

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**DECEMBER 2015**

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## SCHOOLS

Do you have children in school ?  
Are you concerned about educational options ?  
Do you have ideas about making our schools better ?

Help the Town re-start the  
**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
*Responsible for Re-opening BH Elementary School*

First Meeting  
December 10 ♦ 7 pm ♦ Love Conference Room  
*For more information call the Town Office 301-474-5000*

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

#### Christmas

Mon	12/21/15	Trash, Bulk & Yard Waste, North Side
Tue	12/22/15	Trash, Bulk & Yard Waste, South Side
Wed	12/23/15	Recycling, Entire Town
Thu	12/24/15	Trash, Entire Town
Fri	12/25/15	NO PICKUP

#### New Year's

Mon	12/28/15	Trash, Bulk & Yard Waste, North Side
Tue	12/29/15	Trash, Bulk & Yard Waste, South Side
Wed	12/30/15	Recycling, Entire Town
Thu	12/31/15	Trash, Entire Town
Fri	01/01/16	NO PICKUP

**Please Do NOT Leave Trash  
at the Curb over Weekend**

### *Leaf Vacuuming*

Continues through December 31

Please do NOT include debris, large sticks and litter, and do NOT rake leaves into the street, where they can be washed into storm drains and clog them.

Come January, leaves must be bagged. Please use brown paper yard waste bags, or a designated trash container.

### Holiday Decorating Contest

Judging  
December 20 – 31

Light up the holidays and get ready for the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest.

The Town awards prizes for **Best Decorated House**, **Best Yard** and **Best Overall**.

### Holiday Shopping Days are Just Ahead



✧ Be alert when shopping; don't hit the

malls when you're exhausted.

- ✧ Park in a well-lit area of the parking lot.
- ✧ Check that all doors of your vehicle are locked.
- ✧ Don't store packages in the passenger compartment of your car. Put them in the trunk, then move the car to a new location.
- ✧ Carry a small purse so that you don't have to dig around in it to locate money, credit cards, keys.
- ✧ Don't place anything on the counter where someone can grab it when you're distracted.
- ✧ Have key in hand, ready to insert in lock, as you approach your vehicle or your residence.

## REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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			

## Worksession

October 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Also present was Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Public Works Director Adrian Lockley.

### 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy enjoyed a brief vacation in Rock Hall on the Eastern Shore. The Harvest Fest fundraiser was postponed to October 10.

**Calendar:** The Council reviewed the calendar. No changes were made.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Robles and second by CM Dennison, the September 8 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that Town staff was busy preparing for Hurricane Joaquin which passed through on the weekend without causing damage. There will be an open house on the Purple Line this Thursday at the M-NCPPC building in Riverdale. Parkdale High School will hold a career fair on October 13. MPT Rasmussen reported that the Town has received applications for the Town Treasurer position and three finalists will be interviewed next week. CM Robles reported that residents should have received a Town postcard with fall events and the Clean Lot regulations. Residents may call the Code Department or Town office with any questions. CM Dennison reported that all Town organizations have reconvened. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 17 at BHES' lower parking lot.

TA Cowles reported that she attended a productive International City and County Managers Association (ICMA) conference in Seattle last week. ICMA added a section for small municipalities, in which she attended workshops on budgeting, economic development, and human resources management, among others. She had the opportunity to talk with several human resources vendors and took part in a meeting with Maryland city managers.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received comments about water leaking from one of WSSC's temporary pipes on Ruatan Street. CM White received a comment about poor drainage along the

access road to Lake Artemesia and at the railroad underpass of the Paintbranch trail, which causes problems for people commuting on bikes. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town may not have jurisdiction in these areas. She also received a couple of comments on brown water coming out of faucets, which may be related to the WSSC water main replacement project.

**Senior Center naming request (discussed out of order):** CM Dennison said that several representatives from the Seniors' Club are present to request that the Senior Center be named for Jean McConnell, who recently passed. Ray Smith, President of the Seniors' Club, said that Jean McConnell helped establish the Club and served as its President for nearly 30 years. She lived most of her life in Berwyn Heights and served the Town in numerous ways. The Club discussed how to best memorialize her contributions and agreed that they would like the Senior Center to be named for her. The Council is hereby requested to approve the request.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said it would seem appropriate to honor Ms. McConnell's service to the Town in this way, and asked if there are any comments. MPT Rasmussen raised the issue of whether the Town should have a policy on naming Town facilities. The length of service and number of accomplishments might be criteria in making that determination. By all accounts, Ms. McConnell would fit in the category of residents deserving the honor.

CM Dennison moved and CM Robles seconded to approve the request. It was clarified that the new sign reading "Jean McConnell Senior Center" would name only the first floor of the Town Center building, with lettering similar to that of the William Armistead Town Administration Building. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ray Smith also stated that the address number on the Town Center is small and difficult to see. Visitors to the Senior Center sometimes have trouble finding the building. He suggested the Town consider affixing larger or darker colored numbers.

**November Town meeting:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council is requested to decide whether to move the November Town meeting, as the second Wednesday will fall on Veterans Day, a federal holiday observed by the Town. TA Cowles explained that Council Rule 1 requires that Town meetings be held on the second Wednesday of the month. Therefore, the Council would have to

waive the Council Rule to move the Town meeting. If the meeting is not moved, employees coming in to work would receive holiday pay. She proposed to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 18 as there are no conflicts with other meetings. The Council had no objections. CM White moved to waive Council Rule 1 for this occurrence only, and hold the Town meeting on November 18. MPT Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Holiday lunch:** The Council agreed to set the date for the employee holiday lunch for Friday, December 11.

### 2. Public Works

**Purchase of pickup truck:** CM White explained that Public Works Director Lockley recommends purchasing a new Ford F-350 1-ton 4x4 pickup truck to replace a 2008 model as scheduled. The 2008 pickup truck has 103,000 miles, a rusting under body and a transmission problem. By selling the 2008 truck the Town will avoid higher maintenance and repair costs and optimize resale value.

TA Cowles and Director Lockley added that the truck was scheduled for replacement in FY 2016. The vehicle replacement reserve had \$35,000 set aside for the purchase. However, DPW held off on the pickup purchase because the purchase of a new trash truck was moved up from FY 2017 to FY 2016, and was also paid from the vehicle replacement reserve. If the Council approves the purchase of the new pickup truck, an additional \$4,600 is needed to cover outfitting. The new truck would have snow plowing capability.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she would like to have a copy of the vehicle replacement schedule with replacement cost for all DPW vehicles before making a decision. TA Cowles said she will provide a more comprehensive vehicle replacement schedule at the next worksession. It would list all DPW vehicles, replacement dates and costs, as well as the uses of each vehicle with a picture.

Director Lockley related that a citizen complained about the poor drainage of 55th Avenue at the entrance to Lake Artemesia after rain storms. People that commute by bike to the University of Maryland often use this street as an alternative to the pedestrian bridge, which is currently closed. Director Lockley had addressed the issue in his report on street repair planning during the budget season but it was not deemed to be a priority. He spoke to one of the engineers performing the hydraulic study of the Town's storm water drainage system

and was advised that the Town can request to have storm drains added where drainage problems exist. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she would want to wait until the findings of the study are available before making any requests. She agreed it would be useful to have Prince George's County brief the Council on the findings of the study at a future worksession.

CM Robles asked if there are plans to purchase equipment for clearing snow off the new sidewalks. Director Lockley said that he has a couple of ideas. He may include a proposal for the FY 2017 budget discussions.

### 3. Administration

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the November Bulletin cover: Thanksgiving theme; announcements for BHHC fall reception and Fall Town cleanup.

**Ordinance 109 revision:** Clerk Harper explained that this draft of the amended Election Ordinance has new provisions to address mid-term Town Council vacancies and other changes discussed by the Council at the last worksession, as well as several new definitions. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy proposed a number of changes to the new draft, which were discussed by the Council.

**Ordinance Title:** Broaden title to *Town Council Election and Selection Processes* to include appointment of Town Councilmembers in the event of mid-term vacancies.

**Section 1 - Purpose and Authority:** Broaden to include Councilmember appointment processes.

**Section 2 - Applicability:** Broaden to include Councilmember appointment processes.

**Section 3 - Definitions:** Drop "statewide" from definition of *Registration* to avoid confusion with supplemental registration. Include reference to *Election Manual* in definition for *Spoiled Ballots* for criteria on spoiled ballots. Clarify definition of *Voting Age* so as not to conflict with State law. Redefine *Write-in Vote* as the act of a voter writing-in the name of a person who is not a declared candidate on the ballot.

**Section 6 B - Preparing for Town Council Elections:** Clarify process of coordination with PGC Board of Elections regarding voter registration. Add the term *Universal Registration* to the definitions.

**Section 6 F - Write-in Candidates:** Set write-in candidate application due date as one week prior to the election and

April 15 for having one's name published in the May Town Bulletin.

**Section 7 B - Polling Station Open:** Add provision stating that observers of the tallying of votes may exit during tallying but may not return.

**Section 7 C (2) - Machine Vote:** Revise to use the same language for tallying of absentee and provisional ballots under the "Paper Ballot Voting" process.

**Section 7 C (3) - Paper Ballot Voting:** Revise to include reading of write-in votes by Chief Judge.

**Section 7 C (4) - Paper Ballot Voting:** Revise to include tallying of ballot questions/ referenda.

**Section 7 D - Announcements of Election Results:** Revise to include results of any ballot questions/ referenda.

**Section 8 B - Filling Mid-term Vacancies:** Revise to clarify that the Council may offer a vacant Council seat to a candidate who ran in the election "immediately preceding" the vacancy.

**Section 8 D - Multiple Town Council Vacancies:** A three month limit was set during which the Council may appoint a councilmember from the same pool of applicants in the event two Town Council vacancies occur shortly after one another.

Clerk Harper was asked to make the changes approved tonight and provide copies for a hearing at the October 14 Town meeting.

**Merit and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA):** TA Cowles explained that the Council appropriated \$32,000 for a salary pool \$27,000 remains in the salary pool for merit increases and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). She has put together four different merit pay options based on FY 2015 employee performance evaluations. This excludes indirect salary costs from employee benefits which will be financed from the budget surplus. All options provide for a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

**Option 1** establishes 2 performance classes. Class I comprises 17 employees with performance ratings between 3.00 - **3.99** receiving a 1% merit increase. Class II comprises 5 employees with performance ratings between 4.00 - 5.00 receiving a 2% merit increase.

**Option 2** is the same as Option 1, but employees falling into Class I receive a higher 1.5% merit increase, and employees in Class II receive a 2.5% increase.

**Option 3** establishes 2 performance classes. Class I comprises 15 employ-

ees with a performance ratings between 3.00 and **3.79** receiving a merit increase of 1%. Class II comprises 7 employees receiving a merit increase of 2%.

**Option 4** is the same as Option 3 but employees falling into Class I receive a higher 1.5% merit increase and employees in Class II a 2.5 % increase.

On a motion by CM Robles, seconded by CM Dennison, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve Option 2 at a total cost of \$21,038 in FY 2016 and an annualized cost of \$30,332.

TA Cowles further explained that she has not included herself in the merit increase options packet because her employment contract does not entitle her to it. The contract does provide for consideration of a salary increase as part of the performance review process. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy scheduled an executive session for the next worksession to discuss the matter.

### 4. Code Compliance

### 5. Parks and Recreation

**Senior Center naming request:** Discussed under Mayor.

### 6. Public Safety

### 7. Executive Session (9:35 p.m. - 9:54 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Robles seconded by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to discuss a legal matter. With matter discussed CM Robles moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting October 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, CMs Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles, and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Officer Paul Roberson, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) representative John Hess and citizens.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Hearing on Ordinance 109 - Elections

Mayor Kulpa Eddy explained that Ordinance 109 sets forth how Town Council

elections are to be conducted. As a result of the 2014 election, the Council realized that the Ordinance did not address a number of issues relevant to electing and selecting Councilmembers and needed to be updated. The amended Ordinance has new provisions on write-in candidates and vacancy appointments, incorporates new State ethics and election requirements, and drops unnecessary detail.

CM Dennison said that it is good to update this Ordinance and put in writing how vacancies are filled. MPT Rasmussen said, while it is impossible to anticipate every possible circumstance of choosing Town Councilmembers, it is prudent to think about, and give direction on how to proceed if one or multiple vacancies occur in the middle of the term. The Ordinance was last amended in 1999 and was in need of being updated to take into account new State legislation and address issues not dealt with in the current Ordinance in order to provide more comprehensive guidance on the Town's election process.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy invited any residents to comment on the Ordinance. Ron Shane, 57th Avenue, said it appears the Council has passed up an opportunity to lift the prohibition against posting campaign signs in the Town right-of-way except on Election Day. The Council may want to consider following the County's example and allow political signs in the right-of-way prior to Election Day with the permission of the property owner.

With no further comments, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy closed the hearing and invited residents to send in additional comments to the Town office.

## 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the September 9, 2015 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

TA Cowles gave the Treasurer's report for the month of September.

## 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the pedestrian bridge connecting Berwyn Heights with College Park will be replaced in late November. Delivery will occur on November 19 or 20 using Ballew Avenue, which will likely result in some traffic disruption. The bridge is expected to be back in operation in early December. The County has completed a hydraulic study of the Town's storm water

drainage system, triggered by last year's June 10 flash flood. The Town Council will receive a briefing at a worksession in November or December. Residents are welcome to attend. The November Town meeting, normally scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday, has been moved to the third Wednesday (November 18) so as not to coincide with the Veterans Day holiday.

## 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Rasmussen reported that TA Cowles and Mayor Kulpa-Eddy interviewed three well qualified candidates for the Treasurer's position last week. A new Treasurer will likely be in place in early November. The first project meeting for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalks projects took place last week after an issue with a subcontractor was resolved. It is hoped that the sidewalks will be installed before it gets too cold. Progress was made toward the demolition of two condemned properties when Pepco shut off electricity to the homes. Now only Washington Gas has to shut off its gas lines before the properties can be razed. Installation of the emergency generators project is moving forward again after the Town was able to secure a new set of permits. The first permits had expired due to the delays from re-bidding the project.

MPT Rasmussen continued that he met with TA Cowles to sketch out a plan for the Urban Forest Initiative, which he plans to present at the November 2 worksession. Lastly, he noted that a 6 lane interstate highway bridge over the Mississippi river in Minneapolis was rebuilt in 10 1/2 months after its collapse on August 1, 2007, putting WMATA to shame.

**Code Compliance:** CM Robles reported that residents should have received a post card from the Town with fall events on one side and the new Clean Lot regulations on the other. Questions and concerns about the regulations should be directed to the Code Compliance Department. The Code Department also revised the hours of availability for the Town's call-a-bus. Seniors and residents with disabilities can call the Town office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday - Friday and 3 - 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday if they need a ride. The call-a-bus is also available to Town organizations but prior reservation is required.

CM Robles also noted that she will attend the upcoming Maryland Municipal League (MML) fall conference in Cambridge, MD. She is looking forward to learning about municipal government in

the workshops and seminars offered and networking with colleagues from other municipalities. Lastly, she thanked Public Works for helping set up and break down the Boys and Girls Club Harvest Festival, which had been postponed to October 10, as well as the volunteers and customers who made the fundraiser a success.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison said that she had fun taking part in the Harvest Festival and purchased her pumpkins. Halloween Trunk or Treat is coming up this weekend and will again take place in the school's lower parking lot. All are welcome to see the many cars decked out in Halloween decorations. Public Works and Police put a lot of effort into their exhibits and are worth checking out. The Holiday Tree Lighting is coming up on December 5.

**Public Health and Safety:** Officer Roberson reported for Chief Antolik. He said that there were 5 Part I offenses in September, 3 of them thefts from cars. Residents are again reminded to lock their vehicles and not leave valuables in plain view. The 5 year average for September is 7.5. The police also issued 72 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Officer Roberson cautioned residents about computer and phone scams. For Halloween the police will have all hands on deck to patrol Town streets, assisted by the Neighborhood Watch. He recommended reviewing the trick-or-treat tips in this month's Town Bulletin to have a safe Halloween.

In response to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, Officer Roberson said the police have issued many parking citations last month, many of them for parking at the Lake Artemesia parking lot and on Berwyn Road after dark. The park closes at dark. The police are trying to prevent the parking lot from becoming a place for hanging out. Purple lights at the Town Center and some other public facilities have been lit to show support for a County-wide domestic violence awareness month.

**Public Works:** CM White reported that Public Works installed bike racks at the Town's parks, Community Garden and Town office. With assistance from the Green Team, DPW identified places for planting trees and shrubs through the Maryland TREEmendous program and started tree pruning on the Town's north side. Director Lockley graduated from the UMD Academy of Excellence in Local Government and staff completed defensive driving training through the Town's insurer LGIT. Staff is also continuing to train in operating commercial vehicles

and snow removal procedures. Marvin Plummer was named employee of the month for participation in the Town's roadside tree care program. The next electronics recycling event will take place on October 24 at the Greenbelt Public Works yard. CM White concluded with a thank you to all those who participated and helped with the Harvest Festival.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Green Team:** CM Dennison announced that the Green Team will hold a tree care workshop on October 21 at the Town Center.

**Volunteer Fire Department:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed John Hess, a long-time member of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) board of directors, for National Fire Prevention month and presented the Town's annual contribution.

Mr. Hess gave an overview of recent accomplishments of the BHVFD and upcoming initiatives. He said that BHVFD plans to participate in Trunk or Treat and support the police during Halloween patrols. The Department received another grant from FEMA to help recruit, train and retain volunteer fire fighters over the next 3 years. The new ambulance is now in service but is still undergoing debugging of its electronic systems. The BHVFD rescue squad was recently named rescue squad of the year by the PGC Volunteer Fire Fighters Association for its participation in the roller coaster rescue at Six Flags last summer. Mr. Hess concluded by expressing the BHVFD's satisfaction over improved cooperation with the Town, which has and will yield benefits for the community as a whole.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she and other residents took part in the fire extinguishing workshop BHVFD sponsored last Saturday. The Bowie Fire Department brought fire extinguishers and a propane fire simulator. Prince George's County sent out its safety trailer that simulated a very realistic kitchen fire which participants practiced putting out. She thanked the BHVFD for hosting the training. She also noted that the Department's annual fund drive is in progress, which uses mailed requests for donations only.

**Historical Committee:** Clerk Harper, Chair of the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee announced a presentation and book signing of "Capital Streetcars" with D.C. author John DeFerrari on November 8.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** Co-chair Ron Shane reported that the NW/EP hosted a successful night-time mass casualty drill last month that showcased what CERT teams can do in an emergency before professional first responders may arrive on the scene. Laurel, Greenbelt and Clinton sent their CERT teams and practiced how to assist each other. It was a good learning experience. The Committee is also looking into replacing its large, overloaded emergency trailer which has come to the end of its useful life. A shed is being considered to store emergency supplies and a smaller trailer, which can be pulled by a private vehicle to move equipment when needed. The Committee may open a Twitter account to provide quick notification on emergencies and training opportunities. On Halloween the Committee will again support the police with patrolling the Town. Berwyn Heights is doing such a good job in making the Town safe for trick-or-treaters that now families come from all around the County to trick or treat here. The next meeting is on November 4.

**Recreation Council:** CM Dennison announced that the Recreation Council elected new officers. Tim Tormoen is President and Susan Jones is Treasurer. The Committee now meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

## 7. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance 109 - Amendments to Town Council Election and Selection Processes:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council continues to work on the Ordinance and hopes to adopt it at the November Town meeting. CM Dennison moved to continue deliberations. MPT Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 8. New Business

**Resolution 07-2015 - 1st Reading & Adoption of Commercial Clean Lot Fine Schedule:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that a new fine schedule was needed following the amendments to the Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance adopted in May. This schedule sets the fines for violations and the time frames for correcting violations. Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Rasmussen moved to adopt it. CM Robles seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 9. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

# Worksession

October 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles participated via conference call. Clerk Kerstin Harper had an excused absence.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** There were none.

**Calendar:** No changes or additions were made.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM White, the September 21 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**Department reports:** MPT Rasmussen reported that the Town has made an offer to one of the candidates for the Treasurer position. CM Robles reported that she met with Code Department staff for an update. She plans to do this on a monthly basis. Code Officer Kyle Snyder has accepted a full-time job with the Town of Upper Marlboro and will be transitioning out of the Code Department. The Code Department schedule will have to be rearranged. CM Robles continues to train on Comcate, the electronic code violation tracking system to learn how to compose reports and incorporate the Public Works trash violation notification process.

CM Dennison reported that she attended Trunk or Treat and had a good time. Public Works decorated a very scary Call-a-bus. MPT Rasmussen said the winning entries for best decorated cars go the Dr. Seuss theme, the haunted Candy-land, and the Snake Pit. The names of the decorators were not ascertained.

**Citizen comments:** CM Robles said that residents from the new development at Greenbelt Station complained about noise from PG Scrap. TA Cowles said that PG Scrap has been informed of the Town's Noise Ordinance and after-hours noise restrictions. The police will check on the scrap yard periodically to make sure no after-hour activities are taking place. CM Robles had another comment about the stretch of sidewalks in the 5600 block of Berwyn Road being very dark. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the NW/EP did a survey of Town streets to identify dark areas that would most benefit from additional street lights. This location may have been among those



identified.

**Purchase of pickup truck (discussed out of order):** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed Public Works Director Lockley for the discussion. TA Cowles said the Council received two background documents for the purpose of making a decision on the purchase of a new pickup truck. One identifies all Public Works vehicles with a picture and short description of the model, year, purpose and replacement cost; the other is a printout of the vehicle replacement reserve showing the cost and date for replacing each Public Works vehicle, as well as the amount set aside each year for replacement. The reserve has been revised to reflect expected replacement cost in the future rather than the price paid for the current vehicle. The pickup truck proposed to be purchased will cost \$35,000 and reduce the balance in the reserve to just below \$200,000. As the purchase of a new trash truck was moved up from the FY 2017 to this fiscal year, the Council had initially agreed that no other vehicles should be purchased from this year's budget.

Director Lockley explained that the new Ford F-350 AWD pickup truck would replace a 2008 Dodge Ram pickup truck that is nearing the end of its useful lifespan. Its main purpose is light snow removal duty; that is, the plowing of narrow side streets and cul-de-sacs where the heavy-duty Freightliner truck can't operate.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern that the vehicle replacement reserve appears to have insufficient funds. There ensued a discussion on the accuracy of the balance in the reserve and the adequacy of the annual contributions. TA Cowles said, in the past, the amount set aside in the reserve each year did not always match the amount needed. Depending on fiscal circumstances, the amount put in was sometimes more and sometimes less than needed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that is understandable. However, the amount set aside appears to have been a bulk figure where it should have been broken down by vehicle. MPT Rasmussen proposed to recalculate the vehicle replacement reserve, starting with FY 2016, instead of trying to figure out how much was set aside for each vehicle replacement in the past. TA Cowles said she plans to do that, but assured the Council that the balance of \$235,000 is correct.

MPT Rasmussen noted that an additional \$4,500 on top of the base price of \$35,000 is needed for the snow removal

package. Director Lockley explained, in the past, the reserve only paid for the base price. In his opinion, the outfitting should be included as well. MPT Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to approve an expenditure of \$40,000 for the purchase of the truck with a snow removal package from the vehicle replacement reserve. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Pepco vegetation management (discussed out of order):** TA Cowles said that she recently spoke with a Pepco representative, who briefed her on Pepco's tree trimming plans for Berwyn Heights. Pepco would like to resume its tree trimming and removal activities in the Town that were halted in 2014 upon request by the Town. Pepco is drafting a vegetation management plan that will specify which trees are to be pruned, removed and replaced. The draft should be completed by the end of the year, at which time they would like to present the plan to the Council. Upon approval, Pepco would resume its tree care program in Town. However, they may not be able to go pick up where they left off because the program is organized by feeder zone. Public Works has been in touch with Pepco and the State Forester and provided feedback on tree management.

**Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road median update (discussed out of order):** TA Cowles explained that SHA was expected to repair the triangular island at the Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road intersection. However, the island was not done when the intersection was repaved last spring. Director Lockley has since followed up with SHA's District 3 engineer Scott Wilson, who informed him that SHA will do all repairs in the area this fall in one batch.

**Bikeways project update (discussed out of order):** TA Cowles said the Town will soon install two bike repair stations after receiving approval from Park & Planning to install one of the stations at the Community Center/ Gym and constructing a pad for the second station near Sports Park. Director Lockley added that Public Works installed spiral bike racks at Sports Park, Pop's Park, Indian Creek Park and the school fields as well as individual bike hitches at the Town Center, and the Community Garden. Other racks are proposed for the hockey rink and the police station. Installation of wayfinding signage will occur when the signs are delivered, and roads will be marked with "sharrows" when WSSC has completed laying new water

mains in Town. A vendor will be used to apply the sharrows.

TA Cowles said, at this point, the Town expects to spend around \$28,000 out of a \$40,000 project budget, funded by \$20,000 Maryland Heritage Areas grant and a \$20,000 Town match. The auditors have confirmed that any installation expenditures can be charged back to FY 2015 as long as they occur in this fiscal year. Equipment purchases were completed in FY 2015. The grant maker has been kept up to date on the progress of the project and approved an extension of the project until the end of November.

In response to CM Robles, Director Lockley said that the Town expects to receive additional trash receptacles for bus stops in the near future. Delivery has been delayed because they were supplied by a third party.

The Council took a 5 minute break.

## 2. Administration

**Human resources consultant:** TA Cowles explained that the Council approved \$17,500 in FY 2016 to hire a human resources consultant to update the Town's personnel manual, perform a pay and position classification study and review the performance evaluation process. She has obtained 3 proposals, which are detailed in a memo. The low bidder was Evergreen Solutions, a consultant used by several other municipalities in the area, with a low bid of \$17,500, followed by McGrath Human Resources Group at \$20,800, and Fox Lawson at \$37,500. After some checking of references and meeting with McGrath representatives at the ICMA conference in September, she would recommend using McGrath consultants. Their references were very positive, and the package includes staff training on new systems not offered by the other vendors. The difference in cost could be made up with a portion of the website redesign budget and the Administration Department's training budget.

In response to Council questions, TA Cowles elaborated that the training offered by McGrath includes a 6 hour training session and 5 site visits to give staff in all departments an overview of the human resources function, as well as detailed explanations of the changes to the personnel manual and performance evaluation process. In addition, McGrath will provide an analysis of the fiscal impact of the pay scale and classification study, which would be very useful in gauging the budgetary implications. On the whole, McGrath's proposal was more

comprehensive and laid out the steps that need to be taken to implement any proposed changes.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she appreciates that TA Cowles has identified additional funds in the Administration budget to cover the difference in cost for hiring McGrath. CM Robles moved to approve the recommendation. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Sidewalks update:** TA Cowles said all priority 1 sidewalks construction has been completed, including the "jellyfish" storm water filter at the Public Works yard. She expects to get the remaining invoices in the next couple of weeks. The project engineers are still working on a proposal for warning lights at the fire station and are also discussing installing a speaker to alert pedestrians when fire and rescue trucks are about to leave the station. She hopes to have this information by November 2 so she can give a full accounting of all funds expended for this project. The Safe Routes to School sidewalks project was kicked off last week with the first project meeting. SHA requires the contractor to submit a list of all materials to be used in the project before construction can begin.

**Ordinance 109 revision:** TA Cowles referenced a memorandum from Clerk Harper, who was absent, to address open questions and explain the latest changes to the Ordinance.

**Section 4 - Voter Registration:** It was clarified that a municipal corporation has the authority to set the voting age as

young as age 16, the State of Maryland's minimum voting age. However, the Town Charter requires voters to be at least 18 years of age. Town Attorney Shay advised that the Town Charter takes precedence. The Council concluded the Town's utilization of a voter registration list provided by Prince George's County, which allows registration at age 16 and voting at age 17 if the voter turns 18 in the year of the election, is not conflict with the Town's voting age. Voters may register to vote as young as age 16, but may not vote in a Town election until they turn 18. Election judges should check the date of birth of a voter on the voter registration list to ensure that no under-age voting takes place. It may be useful to post a sign in the polling station stating that voters must be 18 years old.

**Section 3 - Definitions:** It was clarified that Universal Registration, implemented in 1990 by an act of the Maryland Assembly, established a system of qualifying voters based on residency in the State of Maryland and its political subdivisions. A voter thus qualified is eligible to vote in all federal, state and local elections. No separate registration is required to vote in municipal elections. However, a municipality can maintain a supplemental voter register for voters, who do not maintain a domicile in Maryland but are otherwise qualified. The definition of Universal Registration was revised to delete the sentence "This repealed the right of a municipal corporation..."

**Section 8 D - Multiple Town Council Va-**

**cancies:** It was agreed to revert back to the Charter language for the provisions that deal with 3 or more simultaneous Town Council vacancies. In this circumstance the PGC Circuit or District Court is called upon to appoint an interim administrator to take charge of Town affairs.

**Section 6 E - Campaign Material:** It was considered whether to allow campaign signs in the Town right-of-way of a private property prior to Election Day, provided they do not impair drivers' sight lines or pose other safety risks. TA Cowles was asked to research why the restriction on campaign signs was added to the Ordinance in the first place.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted the recommendation that the Town Charter needs to be amended to reflect the expanded authority of the Town Administrator set forth in *Ordinance 121 - Executive Powers and Duties*, and the 2005 annexation of several Branchville Road properties. TA Cowles was requested to provide an overview of the Charter amendment process at the next worksession.

**MML legislative priorities:** Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said MML has recommended the restoration of Highway User Revenues (HUR) and protection of Program Open Space funds as top legislative priorities for the 2016 legislative session. She asked if one of the councilmember attending the fall conference can vote for the priorities package on behalf of the Town. CM Robles agreed to do so.

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

**6. Public Works (discussed under Mayor's agenda)**

**7. Executive Session (9:29 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



## HOLIDAY TIPS FROM NW/EP

### Going out of Town?



- Ask someone to pick up your mail or stop your mail
- Put lights on a timer
- Avoid posting your whereabouts on social media
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Leave your curtains in their normal position
- Including alcohol in your celebrations?

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## Recreation Council Events

### Holiday Party and Tree Lighting

December 5<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Senior Center

Join your fellow town residents for an evening of arts and crafts, a visit from Santa Claus, and the annual lighting of the town tree with accordion music by Phil Ventura. Hot chocolate, cider and holiday treats will be served

6:00 – 7:00 Crafts

6:30 – 7:15 Santa

7:15 – 8:00 Tree Lighting and Carols

*Also, please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to the US Marines Toys for Tots Foundation. Donations will also be accepted at the Town Office leading up to the event.*

### We Need Your Talent and a Little Time

The Recreation Council's monthly events are put on by our awesome volunteers.

We can always use more people and ideas. The time commitment is just a few hours a month! Consider coming to our meetings to learn more. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of most months, 7:30 pm.

Questions? Contact Tim Tormoen at [totormoen@yahoo.com](mailto:totormoen@yahoo.com)

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## BERWYN HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

John DeFerrari, author of the recently published [Capital Streetcars: Early Mass Transit in Washington, D.C.](#) visited Berwyn Heights for the BHHHC's fall reception. He gave a presentation about his book to a crowd of around 35 people, followed by a lively round of questions, and a book-signing. Wine & snacks contributed to the good time that was had by all.

Check out ATHA's [Holidays in the Heritage Area](#)  
featuring the FREE Dec.16 [Holiday Mixer](#) at Belair Mansion  
**NEXT BHHHC MEETING December 15 7:30 p.m.**





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Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.*

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

**\*\*THANK YOU!\*\***

The PTA would like to extend our thanks to the following local businesses for their generous donations to our Walkathon:

- Honey Glow Natural Products
- Danielle Glaros, PG County Council member
- Greenbelt Road Shell
- As You Like It Heating & AC
- Rising Sun Motors
- Bob Neri, Century 21
- Metro Real Estate

## **Kindergarten Open House**

January 8<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am

Will your child be ready for Kindergarten next year? Please join us on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to learn everything you need to know about Berwyn Heights Elementary!

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

Contact president @bhespta.org for more details.

## **Family Reading Night**

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Students and their families are invited to join us for fun reading activities!

- Grades K-2 on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.
- Grades 3-6 on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm.

More information coming soon!

Visit the PTA web site at  
[www.BHESPTA.org](http://www.BHESPTA.org)

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Tuesday, December 8**

PTA Meeting in the library  
6:30-7pm

\*\* followed by \*\*

Family Reading Night for  
Grades K-2 from 7pm-8pm  
in the cafeteria

### **Wednesday, December 9**

2-Hour Early Dismissal  
(Professional Development)

### **Tuesday, December 15**

Family Reading Night for  
Grades 3-6 from 7pm-8pm  
in the cafeteria

### **Wednesday, December 23 -**

### **Friday, January 1**

No School –  
Winter Break

## **School Gardens**



Thank you to the **BHES Department of Public Works** for their generous delivery of SmartLeaf and mulch to the school gardens. Another big thank you to Boy Scout Troop 740 from College Park for all their hard work moving and spreading the SmartLeaf and mulch. This helps beautify the gardens but most importantly, it helps keep our soil in place. Nearly two billion tons of soil is lost per year from our cropland due to soil erosion from wind.

This year, we added crop covers to the raised beds in the school gardens to provide extra protection from frost and extend the growing season for the kids at BHES. Hopefully the crop covers will keep the 5<sup>th</sup> graders' vegetables growing a little bit longer!

Thanksgiving is a holiday that commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. Just before Thanksgiving break, BHES students celebrated the true meaning of giving thanks for their hard work in growing a cornucopia of wonderful vegetables with a tasty harvest party!





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## Did you know?

It might sound amazing but it is not only true, it is also wonderful that you can track Santa Claus as he makes his magical journey throughout the globe on his reindeers to dispense gifts. There are several websites through which you can track Santa, see the Links below. And to all a Very Merry Holiday!

\*\* <https://santatracker.google.com/#village>

\*\* <http://www.noradsanta.org/>

\*\* <http://trackingsanta.net>

## Did you also know ...

This is a picture of me in 1961 with Santa. Really cute, right?! I remember having wonderful holidays with my family here in Berwyn Heights. I wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday season. While I have been in the real estate business for over 10 years, I have lived in Berwyn Heights my entire life and I’m here for you and only a phone call away. I can help you buy or sell homes and make your real estate experience so easy that you will have more time for family & friends all year long!

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- 8405 58th Ave., Berwyn Heights
- 7316 Edmonston Rd., College Park

## Under Contract:

- 7305 Baylor Ave., College Park



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



# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

The best therapy in the world is time out with your friends.

The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors, have a good laugh or two, and a cup of coffee or a soda.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

December 5	Joan Ahrens
December 7	Daniel Woodard
December 8	Kathryn Hanlon
December 16	Kay Angell
December 26	Alan Sinclair

## DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
December 2	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 7	Trip to Brookside Gardens	9:30 A.M.
December 8	Meeting, Potluck, Christmas Party & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
December 9	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 10	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 12	Pot Luck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
December 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
December 16	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 17	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.
December 22	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
December 23	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 24	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 25	Christmas Day— Center Closed	
December 29	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
December 30	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.

## Upcoming Events



**Santa will be at the Senior Center to talk to all the kids.**

**December 5,  
6:30 to 7:15 P.M.**

**Annual Trip to Brookside Garden, December 7. We will see the Garden Railway and, of course, go out to eat. You can always be sure there will be good food when the Seniors get together.**



**Election of Officers at the December 8, 2015 Meeting.**



**Redskin watch continues for all 1:00 P.M. games. Come join us.**





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



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## Recent Working Incidents:

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14B (Kerinan) operated in the 6800blk of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Lanham/Riverdale for a house fire. Units arrived to find a house fully involved, with Chief 14B with Incident Command.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 operated in the intersection of New Hampshire Ave/Metzerott Rd in Adelphi, for SUV on its side with the driver trapped. Volunteers stabilized the vehicle and removed the roof to extricate the driver.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Ambo 14B responded to the OL I-495/95 in the area of Kenilworth Ave for a highway accident. Units arrived to find an SUV on its side with the driver's arm pinned under the vehicle. The volunteer Squad crew worked quickly to stabilize the vehicle and extricate the patient.

Nov 8<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Truck 14 were alerted via special-request to assist units onscene of a horrific mass-casualty accident at 21st Pl & Chillum Rd in Adelphi. Upon arrival the 12 BHVFD volunteers split up to simultaneously extricate trapped drivers, triage critically injured patients, and assisting with the transport of the 14 critical patients to area hospitals & Trauma centers via appx 10 Ambulances & 3 medivac helicopters.

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14, Squad 14 & Paramedic Ambulance 14 responded to Greenbelt Road/Cunningham Drive for a car overturned in Berwyn Heights.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14, Utility 14 & Ambo 14B were alerted to the 8500Blk of 60<sup>th</sup> Place in Berwyn Heights for a large shed fire. BHVFD arrived to find a 20ftx15ft storage shed in a backyard on fire. BHVFD volunteers pulled a hose line from Branchville VFD's engine to extinguish the fire. Several hours later units responded back to the scene after the shed caught fire again. The cause is under investigation by PGFD Fire Marshall's Office.



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect. Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

### Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles and keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.

## **VOLUNTEER TODAY!!**

Volunteering in the fire department is a unique experience that can be as rewarding and educational as you choose to make it. 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. BHVFD is always seeking motivated volunteers to join our Department for positions of **Firefighter, EMS, Administrative, and Ladies Auxillary**. For more information visit our website [www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org) and click the "Contact Us." You can get a station tour and a ride along before you decide to join! **Ages 16 and up, no experience needed!**

### **Station 14 Call Volume: Oct 2015**

Rescue Squads:	209
Ladder Truck:	38
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	4
Ambulance:	183
<b>Total Station Runs for October 2015:</b>	<b>434</b>



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# Code News

## WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections & Enforcement (DPIE) requires building permits for most major home improvement projects, especially if they involve structural changes. Applications and plans can be submitted in person at 9400 Peppercorn Place, 1st Floor, Largo, MD, 20774 or through an electronic plan review process (ePlan).

Once a County permit has been issued, homeowners must also obtain a building permit from the Town of Berwyn Heights, available at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road. If you have questions about permits please call the Town's Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

## Examples of projects requiring a building permit

Building additions, dormers, new entrances  
 Adding or replacing porches and decks  
 Adding masonry chimneys and fireplaces  
 Replacing roof sheathing (plywood panels under shingles)  
 Expanding and refinishing basements  
 Waterproofing foundations

## Improvements to accessory structures, such as

Building sheds over 150 square feet  
 Adding or enclosing carports  
 Fences above 4 feet high  
 Retaining walls above 2 feet high  
 Above-grade patios  
 Swimming pools and hot tubs  
 Driveways and paving

## A complete list of permit requirements can be viewed at the DPIE website:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/DPIE/Permits/TypesofPermits/ResidentialBuilding/Pages/default.aspx>



## October Activities

<b>Clean Lot Violations</b>	
High Grass/ Vegetation	4
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	3
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	10
Refuse Collection	3
Vehicles	18
Miscellaneous	29
Commercial	34
<b>Total Clean Lot Violations</b>	<b>81</b>
Abatements	0
<b>Permits</b>	
Building	7
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Violations	7
<b>Rentals</b>	
New Rentals	0
Lost Rentals	2
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>199</b>
Inspections	6
Re-inspections	3
Fines	4
<b>Vacant Homes</b>	
New Vacant Homes	-
Lost Vacant Homes	3
<b>Total Vacant Properties</b>	<b>32</b>



## PERMITS ISSUED

10/21/2015 a Solicitation permit was issued to Mr. Stephen Weene of Domino's Pizza.





## 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, please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com). Our next meeting will be in January; please see the January Bulletin for further details.



### Greening Tips the Holidays!



With the holiday season approaching, here are just a few eco-friendly ideas to help minimize not only waste, but also expense and stress!

- **Gift wrapping and holiday cards:** *During the holiday season between Thanksgiving to New Year's, Americans throw out about 25% more trash compared to any other time of the year, which amounts to about 25 million tons of garbage!* Here are some ideas for reducing waste:
  - For wrapping presents, try to purchase recycled and/or recyclable wrapping paper, or even better, be creative and reuse things such as newspaper comic strips or magazine pages, outdated maps, children's artwork or colorful linens to wrap your gifts. Or completely avoid using paper by using decorative tins, baskets or boxes and reusable cloth ribbon.
  - For holiday greeting cards, consider sending an electronic greeting card with photos or use a set of cards made from 100% recycled paper.
- **Types of gifts:** Rather than buying the latest fad item, consider giving these kinds of gifts:
  - Gifts of time, such as help with housework or child care
  - Homemade gifts such as baked goods, handmade crafts or personalized photo albums
  - Items that are sure to be used such as gift certificates or tickets to movies, concerts or sports events, or registration fees for classes based on someone's hobbies—music, art, cooking, outdoor activities, etc.
  - Look to purchase gifts locally to help support small local businesses, such as gifts made by local entrepreneurs and artists—for example, check out Greenbelt's Art and Craft Fair, Dec. 5-6
  - Buy gifts made from recycled or upcycled materials, or purchase fair trade handmade gifts—they often have more character and charm!
  - Consider donating to a charity on someone's behalf as a gift—choose a charity that focuses on issues they care about
- **Holiday lights:** Everyone loves to decorate with lights as part of the holiday season, but electric lights do consume a lot of energy. Below are some energy-reducing tips:
  - Try to turn them on only at night and turn them off before going to bed.
  - Ideally use LED lights, which are brighter but use one-tenth of the energy of standard mini-bulbs—and last longer than traditional bulbs.
- **Other holiday decorations:** When it comes to decorating, think reduce, reuse, recycle:
  - Choose decorations made from natural/sustainable materials, or look to secondhand stores for gently used decorations, or make your own wreaths and centerpieces using materials from your own yard/home
- **Christmas trees:** If you celebrate Christmas and plan to have a tree, consider these options:
  - You can purchase a live potted tree that you can plant, or leave it potted and use it again next year.
  - If you decide to get a freshly cut tree, consider purchasing it from the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. And then you can easily recycle your tree by just simply putting it curbside along with your yard waste—Public Works will take the trees to the county yard waste composting facility.
- **Holiday meals:** Consider these ways to make your holiday meals more green friendly:
  - While many farmers' markets do close for the winter, some markets move indoors for the winter—for example, check out Riverdale Park's farmers' market, on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m
  - Aim to purchase local and/or organic food and ingredients for the majority of the items on your holiday menu



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## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

### For Preschoolers and Younger



Come join us for a play date and get to know other parents in the community while our children play!

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

**Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy**

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

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

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**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.

**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. Follow us on Twitter: [twitter.com/BHeightsGOP](https://twitter.com/BHeightsGOP) and Like Us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP](https://www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP).

**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](mailto:kathybrosh@gmail.com). References

**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](mailto:angelalazo1@hotmail.com).

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

**Berwyn Heights Residents.** If you need your grass cut. Call for free estimate. After 4:30pm. Jeff 301-474-5803.

## 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

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen  
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin  
Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond  
301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

### Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000

[Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com](mailto:Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com)

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

### Playgroup

Jaime Sampson

[sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:sampson.jaime@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

### Recreation Council

Tim Tormoen

[tormoen@yahoo.com](mailto:tormoen@yahoo.com)

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

[therese@celticlans.com](mailto:therese@celticlans.com)

### BH Elementary School PTA

Chris McComb

[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Theresa Beck 301-237-2829

[beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)



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# POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **October 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.

10/01/2015 at 8:00 am, Pvt. Hollowell along with Det. Unger, the Chief of Police and several County officers responded to the 'X-Tra' Fuel Mart on Greenbelt Road for a report of a robbery in progress. On scene, it was determine that the employee was having dispute with his customer and escalated the incident by calling 911 to gain police response. Case is being investigated by CID for misuse of police 911 services.

10/01/2015 at 12:08 pm, Pvt. Hollowell impounded a 1996 Toyota from the 5900 block of Pontiac Street due to vehicle impeding traffic.

10/02/2015 at 1:00 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of vandalism to a 2007 Chevrolet.

10/02/2015 at 2:32 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 5700 block of Seminole for a report of a found mountain bike.

10/03/2015 at 9:08 am, Pfc. Ignowski was confronted by a hostile 24 y/o white male asking the officer what he was doing and attempting to bait the officer for further confrontation. Incident occurred in the 6300 block of Pontiac Street.

10/03/2015 at 11:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Swarthmore Drive for a report of a damaged property.

10/06/2015 at 4:42 pm, Sgt. Moroney impounded a 2000 Mazda from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road due to an accident.

10/09/2015 at 7:50 am, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 5700 block of Ruatan Street for a report of vandalism to windows of a house under construction.

10/09/2015 at 7:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 1991 Cadillac from 193 at 63rd. Avenue. The vehicle was left unattended on the roadway.

10/10/2015 at 10:35 am, Pfc. Ignowski

impounded a 2011 Jeep from the 8900 block of Cunningham Drive. The vehicle was driven by an unlicensed 17 y/o male. He was arrested and charged.

10/10/2015 at 8:30 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8500 block of 63rd. Avenue for a report of a parked 2006 Toyota that was struck by an unknown vehicle.

10/11/2015 at 3:00 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a disorderly 12 y/o boy.

10/11/2015 at 5:17 pm, a citizen found a wallet and forwarded it to Cpl. Roberson. A recovered property letter was mailed to the owner.

10/15/2015 at 3:00 am, Pvt. Hollowell impounded a 2006 Lincoln from the 8400 block of Cunningham Drive. The vehicle was left abandoned in the roadway.

10/15/2015 at 11:04 pm, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 5500 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of theft from a 2009 Chevrolet. The rear tag of the vehicle was taken.

10/17/2015 at 10:55 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5700 block of Berwyn

Road for a report of a vandalism to a vacant house. Unknown person broke the rear window.

10/19/2015 at 2:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2003 Yamaha motorcycle from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver of the motorcycle was suspended and driving an unlicensed bike.

10/19/2015 at 5:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of theft. Victim, a 55 y/o Latino male alleges that three of his wrist watches were taken from the house by a member of his family or friends.

10/19/2015 at 8:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft. Victim, a 36 y/o, Latino female alleges that her jewelry was taken by a known family member.

10/23/2015 at 4:17 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a bicycle from in front of 7-11.

10/25/2015 at 9:25 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 56th. Avenue for a report of a stolen dirt bike and a wood chipper.

10/26/2015 at 9:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a found bank card.

10/26/2015 at 6:15 pm, Pfc. Duck impounded a 2004 Toyota from the area of Greenbelt Road near 58th. Avenue due to an accident.

10/28/2015 at 9:25 am, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 2004 Lincoln from the area of Seminole Street near 58th. Avenue. The driver was suspended.

10/30/2015 at 8:55 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a report of unwanted calls.

10/31/2015 at 9:25 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Place for a report of theft from a 2008 Hummer. Unknown person(s) removed various items from the said car.

10/31/2015 at 9:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Place for a report of theft from a 2006 Mazda. Unknown person(s) entered an unsecured vehicle and removed \$4.00 worth of coins.

10/31/2015 at 2:22 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Place for a report of theft from a 2003 Subaru. Unknown person(s) entered an unsecured vehicle and removed a Apple I-pod.

## Happy Holidays from Your Town Police Department



**Please exercise caution when holiday shopping. See page 2 for helpful hints for shoppers.**

**After Business Hours:**

**NON-EMERGENCY  
POLICE  
DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER**

**301-352-1200**

**Tell the P.G. County Dispatcher the nature of your problem; specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police officer respond to your call.**

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SOLD-5909 Natasha Dr 4BR/2.5 BA rambler.....all cash....\$276,000.

Under Contract-5803 Berwyn Rd 3BR/2BA rambler.....\$290's.

Reduced-5717 Pontiac St 4BR 2BA rambler .....\$269,500

NEW Listing- 8901 60<sup>th</sup> Av 4/5BR 2BA Rambler.....\$300's.

SOLD-5613 Osage St 3BR 2BA split foyer.....\$270's.

Under Contract-6030 Westchester Park Dr 2BR condo...\$120's.

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



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## Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Tree Fundraiser Sale!

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will once again be holding our Annual Christmas Trees Fundraiser Sale in the rear parking lot of our station. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year, and would like to thank everyone in advance for your support!

*We accept cash and checks (sorry no credit cards!)*

*Live in Town? We will deliver your tree for FREE!*

### Sale hours:

Monday – Friday 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday – Sunday 9:00am to 10:00pm

### Tree prices:

Fraser Fir: 5-6ft \$30.00

Fraser Fir: 6-7Ft \$40.00

Be sure to get your tree early!  
we usually sell out a week or  
two before Christmas even  
though we order more trees  
every year!



## Santa on a Fire Truck- Christmas Eve 7pm-9pm



BHVFD volunteers will once again be escorting Santa around Town on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from approximately 7pm until around 9pm. We try our best to ensure Santa visits all streets in Berwyn Heights, College Park Estates, and Westchester Park, **but we will still be responding to emergency calls during this time** which may affect our rounds. Just listen for our sirens on Christmas Eve!



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**BerwynLawnCare@gmail.com**





# December 2015

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 29	30   	Dec. 1   7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting Town Office	2  7:30 PM. NW/EP Meeting Town Office	3  	4	5 6:00 PM Tree Lighting Town Center 
6	7   7:00 PM Worksession 	8   	9  8:00 PM Town Meeting	10  	11 Offices Close at 12:30 PM Employee Holi- day Luncheon	12
13  Street Sweeper	14   	15   7:30 PM BHHC Meeting Town Office 	16 	17   7:00 PM Green Team Meeting Town Center	18	19
20  Street Sweeper	21   7:00 PM Worksession 	22   	23 	24   Christmas Eve Town Offices Close at 12:30 PM	25 Christmas Day Holiday Town Offices Closed	26
27	28   	29   	30 	31   New Year's Eve Town Offices Close 12:30 PM	Jan 1 New Year's Day Town Offices Closed	2
	PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN TO ENSURE THE STREET SWEEPER CAN CLEAN OUR TOWN.			 Recycling Collection   Yard Waste North  South	 Refuse Collection North  South   Bulk Pick-up North  South	



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Police Administrative Office .....	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department .....	(301) 513-9331
Email: <a href="mailto:code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>	
Public Works Department .....	(301) 474-6897
Email: <a href="mailto:publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>	
Fire Department .....	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center .....	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) .....	(301) 345-2808
Town Office .....	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-A-Bus Reservations .....	(301) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516	<a href="mailto:jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Mayor — Public Safety/Health	
Christopher Rasmussen (612) 432-0710	<a href="mailto:crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration	
Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759	<a href="mailto:pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs	
Maria Robles (301) 455-9299	<a href="mailto:mrobes@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">mrobes@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
Councilmember — Code Compliance	
Lynn White (240) 351-7813	<a href="mailto:lwhite@town.berwyn-heights.md.us">lwhite@town.berwyn-heights.md.us</a>
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](mailto:contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71  
FIOS channel 12**

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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Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

Or email: [yodoi@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:yodoi@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)

Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!

Helen Van Doren, Design & Layout