to Verizon's. The Comcast and Verizon franchises generate approximately \$50,000 in annual fees and taxes for the Town, an important stream of revenue. CM Dennison noted that the Council plans to use some of these revenues to finance an upgrade of the Town's audio-visual system. With no further comments, the Resolution was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

**Resolution 02-2012 – Appointment of Town Ethics Commission Members:** Mayor Calvo said that the Resolution, as written, would appoint Ray Smith, an original member of the Ethics Commission, and Darald Lofgren, a former Town Council member, to the 3-member Ethics Commission. Until this evening, he was not able to speak to a resident, whom he intended to ask to serve. Sharmila Bhatia, who was sworn in as Chief Election Judge earlier, agreed to serve on the Ethics Commission as well. He asked to add her name to the

Resolution if there are no objections. There were none.

Clerk Harper read the Resolution, adding Ms. Bhatia's name as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ethics Commission member. CM Dennison and MPT Wilkinson moved to approve the Resolution. Mayor Calvo said that the Ethics Commission has had the same members since its inception in 1986. Next to Ray Smith, they included long-time residents Richard Myers and Pat Niedermeyer, who expressed their desire to step down. Throughout their long tenure, there were but a couple of ethics incidents they were asked to review, and these were relatively minor. However, it is important that the Town have an impartial body to look into ethics violations by the Town's public officials if they do occur. This body must have members who are knowledgeable in Town affairs and respected in the community. This is the case with all those who have served and are proposed to serve.

Mayor Calvo said that the Ethics Commission will operate under a new State-mandated Ethics Ordinance, which imposes some fairly onerous financial disclosure requirements on public officials. The Ethics Commission members will have the responsibility to review these more complicated financial disclosure forms. In addition, they will have the authority to require financial disclosures from officials that serve on Town committees. However, they are not inclined to do so.

Mayor Calvo continued that, when writing the Resolution, TA Murphy raised the question of how long the Ethics Commission term of service should be. With his input, he decided that the term should be 3 years. This means the next term would end on December 31, 2015, before the 2016 new election cycle begins. However, Councilmembers may want to propose a different approach.

MPT Wilkinson said, if the term ends at the end of 2015, that would make it a 4-year term. He actually prefers this because a 3-year term would put the appointment alternatively in the middle of a Council's term or at the end. He thinks it would be better to have an Ethics Commission in place before a new election cycle starts. Clerk Harper noted that the current terms run concurrently with the Council's 2-year terms.

Mayor Calvo agreed that appointments should not be made during an election season, nor should the Commission serve concurrently with the Council. However, he thinks that 4-year terms are too long. He proposed that appointments be made at the end of the year in which a new Council is elected, in this case at the end of 2014. He asked for a motion to amend the original motion to change the date to December 31, 2014. CM Dennison so moved. CM Ahrens seconded.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that there may be legal implications to setting the 2-year term to expire at the end of 2014. Legally, a 2-year term would end 2 years from now, on February 8, 2014. She proposed to change the wording in the Resolution to read "appoint members... to the Berwyn Heights Ethics Commission for a term ending on December 31, 2014." Mayor Calvo said he thinks that even if the term exceeds 2 years exactly, it would still count as a 2-year term. However, he proposed to rephrase the Resolution to strike "appoint members... to 3-year term..." and replace it with "appoint members ... to a term ending on December 31, 2014, with subsequent Ethics Commissions appointed to serve a 2-year term." He asked for a motion to amend the amended original motion. CM Dennison so moved. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded.

MPT Wilkinson said that the main purpose of the Ethics Commission is to serve as a sounding board for ethical issues. He thinks that purpose would be better served if the Ethics Commission were appointed for a 2-year term at the end of one Council's term, i.e. February of an election year, rather than at the beginning. Thus a newly-elected Council would serve under a Commission appointed by some one else. This would prevent any stacking of the Ethics Commission. Mayor Calvo said this is a valid point, but he thinks an equally valid point can be made to not appoint the Commission when the election cycle is in progress. He asked for a vote to approve the subsidiary amendment, changing the term of service from 3 years to 2 years. The Council voted 5 to 0 to change the term. The Council voted 5 to 0 for the amendment to change the end date of the 1st term of service from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2014. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the Resolution in full.

## 9. Citizen Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Worksession February 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. CM Ahrens had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper, Public Works Director Joe Coleman and Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley, Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair Ron Shane, and Darnelly DeJesus.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** CM Dennison congratulated Delegate Gaines on the birth of her grand daughter Ainsley Tawanna Edmonds. MPT Wilkinson was appointed by Secretary of Commerce John Bryson to the Maryland-Washington D.C. Export Council on February 9.

**Calendar:** The date for Candidates' Night was set for April 25. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson, and second by CM Dennison, the May 21 worksession was canceled.

**Minutes:** On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the February 6 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that he attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting in Colmar Manor. There was continued discussion of the Fire Commission reforms proposed by County Executive Baker last fall. The current Fire Commission Chair John Alter was present and reported on the reform process. Baker has postponed further negotiations for another 2 months to allow more time to sort out disagreements. Mayor Calvo further noted that the PGCMA is in disarray. Previous directors took advantage of the lack of financial protocols. He has agreed to run for PGCMA's board of directors in May to help put the organization back on its feet. Bowie Councilmember Todd Turner has taken the lead in instituting needed reforms.

Mayor Calvo said that he received a nice email from a resident whose house was broken into. The resident was grateful for the prompt response from Berwyn Heights Police and for Public Works boarding up the broken window.

MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works put a new layer of crushed stone onto the 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue footpath connecting Nevada Street and Goucher Drive. CM Kulpa-Eddy announced that there are several meetings regarding the Greenbelt Metro Sector Plan Amendment in the next month. On March 15, a North Core design workshop will take place at Springhill Elementary School, followed by a March 22 workshop on conceptual alternatives, and an April 19 workshop on preferred alternatives. CM Dennison reported the Historical Committee had a successful Presidents' Day reception, at which members of the Riverdale Historical Society were present for a book signing and slide show on Riverdale's history. Indian Creek playground construction is expected to be completed at the end of March, while

a committee has been set up to come up with recommendations for the renovation of the Pop's Park playground.

Mayor Calvo added that at the March Town meeting there will be a presentation on the new 7-Eleven store that will open at the former Dunkin' Donuts location. He also noted that he continues to hold conversations with Councilmember Olson's office and Park & Planning Coordinator Eileen Nivera regarding the construction of a dog park on the west side of Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES), that was proposed by MPT Wilkinson. They will meet on site next week to discuss the layout of the park. The 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue location turned out to be too small and has other problems associated with it.

**Citizen comments:** MPT Wilkinson said that children are eager to test the new Indian Creek playground. CM Kulpa-Eddy received a complaint regarding paper flying out of the paper recycling container at the school during the last storm. MPT Wilkinson said that the container has since been emptied and some of the paper cleaned up.

At 7:33 p.m., the Council took a 3 minute break.

**Public Works budget request:** Mayor Calvo welcomed Public Works Director Joe Coleman and Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley. Director Coleman said that the year has been going well so far. The Public Works crew is enjoying the new dump truck and trash truck, which make their work easier. Recently, the Public Works Department has begun to pass out 32 gallon blue recycling containers, which are receiving positive reviews from residents. They hold more recyclables than the old bins and are easier to handle. In response to questions, Director Coleman said that the switch from temporary laborers to permanent part-time employees has worked out satisfactorily. The part-time employees are more reliable and knowledgeable than temporary laborers. They work toward becoming full-time employees. The new drainage system that has been installed at the Public Works yard has reduced standing water and mud. The paving of the yard should improve drainage still more.

Director Coleman gave an overview of his budget, which is proposed to increase by 1% over FY 2012. He began with capital items requests.

- Replacement of a 1997 half-ton Ford pickup truck at a cost of approximately \$40,000. The vehicle has almost 200,000 miles on it, and the truck bed is rusted from year's of snow plowing and salt



spreading. This truck is needed for plowing dead end streets and cul-de-sacs.

- Increase of 50% in *building maintenance & repairs* appropriation to purchase wall heaters for shed, bathroom and Director's office; replace drafty windows in upper level of DPW building with thermal hopper windows; and weatherproofing exterior doors.
- Increase of 100% in *equipment & rentals* to purchase commercial lawn mowers at a cost of approximately \$1,000 each instead of buying several \$99 push lawn mowers a year. It is hoped that these will hold up better and save money long term.
- Increase of 40% in *street signs & traffic* appropriation to replace faded and outdated street signs with new high-intensity reflective signs. The replacement program aims to make all streets signs conform to regulations.
- Increase of 108% in *office equipment* to upgrade existing computers, purchase laptops for online training, and purchase a scanner to switch to electronic records keeping. Some of the older office computers can no longer open files created with new software.
- Increase of 114% in *tools* appropriation to cover the increasing cost of tools and to purchase additional tools so that more repairs can be done in house.
- Increase of 59% in *office supplies* to cover the increased cost of paper and ink for the production of reports and tracking of trash violations. Also covered is the increased cost of first aid supplies.
- Increase of 175% in *recycling supplies* to purchase 525 additional 32-gallon recycling bins and replace existing bins.
- Increase of 300% in *network/software support* appropriation to set up a Public Works website. This would enable the department post notices and establish a direct link with residents to make requests or report problems.
- Increase of 43% in *supplies* to replenish depleted supplies for painting, landscaping and various other day-to-day tasks.

- Increase of 100% in miscellaneous to absorb costs from unexpected contingencies.
- Increase of 78% in *snow & ice removal* appropriation, which has remained at the same level for too long and no longer reflects real snow removal costs.
- Increase of 21% in *communications* for routine maintenance and programming of hand-held radios and to comply with a 2013 narrow banding mandate, which requires reprogramming the radios.
- Increase of 50% in *overtime salaries* to pay staff for work completed outside normal business hours mainly due to storms, as well as Berwyn Heights Day and National Night Out. This line item has been under funded in recent years.

Mayor Calvo said that Public Works has submitted hold-the-line budgets for as long as he has been Mayor and no longer reflect real funding needs. As a result, more line items have been over-budget in recent years and may require adjustment. He then asked a number of questions.

In response, Director Coleman and Mr. Lockley said that the pickup truck is the last vehicle that is not funded in the vehicle replacement reserve. Its replacement was requested last year but was postponed. The building *maintenance* appropriation has been at the same level for many years. Nonetheless, a number of building improvements have been made, most recently the installation of 93% efficient gas space heaters that were paid for with a grant. This year's increase is requested to make the building more energy efficient with insulated windows and doors, and installation of self-regulating, wall-mounted heaters. Purchase of new lawn mowers is funded from the *equipment & rental* appropriation as opposed to *capital outlays* because Public Works buys 2 – 3 mowers annually. It is hoped that commercial mowers will hold up better and need not be replaced as often. Leaf and snow blowers are also funded from this line item, as is rental equipment for road repairs when needed.

Mayor Calvo said that the purchase of new laptops and software proposed in the budget might be better done as part of a Town-wide IT upgrade plan. A Town-wide IT plan should be based on an audit and include IT training and support. Similarly, he thinks the Public Works Department does not need its own website, but should work with the Administra-

tion Department to add Public Works pages to the Town website. As a small Town, the Berwyn Heights website should mainly have information about the Town, as well as some oft-needed forms.

Mayor Calvo noted that abatements were funded from the *miscellaneous* appropriation. He suggested creating a separate line item for *abatements*, which would advance funds for abatements of tall grass, cleanouts, and other violations, which would later be recovered in liens. Further, the disposal cost of bagged leaves should not be lumped in with *solid waste disposal* but accounted for in yard waste, so that trends can be more easily tracked.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo asked if Public Works is seeing a trend towards less volume in the second trash pickup of the week as a result of more recycling. He hopes to at some point be able to eliminate trash pickups on Fridays and do a town-wide pickup on Thursdays. Fridays would then be available for other tasks. Director Coleman said that he believes recycling has picked up. However, he does not think it is possible to get the entire Town collected on Thursdays. Even with the new larger truck, the north-side pickup usually fills it up because it includes a considerable amount of bulk trash.

In response to MPT Wilkinson, Director Coleman said that the department has not yet obtained quotes for replacing the drafty windows in the Public Works building. The recent energy audit did not identify insulated windows as one of the top priorities for improving energy efficiency. The walk-behind commercial mowers requested in the *equipment & rentals* appropriation cost approximately \$1,500 each. The *street signs & traffic* appropriation includes funds for reflective paint additives that will be used in re-striping crosswalks and other road markings. The laptops requested in *office equipment* would cost \$690 each, and have a wireless Internet connection. New tools have not been itemized because they would be purchased when needed. The increase in the communications appropriation is due mainly to reprogramming costs necessitated by the mandated narrow-banding of the emergency radios. The cell phones shared plan has not increased in price.

MPT Wilkinson agreed with Mayor Calvo that a Town-wide IT plan makes sense, and that Public Works should build a web page off the Town's website. Further, he agreed that abatements should be a separate line item and not included in the *miscellaneous* appropriation.

In response to CM Dennison, Director Coleman said that the more expensive commercial lawn mowers would have a longer warranty. Training Public Works employees in online classes will be cheaper than sending them to a distant college or other training facility.

In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, Director Coleman said that there is now a do-it-yourself kit for insulating cinder block walls, which he would like Public Works to try out. As part of the trash enforcement program, Public Works crews are trying to track residents that dispose of their refuse only once week.

Mayor Calvo commented that he has the impression that the current year estimated expenditures are not well thought out. They should not reflect the directors' best hopes but the most likely outcomes. This is important information for the Council when deliberating on the budget.

**Public Works road preservation program (postponed to future worksession)**

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness budget request:** Co-Chair Ron Shane presented the NW/EP budget request, which is 10% less than last year's. After consulting with former Chair Mike Attick, the budget was reshaped to reflect a re-orientation of the program toward responding to power outages. This usually involves setting up backup generators at the Town Center or other public facility to provide a heating or cooling center where residents can come for a reprieve and use or charge up electronics devices. To that end, NW/EP wants to save up for a smaller, more mobile trailer that can transport only the equipment needed for setting up a comfort station at the Town Center. The trailer with all its supplies is more difficult to maneuver and haul around Town.

Ron Shane detailed the items requested in the NW/EP budget.

- \$80 for one 30,000 BTU Propane heaters for outdoor use to be stored at the Public Works yard. Initially three heaters were budgeted, which can be purchased at a later date.
- \$320 for two Duraflame Infrared Quartz heaters for indoor use.
- [\$22 for a portable fan already purchased last year.]
- \$600 for maintenance of the large emergency trailer, which would become more of a supply storage unit.

- \$166 for two dozen yellow plastic helmets to giveaway on Berwyn Heights Day and National Night Out;
- \$276 for twelve PCV knee high rain boots to wear in heavy rain or during flooding;
- \$138 for six lime green reflective rain suits. More suits may be needed for new volunteers.
- \$200 for printing recruiting flyers and other publicity material throughout the year. New volunteers are needed to replace the older ones.
- [\$200 for ten pairs of magnetic signs. These were already purchased last year.]
- \$300 for six foldable 8' traffic barriers to block off impassable streets or keep cars out of an event area such as Berwyn Heights Day.
- \$500 to replace old laptop for command center. A better alternative may be a CD player to play emergency preparedness videos.

Mr. Shane said that the total budget request is \$3052, minus \$400 for items not needed.

Mayor Calvo commented that the Council last year decided that any unused funds from the \$3,000 budget rolls over into a trailer replacement fund. Mr. Shane welcomed this as a good use of funds. TA Murphy said that at this point there is \$2,350 in the reserve. Mayor Calvo said that it appears that some of the proposed expenditures are still in flux. He would recommend that NW/EP focus more on purchasing outdoor equipment because the Town can provide some indoor equipment. The Town is also looking into purchasing 2 gas-powered emergency generators for the Town Center. He is not convinced that a second, smaller trailer is needed. This purchase would require Council approval.

**Park and Recreation budget request:** CM Dennison presented her department's budget request. She said that the PRECA budget is proposed to increase by \$15,140 or 52% due to the planned purchase of new *playground equipment* for Pop's Park, which costs \$12,500. Also proposed is a \$1,200 increase in *Pop's Park maintenance & repairs*, and a \$1,100 increase in *Pop's Park supplies*, which would be used for laying down a 12" depth of mulch to comply with federal regulations. Another small increase of \$200 is proposed for the

*special events* appropriation, which reflects the cost associated with new events and rental fees for the BHES Multi-purpose room, where the Karate Club holds classes. There is a proposed \$200 decrease in the *volunteer appreciation* line item and a \$28 decrease in the *media center* line item.

CM Dennison explained that she has started to put together a Pop's Park planning committee to help come up with a 5-year capital improvement plan and purchase new equipment. The first piece of equipment would be geared to toddlers, which is under-served with the current set up. One criterion in selecting equipment is flexibility in adding new play elements to it. CM Dennison further noted some other accomplishments of her department, including moving the Indian Creek playground forward, setting up an education forum and replacing the Senior Center front door with a more accessible door.

In response to MPT Wilkinson, CM Dennison said that the playground equipment request was reduced because a different piece of equipment was chosen for purchase. The Pop's Park utility bill has increased because a plumber is hired for turning the fountain on in spring and off in fall. In addition, some repairs had to be made. Her department does not have any expenditures related to the maintenance of Sports Park, which is handled by Park & Planning. There is an appropriation of \$3,000 to maintain the sport field at the elementary school. The *playground supplies* appropriation covers indoor play equipment for the Playgroup.

**Code appeal: 6210 Quebec Street:** Mayor Calvo welcomed Darnelly DeJesus who was present to appeal a \$400 fine for renting without a license. He explained the code appeal process and outlined the case, as reported by the Code Department. An investigation of whether 6210 Quebec Street is a rental property was opened on January 4, 2012, when Code Director Solomon noticed that the Maryland Department of Assessment & Taxation records a Virginia address for the property owner's principal address. On January 7, a vehicle with Maryland license tags was parked in the property's driveway. The tags identified the owner to be Lynn White and the Quebec Street property as her principal address. Officer Hall followed up on the case on February 9, and spoke to the resident. Ms. White stated that she is renting the property from Ms. DeJesus, who lives in Virginia. On February 10, an immediate \$400 fine was imposed via certified letter. The

letter was received and signed on February 11. On February 13, Ms. DeJesus called the office regarding the fine and expressed her intent to appeal the fine. The appeal letter was received that same evening.

Mayor Calvo asked Ms. DeJesus to state her case. Ms. DeJesus said that she bought the house on Quebec Street in 2001 and lived there for 10 years. She moved to Virginia last spring, at which time Ms. White and her young son moved in. A lease was signed in July 2011. When she moved to Virginia she informed Prince George's County, but not the Town of Berwyn Heights. She did not know that the Town has a rental license requirement and was not told so by the County. Although she used to read the Berwyn Heights Bulletin, she did not notice any information about rental licensing.

Mayor Calvo said that the Bulletin had extensive coverage of the rental license requirement in connection with the adoption of the a revised rental ordinance in 2005. The \$400 immediate fine for renting without a license was implemented because there were too many rentals that did not have a license. The penalty is the principle means for the Town to enforce the license requirement. He asked Ms. DeJesus whether it is not the property owner's responsibility to find out what is necessary to rent a home.

Ms. DeJesus said that she did try to find out what is required. She spoke to the County about it, to the bank that holds her mortgage, and to friends, who are rental owners. She also had the home inspected and fixed everything that needed repairs. It didn't occur to her to ask the Town about renting because she didn't know there was anything else to find out. This is her first home and the first time she is renting. It is a learning experience. MPT Wilkinson asked what she asked her friends about. Ms. DeJesus said she wanted to get information on property management companies and how much rent to charge.

Mayor Calvo said that talking to friends in Virginia about renting in Maryland is not the best way to find out what she needs to do. Pleading ignorance is not usually sufficient grounds to waive a fine. If a driver is stopped for a speeding violation, he or she still has to pay the fine even if he didn't know what the speed limit was. Ms. DeJesus said that speed limits are posted prominently. Mayor Calvo asked what else the Town could have done to publicize the rental regulations. Ms. DeJesus said the Town might periodically send out bright-colored flyers, in addition to publicizing them in the Bulletin.

In deliberations, MPT Wilkinson proposed to reduce the fine to \$200. While not knowing the law is not an excuse, he believes Ms. DeJesus made a reasonable effort to find out what she needed to do to rent her home, and came here tonight from Virginia to plead her case. Mayor Calvo said that the fine is not much higher than the rental license fee of \$300 she would have had to pay for the period beginning in July 2011 when she began to rent her home until now. He proposed to reduce the fine to \$300. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she would uphold the \$400 fine. The Town's rental license requirement ensures that rental homes are inspected by the Town and meet all necessary health and safety standards.

CM Dennison moved to reduce the fine to \$300. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0. Ms. DeJesus was informed that she can appeal the fine to the District Court, in which case she will be given a municipal infraction, or she can pay the fine and work with TA Murphy on a payment schedule.

**State legislation – HB-563, SB-567:** TA Murphy explained that the proposed bills may pose a threat to municipal cable TV revenues. The Town earns approximately \$50,000 annually from Comcast and Verizon franchise taxes and PEG grants. He believes that Comcast, which has lost a substantial number of subscribers, since Verizon entered the cable TV market in Maryland, may be pushing this legislation to level the playing field. Clerk Harper said that the I-Net Coordinating Committee urges municipalities to oppose this legislation because it may infringe on their franchising authority if adopted.

MPT Wilkinson said that the bills would only establish a Telecommunications Commissions to assess the feasibility of establishing a competitively neutral telecommunications tax and fee system. He does not see how this would impact the Town's revenues at this point. Mayor Calvo noted that the proposed Commission does not have any municipal representation, but thinks the Council needs more information to take a position opposing the legislation. The matter was postponed until more information is available.

## 2. Public Works

**60<sup>th</sup> Avenue footpath:** MPT Wilkinson said that the gravel footpath that connects Pontiac Street with Quebec Street below the BHES rear parking lot is in disrepair. Over time rainstorms have washed off the gravel and made the surface uneven. Public Works proposes to

smooth out and re-grade the path and pave it with asphalt. Mayor Calvo said that he wants to hold off on the decision until after he has met with Danielle Glaros, County Councilmember Olson's legislative aide, and Eileen Nivera, Park & Planning supervisor, to discuss the installation of a dog park at the west side of the school. The entrance to a dog park might be built off the footpath and necessitate improvements to it. No action was taken.

## 3. Administration

**Election judge replacement:** Clerk Harper said that one of the election judges had to withdraw from the board because of a work conflict. Robin Walukonis, a former chief election judge, agreed to step in. CM Kulpa-Eddy moved to appoint Ms. Walukonis. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## 4. Code Compliance

**Code appeal (discussed under Mayor's agenda)**

## 5. Parks and Recreation

**Indian Creek playground dedication:** The date for the playground dedication was set for April 21.

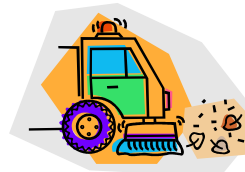
**Pop's Park safety:** CM Dennison said that a playground vendor identified some safety concerns at the playground and recommended that the climbing arch be moved further from fence.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Public Safety.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.



Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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## BHES Gardens CLEANUP April 14th at 10 am

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- Do you want to become more involved in the community?

The Berwyn Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needs you! We are looking for people - whether they have children at the school or not - who have the time and passion to volunteer for the children of Berwyn Heights Elementary. The BHES PTA keeps abreast of important educational issues affecting the students as well as plans social events to involve families and the community in the school.

Together we can create the synergy needed to provide the best opportunities for our children. Please contact [BHPTAhuskies@gmail.com](mailto:BHPTAhuskies@gmail.com) with any questions you may have!



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## ANNUAL HOLLYWOOD TALENT SHOWCASE

**Friday, April 13 — 7:00 P.M.**

**Berwyn Heights Elementary School Multipurpose Room**

SPONSORED BY THE BERWYN HEIGHTS RECREATION COUNCIL

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, April 5. If your performance will be accompanied by music, a copy of that music is due with your permission slip.**

★ A Dress Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 P.M. ★

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 permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the Berwyn Heights Talent Show.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_



## Berwyn Heights Playgroup



Celebrate With Us

## Indian Creek Playground Dedication

**April 28, 10 am**

### Playgroup Regular Meetings

**When: Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Where: Pop's Park and Indian Creek Park**

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community! This playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area. Weekly play dates are held at the town's two local parks — Pop's Park and Indian Creek Park unless there is rain in which case we meet in the Town Center (above the Senior Citizen's Center) on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:00 pm. After Indian Creek Park opens we will rotate between the parks for future play dates. Hope to see you there!

Please contact Rose Almoguera ([rose.almoguera@yahoo.com](mailto:rose.almoguera@yahoo.com)) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

## RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center. We will be finalizing plans for Berwyn Heights Day. Whether you have ideas for the day or a few hours to volunteer, we need your help! Come to our next meeting or contact us for more information.

**Recreation Council Contacts:**

Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, [trinity.tomsic@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.tomsic@gmail.com)

Kristen Buker – 443-623-0013, [KristenBuker@aol.com](mailto:KristenBuker@aol.com)

**Upcoming Events:**

**Annual Hollywood Talent Showcase** – Calling all Singers, Dancers, and Performers!

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (see registration form in this month's bulletin)

**BHES School Garden Clean-Up Day** – Volunteers needed to help beautify our school gardens. Please join us...It's great exercise and you'll make a difference and meet new friends! Water and snacks will be provided. Bring your gardening gloves (we'll have a few extra pairs).

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am (rain date: April 21<sup>st</sup>)

**Berwyn Heights Day Preview – Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (See Map for More Details)**

- ❖ Fun Run 8:00 a.m. (7:30 a.m. registration, Town Center) – All participants get a free t-shirt designed by resident David Williams!
- ❖ Seniors' Bake Sale 8:30 a.m. – late afternoon at Senior Center
- ❖ Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Town Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (\$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children under 12)
- ❖ Free Blood Pressure Checks from Express Healthcare, Urgent Care – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Town Center
- ❖ Craft Vendors 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sports Park (See Application Below)
- ❖ Parade, Performances, and Award Presentation – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ Food and Drinks – 12:00 p.m. at Sports Park
- ❖ Games and More Games – 1:00 pm – 4:30 p.m. at Sports Park
- ❖ Afternoon Concert and much more!

**Be Part of Berwyn Heights Day!** The Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help with the pancake breakfast, games, ticket sales, and Fun Run. Students can earn community service hours.

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**Craft Vendor/Information Booth Application**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Items for Sale/Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for sale. Please do not sell or provide food/drinks, silly string, or colored hair spray. All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Ave and Berwyn Road).

Set-Up Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am; Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Amount (circle one): \$10 Residents/Information Booths    \$15 Non-Residents

Canopy (canopies available for \$15; supply limited): Yes/No

Drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 19, 2012**. For additional information, contact Kristen Buker at 443-623-0013, [KristenBuker@aol.com](mailto:KristenBuker@aol.com)

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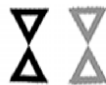
## BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012

● ● ● ● ● PARADE ROUTE  
(starts at BH Elementary)

— · — · — TRAIN ROUTE  
(Train Rides are FREE)

ROAD BLOCKS  
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
(during parade only)



## PARADE, Performances, Awards & Presentations

- ◆ LIVE DJ at Grandstand
- ◆ 12:00 noon – PARADE begins
- ◆ "Citizen of the Year" Awards
- ◆ BHHC Historic Street Marker Dedication
- ◆ ZUMBA Dance Demo — 1:30 p.m. at Sports Park

## ATTRACTIONS

- 1 CRAFT VENDORS 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2 BHNW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Trailer
- 3 BHHC The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee
- 4 VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION Booths — 2 locations
- 5 FREE Blood Pressure Check-Ups Express Healthcare
- 6 GARDENING EXPERTS UMD Grow-It, Eat-It program

**CONCERTS – LIVE MUSIC** (Starts 1:30 p.m.)  
at Sports Park (Community Center if rain)

Featuring local bands:

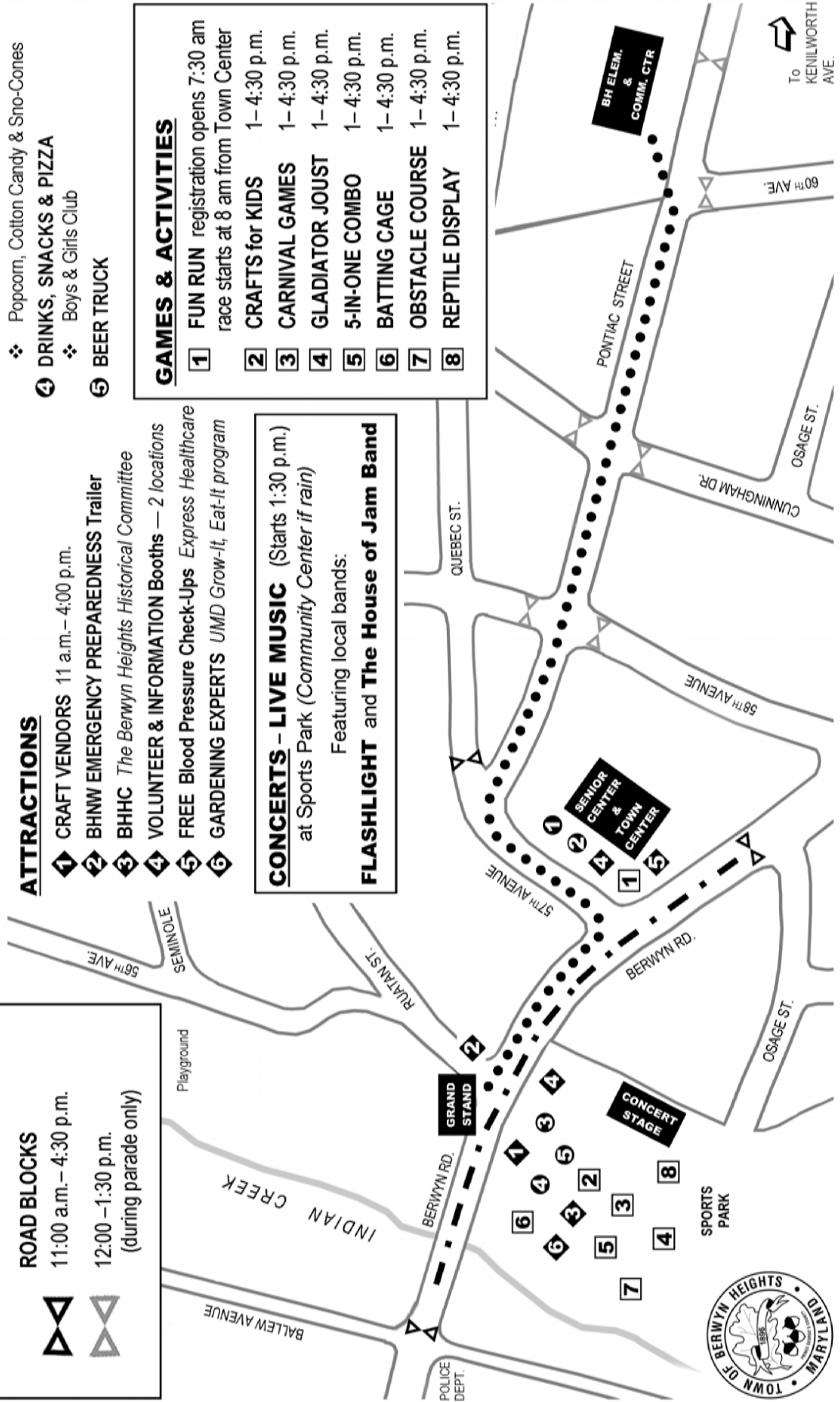
**FLASHLIGHT and The House of Jam Band**

## FOOD & DRINKS

- 1 Senior's BAKE SALE 8:30 a.m.  
Senior Center
- 2 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9–11:00 a.m.  
Town Center - Upper Level
- 3 FOOD VENDORS 12:00 noon  
Grilling by the Karate Club  
SHAGGA (Ethiopian Cuisine)  
Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Sno-Cones
- 4 DRINKS, SNACKS & PIZZA  
Boys & Girls Club
- 5 BEER TRUCK

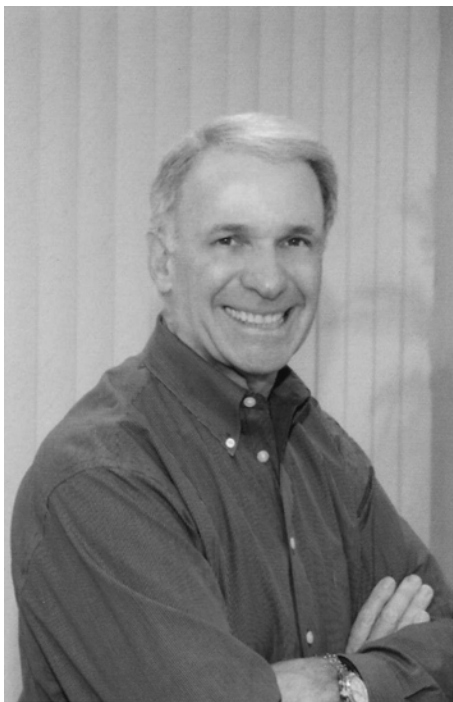
## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- 1 FUN RUN registration opens 7:30 am  
race starts at 8 am from Town Center
- 2 CRAFTS for KIDS 1–4:30 p.m.
- 3 CARNIVAL GAMES 1–4:30 p.m.
- 4 GLADIATOR JOUST 1–4:30 p.m.
- 5 5-IN-ONE COMBO 1–4:30 p.m.
- 6 BATTING CAGE 1–4:30 p.m.
- 7 OBSTACLE COURSE 1–4:30 p.m.
- 8 REPTILE DISPLAY 1–4:30 p.m.



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night's sleep.



## Neighborhood Watch & Emergency Preparedness

Floods – Our Nation's most Frequent and Costliest Natural Disaster

If your home is in a flood plain and at risk for flooding...

### MAKE A PLAN

#### **BEFORE A FLOOD**

- 1) Build an emergency supply kit: Include drinking water, a first-aid kit, canned food, a radio, flashlight and blankets. Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for a disaster supply checklist or [www.weather.gov/floodsafety](http://www.weather.gov/floodsafety) for flood safety tips and information from the National Weather Service.
- 2) Have a family emergency plan in place. Plan and practice flood evacuation routes from home, work and school.
- 3) Move important objects and papers to a safe place. Store your valuables where they won't get damaged.
- 4) Protect your property. Consider a flood insurance policy at [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov). Most homeowners' insurance does not cover flooding. If you have a flood insurance policy, make sure it is up to date. Visit the Flood Safety Awareness Week web page at [www.floodsmart.gov/noaafloodweek](http://www.floodsmart.gov/noaafloodweek) for more on your flood risk, and how to purchase a flood insurance policy.

#### **DURING A FLOOD**

- 1) Go to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding, including dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- 2) Avoid areas already flooded! Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- 3) Never drive through flooded roadways. Just two feet of moving water can sweep an SUV off the road.

#### **AFTER A FLOOD**

- 1) Check for structural damage before re-entering your home. If you suspect damage to water, gas, or electric lines, contact authorities.
- 2) Remove wet contents immediately. Carpeting, furniture, bedding and any other items holding moisture can develop mold within 24 to 48 hours. If any mold develops, throw the item away. Clean and disinfect everything that was touched by flood waters or mud flows. Throw away food that has come into contact with flood waters and boil water until authorities declare the water supply safe to drink.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILL

**APRIL 7, 9 AM- 1 PM**  
**Town Center**

- Check out the emergency trailer
- See a demonstration of a triage center
- Get answers on what to do and how to prepare for common emergencies
- Find out more about the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee

*All interested residents are welcome.*



# MEET THE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

## Candidates' Night

April 25 — 8:00 P.M.— TOWN CENTER

Join us for an interesting Town Hall meeting with the people running in the May 1 Town Council election. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 71 (Comcast) and Channel 12 (FIOS)

**Candidates Rose Almoguera, Cheye Calvo, Patti Dennison, Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and James Wilkinson** will introduce themselves and their platform. A moderator will take questions from the floor. This is a great opportunity to talk directly to all candidates and get your questions answered.



## CANDIDATE PROFILES



**Hello Neighbors, my name is Rose Almoguera.** I am a stay-at-home mom of two toddlers, Peter and William, and my husband, Pedro, is a senior economist for the federal government. We moved to Berwyn Heights six years ago and are happy that this is where we are raising our children.

Previously, I was a research analyst for the International Food Policy Research Institute, worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and served as a small business Peace Corps volunteer. I also have a M.S. in Agricultural Economics. In twelve years of rural development and agricultural policy work, I have had extensive experience developing projects and budgets. If you will give me the opportunity, I would love to put these skills to work for you.

Berwyn Heights is a safe family-friendly town and that is something that sets it apart. Ensuring that this trait is preserved and strengthened along with helping to further strengthen the strong sense of community is important to me. Over the past few years I have:

- Revived the town's playgroup which is now 40 families strong and meeting weekly.
- Organized Berwyn Height's First Annual Family BBQ to foster community spirit and welcome new families into the town. A side benefit of the event resulted in several park improvements, including new playground equipment and a new back fence and gate.
- Successfully initiated a petition to make Pop's Park "smoke-free" for our town's youngest residents.
- Developed a project for enhancing the town's curb appeal - The Traveling Garden Award - to be launched this spring.

I am committed to making a positive contribution to Berwyn Heights to help maintain and further enhance the unique characteristics that make it a great place to live. I am asking for your vote on May 1st.





**Cheye Calvo**

Berwyn Heights is a special place with a proud history, a strong sense of community, and a town government that adds value to our quality of life. It has been my privilege to serve as your mayor for the last eight years, and I promise to keep working hard every day to lead Berwyn Heights forward.

We have met these times of economic uncertainty and budget cuts with deliberate planning and fiscal responsibility. Today, we are debt-free and financially stronger than when the downturn began. Under a new police chief, we are taking community policing to a new level and have seen our already low crime rate fall to record levels. We are upgrading our playgrounds and recreational amenities, enhancing town activities and services, supporting our schools and our seniors, promoting high community standards, and making important investments in town roads, facilities, and vehicles.

Yet, I continue to take the greatest pride in leading a Town Council that builds consensus around shared priorities, proactively confronts challenges, and moves the Town forward to achieve results.

I grew up in this area – attending Greenbelt M.S. and graduating from Parkdale H.S. I earned my B.A. and M.A. degrees in American History. I have experience in county and state government and now work for The SEED Foundation, a national education nonprofit. I live on Edmonston Road with my wife, Trinity, and our two black Labrador rescues, Marshall and Xander.

Although we continue to face challenges, I believe that the Town's financial strength, sense of community, and other diverse assets provide a platform for us to thrive. Doing this means upgrading and offering amenities that make Berwyn Heights an attractive place to live and raise a family. It means investing in the Town's infrastructure, developing town staff, and planning for the long-term. It also means being smarter about how we provide services and how we partner across government to get the best return on the public investment.

We have made great progress in recent years but still have much more to achieve. Working together, I believe in an even brighter future for our Town. **ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON MAY 1st.**



**My name is Patricia "Patti" Dennison.** I have been on the town council for the past ten years. My family moved to Berwyn Heights in 1983. My four children, James, Joey, Sarah and Christopher grew up in Berwyn Heights. We were actively involved in town activities. I served on the Boys and Girls Club board, the Recreation Council and the Sidewalk and Traffic committees

While raising my family, I graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelors of Science in Family Sciences and Early Childhood Education. I worked in the family business, a nursery school in Potomac, for 30 years. When the school closed, I worked as a Special Education Aide at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. After five years of working for the State of Maryland, I am again a Special Education aide for a special needs child at Berwyn Heights Elementary School.

I love working with the Parks, Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs Department.

Education is a very important issue for town residents. I strive to ensure that all children receive an excellent education at all levels. And I take satisfaction from supporting the activities of Town committees and organizations. I am proud of my department's accomplishments over the last term, which include working M-NCPPC to renovate Indian Creek Playground, making safety upgrades at Pop's Park, and installing a handicapped accessible door at the Seniors Center.

Priorities for the future include:

- Evaluating and prioritizing street projects.
- Evaluating the costs for sidewalks in priority areas.
- Becoming a more sustainable and green community.
- Evaluation the town's facilities and parks.
- An active Education Advisory Committee to monitor educational developments.

I am always available for residents: Phone 301-404-2759 Email [pakijeanne1@aol.com](mailto:pakijeanne1@aol.com)



Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!

**My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy**, and I am a Ruatan Street resident. I have lived in Berwyn Heights since 2000, when I moved here from Wisconsin for a job promotion. I am a veterinarian and I work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I am running for my second term on the Council, after getting my feet wet serving my first term as head of the Administration Department. I have completed coursework for the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, and expect to graduate with the next class.

I am the current Town Emergency Preparedness Liaison, having been with the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee since 2002 and with our Community Emergency Response Team since 2004. One of my goals this term would be to see the Town Office and Town Center equipped with emergency generators, so these

facilities may not only ensure continued services to our residents in the event of an electrical outage, but also serve as heating or cooling centers, if need be.

I am concerned about several developments that may impact our town, and have been monitoring such projects as the Beltsville/BARC site for a proposed intermodal (train-truck) facility; an update to the Greenbelt Road Corridor Sector Plan (including development of the Greenbelt Metro station area) and a feasibility study considering widening of the BW Parkway. When I ran for the Town Council in 2010, I wanted to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I still do.

I hope you agree. Please vote on May 1!



**I am JAMES WILKINSON and I am running for Berwyn Heights Town Council.**

**My Vision** is a beautiful Berwyn Heights where families buy homes *and stay* because of our excellent schools, safe streets and parks, quality services, and vibrant community spirit; where home values are on a stable upward trend; and where the town is recognized for innovation and good governance.

**We will get there by:**

- Making our streets safer for our seniors, guests, and families by investing in sidewalks and crosswalks, especially along our busiest roads and routes to schools, parks, shopping, and mass transit;
- Supporting our schools and improving our parks;
- Investing in our town's streets, buildings, and public spaces;
- Ensuring town staff have the tools and resources to excel at their jobs;
- Seeking grants and other sources of funding for sustainable & green initiatives;
- Remaining accessible and communicating better with our residents and businesses.

Feel free to email me your ideas at [BHJamesWilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:BHJamesWilkinson@gmail.com)

**A bit about me:**

**Town Activities:** Mayor Pro Tem since 2010, Town Council since 2009, 5 years as Boys and Girls Club soccer coach, BHES PTA member since 2006

**Family:** 13-year Town resident; two children at Berwyn Heights Elementary School

**Education:** Masters in Organizational Leadership

**Career:** Executive Director, Washington International Trade Association

**Military:** Marine Corps veteran, first Persian Gulf War

I hope you share my vision for a beautiful Berwyn Heights and ask for your vote on May 1.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2013 (See Pages 22-23)**

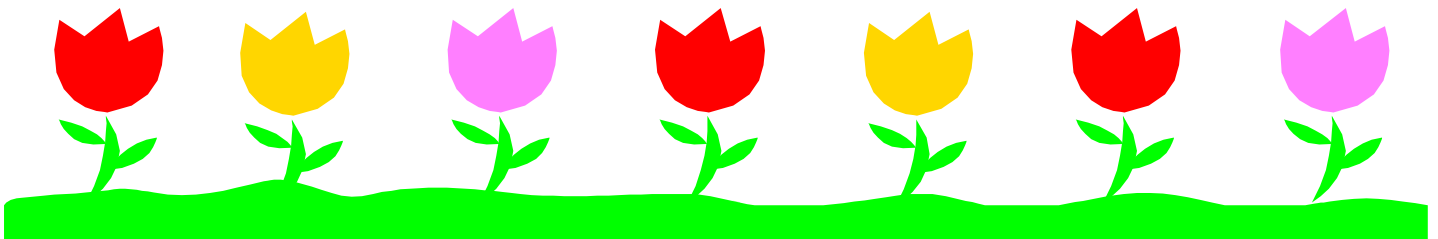
The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED SPECIAL PUBLIC  
SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2013 (See Page 24)**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Special Public Safety Taxing District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.



## - BUDGET MESSAGE -

Dear Mayor and Town Council Members:

The proposed Town budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, is scheduled to be introduced at the Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 11 and adopted at the May 9 Town Meeting, as required by the Town Charter.

Administration is very pleased to report that the 5600-5700 blocks Ruatan-Seminole Street project is done. The project was almost fully funded by the Dedicated Infrastructure Improvement Fund established by Town Council in 2006 because, due to the bad economy, the project cost \$480,000 rather than the Town Engineer's engineering estimate of \$700,000.

The proposed FY 2013 budget maintains the current real property tax rate of 48.6 cents and the personal property tax rate at \$1.215, both per \$100 of assessed value and the 3-cent real property tax rate and the 7.5 personal property tax rate for the dedicated road repair fund. Revenues from nearly all sources are flat. However, the state did cut Highway User Revenues 34% and police aid 23%. The Town is also expecting a 4% drop in fines and forfeitures and a 46% drop in interest income. In fact, the only bright spot in revenues is the projected increase in income tax receipts, a 16% increase in cable TV fees, and a small increase in revenues from licenses and permits.

In order to maintain the current real property tax rate of 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value and the business personal property tax rate of \$1.215, and still balance the budget, the budget proposes a merit increase to employees with good performance but no cost-of-living increase, freezes non-salaried expenditures at the 2012 budget levels, not to undertake any major capital projects, and projects a small surplus of \$15,683. Overall, the proposed operating budget projects a revenue increase of \$14,951 or 1%.

The proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget is down \$732 from the current fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2012. Although the budget proposes no cost-of-living increase for employees, it does provide for merit increases for employees with good performance. The FY 2013 operating expenditures budget does not use any funds from surplus to fund the operating budget. The FY 2013 proposed budget again funds the outright purchase of a new police cruiser rather than relying on lease purchasing, appropriates the transfer of \$26,377 of Highway User Revenues to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, appropriates the \$104,086 from the 3-cent real property-7.5 personal property road tax to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, and proposes to appropriate \$66,900 to the Vehicle Replacement Fund.

The following are departmental expenditure highlights:

**Administration** – Budget funds the Office of Town Administration and the maintenance, repair, and operation of the municipal building, Town Center and Senior Center.

**Code Compliance & Transportation** – Budget funds Town Council's continued commitment to fund a Director, 2 part time code officers, and a part time clerk to assist residents' compliance with community standards and to provide low cost transportation service for the elderly and disabled, upon request.

**Police Department** – Budget funds Town Council's continued commitment to provide 24/7 police protection 365 days a year. Department will consist of the Chief, five patrol officers, a detective and a police clerk. The budget includes the purchase of one new police cruiser. The Town Council also utilizes the Public Safety Taxing District to fund 1 additional patrol officer.

**Public Health and Safety** – Budget proposes making a \$1,000 contribution to support the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and \$3,000 for Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch.

**Public Works Department** - Budget proposes to continue to provide refuse, trash, bulk refuse, metals, and yard waste collection service and once-a-week pick-up of recyclables.

**Parks Recreation** – Budget proposes continuing to fund special events such as Berwyn Heights Day plus resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park. Budget also proposes to purchase one new piece of playground equipment for Pop's Park.

**Insurance and Employee Benefits** – Budget anticipates a 24% increase in health insurance premiums, 17% of which is due an older work force, no increase in workers compensation premiums, no increase for general liability, and no increase in the unemployment insurance rate. The budget also includes an appropriation for the Town's match for the Maryland pension system, which dropped from 10.94% to 8.99% of payroll due to an improved return on investments (employees contribute 5% of their base pay).

**Debt Service** – With the paying of the 2006 police car lease payment in 2012, the Town is now totally debt-free.

Residents should contact the Town Council with questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed budget and to participate in the budget adoption process at the public hearings on April 11 and May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Edward J. Murphy  
Town Administrator

## PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 08 ACTUAL	FY 09 ACTUAL	FY 10 ACTUAL	FY 11 ACTUAL	FY 12 BUDGET	FY 13 PROPOSED	% VARIATION
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	\$1,222,377	\$1,376,393	\$1,570,262	\$1,436,720	\$1,549,963	\$1,551,568	0%
PENALTIES ON TAXES	\$5,781	\$7,100	\$5,334	\$6,434	\$1,000	\$1,500	50%
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$267,295	\$290,521	\$267,051	\$259,574	\$280,000	\$280,000	0%
INCOME TAX	\$268,037	\$245,076	\$257,718	\$318,688	\$257,000	\$285,000	11%
RECYCLING TAX	\$49,392	\$54,691	\$61,260	\$71,470	\$72,170	\$72,870	1%
HIGHWAY USER REVENUE	\$178,315	\$154,773	\$18,247	\$11,111	\$39,966	\$26,377	-34%
POLICE AID	\$44,223	\$36,180	\$49,377	\$38,505	\$41,710	\$31,955	-23%
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$80,472	\$90,849	\$102,777	\$117,130	\$112,748	\$122,836	9%
SERVICE CHARGES	\$2,046	\$1,783	\$2,034	\$2,770	\$2,700	\$2,700	0%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$17,232	\$14,832	\$42,396	\$8,232	\$8,232	\$8,232	0%
FINES AND FORFEITURES	\$67,785	\$58,222	\$70,365	\$59,887	\$57,800	\$55,200	-4%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$98,214	\$56,205	\$44,103	\$70,864	\$62,980	\$62,980	0%
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,301,169</b>	<b>\$2,386,625</b>	<b>\$2,490,925</b>	<b>\$2,401,385</b>	<b>\$2,486,269</b>	<b>\$2,501,218</b>	<b>1%</b>
TRANSFERS FROM SURPLUS							
FOR OPERATING BUDGET	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$18,000	\$-	-
FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$180,000	\$-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,301,169</b>	<b>\$2,386,625</b>	<b>\$2,490,925</b>	<b>\$2,401,385</b>	<b>\$2,684,269</b>	<b>\$2,501,218</b>	<b>-7%</b>
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	\$14,352	\$15,002	\$14,898	\$15,974	\$19,081	\$21,000	10%
TOWN ADMINISTRATION	\$255,365	\$270,327	\$271,876	\$261,791	\$295,577	\$312,025	6%
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$22,008	\$26,436	\$29,781	\$23,684	\$30,691	\$30,913	1%
TOWN CENTER	\$30,685	\$26,671	\$25,260	\$28,144	\$42,291	\$32,913	-22%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$555,925	\$569,573	\$551,415	\$595,116	\$618,215	\$632,961	2%
MISC. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$5,549	\$4,199	\$2,168	\$3,266	\$4,000	\$4,000	0%
CODE COMPLIANCE & VAN	\$91,345	\$96,144	\$103,927	\$103,929	\$112,361	\$115,316	3%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$638,656	\$609,565	\$688,987	\$704,443	\$668,696	\$685,694	3%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$13,323	\$16,621	\$22,179	\$15,289	\$21,108	\$28,150	33%
CABLE	\$4,037	\$16,706	\$6,442	\$3,147	\$15,476	\$15,476	0%
INSURANCE	\$111,111	\$125,419	\$108,551	\$92,735	\$112,301	\$112,886	1%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$170,151	\$319,793	\$196,368	\$199,863	\$252,258	\$244,968	-3%
4-CITIES STREET SWEEPER	\$12,939	\$24,695	\$7,857	\$16,940	\$20,000	\$20,000	0%
TRAFFIC ENGINEER	\$19,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	-
DEBT SERVICE	\$99,472	\$100,978	\$92,827	\$90,807	\$4,609	\$-	-100%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$26,995	\$25,776	\$36,387	\$22,232	\$29,284	\$31,870	9%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	\$134,463	\$99,800	\$124,245	\$81,300	\$240,319	\$197,363	-18%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,205,376</b>	<b>\$2,347,705</b>	<b>\$2,283,168</b>	<b>\$2,258,660</b>	<b>\$2,486,267</b>	<b>\$2,485,535</b>	<b>0%</b>
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$81,946	\$-	\$102,151	\$118,020	\$198,000	\$-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,287,322</b>	<b>\$2,347,705</b>	<b>\$2,385,319</b>	<b>\$2,376,680</b>	<b>\$2,684,267</b>	<b>\$2,485,535</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Difference - Receipts &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,847</b>	<b>\$38,920</b>	<b>\$105,606</b>	<b>\$24,705</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$15,683</b>	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,123,062	\$1,323,800	\$1,462,520	\$1,692,371	\$1,798,376	\$1,480,673	
Less Leave Balances	-	\$61,739	\$64,450	\$64,450	\$60,212.00	\$60,212	
ADJ. BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,123,062	\$1,262,061	\$1,398,070	\$1,627,921	\$1,738,164	\$1,420,461	
RESERVES							
Operating Reserve	\$442,000	\$442,000	\$442,000	\$442,000	\$442,000	\$442,000	
Cable TV - Capital Outlay Reserve	31,481	31,481	40,515	52,843	31,481	52,843	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	214,472	284,472	347,019	347,019	25,416	155,879	
Supplemental to Trash Truck Reserve*	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	-	
NW/EP Trailer Reserve	-	-	1,832	2,565	-	-	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	76,400	106,200	157,032	238,332	160,232	227,132	
<b>TOTAL of RESERVES *</b>	<b>\$764,353</b>	<b>\$864,153</b>	<b>\$988,398</b>	<b>\$1,082,759</b>	<b>\$659,129</b>	<b>\$877,864</b>	
Fund Balance less Reserves	358,709	397,908	409,672	545,162	1,079,035	542,607	
Transfers to Reserves	134,463	99,800	124,245	109,145	(259,703)	197,363	
Surplus Added or (Used)	13,847	38,920	105,606	1,098	(58,000)	-	
Less: Capital Budget Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Surplus Available	507,019	536,628	639,523	655,405	761,332	739,970	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,271,372</b>	<b>\$1,400,781</b>	<b>\$1,627,921</b>	<b>\$1,738,164</b>	<b>\$1,420,461</b>	<b>\$1,617,824</b>	

# - 2013 BUDGET MESSAGE -

## SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT

Dear Town Resident:

In 2005, Berwyn Heights became the first municipality in the State of Maryland to exercise the new authority granted to towns and cities by Governor Ehrlich and the General Assembly to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Town passed the ordinance creating the Public Safety Taxing District encompassing the commercial and industrial properties on Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, Branchville Road, Greenbelt Road and 55th Avenue. The special taxing district provides the Town additional resources to finance the capital and operating costs for an eighth police officer to enhance police protection in the commercial district and the Town at-large. The eighth officer enhances the current public safety efforts by providing the Berwyn Heights Police Department increased flexibility and coverage and allows for a second on-duty officer during the evening and midnight shifts.

In order to mitigate the effect of the new Public Safety Taxing District on Town businesses, the Town Council elected to phase in the financing and equipping of the eighth police officer over three years. In fiscal year 2006, the first year, the Town established a real property tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 of business and industrial property assessed value to purchase a fully equipped police patrol car at a cost of \$24,000. In fiscal year 2007, the Town added a personal property tax rate of 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value permitting the Town to hire the eighth officer in January 2007.

In fiscal year 2008, another 5 cents was added to the personal property tax rate for a total of 10 cents per \$100 of personal property assessed value to fully fund the 8<sup>th</sup> police officer. In fiscal year 2009, the personal property tax rate was increased from 10 cents to 15 cents per \$100 of assessed value to further reduce dependence on the General Fund for the eighth officer's pay, benefits and other costs.

In fiscal year 2012, the Town Council increased the tax rate on real property 3 cents and 7.5 cents on business personal property per \$100 of assessed value, all to be placed in a dedicated road repair improvement fund.

The 2013 budget proposed no increase in Public Safety Taxing District taxes and no increase in taxes in the dedicated road repair improvement fund.

Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County and last year crime went down again. The Town Council envisions continuing to use the Special Public Safety Taxing District funds to make the Town safer for our residents and businesses.

Respectfully,  
Edward J. Murphy  
Town Administrator

### PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUES	FY 09 ACTUAL	FY 10 ACTUAL	FY 11 ACTUAL	FY 12 BUDGET	FY 13 PROPOSED	% VARIATION
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	\$ 35,038	\$ 37,149	\$ 38,791	\$ 36,944	\$ 38,899	5.3%
REAL ESTATE PRIOR YEARS	\$ 577	\$ 820	\$ 244	\$ -	\$ 244	-
P & I ON PROPERTY ON TAXES	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 1,912	\$ -	\$ 1,913	-
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 33,854	\$ 31,549	\$ 30,394	\$ 32,085	\$ 30,944	-4%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 69,469	\$ 69,551	\$ 71,341	\$ 69,029	\$ 72,000	4.3%
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,196	\$ -	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 69,469	\$ 69,551	\$ 71,341	\$ 70,225	\$ 72,000	2.5%
EXPENDITURES						
POLICE SERVICES	\$ 57,030	\$ 46,434	\$ 58,166	\$ 65,263	\$ 64,662	-0.9%
INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,601	\$ 4,962	\$ 4,962	0.0%
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 57,030	\$ 46,434	\$ 62,767	\$ 70,225	\$ 69,624	-0.9%
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 57,030	\$ 46,434	\$ 62,767	\$ 70,225	\$ 69,624	-0.9%
BALANCE	\$ 12,439	\$ 23,117	\$ 8,574	\$ -	\$ 2,376	-



# The Bugle

## The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

April 2012

### Spring Sports Registration

It is still not too late to sign up for spring sports. Contact Kathy Schuster at 301-441-2263 or email her at [kathyschuster@verizon.net](mailto:kathyschuster@verizon.net). Forms are also available on our web site at [bhbhc.org](http://bhbhc.org).

### Spring Sports

#### Tee-Ball, Machine-Pitch Baseball And Baseball

We will have an in-town Tee-Ball league for kid's ages roughly 4 to 7. For more information about Tee-Ball, please call , Ronnie Compton at (301) 345-2661. We are also looking to have a machine pitch baseball ages 7 to 8 and kid pitch baseball ages 9 and up. Practices are on Monday and Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Sports Park. For more information, please call our Baseball Commissioner, Ronnie Compton at (301) 345-2661

#### Softball

We plan on having several Girls Softball teams: (U14, U12 and U10). Practices are as follows: U14 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays; U12 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays; U10 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. All practices will be at Sports Park. For more information please contact our Softball Commissioner, Dave Carter at [dcarter8505@verizon.net](mailto:dcarter8505@verizon.net) or 301-441-2263.

#### Soccer

We will be having Soccer for ages 4 through 14. Practices for soccer will be announced soon. For information, please contact our Soccer Commissioner Tino Menjivar at (301)614-8933

#### Track

We will be having track again this year. We are looking to compete in track meets on Fridays and possible other meets. Practices will be starting soon. For information, please contact our Track Commissioner, Jeff Osmond, at [Jeffersonianjeff@juno.com](mailto:Jeffersonianjeff@juno.com)

### Camp Out and Movie Night

We will be having a Camp Out at Sports Park on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for all members of the club. \$10 per family. Children must be accompanied by at least 1 adult. Members must provide their own camping equipment (tents, sleeping bags, etc.). We ask that each family bring one covered dish (one that your kids will eat) to have along with the hot dogs that the club will provide. The club will also provide a continental breakfast the next morning. Also, Dr. Rad will be showing another great movie on the same night. The movie will start around 8pm and is open and free to everyone in the community.

### Berwyn Heights Day (May 5)

- March in the Parade under the club banner, meet at the School parking lot at 11:45
- Hit a Ball in the batting Cage at the Sports park
- Stop by the concession Stand at the Sports Park for a refreshing drink/snack or pizza
- Find out how to sign up and/or support the club from our Information Table

**The Club would again like to congratulate Dave Wolfinger, Beth Brittan-Powell, Brandon Wolfinger and Sara Conover for being our Man/Woman/Boy/Girl of the Year award recipients.**

Our next meeting will be held on Friday April 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Check out our website at [www.bhbhc.org](http://www.bhbhc.org) for more information.

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**DO YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SPEED CAMERA TICKET ???**



Please note, if you have an unpaid speed camera ticket from the last 6 months, you are subject to an additional late fee and having your vehicle registration flagged.

- **\$40.00** late fee applies if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 45 days from the date of issuance;
- **\$40.00** flagging fee to re-register a flagged vehicle if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 60 days from the date of issuance.
- **Late fee and Flagging fee** are in addition to any processing fees charged by the MVA.

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12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
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1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
<b>FULL PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00



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**Mortgage Insurance Deduction in Jeopardy!**

Save Maryland's Mortgage Interest Deduction that Governor O'Malley has proposed which includes property taxes. You are urged to contact your elected officials not to reduce this critical support for Maryland's homeowners. Real Estate accounts for one fifth of Maryland's economy and without a recovery in housing, there will be no overall economic recovery. We can not allow this to happen! Please call, text or e-mail your elected officials and urge them to drop this proposal.



<b>UNDER CONTRACT:</b>	<b>Split Foyer - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths - Saint Marys Street, Beltsville, MD</b>
<b>UNDER CONTRACT:</b>	<b>Victorian - 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths - Apache Street, College Park, MD</b>
<b>AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>Victorian - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths - Cleveland Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD</b>
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# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Prince George's County Department of Parks & Recreation presents

## The Maryland Campaign of 1862

Saturday  
April 7

4:00 pm

Explore battlefield decisions and how they changed the outcome of battles with a special focus on the Maryland Campaign of 1862, with Civil War expert, Dennis Frye.

**FREE!** Arrive early, space is limited.  
Call 301-868-1121 for more information.



On March 9th, several BHHC committee members attended the world premiere of **“THE PERILOUS FIGHT: the War of 1812 as told in ballad and anthem”** at the Old Parish House in College Park. The original play by Artistic Director, Steven Lampredi, was very engaging and most educational. Our lucky winners of 2 tickets to the play, enjoyed the show from front row center seats, graciously provided by the College Park Arts Exchange. The fast-moving review will be touring Maryland through 2015.

We're currently working on a 2013 Berwyn Heights Calendar that we hope to have ready by the holidays. To find out more about this and other exciting projects and events, drop by and visit us at our booth on Berwyn Heights Day.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. **Our next meeting will be on April 24th.**

## ATHA • ACTIVITIES



### 7th Annual Bike Rally

*Check back in mid-spring 2012 for more information on our annual bike rally!*

### “Rivers to Rockets Rally”

May 19, 2012 • 8:30 am–1:00 pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park



Come and experience the War of 1812 and the Port of Bladensburg, ride past the oldest operating airfield in the United States, and head on to the home of Goddard—the city of Greenbelt (now in it's 75th year!)

**We will host 3 different types of routes!**

a 10 mile, local route around the Arts District; a 20 mile route via Berwyn Heights to Greenbelt to see them on their 75th Anniversary; and a 30 mile loop to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Greenbelt Nation-

al Park. All routes are well suited to a variety of skill levels, although the 30 mile loop may have a few more hills involved. We will use the Anacostia Tributary Trail System for our routes, but we will have to cross some major roads at a few points. We encourage families to participate. Registration and bike rental options will be posted on or about April 1. Food will be provided as well as a T-shirt as part of the registration costs (\$25 for single, other rates TBD.)

**VISIT THESE LINKS:** Berwyn Heights Historical Committee- [www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/](http://www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/)  
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA)- [www.anacostiatrials.org/](http://www.anacostiatrials.org/); Prince George's Historical Society- [www.pghistory.org](http://www.pghistory.org)

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## Welcome to Spring and the Spring Housing Market...

**Welcome to the stabilization of the housing market??...**

Capital Economics expects the housing crisis to end this year, according to a report released Tuesday. One of the reasons: **loosening credit.**

The analytics firm notes the average credit score required to attain a mortgage loan is 700. While this is higher than scores required prior to the crisis, it is constant with requirements one year ago.

Additionally, a Fed Senior Loan Officer Survey found credit requirements in the fourth quarter were consistent with the past three quarters.

However, other market indicators point not just to a stabilization of mortgage lending standards, but also a loosening of credit availability.

To avoid losing homes to foreclosure due to long response times for short sale transactions, three senators introduced legislation to **speed up the short sale process.** They have proposed a bill addressing the issue of short sales timelines on February 17. A short sale is a real

estate transaction where the homeowner sells the property for less than the unpaid balance with the lender's approval.

"There are neighborhoods across the country full of empty homes and underwater owners that have legitimate offers, but unresponsive banks," said Murkowski. "What we have here is a failure to communicate. Why don't we make it easier for Americans trying to participate in the housing market, regardless of whether the answer is 'yes,' 'no' or 'maybe?'"



The legislation, also known as the Prompt Notification of Short Sale Act, will be limited to one extension of no more than 21 days. The bill will also allow the buyer to be awarded \$1000, plus "reasonable" attorney fees if the Act is violated.

*(excerpts taken from Linked in Today)*

**For more information on any of these topics, please feel free to call, email or text me for details. Find me on twitter, Linked in, FB or [www.sharonmccraney.com](http://www.sharonmccraney.com)**



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### HOMES LISTED/SOLD BY SHARON THIS MONTH IN AND AROUND BERWYN HEIGHTS:

<b>SOLD</b> - 5907 Natasha Dr...4Br, 2.5 BA rambler, new deck and updated kitchen.....	\$219,000.
<b>Reduced</b> - 8901 59th Av...3BR, 2BA rambler, covered deck, large yard, EIK .....	\$199,900.
<b>Under Contract</b> - 8916 59th Av...4 Br, 2BA rambler, complete remodel...gorgeous!.....	\$225,900.
<b>For Rent</b> - 5823 Swarthmore Dr...4BR, 2BA split level, updt kitchen.....	\$2000mo.
<b>Rent/Short Sale</b> - Upcoming.....new listings for sale and rent next month.....	\$1800 mo/\$150,000s.

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

April 2011

Berwyn Heights, MD

## Mark Your Calendars

April 2-9 - Schools Closed - Spring Break/Easter  
April 12 - Berwyn Heights Talent Showcase  
Rehearsal  
April 13 - Berwyn Heights Talent Showcase  
April 14 - Garden Clean Up  
April 21 - Rain date Garden Clean Up  
April 23 - Silver Diner Fundraiser

## Special Events

### Happy Birthday Berwyn Heights Elementary!

We celebrated the school's birthday on Friday, March 2. Your PTA was able to provide cupcakes and drinks for every student, teacher and staff person in the school to help celebrate. Thank you to our volunteers who helped out by passing all of the goodies out to the classes.

**Ice Skating Party Update** - Our Ice Skating Party was held on Friday, March 23 and it was attended by an estimated 300 people. Students, teachers, parents and friends came out to enjoy themselves for a family night of skating. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff that came out and for our volunteers who helped make this night such a successful night. Thank you to all that bought pizza and helped out with the 6th Grade fundraiser for North Bay.

**Talent Showcase** - April 13th come watch our talented children sing, dance, do magic tricks, and more.

**Dinner Fundraiser** - Join us for dinner at the Silver Diner on April 23rd. A percentage of your dinner purchase will be given to the BHES Field Trip Transportation Fund.

**Pot Belly's Transportation Fundraiser** - Thank you to Pot Belly's near IKEA for hosting our fifth dinner. We appreciate all the families and staff that came out to support the Transportation Fund.

## Box Tops = Free Money!

**Next Collection April 10th!** Please keep up the good work! Our goal this year is for \$1000.00.

## PTA Officers 2010-2011

Need to reach us?

Officers@BHESPTA.org

President@BHESPTA.org

President: Cheryl Compton  
1st Vice President: Kristen Buker  
2nd Vice President: Leslie Wolfinger  
Secretary: Jackie Conover  
Treasurer: Maria Robles  
Past President: Desiree' Wolford

Would you like to be a PTA Officer? We are accepting nominations for officers for next year! E-mail us with your name and position you would like to hold. Voting will take place in May.

## Gardening

### Garden Activity!

There will be a spring garden clean-up on Saturday, April 14th at 10:00. Rain date is April 21st at 10:00. Please bring your community spirit to the school gardens. Thank you!

Thank you to Behnke Nurseries for the gift card toward the BHES school gardens.

And a big thank you to MOMs Organic Market for their donation of a rain barrel to help educate the kids on water conservation.

If you would like to help, please contact Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org or 301-982-7115.

Check out our BHES PTA Website! BHESPTA.org Contact us at: Officers@BHESPTA.org





## ELECTRONICS AND STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Dear Berwyn Heights Residents,

The Town of Berwyn Heights has joined the City of Greenbelt's electronic and styrofoam recycling program. You will be able to recycle your old electronic items and styrofoam in Greenbelt on a quarterly basis beginning April 28.

**Accepted electronics:** TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries (taped on one end).

**Accepted styrofoam:** Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6), which is the white, block Styrofoam used as packaging. **NO** cups, food containers, egg cartons, or peanuts accepted.

For more information go to:

[http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public\\_works/Electronics\\_Recycling.php](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Electronics_Recycling.php)

or call: Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153



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# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

## “Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

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

April 2	Joyce Bilger
April 3	Mary Biggs
April 4	Bettie Prosis
April 5	Mike Attick
April 6	Bertha Davies
April 8	Dick O'Connor
April 9	Marlene Carlson
April 11	Louise Barkley
	Eddie Daffron
April 12	Beverly Goodwin
April 15	Stanley Piope
April 25	Martha Baxter
April 27	Ruth Woodhouse

### APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
April 4	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 5	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
April 10	Meeting	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
April 11	Wii Bowling	11:00 A.M.
April 12	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
April 14	Potluck Dinner & Movie	5:00 P.M.
April 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
April 18	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
April 19	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
April 24	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
April 25	Wii Bowling	10:30 P.M.
April 26	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
April 28	Movie	2:00 P.M.



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# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of February 2012. 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.

02/01/12 at 5:30 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8800 block of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 1999 Ford Truck. Unknown person(s) threw a brick through the victim's windshield of his truck.

02/01/12 at 11:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6000 block of Quebec St., for a report of vandalism to a 2002 Ford Truck. Unknown person(s) spray painted profanity words on the victim's truck.

02/05/12 at 11:45 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1997 Ford Escort from the location of the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for expired tags. Further investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle, a 24 Y/o, H/M, from Greenbelt MD was also driving without a license.

02/05/12 at 1:35 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of an attempted burglary. The reporting person noticed that his screen from the front window was lying on the ground by his flower bed.

02/06/12 at 1:17 pm, Pfc. Ignowski initiated a traffic stop at the location of 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The violator, a 51 Y/O, B/M, from Silver Spring, MD, who was driving a 1999 Ford truck was stopped for having a loud and modify exhaust. The driver became agitated and started yelling at the officer, claiming that he was being racially profile. He further refuses to sign his citation and continues to yelled profanity at the officer. The violator was later sent on way after the officer wrote 'refused' in the signatory line.

02/07/12 at 5:02 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1995 Honda Accord from the location of 8800 block of Edmonston Road for speeding. Investigation later revealed that the driver, a 46 Y/O, H/M from Hyattsville, MD was driving on a suspended license.

02/11/12 at 9:02 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a report of vandalism to a 2001 GMC Yukon truck. Investigation by the officer revealed that someone threw

a rock through the rear window of the vehicle.

02/13/12 at 12:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski was approached by a 49 Y/O, B/F, a VA resident who wanted to report to him that she is being stalked by a 46 Y/O, B/F, also a VA resident. The victim works in Berwyn Heights and noticed that she is being followed by the 46 Y/O female.

02/15/11 between 10:30am-10:49 am, a burglary occurred in the 6000 block of Berwyn Rd., Berwyn Heights, MD. Unknown person smashed through a rear storm door and entered the domicile. Once inside, the suspect triggered the motion detector and fled scene.

02/16/11 at 4:15 pm, Pfc. Krouse was approached by a Town resident who stated that her purse was stolen from her car while it was parked at the 7-11 on Edmonston Rd., on 02/07/12.

01/18/12 at 7:20 am, Pfc. Ignowski discovered that a Berwyn Heights Police car was vandalized. The vehicle was parked at the location of 6000 block of Berwyn Road to deter crime at the scene of a recent attempted burglary of a domicile. An unknown person threw a rock through the driver's side window.

02/19/12 at 11:12 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1998 Toyota at the location of 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. The vehicle had a compulsory insurance violation.

02/20/12 at 10:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a theft from a 2000 Honda. An unknown person(s) took an in-dash radio from the vehicle.

02/23/12 at 7:18 pm, Pfc. Krouse observed a 2001 Jeep speeding at the location of 8800 block of Edmonston Road. After conducting a traffic stop, further investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle was suspended and had a warrant for 'non-compliance of child support'. Michael Lee Todd a 49 Y/O, W/M, from Clinton, MD was arrested and transported to the Prince George's County Sheriff Department without incident. His vehicle was also impounded.

02/24/12 at 11:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2006 Dodge Magnum at the location of 5700 block of Greenbelt Road. Investigation revealed that the said vehicle was travelling at 60 mph on a 40 mph posted zone. Further investigation revealed that the driver of the said vehicle was suspended along with his registration.

02/25/12 at 11:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue for a report of an attempted burglary. On scene, the officer found that the padlock to the gate was missing. No other unusual circumstances were observed.

02/26/12 at 10:50 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for an animal complaint. Investigation revealed that a resident of the Town owns two Pitt-Bulls and is in violation of the Prince George's County Code Section 03-185.01. The owner could not provide any County registrations for the dogs and was letting the dogs running around the Town without the owner. At which time Pfc. Ignowski contacted the Prince George's County Animal Management for follow up investigation.

02/27/12 at 11:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski apprehended Ernest Lee Waiters, a 35 Y/O, B/M, a resident of Upper Marlboro, MD for an outstanding warrant. Mr. Waiters was arrested at the 5411 Berwyn Road and transported to the Prince George's County Sheriff Department.

## NON-EMERGENCY

## POLICE DISPATCH

## PHONE NUMBER

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Street  
Sweeping



Refuse Collection



# April 2012

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	<b>3</b> <b>PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	<b>4</b> NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	<b>5</b> Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	<b>6</b> Good Friday Town Offices Close at 1:00 P.M.	<b>7</b> NW/EP Emergency Preparedness Drill Town Center 9:00—1:00
<b>8</b>  Easter	<b>9</b> Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Town Meeting Introduce Budgets 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> TALENT SHOWCASE BHES Multipurpose Room 7:00 P.M. 	<b>14</b> BHES Garden CleanUp 10:00 A.M.
<b>15</b>	<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>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  EARTH DAY	<b>23</b> Mock Student Council Mtg. 6:30 P.M. Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Ctr. Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	<b>24</b> BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	<b>25</b> TOWN COUNCIL CANDI- DATES' NIGHT Town Center 8:00 P.M. 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Dedication of Indian Creek Playground 10:00 A.M.  Electronic Recycling Greenbelt DPW Yard
<b>29</b> *Street Sweeping Week 	<b>30</b> Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M.	<b>MAY 1</b> TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	<b>2</b> NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	<b>3</b> Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY 

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 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
 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  
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 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Administration

#### 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  
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