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NEW COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTED



At the July 10 Town meeting, Maria Robles was sworn in as a Town Councilmember. Councilmember Robles was appointed to fill the vacant seat left by Mayor Calvo's resignation. Ms. Robles and her family moved to Berwyn Heights in 2004. Since then, she has been active in the community, serving as President and Treasurer of the BHES-PTA, and as coach and Treasurer of the Boys & Girls Club. We welcome her aboard.

† CHARLES R. HALL †

We say goodbye to our dear colleague and friend, Charlie Hall, who passed away unexpectedly on Monday June 29, 2015. Charlie moved to Berwyn Heights with his wife Dianna in 1970 and raised his two children here. He started working as a Town Code Compliance officer in 2006 when then Code Director Solomon asked him to join her staff after citing him for a code violation. He quickly developed cordial relationships with other Town staff and was well liked by residents. Even code clients paid him respect.



Charles Russell Hall was born on November 30, 1948, and grew up in Luray, VA. He planned to study medicine but was drafted to fight in the Vietnam War. In 1971, he joined the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police and retired as Sergeant in 2003. Charles gave much of his time to charitable organizations. He served on the Board of Directors, including President, for New Horizons, which supports and trains individuals with disabilities; he helped lead the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of Prince George's County, which engages in a variety of charitable activities; and he was a member of the Metropolitan Police Fraternal Order of Police.

Charles is survived by his wife Dianna, son Michael and daughter Michelle, and two grandchildren Katelin and Austen. He is missed by family and friends alike.



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Friday Refuse Collection moved to Thursday Effective July 2015

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday Entire Town	Friday
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	NONE
Bulk Trash	Bulk Trash			
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

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May 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, and Chris Rasmussen. CM Anthony Schreiber had an excused absence. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: The June 1 worksession was confirmed. The next Four Cities meeting hosted by Berwyn Heights will take place on July 29th. Invitations to send a representative are to go out to the Department of Permits, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) and WSSC. The August 3 and 17 worksessions were moved to August 10 and 24.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy the April 20 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the May 4 worksession was approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: CM Rasmussen announced that Code Supervisor Freddie Glass has started to work. CM Dennison reported that Berwyn Heights Day was a success and that the Town wide Yard Sale will be held on June 20. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Administration Department is wrapping up the sidewalks project and preparing for bidding the emergency generator project.

Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team held a rain barrel workshop this weekend and had very good attendance. Twenty-six barrels were distributed, with 4 going to Public Works. The new sidewalks are coming together great and he enjoys seeing people using them. The letter from the Town Council to the County Council opposing the proposed tax increases is in his hands for editing and will be sent out tomorrow.

Citizen discussion: MPT Kulpa Eddy received a comment that there was a break in WSSC's temporary bypass lines on 57th Avenue, but it was quickly repaired. She also received comments relating to the Call-a-Bus during a recent CERT class. Mayor Calvo received a comment regarding Pepco's tree cutting efforts along the school property, and the stumps that were left behind.

Town Council vacancy: Mayor Calvo said when a Mayor resigns two things need to be decided: succession and how to fill the vacancy. The Town Charter specifies that a Mayor is succeeded by the Mayor Pro Tem but it is silent on how the next Mayor Pro Tem is selected. The Charter also gives the Council leeway on how to fill the vacancy. Recent precedent has been for the Council to appoint a resident from a pool of applicants after the vacancy has been posted in the Town Bulletin. The last vacancy in 2009 was filled by inviting applicants to a special meeting for interviews by the Town Council. Interviews and selection were made in executive session.

Mayor Calvo said the Charter prescribes that a vacancy must be filled within 45 days. He offered to make his resignation effective by the June 10 Town meeting to give the Council more time for the selection process. The vacancy should be advertised in the June Bulletin, and possibly in the July Bulletin, with an interview date sometime in early July.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that applicants will now be required to submit a financial disclosure with their letter of interest to comply with the new Ethics Ordinance. Further, an open forum at which residents could meet the candidates and ask question has been contemplated. Mayor Calvo said that this would put up an additional hurdle for applicants and is likely to discourage some. It has not been done before and he advises against it. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that a new Mayor Pro Tem also needs to be selected. It was agreed that the Council will discuss the Mayor Pro Tem position at the next worksession, with the expectation to make a selection and have that Councilmember sworn in at the June Town meeting.

At 7:41 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Town Council priorities: Mayor Calvo said that with a new leadership on the Council imminent, it is an opportune time to take stock of priorities. Good progress has been made on last year's priorities: a new Town Administrator has been hired; the sidewalks project is nearing completion, while emergency generators project is being revised; a street renovation plan is in the works; and money has been set aside for an economic development study; an urban forest initiative and an overhaul of personnel policies.

The Council revisited other priorities. Policies that still need to be reviewed and revised include fiscal policies, Council Rules and the Town's Election Ordinance. Planned changes to the trash

collection schedule, trash standards and recycling rules need to be communicated to residents. The Administration Department was to improve outreach and communication with residents and upgrade the agenda packet. With respect to Code Compliance, an MOU with the County on commercial vehicles and other zoning issues was to be explored. A hydraulic study by Prince George's County of the Town's storm water drains needs to be followed up. In Public Safety, the Council was to help the Police and the Volunteer Fire Department in finding better accommodations.

FY 2015 budget amendments: TA Cowles provided an updated FY 2015 budget amendment and noted that the only change from the introduced version is the addition of \$35,000 in expenses for the demolition of 2 condemned homes under *Surplus - Capital Projects & Purchases*. She then reviewed and explained each line item in the budget amendment. The overall amount to be pulled from surplus for operating expenses is projected to be \$83,000, which is below the \$101,000 budgeted.

Mayor Calvo clarified adjustments made to speed camera and Metroland revenues, which were used to fund the priority 1 sidewalks project. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if income tax revenues are coming in at the projected pace. TA Cowles replied they are expected to come in above projections, with two disbursements outstanding. However, a recent Supreme Court decision striking down a Maryland law double taxing out-of-state residents may have some ramifications that cannot yet be quantified.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance, 3. Parks and Recreation, 4. Public Safety and 5. Public Works.**

6. Administration

Sidewalks update: TA Cowles said the priority 1 sidewalks construction is moving along quickly now. Everything should be wrapped up by the end of June, including additional curb and gutter work, repairs of existing sidewalks, pouring of bus pads and Public Works yard storm water remediation. A section of sidewalks in front of the Pop's Park and the ADA ramp at the school remain to be replaced.

TA Cowles continued that momentum towards launching the Safe Routes to School sidewalks project has also been building. SHA is ready to sign off on the engineering plans and bids will be advertised on May 28. A bid conference will likely be held around June 4 with bids due on June 18. The emergency genera-

tors project will be bid out around the same timetable. The engineering plans have been revised for a smaller generator at the Town Center and will entail a reconfiguration of the electric panels, which will take into account a planned HVAC system upgrade at the Town Center.

Mayor Calvo suggested making a decision on requesting additional concrete work from this contractor by June 1, so that it can be paid from this year's budget. Further, the 'no parking' signs in front of the Town Center could be removed, and none may be needed in front of the school, as the roadway appears to have enough room for parked vehicles and traffic.

Bikeway plan: Clerk Harper presented additional aspects of the bikeway plan for which the Town received a Maryland Heritage Areas grant, including proposed interpretive signs for Town entrances, bike racks and repair station. She said that interpretive signs have a different content that depends on their proposed locations. A sign at the Indian Creek Bridge focuses on the Indian Heritage; a sign at Pontiac and Edmonston Road focuses on historic homes; and a sign at 58th and Greenbelt Road has a commerce and industry theme.

The plan specifies two different types of racks: coil-type racks accommodating up to 10 bikes and post-type racks that accommodate up to 2 bikes. The coils are proposed for the school and Sports Park. The post-type hitches are proposed for the Town Center, Pop's Park, Indian Creek Park and/ or Sports Park. The Council commented that the number of bike racks should be based not only on current usage but take into account a possible increase in bike ridership in the future. Racks at the school might best be located next to the cafeteria entrance.

With respect to the interpretive signs, the map of the Town should be enlarged to show greater detail. Points of interest detailed below the map should reference the historic walking tour rather than individual historic homes, as well as indicate the location of rest rooms and other public amenities. The write-ups should be as concise as possible. Mayor Calvo thought the story of Berwyn Heights told on the signs should focus on the building of the community instead of its physical establishment, and highlight the Town's diversity.

The Council had no objections to the types of racks and repair stations specified and their proposed locations. Sign content should be further revised.

Variance request: TA Cowles said that the Town last Friday received a variance request to enlarge a driveway at 6216 Quebec Street from its current size of approximately 10' x 20' to 20' x 40'. The owners of the property were notified that the variance would be heard tonight but did not come.

Mayor Calvo said that the enlargement nearly triples the size of the driveway. This property often has a number of commercial trucks parked in front of it, and the larger driveway may be intended to get them off the road. The Council has approved other driveway expansions but usually with conditions. However, to come to some type of agreement on how the driveway should be built, the owner needs to be present. In the owner's absence, he would oppose the variance and ask the owner to come back.

CM Rasmussen asked why the Town would allow commercial vehicles to be parked in Town at all since they are not allowed by the County. Mayor Calvo said that the Town generally tries to be friendly to businesses as long as owners don't impose on their neighbors and the Town. However, if a homeowner has a fleet of vehicles associated with a business, he needs to rent a parking lot somewhere else. Another concern is that the additional pavement contributes to more storm water runoff downhill, which is why the Council has previously asked homeowners to use pervious pavers when rebuilding their driveways or make other offsets.

Mayor Calvo asked for a motion to oppose the variance as it now stands. CM Rasmussen so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

8. Executive Session (9:25 - 10:17 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa Eddy, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. With matter discussed, CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa Eddy seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
June 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Mayor Calvo had an excused absence. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass, Clerk Kerstin Harper and residents Ricardo and Herminio Portales.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The UMD women's Lacrosse Team won the national championship.

Calendar: Additional worksession will likely take place on June 25 to award the contracts for the emergency generators and Safe Routes to School projects.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the May 11 budget worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The May 13 Town meeting minute were distributed.

Department reports: CM Dennison announced that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for June 17, 6 pm, and the annual Town-wide Yard Sale for June 20. CM Schreiber announced that June 25th is free tipping day at the County landfill. Residents are encouraged to set out as much bulk trash as possible and dispose of any yard sale leftovers. There will be no trash collection on the Friday, June 26 following tipping day.

CM Rasmussen reported that new Code Supervisor Freddie Glass is present tonight to advise on a variance request. Further, TA Cowles has started to look for a consultant that can help the Town develop an urban forest program. She is exploring joining up with another municipality for the consultancy. Prince George's County is assisting the Town with the demolition of two vacant homes and has identified two contractors the Town can use to perform the demolition, after final notification of the owners. Demolition usually occurs 30 to 60 days after notification and could be completed by July or August this year. TA Cowles has informed adjacent property owners about the status of the condemned homes and will notify them when the demolition is imminent.

Citizen discussion: Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked why the Chief is not authorized to call up the Emergency Preparedness Committee when there is a need for the trailer. MPT Kulpa Eddy said she is not aware that there are restrictions on the Chief's ability to call up volunteers for assistance in an emergency.

but she will look into it.

Variance request, 6216 Quebec Place (discussed out of order): TA Cowles explained that the owners of 6216 Quebec Street requested a variance to increase the size of their driveway from 8' x 20' to 20' x 40'. The proposed location of the driveway conflicts with Section 27-120 (c) of the Prince George's Zoning Ordinance, and a variance requires input from the Town. The owners made an attempt to attend the last meeting to explain the project but there was a miscommunication about entering the Council Chamber. The County's Zoning Board deferred their hearing to give the owners another chance to make their case to the Town Council.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked why the proposed driveway is not conforming to the zoning code and requires a variance. After some discussion, the Council concluded that, in a residential zone, a driveway may not be so wide as to extend into the area between the front street line and the sides of the dwelling. In addition, there may be a side yard setback requirement that is not met.

The owner, Ricardo Portales, was asked to explain his project. Mr. Portales said that he wants to increase his driveway so he can park both a work van and a truck on it, and to add a walkway to his front entrance. He has received a number of tickets from the Town for parking a commercial vehicle in the street overnight and would like to avoid this occurrence. There has also been vandalism of the truck that is parked in the street.

CM Schreiber confirmed that Mr. Portales is the owner of a construction business. He then explained that the Town's main concern is with running a business out of the home. He owns a construction business himself and sympathizes with the need for parking commercial vehicles at one's property. However, neighbors can be negatively impacted. If the Town allows Mr. Portales to build a 20' x 40' driveway, he could park more than two commercial vehicles there, while parking personal vehicles in the street. Conceivably, the property could generate half dozen vehicles parked on and off the street. Even if Mr. Portales does not park more than two vehicles on his driveway, a future property owner might. Mr. Portales is advised to rent a commercial lot if he has a fleet of work vehicles for his business.

Other concerns raised in discussions included generating more storm water runoff from added pavement, which could contribute to flooding downhill during

heavy rains and setting a precedent for other business owners to ask for larger driveways, which would change the residential character of the Town. The Council concluded that the proposed driveway is too large. However, a driveway of a lesser size that fits up to two vehicles and allows space for a walkway to the front entrance would be acceptable. Mr. Portales was asked to revise his plans in consultation with the Town Administrator and bring them back for Council review at the next worksession.

CM Rasmussen noted that Colmar Manor has an arrangement with one of its businesses to allow residents to park commercial vehicles on unused space. Perhaps a similar arrangement can be made in Berwyn Heights. The Council agreed this would be a good solution and should be explored.

Summer, fall planning: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council has a list of goals and priorities it wants to accomplish during the next fiscal year. She hopes that each councilmember would champion one or more projects and help bring it to a successful conclusion. Her own time is limited and she would focus on revising the Election Ordinance. CM Dennison said she would take on obtaining MML's banner city status and possibly updating the Council Rules.

CM Schreiber said that he is interested in improving the 58th Avenue trail between Goucher Drive and Nevada Street, in conjunction with the bike trails project. The existing gravel path has poor drainage and is too narrow for 2 bikes to pass each other. This stretch could be redone in conjunction with possible improvements to the paved section of 58th Avenue and to the 60th Avenue footpath near the school, which Director Lockley presented during budget season.

CM Rasmussen said that his priority is the urban forest initiative. This project will likely include selection of a consultant, working with the consultant to develop appropriate policies for planting and maintaining shade trees, as well as a revision of the Urban Forest Ordinance and reconstituting a Shade Tree Board. He would wait to undertake the revision of the Ordinance after the Election Ordinance has been revised.

TA Cowles said that the use of consultants has been funded in FY 2016 to help complete the Council's top priorities, including the urban forest initiative, the personnel manual update, the website redesign, and the marketing and economic development study. The procure-

ment and management of these efforts will require careful planning and phasing. The economic development study has the most funding associated with it and is likely to require more input from the Council as to what the end product should look like. Models from other municipalities are available and joining up with a neighboring municipality for a market analysis is being considered.

TA Cowles noted that the procurement for the emergency generators and the Safe Routes to School sidewalks projects has begun with the publication of the bid packages last Friday.

At 8:20 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Town Council vacancy: TA Cowles explained the parameters for filling the Council vacancy left by Mayor Calvo's resignation. At the Council's direction, the vacancy will be filled by appointment and was advertised in the June Bulletin together with instructions about the application process. Town Attorney Shay has done some research on how vacancies are filled in other municipalities, and advises that Councils have wide latitude in making appointments. Many cities and towns conduct the interviews in open session while making the appointment in executive session.

After some discussion, the Council agreed to hold interviews and appoint a candidate on July 6 in executive session. This conforms to prior practice of the Berwyn Heights Town Council.

Mayor Pro Tem appointment: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said, following Mayor Calvo's resignation, she will step up to become Mayor, as set forth in Section 306.2 of the Town Charter. However, the Town Charter is silent on how the next Mayor Pro Tem is to be selected. In the past, the next highest vote getter has sometimes been designated as Mayor Pro Tem. In this case, it would be CM Dennison.

CM Dennison said that there is concern on the Town Council that she would not be able to manage it. While she disagrees, she will step aside because she does not have the support of the Council. She is content to remain Councilmember for Parks and Recreation as this will also leave more time to take care of her ailing, 89 year old mother.

CM Schreiber, the next highest vote getter, said he has no interest in becoming Mayor Pro Tem. CM Rasmussen said he is willing to serve. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Schreiber, the Council voted 3-0-1, with CM Ras-

mussen abstaining, to appoint CM Rasmussen as the next Mayor Pro Tem. He will be sworn in at the June 10 Town meeting.

FY 2015 budget amendments: TA Cowles said she has made a couple of minor changes to the FY 2015 budget amendment since they were last discussed. She returned the Surplus - Operating Budget line item to the \$101,400 budgeted from \$82,000 estimated to leave a cushion for any unexpected expenditures that may require pulling money from surplus. Second, she lowered projections for speed camera revenues from the initial \$40,000 to \$30,000 in FY 2015. However, the lower receipts in this revenue item will be made up by higher than expected income tax revenues.

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

MSEC grant: TA Cowles explained that Director Lockley applied for a \$25,000 Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) grant from the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to upgrade the HVAC system at the Town Center and make other energy saving improvements identified in a 2013 energy audit. She has received informal confirmation that the Town would receive the grant. Once the grant agreement is signed, an MEA grant manager will visit the Town to review the proposed improvements and begin project planning. By signing the grant agreement, the Town also commits itself to adopt policies that encourage energy efficiency, renewable energy development, and reduce reliance on petroleum as a transportation fuel. Director Lockley will be the project manager.

CM Dennison moved and CM Schreiber seconded to sign the grant agreement. In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Cowles said that there is no Town match or other expenditure associated with the agreement. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Sidewalk update: TA Cowles said that the priority 1 sidewalks project is winding down with only the Public Works storm water mitigation project outstanding and a few sections of sidewalks on the 8900 block of 60th Avenue, 6200 block of Pontiac Street, and at Pop's Park. As it stands, it appears that there will be money left in the sidewalks contract to repair and replace old curbs and gutters in Town. The contract funds 900 linear feet of repairs, of which 310 linear feet have been committed by Director Lockley. The remainder can be selected from a list of deteriorated sections of curbs, gutter and sidewalks that are also in

need of repairs. Some of them are on the streets flagged as a priority for resurfacing in the near future. Most of the bad sidewalk sections are on Ballew Avenue where tree roots are lifting up the concrete.

In discussions, Councilmembers said that the sidewalk repairs on Ballew Avenue would probably require putting in a barrier to prevent tree roots from breaking up the sidewalks again. Further, these sidewalks are not frequently used by Town residents. Most people visiting Lake Artemesia come by car or bicycle. On the other hand, broken sidewalks on the 6200 block of Pontiac Street should be repaired because many school children use them. The Council agreed that the Pontiac Street sidewalks should be the top priority for repairs, followed by curbs and gutters identified on the list, and lastly Ballew Avenue sidewalks.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the July Bulletin cover: theme Fourth of July; and headlines for the Lake Artemesia Concert, National Night Out and trash collection changes.

PGCMA breakfast attendance: Clerk Harper was asked to make 3 reservations for the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) breakfast during the MML conference.

6. Code Compliance (discussed under Mayor's agenda)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, MPT Chris Rasmussen and CMs Patricia Dennison and Anthony Schreiber. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Suzan Lape, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Prince George's County Clerk of the Court Representative Sherilyn Williams, NW/EP members and citizens.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Calvo's resignation Letter

Clerk Harper read Mayor Calvo's resignation letter: "As you know, I have recently accepted a new professional opportunity that presents new obligations

that will not allow me the time and ability to continue to serve as our towns' mayor. Therefore, I write to formally inform you that I will resign my position as mayor of the Town of Berwyn Heights effective 8:00 p.m. on June 10, 2015..."

2. Swearing-in of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said when a mayor resigns the Town Charter mandates that the Mayor Pro Tem becomes Mayor. Therefore she will step into the Mayor's position, and CM Rasmussen agreed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of this Council's term.

Sherilyn Williams, Executive Assistant of the Clerk of the District Court of Prince George's County, performed the swearing-in of Jodie Kulpa-Eddy as Mayor, followed by the swearing-in of Chris Rasmussen as Mayor Pro Tem.

3. Introduction of Code Supervisor

MPT Rasmussen introduced Freddie Glass, who previously worked as a code officer for the City of Bowie and the Town of North Brentwood. He started to work for the Town of Berwyn Heights on May 13 and brings extensive code enforcement experience to the job. The Town is happy to have him.

Mr. Glass thanked the Councilmembers and staff for their support and said that he is looking forward to working for this community.

4. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the May 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Rasmussen, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she and this Council plan to carry out the goals and priorities the Council set for itself last summer, as best as possible. Residents should rest assured that there will not be a dramatic shift in direction after Mayor Calvo's resignation.

She reported that the Prince George's County Council adopted a budget slightly smaller than what County Executive Baker requested. It includes a 4% increase in the County real property tax rate instead of the 15% increase requested, plus a 1% increase in the telephone tax and a 2% increase in the hotel tax. The additional revenue generated will largely be used to fund educational

improvements in Prince George's County Schools. It will also enable the County to forgo furloughs of its employees that would otherwise have taken place.

The Town Council took a position on the County budget opposing the tax increases after hearing mostly negative comments from residents. The Town Council was also concerned about the absence of a clear program of how the additional money would be spent. As part of adopting its budget, the County Council commissioned a Blue Ribbon panel to study the County's long-term structural deficit and will perform an audit of PGCP's budget to provide a better accounting of how educational funds are spent.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the FY 2016 Town budget was passed at the May Town meeting. Today the FY 2015 budget amendments will be adopted. Expenditures are on track and revenues are slightly less than projected. However, 2 income tax disbursements have not yet been received and disbursements for the emergency generators and Safe Routes to School sidewalks project are expected to come in FY 2016.

The Town Council vacancy was announced in the June Bulletin and interested residents are requested to send in a letter of interest, resume and financial disclosure by June 19. The Charter allows 45 days to fill a vacancy. It is hoped that a candidate will be selected in July and can be introduced at the July Town meeting. At the end of June, the Council will attend the annual MML conference to take part in workshops and training covering all aspects of municipal government.

7. Department Reports

Administration: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Administration Department was busy preparing bid packages for the emergency generators and Safe Routes to School sidewalks projects. There was a lot of interest from contractors in the pre-bid conference, and it is hoped that the Town will receive a number of bids from which to make a selection by the end of the month.

Code Compliance: MPT Rasmussen thanked the Council for placing their trust in him and selecting him as Mayor Pro Tem. He will work with the Council on advancing the agenda laid out by the 46th Town Council. In Code news, Supervisor Glass is reminding homeowners that Prince George's County is requiring all rental homes to have carbon monox-

ide detectors installed. This is one of the health and safety provisions the Code Department will be enforcing as part of its rental licensing program. Mr. Glass can answer any questions about proper installation of the smoke detectors.

MPT Rasmussen also thanked his colleagues for funding a consultant to help the Town put together an urban forest plan. TA Cowles has identified a few possible consultants and is exploring whether there are other municipalities interested in sharing the cost. As suggested at a previous Town meeting, there will be opportunities for residents to pitch in with cleaning up green spaces and planting new trees. The Baltimore Sun on June 4th carried an article about *Baltimore Green Space*, a city non-profit that is cleaning up patches of urban forest to turn them into parks for people to enjoy. This could serve as a model for Berwyn Heights. He will encourage TA Cowles to look into working with this or similar groups.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison announced the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Town-wide Yard Sale.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for May. There were 9 Part I offenses, including 2 assaults and 7 larcenies. This is higher than the 5 year average of 5.8. However, the year-to-date total of 26 was still lower than the 5 year average of 28. Chief Antolik reminded residents not to leave valuables in their cars. Thefts from vehicles account for most of the larcenies taking place in Berwyn Heights. The police also issued 250 State and Town citations and 117 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. In the coming weeks the officers will complete much of their annual in-service training.

In response to CM Rasmussen, Chief Antolik said that an arrest has been made in a recent theft at a Berwyn Heights pharmacy. The incident is linked to a pharmacy theft ring responsible for a number of thefts in Prince George's County. The matter is still under investigation by the FBI and Prince George's County police.

Public Works: CM Schreiber reported that Juan Thorpe was named employee of the month for working additional hours to help out with a driver shortage in the department and various mechanical breakdowns. He also attended a conference of the mid-Atlantic Public Works Association with Director Lockley, where they took part in workshops and viewed exhibits of new equipment.

CM Schreiber encouraged residents to dispose of any bulk trash left from the Town-wide yard sale at the upcoming tipping day on June 25. However, no trash will be collected on Friday, June 26, nor on any subsequent Fridays. This represents the switch to the consolidation of the second weekly trash collection on Thursdays. In the upcoming weeks, Public Works will focus on repainting street markings, repairing pot holes and pruning overgrowth in the Town right-of-ways.

8. Committee Reports

Green Team: CM Rasmussen said that the Green Team had a very successful rain barrel workshop.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper said that the Historical Committee was hosting a board meeting of the Anacostia Trail Heritage Association (ATHA) meeting tonight.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane reported that the Berwyn Heights CERT team participated in a regional disaster drill at the Cheltenham fire training grounds. As a result, Berwyn Heights NW/EP will stage a regional, night-time disaster drill in September. A number of teams from around the D.C. area will participate and learn what equipment the Town has and how it can be used. Volunteers are needed to participate in the drill or act as victims. In other news, Co-Chair Joan Hayden is organizing a CPR class, which is open to all.

Recreation Council: CM Dennison announced that the Recreation Council is hosting a concert of the Susan Jones Quartet at Lake Artemesia on July 9.

9. Unfinished Business

Ordinance 165-B - 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2015 Budget Amendments: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the budget amendment reconciles a number of unplanned expenses and receipts throughout this fiscal year. This includes funding for demolitions of 2 blighted properties, a new Public Works dump truck, new radios for the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP); the correction of a budgeting error in speed camera revenue; and receipts of additional Greenbelt Station compensation money, and a Green Team grant for rain barrels. It also distributes COLAs and merit increases to the departments.

MPT Rasmussen noted that the Town will front the money for the 2 homes

scheduled to be demolished this summer, but expects to get money back from the tax sale of these properties. CM Schreiber moved, and CM Dennison seconded to approve the FY 2015 budget amendment. The motion passed 4 to 0.

10. New Business

There was none.

11. Citizens Discussion

Ron Shane, 57th Avenue, had an addendum to the NW/EP report. CERT training will take place on August 1 and 2, with a focus on teens but open to all. Those interested in the training should contact Mike Attick.

CM Schreiber reported that resident Pat Blankenship had a complaint about the building materials stored by the sidewalks contractor at the corner of Ruatan Street and 56th Avenue. He forwarded the matter to TA Cowles, who made sure this was taken care of. In response to CM Rasmussen, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the material stored there is used to build up the substrate for sidewalks where needed. It will be removed once the sidewalks are completed.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, congratulated Mayor Kulpa-Eddy on becoming Mayor. He also suggested the Town consider planting some fruit trees as part of the Urban Forest initiative. Further, he commented that, while the sidewalks project was an overall success, some mistakes were made, resulting in unnecessary expenses. He also thought that the Town abused its right-of-way prerogatives during the sidewalks construction and should have been more respectful of the rights of property owners, who own the sidewalks after completion.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy clarified that the Town right-of-way is Town property, although homeowners are responsible for the maintenance. It is used for purposes that serve the community as a whole, be it water and sewer lines, utility lines or, as in this case, sidewalks. The Town obtained easements from property owners wherever sidewalks had to be laid on private property. She agreed that the Town should work with property owners when Town projects affect private property.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, congratulated Mayor Kulpa-Eddy on becoming Mayor. He said that she is likely to bring a kinder and gentler approach to governing the Town but is by no means a 'pushover.'

Eddie Daffron, Seminole Street, also congratulated Mayor Kulpa-Eddy and

reminded residents to watch out for children in the streets after school goes on summer break. He also announced that National Night Out will be held on August 4. Volunteers are needed and donations are greatly appreciated.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy concluded by introducing her mother Dorothy Kulpa and aunt Adeline Vciechowski, who came from Wisconsin to attend the swearing-in.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

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June 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Anthony Schreiber. Mayor Calvo had an excused absence. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass, Clerk Kerstin Harper and residents Ricardo and Herminio Portales and Mike Attick.

1. Mayor

Announcements: None.

Calendar: An additional worksession was added for June 25 to award the contracts for the emergency generators and Safe Routes to School projects. The employee appreciation lunch was scheduled for July 17, 1 p.m. at the Town Center. The next Four Cities Coalition meeting in Berwyn Heights was confirmed for Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Rasmussen and second by CM Dennison, the May 18 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by MPT Rasmussen and second by CM Schreiber, the June 1 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: CM Schreiber reminded residents to leave parking spaces for WSSC contractors on the streets where water main work is occurring. Signs have been put up and letters mailed to notify them. The Public Works Department will repair potholes through July. Residents are requested to bring any potholes in their neighborhood to the Department's attention. With the Town-wide cleanup on June 25, DPW is start-

ing the new trash collection schedule, which moves Friday's trash collection to Thursday. Director Lockley is back on the market looking for a hybrid crewman/administrative assistant after accepting Ms. Banjoman's resignation.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the County on June 8 began a hydrological study of Berwyn Heights' storm water system to determine if it is adequate for handling heavy rain storms. The study was commissioned following widespread flooding of low-lying streets and homes during last year's June 10 rainstorm. TA Cowles was asked to make sure that the locations they want to focus on are correct. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy also reported that producer Bill Cornett has started to film scenes of Berwyn Heights for a Four Cities promotional video. He took many pictures and footage of Berwyn Heights Day and is looking for other attractions to capture as well as people to interview. Residents can call the Town office to offer ideas.

Citizen discussion: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she received the comment related to the County's study of the storm water system, and a comment on the Maryland Smart Energy Communities grant the Town received to upgrade the HVAC systems in the Town Center and the Town office. It was suggested to consider insulating the walls of the Town Center instead of installing a more powerful system, which may achieve the same effect. TA Cowles noted that inspectors from the Maryland Energy Administration and the University of Maryland will visit the buildings within the next month to evaluate the conditions and recommend the best energy saving solutions. The walls were insulated on the inside during the recent renovation of the Love room.

MPT Rasmussen received a comment regarding an unpermitted home improvement project on Ruatan Street, which he checked on with Code Supervisor Glass. A stop work order was issued. He also noticed how many double wide driveways have been constructed in the Town and reminded residents that they need a permit and/ or a variance from the County for this. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that she also received comments about the grass in the Seminole Street right of way not being cut and the dumpsters still posing a problem with overflowing trash. The Town may have to contact the property owner again to make sure these problems are taken care of.

Variance request, 6216 Quebec Place

(discussed out of order): TA Cowles explained that the owners of 6216 Quebec Street requested a variance to increase the size of their driveway from 8' x 20' to 20' x 40'. The proposed location of the driveway conflicts with Section 27-120 (c) of the Prince George's Zoning Ordinance, and a variance requires input from the Town. The owners made an attempt to attend the last meeting to explain the project but there was a miscommunication about entering the Council Chamber. The County's Zoning Board deferred their hearing to give the owners another chance to discuss the project with the Town Council.

Since the last discussion of the matter, she and Code Supervisor Glass visited the property, measured it, and spoke with the home owner. The existing driveway is 40' long and 10,' larger than indicated on the site plan submitted with the variance application. The owner would like to expand the driveway width to 15' to add a walkway to the front entrance. She and Code Supervisor are recommending that:

- The new driveway shall not be wider than 14,' including the walkway.
- The additional four feet of width shall be permitted in the area between the existing driveway

and the dominant tree in the front yard. The driveway shall not encroach on the property line shared with 6214 Quebec Street.

- The driveway and any connecting walkways shall be constructed of pervious pavers.
- The new driveway shall utilize the existing curb cuts on Quebec Street and the existing curb cuts shall not be enlarged.
- The dominant tree in the front yard of 6216 Quebec Street shall be protected from harm during driveway construction and preserved to the best of the homeowners' ability.
- A maximum of one commercial vehicle and trailer may be parked in the driveway at any given time. Any commercial vehicle and trailer parked in the driveway shall be in compliance with all Town ordinances.

The Council sought clarification on several points. TA Cowles explained there are no variances on record for the double-wide driveways of two adjacent prop-

erties. Curb cuts may have been already in place to accommodate the wider driveways at these addresses. Other double-wide driveways are usually located in front of the home, and in some cases lead to an extension in the back yard. However, this is not an option here. It is also recommended that the old driveway be demolished and rebuilt in its entirety as the existing driveway is in bad shape and consists of a patchwork of different materials. The additional cost of using pervious pavement for the new driveway has not been determined and depends largely on the type of pavement used. In terms of aesthetics, pavers that allow grass to grow in between would be preferable. As far as is known, there are no County standards as to the degree of perviousness a driveway must have, although there are limitations on how much of a property may be covered by impervious materials (30% per PGC Zoning Ordinance Section 27-442(e) (Table II).

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that in recent years the Council has taken a stand on several variance requests that placed conditions on driveway expansions consistent with what is proposed tonight. Storm water mitigation has been an important consideration in these decisions.

Mr. Portales asked if he could rebuild the new driveway with regular concrete because the proposed pervious pavers would likely not last very long if commercial vehicles were being parked on them. TA Cowles said that would be contrary to the requirement that storm water runoff be mitigated. The Council agreed to the following as acceptable alternatives: 1) two concrete tracks where wheels would go and pervious pavers or gravel in between the tracks; 2) gravel surface only; and 3) rain barrels or rain garden as offsets.

CM Rasmussen moved and CM Schreiber seconded to approve the variance within the framework proposed by TA Cowles and Supervisor Glass. After further discussion, the motion was amended to require Mr. Portales to remove the old driveway in its entirety and construct a new driveway and walkway so that its impervious surface area does not exceed that of the existing driveway. The project should incorporate one of the storm water management best practices mentioned above. The details can be worked out with TA Cowles and Supervisor Glass. The motion passed 4 to 0.

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

Town Council vacancy update: TA Cowles said that the Town has received one application for the vacancy and 2 inquiries. The deadline for submitting applications is this Friday, June 19, leaving 2 weeks for the Council to review the applications before conducting interviews and make a selection at the July 6 work-session.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy encouraged fellow Councilmembers to reach out to any residents they think would be a good fit and invite them to submit applications. It was agreed to compile a list of identical questions each candidate will be asked during the interview, which will be part of a packet of information on the candidates prepared by TA Cowles. TA Cowles clarified that the Council is not obligated to appoint a candidate, in the event there is only one, if he or she is deemed unqualified. This would trigger a special election.

Parkdale High School funding request: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Council received an email from a Parkdale High School math teacher inquiring if the Council would consider helping to fund a visit of a group of minority students to New York City to be introduced to the business community and make contact with potential mentors. The teacher had contacted County Councilmember Danielle Glaros who forwarded the request to all communities whose students attend Parkdale High School. The request is for \$10,900.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said, in addition to reviewing this funding request, she would like the Council to develop a framework of standard criteria to consider such funding requests in the future. This would help the Council to make consistent decisions and let applicants know ahead of time whether they would be eligible for funding. She would also like to determine an amount of money that might be set aside for such requests.

In discussions, the Council made the following points: The Council regards this trip and the program it is part of as a worthy undertaking. However, the request came in on too short a notice and too late for an appropriation of funds. The money in the public relations line item for this fiscal year has been spent. The Town generally focuses its philanthropic efforts on Berwyn Heights residents. No Berwyn Heights student is a member of this group. On a motion by CM Schreiber and MPT Rasmussen, the funding request was turned down. TA Cowles was asked to inform the Parkdale Teacher with an explanation of the reasons for denial. TA Cowles was also asked to begin drafting

a framework for awarding philanthropic donations.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Safety** and **3. Public Works**.

4. Administration

Procurement update on emergency generators and Safe Routes to School sidewalks: TA Cowles said that pre-bid conferences for the two projects have been held. There was a lot of interest in the emergency generator project and 6 bids have been received. Upon going out to bid a second time, TA Cowles advertised through e-Maryland Marketplace, which generated more responses than advertising in the newspaper. The engineers are evaluating them to ensure they conform to all requirements. For the SRTS project, 2 contractors were present but more bids are expected by the June 18 deadline. TA Cowles is confident that the bids will be within or below budget and the Town will consider the lowest bidder first. The Council will meet on June 25 to award the contracts for both projects. In response to Mike Attick, TA Cowles said the emergency generator project includes an upgrade to the electric panels.

Performance evaluations: TA Cowles informed the Council that this year she plans to follow the performance evaluation process currently in place. But the process is likely to undergo substantial changes with an overhaul of personnel policies by a consultant in the next fiscal year. TA Cowles is making a few

changes to the existing evaluation forms and guidelines to account for changes in the organizational structure of the Town government implemented last year. The updated guidelines and forms will be distributed to the department directors by the end of June, who will have to complete them by the end of July before they are reviewed by the Town Administrator and the councilmember/ department heads in August. The evaluations of the department directors and code supervisor will be completed by Councilmembers by early September, and a merit increase and COLA discussion is scheduled for late September.

Bikeway plan update: Clerk Harper provided an update on the signage plan for the grant-funded bikeway improvement project. She reviewed a list of the most important changes, including the content of a welcome message and map on the interpretive signs, and content and location of way finding signs. The Council was requested to approve the revised versions of interpretive signs incorporating previous comments so that all signs can be purchased before the end of the fiscal year.

The Council made a few edits. CM Dennison then moved and MPT Rasmussen seconded to approve the bikeway signage plan. The motion passed 4 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession

June 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Anthony Schreiber. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and resident Mike Attick. Clerk Harper had an excused absence.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Dennison received well wishes for her upcoming birthday on June 26. CM Dennison will not attend the MML conference because her mother was admitted to the hospital.

Department Reports: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Town office received 4 applications to fill the Town Council vacancy. The Council will interview the applicants in open session and make a selection in executive session at the July 6 worksession. The start time of the worksession was set for 6:30 p.m. Two Prince George's County police actions took place; one on Edmonston Road and one on Berwyn Road. She is waiting to hear from Chief Antolik as to the particulars and what can be made public of the nature of those actions.



Berwyn Heights Elementary School Gardens

Please help "spruce up" the school gardens to welcome the students and staff!

When: August 15th 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Rain Date: August 16th 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Where: The front gardens of the school

Please bring your favorite tool if you want!

Service hours available for students!
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Water and snacks will be provided!

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1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
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12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
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1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
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

public of the nature of those actions.

Citizen Comments: Mike Attick asked for clarification on the Councilmember selection process, noting that previously, interviews and selections were made in executive session. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that while the interviews will take place in open session, any citizens present may not ask questions of the applicant. As in the past, the discussion and selection of a Councilmember will be made in closed session.

2. Administration

Contract award for emergency generator project: TA Cowles explained that the Town went out to bid for a second time at the end of May with a redesigned project. To reduce the project cost, the number of generators was scaled back from 3 to 2, with one 60 KW generator for the Town Center and one 30KW generator for the municipal building. This requires a reconfiguration of the electric panels to place all essential building functions on one panel, which will be backed up by the emergency generator.

This time, the Town advertised on e-Maryland Marketplace and in the Gazette newspaper, which resulted in 6 bids submitted. The low bidder was America's Best Service, an electrical contractor based in Crofton, Maryland, coming in at \$113,800. The bid includes the building of enclosures for the generators. A performance bond of 4% of the project cost

required by the Town will raise the cost to around \$118,300. Other additional costs include engineering fees for redesigning the project and construction management, as well as potential Washington Gas service charges.

In conformance with Council Rules to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, CM Dennison moved and CM Schreiber seconded to award the contract to America's Best Service. The motion passed 3 to 0. TA Cowles will prepare the contract for Mayor Kulpa-Eddy's signature by next week and issue a purchase order by June 30. Project completion is expected by September or early October.

Contract award for Safe Routes to School sidewalks project: TA Cowles said that SHA signed off on the bid specs in May for the Safe Routes to School sidewalks in the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. The Town went out to bid in late May, using the same advertising venues as for the generators project. Two bids were received. The lower bidder was the Town's priority 1 sidewalks contractor, E & R Services of Lanham, MD with a bid of \$66,050, which is \$4,050 over the project budget. In addition, \$15,000 in engineering services has been incurred for changes to the plans mandated by SHA. The Town has submitted a request to SHA to fund the added engineering costs. Using engineers for construction management ser-

vices would add another \$10,000 to the project cost bringing the total to \$83,050. If the request is denied, the Town could cover the overruns from the public safety reserve fund.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested that the engineering services expenses for construction management, including final inspection, be added to the SHA request. TA Cowles said she will check with SHA if this is possible. In response to Mike Attick's comments, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said if the State does not fund the additional expenses needed to complete the sidewalks, it should be taken from the public safety reserve fund because that money is restricted to public safety related projects.

CM Schreiber moved and CM Dennison seconded to award this sidewalks project to the low bidder E&R Services, and ask SHA to cover the additional \$31,000 needed for engineering fees. If SHA denies the request, the money is to be taken from the public safety reserve fund. The motion passed 3 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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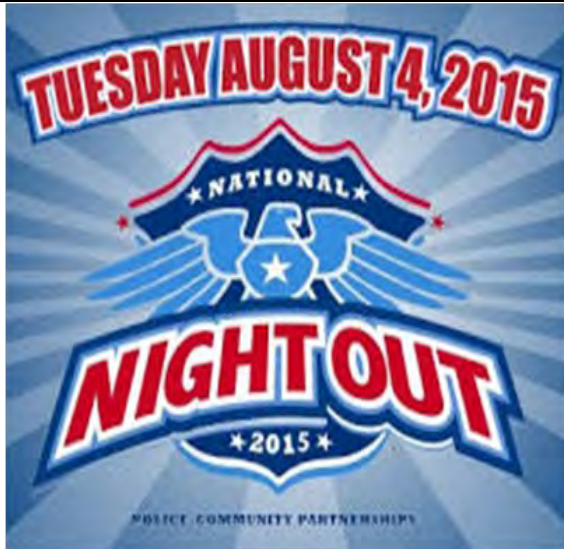
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Playground Rotation: 1st & 3rd Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground
2nd & 4th Monday of month - Pop's Park

Please contact Jaime Sampson (Sampson.jaime@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.





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AUGUST 4, 6 - 9 PM
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- ◆ cookout
- ◆ martial arts demonstrations
- ◆ games for kids
- ◆ exhibits
- ◆ and other attractions



Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness



Summer Travel Safety Tips...

Did you know that a run-of-the-mill criminal can break into your home in less than 60 seconds and spend less than 10 minutes stealing your possessions? And afterwards when they know your insurance company has replaced your expensive items that were stolen, they may come back.

Either stop your mail or ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail/papers and maintain your lawn.

Use light timers which turn multiple lights on and off at predetermined times (copying your normal schedule).

Lock all doors and windows and make sure the outside of your home is well lit and your shrubs are neatly trimmed to eliminate hiding places.

Use social media wisely!

- Never post when, where, or how long you'll be gone.
- Wait until you are home to post pictures to a vacation album.
- Establish rules about how much you'll share, and ensure everyone in your household is on the same page.
- Switch off the "add location to your tweets" function if you're tweeting while on vacation.
- Disconnect Foursquare from your Twitter and Facebook accounts, so it doesn't update those sites when you check in. Better yet, don't check in.

Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office.

RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, 6:30-8 PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FREE ice cream, will be served by the Berwyn Heights Seniors. Come mingle with friends, neighbors, and new town residents while enjoying a delicious treat!

DAY TO SERVE Are you a senior or other BH resident that needs a little help with yard work and other household tasks? As part of "Day to Serve" we want residents to contact us if they would like assistance. We will coordinate a time and volunteers to provide assistance. *Day to Serve*, is on-going from **Sept. 11- Oct. 10**. Please contact Tim on how to sign up.

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August 2015

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

The PTA hopes that all Berwyn Heights ES families are enjoying a wonderful summer vacation!

The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 25th**.

Please visit the school's web site for supply lists and other information. <http://www.l.pgcps.org/berwynheights/>

Introducing the 2015-2016 PTA Board!

Co-Presidents: Chris McComb and
Jason Papanikolas

Vice President: Rachael Street

Treasurer: Craig Ostovitz

Secretary: Sibylle Stosch-Most

BHES School Gardens

Please help "spruce up" the school gardens to welcome the students and staff!

Saturday, August 15th

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 am

(Rain Date: August 16th

8:30 am - 11:30 am)

Meet in front of the school and bring your favorite gardening tool!

Service hours available for students!

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Water and snacks will be provided!

Kindergarten Play Date! Saturday, August 22nd 2-4pm at Pop's Park

Calm any Kindergarten jitters by meeting your new schoolmates before the first day!

Incoming Kindergarteners and their families are invited to Pop's Park (located at the intersection of Cunningham Drive/60th Avenue & Quebec Street) for snacks and some summertime fun!

Hello Husky Night will take place on September 8! Spend a fun evening of music, food and friends to kick off the school year!



Upcoming Events

August 22

Kindergarten Play Date @
Pop's Park

August 25

First Day of School

September 1

Back to School Night

September 8

Hello Husky Night

PTA Web Site

BHESPTA.org

PTA Facebook Page

Berwyn Heights ES PTA

Please join the PTA for the 2015-2016 school year!

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

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The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Upcoming Local Events

Battle of Bladensburg Encampment

August 15, Noon—4 p.m.

Riversdale House Museum.

The British and American War of 1812 troops are back at Riversdale for an encampment that's better than ever! Enjoy children's activities, live music, demos, and refreshments throughout the afternoon.



Stop by our table at National Night Out, August 4. We'll be on hand to talk history and sign up new members! We'll have information about the town's history and will be giving out a little gift.

We invite those who are interested in working on events and projects to our monthly meetings. **You don't have to be an historian or researcher to join us** — just a Town resident who wants to have fun giving back to the community. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**WE TAKE A BREAK IN AUGUST.
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CERT Training

August 1, 2- Town Center—8 AM to 5 PM



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- Be a leader in your school?

Hosted by your Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee, CERT training teaches you readiness and response skills. Hands-on practice and realistic exercises prepare you for the unexpected in your community and empower you to respond safely to an emergency without endangering yourself or others.

This CERT training is suitable for young adults. So, all you Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Club members sign up to learn some useful real life skills while earning your Community Service hours. Sign up early as class size is limited. Attendance to both days is mandatory to be certified. Contact mikeattick@verizon.net for more information.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

August 1	Bing Yee-Lam
August 4	Henry (Hank) Becker
August 8	Wilson Hayden
	Arnold Powell
August 14	Marilyn Pula
August 23	Chandica Handinge
August 24	Mary Hudak
August 27	Robert Staner
August 30	Darlene Erickson
August 31	Laura Waltz

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

August 4	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
August 5	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
August 6	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
August 8	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
August 11	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
August 12	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
August 13	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
August 18	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
August 19	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
August 20	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
August 25	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
August 26	Wii Bowling (open)	10:30 A.M.
August 27	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.



Seniors
in Attendance
at the
Reception
for
Former
Berwyn
Heights
Mayor
Cheye Calvo
July 10, 2015



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas—or join our email list—please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. There is no Green Team meeting in August; our next meeting will be in September, so look for information in the September bulletin, as all residents are welcome to attend our meetings!

Please Join Us at the School Garden Cleanup!

Saturday, August 15, 8:30-11:30 a.m. (Rain date is August 16, same time)

We hope you'll join us on August 15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for a clean up at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School garden—we need volunteers to keep the garden looking good and ready for the start of the school year!

Service hours are available for students! Also, children are welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Why Plant in the Fall?

Here are a just a few of the benefits of planting a garden in the autumn season:

- Fewer harmful insects & fewer weeds
- Extended use of garden space & fresh crops for a longer time

Fall days & temperature considerations:

- Cool nights slow plant growth, so vegetables take longer to mature because days are shorter and there is less sunlight energy for plants. These environmental conditions add sugar to cold crops (and so they taste better!)
- Another advantage is that lettuce and spinach will not bolt!

Start transplants or purchase for:

- Broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards

Examples of seeds to sow:

- Beets, broccoli raab, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, spinach, turnips

Tips for sowing seeds in the fall:

- Water soil before sowing, and sow in the late afternoon so germination will begin overnight
- Plant seeds slightly deeper than in the spring, & note that seeds need cooler temperatures and moisture to germinate and grow; use shade from existing plants, or cover the seeded area with burlap or newspaper

Fall Planting Dates for Selected Crops:

(*indicates the dates for setting out transplants); more information available at:

https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_images/programs/hgic/Publications/HG16%20Planting%20Dates%20for%20Vegetable%20Crops%20in%20Maryland.pdf

Crops	Planting Dates
Beets	June 20 – August 1
Broccoli*	June 20 – August 1
Brussels sprouts*	July 1 – August 1
Cabbage*	July 10 – August 20
Cabbage, Chinese	July 1 – August 5
Carrots	June 15 – August 1
Cauliflower*	July 1 – August 1
Swiss chard	June 15 – July 25
Collards*	July 10 – August 10
Garlic	(For spring harvest) October 15 – November 15
Kale	July 10 – August 10
Kohlrabi	July 10 – August 10
Lettuce (head)	August 1 – August 15
Lettuce (leaf)	July 15 – September 1
Radishes	July 20 – September 15
Spinach	August 1 – September 5
Turnips	July 10 – September 1



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14



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Recent Major Incidents:

June 17th - Squad 14 was alerted to the 9200blk of Marlboro Pike in Forestville for the 3rd Alarm restaurant fire. Truck 14, Squad 14B & Ambo 14 remained at the station staffing it during the incident.

June 10th - Squad 14 & Chief 14A (Fabrizio) were first arriving units to 207 Lakeside Dr. in Greenbelt for a 2nd alarm apartment fire after a lighting strike. Chief 14A had command of the incident.

June 21st - Truck 14 responded to 4400Blk of Oglethorpe Street in Riverdale for fire on the 8th floor of an apartment building after a lighting strike.

June 27th - Squad 14 & Acting Chief 14B (Ross) extricated a driver trapped after a crash at Good Luck Rd/ Handover Parkway in Lanham.

June 27th - Squad 14, Technical Support 14 & Acting Chief 14B (Ross) operated in the 12930Blk of Laurel Bowie Rd in Laurel for the water rescue after heavy rains flooded an apartment complex.

June 27th - Squad 14 extricated a heavily trapped driver after an SUV ran off the Capital Beltway into the woods, striking a tree near I95/494 split.

July 8th - Squad 14 responded "mutual aid" to Montgomery County for a house fire, fire in the attic in the 1700Blk of Mitchell Rd.

July 9th - Truck 14 operated in the 2500blk of Buck Lodge Rd in Adelphi for the kitchen fire.



Medical Emergency Awareness



Heart Attacks:

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- **Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- **Shortness of breath** with or without chest discomfort.
- **Other signs** may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness. *Courtesy of the American Heart Association

Stroke:

A stroke is a blood clot or bleeding in the brain and is a serious medical emergency. Learn to recognize the signs of a stroke, and activate EMS immediately if you believe someone may be suffering from a stroke. Remember FAST:

- **Facial weakness** – can the person smile? Is there drooping of the mouth or one or both eyes?
- **Arm weakness** – can the person raise both arms?
- **Speech problems** – can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?
- Time, get help fast!

If at any time you believe you or another person is experiencing a medical emergency call 911!



BHVFD Hosts Heavy Vehicle Rescue Class

On the weekend of July 10th-July 13th BHVFD hosted a Heavy Vehicle Rescue class at our firehouse and at the PG Scrap Yard located across Greenbelt Road, instructed by Mid-Atlantic Technical Rescue Training Company. Participants spent Friday evening at BHVFD for a classroom session, and all day Sat/Sun at PG Scrap Yard practicing hands on rescue techniques on stabilizing and gaining access to large vehicles in different positions. The participants were BHVFD members (18 total) as well as other volunteers from Hyattsville VFD, Kentland VFD & Morningside VFD.

BHVFD would like to thank the PG Fire Association for funding the class, PG Scrap for allowing us to use their scrap yard, and the Town of Berwyn Heights & BHDWP for donating an old trash truck to use for the training. Also thanks to Hyattsville VFD & Morningside VFD for providing their Rescue Squads to use in the class.

Station 14 Call Volume: June 2015

Rescue Squads:	167
Ladder Truck:	69
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	9
Ambulances	182
Total Station Runs for June	427

VISIT US AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT! -TUESDAY AUG 3RD

BULLETIN BOARD

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.

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

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

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

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.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html

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

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

Free Couch: In good condition. Call Nancy, 301-345-2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

Berwyn Heights Cleaning: Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials and rational price. 240-645-5140 or angelalazo1@hotmail.com

For Sale—Sacrifice: Riding lawn mower, as is, \$200; Need help with sewing project. (My house or Yours.) Call Nancy 301-345-2022 for more details.

Piano Lessons: In your home! Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private teacher. \$27 per half-hour lesson. Call Ms. Liz: 240-601-2825.

Loving, Licensed Child Care: (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

FILMING BERWYN HEIGHTS

Producer Bill Cornette will be out and about filming scenes of Berwyn Heights this summer. He has been engaged by the Four Cities Coalition to make a promotional video, and has a letter of introduction from the Town.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

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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

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Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

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Jaime Sampson

sampson.jaime@gmail.com

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Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Jaime Sampson

sampson.jaime@gmail.com

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Chris McComb

President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Theresa Beck 301-237-2829

beck_theresa@yahoo.com



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of June 2015. 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.

06/06/2015 at 11:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Twin Pharmacy located on Greenbelt Road for an armed robbery in progress. Investigation revealed that two armed men rushed into the store and robbed the business of prescription medications. One arrest has been made.

06/08/2015 at 8:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the area of Berwyn Road at Cunningham Drive for a report of a suspicious Latino male harassing a young female. Investigation revealed that a Latino male in his 20's was shouting at a 17 y/o female and gesturing with his hand for her to come over to his car. The suspect was seen sitting in a black car with gray pinstripe.

06/11/2015 at 8:00 am, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a theft from a vehicle report. An unknown person broke out the side window of a 2008 Jeep and removed a briefcase.

06/11/2015 at 8:20 am, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a theft from vehicle report. An unknown person broke out the side window of a 2008 Kia and removed a GPS.

06/11/2015 at 10:45 am, a resident from the 5800 Block of Berwyn Road came down to the BHPD to report that her identity was compromised by an unknown person.

06/13/2015 at 8:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski confiscated a Maryland registration plate from a vehicle parked in the area of the 5800 block of Quebec Street. The registration was suspended.

06/13/2015 at 9:45 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 1996 Chrysler from the location of 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The vehicle was left abandoned.

06/16/2015 at 7:15 am, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 6000 block of Berwyn Road for a report of vandalism to a 2006 Toyota. The driver's side mirror was damaged.

06/20/2015 at 7:50 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2006

Honda from the location of 63rd., Avenue at Greenbelt Road. The vehicle was driven by an unlicensed driver.

06/21/2015 at 10:11 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for an assault complaint. A 63 y/o, w/f, sprayed unknown substance on a child and an adult female. Investigation continues.

06/22/2015 at 12:26 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Pontiac Street for a theft from a 2008 Ford truck. Unknown person removed assorted tools from the vehicle.

06/22/2015 at 3:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt for a property damage complaint. Owner of 2012 Infinity found a 'ding' on his driver's side door.

06/26/2015 at 3:57 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a disorderly subject yelling at small children. Subject was advised and warned of his actions.

06/28/2015 at 9:05 am Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2010 Chevrolet from the location of Greenbelt Road near 60th. Avenue. The vehicle was involved in an accident.

06/28/2015 at 3:10 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7700 block of Hanover PKWY in Greenbelt, MD to serve a warrant on a subject that assaulted a Town resident on 06/21/2015 with pepper spray. Joyce Paxton, a 63 y/o, w/f was arrested without incident.

06/29/2015 at 8:30 pm, Sgt. Moroney and Pfc. Duck responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell for a vandalism report. Investigation revealed that a mentally disturbed male kicked at a 2004 Ford Truck causing minor damages to the fender. The guardian of the subject agreed to make restitution of the damages and the subject was committed.

07/02/2015 at 9:00 am, Maryland State Police Auto Theft Task Force served a search warrant at the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue. Maurice McFarland, a 38 y/o, b/m was arrested by the Task Force.

A Hearty Thanks to all the Good Folks who Advertise in the Berwyn Heights Bulletin this Month:

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After Business Hours:

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER

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REDUCED-8515 60th Av 4 BR 2 BA rambler completely renovated.....\$284,900.

SOLD- 9713 51st Pl -3BR 2BA rambler \$239,000.

NEW LISTING-5613 Osage St 4BR 2BA split foy \$304,900.

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



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The Bugle – August 2015



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See You at our Chrysanthemum Sale coming in September



Behind every Great Kid is a Great Adult, Setting a Great Example!



C O D E N E W S

JUNE 2015 STATISTICS➤

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

If you have an animal complaint or want to report a stray dog or cat please contact Prince George's County Animal Management at (301) 883-5875 or fill out an Animal Complaint Form, posted on our website under forms and send it to:



The Office of Boards and Commissions
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 500
Largo, MD 20774.

Alternately, you can send an email via CountyClick 311 at <http://countyclick.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

The County's Animal Management also runs a newly renovated animal shelter that offers a wide variety of adoptable pets. They are featured at <http://awos.petfinder.com/shelters/pgamd.html>

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	53
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	3
Animals	2
Trash/ Litter	19
Refuse Collection	25
Vehicles	12
Miscellaneous	7
Commercial	6
Total Clean Lot Violations	141
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	4
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Violations	7
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	1
Total Rentals	205
Inspections	20
Re-inspections	4
Fines	1
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New Vacant Homes	3
Lost Vacant Homes	0
Total Vacant Properties	34

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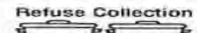
August 2015

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 26	27   	28    7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office	29  7:30 PM Four Cities Meeting Berwyn Heights	30  	31	Aug 1
2	3   	4    6—9 PM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	5 	6  	7	8
9	10   7:00 PM  Worksession	11   	12  8:00 P.M. Town Meeting	13  	14	15 8:30 - 11:30 AM BHES GARDEN CLEANUP
16	17   	18   	19 	20  	21	22
23  Street Sweeper	24   7:00 PM  Worksession	25   PGCPS  Back to School	26 	27  	28	29
30  Street Sweeper	31    	Sep 1   BHES  Back to School Night (for parents)	2  7:30 PM NW-EP Meeting Town Office	3   7:00 PM Rec. Council Meeting Town Office	4	5



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



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

Mayor and Council

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Councilmember —		
Anthony Schreiber	(301) 466-1807	aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Public Works		

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

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
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12**

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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