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TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY

Mayor Rasmussen has accepted a position with the Colorado Department of Higher Education and announced his resignation, effective July 16. This leaves a vacancy on the Town Council. Residents interested in serving on the Council are requested to apply by **Wednesday, August 15, 5 p.m.** and keep open the evening of **Monday, August 20, 2018** for an interview with the Town Council.

Applications should include a letter of interest, resume and a financial disclosure form, available at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/files> or at the Town office. The envelope should be marked 'Council Candidate' and addressed to: **Mayor & Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740**. An application can also be emailed to kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov using 'Council Candidate' in the subject line.

Eligible applicants must be at least 21 years old, registered voters of Prince George's County, and residents of the Town of Berwyn Heights for at least six (6) months. While serving on the Council, the person selected cannot hold a paid position in the service of any other municipality in the State. Town Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month and Council worksessions on the first and third Mondays of the month. Additional meetings may be required from time to time.

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT ON TOWN MANAGER

At the July 11 Town meeting, the Town Council adopted Resolution 1-2018 to amend the Town Charter. The Amendment will become effective 50 days after its passage on August 30, 2018, unless a referendum petition is filed with the Town on or before the 40th day after initial passage of the Resolution.

Summary of the Charter Amendment is to strike references to 'Town Administrator' and replace with 'Town Manager.'

The purpose of changing the title of Town Administrator to Town Manager is to more accurately describe the role and responsibilities of the position, which calls for the overall administration of the Town under the supervision of the Town Council. This supports the goal to move the Town towards a more unified organizational structure in which the Town Council, collectively and individually, focuses on setting policy and overall oversight of Town operations, while the Town Manager supervises daily operations and ensures that the Town Council's goals, priorities and policies are carried out.

For more information, please Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov.

Quality of Life Commission - 2nd Meeting - August 13, 7:00 pm - Senior Center

On July 9 the Quality of Life Commission held its first meeting. It was attended by 13 of 15 residents appointed to serve on the Commission, 4 Councilmembers, the Town Clerk and a half dozen residents. [Megan Miller Shane](#) was elected as chair. After discussing its mission and issues that impact the Town's quality of life, 3 sub-committees were established to study areas of concern, as follows:

- **CODE/ RENTAL HOUSING ISSUES**
Kyle Snyder – 1st Contact Coordinator (kyle_j_snyder@yahoo.com)
Richard Ahrens, Janet Freitag, Phil Newsom, Patti Dennison
- **TRAFFIC/ PARKING/ STREET LIGHTING**
Mary Ann Walkup – 1st Contact Coordinator (mawdances@mac.com)
Betsy Dowling, Dee Reamy, Ray Smith, Angie Wolfinger
- **TRASH/ BEAUTIFICATION/ SIDEWALKS**
Diana Agony – 1st Contact Coordinator (daagony72@yahoo.com)
Joan Ahrens, Maria Newsom, Chandra Parnell, Meg Miller Shane

Quality of Life Commission and sub-committee meetings are open to the public and input is welcome.

Subscribe to Weekly E-Newsletter



Mayor Lynn White has launched a newsletter that publishes important Town news on a weekly basis. You can subscribe to it on the Town website under the 'Subscribe to News' button. You can also subscribe to Nixle, Town Urgent Alerts, and other items of interest. Check it out at:

<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/subscribe>



Has Town News

The venerable Berwyn Heights listserver, now at Groups.io, is a moderated community discussion group. It provides a platform for residents to stay informed and exchange news and opinions about Town Affairs. Sign up at:

<https://groups.io/g/BerwynHeights>

and start sending messages to the group by emailing;

BerwynHeights@groups.io.



NEED HELP PAYING ENERGY BILLS?

Maryland low-income residents are eligible to receive energy assistance through the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) to help pay heating costs or electric bills. To apply for assistance, call the Department of Human Resources/ Office of Home Energy Programs at 800-332-6347 or visit: <http://www.dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/>

You may also contact the Home Energy Programs Office in your area at **(301) 909-6300**, located at **425 Brightseat Road, Landover, Md. 20785**

Energy Efficiency assistance is available through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The program can help provide improvements and repairs to homes at no cost to help lower utility bills and make a home more comfortable. For more information, call 1-855-583-8976 or visit:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/EnergyEfficiency.

Advertising Rates For the BH Bulletin

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| 12 Months | \$768.00 | \$1,344.00 |
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| 12 Months | \$1,536.00 | \$2,688.00 |



Tuesday, August 7, 2018
6 – 9 pm

*Come join us for another great
National Night Out, rain or shine.*

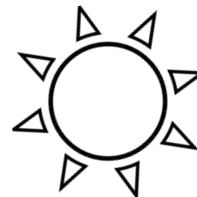
Lots of FREE & FUN activities

- ♦ Cookout and summer snacks;
- ♦ Kids games and contests;
- ♦ Martial arts demonstration;
- ♦ Exhibits by BHPD, BHVFD and community organizations.



Please contact Cpl Krouse at 301-474-6554 or skrouse@berwynheightsmd.gov for booth reservations or community service hours.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



The PTA is excited to announce
the 2018-2019 Executive Board:

President: Marilyn King
Vice President: To Be Determined
Secretary: Velma Hamilton
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

We're still looking for two volunteer vice presidents!
Let us know if you can help.

Upcoming Events

September 4, Tuesday

First Day of School
Meet other parents for coffee
after you drop off your child.

Join the PTA!

Join the PTA or renew your membership for the 2018-2019 school year.

Participating in the PTA is a great way for parents to stay informed about what is happening at the school and to help make Berwyn Heights Elementary a better school. Membership is \$12 per adult or \$20 per family for each year. Membership forms are available on the PTA website or at the school.

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

August



Sun. August 12th, 6-8pm— at BH Sports Park

(located at the corner of Ruatan St. & Berwyn Rd)

Come rock out to classic and current rock & country sounds of the **“Woo Yeahs”**.

Groove on their hot instrumentals and tight 3-part harmonies.

Bring something to sit on, your dancing shoes & be prepared for a good time.

Boys & Girls Club will be selling snacks & refreshments at the Snack Bar.

(Beer will also available for purchase. Must be 21+ w/ valid ID & remain in designated area)

Other exciting events coming up:



Ice Cream Social - Thu. September 20th, 6:30-8:30pm @ Town Center.

Meet & greet with your neighbors while you satisfy your sweet tooth with Free Ice Cream in this family friendly event.

Trunk or Treat - Sat. October 20th, 7-9pm @ Community Center lower lot .

Dress up your kids & your cars and enjoy this Spooktacular family friendly event.
(Rain date 10/27)



Berwyn Heights Team Trivia Night - Fri. November 2nd, 7-9pm @ Town Center.

Join us for this NEW event! Bar trivia meets Berwyn Heights! Grab your team and join the fun! Stay tuned for more details!!!



Christmas Tree Lighting Party - Sat. December 8th, 6-8pm @ Town Center.

Get into the holiday spirit with our annual party complete with crafts, treats, caroling & a visit from good Ol' Saint Nick!



Stay tuned for more events and surprises, and please visit the Rec Council tent at National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7th, 6-9pm!

We will have info for the adults, games and prizes for the kids!

Next Recreation Council Meeting is Tuesday, September 11th, 7:30 pm
in the G. Love Room. For more info or to join,
please contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net



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



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60th Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents:

June 16: Truck 14 operated in the 10400Blk of 46th Ave in Beltsville, units arrived to find fire showing from an Apartment building.

June 16: Truck 14 operated in the 3200Blk of Saville Ln in Lanham for a working House Fire. Truck 14 arrived on scene and operated as the search & rescue team.

June 16: Truck 14 responded to the 4000Blk of Windflower Way in Lanham for a working Townhouse Fire.

June 21: Truck 14 operated in the 1400Blk of Kanawha St in Adelphi for an Apartment Fire with people trapped. Units arrived to find the 2nd floor on fire with multiple victims trapped.

July 3: Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 responded to SB Balt Wash Pkwy at Southway in Greenbelt for an accident with reports of entrapment. BHVFD arrived to find a patient trapped and worked to extricate the patient.

July 5: Squad 14 responded to ND I-95 at Konterra Drive in Laurel for an accident with reports of entrapment. Squad 14 arrived to find a patient trapped in the crashed vehicle, who was quickly extricated.

| BHVFD Call Volume: June 2018 | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Rescue Squads: | 137 |
| Ladder Truck: | 92 |
| Technical Rescue Support Unit: | 0 |
| Ambulance: | 184 |
| Total Runs June 2018: | 413 |

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

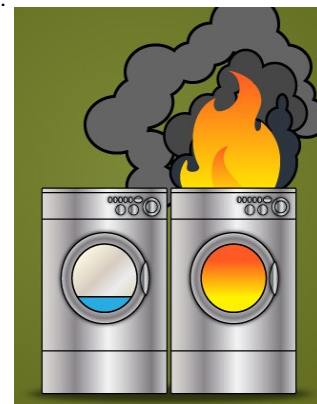
The Berwyn Heights VFD is seeking motivated Town residents ages 16-99 to join our Department. Motivation, dedication and professionalism are qualities that successful volunteers must possess. Members of the Berwyn Heights VFD not only possess these qualities, but are continuously seeking to further their knowledge and skills as well. Interested? Schedule a ride along, come for a tour of the station and more!



Contact membership@bhvfd14.org for details!

Clothes Dryer Fire Prevention Tips:

Very few people realize the danger of clothes dryer fires. However, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there are an estimated annual 15,500 fires, 10 deaths and 10 injuries due to clothes dryer fires. Several hundred people a year are also subjected to carbon monoxide poisoning from improper dryer vent setups. In some cases faulty appliances are to blame, but many fires can be prevented with proper dryer venting.



How Clothes Dryer Fires Occur:

Lint accumulation and reduced airflow feed on each other to provide conditions ripe for a fire. Lint is a highly combustible material, which, interestingly enough, is one of the ingredients in a recipe for home-made fire starters. A number of dryer vent problems contribute to this.

Keep Your Dryer as Lint-Free as Possible:

By keeping your dryer clean, not only will you significantly reduce the fire hazard, you will also save money as your dryer will run more efficiently and last longer. To keep your dryer clean:

-Use a lint brush or vacuum attachment to remove accumulated lint from under the lint trap and other accessible places on a periodic basis.

-Every 1-3 years, depending upon usage, have the dryer taken apart and thoroughly cleaned out by a qualified service technician.

-Clean the lint trap after each load.

Your Dryer May be Failing If:

The clothes are taking an inordinately long period of time to dry, come out, hotter than usual or, if the vent hood flapper doesn't open. Maintenance is needed in these cases.



**DON'T LET YOUR DRYER
START A FIRE...**

Worksession June 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Christopher Rasmussen, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Lynn White, Councilmembers (CMS) Stephen Isler, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were, Chief of Police and Acting Town Administrator Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez and Clerk Kerstin Harper. Interim Town Administrator (TA) Mike McLaughlin had an excused absence.

1. Announcements

Mayor Rasmussen remarked on the heavy rainfall that occurred over the last weekend, causing Indian Creek to rise over its banks. He thanked Chief Antolik and his officers for monitoring the situation and keeping him apprised.

2. Discussion Items

Overview of Department Functions and Operations: As an extension of the Council orientation, each department director, as well as the Town treasurer and clerk gave a brief overview of their department and some of their functions.

Chief Antolik reported on last night's apparently random act of vandalism in which an unidentified person or persons shot at and damaged a number of vehicles in Town. Berwyn Heights Police is investigating and following several leads. In response to questions, he said BHPD continues to have overnight patrols, usually pairing two officers at a time. There are a few hours a week, however, during which there is no BHPD patrol. BHPD also continues to coordinate with the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP) in responding to situations when residents' safety might be at risk. NW/EP was on standby last week as flood waters threatened roads and homes near the Creek.

Police: Chief Antolik described the mission and functions of the Police Department. In carrying out its mission of delivering efficient and effective law enforcement services, his officers take a very broad view of their responsibilities to protect life, liberty and property. This includes responding promptly to any calls for service including to protect the lives of animals. The officers also enforce all manner of traffic violations, work with the Code and Public Works Depart-

ments to enforce Town ordinances, and coordinated with neighboring police departments to control crime and keep the public peace. To prevent crime, they seek to build a relationship of trust with residents through a range of community outreach programs, such as National Night Out, Coffee with Cops, or safety lessons for BHES students, among others.

The BHPD has 8 full time officers, including a Chief and Detective, 1 part time officer and 1 police clerk, who also serves a Spanish interpreter. BHPD has an experienced force and includes several officers retired from other agencies, as well as some younger 'home-grown' officers. All officers are very well trained and committed to serve the residents of the Town.

Public Works: Director Hall gave an overview of the Public Works Department. Its main responsibility is to keep the Town clean by providing efficient refuse, recycling and yard waste collections. The remaining time is spent performing other maintenance activities around Town ranging from stop sign installation, to servicing the dog waste stations, to grass cutting and landscaping of Town property. There are more things to do than personnel to do it. The Department has a total of 9 employees, including a director, a foreman and a part-time administrative assistant. On days with refuse collection, 2 trucks with a driver and 2 crewmen each are sent out for collection. Once they complete their routes and had lunch there are only a couple of hours left to do other things. He rotates crews between trash collection and other maintenance work.

Administration: Treasurer Rodriguez explained that she serves as both treasurer and human resource manager. As treasurer, she maintains the Town's accounts, while making payments and processing receipts. As human resource manager, she is responsible for the payroll and employee benefits, which include pensions, health insurance and workman's compensation. She also assists other departments with recruiting and onboarding new personnel, and she is working on becoming a certified Spanish language interpreter. The training will put her in a better position to help resolve problems with residents and staff that do not speak English well. In addition, when the Town Administrator is absent, she is one of the staff who can serve as the acting Town Administrator.

Ms. Rodriguez noted that Administrative Assistant Odoi serves as the Depart-

ment's go-to person. She is the main person handling citizen requests for service, be they made in person at the Town office or on the phone. She facilitates coordination among the department and handles everything related to event planning, from Town Center rentals to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to supporting the Recreation Council's event program.

Clerk Harper gave a summary of her responsibilities. Her main task is to support the Town Council. This includes the preparation and recording of meetings, managing elections, booking conferences and occasional research and writing tasks. Over the years, she has taken on a number of communication functions, which range from coordinating the publication of the Town Bulletin to managing the Town website, to video streaming and BHTV broadcasting. In that capacity, she hires camera operators and interfaces with Inter-Governmental Network (I-Net), which provides the Town's internet service. She also serves as the Town's records manager and Notary public, performs front desk backup service and liaises with the Historical Committee.

In response to questions, Ms. Rodriguez said it would be help the Administration Department if they had additional staff. She as well as Clerk Harper do many things that require them to focus, but this is not always possible when they help out at the service counter. She would also like to have additional privacy when she handles sensitive information relating to employee records and Town finances. She will provide her job description to the Council, as well as an employee handbook.

Code Compliance: Code Supervisor Glass said that his Department has 4 employees, including a full-time code supervisor, 2 part-time code officers and 1 part-time clerk. His Department is responsible for ensuring compliance with Town Ordinances to maintain community standards and enhance property values, and administering a comprehensive program of rental licensing and inspections. The code compliance function comprises both residential and commercial properties and requires coordination with the Public Works and Police Departments. He and his code officer perform daily patrols to monitor properties for violations as well as perform rental inspections on a daily basis.

In addition, his department reviews and issues building permits, dumpster permits and temporary storage container

permits. Starting in July, the Department will also take on the business licensing program, which is currently under the Administration Department. Further, the Department manages a call-a-bus program for seniors and handicapped residents. His small staff is very busy trying to fulfill all departmental functions, which includes a significant amount of written correspondence with property owners and replying to complaints.

In response to questions, Mr. Glass said complaints about neighbors are investigated discretely and if violations are found, the property will receive a violation notice posted on the front door, followed by a written notice and fines if needed. Most property owners respond promptly by addressing the violation. His department's approach is to seek voluntary compliance first. Fines are issued as a last resort. The County is not notified as part of the regular process. However, the County does its own patrols of neighborhoods and may issue citations.

For purposes of the Manager/ Town Administrator search, Mayor Rasmussen clarified that the Chief of Police keeps the Mayor apprised of any important development having to do with public health and safety, but, in terms of the organizational hierarchy, he reports to the Town Administrator. CM White said she is primarily interested in the evolution of the role of the Town Administrator, which she is happy to discuss at another time.

At 8:15, the Council took a 5-minute break

Priorities of the 48th Council: Mayor Rasmussen asked the Council to review a list of priorities that is based on the discussion of priorities at the previous worksession. The list will be refined at future meetings and finalized in July or August. The final version will serve as a work plan for the incoming Town Administrator. The following items were added:

- Restructure the refuse collection program with new equipment (refuse and recycling bins) and a revised schedule;

- Review departments' efficiency in terms of general operations and staffing.

- Review metrics for monthly reports.

Quality of Life Commission: The Council reviewed draft Resolution 02-2018 establishing a Citizens Commission on Quality of Life, which will explore concerns raised during the recent election campaigns and develop recommendations to make Berwyn Heights a better

place to live. The deadline for accepting applications was published as June 15 in the Bulletin and the Resolution is scheduled to be adopted at the June 20 Town meeting. One correction was made, changing the number of potential members from "10 to 12" to "up to 11." At the next worksession, an applicants' list will be reviewed and a timeline of meetings established.

ULI TAP Summary: Mayor Rasmussen reported on the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (ULI TAP) he attended on June 4 and 5. The Panel, composed of architects, designers and urban planning experts, explored options for revitalizing the Route 193 corridor. They looked at a variety of metrics, including traffic flow, trail connections, pedestrian facilities, signage, housing stock, types of businesses, and customer base, among others, to determine how best to generate new economic development. The panelists interviewed stakeholders, including municipal officials, business owners and citizen from Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt; toured the Route 193 corridor between Route 1 and Kenilworth Avenue, and developed a report of their findings, which was presented to the public on June 5 after the Panel ended.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that Kap Kapastin, the General Counsel of Beltway Plaza and other commercial properties along Route 193, participated in the panel. Mr. Kapastin said there was interest in redeveloping their properties, but not without generating additional income. As it is, Beltway Plaza is 97% leased and doing very well from a business standpoint. New types of businesses may have to wait for more demographic changes. The existing businesses reflect the draw on a diverse customer base that includes the residents of the 3,000 rental units of Springhill Lake/ Franklin Park, Berwyn Heights and the new Greenbelt Station Development.

In conclusion, the Panel recommended the stakeholders create an economic development organization that allows them to pool resources and pursue a joint economic development initiative for Route 193.

Four Cities Coalition meeting: The following items were proposed for the July 25 Four Cities meeting, hosted by Berwyn Heights: presentations on the 2020 Census and County Council legislative update, and for discussion: coordinating activities of the Education Advisory Committees of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt, reviewing

changes in PGCPs leadership, and M-NCPPC capital improvement process.

3. Minutes

No minutes were reviewed.

4. Department Reports/ Announcements

Mayor Rasmussen reported that the City of Greenbelt sent a letter congratulating Berwyn Heights on electing a new Council. The County Council has begun to draft legislation to regulate short-term rentals and is accepting comments. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has opened the annual grant cycle for playground improvements. The Town could explore whether dog parks qualify for such grants.

MPT White reported that she attended the Prince George's County Police Chief's Association meeting, where Cpl. Krouse was named Officer of the Year and Clerk Murales Clerk of the Year. CM Isler reported that he continues to work with Town committees and groups on a Town organizations policy.

5. Citizen Comments

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, suggested the Town explore whether an exercise trail could be added to the Town's trail system. He also requested the Town check whether NW/EP volunteers driving Town vehicles (trucks) are covered by the Town's liability insurance. NW/EP volunteers used to be able to drive Town vehicles when they wanted to move the emergency trailer, and provided the Town with a designated list of qualified drivers. TA McLaughlin was asked to check with LGIT whether there is coverage for volunteers, and whether volunteers need a CDL license to drive a truck.

Mr. Attick requested the Town install lock boxes at the Town Center containing keys to the Town office, Senior Center and emergency trailer. Lastly, a referendum petition on a pending Charter Amendment, which would change the title of 'Town Administrator' to 'Town Manager,' has enough signatures to go forward. Mr. Attick said an attorney, who has reviewed the Charter Amendment Resolution, expressed the opinion that the Charter Amendment is not on sound legal footing. Mayor Rasmussen said the Council was advised by its Town Attorney that there is no problem with adopting the Charter Amendment. Regardless, residents have the option to petition any Charter amendment to a referendum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Worksession

June 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Christopher Rasmussen, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Lynn White, Councilmembers (CMs) Stephen Isler, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Administrator (TA) Mike McLaughlin, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, and residents James Klein and Frederick Mbayu.

1. Town Attorney Briefing on Council Sitting as Appeals Board

Mayor Rasmussen welcomed Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson to brief the Council on its role sitting as an administrative appeals board when adjudicating code or zoning appeals. Attorney Ferguson explained that a number of municipalities she represents have adopted portions of the Prince George's County Code as the basis for enforcing code violations. The Prince George's County housing and building codes in turn reference the widely-used and vetted *International Maintenance Code* and *International Building Code*, among others, as standards for constructing and maintaining homes and yards. Berwyn Heights has adopted relevant parts of the Prince George's County Code in Ordinance 104 - Building, Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot, and Ordinance 120 - Rental Housing.

When the Council conducts an administrative hearing, such as a code appeal or variance request, it sits as a quasi-judicial body. The hearing takes place in an open meeting that must have been properly noticed. Councilmembers may not discuss a case with anyone outside the context of the hearing. Staff members familiar with the case are usually present to provide background and make a recommendation. The proceedings must be documented in writing or by audio/video recording. The appellant, who has been notified of any code violations in accordance with the process outlined in the Town's code, is given time to plead his or her case. Councilmembers may ask the appellant to stay on topic and pose any questions relevant to the case that help them make a decision. If photos are used as exhibits, they should be described for the record.

Attorney Ferguson said that making appeal decisions is often difficult. Some jurisdictions delegate the responsibility to an advisory board appointed for the

purpose, which will conduct the hearings and make recommendations to the Council. If the Council does not know how to proceed with a particular case, it may take the matter under advisement and discuss it in a closed session at a later date. However, the Council's vote on an appeal must be held in an open meeting.

Attorney Ferguson said the Town's Clean Lot Ordinance is focused on the maintenance of yards and accessory structures. It does not contain standards for building maintenance, nor does it reference the Prince George's County Housing Code, which has such standards. Thus, it does not provide a good basis for enforcing violations pertaining to the principal structure of a property, as has been done in the case of the Klein property. The Town could ask the County to enforce the multiple violations of this property, but generally the County prefers not to enforce code in municipalities.

Attorney Ferguson briefly explained the handling of variance requests. The Town of Berwyn Heights can only comment on, but not decide requests for exemptions (variances) from the Prince George's County zoning code, as it does not have zoning authority. Principal grounds for granting variances include:

- unique or unusual characteristic of a property, such as an odd shape of a corner lot;
- the unusual characteristic (not self-inflicted) causes undue hardship for the property owner;
- the variance, if granted, will not violate any master plan.

If the Town supports a variance request, no further justification is needed. The County's Board of Zoning Appeals will follow its own criteria for granting, or not granting the variance. If the Town opposes a variance, it needs to provide good reasons for doing so, explaining why all the above criteria do not apply. Another option is to take no position, which defaults the decision to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

At 7:00 p.m. the Council took a 5-minute break.

2. Discussion Items

Code appeal - 6013 Berwyn Road: Mayor Rasmussen welcomed James Klein, who was present to appeal code violations pertaining to his property at 6013 Berwyn Road. The only violation to be considered tonight carries the case number CE 18-409.

Code Supervisor Glass summarized the code violation. The specific violation pertains to *Section 4 L - Accessory Structures* of Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot, which mandates that "no accessory structure shall pose a public health or safety hazard..." On March 8, Code Officer Forbes surveyed and took photos of Mr. Klein's rear yard from a neighboring property. The photos, included in the background documentation, show a rear patio cover in an apparent advanced stage of decay, as well as decaying front steps. A violation notice was sent to Mr. Klein on the same day, requiring the owner to repair the broken structures, and to submit a plan for repair to the Code office within 45 days of the notice being sent, or April 22. If no repairs are made, nor a plan submitted within that time period, a \$100 fine would be imposed.

Mr. Klein responded with an appeal letter dated April 2 to then Code Compliance Department Head Rasmussen, alleging that the violation notice does not sufficiently describe the violations and the steps he must take to correct them. TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass replied to Mr. Klein's appeal letter on April 13 with a letter clarifying the violations and the corrective actions required to address them. Mr. Klein informed the Code Department that he wished to appeal the matter to the Town Council.

Mayor Rasmussen asked Mr. Glass to confirm that *Section 4 L - Accessory Structures* of Ordinance 107 is used as the basis for asking the owner to make repairs to the main structure, and to describe why the current condition of the structures cited pose a health and safety hazard. Mr. Glass did so.

Mr. Klein stated that he does not regard the missing bricks and crumbling concrete of the front stoop, or the broken roof of the rear patio cover as a safety hazard. No one who has been on his property has been hurt. The issues identified by the Code Department are only aesthetic defects, which are not sufficient grounds for a citation or repair order. Mr. Klein further alleged that it is not possible for him to comply with the repair order because the violation notice does not say clearly enough why there is a safety issue and how he must address it. For example, under corrective actions for the broken patio cover, removal was not one of the options indicated in the violation notice.

In response to Councilmembers questions, Mr. Klein stated the period given in the violation notice (45 days) was not

long enough to comply, as he did not receive the March 9 notice until March 26, leaving only 27 days to remedy the violations. Additionally, he was notified by regular mail and by posting on his door, but not by certified mail. This is contrary to the process outlined in Ordinance 107. In conclusion, he is not inclined to make any repairs to the structure, unless the Town can show how he is violating the relevant ordinances and itself follows the letter of the law set forth in its ordinances.

Mayor Rasmussen closed the hearing, saying the Council will take the matter under advisement and further deliberate on the case in a closed session to be held within 30 days. The Council requested that certified mail receipts of notifications sent to Mr. Klein be furnished for future deliberations, as well as clarification whether "incidental" to the main building means separate from the main building.

Variance requests - 8626 Cunningham Drive, 8803 62nd Avenue: Mayor Rasmussen said he has placed these items on the agenda to discuss the role of the Council in deciding variances. Two variance hearings will be held at the June 20 Town meeting. The Council will render an opinion at that time. TA McLaughlin added that the role of the Council on variances is one of review and comment, not decision. The County's Board of Zoning Appeals will ultimately decide whether to approve or deny a variance request, but it likes to have input from the municipality in which the property is located. The variances on the agenda already had a hearing before the Zoning Board. The Board is holding the record open for the Town to comment, preferably by June 27.

Mayor Rasmussen asked how the criteria mentioned earlier by Town Attorney Ferguson might be applied here. TA McLaughlin said the Cunningham Drive property might fit the "unique circumstance" criteria because it is a corner lot with an unusual shape. In addition to the tent/car port, an existing shed also needs a variance as it does not conform with set-back requirements. It would likely be a hardship for the owner if he were ordered to remove it. On the other hand, the 62nd Avenue property has a fairly standard lot where the unique circumstance criteria may not apply. Neither variance request would violate a land use master plan.

In response to questions, TA McLaughlin said the Council has the option to take no position on a variance.

The presence of the shed on the Cunningham Drive property does not complicate the variance request for the car port. It just validates the existing condition of a shed with insufficient front and side yard setbacks.

Mayor Rasmussen invited Frederick Mbayu, the owner of the 62nd Avenue property, to comment. Mr. Mbayu said he received a violation notice and stop work order from the Town for constructing a cover for a front porch and steps without a Town permit. This was a surprise to him because he was in the process of getting permits and a variance from the County. The violation cannot be resolved until he hears from the County as to whether a variance will be approved. Then he can obtain building permits from the County and the Town.

Edmonston Road WSSC water main replacement project: Mayor Rasmussen said that TA Cowles had briefed the Council that WSSC was in the planning stages for a water main replacement (WMR) project in Berwyn Heights that is to commence in the summer of 2019. TA McLaughlin provided additional information. He has obtained 70% plans from the WSSC engineering contractor. They call for replacing the water mains and lines to individual homes for the entire length of Edmonston Road, including College Park Estates and Yarrow. When finished, they will repave the road. Director Hall is working with WSSC to coordinate this project with the Town's road repair plans. Mayor Rasmussen said the Town will keep the residents informed as the project plans become more set.

Quality of Life Commission: Mayor Rasmussen said that the Town has heard from 12 residents who have expressed interest in serving on the Citizens Commission on Quality of Life. Councilmembers can also add people they have talked to. The goal is to have a diverse group of members representing different constituencies and the diversity of the Town. The resolution establishing the Commission calls for up to 11 members, and 12 residents have applied. The Council discussed how and when the Commission should be empaneled. It was agreed to increase the number of members to 15, including 3 residents named by the Council; to adopt the Resolution and appoint the members at the upcoming Town meeting; and to designate Angela Wolfinger as acting chair until the Commission elects a chair.

Priorities of the 48th Council: Mayor Rasmussen asked for any additional

priorities Councilmembers might like to add to the list that has been composed thus far. MPT White proposed exploring better street lighting to light dark areas and enhance security. Mayor Rasmussen proposed a review of Town ordinances to determine if they accomplish what the Council intends, in particular whether the issuance of building permits by the Town is warranted. The priorities' list is to be finalized at the July 2 worksession.

Dog park – coordination with M-NCPPC: Mayor Rasmussen said he, CM Sweep and CM Papanikolas had a long conversation with County Councilmember Glaros at the MML convention on a variety of topics, including a dog park for Berwyn Heights. She advised to write a letter to the head of Park & Planning expressing the community's interest in a dog park, proposing a location and asking what needs to be done to make it happen.

CM Sweep said Ms. Glaros also suggested that interested residents form a "Friends of the Dog Park" commission. He has begun to talk with several residents about forming such a group. People should contact him if they want to join. The under-utilized Indian Creek Park T-ball field could be proposed as a possible location. An alternative location might be the tennis courts at the school, or the hockey rink at Sports Park. The biggest challenge may be to convince Park & Planning to build another dog park. It is likely that Berwyn Heights will have to contribute funds for and/or maintain the park.

Four Cities agenda: The Council confirmed the agenda items for the July 25 Four Cities meeting in Berwyn Heights. A presentation on the 2020 US Census is to be arranged and the agenda submitted to the partner cities for input.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Isler and second by CM Sweep, the May 7 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by MPT White and second by CM Isler, the May 21 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

4. Department Reports/ Announcements

Mayor Rasmussen suggested that those councilmembers who attended the MML convention give a brief report at the next Town meeting. He asked the Council to review a draft Town meeting agenda and made a couple of changes. CM Isler reported that he did not attend as many meetings last month as he would like

due to schedule conflicts. He will be on a brief vacation after the school year ends. CM Papanikolas attended a meeting at which Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) plans to hire a new vendor for before and after care was discussed.

MPT White commended Public Works for cleaning up and planting flowers around the Town Center and Town parks. CM Sweep reported that Public Works has installed new dog waste stations around Town. Mayor Rasmussen said he has not received any new information from the Chief on the vandalism of multiple cars and asked for an update at the Town meeting.

5. Citizen Comments

There were none.

6. Town Council Schedule

The June 26 Maryland primary election was added to the calendar and will be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Town Meeting June 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Christopher Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Lynn White, Councilmembers (CMs), Stephen Isler, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Interim Town Administrator (TA) Mike McLaughlin, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Corporal Paul Roberson, variance applicants Frederick Mbayu and Richard Smith, and citizens.

Mayor Rasmussen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the May 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Isler, seconded by CM Papanikolas, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rasmussen reported the new Council has spent a large amount of time on orientation, reading the Charter and Council Rules, discussing the form and organization of the government and the role of the Councilmembers and the Town Manager. Earlier tonight, the Council met in executive session to review a list of candidates for a new Town Manager. As part of the recruitment process, a citizen panel will be constituted to give input on the candidate selection. It is hoped that a new Town Manager will be in place in early September.

At the last worksession, the Council re-

ceived a briefing from Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson on the Council sitting as an Administrative Appeals Board to decide code appeals or comment on variances. Three Councilmembers, CM Papanikolas, CM Sweep and he, attended the annual Maryland Municipal League convention in Ocean City, where they attended many useful seminars and workshops dealing with topics of municipal government.

Mayor Rasmussen further reported on a number of events he attended. On June 4 and 5, he, Detective Unger and Director Hall attended an Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (ULI TAP), at which a group of experts and stakeholders explored options for improving the Route 193 corridor in terms of aesthetics, traffic flow, pedestrian friendliness, shopping and commercial opportunity. ULI TAP will release a report of their findings in 4 - 6 weeks. The municipalities of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt plan to use the findings to develop new approaches to economic development.

The Council also finalized a list of priorities, which will guide its work for the next 2 years. The priorities are based in large part on citizens' concerns heard on the campaign trail. Citizens will be able to give direct input through a Citizen Commission on the Quality of Life, which the Council will establish later tonight, to explore ways to improve community living.

Department Reports

Administrator's Report: TA McLaughlin reported the Town's bond issue through the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) to finance Phase II of the Town's road repair program is moving forward. The bond sale is expected to occur in late July or August. WSSC is making plans to replace the water mains along Edmonston Road, with work scheduled to begin in June 2019. In an effort to reduce pet waste throughout Prince George's County, Berwyn Heights was chosen by UMD's Environmental Finance Center to receive 10 new pet waste stations and signs for mounting on its trash trucks reminding residents to "scoop the poop." In return, the Town will track and report usage of the stations.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the treasurer's report for May. In response to questions, she said that no budget amendments will be necessary for this fiscal year. For the next fiscal year, there are plans to hire a new auditing firm, which Mayor Rasmussen

affirmed was good practice for organizations after using the same firm for a number of years.

Administration Report: MPT White said the Council has been working on the important task of finding a new Town Manager and this afternoon reviewed a list of candidates. At its June 5 worksession, the Council was briefed on the organization and functions of the Town's departments but plans to take an in-depth look at how each department is run in the near future to ensure that they serve residents as they should. MPT White congratulated Cpl. Krouse for being named 'Officer of the Year' and Police Clerk Mercy Murales as 'Employee of the Year' by the Prince George's County Police Chiefs Association, and commended Public Works on refreshing the landscaping around Town.

Code Compliance: TA McLaughlin gave the monthly report for Code Supervisor Glass, who had an excused absence. A total of 87 code violations were issued in May bringing the count to 492 in 2018; as well as 5 building permits, 5 dumpster permits and 19 rental licenses. There are currently 214 active rentals in Town for an average of 212 this year. The 2017 average was 192. Vacant homes number 11.

CM Papanikolas reported that the Code Department received comments on a portable storage unit sitting in Berwyn Road. The unit has been given a permit because there is not enough level ground in the front yard of the property. CM Papanikolas said he attended his first MML convention and got a good sense of the issues cities are dealing with. Congratulations go to the Boys & Girls Club U-9 team on winning the County championship and the U-14 team placing 2nd in their division.

Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs:

CM Isler said today was the last day of school. During summer break more children will be out in the streets and residents are requested to keep an eye out for them. In time for summer, the water fountain at Pop's Park has been repaired. All are advised to stay well hydrated. CM Isler announced upcoming events including a June 23 Town-wide yard sale, a July 5 jazz concert at Lake Artemesia and the Maryland primary election on June 26, for which he will be one of the judges.

Public Works: Director Hall reported on the activities of the Public Works including the installation of a new air conditioning system in the G. Love Room, barricading flooded areas during the heavy

rains, filling pot holes, and various landscaping activities. The crew has also begun to install new dog waste stations, repaint bike lanes, and apply thermoplastic striping for crosswalks. Handicapped parking spaces will be moved nearer to the Senior Center.

During the month of May, 160 tons of solid waste were collected, as well as 47 tons of recyclables and 42 tons of yard waste. The Department performed 1 abatement. Repairs on 3 large vehicles cost \$4,800. The Department has run out of its stock of recycling bins and will reorder them with the start of the next fiscal year.

CM Sweep reported that he was one of 3 Councilmembers who attended the MML convention, which he found very informative. He attended sessions on the *2020 Census*, *Building a Multicultural Organization and Demolishing Bias*, which Mayor Rasmussen helped moderate, and *Engaging the Millennial Generation*. The Berwyn Heights team met with County Councilwoman Glaros and discussed a potential dog park in Town. She suggested to set up a "Friends of the Dog Park" group to advocate for a dog park. Residents interested in joining should contact him. Thanks go to Public Works for installing dog waste stations.

Mayor Rasmussen noted a possible location for a dog park would be the T Ball field, one of the properties along Indian Creek belonging to Park & Planning. TA McLaughlin has been tasked with drafting a letter to the director of County's Parks & Recreation Department to indicate the Council's desire to have a dog park.

Public Safety: Cpl. Roberson reported for Chief Antolik, who had an excused absence. He said the crime rate remained low in May with 6 Part I offenses. However, there was an armed robbery at the 7-Eleven on Edmonston Road, one of many recent convenience store robberies in Prince George's County. He thanked residents for their continued cooperation with the police. The reporting of unusual occurrences is the principal reason for a low crime rate. The Police had 290 calls for service and issued 37 speed camera citations, 30 on Greenbelt Road and 7 on Pontiac Street. Last week, an unknown person damaged a number of vehicles by shooting at them with a pellet gun. Residents who have noticed something, or have a security camera that may have captured the incident, are requested to contact BHPD. Lastly, residents are reminded not to leave purses or other valuables unattended in their vehicles at gas stations. There have been a number of

thefts.

Mayor Rasmussen reported that, at the MML convention, he attended a cabinet round table and had the opportunity to speak with SHA Administrator Gregory Slater about the Route 193 technical assistance panel. Mr. Slater asked that the ULI TAP report be sent to him, and offered to hold a community meeting about Route 193 improvements. Mayor Rasmussen hosted an MML session on combating bias and building a more inclusive government with UMD Professor Shaunna Payne Gold.

During a 1-hour meeting with County Councilwoman Glaros at the MML convention, the Berwyn Heights team raised the issue of the Town's storm water problems and its outdated storm water drainage system. She said that upgrades are on an accelerated timeline in the County's capital improvement plan. Ms. Glaros proposed to hold a meeting at her office with County staff to discuss storm water management techniques in general, including things that can be done on private property. Also discussed were education issues and innovations at Parkdale High School.

Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: MPT White thanked the Chair of the EAC Katie Curtis for her efforts in organizing the Town Hall on Parkdale High School and her ongoing advocacy for improving education options for Berwyn Heights students. Coordinating the work of Education Advisory Committees from neighboring cities will be a topic of discussion at the July 25 Four Cities meeting in Berwyn Heights. Further, the EAC plans to update its mission statement, which still references the reopening of Berwyn Heights Elementary School, to reflect its current concerns and activities. Parents of school-aged children are welcome to reach out to herself or Ms. Curtis with questions.

Green Team: Diana Agonoy announced the next meeting of the Green Team and Shade Tree Board is on July 19. Eight residents, including Mayor Rasmussen, MPT White and CM Sweep, attended last Saturday's Town cleanup organized by the Green Teams litter club. The Green Team thanks the Public Works Department for installing new dog waste stations.

Historical Committee: Chair Debby Steele Snyder reported that the Committee participated in Berwyn Heights Day with an exhibit that featured the historic Graves-Keleher House on 62nd Avenue. The current owner Lee Fuerst was pre-

sent to explain and answer questions about her house. The Committee will participate in the upcoming National Night Out and continue to add to its web-based Historic Walking Tour app. Suggestions on historic homes or sites to include are welcome.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Secretary Helen Weinrich announced that the Committee will not meet on the usual 1st Wednesday of the month, which is July 4. A new date is yet to be determined. The Committee is working with CM Isler on drafting a resolution that will provide a formal organizational framework for the NW/EP. The Committee always welcomes new volunteers.

CM White noted that the Council is planning to take another look at the NW/EP's survey of street lights and dark areas as the basis for exploring better lighting options for the Town.

Recreation Council: Diana Agonoy announced the upcoming and Town-wide yard sale and a jazz concert at Lake Artemesia.

Boys & Girls Club: Vice President Angela Wolfinger thanked Public Works for helping to replace a refrigerator in the concession stand that broke shortly before Berwyn Heights Day. Kudos to the U-7 soccer team for winning the County championship. Registration for the fall soccer season is now open and can be completed online at www.berwynheightsbgc.org. During the summer, the Club is running several soccer clinics: short free drills on July 6 and 13 at 6:30 pm, and full-day paid clinics on July 21 and August 4. On July 28, the Club will hold a promotional event at Modell's at the Greenway Shopping Center, where people can sign up for teams, or to volunteer. Anyone interested in joining the Club or coaching should contact her at angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

Unfinished Business

Resolution 01-2018 - 1st Reading & Introduction of Charter Amendment on Town Manager: Mayor Rasmussen explained that this Resolution was introduced by the previous Council at the May 9 Town meeting. The newly-elected Council decided to postpone adoption to the July Town meeting to have more time to better understand the reasons for the Charter Amendment, and how it may impact the form of government and the search for a new Town Manager. CM Isler moved, and CM Papanikolas seconded to continue the resolution to the July 11 Town meeting. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5. New Business

Resolution 2-2018 – Establishment of Citizen Commission on Quality of Life:

Mayor Rasmussen explained that the establishment of this Commission seeks to broaden input from citizens on how to advance the quality of life in Berwyn Heights, which was a cornerstone of his election campaign. The Commission's findings would inform this Council's list of priorities and a work plan for the new Town Manager. Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Resolution. CM Isler moved to introduce it and MPT White seconded. Mayor Rasmussen gave an outline of a work plan for the Commission. The Resolution was passed in a 5 to 0 vote.

Appointment of Members of Citizen Commission on Quality of Life:

Mayor Rasmussen said that the Council received a good response from residents to serve on this Commission and, at its last worksession, increased the number of seats to 15 to accommodate everyone. He called out the names of those who had volunteered to serve, most of whom were present: Diana Agonoy, Joan & Richard Ahrens, Patricia Dennison, Elizabeth Dowling, Janet Freitag, Maria & Philip Newsom, Dee Reamy, Megan Miller Shane, Ray Smith, Kyle Snyder, Mary Ann Walkup, Angela Wolfinger, and Chandra Parnell. The Council also appointed Angela Wolfinger as acting chair of the Commission until a chair can be formally elected. CM Isler moved, and CM Papanikolas seconded to approve the slate of members. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 03-2018 – Award of Tree Maintenance Contract:

TA McLaughlin explained the Town in 2016 commissioned a study of its tree canopy, which resulted in a maintenance plan to improve the health of its tree canopy. A total of \$47,000 was budgeted in FY 2018 and FY 2019 to perform the maintenance. Four bids were solicited and two received. After reviewing the bids, the Council decided to award the maintenance contract to the low bid by SaveA-Tree. Clerk Harper read the Resolution awarding the contract. A correction was made changing the FY 2018 appropriated amount to \$25,000. CM Isler moved, and CM Papanikolas seconded to approve the Resolution, as amended. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Variance 27-18, 8803 62nd Avenue:

Mayor Rasmussen said when property owners need an exemption from the Prince George's County zoning code, they file for a variance with the Prince

George's County Board of Zoning Appeals. In making a decision, the Board seeks input from a municipality, if the property is located in a city or town. The municipality can support or oppose the variance request, or take no position. Tonight, two variance requests are up for consideration.

TA McLaughlin gave the background for Variance 27-18. The owner of the property at 8803 62nd Avenue needs a variance for a covered front porch he started building without proper permits earlier this year. As proposed, the porch violates the zoning requirement for a 25' setback from the curb, and a 30% limit on lot coverage with an impervious surface. In addition, validation is needed for existing violations of setback requirements related to a shed and deck in the rear yard. It is recommended the Council oppose the variance request and have the owner remove the steps and landing built without permits.

Frederick Mbayu, the owner of the property, said that all structures in the rear of the main house, including an addition and a deck have proper County and Town building permits. He wanted to build a covered front porch to replace the original steps and to shelter an existing metal window that has started to rust. When he applied for a County building permit for a covered front porch, he was advised he needed a variance on which the Town of Berwyn Heights will be asked to comment. He was also told the County would approve the variance if he brought the covered porch back by 2,' thus reducing the front yard setback to 23.'

After some discussion, Mayor Rasmussen asked for a motion to oppose the enclosing of the front porch and to take no position on the remaining variances. CM Isler suggested to make these items two separate motions. Mayor Rasmussen agreed and asked for a motion to oppose enclosing the front porch, while allowing the open deck and steps to remain. CM Isler so moved. CM Papanikolas seconded. The motion failed 2 to 3, with MPT White, CM Isler and CM Sweep voting 'nay'. CM Isler then moved to take no position on the remaining variances. CM Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Variance 35-18 for 8626 Cunningham Drive:

TA McLaughlin explained that the owner of 8626 Cunningham Drive, Richard Smith, applied for a variance to validate existing conditions (dwelling, shed), and to obtain a building permit for the tent/ carport. The structures are in violation of various setback requirements due to the odd shape of this corner lot. The

tent/carport is too close to the front lot line for an accessory building, and would require a 20' front yard setback to qualify for a building permit. It is recommended the Council support the variances for the dwelling and shed and oppose the variance for the tent/carport, unless it can be shown that it meets appropriate building standards.

Richard Smith said the structure in question is a pop-up canopy, which can be taken down and put up in an hour. It is used mostly for family gatherings, not as a car port, although he sometimes parks a car in it when it snows or it is very hot. His property has virtually no back yard and the driveway next to his home is the only level place where he can put it. He had the canopy for many years, and ensures it securely anchored and well maintained. He believes it is now before the Board of Zoning Appeals because the Town's code staff reported it.

CM Papanikolas moved, and CM Sweep seconded, to support the variance request. The motion passed 5 to 0. In response to CM Isler, Mayor Rasmussen provided clarification on the Mbayu variance for a covered front porch. Since the motion to oppose that variance failed, it defaults to the Council taking no position.

7. Citizen Comments

Phil Newsom, Ruatan Street, said he has a pop-up canopy he uses as a carport, which he believes the Town's Code officer reported to the County. A County inspector came out and told him he needed a permit. He then went to the County's Permit Department and showed them the canopy. They told him he did not need a permit for this structure, and that it is up to the Town to allow or prohibit it. In his opinion, having a canopy should not come up as a zoning violation because it is a temporary structure. Nor should it be a code violation, if it is securely anchored and well maintained.

Meg Shane, 57th Avenue, thanked the Council for postponing adoption of the Charter Amendment and allow citizens to talk to the new Council about it. Regarding the Quality of Life Commission, she is looking forward to working with the other residents here tonight. She asked that all members be provided a contact list. To the Public Works Director, she suggested that the supervisory staff take a tour of the County's recycling facility to bring them up to speed on latest recycling technology and techniques. Lastly, Ms. Shane announced she has been selected as the social secretary for the Senior's Club and is planning number of fall events.

Frederick Mbayu, 62nd Avenue, expressed the opinion that the Council should have treated the two variances before them tonight in the same way. He believes the vote to oppose and to take no position on his variances shows bias.

Tamara Burns, Cunningham Drive, said she has been a life-long resident of Berwyn Heights and has never done anything on her property without getting permission from the Town. She has had a canopy, which is sometimes used as a carport, for 20 years and never had a problem. This year, a County inspector came out to tell her she needed a permit, and that the Town's Code Department had filed the complaint. She had to pay a considerable amount of money to obtain a County and a Town permit for this structure. She feels she has been ill-served by the Town's Code Department.

Residents in the audience voiced similar

complaints, including that they have canopies on their property the Town did not previously have a problem with. Now, they receive violation letters from the County stating that they need a permit for the structure. Once in the Permit Office, they are told that the Town's Code Department has reported them. Others reported that the Town's Code Department is going into people's back yards without permission, and posting violations on front doors without first issuing a warning. They believe that the Town's Code Department needs to be straightened out.

TA McLaughlin stated that this is the first time he hears about this and that he will look into the matter. At a minimum, there needs to be clarification on what the County's code says about canopies. Mayor Rasmussen added the Town also needs to figure out how it communicates with the County. He stated that he will

meet with TA McLaughlin and CM Panikolas to discuss the matter. The Quality of Life Commission may also want to take up the issue. CM Isler said he welcomes everyone's comments and encouraged all to remain engaged. Hearing from the residents enables the Council to address an issue and come up with solutions.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, commented per telephone that the Public Works Department should purchase recycling bins with wheels when they place the next order. She also reported a code problem with an accessory structure on her mother's property, which ended up before the County. She suggested a list of all residents who had complaints about the Code Department be made available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk



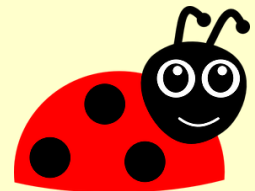
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NW/EP Meetings held: 1st Wednesday of month | 7:00 PM | G. Love Room

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
 - Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
 - Fast, strong pulse
 - Headache
 - Dizziness
 - Nausea
 - Confusion
 - Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away—heat stroke is a medical emergency
 - Move the person to a cooler place
 - Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
 - Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
 - Cold, pale, and clammy skin
 - Fast, weak pulse
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Muscle cramps
 - Tiredness or weakness
 - Dizziness
 - Headache
 - Fainting (passing out)
- Move to a cool place
 - Loosen your clothes
 - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
 - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
 - Your symptoms get worse
 - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
 - Muscle pain or spasms
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
 - Drink water or a sports drink
 - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:**
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
 - You're on a low-sodium diet
 - You have heart problems

SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
 - Blisters on the skin
- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
 - Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
 - Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
 - Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
 - Keep the rash dry
 - Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



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Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

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Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

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Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Scoop That Poop

With the new dog waste stations installed around town, it's time to start putting them to good use!

Did you know that dog poop is not fertilizer? Since dogs have high protein based diet, dog poop is highly acidic and can burn the grass creating brown patches. It is not a fertilizer like the cow manure.

Scoop it. Bag it. Trash it. #doyourdoody

August Town Clean-up

Third Saturdays of the month, 10am – 12pm
August 18th, Meeting point at the town center

The BH Green Team is hosting monthly casual town clean-ups to help keep litter under control. Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free!

We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pickers). No need to pre-register. Pets welcome!



Historical Committee



BHPD ca. 1960 near Fire Station at 57th Ave. and Berwyn Rd. At left Chief George Lauterbach, who also served as Town Commissioner 1960-66.

Visit our Tent

National Night Out

August 7, 6-9 pm

- See BHHHC exhibits
- Pick up historic brochures
- Find out about events in the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

Correction: In the July Bulletin issue we mistakenly stated that the paintings of a former owner of the Capitol View house, Virginia Waugh-Ronsaville, were exhibited at the Corcoran Museum. She trained at the Corcoran Gallery. We do not know if her paintings were exhibited there. *Kerstin Harper*

NEXT MEETING: September 25 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room

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JUNE Activities

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| Property Maintenance | Violations |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| High Grass/ Vegetation | 3 |
| Building Materials | 10 |
| Vehicle Condition & Storage | 4 |
| Motor Vehicle Parts | 6 |
| Parking Surfaces | 2 |
| Building Security | 1 |
| Premise Identification | 1 |
| Abatements | 1 |
| TOTAL | 28 |
| Permits Issued | |
| Building | 3 |
| Dumpsters | 6 |
| Portable Storage Units | 2 |
| Rentals | |
| TOTAL | 213 |
| Rental Licenses Issued | 16 |
| Rental Inspections | 27 |
| Rental Re-inspections | 12 |
| Signs Removed | |
| Town Streets | 19 |
| County Streets | 12 |



Dear Dog Owners,

The Town recently installed 10 new dog waste stations in our community to make disposal of dog droppings more convenient.

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JUNE Police Beat

Friday June 1, 2018 at 6:00 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 6300 block of Tecumseh Place for a report of theft of a tool-box from his vehicle. Victim states that he came home last night and parked his 2015 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck in his driveway about 7:00 pm on 5/31/2018. Upon returning to his vehicle about 6:00 am, on 6/1/2018, he discovered that the tool box located in the bed of the truck had been opened and all of his tools had been taken. Victim states that all tools are marked with the following, "Melvin=D".

Friday June 1, 2018 at 9:18 am, 'THREATS COMPLAINT'

A resident in the 8900 block of 59th, Avenue came to the BHPD to report a telephone misuse, Victim stated that he had recently gotten divorced from his wife and that her father had been texting him with threats on his life. Victim goes on to state that he had to get a peace order against his sister in law due to the fact that she was threatening him as well. Victim further states that as soon as she got the peace order, the text messages started about 1:35 pm on 5/31/2018. Investigation reveals that the aforementioned suspect had been sending texts to him in the form of threats (You will be getting visitors from up north) and (You are POS, be careful at night) Victim states that the suspect lives in Cranston Rhode Island and that he does not know the suspects address. Case was turned over to BHPDCID.

Monday June 4, through Wednesday June 6: 10 reports of 'VANDALISM'

All ten incidents occurred on 62nd Avenue, Charlton Avenue, Edmonston Road, Osage Street, Berwyn Road and Pontiac Street, and involved damage to parked vehicles using a pellet gun.

Thursday June 7, 2018 at 8:57 am, 'VANDALISM / FAMILY DISPUTE'

Cpl. J. Ignowski, Det/Sgt. D. Unger along with Police Clerk M. Muralles responded to the 6100 block of Rutan Street for a family dispute complaint after a resident visited the Berwyn Heights MD Police Department (BHPD) to report destruction of property and a disorderly trespasser at her home. Both victims reported that they are married and 20 Y/O, W/H/M is the adult son of victim # 2. 20 Y/O suspect has been living on the street and sleeping in cars, and on this morning, he became angry because his father did not drive him to work. The suspect used an unknown item to tear the bottom of a window screen on the east side of the house. The suspect's father confronted the suspect and the two struggled briefly. The BHPD Clerk Mercy Muralles assisted the officers for Spanish Language skills and interview with the suspect. The victims were advised of their rights to consult a District Court Commissioner for application to place charges and for protection orders in addition to Crisis Management Team. **Suspect:** 20 Y/O, W/H/M.

Thursday June 8, 2018 at 11:17 am, 'HIT & RUN'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a hit & run accident. Victim called police to the south parking lot of 6201 Greenbelt Road to report a hit and run vehicle crash. Victim reported that on Thursday 6/7/2018 between 1345 hours and 1440 hours her 2015 Mazda car was parked unattended in a parking space on the south side of the south parking lot at the Science-Medical Park. During that time, someone unknown caused body damage and scraped paint to the Mazda's left rear door, left rear quarter panel, and left rear wheel.

Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 11:13 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON / FIRE-ARM'

Cpl. S. Krouse was dispatched to the area of Osage Street and Cunningham Drive for a suspicious person

walking around. The Suspect was described by the caller as a male wearing dark clothing and a motorcycle helmet. Upon arrival, officer observed a person wearing a camouflage jacket, camouflage pants and a black Motorcycle helmet walking in that area. During the interview, the suspect continued to touch the front of his jacket around the waistband area, it appeared he was trying to retrieve something out of his pocket of his jacket or waistband. After several warnings to keep his hand visible and stop grabbing for things, the officer asked him to place his hands on the front of his vehicle to conduct a search. During the search, the officer found a copper pipe with brass fittings and a spring handle. Cpl. Krouse observed that there was a hollow point bullet in the front area of the pipe. The subject actions changed he became nervous, he stated, "no-no-no don't do that, it's a gun". The subject was handcuffed and detained. Cpl. Krouse opened the chamber of the home manufactured gun, unloaded and removed one 22 Caliber rim fire cartridge to render the firearm safe. The subject was advised that he was under arrest for carrying a loaded concealed firearm. Further investigation revealed additional 9 rounds of 22 caliber ammunition in a bag that was in his possession. The subject then started to have a conversation with himself stating he wanted to kill himself. Furthermore, the officers of Berwyn Heights Police have had previous encounters with the subject and are aware of his mental state. He was subsequently taken to PGH for EPS. **Arrested:** *Matthew Sheehan, a 24 Y/O, W/M of College Park, MD.*

Saturday June 23, 2018 at 6:54 am, 'FOUND PROPERTY'

Pfc. T. Hollowell was notified of property found thrown in the street in the 8500 block of Paxton Court. The victim was located with the assistance of Montgomery County Police. The items recovered were identified and are being held for safekeeping until the owner's re-

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sponse to BHPD for recovery. No further investigation is contemplated in this matter.

Sunday June 24, 2018 at 5:15 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 57th Avenue for a report of a theft from a vehicle. The victim contacted this agency to report a theft from auto. The victim reports that her vehicle was parked in her driveway in front of her house, on her property in the 8900 block of 57TH AVE Berwyn Heights MD. The victim noticed her right rear passenger door was ajar and her vehicle was rifled. Between the hours of 1215 and 1715, an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle, rifled the vehicle's glove and console compartments removing property. The victim's prescription medications and other items were removed. Examination of the doors and windows indicate no forced entry.

Monday June 25, 2018 at 7:30 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 8800 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a damage vehicle. The victim reported her vehicle was damaged overnight. The victim was parked alongside 8800 block of Edmonston Road overnight. Her husband notified her of damage as he left for work on 6/25/2018. The vehicle had damage to the driver side mirror and small indentions on the driver's side. There were no witnesses to the incident and a vehicle

accident could not be verified. The listed vehicle did have similar damage on the passenger side, but according to the victim may have been a previous incident. No investigative leads presently exist in furthering an investigation.

Tuesday June 26, 2018 at 1:15 pm, 'THREATS COMPLAINT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski received a station call in regards to a threats complaint that occurred at in the 8500 block of 58th Ave., between the Berwyn Heights Code Compliance Supervisor and a Berwyn Heights resident. Upon arrival, Cpl. Ignowski meet with the Code Supervisor at the Berwyn Heights Town Hall located at 5700 Berwyn Road. Code Supervisor advised that during his routine Code duties he stopped to take pictures of construction type work "brick fence pillars." When Code Supervisor was taking the photos, the Town resident approached the Code Supervisor screaming "get the [explicit] off my property." At that time, the Town resident got into his pickup truck and drove to Berwyn Road made a U-turn and started to drive back towards the Code Supervisor. Investigation continues.

Wednesday June 27, 2018 at 1:30 pm, 'SEARCH WARRANT'

Members of the ATF task force executed a search warrant at the 6000 block of Pontiac Street for firearm violation. BHPD officers were on scene with the Agents. Several firearms were taken from the domicile

for evidentiary purposes. Adam Keasling, 33 Y/O, W/M was taken into custody and charged with knowingly possess or manufacture fully automatic firearm.

Friday June 29, 2018 at 11:30 am, 'Found Explosive Device'

A citizen found a possible explosive device 'grenade' in the 8200 block of 55th Avenue and brought it into the BHPD HQ. ATF bomb squad was notified and responded to the BHPD. Investigation revealed through x-ray that the device is a relic and does not have the capacity to cause any harm. The device was taken by ATF.

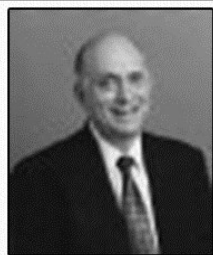
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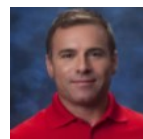
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| August 30 | Darlene Erickson |
| August 31 | Laura Waltz |

HAPPENINGS

In the planning stage are:

- Sunday Baseball watching on the BIG TV.
- Breakfast at the Silver Diner
- A boat trip on the Anacostia River.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

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

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Tuesday at 5:00 P.M., (August 12).

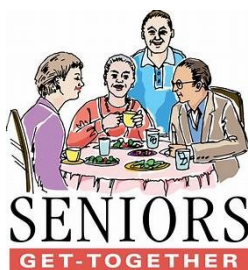
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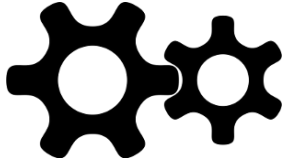
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CONTRACT-6100 Westchester Park 2BR 2 BA \$210K.

AVAILABLE-6220 Quebec PI 3 BR1 full 2 1/2 BA,FP\$350K

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NO BOLSAS**



NO



YES



YES



We thank you for your cooperation!

¡Agradecemos su cooperación!

BERWYN HEIGHTS RECYCLING



The Town of Berwyn Heights participates in "Single Stream" recycling. All your recyclables go into the same bin. So, get ready, follow the chart and recycle away. Make sure to rinse all containers and remove any food or drink residue. Questions??? Call (301) 474-6897

YES!

Metal Food & Beverage Containers and Small Parts

Plastic Wide Neck Containers #1-5

Gable-top Milk & Juice Boxes

Aluminum Foil & Trays

Plastic Narrow Neck Containers #1-7

Cereal & Food Product Boxes

Aseptic Boxes Soy, Juice, etc.

Empty Aerosol Cans

Caps & Lids

Corrugated Cardboard

Glass Bottles & Jars

Frozen Food Boxes

Phone Books

NO!

Dishes

**Polystyrene Foam or Styrofoam
Peanuts, Cups, Bowls, etc.**

Pots & Pans

Mirrors or Broken Glass

Pottery or Ceramics

Plastic Utensils

Motor Oil Bottles

Incandescent Lightbulbs

Napkins, Paper Towels, or Tissues

Drinking Glasses

Other Recycling Opportunities (NOT CURBSIDE)

Plastic Bags can be recycled at grocery and other stores
* (Plastic Bags and Film Plastics are no longer collected curbside.)

Large Rigid Plastics
* (Collected on Fridays w/appliances, yard waste and large metals.
Call 301-474-8004.)

Electronics, Batteries, and CFL Lightbulbs can be recycled at Quarterly Electronics Recycling events.
Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/electronics




















Greenbelt

All "Yes" materials can also be taken to Recycling Centers located at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road or in Greenbelt East at the end of Hanover Drive.

Pizza Boxes, Paper Plates and Cups: Remove all food and crumbs. Not acceptable if saturated in grease or sauce.



August 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|-----|---|
| Street Sweeper  | | | 1  7:00 pm NW/EP Mtg. Love Room | 2  | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6  7:00 pm Worksession | 7  6:00 pm National Night Out | 8  7:00 pm Town Meeting Council Chamber | 9  7:00 pm Shade Tree Bd./ Green Team Mtg. | 10 | 11 8:30 am CERT Training (Town Center) |
| 12 8:30 am CERT Training 6:00 pm Rock & Roll Concert | 13  7:00 pm Worksession | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17 | 18 10:00 a.m. Town Cleanup |
| 19 | 20  7:00 pm Worksession | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27  7:00 pm Worksession | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31 | |



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curb.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling Collection



BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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PRESORT STANDARD
U. S. Postage Paid
College Park, Maryland

POSTAL CUSTOMER BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Dated Material — Do Not Delay!

TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue 9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
Fire Department (301) 474-7866
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
Town Office (301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

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Councilmember — Public Works

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Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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@berwynheightsmd.gov
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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