

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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# First Live Concert at Lake Artemesia

September 22, 2 pm



## **For Immediate Release,** Berwyn Heights, MD.

On Saturday, September 22 from 2 to 3:30 pm, the Berwyn Heights Parks and Recreation Council is sponsoring this first in the town's history – an open live concert at Lake Artemesia, located just west of the town. "We have none other than our own *Susan B. Jones Jazz Quartet* – a perennial favorite on Berwyn Heights Day – to thank," says Berwyn Heights Major Cheye Calvo.

The group features three-time Wammie nominee, and long-time Berwyn Heights resident, Susan Jones on jazz violin, with Tom Jones on drums, joined by guitarist Pete Fields, and bassist Bob Abbott. "The band will play a relaxing and pleasing, but danceable mix of music--jazz standards, Latin music and originals," Jones says. "This is the first time our town has sponsored a lakeside concert. And Lake Artemesia is a perfect setting for an afternoon concert by the lake," says Mayor Calvo. "We hope to encourage others to follow our lead and better utilize this wonderful venue."

Sponsored by the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council, the concert is free and family-friendly. Refreshments will be for sale as well as the Susan B. Jones Quartet's latest CD, *Exit 19*. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the second floor of the Berwyn Heights Town Center, above the Senior Center at 5700 Berwyn Road.

To get to Lake Artemesia turn onto Branchville Road from Greenbelt Road and follow it west to the Metro tracks where it turns south and becomes Ballew Avenue. Follow Ballew Avenue to the end until you get to the parking lot at Berwyn Road and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For residents unable to walk to the concert site, shuttles will be available starting at 1:30 pm at the Senior Center.

*The Washington Post* recently wrote:

"With over 30 years of experience, Susan Jones reigns as one of the most accomplished and versatile violinists in the Washington area. By performing in public and private venues, including intimate settings to large capacity halls, Susan Jones has attracted the attention of DJs and audiences alike who fall prey to her amazing and alluring melodies, engaging rhythm and textures, and finely tuned skill. "Jones is one of the best violinists in Washington, and in the relatively small world of jazz violinists, she's developing an international reputation."

The quartet will be the featured performers at the Blues Alley in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, September 26, with shows at 8 and 10 pm. For additional information, call the Berwyn Heights Town office at (301) 474-5000.

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1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
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12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

# Worksession

June 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Calvo arrived 15 minutes late due to work-related reasons. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** CM Dennison's mother has moved to Berwyn Heights following the death of her companion Roy T. Witesall. MPT Wilkinson's father, Reverend George A. Wilkinson Jr. is retiring as pastor of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in College Park. MPT Wilkinson attended a Safe Routes to School workshop.

**Calendar:** The date of a concert at Lake Artemesia was added for September 22, 2-3:30 pm.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the May 7 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The May 9 Town meeting were distributed.

**Department reports:** CM Dennison reported that she and the Administration Department are putting the finishing touches on the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held on June 14. She had the pleasure of handing out her first Traveling Garden award last Sunday, which recognizes residents with beautiful gardens. The Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC) is in need of a new chair person.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that one of the part-time code officers is on temporary leave. Public Safety Aide Shawn Bannon will take on his responsibilities. Code cars continue to break down. Director Solomon is negotiating the purchase of a new car budgeted for FY 2013 at the price she was quoted in February. The rear lights of the Berwyn Heights call-a-bus are not working and need to be repaired. TA Murphy added that Prince George's County, which provides the call-a-bus, requested better documentation of its maintenance.

CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department is busy with preparing the FY 2012 budget amendments to be adopted at the upcoming Town meeting. The audit of the FY 2012 budget will commence soon.

MPT Wilkinson reported that there were two break-ins while Mayor Calvo was on vacation. The suspect was apprehended

during a third break-in in College Park on the same day. MPT Wilkinson and Berwyn Heights police visited the residents who appreciated the follow-up and complimented Chief Antolik and his men. Another robbery occurred at the former BP gas station during which one of the attendants was injured. Although the police were on the scene within a few minutes, the perpetrator escaped.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that the Public Works Department sprayed for poison ivy around the school field. The lights at the Town Center were fixed last weekend. Comcast was in Town to tidy up loose cables. M-NCPPC applied gater bags to saplings along Indian Creek to protect them during the hot summer months.

Mayor Calvo arrived at 7:18 p.m. He said that there are a lot of loose ends to tie up after the Council's long break. At the next worksession, he would like to brainstorm about priorities of the 45<sup>th</sup> Council. Councilmembers are asked to think about, and make a list of the things they would like to get done. Also at the next worksession, the Council will begin the employee performance review process. TA Murphy will provide an updated memorandum on procedures.

**Citizen comments:** CM Dennison received many comments about parking problems on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue following the opening of a new playground and basketball court.

**Greenbelt Station South Core development agreement:** TA Murphy highlighted the recent changes to the agreement, which centered on the payment schedule of \$1 million in compensation the developer agreed to pay the Town for traffic and public safety impacts. Mayor Calvo explained that this version of the agreement provides for compensation payments to be made on a per unit basis within 45 days of the issuance of a building permit. Town Attorney Shay advised that this is the standard way to schedule payments. To ensure that the Town receives the payments in due time, provisions were added requiring that the Town be notified when building permits are issued. Further, an interest rate of 5% will be charged on outstanding balances if payments are not made within 45 days of issuance of permits. The agreement also states that the total compensation will remain at \$1 million regardless of the number and mix of residential and commercial units built.

The Council made further clarifications and minor corrections to Section 1, including: 1) turning the footnote on the payment table into a paragraph; 2) add-

ing "per annum" to the 5% interest rate payment charged on outstanding balances; 3) adding a clarification stating that the number of dwelling units on which the payment schedule is based "shall be tied to the revised conceptual site plan, as agreed to by the parties (Town of Berwyn Heights, CRM)."

In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Calvo said that Section 5 of the agreement, which commits the Town to "support any legislation...regarding the adequacy of public facilities test for transportation that addresses the litigation that affected the approvals of the conceptual and preliminary site plans..." cannot be deleted. It carried over from the 2005 agreement. Mayor Calvo instructed TA Murphy to make the above changes and send the agreement to CRM's legal counsel for review tomorrow so that the Council can approve the agreement on Wednesday.

**ReMax agreement:** Mayor Calvo said that he had another meeting with Larry Jarboe, owner of the ReMax property in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road, and Jerry Cosker, owner of the Raleigh Inn and tenant of Mr. Jarboe. There was agreement in principle on the terms of a new lease and repayment of an outstanding debt. However, he has not heard back from Mr. Jarboe regarding the agreement with the Town, in which Mr. Jarboe commits himself to the green- ing of his parking lot in exchange for the Town's support of a zoning change for a portion of his property. Therefore, the Council will not be able to vote on the agreement at the upcoming Town meeting. Mayor Calvo will call County Councilmember Olson's office to request that the zoning legislation be taken off the agenda. The Council may want to take steps to oppose this same zoning change in the proposed M-NCPPC sector plan amendment.

**7-Eleven grand opening (discussed under Code Compliance):** CM Dennison and MPT Wilkinson said that they have visited the new store. The back alley has not yet been resurfaced by the owner. But the one-way sign has just been installed, according to CM Dennison.

**59<sup>th</sup> Avenue access:** Mayor Calvo said, since the opening of the new 7-Eleven store at 5815 Greenbelt Road, he has heard from a number of residents who are concerned about increased cut-through traffic on 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He thinks that the Town should move forward with plans to limit access to the street. There are two main options: 1) closing 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue entirely where the residential homes border the commercial district so

that no traffic comes in from, or goes out to Greenbelt Road. The only access would be from Seminole Street; and 2) closing only the southbound lane of 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, so that traffic can exit onto Greenbelt Road but not enter the neighborhood. Examples of this exist in Riverdale Park, where access to the neighborhood is blocked from East-West Highway with a concrete buffer on the inbound lane.

CM Dennison expressed concerns about the fire trucks and trash trucks not being able to access 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Calvo said that fire trucks do not normally use this street, but could still access it from Seminole Street if responding to an emergency. He proposed to schedule a public hearing at the July 11 Town meeting, to get input from residents. The Council had no objections. TA Murphy was asked to send out a notice to affected residents and publish it in the July Bulletin.

At 8:23 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

**Indian Creek parking:** Mayor Calvo said that there are two main issues regarding the parking situation at the renovated Indian Creek park: 1) installing a railing along the playground and T-ball field on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and 2) upgrading an existing grassy parking area with pervious pavers to provide a viable alternative to parking along the road sides on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Berwyn Heights police has been asked to enforce 'no parking' along the frontage of the T-ball field and the Keller property and draft a plan for better parking solutions.

TA Murphy said Public Works Clerk Adrian Lockley has contacted Park & Planning coordinator Eileen Nivera about installing a railing. She is looking into it. The police have been informed of the parking problems and are awaiting instructions on where to enforce 'no parking'. Chief Antolik proposed to draw yellow lines on both sides of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Ruatan Street to Seminole Street, excepting driveways and the grassy parking area. On the park side of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the 'no parking' yellow line would extend a little past the entrance of the playground. Councilmembers agreed that the yellow line should not extend into the basketball court frontage. For the next worksession, they requested a map to see exactly where 'no parking' zones are proposed to be.

MPT Wilkinson suggested that 'no parking' could be stenciled on the pavement to reinforce the message instead of posting signs. To compensate for lost parking spaces, 4-5 cars could potentially be parked side by side in front of the play-

ground if spaces are clearly marked. CM Dennison opposed this for aesthetic reasons. She also noted that drivers often don't stop at the Seminole Street stop sign. It may have to be moved because it is too far from the intersection.

MPT Wilkinson said that Mr. Lockley has provided two quotes for upgrading the grassy parking area. Installing pervious pavers would cost approximately \$4,000 and using a lawn mesh \$2,900. He believes the area that needs to be covered measures 15' x 60' and would accommodate one row of parked cars. Ideally, the path leading to the backstop from the parking area should also be improved with gravel and steps leading down to the field.

Mayor Calvo asked whether it would be better to wait with implementing 'no parking' rules until the railing and parking lot have been completed. CM Almoguera said that 'no parking' should be enforced now for the safety of the families that are already using the park. Mayor Calvo said it would help if the Town knew in general how many people visit the park to ensure there is sufficient parking. TA Murphy said that he will ask staff to make counts at different times of the week. CM Almoguera offered to take a count whenever she visits the park.

**Sustainable Maryland:** Mayor Calvo said that he would like to move forward with becoming a Sustainable Maryland municipality and establishing a green team. He envisions a small team of 5 members appointed by the Council. Since he has been shepherding the effort, he would like to be the Council liaison. Public Works Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley, who has taken some preliminary training, would be the staff liaison. He expects the team to function like a Town committee, meeting regularly, advising the Council, and coordinating community activities related to the program. A number of activities qualifying for Sustainable Maryland have already been initiated or completed, such as the elementary school's gardening program and energy conservation upgrades. All that is needed is for the Town to formally sign up for the program. The Council agreed to pass a resolution to do so at the next Town meeting.

In response to questions, Mayor Calvo said that, while the Council reserves the right to appoint green team members, Councilmembers are welcome to propose interested residents. He wants to make sure, however, that the team members work well together. Residents who have ideas for green initiatives and want to be involved could contact the

green team for advice and support. On the other hand, the green team could also reach out to residents, who have expertise in green technologies and get their input.

Mayor Calvo noted that the State recently passed legislation that requires every county to adopt a stricter storm water management regime as well as levy new fees. It appears that municipalities can opt to implement the new regulations and levy the fees themselves rather than have the county act on its behalf. This would be an area where residents could provide meaningful input.

**UMD shuttle survey:** TA Murphy said the University of Maryland Transportation Services Department has provided a report on shuttle ridership for the last school year, as well as a survey seeking feedback on the shuttle service. This is mainly for informational purposes. However, the Town Council may want to consider giving feedback on the service. CM Kulpa-Eddy, who now heads the Department of Code Compliance and Transportation, agreed to fill out the survey. She will consult with former Councilmember Ahrens, who took a special interest in re-establishing shuttle service to the Town.

## 2. Administration

**Variance request:** TA Murphy said that the owner of 5902 Tecumseh Street (not present) has applied for a variance from the Prince George's County Zoning Board to construct a portico over expanded front stoops as well as a portico over an existing side entrance. The improvements would result in exceeding the front yard setback requirement by 5.8 feet and side yard setback by 3.7 feet. The owner is requesting the Town's support for an exemption. TA Murphy recommended approval.

Mayor Calvo said that the proposed improvements would not substantially impact lot coverage since the porticos would cover existing cement stoops, which are already impervious. He sees no reason to deny the variance request. CM Dennison moved, and MPT Wilkinson seconded to approve the variance. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Bulletin cover:** The Council approved the following items for the July Bulletin cover: Fourth of July theme, announcements for public hearing on limiting access to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and National Night Out.

**WSSC Seminole Street agreement:** TA Murphy explained that WSSC agreed to contribute \$31,000 to resurface Seminole Street after an on-site visit and a meeting with Town officials in 2006, in which they detailed the damage done to the street

after multiple excavations to repair water lines. Since Seminole Street was resurfaced last winter, the compensation was not due until this year. WSSC informed the Town, however, that the transaction requires adoption of an agreement, which has a couple of onerous provisions. It sets forth that the contractor performing the resurfacing maintain a general liability insurance of \$2 million and excess liability insurance of \$1 million, and that WSSC be held harmless for any defects in the road repair. Further, the amount of the compensation is based on a price - \$11 per square yard - which was in effect 5 years ago and applies to WSSC contracting. It is not a price the Town could obtain now.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks the only issue that might prevent execution of the agreement is the liability requirement. He asked whether the Town's contractor has the required liability insurance. TA Murphy said that Olney Masonry is a large construction company. He believes that they meet this requirement and will check. MPT Wilkinson said that an incorrect total of \$11,122 appears on 'Exhibit A', which should be corrected. CM Kulpa Eddy noted that in Section 8 the term 'MOU' should be replaced with 'agreement', which was used throughout the document. The Council agreed to put the agreement up for approval at the next Town meeting

**FY 2012 budget agreement:** TA Murphy provided updated budget amendments, which show the changes made during the FY 2012 fiscal year on a line item basis. He then explained the important changes. On the revenue side, the changes included energy efficiency grants, speed camera receipts, WSSC compensation, surplus funds for the Seminole/Ruatan Street renovation, DPW trash truck lift and other offsets. On the expenditure side, adjustments were made to salary and benefits in all departments to reflect merit increases. In Administration, additional funds were appropriated for accessible doors and hose tower repairs at the Town Center. In the Police Department, overages in vehicle maintenance & repair were paid with from the department's overtime appropriation.

In Public Works, new space heaters and more energy efficient lights were funded with grant money. Repair expenses for an old trash truck, are accounted for in a separate recycling maintenance & repair appropriation. Mayor Calvo said that the tracking of vehicle maintenance expenses should be done apart from the budget in a spreadsheet designed for the purpose. TA Murphy continued that in

Parks & Recreation, additional funds for a new merry-go-round and a Boys & Girls Club shed were appropriated from surplus. In the Miscellaneous budget, workers compensation insurance increased for police officers. Health insurance came in under budget with the remaining funds used to pay for the Public Works yard resurfacing. In the Capital Projects budget, the Public Works yard improvements include \$1,550 for striping of parking spaces and installation of parking blocks, which the Council has not yet approved. Mayor Calvo said that he is opposed to funding these items tagged on to the budget amendment without the Council's approval. Public Works should have planned this better and will be asked to take it out of next year's budget. The Council voted not fund parking space improvements.

CM Dennison asked MPT Wilkinson if the Boys & Girls Club shed will be built soon. MPT Wilkinson said that it will be built when the Club has the manpower later in the summer. Mayor Calvo said that the Club should be given the money when they are ready to build the shed, not beforehand.

### 3. Code Compliance

**7-Eleven grand opening:** CM Kulpa Eddy explained that the new 7-Eleven plans to have a grand opening on June 23, which will include music and a D.J. If the Council has concerns about noise, the Code Department can communicate them to the business. In case the Council wants to require a permit, the Code Director provided a sample permit. Mayor Calvo said that the business probably wants an exemption from the Noise Ordinance. However, the event is in the middle of the afternoon, and noise is not of such a great concern. He will not oppose the event but would ask a code officer to stop by and make sure that the business picks up any litter afterward.

### 4. Parks and Recreation

**BHHC appointment:** CM Dennison said that Richard Ahrens wants to rejoin the Historical Committee, which he had to leave to serve on the Council. She moved to reappoint him. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 5. Public Safety

**Police car purchase:** Mayor Calvo said that the Council already budgeted the money to purchase 2 new police cars. One is an unmarked car for Detective Unger, which will be paid from the PSTD budget. He would like the Council to formally authorize the purchase. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Kulpa Eddy seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 6. Public Works

**MML convention registration:** MPT Wilkinson explained that Public Works Administrative Assistant Lockley has taken on a lot of responsibilities in running the department and would benefit from the training offered at the convention. Mayor Calvo said he hopes that a mentor can be found for him. MPT Wilkinson moved to approve the funds to send Mr. Lockley to the convention. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting

June 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Officer Roberson, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, NW/EP Co-Chair Joan Hayden, M-NCPPC Representative Edith Michel and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Presentation

Mayor Calvo welcomed M-NCPPC Representative Edith Michel for a presentation on the 30-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan entitled *Formula 2040*. Ms. Michel said that the last master plan was drafted in 1980. Since then Prince George's County has undergone many changes, particularly in terms of population, which require a re-assessment of needs and goals. Other reasons for doing the master plan are to make sure that needs for land acquisition are met, that operations are financially and environmentally sustainable, and to educate and build support in the community for the future of parks and recreation. One focus will be to evaluate the mix of facilities versus programs. The agency does not have the resources to build a community center in every neighborhood and therefore needs to think about how to program facilities regionally.

Ms. Michel said that when Ronald Gathers was appointed as new Director of Parks & Recreation in 2008, he took stock of existing facilities and programs. The findings were the basis of an action plan to address shortcomings and unmet

needs, which the Department has started to implement. These findings as well as findings from the Planning Department's *Envision Prince George's* process have become important components in drafting of the master plan. At this point, the Park & Recreation Department is reaching out to all manner of constituents, including civic associations, recreation councils, businesses, churches and municipalities, to get input. As part of this effort, she is here tonight to explain the master plan and solicit input from Berwyn Heights officials and community members.

Mayor Calvo said he believes it is important to plan beyond the immediate needs, such as building an additional soccer field or repairing an existing facility, and look at county-wide needs. However, there are different regions in Prince George's, each with their distinct needs. Berwyn Heights is part of the northern region which is well connected with trails and public transportation. Many recreational facilities can be reached on foot, by bike or bus. This is different from the central and southern regions, where most people drive to facilities that are often distant from residential neighborhoods. It may make more sense to develop recommendations in a more targeted fashion. He is worried that the northern tier communities would not fit into an overarching plan and its needs would not be addressed.

Ms. Michel agreed that there are very diverse areas in the county and that it is sometimes difficult to balance their different needs. However, Parks & Recreation is a county agency and must try to serve all constituents equitably. For example, the agency is trying to step in with enrichment and fitness activities public schools have dropped because of budget cuts, particularly in the less affluent communities.

Mayor Calvo said that co-locating schools with community centers so that they can complement each other is a great idea. However, the opportunities for coordinated programming are not fully taken advantage of. In this town, the Council is trying to support better cooperation by helping to fund the school's computer center that would be operated by Community Center staff after school is out. He asked what the focus of this effort is: is it to promote more cooperation and partnerships, or identify gaps in service, such as a community's need for a playing field, or balance capital investments and programming..

Ms. Michel replied that this is a big effort that looks at many different issues. The master plan tries, for example, to identify

the things Parks & Recreation does well and expand on them. It also looks at specific needs, such as how to provide more spaces for sports leagues. It develops ideas about how to better leverage its resources, like the mobile recreation program that can come to a neighborhood on an as needed basis. But it also seeks to establish objective criteria that will guide policymakers over the long term, such as requiring 5,000 acres of open space for every 1,000 people.

Mayor Calvo advised that, if a new strategic framework is being developed to guide the decisions policymakers make in the future, then it would be useful to be more concrete and say what the current policy guidelines are. With a specific reference point, more and better feedback from local officials and stakeholders might be obtained.

CM Dennison said that she has been involved with parks and recreation for over 20 years, first as a member of the Town's Recreation Council and now as Councilmember for Parks & Recreation. For as long as she can remember, the Town has had an excellent relationship with the County's Parks & Recreation Department and had many good community center directors. She suggested that, for purposes of developing a master plan, recommendations be developed regionally with the help of local focus groups. She also thanked the agency for constructing a new playground and basketball court in town, which are a great success.

MPT Wilkinson asked how the *Envision Prince George's* exercise that was initiated a couple of years ago fits into this planning process. Ms. Michel said that the *Envision* effort was headed by the County's Planning Department that looks at other areas besides parks and recreation, such as economic activity, schools and public safety. She concluded by thanking the Council for their input and their words of appreciation.

## 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the May 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

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

## 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that, during his vacation, he had time to reflect about the big picture priorities for the next Council term. Prominently among them is the sidewalk construction project. Surveys have been completed for tier 1 priorities

and the survey report should be available soon. Limiting access to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Greenbelt Road recently came into focus as a result of the opening of a 7-Eleven and the likely increase in cut-through traffic. A public hearing has been scheduled for the July Town meeting. The Council also plans to move forward on Sustainable Maryland and establishing a green team. At the next worksession, the Council will formally discuss priorities, and invites residents to give input.

Mayor Calvo continued with a reading of the winning essay of the "If I Were Mayor" contest of BHES fourth graders. Sean Brittan Powell won this year's contest with a very well written essay on dog parks. Honorable mentions go to Codie Compton, Samy Drosko, Calder Baldwin-Bott and Elias Herrera. Sean wrote the following:

"If I were Mayor, I would add at least two dog parks in Berwyn Heights. I have walked around Berwyn Heights, and I have seen a lot of people with dogs. When I was little, I was scared of dogs jumping up on me when I walked past them on the walking path or sidewalk. I have also seen some dogs that do not look very healthy. I am older now and not as afraid, but I worry that the dogs in Berwyn Heights don't have a place of their own to play with other dogs or to play with their human owners as much as they want to. Creating a dog park will help owners and their dogs get more exercise and get to spend more quality time with each other. It also gives the dogs a place to run around and have fun with other dogs. A dog park would also let humans interact more and learn about their neighbors and neighbors' dogs. Little kids would also get to know the neighborhood dogs better by visiting them at the dog park. I live near the Sports Park, and next to the hockey rink would be a great place for a dog park. As Mayor, I would ask the community where they think another good place for a dog park would be, what should be in the dog park, and where good spots around town would be for putting a station for doggy bags (for you know what)."

Mayor Calvo continued that another Berwyn Heights student, who is attending Holy Redeemer Catholic School was one of eleven "If I Were Mayor" contest winners at the state level. Congratulations go to Ella Lannon, who wrote the following:

"If I were mayor I would have to meet many challenges in my community. These are the challenges I will talk about: safety issues, helping the environment and have more areas for recrea-



tion. There are many safety issues in my community. Some examples are pedestrian safety and reducing crime. Pedestrian safety is a really big issue because in my community many people walk places and there are also a lot of cars and buses. Some ways to increase pedestrian safety are to have more sidewalks and walking paths and put in more crosswalks. Crime is also a concern in my community. I would like to reduce vandalism and break-ins. I would add security cameras in public places. I would form more community watch programs to help keep our community safe. I would like to improve my community's environment to make it a healthier place to live. I would have a community litter pick-up day twice a year. I would also have a town-wide tree planting day. I would also have more recycling bins in public places. I would use more recycled materials in my community such as recycled papers in town offices and ask the community to bring their own bags to stores. I would work to create more areas for recreation. I would like to see more sports fields and areas where people can skateboard, ride bikes, roller blade, and run without worrying about traffic. My community needs to have more of these areas. These are just a few ways I would meet the challenges of my community. As mayor, it is not about you, it is about your community."

Mayor Calvo noted that many ideas that students discuss in their essays eventually come to pass, such as improvements to the recycling program and reducing trash throughout the Town. Thus the contest has a real impact on making this Town a better place.

## 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** CM Almoguera reported that the Administration was busy with putting together the FY 2012 budget amendments. The Town finally received \$36,000 in outstanding payments of personal property taxes from PG Scrap.

**Code Compliance:** CM Kulpa-Eddy gave some safety tips for going on vacation. Residents are encouraged to inform the police of their absence by filling out a house check request form available at the Town office. They should also make sure all doors and windows are locked, that mail and newspaper delivery is on hold, and that the yard is maintained.

CM Kulpa Eddy further advised that it is tick season. To eliminate tick habitat, residents should keep their grass short and remove leaf piles. Top violations during the last month were for high grass and yard waste disposal.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison welcomed CM Almoguera on board. She reported that her mother moved in with her after losing her long-time companion. Her mother is interested in joining the Senior's Club. The Recreation Council took stock of Berwyn Heights Day and determined that it made a profit. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will take place tomorrow. All arrangements have been made. The Boy & Girls Club U-10 baseball team advanced to the championship. After retiring from the Council, CM Ahrens rejoined the Historical Committee. The Council re-appointed him at the last worksession. The Education Advisory Committee is urgently looking for a new chair person. CM Dennison would like assistance in advocating for the Town's education interests.

**Public Health and Safety:** Mayor Calvo said that he will present a slide show at the upcoming Maryland Municipal League (MML) convention on Berwyn Heights' police aide program launched by Chief Antolik as an example of a successful, innovative program.

Officer Roberson reported for Chief Antolik, who was absent. Officer Roberson noted that one of benefits of the police aide program is a better relationship with the Spanish-speaking community as one of the aides is himself a native Spanish speaker. He gave additional vacation safety tips and then reported on police activities for the month of May. There were 6 Part I offenses, including 1 armed robbery at the former BP gas station and 2 break-ins. This is in line with the 5 year average of 6.6. There were a total of 97 speed camera citations for May captured by the cameras in front of the elementary school and on Greenbelt Road.

Officer Roberson further reported that there already were 1,800 stolen autos in the County this year. Using a steering wheel lock, like the club, will greatly reduce the likelihood of having one's car stolen. Further, residents are cautioned not to leave their purses in an unlocked car when pumping gas. They are a target for thieves. Berwyn Heights police have started to enforce out-of-state tags, which can garner a \$60 fine. Only military personnel and students are exempt. New residents must have Maryland tags within 60 days of moving here.

CM Almoguera asked whether a person who resides outside of Maryland but works in state part-time must also get Maryland tags. Officer Roberson said that it depends on where the person's permanent residence is and where he

pays taxes. He should try to obtain an exempt tag from the MVA.

MPT Wilkinson commented that residents should consider shutting off the water main when going on vacation to avoid water damage to the home if there is a plumbing problem. He also noted that the residents, who were victims of the recent break-ins, very much appreciated the considerate follow up from Berwyn Heights police. He asked Officer Roberson to convey this to his colleagues.

**Public Works:** MPT Wilkinson reported that the Berwyn Heights U-10 baseball team played and won against Bowie tonight and won the championship. Further, he related that his father, the Reverend George A. Wilkinson Jr. is retiring as pastor of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in College Park. He took this position in 2001 at age 67 after a long career practicing law. He felt called upon to become ordained after the death of his wife in 1996. After 11 years of service, he is ready to pass the ministry on to a younger pastor.

MPT Wilkinson reported that he attended a *Safe Routes to School* workshop in Hurlock, where he learned about different ways to make school routes safer and how to obtain funding. Public Works sprayed for poison ivy along the fence surrounding the BHES playing fields and attended to its regular duties. Next Wednesday, the County will hold its annual free tipping day. Residents are requested to dispose of bulk trash and unwanted leftovers from the yard-sale. Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley has been in touch with Park & Planning regarding parking improvements at the Indian Creek park.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Historical Committee:** No report.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** NW/EP Co-Chair Joan Hayden announced that National Night Out will be held on August 7. The committee will discuss plans at its next meeting on July 3. She noted that NW/EP volunteers were out patrolling in their new vests last week to gain exposure.

**Recreation Council:** No report.

## 7. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance No. 159 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of FY 2012 Budget Amendments:** Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this Ordinance is part of the annual budget reconciliation process

and enacts all the changes that were made to the budget throughout the fiscal year. This year, the amendment is more complicated and includes a long list of changes, chief among them the expenditure of \$483,000 to repair Seminole and Ruatan Streets. Related to that, the Town received a \$31,000 contribution from WSSC as compensation for the damage done to Seminole Street during a 2006 water main replacement. Other significant changes include a number of expenditures for capital improvements to Town facilities, such as the resurfacing of the Public Works yard and installation of new space heaters in the Public Works building; repair of the Town Center hose tower; an overhaul of the audio-video system in the council chambers, and replacement of a merry-go-round at Pop's Park. The amendments also reflect the purchase of a new pickup truck for Public Works. Most of the expenditures were paid for with surplus funds, grants and unspent money. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt the budget amendments.

## 8. New Business

**Resolution 05-2012 - Greenbelt Station South Core Agreement:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this agreement supersedes the 2005 agreement between Metroland and the Town of Berwyn Heights, in which the Town was guaranteed a compensation of \$1 million for future traffic and safety impacts from the development. Since then, the property was sold to new owners. The north core is owned by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) and the south core is owned by Suntrust Bank. The revised agreement is with the new owner of the south core, Suntrust Bank. It guarantees the same amount of compensation but puts in place a better payment framework. Payments will be made on a per unit basis within 45 days every time a building permit is pulled. The agreement also provides for a 5% per annum interest charge on outstanding payments, which provides incentive for on-time payment. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the agreement.

**Resolution 06-2012 – WSSC Seminole Street agreement:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that WSSC had agreed in principle to contribute \$31,000 to the resurfacing Seminole Street after the completion of the 2006 water main replacement project, which left the street in bad repair. The payment issue was

not taken up until this spring, however, because the Town waited to save up enough money for a larger street project that included the renovation of Ruatan Street and a section of 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. To finalize the transaction, WSSC requires formal approval of an agreement, which sets forth terms of payment, and holds WSSC harmless for any defects in the work of the contractor hired by the Town. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the agreement.

**Resolution 04-2012 – Participation in Sustainable Maryland Program:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Almoguera seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that Sustainable Maryland is a program that provides a framework for municipalities for becoming a greener community. He is proud to have been involved in launching this program, which is modeled after a similar program in New Jersey, in Maryland. Sustainable Maryland outlines a series of doable steps a community can take to become certified as sustainable. Berwyn Heights has already done a number of things that qualify for certification, such as installing energy efficient lighting, installing rain gardens to filter storm water runoff and running an educational garden at the elementary school. Next, the Council plans to appoint a 5-member green team to coordinate green activities and programs in Town as well as initiate new ones.

MPT Wilkinson said that Sustainable Maryland was rolled out at last year's MML convention and combines a variety of green activities communities are engaged in into a comprehensive program. He is excited about the program, which he hopes will give a boost to green initiatives around Town. CM Almoguera commented that she supports participation in Sustainable Maryland as way to hold the Town accountable for implementing green activities and programs. CM Dennison said that the program not only provides a policy framework but also identifies potential funding sources. Mayor Calvo said that the Town will link to the Sustainable Maryland website to help publicize the program and invited residents to contact the Town if they are interested in joining the green team. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve participation in Sustainable Maryland.

## 9. Citizens Discussion

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, said that the new playground on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue has increased traffic in the area and is causing some safety problems. For example, visitors often do not stop at the stop signs. She is concerned that a child might get hurt when crossing the street.

Mayor Calvo replied that the Council is actively looking at solutions to address the shortage of parking and other safety issues and welcomes suggestions from residents. Money has been appropriated to improve a grassy lot on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate more parking. Park & Planning has been approached to install a railing along the park frontage to prevent cars from driving into the park or parking too close to the slope. Town staff has been tasked to mark no parking areas with yellow signs. This includes the approaches to stop signs where parked cars sometimes obstruct sight lines. MPT Wilkinson said that the curbs before stops have been painted as of today.

Ms. Hayden asked if the AV upgrade includes a telephone in the chamber so that residents can pose their question directly to Councilmembers. Mayor Calvo replied that a telephone is not planned, because a trial run showed that this causes problems for conducting the meeting. But there may be other ways for citizens to participate from home.

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, called to ask whether the revised agreement with Greenbelt Station developers provides for more compensation to the Town, and whether there are plans to install a traffic light at the future entrance to the development at Greenbelt Road. Mayor Calvo said that the revised agreement provides for the same total amount in compensation, \$1 million, as the 2005 agreement. Site plans call for the entrance to the development to be upgraded to a full intersection with traffic light, and an additional turning lane approaching the connector road on the north side of Greenbelt Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**W**orksession  
June 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Councilmembers Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** Larry Jarboe, the owner of the ReMax property in the 6300



block of Greenbelt Road, died of heart failure this weekend.

**Calendar:** The date for a public hearing on limiting access to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue was set for the July 13 Town meeting. The dates for the September worksessions were changed to September 10 and 24.

**Minutes:** No minutes were reviewed.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that the police had a busy week-end. The pharmacy in the Science Park building was robbed, a woman, who had been stabbed, was dropped from a car on Seminole Street, and a SWAT team arrested a resident, who is charged with murder in Fairfax, VA. This morning, Officer Ignowski responded to a call from a resident, who wanted a snake removed from her yard. The yard sale last week-end went well, helped by beautiful weather.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the one-way signs for the 7-Eleven back alley have been ordered and will be installed when received. The call-a-bus needs new tires and a new master cylinder. Repairs are expected to cost \$1,500. Code Director Solomon has been negotiating with a dealership to purchase a Jeep Liberty at last year's price.

CM Dennison reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was a success. Many volunteers attended, including her mother, who recently moved to Berwyn Heights. She thanked TA Murphy and his assistant Yvonne Odoi for all their work in putting the event together. CM Dennison also noted that Public Works striped curbs at the stop signs on Seminole Street to improve visibility. Trees blocking sight lines may have to be trimmed as well.

CM Almoguera reported that soccer players using the BHES field have been observed throwing empty beverage containers into the paper recycling container and leaving other trash around the school field. A resident suggested that the police talk to the players. If they have a permit for using the field, the permit could be revoked if they leave trash behind in the future.

**Citizen comments:** CM Almoguera received a comment about police patrolling on bicycle without wearing a helmet. Mayor Calvo said that this may have been a police aide riding his bicycle. However, the aides do not patrol. CM Almoguera received a comment from a parent asking the Town to wait with implementing the 'no parking' on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue until a railing has been installed along the Indian Creek park. Mayor Calvo received comments about surveying activity, Washington Gas crews work-

ing in Town, complaints about a barking dog and loud parties, and inquiries about a coyote roaming the Town. CM Dennison received comments about basketball players blocking driveways on Seminole Street and two dogs running loose.

**Town Council priorities:** Mayor Calvo asked Councilmembers to state their priorities for the Council's next term, including long-term goals and short term objectives. He said his list is topped by sidewalk construction, limiting access to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, appointing a green team, traffic safety at Indian Creek Park and converting the media center into a meeting room. CM Dennison said that her priorities include a welcome packet, equipping the Town Center with emergency generators, upgrades to Pop's Park playground, reviving the Education Advisory Committee and finding a new chairperson, reaching out to diverse constituents, and equipping patrolling officers with a cell phone residents can call for assistance.

CM Almoguera said that she would like to see upgrades to the static Town website and Bulletin, improve sight lines at stop signs and intersections, install more trash and recycling receptacles in Town and engage the green team and/or garden group in beautification of public property. She also proposed a 'touch-a-truck' fundraiser for the Playgroup. Mayor Calvo thought that this should be a Recreation Council rather than a Council priority. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she wants to update the emergency operations plan and adopt memoranda of understanding with Prince George's County regarding commercial parking and zoning enforcement.

Mayor Calvo said MPT Wilkinson stated in an e-mail that his top priority remains sidewalk construction, as well as improving pedestrian safety, generally, with better crosswalks and walking paths. He also wants to complete parking improvements at the Indian Creek Park and work towards a greener Berwyn Heights by installing more trash receptacles, planting trees and improving storm water management. Mayor Calvo added AV and IT upgrades as priorities, as well as improvements to the Town Center, construction of a dog park, WSSC compensation for the Osage Street project, adoption of a street renovation program, review of the recycling and trash disposal enforcement program, and incorporation of solar energy into the Town's energy saving program.

At 8:00 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

TA Murphy said that Ann Latham, Seminole Street, called to propose that the Town install signage informing door-to-door salespeople that they must have permits to solicit.

Mayor Calvo said that the priorities identified tonight need to be organized in some fashion. For example, some priorities need not involve the entire Council but can be completed within a department, such as the website and Bulletin upgrades. Others do require the input of the entire Council, such as the sidewalk construction and pedestrian safety program or the street renovation program. He offered to compose a list of categorized priorities for the next work-session.

CM Almoguera asked which department is responsible for reviewing visibility at stop signs and intersections. There are intersections where shrubs and trees obstruct the sight lines of drivers and pose a safety hazard. Mayor Calvo said that this is a responsibility of the police, who are charged with enforcing traffic safety. A couple of years ago, a volunteer Safe Streets Committee identified many of the visibility issues in Town, which have yet to be implemented. The police need to be reminded to follow up and reach out to Public Works staff to prune branches and paint curbs where needed. This raises another issue: how to get staff to take ownership of problems they encounter and address them without being told.

The Council launched into a discussion of how staff can be induced to become more self-directed and departments to coordinate better. Mayor Calvo suggested that merit pay could be used as a tool to reward employees for taking ownership of their jobs. This requires informing staff that responsibility is a rating criteria. CM Kulpa-Eddy agreed that recognizing employees for taking responsibility in some fashion is one way to encourage it. Beyond that, she thought that the Council needs to clearly articulate its priorities to staff, which likely requires regular staff meetings.

TA Murphy proposed to ask employees what they think their responsibilities are to get an understanding of how they define their jobs. The Council agreed that this would be a good start. Staff might be asked to fill out a survey to find out what they think they should be doing and what services their department is supposed to deliver. A survey should probably frame the answers with a pre-formatted list of responsibilities to be carried out in each department. CM Almoguera offered to write a draft survey. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that each

department should probably also have a set of standard operating procedures and a flow chart for clearly documenting how tasks and processes fit together in accomplishing the department's mission.

The Council agreed that creating a system to incubate ownership and facilitate inter-departmental coordination should be considered a strategic priority. TA Murphy was asked to brief the directors and schedule them to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> worksession in July to discuss the issue. Thereafter a regular meeting schedule should be established. TA Murphy was further asked to send the list of priorities identified tonight to Mayor Calvo for organization.

**Four Cities agenda:** Berwyn Heights will host the July 25 Four Cities Coalition meeting and will put together the agenda. The following were approved as agenda items: WMATA presentation on Metro station security, maintenance, parking and an update on the test track; sharing a log on the street sweeper; update on Greenbelt Middle School and pedestrian access.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance** and **3. Parks and Recreation**.

#### 4. Public Safety

**56<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking:** TA Murphy explained the 'no parking' plan drafted with the help of the Police Department to address the parking issues arising from the increased use of the Indian Creek Park since the opening of a new playground. It is proposed to prohibit parking along the park-side of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning at Ruatan Street up to the playground, excepting a proposed parking area on a grassy lot adjacent to the T-ball field. Directly in front of the playground, 2 handicapped parking spaces are proposed. The yellow line would pick up again on the north side of the playground entrance and extend 20' beyond the stop sign. On the east side of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the yellow line would extend from Ruatan Street to Seminole Street including the first 25' of Seminole Street to ensure clear sight lines at the intersection.

Mayor Calvo asked if Park & Planning has reviewed the plan. TA Murphy said they have not. He has informed them of the Council's request to install a barrier in front of the park and upgrade the grassy lot for parking but has not heard back yet. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked how many parking spaces are planned in total to accommodate park visitors. TA Murphy said that the proposed parking area next to the T-ball field is proposed to have 10-12 parking spaces, plus 2

handicapped spaces in front of the playground. Additional parking is available in front of the basketball court and on Seminole street. TA Murphy was asked to work with Park & Planning to on the parking improvements and to send a thank you letter for the new playground.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Public Works**

#### 6. Administration

**Performance evaluations:** TA Murphy provided the performance evaluation memorandum to directors outlining the process and evaluation forms for the Council's review. There are no changes since last year. With the Council's approval, he will send the memos out to the directors this week, who shall have until July 31 to complete the evaluations. Then the councilmember/department heads will review the employee evaluations and discuss them with their department directors. Next, department directors discuss the evaluations with the employees, sign them and return them to the Town Administrator for the personnel file. After evaluations of employees are completed, the councilmembers/department heads evaluate the performance of their department directors, with employee evaluations being factored into the evaluation of the directors. The Town Administrator will collect the evaluations of the directors, which will be finalized by the entire Council in executive session.

Mayor Calvo said that the process worked well last year. The ratings process of staff has become more uniform over all departments, resulting in fairer evaluations. This year, he would like to focus on feedback from the employees and what they think about their directors and the rating process. For example, he wants to find out whether employees have been told by their directors what they are doing well and not well throughout the year. The formal evaluation interview should not be the first time they hear about their performance.

CM Almoguera asked if employees have an opportunity to state what their goals are and what kind of training they are interested in. Mayor Calvo said, currently, they do not get asked about that. However, he would like to have a simple form drafted that allows the employee to comment on the evaluation process.

Mayor Calvo further proposed to accelerate the review schedule so that the entire process can be completed by the end of August. The Council agreed to revise the schedule as follows: directors evaluations of employees' performance due by July 20; department heads' review of directors' performance due by August 15;

Council review of directors' performance at August 20 worksession. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked that sick usage records be provided for the evaluation process if available.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**6 – 9 pm**

*Dear Berwyn Heights Residents,*

*It gives me pleasure to invite you to Berwyn Heights' 29th Annual National Night Out. This is a celebration of the long-standing cooperation between Berwyn Heights Police, merchants and citizens in fighting crime in our community. Berwyn Heights Police is fully committed to the public safety of the Town's businesses and residents but needs your help and support. So, please come out and join us for another wonderful National Night Out. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.*

*Chief Kenneth Antolik*

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- ◆ Martial arts demonstration;
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- ◆ Generate participation in Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness program;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals that our neighborhood is organized and fighting back.

**We thank the following donors for helping make National Night Out free:**

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  - College Park: AMF Bowling, College Park Honda, College Park Hyundai, Mom's Market,
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### LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

SOLD - 8901 59th Av- 3 BR, 2 BA rambler.....	\$189,900.
RENTED - 6117 Ruatan St- 4BR, 2 BA rambler .....	\$1695mo.
SOLD - 8702 58 <sup>th</sup> Av- 3BR, 2BA rambler, lg sunroom and garage .....	<b>SOLD in 4 days!</b> ...\$229,900.
NEW LISTING - 6207 Ruatan St- 3BR, 2BA rambler, lg addition and open kit w/skylights. ....	\$224,900.
NEW LISTING/NEW CONSTRUCTION - 4 BR, 2.5 BA Arts & Crafts style, granite counters, deck, lg yd .....	\$329,900.

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

August 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

## Hello Husky Family Fun Night! August 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm

Come join us and meet the teachers (returning and new) and the school community! There will be a DJ, food, games and lively conversation.

There will be a uniform drop and swap table for BH Elementary, Greenbelt Middle and Parkdale High. We will have a fingerprinting station for those parents wishing to volunteer for field trips or at the school. Details to be sent home the first week of school.

### Mark Your Calendars

August 20<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Hello Husky Family Fun Night

### PTA Officers 2012-2013

Need to reach us?

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### Membership Corner

Membership is currently \$12.00/Single Adult or \$20.00/Two adults. When the parent/guardian of the student joins the PTA the family is eligible to participate in the PTA events for free. Fill out the form below and return with your child prior to Hello Husky Night.

Some of the events in the planning stage: Hello Husky Night, Walk-A-Thon, Trunk or Treat, Pumpkin Patch, Skate Night, End of Year Pool Party.

## Welcome Back Students and Staff

PTA Membership. \$12.00/Single Adult or \$20.00/Two Adults

Child(ren)'s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## EXTREME HEAT

Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Conditions that can induce heat-related illnesses include stagnant atmospheric conditions and poor air quality. Consequently, people living in urban areas may be at greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas. Also, asphalt and concrete store heat longer and gradually release heat at night, which can produce higher nighttime temperatures known as the "urban heat island effect."

### To prepare for extreme heat, you should:

- Install window air conditioners snugly; insulate spaces around air conditioners, if necessary. An air conditioner with a tight fit around the windows or wall openings will make less noise and allow less hot air in from the outside.
- Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation. This prevents cool air from leaking and keeps it directed through the vents.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated. This will help you to conserve electricity and reduce your home's power demands for air conditioning.
- Use attic fans. Venting warm air out of your attic will help keep your home cool.
- Install temporary window reflectors (for use between windows and drapes), such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard, to reflect heat back outside.
- Weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers. (Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80 percent.)
- Keep storm windows up all year. Storm windows can keep the heat out of a house in the summer the same way they keep the cold out in the winter.

### To cope with extreme heat, you should:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun. Stay on the lowest floor, if air conditioning is not available.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities. Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day; consider walking or playing with your dog in the cooler morning or evening hours. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities. Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake. Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays. Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. For outdoor dogs, make sure they have a cool place in the shade and plenty of cold water (sunlight can heat a water bowl to the point what it's undrinkable). Consider bringing your animals inside when the temperature spikes.

**Cooling centers** are buildings where the public can take advantage of air conditioning during business hours. Please call ahead to confirm availability:

#### **Berwyn Heights Community Center**

6200 Pontiac Street  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
301-345-2808; TTY 301-445-4512

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-9 pm  
Friday: 9 am-7 pm; Xtreme Teens only: 7-10 pm  
Saturday: 9 am-4 pm; Xtreme Teens only 7-10 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

#### **Berwyn Heights Senior Center**

8603 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(Corner of 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Berwyn Road)  
Berwyn Heights, 20740  
301-474-0018

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday-Friday: 10 am to 2 pm





# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

## “Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

August 1	Bing-Yee Lam	August 24	Mary Hudak
August 2	Carla O'Connor	August 30	Darlene Erickson
August 4	Hank Becker		Laura Waltz
August 7	Audrey Foster		
	Theresa Sepcik		
August 8	Wilson Hayden		
August 21	Chandrica Handunge		
August 23	Edna Waters		

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

August 11	Potluck Dinner & Movie	5:00 P.M.
Every Tuesday	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Every Wednesday	Open Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Every Thursday	Game Night	7:00 P.M.



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#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

##### Boys & Girls Club

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 301-614-8933  
 Softball Commissioner (acting): Dave  
 Carter 301-441-2263  
 Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie  
 Compton 301-345-2661  
 Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson  
 301-982-2052  
 Basketball Commissioner (acting):  
 Kristen Buker 240-965-7055  
 Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen  
 Buker 240-965-7055  
 Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin  
 Conover 301-441-1569  
 Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond  
 301-474-2737

##### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022  
 Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

##### Historical Committee

M. David Williams 301-345-6214

##### Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

##### Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

##### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

##### Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

##### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Rooms for Rent:** \$450.00 - \$500.00.  
 Please call (301) 237-2829.

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

**Bookkeeping Services:** Elite Bookkeeping offers payroll services, business registration, and translations. Se habla espanol. Visit elitebk.com. Contact Maria at maria@elitebk.com or at 240-898-6438.

**Web Design:** Cmd27.com offers web design and original photography for businesses or individuals. Please contact services@cmd27.com for a free consultation.

**Catholic Homeschoolers:** Surely we aren't the only Catholic home school family in Berwyn Heights! Call us and let's get together. Eric and Wendy, 301} 345-8077.

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

**Do you need an affordable daycare?** Hi, my name is Carol and I would like to help you. I'm CPR certified and I have three children on my own. Give me a call if I'm the one you need. (301) 474-0963.

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

**Child Care:** Loving, licensed child care in BH, Monday thru Friday, 6:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Call 301 (313) 9131.

**Computer Repair:** Having computer problems? Want files moved from an old computer to a new one? Flat rates cheaper than any store around. Call Jason 301-919-9980.

**Most food & drugs we consume** cause the diseases that "require" more drugs. Get the six lists to save you and Stop Being Sick. SCOTT 301-325-8223.

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

**Attention Seniors:** Kind, compassionate Berwyn Heights resident available to go grocery shopping, run errands, etc. Please call Mary Ann at (301) 982-9295.

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

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

**Licensed Family Daycare:** Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

**Tutor:** High school math, science, history and writing. Please call 301-982-9636.

**Need Help with Grass Cutting, Yard Work or Pet Sitting?** Call Jeremy (16 yrs) or Shane (15 yrs) at 301-474-2002.

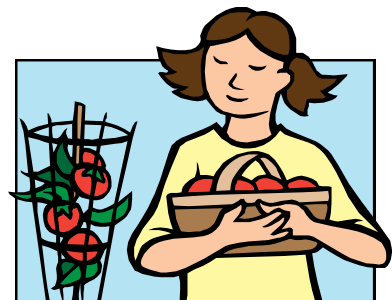
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**BH Republican Club** meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. For more information, check out the Berwyn Heights Republicans Webpage:

[www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html](http://www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html)

Or email: [gottv12@yahoo.com](mailto:gottv12@yahoo.com)





# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee



## 17th Annual Battle of Bladensburg Riversdale Encampment

**B**ring the family and join the British and American War of 1812 troops as they camp on the lawn at Historic Riversdale House to prepare for battle. You could be recruited to join the American militia! There will be children's activities, live music, and period-inspired refreshments



throughout the afternoon. For information, call 301-864-0420

**Admission is FREE!**

House tours available:

\$3 (adults), \$2 (seniors),

\$1 (ages 5-18).

**Saturday- August 11<sup>th</sup> • 12- 4pm**



Visit ATHA at: [www.anacostiatrials.org/](http://www.anacostiatrials.org/)

## 1812 Visitor Center Grand Opening August 24, 2012 • 10:00 am –2:00 pm

### Bladensburg Waterfront

4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710

**C**ome and celebrate the Grand Opening of the War of 1812 Visitor Center! The Center will highlight our County's involvement in the war and the many riveting stories that resulted, like: The British encampments in Nottingham on August 21st of 1814; The scuttling of Joshua Barney's Mosquito Fleet in the Patuxent River the following day; The arrest of Dr. William Beanes and the efforts of Francis Scott Key to help with his release (which lead to the writing of the poem that became our nation's most beloved song, "The Star Spangled Banner"); The affect of the Battle of Bladensburg on the nearby residents who witnessed it, such as Rosalie Calvert and her family... and more.

There will be featured speakers, re-enactors, historical demonstrations, activities, pontoon boat rides, vendors, and more. Walking and Bike Tours will also be available.

**Call 301-779-0371 for more information**

**T**he BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's rich history.



**Our next meeting is September 25th,**  
7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices. The  
BHHC will not meet in the month of  
August, but, we will resume our  
regular monthly meetings in September.

### VISIT THESE SITES:

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee:  
[www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/](http://www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/)

Preservation Maryland  
[www.preservationmaryland.org/](http://www.preservationmaryland.org/)

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

Prince George's Historical Society:  
[www.pghistory.org](http://www.pghistory.org)



## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Berwyn Heights Family BBQ

Saturday Afternoon, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Pop's Park

Berwyn Heights families -- come join us for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family BBQ Potluck at Pop's Park. Playgroup will provide beverages, plates, and utensils. This is a great opportunity to get to know your community a little better, relax and have fun together while our children play!

Regular Play Dates:

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

**Indian Creek Playground**

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



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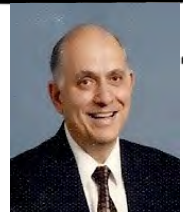
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## **Berwyn Heights Recreation Council – News and Events**

### ***Don't Miss the Annual Ice Cream Social***

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Town Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Free Ice Cream!

This is a wonderful time to see your neighbors and meet new Town residents. The Recreation Council would like to extend its appreciation to the Seniors Club for hosting this event.



### ***The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet Concert at Lake Artemesia***

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Don't miss the first free live concert at Lake Artemesia! See the press release on page 2 of this Bulletin for more details on this wonderful event!

### ***Halloween Event - Trunk or Treat***

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Back by popular demand! Join us at the Berwyn Heights Community Center for a great family activity. The kids won't be the only ones in costumes. Decorate your car's trunk and bring treats to pass out as kids walk by. Enjoy smores and cider at our community bonfire. Don't miss what is sure to be a "Spooktacular" evening. Sponsored by the Recreation Council and the Berwyn Heights Community Center. More details to come.

#### **Recreation Council Contacts:**

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

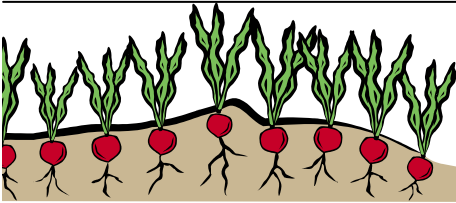
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**MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED OR  
VACANT  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Town Council has instituted a program to address the growing concern of maintenance of abandoned or vacant property.

**Enforcement:** When the Town determines that a property has been vacant for 15 consecutive days and the owner of record is unknown or the owner of record's whereabouts is unknown, the Town, after making every effort to identify, locate and notify the owner of the maintenance violations, is authorized to enter upon the property to abate any and all violations, such as accumulation of garbage, litter or rubbish, high grass, overgrown bushes, shrubs and weeds, etc.

Residents are urged to notify the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-0331 or the Office of the Town Administrator at 301-474-5000 of properties believed to be abandoned or vacant needing maintenance.

A best first impression sells buyers on a house they would like to buy and in a Town they would like to live in. Help us help you.

**Pepco**

**Smart Meter Installation**



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

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

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



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*Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.*  
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# The Bugle



## Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club August 2012

### Girls Softball Championship

***Congratulations*** to our U14 Girls Softball team for being the ***Champions for Prince Georges County*** again this year. The U14 team was 9-0-1 this year. The U10 and U12 teams had a great year also and continue to improve.

### Baseball

***Congratulations*** to our U10 baseball team! They are the ***Champions for the Prince Georges County AA Minor league***. They finished the season 11-1 and won the AA Minor league county tournament.

### Track

Our 2012 Track team still has a couple of All Comers Meets at the Sports & Learning Complex that they can run in. The kids did very well this year and were very competitive against other Boys and Girls Clubs. We plan on having our Track team again next year.

### Fall Soccer

Fall soccer will begin in August with games starting around September 8<sup>th</sup>. You should be getting practice schedules very soon if you are currently signed up. If you have not played any sports with the Club this year and would like to play soccer this fall please contact Tino Menjivar at (301)614-8933.

### Camp Out and Movie Night

We are still trying to work out the dates for the campout and Movie(s). We will send the details out as soon as we have them.

### Ball Hockey

We have started Ball Hockey with coach Rusty at the rink at Sports Park for the kids on Thursday nights at 7:00pm until 8:30pm. We will be running this program through the end of August. If you are interested please contact Kevin Conover at [kconover@umd.edu](mailto:kconover@umd.edu).

### Annual Sports Banquet

Keep this date open! Our Annual Sports Banquet will be held on October 7, 2012 at Sports Park. More information will be in the September Bugle and by e-mail.

### Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers and coaches to help keep the Club going. This upcoming year, we will have several board positions that will become available and we **need** volunteers to come out and help keep the club going. For more info contact Ronnie Compton at [ronald.compton@verizon.net](mailto:ronald.compton@verizon.net).

Our next Board meeting will be August 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Town Center.

# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of June 2012. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

06/02/12 at 01:35 am, Detective Flax of Prince George's County Police was notified of an injured person at Doctor's Community Hospital from an assault that occurred at 8600 block of 57th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Maryland. The victim stated that around 0050 hours on June 2, 2012 she got into a verbal argument with the suspect who is her boyfriend. The victim stated that the suspect came to her house where they began to argue. The suspect walked outside to his car and then got into the driver seat and the victim sat on the hood of the vehicle. At that time the suspect started his vehicle and drove his car at a high rate of speed with the victim sitting on the hood of the vehicle. The suspect continued driving around the neighborhood at a high rate of speed while the victim was screaming for help. After the suspect drove down several streets he came to an abrupt stop by slamming on the brakes causing the victim to fall from the vehicle. Once the suspect noticed that the victim was injured he drove her to Doctor's Community Hospital, and fled the scene when the victim told hospital staff to call 911. Since the call was made at Doctor's Hospital, a County Police was dispatched. The victim also suffered injuries to her back and head. An arrest warrant was obtained by Detective Flax for the suspect. Due to the extent and seriousness of her injuries the victim had to be medically transported to Med star for further treatment.

06/05/12 at 3:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 1995 Olds from the 8300 block of Cunningham Drive. The vehicle was covered with a plastic tarp and investigation later revealed that the tags are expired and suspended.

06/06/12 at 4:15 pm, Pfc. Roberson was approached by a 33 Y/O, B/F who stated that she was scammed into giving away \$2,500.00. Victim further stated that she was approached by a B/M who told her that he could help bring her family to the US. She withdrew cash from her bank at SECU and gave it to the suspect. Investigation continues.

6/10/12 at 11:08 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from two vehicles by one owner. Unknown person(s) removed a leather rear seat from a 2003 Hummer H2 and a radio from a 2007 GMC truck.

6/14/12 at 6:00 am, Cpl. Bennett assisted the Fairfax County police homicide detectives and the Prince George's County police with a search warrant at the 8500 block of Cunningham Drive. Abir Alee, W/M was taken into custody and charged with allegedly responsible for a homicide that occurred on 06/09/12 in Fairfax County.

6/14/12 at 7:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2007 Nissan from the location of 193 at 62nd Avenue due to being disabled from an accident.

06/16/12 at 9:30 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a report of a stabbing. On scene, he found a white female with several stab wounds to the face and neck area. She was immediately transported to the shock trauma at PGH. Investigation later revealed that her former husband was upset that she refuses to have sex with him inside the car and decided to assault her with a knife. Det. Unger responded and assisted the Prince George's County in the investigation and crime scene preservation. She is currently listed in critical condition. Furthermore, the victim was able to give a description of her former husband including the vehicle prior to her being taken into the ER and at around 11:45 pm, the vehicle was located in Laurel, MD. A felony stop was conducted on the said vehicle and to make things worse, the suspect refuses to exit the car and decided to put a knife to his neck in a gesture as if he wanted to commit suicide. After three hours of barricading himself inside the car, the suspect gave up and was arrested. The suspect was later identified as Mr. Michael Weaver Jr., a 44 Y/O, W/M, from Lusby, MD.

06/18/12 at 11:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski and Chief Antolik responded to the Twins Pharmacy for a report of two men armed with a pistol. While inside, they demanded cash from the register and removed undetermined amount of narcotics. Suspects descriptions are as fallow; black male, 50-55 y/o, 6.0' tall, 200 lbs., dark complexion, shaved head and wearing black rimmed glasses. The second suspect is a black male, 35-40 y/o, 6.4', 180 lbs., medium complexion with Afri-

can prints bandanna wrapped around his long dreadlocks.

06/19/12 at 8:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson arrested a suspect of a hit and run motor vehicle accident located in the area of Ballew Avenue and Branchville Road. Investigation revealed that the driver of a 2000 BMW was travelling down Ballew Avenue at a high rate of speed. The said car then hit an oncoming vehicle and fled without stopping. Pfc. Roberson gave chase and a short time later apprehended Mr. Sheku Tarawally, a 30 Y/O, B/M of College Park, MD. The BMW was impounded for not being registered and he was charged with, failing to stop at a scene of an accident, resisting arrest and several citations were issued. He is being held at DOC.

06/20/12 at 11:45 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 5700 block of Pontiac Street for a report of theft of a package.

## NON-EMERGENCY

## POLICE DISPATCH

## PHONE NUMBER

**301-352-1200**



Here is the Procedure for getting Berwyn Heights police officer response for non-emergency police service or assistance.

1. Call 301-352-1200 (P.G. County Police).
2. Give dispatcher your name, address where you are, a phone number where you can be reached, and explain why you need a police officer.
3. **Critically Important:** Tell the dispatcher that you want the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to contact you or to respond.
4. **In an emergency, Call 911.**



# August 2012

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recycling Collection Street Sweeping Yard Waste North South	Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South	1 NW/EP 7:30 P.M. Town Office	2  N	3  S	4	
5	6  N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	7  S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 6:00—9:00 P.M. See Page 11 	8 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	9  N	10  S	11
12	13  N	14  S	15	16  N	17  S	18
19	20  N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12  PGCPS BACK TO SCHOOL	21  S	22	23  N	24  S	25
26	27  N	28  S HELLO HUSKIES BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:00 P.M. 	29	30  N	31  S	

Street Sweeper is not scheduled for Berwyn Heights in August. Avoid Litter. Keep our Town CLEAN.

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 Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
 Email: [publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7866  
 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
 Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Call-A-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

#### Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 [ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health  
 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 [jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)  
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#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays  
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Fridays  
**Heavy Trash Day:**  
 Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac  
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac  
**Recycling Schedule:**  
 Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
 at 11:30 a.m.  
 or call the Town Office  
 to request a pay time.

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>**  
**Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.**  
**Or email: [emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)**  
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