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PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed Adoption of
Charter Amendment
April 12, 7:00 p.m.

An amendment to the Berwyn Heights Charter updating Section 202—Corporate Boundaries is proposed to be adopted at the April Town Meeting. It is proposed to delete the recitation of metes and bounds and instead reference the documents on file at all times with the Prince George's County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, and the Maryland Department of Legislative Services which show the most current Town boundaries. This legislation avoids needing to amend the Charter each time there is a change to the Town's boundaries.

Please contact the Town Clerk at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov for more information.

TAX DAY IS APRIL 18

Please mark BERWYN HEIGHTS as your municipality on your State income tax return. Berwyn Heights loses income tax revenue when residents specify the wrong municipality or none at all. To ensure your Town receives the correct revenue, please remember to specify the Town of Berwyn Heights as your municipality.

Town Meetings
Now start at 7:00 p.m.

Town meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and are open to the public. They provide an opportunity for you to bring to the attention of the Town Council any matter of concern, and serve as a venue for formal Town Council actions as well as reporting on Town government activities. Please join us on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Send in Ideas For New Sign Design
Welcome to Berwyn Heights

The Town is inviting residents to submit designs for new "Welcome to Berwyn Heights" signs. They will replace the signs currently posted at Town entrances on 58th Avenue, Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road.

The submitted concept should be for a free-standing sign, and may include a decorative pole and surrounding landscaping.

Please contact the Town Clerk at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov for a high resolution file of the Town seal and to submit the concept by May 1.

Neil Gehrels (64), Chief of the NASA Goddard Astroparticle Physics Laboratory and Professor of Astronomy at the University of Maryland, passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer on February 6, 2017.

Neil Gehrels and his wife Ellen Williams moved to Berwyn Heights in 1983, after they earned their PhDs at the California Institute of Technology. Neil began to work at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, and established himself as an international authority in the study of gamma-ray bursts and the larger gamma-ray universe.

In his spare time, Neil found time to volunteer for a non-profit organization that promotes youth involvement in the Port Towns communities. He also helped develop an internship program that allowed local high school students with hardships to work in his labs.

Neil Gehrels is survived by his wife and children, Thomas and Emily. Services were held at the University of Maryland Memorial Chapel.

Printing of this issue was delayed in order to provide you with information about the Town's proposed FY-2018 Budget (pages 17-21)



Berwyn Heights Day Activities

Saturday May 6th, 2017



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| 8:00-8:30am | Fun Run Registration at Town Center |
| 8:30-9:30am | Fun Run from Town Center around Lake Artemesia |
| 8:30 am-Sold Out | Seniors Bake Sale at the Senior Center |
| 9:00-11:00am | Pancake Breakfast at Town Center, Upper Level |
| 12:00pm | Parade from Berwyn Heights Elementary to Sports Park |
| 1:30pm | BHHC Museum Tour at Town Office |
| 11:00-4:00 PM | Crafts, Vendors & Information Booths at Sports Park |
| | Food from Shagga Grill, Karate Club Grill, Boys & Girls |
| | Club Concessions, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Beer Truck |
| | Games, Moon Bounces/Rides for Kids |
| | Live DJ, Texas Fred of WPFW & WAMU fame |
| | Mariachis |
| | Cell Phone Scavenger Hunt |



Follow the event on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/BHDay2017

More from the Rec Council...Mark your Calendars!

Sun. 6/4, 5-7pm—Sports Park—Rock out! Live concert by the band “Old School”

Thu. 7/6, 6-8pm— Lake Artemesia—Live concert by the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet

plus Jan Knutson



**Next Recreation Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 4th,
7:30 pm in the G. Love Room. For more or to join,
please contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net.**

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY VENDOR / INFORMATION BOOTH APPLICATION
SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2017

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Items for Sale/Distribution (Please be specific as no more than 2 craft vendors selling similar items will be approved): _____

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution. Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors.

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc are acceptable –

Individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.)

Silly String

Colored Hair Spray

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

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

EVENT TIME: 11 am – 4 pm.

Check ONE:

_____ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

_____ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2017)

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

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

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 24, 2017**. (Mail to: Recreation Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740)

For additional information, contact Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

SELECT ONE: Cash _____ Check _____ (put check # in space)

AMOUNT PAID _____

Berwyn Heights Day ***FUN RUN*** Sat., May 6th 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia with post-race refreshments! This race is non-competitive!

Registration and race begins at the Town Center and will proceed to nearby paths

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Cost is \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child 13-17 and \$2.00 12 and under.

***Strollers are free.**

All registrants receive a commemorative T-Shirt (while supplies last)

Please make checks out to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



NAME _____ AGE (if under 18) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE) CHILD: 8-10 14-16
ADULT: S M L XL XXL

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WAIVER – MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability and safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 _____

Worksession

February 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Christopher Rasmussen. CM Gerald Shields had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, as well as McDonald's representatives Daniel Lynch and Gary Kilfeather.

1. Announcements

The Council received a letter from the General Services Administration (GSA) announcing public hearings on the relocation of the FBI headquarters. The hearing for the Greenbelt Station site will be on February 13, 6:00 p.m. at the Greenbelt library. Hearings for the Springfield, VA and Landover site will be held on February 14 and 15, respectively. At a recent Four Cities meeting in College Park it was learned that WMATA plans to end the B30 bus service from Greenbelt Station to BWI airport. Greenbelt will take the lead in writing a letter to oppose this plan. Further, Greenbelt's Community Animal Response Team (CART), an animal oriented disaster and emergency response team, gave a presentation and reported that it is working to obtain a \$22,000 grant to purchase an emergency trailer for helping animals in an emergency.

2. Presentation

McDonald's restaurant site plan for reconstruction: Mayor Jewitt welcomed David Lynch, Attorney, and Gary Kilfeather, McDonald's representative, for a presentation of detailed site plans (DSP) for the reconstruction of the McDonald's restaurant at Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue. TA Cowles explained that the Council first received a presentation on the conceptual plans in July 2013 and subsequently gave some input. Now, McDonald's has filed a detailed site plan and is ready to be filed with the County and is presented to the Council tonight for any additional comments.

Mr. Lynch said that the McDonald's restaurant in Berwyn Heights was constructed in the 1960s and is due for renovation. This is part of an area-wide effort of McDonald's Corporation to modernize its older restaurants to remain competitive in the fast food market. The plans call for reconfiguring the property to comply with the latest stormwater and

landscaping regulations, and replacing the old structure with a new building that can handle more drive-through traffic. It is proposed to build 2 lanes with ordering stations, plus one escape lane exiting onto 63rd Avenue, and 3 service windows. Traffic will be directed from one entrance off Greenbelt Road to circle the building and exit back onto Greenbelt Road. Parking will be available on both sides of the restaurant but not in front.

In commenting on the site plan, MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested to remove a sidewalk proposed to be built on the restaurant side of 63rd Avenue, as there is now a sidewalk on the east side of 63rd Avenue. A sidewalk on the west side might lead pedestrians to try crossing the drive-through lane to reach the front entrance. Mr. Kilfeather said that the sidewalk was added to the plans per an earlier request by the Council. Further, the parking lot is separated from the sidewalk by landscaping obstacles to direct pedestrians to a safer crosswalk nearer to Greenbelt Road. TA Cowles said that residents near the McDonald's have lately complained about an increase in tour buses parking on 63rd Avenue to drop off travelers at the restaurant. She asked if McDonald's has made accommodations for this. Mr. Lynch replied that they have no accommodations as this is the first time they have heard about it. Deleting the sidewalk along the west side of 63rd will not create enough room for tour buses. It was proposed that McDonald's approach the Presbyterian Church about an arrangement to park buses in its parking lot.

Mr. Lynch concluded by noting that they anticipate a hearing with Park & Planning in spring and a permit in approximately a year.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the January 9 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The January 11 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

4. Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

CM Rasmussen reported that Upper Marlboro received a \$50,000 Community Legacy Grant for façade improvements in the downtown area. Berwyn Heights may want to explore what it takes to qualify for such a grant. In addition, the Maryland Preservation Society provides grants for rehabilitating historic properties to serve as community activity centers, another funding source the Town may research.

Clerk Harper said the Town of Berwyn Heights applied for a \$300,000 Community Legacy Grant in 2002 for improvements in the commercial district. Although a lot of effort went into defining the project the application was not funded. Welcome banners along Greenbelt Road were among the proposed improvements proposed in the grant but funded from other sources. CM Rasmussen also reported that the Council received reports of fences that are in disrepair. The issue is a violation under Ordinance 107 – Clean Lot, but may require further clarification. CM Rasmussen received an inquiry as to whether the Town would issue a refund to rental home owners who were renting to just one tenant in the past, and paid for a license, but did not need one.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Berwyn Heights CERT started a Facebook page using the Town seal. The Town may want to consider if there should be some guidance for committees on the content of their websites. On February 21, County Executive Baker will hold a listening session for municipalities on the Prince George's County FY 2018 proposed budget. This would be a good opportunity for Berwyn Heights to ask about a stormwater system feasibility study DPW&T was to conduct this year. She suggested a Berwyn Heights councilmember should attend. Lastly, the NW/EP's Wine Festival, scheduled for April 29, will be postponed.

Mayor Jewitt reported that she attended her first Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA) conference in Annapolis. It was attended by many high-level State officials, including Comptroller Franchot. He said that his office was responsible for the accounting error that resulted in an income tax overpayment to a number of Maryland municipalities, Berwyn Heights among them. Asked if his office would consider forgiveness of the debt, he replied it would. A call center has been set up to handle inquiries about the matter.

At the conference, Mayor Jewitt met with Delegate Gaines and discussed the Maryland Department of Disability Services, which coordinates delivery of services to individuals with disabilities, and Program Open Space. She also met with Governor Hogan, who offered to visit Berwyn Heights for a community event. Maryland Department of Transportation Deputy Administrator Slater gave a speech on the increase in air and road traffic and answered questions about self-driving cars. Lastly, Mayor Jewitt com-

mended the Berwyn Heights CERT on a successful training course, which was attended by some 30 people, including the Mayor of Greenbelt.

5. Action Items

There were none.

6. Discussion Items

Ordinance 120 – public comments:

CM Rasmussen said that there are some outstanding issues before the amended Rental Housing Ordinance can be adopted. The Council received several comments on the amendments to Ordinance 120 at the January 11 Town meeting. Two were opposed to requiring a rental license for owner-occupied homes with only one rental unit, and another suggested a differential fee structure for different types of rentals, with “owner-plus-one” and short-term rentals being charged a lower license fee.

TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass obtained answers to several questions raised at the last worksession. It was verified that all rentals, without exception, must comply with the Maryland lead paint, smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector requirements. New regulations normally become effective 20 days from the date of adoption of the Ordinance, but rentals may not necessarily be inspected for compliance until their license is renewed. The Town Attorney advises deleting Section 13 B, which authorizes the Council to waive provisions of the Ordinance under certain conditions. However, if the Council wishes to keep the waiver provision, alternate language is provided describing a waiver process. Further, the title of Section 14 can be changed from “Validity” to “Severability” without affecting the meaning.

The Council discussed whether to retain the owner-plus-one exemption from the rental license requirement. MPT Kulpa-Eddy argued in favor of keeping the exemption because a number of residents have submitted comments to support it. To close the loophole of non-resident landlords claiming the exemption, more information could be required of rental owners so that the Code Department can verify if the owner actually lives in the house where the room is rented. Short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnbs) would not qualify for the exemption since they are running a business. They can usually be identified by researching websites where they advertise. MPT Kulpa-Eddy proposed to change the language in Section 2 YY, the definition of a rental

unit, to replace the words “receive a monetary payment” with “require a monetary payment” for renting rooms. This would indicate intent to seek monetary compensation for renting rooms and disqualify a rental owner from the exemption.

Mayor Jewitt disagreed with the change in the definition of a rental unit and favored requiring a license for all types of rentals, exempting only immediate family. She said that it would be too difficult to prove whether a landlord requires rent payments. CM Rasmussen and CM Dennison also favored ending the owner-plus-one exemption. The Council voted 3 to 1, with MPT Kulpa-Eddy opposed, to include only with the changes proposed by the Town attorney and without the owner-plus-one exemption when the Ordinance is adopted at the upcoming Town meeting.

The Council also reviewed the fine schedule for rental license violations. Fines for missed inspection and re-inspection appointments were confirmed as \$50 for the first, \$75 for the second, and \$100 for the third missed appointment in a calendar year. Further, it was agreed that the effective date would be 60 days after adoption of the revised Ordinance, which will require a waiver of Council Rule 5. This will be explained in the “whereas” clauses of the amended Ordinance. The Town Attorney’s proposed language for Section 13 B and change of title of Section 14 to “Severability” were approved as well.

TA Cowles advised that the adoption of the Prince George’s County Fire Code in the amended Ordinance 120 carries a notice requirement of three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. This would delay adoption of the amended Ordinance to the March 8 Town meeting.

Charter Amendment resolution: MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Council sought clarification on whether the revised municipal boundaries to be adopted with the Charter Amendment would result in the loss of any commercial property to the City of Greenbelt. TA Cowles confirmed that this is not the case. The only land to be ceded is the access ramp from Greenbelt Road to Edmonston Road and a small stand of trees immediately to the west. The access road is in bad shape and Berwyn Heights will need to work with Greenbelt to get it resurfaced. TA Cowles also found out that the Charter Amendment notice can be published in the Sentinel, a County-wide newspaper, at lesser cost

than publication in the Washington Post. Without any further Council questions, the Charter Amendment can be introduced at the February 8 Town meeting.

Follow-up on Town meeting citizen comments:

Mayor Jewitt said that TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass have looked into whether the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic at 5905 Greenbelt Road is in compliance with Town Ordinances in response to citizens’ concerns raised at the January Town meeting. It was determined that the rental home next to the clinic is in compliance with the Rental Housing Ordinance, and the clinic is in compliance with Ordinance 105 – Business Licensing. A letter to that effect has been drafted, and copies provided to the Council, to be sent to the resident who brought the complaint. The Council had no objections and the letter will be sent as drafted.

Town meeting time change: Mayor Jewitt said that she is proposing to change the start time for Town meetings from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning in March. Clerk Harper checked to assure that this would not conflict with the Charter, Ordinances or Council Rules. Since department directors have been asked to give reports at the Town meeting it would be more convenient for them, if they do not have to stay until 8:00 p.m. after their regular workday concludes. The Council is requested to give input. CM Rasmussen wondered if this would make it more difficult for people who come home late from work to attend, including perhaps committee members, who report at Town meetings. This was not deemed to be a significant obstacle. CM Rasmussen moved, and CM Dennison seconded to start Town meetings at 7:00 p.m. starting in March on a trial basis. The motion passed 4 to 0. The decision could be revisited if CM Shields has difficulty attending the earlier meeting.

Mayor Jewitt said she was also considered holding worksessions at an earlier time but this would make it difficult for some Councilmembers to attend executive sessions held prior to regular worksessions; therefore, she will not pursue it at this time.

Town Council Schedule

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting February 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Gerald Shields. CM Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass, Public Works Director Stevie Cox, Officer Yomayra Ramirez, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Recreation Council President Susan Jones, Green Team Representative Diana Agonoy, and NW/EP member Joan Hayden.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the January 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the minutes were approved as amended 4 to 0.

2. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that she attended her first Maryland Mayors' Association conference in Annapolis. She benefited from the opportunity to meet with and learn from the experiences of other mayors, as well as the presentations from a number of State officials and delegates. She sat with Delegate Gaines and discussed financial, technical and open space issues concerning Berwyn Heights. State Comptroller Franchot addressed the assembled and spoke about the income tax overpayment to certain Maryland municipalities that occurred between 2010 to 2014. Those municipalities affected by the overpayment, including Berwyn Heights, had been asked to pay back the excess revenues by 2024. When asked, Franchot said he would support a forgiveness program as the mistake was not the fault of the municipalities.

In January, the Council participated in a Four Cities meeting in College Park. Greenbelt's Community Animal Response Team (CART), which is in the process of organizing a team to assist citizens and communities take care of pets during an emergency, gave a presentation. CART is fundraising for an emergency trailer to help pets and asked the Four Cities for contributions.

In other news, the Town received a letter from the General Services Administra-

tion (GSA) inviting public comments on the relocation of the FBI Headquarters. The hearing for the Greenbelt Station location will be on February 13 at the Greenbelt Library. Hearings for the Springfield, VA and Landover, MD sites will be held on February 14 and 15, respectively. The Town of Morningside was impressed with Berwyn Heights' new employee handbook and requested permission to copy it, which was granted. Mayor Jewitt had a productive meeting with the Police Chief and the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee discussing events, needs and supplies. At its last work session, the Council decided to move the start time for Town meetings to 7:00 p.m. beginning in March. The Council also approved a letter responding to a citizen complaint from the January 11 Town meeting about the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic on Greenbelt Road. The letter informs that the rental home owned by the proprietor of the clinic is in compliance with the Rental Housing Ordinance, and the clinic is in compliance with *Ordinance 105 - Business Licensing*.

3. Department Reports

Administration: Town Administrator Cowles reported that she and Treasurer Rodriguez are busy finalizing the proposed FY 2018 budget for presentation to the Council on March 6. She is also working on making the latest changes to Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing and has prepared the Charter Amendment on the Town's boundaries for introduction tonight. The Department is getting ready to implement livestreaming of Council meetings and deploy a new VOIP telephone system. The Town's FY 2017 budget is in good shape, having received the latest real estate and income tax revenue disbursements that account for approximately 75% of projected revenues.

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for January. The General Fund balance stands at \$3,239,700, with FY 2017 receipts totaling \$2,144,600 and expenditures totaling \$1,379,600. The health reimbursement account, which is no longer needed under the new health insurance plan, was closed and the funds transferred to the payroll account. A designated reserve for purchasing a new emergency trailer was delineated, with a balance of \$6,956.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked residents to provide additional comments on particular changes made to *Ordinance 120 - Rental Housing* during the recent rewrite. The amended Ordinance 120 tightens

regulations to exempt only renting to immediate family members from the licensing requirement. It deletes the longstanding exemption of renting to only one tenant in an owner-occupied home, the so-called owner-plus-one exemption.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that the Council received a number of public comments in support of keeping the family and owner-plus-one exemptions. Some of those commenting have on occasion rented a room but are not interested in running a business. They were primarily trying to help a family member, friend or acquaintance find temporary accommodations. The majority of the Council chose not take these comments into account when deciding to proceed with ending the owner-plus-one exemption. MPT Kulpa-Eddy disagreed with the decision and would feel more comfortable with ending this exemption if she has a sense that it is supported by the residents. Residents are requested to call or email her with comments or drop off a statement at the Town office.

Code Compliance: Code Supervisor Glass gave the department report for January. The Department issued 56 violations and 9 commercial clean lot notices, collected 5 code fines, issued 13 rental licenses and inspected 8 rental properties. For March, the Department will focus on bringing accessory structures into compliance.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields reported that he was tasked by the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee with drafting a social media policy. He submitted the draft policy to the Committee chairs for review. He continues to work on surveying all the volunteers that participate in Town organizations and thanks all those who have replied to his inquiries. At the last Four Cities meeting, he picked up some pointers on how to encourage volunteerism, which he will apply in his effort to broaden the Town's volunteer base. Lastly, CM Shields joined MPT Kulpa-Eddy's appeal for more public comments on Ordinance 120.

Public Health and Safety: Officer Yomayra Ramirez gave the police activities report for January. There were 8 Part I offenses including 1 robbery and 1 burglary. The officers issued 142 state and municipal citations and 127 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that 2 Park Police vehicles responded to an incident at Lake Artemesia recently. She found it disconcerting that they had not notified Berwyn

Heights police. Officer Ramirez said that Park Police will be called first because Lake Artemesia is their jurisdiction. They usually ask the dispatcher to also notify Berwyn Heights police. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested that Berwyn Heights police request that they be informed when County or Park police respond to an incident in or near the Town.

Public Works: Public Works Director Stevie Cox reported that, in January, he conducted interviews to fill 2 vacant Public Works positions, and filled one. The other position will be re-advertised. He and Foreman Cardenas recently met with officials of the Town of Morningside to share information about the Town's snow and ice removal program. On January 26, he held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor that will make repairs in the Senior Center. Construction is to begin around February 13 and be completed by March 13. February 10 will be the last day for Administrative Assistant Tracy Jones. She has taken another job with NOAA. She was a great asset and will be missed.

Director Cox said that there have been 3 minor snow events this winter. Another snowfall is predicted for tomorrow but he does not anticipate much accumulation as the weather has been mild. Foreman Cardenas will be on call tonight in case the Department needs to mobilize. Further, Director Cox thanked Mayor Jewitt for her assistance with a recent WSSC water line break on Natasha Drive.

Mayor Jewitt said that the line had broken in the same place before, suggesting that WSSC ought to replace rather than keep patching it. She spoke with the WSSC crew, who were forthcoming, but did not have a lot of information. She hopes, however, that Berwyn Heights has gained a good contact at WSSC as the WSSC foreman of the crew is a resident.

Director Cox replied that Natasha Drive is just one of several places in Town where WSSC has made repeated repairs to the same stretch of pipe. In his experience, pipes should be replaced if there are more than 3 leaks a year. It is critical that the Town has some idea what WSSC's plans for replacement of pipes are before launching a large scale road repair project. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town was notified 2 years in advance of the WSSC water main replacement project that was completed last year. She believes it should be possible to learn of WSSC's plans at least within a 2-year timeframe.

CM Dennison said that the Public Works Department continues to pick up trash and recycling and to be prepared for weather-related events.

4. Committee Reports

Green Team: Diana Agonoy, a member of the Green Team, Recreation Council and Historical Committee, announced an upcoming energy efficiency workshop on February 11, community garden orientation on March 18, as well as a school garden spring cleanup on March 18. A dog walking meet & greet has been postponed to a later date.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper announced a March 26 spring reception of the Historical Committee. The Committee will host a discussion about the post War years, 1950s through 70s.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Committee member Joan Hayden announced that the next meeting will take place on March 1, during which Greenbelt's Community Animal Response Team will give a presentation.

CM Shields noted that some 30 people participated in the February 4 – 5 CERT training course, hosted by NW/EP. They learned how prepare for emergencies and save lives, were provided a free lunch and a much appreciated backpack of emergency supplies. Mayor Jewitt added that Mayor Emmitt Jordan of Greenbelt attended the workshop and said it was great. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that NW/EP's April 29 wine tasting had to be postponed because some vendors could not attend.

Recreation Council: Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced a February 11 Valentine's party, and a March 18 potluck dinner. Those who bring a dish to share can participate for free, but others are asked for a \$5 contribution. The Recreation Council is in the midst of planning Berwyn Heights Day and urgently needs volunteers to sell tickets, snow cones, cotton candy and help in other ways. Any residents who make crafts or represent an organization are encouraged to have a booth and sell their wares or share information. Interested residents can attend a Recreation Council meeting on the first Tuesday of the month or contact her at violin-dreams@verizon.net.

CM Shields called on the Quilting Club to showcase their quilts on Berwyn Heights Day. Ms. Jones recommended from personal experience that vendors have cards to hand out. Interested buy-

ers might contact vendors later.

5. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing, continued: Mayor Jewitt explained that the adoption of Ordinance 120 had to be postponed to the next Town meeting because adoption of the Prince George's County Fire Code, set forth in the amended Ordinance, requires 3 weeks of notices to be published in a newspaper of general circulation. The notices will be published in the Prince George's Sentinel starting next week. CM Dennison moved and CM Shields seconded to postpone adoption of the amended Ordinance 120. The motion passed in a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

6. New Business

Charter Amendment on Town Boundaries – 1st Reading & Introduction: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Charter Amendment. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to introduce it and CM Dennison seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Charter Amendment process was taken up last year to have the Charter reflect the latest changes in Berwyn Heights' municipal boundaries prior to a GSA decision on relocating the FBI headquarters. This will eliminate any confusion about which land belongs to Berwyn Heights and which land belongs to Greenbelt. The boundary changes adopted in the Charter Amendment include the 2005 annexation of properties on the north side of Branchville Road, and the 2016 cession of land in the north-east corner of block 45 to the City of Greenbelt. The land ceded to Greenbelt comprises the access ramp from Greenbelt Road to Edmonston Road and a small stand of trees immediately to the west. The 7 Eleven and Greenbelt Shell station will remain in Berwyn Heights. The Council voted 4 to 0 to introduce the Charter Amendment.

7. Citizens Discussion

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, posed a number of questions about the amended Rental Housing Ordinance to clarify at which point friends and family staying at one's home might trigger the need to obtain a rental license. The Council responded that visits and extended stays by family and friends with a Berwyn Heights home owner do not require a license. The trigger point is when monetary compensation for allowing someone other than a family member to stay at one's home is received. This could include payment of utility or grocery bills. The Council may need to further clarify

when sharing space in a home becomes a business. Short term renting to unrelated persons under the rubric of companies like Airbnbs requires a license.

In response to other questions by Ms. Hayden, Mayor Jewitt stated that the Council was not rushing to approve Ordinance 120 and gave residents plenty of opportunity for review and feedback. CM Rasmussen's leading the discussion on revising the Rental Housing Ordinance while being a rental home owner does not constitute a conflict of interest, as his vote has the same weight as that of other Councilmembers. Moving the start time for Town meetings to 7:00 p.m. is deemed preferable to allowing department directors to delay their arrival time when they have to stay late because that could disrupt normal departmental operations.

Further, the new Council chamber conference phone will be in place for the next Town meeting, allowing residents to call in with questions. Until then, the Council has opted to not have a phone in the Council chamber because a caller cannot be heard well on TV. Recycle bins on wheels are in the works but await the outcome of a forthcoming survey of Town services. Councilmembers who attend the MML conference and resign shortly thereafter have not been asked to repay the cost. The attendance of the conference is not a vacation in Ocean City but a valuable training and networking opportunity that benefits the Town. Materials from the conference can be made available to interested residents and are posted on the MML website.

Susan Jones, Pontiac Street, asked if the Council decided to revise the Rental Housing Ordinance because it wanted to crack down on undesirable rentals and Airbnbs or for other reasons. Mayor Jewitt replied that the Ordinance had become outdated since its last revision in 2004. New regulations on fire safety and lead paint have come into effect since last revised.

CM Shields commented that his goal for amending Ordinance 120 was to make it more compatible with Prince George's County codes and the International Housing Code by referencing them in the Ordinance. This obviates the need for having to update the Ordinance every time a new standard goes into effect, and such consistency makes it easier to attract new Code personnel when needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession February 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. MPT Kulpa-Eddy arrived a late as she was attending a meeting on relocating the FBI headquarters. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and Mike Attick.

1. Announcements

There were none.

2. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the January 23 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that the Four Cities Coalition sent a letter to WMATA opposing the proposed closure of the B30 bus line serving the Baltimore Washington Airport. She and MPT Kulpa-Eddy attended an informative Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) legislative social in Bowie. Mayor Jewitt received a citizen comment about drivers running stop signs in Town. She extended condolences to the Gehrels family on the February 6 passing of Town resident Neil Gehrels, a distinguished astronomer and Chief of the NASA Goddard Astrophysics Laboratory.

CM Rasmussen noted that the adoption of Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing was postponed at the last Town meeting because State law requires advertising for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation when a fire code is adopted. He also noted that refuse is often set out at the curb in a haphazard way that violates Ordinance 117 – Refuse Collection: e.g., in bags or in damaged containers without lids. He proposed the Town revisit providing a standard container to all residents, and outfitting the Public Works trucks with lifts, which would make it easier for crewmen to collect refuse.

CM Rasmussen discussed the McDonalds site plan and announced an April 1st

"UMD Good Neighbor Day," which includes an invasive plant removal project at Lake Artemesia. Residents interested in participating can register online at www.vpaf.umd.edu.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced that Prince George's County received a grant that makes available free and low cost spay and neuter services to low-income County residents from February 1 to December 1, 2017. She also reported on a meeting she attended on the relocation of the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt Station. Changes resulting from a transportation analysis include an increase in required parking spaces at the Greenbelt site from 3,600 to 6,000, and a dedicated left turn lane on 60th Avenue in Berwyn Heights. The impacts of the MARC commuter train and the Purple Line were not included in the transportation analysis. The date of the award announcement is expected to be at the end of March. The expected completion date of the project was postponed to 2025.

CM Shields announced upcoming community events. He reported that he continues to work on an MML Banner City accreditation and polling Town organizations about their operations and interaction with the Town. Mayor Jewitt announced that she attended the Recreation Council's Valentine's Party.

Citizen comments: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she received two comments in support of continuing the "owner-plus-one" exemption in Ordinance 120 and CM Shields said he received one, as well.

4. Action Items

Small cell facilities: TA Cowles explained that the Four Cities Coalition at the January meeting heard concerns about wireless companies moving aggressively to obtain permits and erect small cell facilities in several Maryland counties and municipalities in the D.C. area. Many local governments across the country have joined together to engage a law firm in response to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) activities regarding small cell facilities. The law firm would also develop model language for regulating small cell facilities, which Berwyn Heights could adopt. TA Cowles recommended that Berwyn Heights join the legal coalition. The cost to Berwyn Heights would be \$1,000 and could be funded from the FY 2017 Administration budget.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town already has an ordinance that regulates utilities' access to the public right-of-way with a permitting process. She under-

stands wireless companies want to be designated a public utility to give them access to the public right-of-ways. An amendment to Ordinance 118 – Public Roads & Right-of-Ways could simply add them to the list of utilities that must apply for a permit. TA Cowles said it is recommended that municipalities adopt a separate ordinance setting standards for small cell facilities, specifying where and how they can be installed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that she is not opposed to adopting a model ordinance, but would suggest to quickly amend the existing Ordinance to have something in place to respond to possible permit applications for cellular infrastructure.

After further discussion, CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to commit \$1,000 to join the small cell facilities legal coalition.

County Executive listening session: MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the PGCMA is hosting a listening session for municipalities with County Executive Baker on the County's FY 2018 budget. This would be an excellent opportunity to remind the County of a stormwater system feasibility study for Berwyn Heights that was originally funded in FY 2017, and get an update on its status. The feasibility study is the next step in addressing the inadequacy of Berwyn Heights' storm drains that came to light because of a flash flood following a heavy rain storm in June 2014. The County already commissioned an analysis of the Town's storm drain system and found that it requires rebuilding infrastructure in several key places.

The Council designated MPT Kulpa-Eddy to represent the Town at the County Executive's listening session on February 21. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will provide the Council with talking points and seek the Council's input.

Discussion Items

Berwyn Heights Day update: CM Rasmussen requested an update on Berwyn Heights Day plans because there has been a change in leadership and the Council has made it a priority in its strategic plan and appropriated additional money. Mayor Jewitt replied that she and MPT Kulpa-Eddy attended the last Recreation Council meeting, at which Berwyn Heights Day plans were discussed. This year's celebration will feature most of the traditional Berwyn Heights Day activities but there will be a few changes: A live band will not perform on Berwyn Heights Day but is scheduled to play on a different day in

the summer. A bingo game may be organized with the help of the Fire Department and local sports team mascots may march in the parade. A three-legged race between the Town's departments is planned, as well as taking group photos of the Council and departments. Mayor Jewitt has offered to help with the planning but more volunteers are needed.

CM Rasmussen said the Town may need to take on some of the Recreation Council's responsibilities if there continues to be a shortage of volunteers. TA Cowles said that there are some dedicated volunteers working on Berwyn Heights Day, as well as other community events. Should there be a need, she would consider funding a stipend for a community volunteer to coordinate events, or ask staff to take on more responsibilities. Staff already supports the Recreation Council with administrative tasks, event setup and cleanup.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said this Berwyn Heights Day will be quite similar to past events but will be more condensed, starting around 9 a.m. and ending between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. She made known her desire to see Berwyn Heights celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2021 with fireworks, and has begun researching what this would entail. The Council also discussed the desirability of continuing to subsidize the sale of beer by the Men's League on Berwyn Heights Day and providing some Town clubs the opportunity to fundraise, and certain vendors a venue to sell food. No decisions were made.

Commercial vehicle parking: CM Rasmussen said that the Town and the County differ in their parking regulations with respect to commercial vehicles. The Town does not allow commercial vehicles to be parked on the street overnight, while the County does not allow them to be parked in driveways. He has observed a lot of large commercial vehicles being parked on Town streets and in driveways, many of which appear to violate parking regulations. He asked for an update on how the Town enforces parking regulations.

TA Cowles said that the Town enforces only Town parking regulations set forth in Ordinance 119 – Section 4, not County code. Ordinance 119 defines commercial vehicles as vehicles with commercial lettering, exceeding a gross weight of 7,000 lbs. or a capacity greater than 3/4-ton. The Ordinance prohibits on-street parking of commercial vehicles between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and on weekends. Berwyn Heights police enforce

violations. Prince George's County does not enforce commercial vehicle violations in the Town.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy commented that New Carrollton allows commercial and recreational vehicles to park on the street. This is a problem for maintenance crews and for visitors, who must thread their way past them. She would not want Berwyn Heights to go the way of New Carrollton. TA Cowles was asked to check with the Chief about giving an update on commercial vehicle enforcement at the next Town meeting.

Strategic planning action items: TA Cowles provided the Council with an updated strategic plan that adds goals and objectives to accomplish the strategic issues identified during the January 23 worksession. This includes a number of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that will have to be drafted over FY 2017 and FY 2018. The strategic plan will be background material for the March 25 special budget workshop.

Municipal authority on fencing: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that at the January PGCMA meeting, municipalities were informed about state legislation of interest, including proposed municipal authority to regulate fences. Municipalities are encouraged to take a position on the legislation set forth in PG 418-17.

TA Cowles said the legislation would allow municipalities, in addition to counties, to set their own fencing standards regarding height and setbacks. If Berwyn Heights chose to create such an ordinance, it would have to establish a process to review permits for fences. As the Town does not have a planning department, the Council would need to consider standards and sit as an appellate board or establish a zoning board of appeals, in the event a proposed fence does not conform to current zoning standards. She recommended waiting and seeing if the legislation is adopted at the State level. The Council agreed.

The Council briefly discussed how voting at PGCMA meetings is handled. It was agreed to consult with the Town attorney about designating a Councilmember to vote on behalf of the Council.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said a second bill was proposed for endorsement by PGCMA. It would allow the County to waive liens on vacant properties to enable a faster turn-over and rehabilitation. Waiving such liens may include a charge the Town has levied on the property for performing abatements or for other reasons, but the legislation is not clear. The Council did

not take a position on this legislation.

Shade Tree Board: CM Rasmussen asked to run an invitation to serve on a reconstituted Shade Tree Board again in the April Bulletin, since no letters of interest have yet been received. Further, it was agreed that CM Rasmussen send a direct email to invite those residents who had protested the removal of trees on Edmonston Road to consider applying for the Board.

Ordinance 120 – public comments: CM Rasmussen said that adoption of the amended Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing was postponed to the March Town meeting because State law requires advertising for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation when a fire code is adopted. He recommended not re-opening discussion on any particulars of the Ordinance because he believes they were resolved at the last worksession. However, CM Shields may want to comment since he was not present at that worksession.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that *Section 2 – Definitions* needs to be reviewed for conformance with the revised Ordinance. A number of definitions are no longer needed because the standards to which they relate have been deleted and substituted by standards of the Prince George's County Housing Code adopted in the amended Ordinance 120. The Council proceeded to review the definitions.

Section 2 YY – Rental Unit: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the meaning of “renting” in the definition, as it stands, is not clear since it does not specify the intent is to apply this Ordinance to people who are carrying on a business of letting rental property. Thus, it may capture arrangements where home owners allow friends and acquaintances to stay in their house for a period of time, for which some kind of compensation may be received, but not necessarily requested. These situations should not be subject to a license requirement. Therefore, the Ordinance should say somewhere that “renting” is a business activity where rooms are granted for use at a price.

CM Rasmussen said that the Town Attorney provided language in response to the Council's request for clarification. The revised definition thus reads: a rental unit is... a habitable space let for occupancy from which the property owner receives a monetary payment *or any other consideration* from a tenant... *under a written or oral agreement*... He would add “requests or requires” to

“receive” monetary compensation. TA Cowles said that “a written or oral agreement” implies a negotiation of terms whereby a person is granted rooms for occupancy, and thus business intent. After extended deliberations, the Council settled on “expects monetary payment” to denote an intent to run a business.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy listed the definitions that should be deleted because they no longer refer to any provisions in the Ordinance. These include: basement, bedroom, exterior property, infestation, extermination, garbage, and plumbing. CM Rasmussen asked that a statement be added to the introduction of the definitions section noting that some definitions pertaining to rental licensing are now found in the International Property Code and other codes adopted in the amended Ordinance.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the terms “tenant” and “occupant” are used interchangeably in the Ordinance, for example in Section 5 B and 7 F. She suggested that only one term be used throughout. TA Cowles said that the terms have slightly different meanings and are both needed. It was agreed to use both, including “tenant and occupant” where appropriate.

The Council further agreed to use the Town Attorney's language for *Section 13 – Interpretation and Waiver*. Should there be a conflict in interpretation of codes; the more stringent version will prevail. If the stringent version is overly restrictive, the Council can waive it. In order to give rental home owners enough time to adjust to the new regulations, the effective date for the amended Ordinance was set for 60 days after the adoption, instead of the usual 20 days. The Council will review the revised version at the March 6 worksession.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, suggested the Council spent too much time discussing and amending the Ordinance. The Council replied that a revision of the Ordinance was needed because some provisions no longer complied with State and federal regulations. Rewriting Ordinances is a proper use of the Council's time and worth the effort to produce a better product.

Town Council Schedule

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

Senate Bill on Tax Overpayment (added item): TA Cowles said the MML recommends that municipalities send a

letter of support for Senate Bill 397 – Income Tax Overpayment – Forgiveness. A sample letter is provided. Upon the suggestion of Mayor Jewitt, the Council agreed to add a sentence stating that the Town understanding is that Comptroller Franchot supports forgiveness of the debt because the income tax overpayment provided by the State was not a fault of the municipalities. TA Cowles was asked to finalize the letter for the Mayor's signature.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



CODE

February Activities

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Clean Lot	9
Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	5
Non-Hazardous	30
Vehicles	2
Premise Identification	5
Commercial	5
Total Violations	56
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	5
Dumpster/ PODs	6
Total Permits issued	11
Rentals	
New Rentals	0
Lost Rentals	1
Total Rentals	190
Rental Licenses Issued	6
Vacant Homes	
	8

ORDINANCE 120 – Rental Housing Amended

The Town Council adopted the amended Rental Housing Ordinance at the March 8 Town meeting with an effective date of May 8, 2017. Please take note of several important changes:

- Broadening the scope of who is subject to the rental licensing requirement to include home owners renting one room or rooming unit in the house in which they live (owner plus one);
- Updating Ordinance 120 standards to conform with current housing codes as well as County, State and Federal laws and regulations;
- Referencing selected Prince George's County codes and applicable Town ordinances as standards for which all rental properties must comply; and
- Simplifying rental license application forms; and revising timelines for rental license application and inspection.

**If you have questions, please contact the
Code Compliance Department at
301-513-9331 or fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov**



JOIN THE SHADE TREE BOARD!

The Town Council is reconstituting the Shade Tree Board pursuant to Ordinance 122, which advises the Town Council on planning and maintenance of trees and shrubs in public areas, including in Town parks and right-of-ways.

The Shade Tree Board may meet monthly in the near-term, but may move to a quarterly meeting in the future.

Interested residents are requested to submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov or in person at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road. The Mayor and Town Council will review the letters and make appointments to the Shade Tree Board.

**Berwyn Heights
Knitting & Crochet Circle**
Coming Soon!

First Meeting: May 14, 2017

Sundays 6 – 7:30 p.m.
G. Love Room (next to Senior Center)



A free weekly meet-up
for knitters and crocheters
to work on their own projects
while socializing.

The group will begin
on Sunday, May 14 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

If interested in attending, please email
lizruthb@gmail.com

*Note: This group is for people
to work on their existing projects
(i.e. it is not beginner lessons)*

Life Line Screening

A leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, on Saturday, May 6. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems: blocked arteries, a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979



BHEAC

EDUCATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Meets April 20

At 7:00 P.M.

Town Center 2nd Floor

All are invited.

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



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In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents:

Feb 16– Truck 14 & Chief 14B (Kiernan) responded to the 6000Blk of Greenbelt Rd in Greenbelt for fire in a Laundromat in Beltway Plaza Mall. BHVFD arrived and extinguished the fire on the roof and inside. Even laundromats need to clean their lint traps! Chief 14B had incident command, and Hyattsville VFD Squad 1 was transferred to BHVFD to cover the area during the incident.

Feb 17– Squad 14 responded to the 400Blk Boyd Avenue, Takoma Park in Montgomery County to assist units on scene with a working House Fire.

Feb 25– Truck 14 & Hyattsville VFD Engine 1 (staffed w/BHVFD volunteers during their awards banquet) were alerted to the 5500Blk of Karen Elaine Dr in New Carrollton to assist units with a working Apartment Fire.

March 9– Truck 14, Squad 14 & Ambo 14 were alerted to assist police in the 6000Blk of Greenbelt Rd after a suspect barricaded himself in the ceiling of the AMC Movie Theater. Ambo 14 transported an injured PGPD Officer with minor injuries, while Truck 14 provided ladders and roof access to SWAT Officers.

March 9– While BHVFD assisted Police at the Theater, multiple area companies (Branchville, Greenbelt, College Park, & Riverdale VFDs) were dispatched to Greenbelt Park near Westchester Park/Friends School for a large brush fire. Units worked for several hours to contain the blaze. A Howard County tanker was also brought in to assist.

March 9– Ambo 14 was alerted with Bladensburg VFD to Kenilworth Ave/Annapolis Rd in for a multi-vehicle collision with people trapped and multiple people injured. An EMS Task force was requested.

March 11– Truck 14 responded to the 9100Blk of Fowler Lane in Lanham for a House Fire. Units extinguished fires in multiple floors in a vacant house. A Fire Task force was requested to the scene.

March 11– Truck 14 responded to the 3500Blk of 55th Ave in Adelphi for a working Apartment Fire.

March 11– Truck 14 responded to the 4700Blk of Oliver St in Riverdale after multiple 911 calls of a House Fire. Units arrived to find a large house fully-involved and began defensive operations.

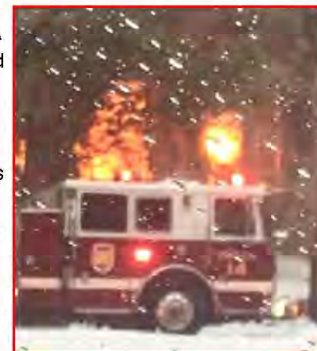
March 13– Truck 14 again responded to the 4700Blk of Oliver St in Riverdale after the house re-kindled.

March 13– Truck 14 & Squad 14 responded to the 5800Blk Eastpine Drive in Riverdale for a House Fire, fire in the basement.

March 14– 8400Blk 58th Ave in BH, House Fire. See right ->

WORKING HOUSE FIRE IN BERYWN HEIGHTS

On Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 8:15am BHVFD & surrounding stations were alerted to the 8500Blk of 58th Ave in Berwyn Heights for the House Fire. Truck 14, Squad 14, Chief 14A (Fabrizio) Ambo 14 & Utility 14 responded and were first arriving along with BHPD to find heavy fire showing from several floors of a vacant house. Chief 14A established incident command, and due to heavy fire conditions requested a Fire Task Force to the scene. Due to BHVFD's fully staffed quick response, the fire was quickly contained, and units remained on-scene for several hours for clean-up/overhaul and assist the Fire Investigators. No injuries reported. Thanks to BHPD for traffic/crowd control.



BHVFD would like to thank the surrounding Volunteer Departments that responded and assistance: Branchville VFD, College Park VFD, Greenbelt VFD, Bladensburg VFD, Hyattsville VFD, Beltsville VFD, Chillum-Adelphi VFD, West Lanham Hills VFD, and several PGFD career units.

BHVFD Truck 14 Named Busiest Ladder Truck in Prince Georges County

The Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department released its annual run statistics, and announced Berwyn Heights truck 14 as the busiest Ladder Truck/ Tower in Prince Georges County for 2016 with **1,182** incidents. Both Rescue Squads ran a total of 1,543 calls (3rd Busiest), and the Ambulances ran 2,490 calls with a Station Total of **5,215** incidents handled in 2016. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who ensured the station was fully staffed 24/7.



Prince Georges Co., Md.
Truck 14
"Berwyn Heights VFD"

BHVFD Call Volume: February 2017

Rescue Squads:	128
Ladder Truck:	72
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	4
Ambulance:	187
Total Runs Feb 2017:	391



BHHHC Historical Committee



Visit Our Tent On

Berwyn Heights Day

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Find information about old homes.
Get a tour of the BHHC museum.
Check out our new app.

v a r g e s - s n o m a i n

Rearrange letters to solve puzzle

Hint: Subdivision

Speaking of old houses, on March 14, the turn-of-the-century foursquare at 8403 58th Avenue was on fire. Berwyn Heights, Branchville and Greenbelt fire departments responded and had the fire put out in short order. No one was hurt but the home's interior was gutted. A lengthy conversation about the incident can be viewed on the facebook page "[I Grew Up in Berwyn Heights](#)"

The house once belonged to the Benson family, who played a prominent role in developing Berwyn Heights from the 1910s to the 1940s. Fred Benson helped establish the Berwyn Heights Association in 1915 and the Berwyn Heights Company in 1919 and served as president of both. The Bensons also owned the gravel mine that once operated on Sportland Heights, and many of the properties that initially belonged to the Berwyn Heights Company, about 1/3 of the Town's land. Fred's wife Margaret Benson lived in the house until 1959. More about the Bensons is posted on our website.



Next Meeting: April 25, 7:30 pm, G. Love Room.

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Core Governmental Services

Mayor and Town Council

- Provides overall policy direction and strategic guidance to the Town's Senior Staff members.
- Provides guidance and support for Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs (PRECA) by promoting recreational and educational programs through coordinating the activities of Town committees and civic clubs, and advocating for the improvement of Town parks and playgrounds.

Administration

- Implements the Town Council's policy decisions and manages the Town's day-to-day operations.
- Prepares and implements the operating and capital budgets for the General Fund and the Public Safety Taxing District.
- Drafts legislation such as Ordinances and Resolutions, and maintains the Town's archives.
- Acts as a liaison to other municipalities, Prince George's County government, as well as agencies within the State of Maryland and the Federal government.
- Serves as a staff liaison to the Election Board, Ethics Commission, Historical Committee, and Recreation Council with key responsibilities of providing staff assistance for Town elections and special events such as Berwyn Heights Day.
- Responsibility for risk management, legal services, maintaining required insurance policies, billing, revenue collection, business licensing, procurement, employee benefits administration, and operation of the public access cable channels.
- Coordinates the annual audit and its filing with the State of Maryland.
- Conducts outreach with residents and businesses through the website, monthly bulletin, and social media.

Code Compliance

- Facilitates compliance with the following Town Ordinances to enhance property values and preserve the characteristics that make Berwyn Heights a desirable place to live, work, and play:
 - 101: Animals (with Police)
 - 104: Building and Inspection
 - 107: Residential Clean Lot (property maintenance)
 - 117: Refuse Ordinance (with Public Works)
 - 120: Licensing of Rental Housing
 - 122: Urban Forest
 - 134: Commercial Clean Lot (property maintenance)
 - 153: Noise (with Police)
- Ensures fair and equitable administration and enforcement of Ordinances through daily Town patrols to address Code violations at commercial and residential property.
- Administers the rental housing licensing and inspection program.
- Reviews all permits and applications for residential and commercial construction; issue permits as approved.
- Manages the Call-a-Bus program.

Police

- Provides law enforcement services in the patrol and investigative divisions to preserve the peace and protect life and property, with jurisdiction covering all residential and commercial property.
- Facilitates compliance with the following Town Ordinances:
 - 101: Animals (with Code)
 - 114: Peace, Order, and Nuisances
 - 119: Traffic and Parking
 - 149: Speed Cameras
 - 153: Noise (with Code)
- Conducts house and premises checks to deter crimes from occurring and safeguard the welfare of residents.
- Builds trust and understanding through community partnerships with citizens, businesses, local organizations, as well as partner law enforcement agencies at the municipal, State, and Federal levels of government. Specific examples include the D.A.R.E. program at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, the "Coffee with Cops" events, and enhanced visibility for crime prevention in the Town's commercial and industrial areas through the Public Safety Taxing District.
- Serves as a staff liaison to the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Public Works

- Provides weekly curbside collection of refuse, recycling, yard waste, and bulk items like appliances.
- Responds to inclement weather events like snow storms and flooding, and coordinates with utility service providers.
- Facilitates compliance with the following Town Ordinances, and abates violations as necessary:
 - 117: Refuse Ordinance (with Code)
 - 119: Construction in the Town Right-of-Way
- Responsibility for maintaining infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, road signs, and vegetation and trees in the Town's right-of-way), and facilities including the Town Office, Town Center, Public Works Yard, and parks and open spaces.
- Serves as a staff liaison to the Green Team.
- Provides set-up and break-down services for Town-sponsored events and community meetings at the Town Center.

One-Page Summary - General Fund
FY 2018 Town Administrator's Proposed Budget

	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Adopted	FY 2018 Town Administrator's Proposed	% Variation
Real Estate Property Tax	\$ 1,228,776	\$ 1,277,093	\$ 1,276,732	\$ 1,407,605	\$ 1,529,024	9%
Penalties on Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,419	\$ 3,806	\$ 5,620	\$ 3,000	\$ -	-100%
Personal Property Tax	\$ 265,576	\$ 265,506	\$ 229,808	\$ 265,000	\$ 243,000	-8%
Road Fund Tax	\$ 96,497	\$ 98,753	\$ 96,347	\$ 99,456	\$ 105,241	6%
Income Tax	\$ 406,645	\$ 438,407	\$ 379,538	\$ 430,000	\$ 390,000	-9%
Recycling Fee	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
Highway User Revenue	\$ 86,995	\$ 86,430	\$ 105,547	\$ 110,216	\$ 105,547	-4%
Police Aid	\$ 50,493	\$ 51,430	\$ 44,981	\$ 51,430	\$ 51,430	0%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 141,844	\$ 133,824	\$ 143,823	\$ 135,300	\$ 139,900	3%
Service Charges	\$ 4,685	\$ 2,402	\$ 217	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
Intergovernmental/Grants	\$ 8,232	\$ 25,220	\$ 6,174	\$ 28,432	\$ 8,232	-71%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 61,121	\$ 100,379	\$ 78,809	\$ 100,000	\$ 95,000	-5%
Miscellaneous	\$ 94,987	\$ 297,665	\$ 302,444	\$ 299,050	\$ 303,350	1%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 2,853,086	\$ 2,742,210	\$ 3,004,359	\$ 3,045,594	1%
Transfers from Reserves	\$ -	\$ 467,561	\$ 198,833	\$ 16,400	\$ 70,000	327%
Transfers from Fund Balance						
For Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	
For Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 479	\$ 145,876	\$ -	\$ 50,000	
Total Revenues	\$ 2,521,440	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,136,919	\$ 3,020,759	\$ 3,165,594	5%
Mayor and Council	\$ 19,129	\$ 24,207	\$ 24,430	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	0%
Town Administration	\$ 336,030	\$ 361,592	\$ 359,422	\$ 355,622	\$ 370,872	4%
Municipal Building	\$ 22,443	\$ 21,971	\$ 20,757	\$ 15,200	\$ 16,000	5%
Town Center	\$ 36,443	\$ 45,877	\$ 31,717	\$ 25,050	\$ 25,350	1%
Police Department	\$ 564,541	\$ 615,056	\$ 611,218	\$ 693,676	\$ 729,076	5%
Misc. Public Safety	\$ 2,656	\$ 14,559	\$ 10,492	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	0%
Code Compliance & Van	\$ 91,372	\$ 98,971	\$ 97,626	\$ 117,155	\$ 128,005	9%
Public Works	\$ 625,865	\$ 684,802	\$ 612,753	\$ 696,910	\$ 727,710	4%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 15,661	\$ 16,325	\$ 14,345	\$ 28,500	\$ 30,250	6%
Cable	\$ 5,003	\$ 10,492	\$ 17,563	\$ 14,840	\$ 30,400	105%
Insurance	\$ 99,391	\$ 88,408	\$ 94,281	\$ 107,400	\$ 107,100	0%
Employee Benefits	\$ 258,565	\$ 228,531	\$ 247,029	\$ 298,304	\$ 317,250	6%
4-Cities Street Sweeper	\$ 16,203	\$ 13,798	\$ 19,952	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
Consultant Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,428	\$ 33,000	\$ -	-100%
Capital Operating Expenditures	\$ 49,418	\$ 39,286	\$ 34,881	\$ 65,320	\$ -	-100%
Transfers to Reserves	\$ 286,160	\$ 383,513	\$ 498,607	\$ 501,382	\$ 412,581	-18%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,428,880	\$ 2,647,388	\$ 2,755,501	\$ 3,013,359	\$ 2,955,594	-2%
Capital Projects & Purchases	\$ 23,614	\$ 673,738	\$ 472,254	\$ 7,400	\$ 210,000	2738%
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,452,494	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,227,755	\$ 3,020,759	\$ 3,165,594	5%
Net Total	\$ 68,946	\$ 0	\$ (90,836)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Note for FY 2016 Actual: \$165,550 in State reimbursement from two capital projects did not arrive before the FY 2016 audit was closed.</i>						
Reserve Balances						
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 550,000	
Cable TV Reserve	62,013	81,948	95,109	88,239	110,669	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	377,507	553,790	752,520	913,490	1,112,980	
NW/EP Trailer Reserve	6,007	4,448	6,956	4,448	6,956	
Recycling/Tipping Fund	10,163	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	305,711	318,609	159,077	245,354	334,270	
Greenbelt Station Impact Fee Reserve		108,456	330,900	610,820	690,900	
Total Reserves	\$ 1,203,401	\$ 1,519,251	\$ 1,796,562	\$ 2,314,351	\$ 2,815,775	
Total Fund Balance	\$ 985,575	\$ 985,096	\$ 705,010	\$ 816,952	\$ 683,970	

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget Message: General Fund

Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and Berwyn Heights Residents:

The proposed FY 2018 budget holds the real property tax rates at current levels of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed value for real property for the operating budget and \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed value for the dedicated infrastructure improvement reserve. The personal property tax rates remain unchanged at \$1.25 per \$100 of assessed value and \$0.075 per \$100 of assessed value for the dedicated infrastructure improvement reserve. The proposed budget achieves balance by:

- Off-setting the \$40,000 decrease in annual income tax revenue due to the State Comptroller's overpayment error through rising residential real property assessments;
- Enhanced enforcement of delinquent personal property tax accounts;
- Stabilized intergovernmental revenues such as Police Aid and Highway User Revenue (HUR) from the State;
- Shifting the funding of capital projects and purchases from the annual operating budget to dedicated reserves restricted in use either due to State law or Town Council policy; and
- Planning for decreased Code revenue as more properties come into compliance without needing to levy a fine.

The following are expenditure highlights of the Town Administrator's proposed FY 2018 budget:

- In order to accomplish the Strategic Plan's Goals and Objectives, and meet the Town's mission and vision:
 - \$20,000 is proposed from incoming HUR for a comprehensive road condition assessment and study.
 - \$40,000 is proposed from incoming Greenbelt Station funding for architecture/engineering for a Police Station at the Town Office/Town Center complex.
 - \$30,000 is proposed from incoming Greenbelt Station funding for an economic development study with actionable recommendations for improvements in the commercial and industrial areas.
 - \$50,000 is proposed from unrestricted fund balance for short-term security improvements at Town facilities, and implementing the recommendations of the FY 2016 Urban Forest Management Plan.
- A \$4,000 stipend is proposed in the PRECA budget for a PRECA assistant to facilitate quality of life programming.
- Wages for the operation of the Town's cable access channels are proposed from the restricted use cable budget.
- Departmental operating expenses were held close, or under, the FY 2017 adopted budget allocations.
- The majority of increased expenditures in FY 2018 are due to funding the annual cost of the 3% total (1% COLA and 2% merit) adjustment that went into effect in November 2016, and the January 2017 initiative to bring all employees to the minimum of the FY 2017 Pay Plan.
 - No employee promotions are planned for FY 2018.
 - The Departmental salaries line items are proposed for a 3% total (1% COLA and 2% merit) increase based on the recently completed employee performance evaluations. Competing local governments are budgeting for a 2-3% COLA in line with the current Consumer Price Index of 2.7%, in addition to any merit increases.
- There are no premium increases scheduled for employee vision, dental, and life insurance. The average premium increase for medical insurance is 9%; however, the Town's FY2018 renewal was quoted at a 6%, reflecting employees' appropriate usage for medical services and preventative care.
 - The number of employees on the Town's insurance changed from 12 to 14 during FY 2017. At the time of adopting the FY 2017 budget, there were 8 employees on single coverage and 4 employees on family coverage. There are currently 7 employees on single coverage and 7 employees on family coverage.
- \$40,000 is proposed from the Public Safety Reserve for a new Police vehicle.
- \$30,000 is proposed from the Vehicle Replacement Reserve for a new Administration vehicle to replace the 2000 Saturn wagon. Up to \$15,000 in State grant funds may be available towards this vehicle replacement purchase.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process at the public hearings held during the Town Meetings scheduled for April 12 and May 10 at 7:00 p.m., and watch the video live stream from BerwynHeightsMD.gov.

Respectfully,

Jessica Cowles
Town Administrator

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget Message: Public Safety Taxing District

Dear Mayor, Town Council Members, and Berwyn Heights Residents:

A decade ago, the Town of Berwyn Heights became the first municipality in Maryland to exercise the new authority to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) encompasses the commercial and industrial properties along Greenbelt Road, Branchville Road, Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, and 55th Avenue.

The PSTD provides the Berwyn Heights Police Department additional resources to finance capital and operating costs for a police officer to strengthen police protection in the commercial district and the Town at-large. This additional officer augments existing policing efforts with increased staffing flexibility and allows for a second on-duty officer during evening and midnight shifts.

The FY 2018 PSTD proposed budget recommends adopting the constant yield tax rate in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County through enhanced visibility for crime prevention and deterrence. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights' residents, businesses, and visitors.

Respectfully,

Jessica Cowles
Town Administrator

One-Page Summary - Public Safety Taxing District FY 2018 Town Administrator's Proposed Budget

Revenues	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Adopted	FY 2018 TA Proposed	\$ Variation	% Variation
Real Estate Tax - Current Year	\$ 37,926	\$ 40,583	\$ 37,953	\$ 40,746	\$ 42,000	\$ 1,254	3%
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	\$ 44	\$ 416	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ (300)	-100%
Personal Property Tax	\$ 29,537	\$ 30,339	\$ 25,534	\$ 30,944	\$ 27,000	\$ (3,944)	-13%
Penalty & Interest on Real Estate Tax	\$ 144	\$ 79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Penalty & Interest on Personal Property Tax	\$ 2,754	\$ 1,551	\$ 243	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	100%
Total Receipts	\$ 70,406	\$ 72,968	\$ 63,730	\$ 72,990	\$ 71,000	\$ (1,990)	-3%
<i>Transfer from PSTD Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 35,443</i>	<i>\$ 6,710</i>	<i>\$ 10,550</i>	<i>\$ 3,840</i>	<i>57%</i>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 70,406	\$ 72,968	\$ 99,173	\$ 79,700	\$ 81,550	\$ 1,850	2%
Expenditures							
Police Services	\$ 58,853	\$ 60,344	\$ 62,522	\$ 74,800	\$ 76,050	\$ 1,250	2%
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,783	\$ 3,512	\$ 5,225	\$ 4,900	\$ 5,500	\$ 600	12%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 63,636	\$ 63,856	\$ 67,747	\$ 79,700	\$ 81,550	\$ 1,850	2%
Capital Budget - Police Vehicle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 63,636	\$ 63,856	\$ 102,628	\$ 79,700	\$ 81,550	\$ 1,850	2%
Net Total (transferred to Fund Balance)	\$ 6,770	\$ 9,112	\$ (3,455)	\$ -	\$ -		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 38,429	\$ 45,199	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 12,158		
Fund Balance Generated or (Used)	\$ 6,770	\$ 9,112	\$ (651)	\$ (6,710)	\$ (10,550)		
Capital Budget Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (34,792)	\$ -	\$ -		
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 45,199	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 12,158	\$ 1,608		

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF A PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

For the tax year beginning July 1, 2017, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 10%, from \$235,364,551 to \$259,272,364.

2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 10% resulting in \$126,711 of new real property tax revenues.

3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.4811, the constant yield tax rate.

4. The Town of Berwyn Heights is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 10% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$126,711 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 at Town Hall.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-5000 for further information.

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF CONSTANT YIELD
TAX RATE**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes a real property tax rate for the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed value for the tax year beginning July 1, 2017. A public hearing on the FY 2018 budget is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.



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- April 7th-World Health Day
- April 11th Passover begins
- April 16th Easter
- April 17th Taxes due
- April 22nd- Earth Day
- April 28th Arbor Day
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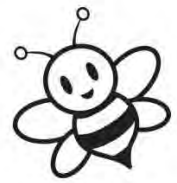
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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!
Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.
All residents are welcome to attend!

Dog Meet & Greet

Join us for the first Berwyn Heights Dog Meet & Greet!
Learn about the importance of proper pet waste disposal while taking a walk around town with your four-legged friends.

Date: Saturday, April 8

Time: 1:30pm

Meet Up Location: Berwyn Heights Community Center Parking Lot (6200 Pontiac Street)

Rules: Dogs must be people- and dog-friendly in order to participate. Dogs must remain leashed at all times.

A suggested donation of \$3.00 per person is appreciated!

Register in-person on the day of the event or online on Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/j8bcs7q>



April is a month to celebrate the environment!

Arbor Day in Maryland is Wednesday, April 5

&

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22

You can celebrate these holidays by:

- Getting outdoors. Bike or walk and enjoy the natural beauty we have here in Berwyn Heights.
- Volunteering for a local environmental organization.
- Making a meal from goods from a local farmers market.
- Planting a tree, veggies, bushes, flowers or native grasses.
- Keeping it up! It's nice to celebrate these holidays, but real change happens when we collectively stick to practices that encourage environmental preservation and restoration.



BULLETIN BOARD

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BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/BHHeightsGOP and Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP.

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

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

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

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- Tour the school
- Meet the principal
- Learn about our curriculum, including our Mandarin program
- Learn about our active PTA and meet some members

Contact president@bhespta.org for more details.

SCHOOL GARDENS UPDATE

The 5th grade science MODS started their spring vegetable garden inside by sowing Nero Di Toscana Kale, Arcadia Broccoli, Orange Burst Cauliflower and Red Samurai Carrots. When those seedlings are ready this month, they will be replanted outside with Super Sugar Snap Peas.

In June, the 5th graders will harvest and enjoy the taste of their very own local veggies!

Be a part of the PTA Executive Board

The nominating committee is searching for volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year. Please help us to help our children!

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 4

PTA Meeting @ 6:45 pm in the library

Friday, April 7 10am

Kindergarten Open House

Friday, April 14 – Friday April 21

Spring Vacation

Friday, April 28

Career Day

Monday, May 1 – Friday, May 5

Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 2

PTA Meeting @ 6:45 pm in the library

At the PTA meeting on May 2nd, a representative from Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department will present summer program and activity options.

Contact us:

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Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



Tips from Neighborhood Watch

Warm weather and longer days mean more time outside enjoying our beautiful Town! Walking with your kids to school or the park is a great way to get your blood flowing and spend some time outside in the nice weather. Plus, there are lots of health benefits to walking! Walking is an easy way to add more activity to your daily routine and you might even find yourself looking forward to it.

Wherever you're walking, make sure you get there safely! The following tips will help keep you and your family safe.

Set a good example:

- Teach your children to look left, right, and left again when crossing the street, and make sure you set a good example by doing the same.
- Don't check your phone or wear headphones while crossing the street, and teach your kids to do the same.

Teach your kids the rules of the road:

- Younger children, under 10 or so, should cross the street with an adult. They are harder for drivers to see and they can't judge cars' speeds and distances as well as adults.
- Watch out for all types of transportation, including bikes, cars, and other walkers.
- Teach your kids about cars' turn signals and brake lights so they know what cars are doing.

Make sure you and your kids are easily seen:

- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing, especially at night or early morning.

When sidewalks are available, make sure to use them. It's much safer than walking in the street!



*While you are out and about, remember to maintain awareness of your surroundings and report suspicious activity to the police. **Emergency # 911***

Non-Emergency # 301-352-1200

Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Community Center's Love Room

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April 2	Joyce Bilger
April 5	Mike Attick
April 6	Bertha Davies
April 11	Eddie Daffron
April 19	Jodie Kulpa-Eddy
April 25	Martha Baxter

APRIL ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

GAME NIGHT/POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday
at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS— Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00
A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is a Pot Luck!

Upcoming Events

APRIL 10

Visit by Prince George's County Library staff for Arts and Crafts. Meet at 12:00 Noon.

TO BE DETERMINED

Trip to visit/tour The Mary Surratt House in Clinton, Maryland.

BREAKFAST at the Silver Diner is also on tap. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

WEATHER CLOSINGS

If the PG County Schools are closed, the Seniors Center is also closed.



MEMBERSHIP—You must be at least 50 years young.

REMEMBER: We are hosting the Dept. of Public Works for lunch on April 25.

DON'T FORGET:

The upcoming Bake Sale in conjunction with Berwyn Heights Day on May 6.

Do you just “sit home”? Why not visit the Senior Center instead?





POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of February

2017. It is not a complete listing of every crimes and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

Monday 02/06/2017 at 1:18 pm.
'POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE' -- Corporal S. Krouse responded to the 8800 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of a child sexual abuse. The infant was transported to the hospital and PG County Child Abuse Unit, including the Child Protective Services, was notified.

Wednesday 02/08/2017 at 12:12 pm.
'MISSING or LOST PROPERTY' -- Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a lost, stolen or missing front license plate of a dump truck.

Saturday 02/11/2017 at 7:41 pm. -- Private First Class Y. Ramirez impounded a 2006 Honda from the location of 58th. Avenue at Ruatan Street. The driver of the said vehicle was unlicensed.

Sunday 02/12/2017 at 4:00 pm. **'THEFT - shoplifting'** -- Corporal P. Roberson responded to the Staples Office Store on 62nd. Avenue for a shoplifting complaint. Suspect, a black male in his 30's removed several items from the display and fled into an awaiting vehicle.

Monday 02/13/2017 at 1:34 pm.
'PROPERTY DAMAGE' Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of a vehicle that was damaged by unknown means. Aforementioned incident occurred around 01/28/2017.



Tuesday 02/14/2017 at 10:40 am.
'FORGERY' -- A 47 Y/O Town resident came into the BHPD and stated that her checks were compromised and cashed at a bank in Ohio. Aforementioned case will be forwarded to the BHPD Investigative Services.

Saturday 02/18/2017 at 4:00 pm.
'VANDALISM' -- Corporal P. Roberson and Corporal S. Krouse responded to the 6000 block of Quebec St., for a disorderly subject jumping on top of a 2007 Honda. Subject was identified and charges are pending.

Sunday 02/19/2017 at 5:00 pm. **'EPS'** -
- Corporal P. Roberson responded to the 6000 block of Quebec St., for a disorderly subject shouting racial epithets at his neighbors and pointing his finger as if he were shooting at people passing by his house. He was subsequently taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Monday 02/20/2017 at 11:00 am.
'PROPERTY DAMAGE' -- Corporal P. Roberson responded to the 6100 block of Ruatan St., for a property damage report. Passenger side mirror of a 2011 Toyota Avalon was damaged by an unknown means.

Tuesday 02/20/2017 at 10:40 pm. -- Corporal J. Ignowski impounded a 2001 Honda Accord from the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without a license.

Wednesday 02/22/2017 at 8:20 am.
'FRAUD' -- Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road for a fraud report. Victim alleges that unknown suspect(s) stole funds from her business account during August of 2016. Case turned over to Investigative Services.

Wednesday 02/22/2017 at 10:18 am.
'FRAUD' -- Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the 5700 Berwyn Road for a report of a stolen Maryland validation sticker that was mailed via dropped box at Berwyn Heights Town for US mail pick up.

Thursday 02/23/2017 at 11:14 am.
'BAD CHECK' -- Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the Berwyn Heights Town Hall for a report of a returned check that was uttered to cover for a parking violation. Case turned over to Investigative Services.



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1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
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1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
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12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle—April 2017

Attention Parents, Members, & BHBGC Alumni: Berwyn Heights Day is approaching & we need volunteers to help with the parade and Boys & Girls Club booths! Please contact Angie at angela.wolfinger@gmail.com for details or to sign up!

2017 Registration is open! Sign up online or stop by during practice.

www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org

Like planning events & activities? Want to become more involved?

The BHBGC is always looking for new members & volunteers!

If interested, please visit us online or contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org

Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsBGC

IF YOU NEED POLICE ASSISTANCE IN A NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION

AFTER BUSINESS HOURS

CALL 301-352-1200.

Tell the Prince George's County Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to your call.

IN AN EMERGENCY,

CALL 911.

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Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy

1st & 3rd Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground

2nd & 4th Monday of month - Pop's Park

Please contact Rachel Cicero (rachelcicero55@gmail.com) for more information



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[News from District 3 Councilmember Dannielle M. Glaros](#)

STEAM DAY

College Park Airport Museum — 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD

April 9, 2 – 4 pm

County Councilmember Glaros will host a free STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Day at CPAM. There will be lots of hands-on activities throughout the museum, including science, technology, engineering, art and math activities. All ages are welcome.

TOWN HALL & RESOURCE FAIR

April 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm — William Wirt Middle School — 6200 Tuckerman St., Riverdale, MD

Join County Councilmember Glaros on April 26 to learn more about what's happening in District 3 and across Prince George's County! Representatives from County agencies, utilities and more will be available to answer your questions and provide information.

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James Johnson

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301-474-2737

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April 2017

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1 9:00 AM College Park Good Neighbor Day (CP Community Ctr.)
2	3 7:00 PM Worksession Council Chamber	4 6:45 PM PTA Mtg. BHES Library 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	5 7:00 PM NW-EP Meeting G. Love Room	6	7	8 1:30 PM Dog Meet & Greet Community Ctr.
9	10	11	12 7:00 PM Town Meeting FY18 Budget Introduction Council Chamber	13 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm	14 Town Govt. closed at 12:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY	15
16 EASTER DAY	17 7:00 PM Worksession Council Chamber PGCPS SPRING BREAK	18	19	20 7:00 PM EAC Meeting Town Ctr. 2nd Floor	21	22 9:00 AM Electronics Recycling Buddy Attick DPW Yard Greenbelt.
23	24	25 7:30 PM BHHC Mtg. G. Love Rm	26	27	28	29
30 Street Sweeper	May 1	2	3	4	5	6 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

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



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Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

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Councilmember — Public Works		
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Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Gerald Shields	(504) 250-2040	gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
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