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Holiday Decorating Contest



Judging December 18—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 TRASH SCHEDULE

Christmas

Mon., December 24 — North/South Refuse Pick Up

Tues., December 25 — No Trash Pick Up

Wed., December 26 — North/South Yard Waste
& Recyclables

New Year's

Mon., December 31— North/South Refuse Pick Up

Tues., January 1— No Trash Pick Up

Wed., January 2 — North/South Yard Waste
& Recyclables

Normal Trash Pick up on Thurs./Fri. Dec. 27/28

And Thurs./Fri. Jan 3/4

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

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Town of Berwyn Heights Seeks BHTV Camera Operator for Town Meetings

The Town recently completed an upgrade of the broadcasting equipment for its local access channel (Comcast Channel 71, FiOS Channel 12), which broadcasts Council meetings and a community information slide show. We are looking for someone to operate the cameras and other production controls during Town meetings, which take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Compensation \$15.00 / hour or higher depending on experience.

If you are interested please contact Town Administrator Ed Murphy emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us or Town Clerk Kerstin Harper kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us or call 301-474-5000 to apply.

SENATOR PINSKY'S TOWN HALL MEETING

Riverdale Elementary School
5600 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD 20737

December 15, 2012
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM



Maryland State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (District 22) will share a legislative update with his constituents. Chief Administrative Officer **Bradford Seamon** will present the latest news from the Prince George's County Executive's Office. Time will be set aside to hear from you!

For more information, call 240-391-8154
or email ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org.

Worksession

October 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera and Dennison. CM Kulpa-Eddy had an excused absence. CM Almoguera arrived 5 minutes late due to an out-of-town trip. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Delegate Justin Ross (District 22) will resign effective November 9. Delegate Jolene Ivey will become chair of the Prince George's County delegation. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) recently dismissed its Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources.

Calendar: The October 10 Town meeting and public hearing on sidewalks will be held in the Town office. The October 20 Trunk or Treat event will be starting at 6:30 p.m. At the November 14 Town meeting, a green team will be appointed. The legislative dinner was set for November 27, 6:30 p.m. The January 21, 2013 worksession was moved to January 22.

Minutes: The September 12 Town meeting were distributed.

Department reports: CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department is wrapping up the FY 2012 audit. The Family BBQ went well and benefited from beautiful weather. Residents are requested to return the *Traveling Garden* books to the Town office. CM Almoguera attended the last general meeting of the seniors' Club. She discussed the Council's sidewalks plans and received positive feedback when offering to find seniors' help with shoveling snow from sidewalks. CM Dennison announced upcoming community events. MPT Wilkinson reported that the Public Works removed dead locust trees along the Quebec Street on the backside of the school. Mayor Calvo said that he enjoyed the Family BBQ, at which he had a chance to speak with a number of residents. He thought that the playground was well maintained.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo heard from a number of residents about sidewalks. There was general agreement that the proposed sidewalk locations make a lot of sense. On the Berwyn Heights listserv a lively discussion is taking place about whether a mangy fox or coyote is roaming the Town. There

also is a *YouTube* video of the creature. MPT Wilkinson said some parents of students are worried that the fox is too tame and comes too close to the school. Students might end up getting hurt if they try pet it or disturb it.

Further, Mayor Calvo received positive comments on the waste baskets recently installed at bus stops, and a question on the status of the bollards and parking area at Indian Creek playground. CM Almoguera said that parents are worried about kids tipping over the waste-baskets at the Indian Creek playground. MPT Wilkinson received comments about the 'pothole' at Cunningham Drive and Quebec Place and a question regarding sidewalks on Edmonston Road.

Speed camera revenues: TA Murphy gave an overview of speed camera revenues, which will be the principle source of funding for sidewalks. He said that during FY 2011, the first year of operation, the Town received \$110,000 in revenue from 6,200 citations. In the second year, revenues dropped to \$49,000 from 1,300 citations. This year, \$470 has been received so far and a total of \$37,000 in receipts is projected for FY 2013, based on receipts for the first 6 months of this year. One hundred seventy citations have been appealed in court and fines will not go to the Town. He is still working to find out how many 1,125 unpaid citations are currently in the flagging process. The drop in revenues is similar to that in other municipalities. The breakdown of citations by location of the speed camera shows that Greenbelt Road generates the most citations, followed by Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road. It also shows that the months of July and August generate the most citations which may have something to do with schools reopening. The data also show that citations spike when a camera is moved to a new location and then drops back down as drivers adjust.

Mayor Calvo commented that the data gives interesting information about the pattern of violations, but is incomplete with regard to an analysis of revenues. He questions the projections for this fiscal year because they are based on a period during which receipts were erratic due to speed cameras not working or not being in a good location. It would be useful to have better data on how many citations are paid after 45 days, when a late fee is applied, and after 60 days, when a flagging fee is applied. Further, he would like to have numbers of how many citations go to in-state vehicles as opposed out-of-state vehicles. On the whole, he thinks that citations will not reach the numbers seen when speed cameras

were first introduced because drivers are alert to them and drive more slowly. Since this is the goal, cameras should be moved around so that drivers go slowly everywhere, not just where they know cameras are posted.

TA Murphy was asked to check with the vendor about moving the cameras more often and to new locations. He will also work with Chief Antolik on producing more in-depth analysis of speed camera revenue. MPT Wilkinson said that revenues might be better presented in a chart format. Mayor Calvo agreed saying a chart should track by month the different categories of receipts, e.g. fines paid on time, fines paid after 45 day and fines paid after 60 days; as well as expenditures related to the program by category. This would see trend lines for revenues. MPT Wilkinson suggested placing a speed camera on the 6200 block of Quebec Street.

Four Cities agenda items: Tabled to later in the meeting.

Employee holiday lunch: The date was set under calendar discussion.

Nothing was discussed under 2. Public Safety.

3. Public Works

Sale of DPW truck, tractor: MPT Wilkinson explained that Acting Director Lockley received an offer of \$1,500 for the 1997 dump truck, which was surplus after the purchase of new truck this summer. DPW also wants to sell a 1983 John Deere tractor, which has not been used since the purchase of a mower 5 years ago. There is an interested buyer for the tractor but no price has been agreed to yet. MPT Wilkinson moved for the Council to surplus the vehicles. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Cunningham Drive at Quebec Place street repair: MPT Wilkinson explained that Olney Masonry provided a quote of \$3,900 for repairing the northbound lane of Cunningham Drive next to entrance of Pop's Park. While in town, they were also asked to give a quote for repairing the sidewalk in front of 8616 58th Avenue, which is a trip and fall hazard for pedestrians. That repair was quoted at \$2,640 inclusive an ADA accessible ramp. MPT Wilkinson thought this is too expensive and asked Public Works to do the repair in-house with cold patch asphalt.

TA Murphy said the damage is likely caused by the stop and go of heavy buses. He therefore instructed Mr. Lockley to get a quote for a deep patch and concrete patch because concrete will hold up better to heavy bus traffic. Mayor

Calvo said the Council will have to look at spending more money to improve other intersections where buses have caused road damage, mostly at intersections where the UM shuttle and Metro bus stop. He further suggested that Public Works remove the upturned asphalt and temporarily fill the hole because it is unsafe now do crack-sealing to stop roads from deteriorating during the winter. TA Murphy said crack-sealing needs to be done by the end of October before it turns too cold.

At 8:05 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

4. Administration

Four Cities agenda: Mayor Calvo said he likes the meetings to start with a presentation on a particular subject of concern. He suggested inviting the Greenbelt Middle School principal to give an update on the first weeks in the new building. MPT Wilkinson said he would like an update from Greenbelt on their arrangement with the University of Maryland to allow non-student riders to use the shuttle. Other potential topics included update on the Greenbelt Area Sector Plan, Pepco community relations, and the new storm water management program.

Bulletin cover: The following items were proposed for the November Bulletin cover: Thanksgiving theme; headlines for Veterans Day event and Town-wide Cleanup; jumps for general election reminders, loose leaf collection and holiday trash schedule.

Merit pay increase: CM Almoguera said that she has researched an alternate performance evaluation-merit pay scheme because she finds the current system too subjective. In particular, the ordering of individual performance ratings into merit classes for the purpose of awarding different rates of pay increases is arbitrary. There are more objective ways to award merit pay, which use an equation to allocate a given merit pay budget to employees based on their individual performance rating. She was not able to provide sample documents for this approach because they are not publicly available. She is ready to do more research but would like to get the Council's feedback as she does not have insight into the history of the Council's merit pay decisions.

Mayor Calvo said that he has some reservations and thoughts about implementing an objective system, such as described by CM Almoguera. First, adopting such a system should be done prior to the annual evaluation and merit pay process, not in the middle of it. Second, and more importantly, the Town does not

have one person who oversees the evaluation process to make sure that ratings are consistent across departments. It therefore falls to the Council to do that. If it is assumed that directors' evaluations are objective because they are given an objective rating scale (e.g. 3=meets expectation, 4=exceeds expectations), the Council would be stuck with them. However, it is the Council's experience that directors apply the scale in a subjective way. Where one director may have a tendency to award a 4 rating liberally, another has a habit of grading more harshly. The Council has taken on the responsibility for balancing out the uneven ratings across departments and pushed directors to be more consistent. So, the current system with its rating classes has evolved as a way to make the ratings fairer.

Mayor Calvo continued that he is not opposed to developing a more objective system where the rating guidelines are clear and understood by all. However, he believes that requires a new management system rather than merely a new rating system. Further, the Town's commission style of government makes it difficult to implement a coherent personnel management system. The Town Administrator does not have the authority to tell directors to revise their performance evaluations. That is the responsibility of the councilmembers/department heads. The Town probably needs to review how it awards cost of living increases (COLA) and/or merit pay. In recent years, the Town has only given merit pay due to a shrunken tax base. At the same time, employees' net incomes have gone down as pension and health insurance contributions have gone up.

MPT Wilkinson said that the Council may want to think about revising the underlying management structure in conjunction with hiring a new Town Administrator. The qualifications of a future candidate for that position should perhaps include an expertise in personnel management. While he would like to see what kind of rating system CM Almoguera would propose, he does not want her to invest a lot of time and her proposal not be adopted.

CM Dennison said that she is open to devising an alternative rating system. Meanwhile, the Council may want to look at improving the evaluation forms. Mayor Calvo agreed. Better designed forms could help directors in evaluating their employees without turning the system upside down. Forms could include some questions that are specific to a department's size, mission and responsibilities. He hopes the Council's input will help CM Almoguera in drafting her proposal.

CM Almoguera said she will not spend as much time on this issue as initially planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting

October 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair Ron Shane, Lonni Moffet, Charles Happ, and citizens. Town Administrator (TA) Murphy had an excused absence.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearing

Sidewalk locations: Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the sidewalks program. He said the Town was originally platted without sidewalks. The first sidewalks were built by the State Highway Administration (SHA) when they turned over the former State roads, 58th Avenue and Pontiac Street, to the Town. The only other sidewalks on Paxton Court were built by the Veterans Affairs Administration when they constructed homes for World War II veterans.

With the initiation of a speed camera program in June 2011, revenues became available that made funding of sidewalks possible and the Council began to discuss a sidewalk construction program. In October 2011, a first public hearing was held to gauge residents' interest in adding sidewalks. The majority of those present were in favor of using speed camera revenues to build more sidewalks. Since then the Council has worked on identifying locations in Town where sidewalks are most needed and developed a 3 tiered priority list. The focus currently is on priority 1 sidewalks, which encompass those streets that have the most pedestrian and vehicular traffic, including buses.

Planning for sidewalks is a multi-step process beginning with 1) identifying priority locations; 2) surveying priority locations to determine the Town right of way; 3) designing and engineering the sidewalks for their specific locations; 4) notifying impacted residents; and 5) constructing the sidewalks. At this point, the Council is studying the costs associated with building sidewalks on one side of the priority 1 sidewalks route. Costs have

increased with new regulations requiring sidewalks to be 5' wide and mandating offsets for additional storm water runoff generated by newly paved surfaces. The Town plans to use pervious concrete for paving the sidewalks to mitigate the additional runoff.

Over the last months, the Council has worked to come up with the most user-friendly sidewalks route at the lowest cost. To see where money could be saved, the route was broken down into 3 sections:

1. East side of 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive between Greenbelt Road and Pontiac Street costing \$227,000;
2. North side of Pontiac Street between 58th Avenue and Quebec Street, 57th Avenue between Pontiac Street and Berwyn Road (no sidewalks), and South side of Berwyn Road from 57th Avenue to Indian Creek Trail costing \$160,000;
3. North side of Pontiac Street in front of BHES costing \$33,000, and North side of Pontiac Street in front of Community Center costing \$78,000 for a total cost of \$111,000.

The money available for sidewalks in the public safety reserve is approximately \$120,000, after subtracting expenses for the sidewalks survey and a part-time officer who issues the speed camera citations. While the public safety reserve is not the only source of funding for sidewalks, it is the most important one.

Mayor Calvo opened the hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Ray Smith of Seminole Place had several questions and comments. He asked how many pedestrians were hit by vehicles in recent years. Chief Antolik said the only places where pedestrians were hit was the school parking lot, and 63rd Avenue in front of the McDonald's restaurant. Mr. Smith asked if 5' sidewalks would include a green strip. Mayor Calvo said that has not been decided. Sidewalks must be in the Town right of way, however, which varies widely throughout the Town. Mr. Smith asked how sidewalks would be built in front of the community center and the elementary school, where the terrain is very steep. Mayor Calvo replied that this location would require building retaining walls similar to those recently installed on 58th Avenue at Ruatan Street. Mr. Smith asked what priority the Council assigned to sidewalks on the 8900 block of 62nd and 63rd Avenues. Mayor Calvo said that 63rd Avenue was designated priority 2,

but should have been priority 1. 62nd Avenue was designated priority 3. Mr. Smith summed up that he generally agrees with the proposed sidewalks plan but suggested that sidewalks be lined up with the crosswalks on Greenbelt Road. He also agreed with using speed camera revenues for the project but would be opposed to borrowing any money.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked what type of paving would be used for building sidewalks. Mayor Calvo replied that has not been decided but would probably be some type of pervious paving, as required by new storm water management regulations. Mr. Attick continued that he understands why the proposed route excludes sidewalks on the 8600 block of 57th Avenue, but it defeats the purpose of improving pedestrian safety. Further, he sought confirmation whether Section 803 of the Berwyn Heights Charter requires the signed approval of 51% of residents before sidewalks can be constructed on a particular block. Mayor Calvo said it is only required if residents are asked to pay for it via an ad valorem tax.

Nancy Forney, Pontiac Street, asked whether sidewalks would be built on the south side of Pontiac Street in front of the school and community center. Mayor Calvo said that while the south side was included in the survey, no sidewalks are planned. Mrs. Forney asked if pervious concrete would work on a sloped sidewalk and whether existing sidewalks would be repaved. Mayor Calvo said that pervious concrete would probably absorb the water from a light rainfall but not from a downpour. Existing sidewalks would remain as they are.

Shirley Sorensen, Pontiac Street, said that she sees no reason to build a sidewalk into the hill in front of the community center. School children are using the existing sidewalk on top of the hill. In fact, she sees no reason to add sidewalks anywhere on Pontiac Street. She agrees that the section of 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive between Greenbelt Road and Pontiac Street is most in need of sidewalks. Pedestrians walking to the shopping center when it is dark are very hard to see. She also thinks that sidewalks are needed on the 5600 block of Berwyn Road, where children often walk to get to Sports Park. She favors funding new sidewalks from the existing budget and is opposed to raising new taxes to pay for them.

Jeffrey Osmond, Cunningham Drive, said that he agrees with most of the statements made so far. 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive is a top priority and sidewalks should be lined up with Greenbelt Road crosswalks. He hopes that side-

walks will be extended south on Cunningham Drive to serve his block. There is considerable pedestrian traffic there. Sidewalks in front of the community center are a low priority since existing walkways are coming in from the parking areas. He also supports sidewalks on Berwyn Road between the Town Center and Sports Park, giving preference to the south side, where most pedestrians walk. Whenever possible, sidewalks should be placed on the south and west side of streets to take advantage of trees shading the road. Further, he encouraged the Town to investigate if the 5' sidewalk mandate could be waived for areas where there are obstacles and sloped terrain.

Georgina Stark, Seminole Street, asked what the time frame for completing construction of the first set of sidewalks is and whether sidewalks are planned for any part of Seminole Street. Mayor Calvo replied he hopes that they will be built next year, possibly in the fall to take advantage of lower post-season costs. Sidewalks on Seminole Street are only planned for the 6100 block as part of priority 3. Priority 2 and priority 3 sidewalks will be subject to their own planning process and construction schedule. Ms. Stark further suggested that the 5600 block of Seminole Street be added to the priority list as there are many more children walking on this stretch of road to get to the new playground and basketball court.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, called in to ask if residents will be encouraged to use the new sidewalks. Currently, people often walk in the street even where there are sidewalks. Mayor Calvo replied that there are no laws requiring pedestrians to use sidewalks. He thinks the best way to encourage use is to build sidewalks that are well designed.

Former Councilmember Richard Ahrens, Seminole Place, said that he was in favor of new sidewalks when he served on the Council and is pleased with the progress made since then. He believes that sidewalks are needed for a dynamic community that makes accommodations for young families with children. When he and his wife moved into Berwyn Heights in 1965 and had a family, they, too, were interested in building more sidewalks. It has taken a long time to get to a point when they are about to become a reality.

Nancy Forney stated she agrees with Ms. Sorensen that a sidewalk should not be built in front of the community center because the cost of building a retaining wall there would be very high.

Linda Patton, 60th Avenue, said that she is worried about pedestrians walking past

the main entrance of the fire house and asked if the Volunteer Fire Department has commented on the plans. Pedestrians may not be able to get out of the way quickly enough when emergency vehicles are being dispatched. She also wondered if a retaining wall is needed in front of her house because her front yard slopes down towards the street. Mayor Calvo said that the Fire Department has been notified but has not yet commented on the proposed sidewalks. He agreed that the 8800 block poses a number of problems. In addition to retaining walls, the Town may need to obtain easements from residents to reconstruct their driveways with the proper slope. As an example of how sidewalks with retaining walls would look residents can go to the 58th Avenue/ Ruatan Street intersection.

MPT Wilkinson said he is a strong advocate for sidewalks. However, he agrees that a sidewalk in front of the community center is not a good value for the price. He would like to keep a sidewalk in front of the school under consideration because children are often dropped off there or wait for the bus. In addition, the location is on a blind hill, where drivers may not easily see pedestrians. MPT Wilkinson also expressed concerns about pedestrian safety at the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue, which is the main route to Greenbelt Middle School. He is working on obtaining grant funding to help improve this school route. Lastly, he strongly favors building a sidewalk on the south side of Berwyn Road between the Town Center and Sports Park because it is more likely to be used by pedestrians.

CM Almoguera said that, if she were in the market to buy another home, sidewalks would be on the top of her list. In addition to making walking safer for children, it encourages walking for exercise and builds community. She hopes that the Town will take steps to begin construction soon and not just talk about it.

CM Dennison said that she supports building sidewalks around the parks and playgrounds. She appreciates MPT Wilkinson efforts to obtain a *safe routes to school* grant to fund sidewalks. She is not sure, however, if priority 3 sidewalks should be considered.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she would have liked to see more residents testify, who live on the streets where sidewalks are planned and who would be directly impacted. Sidewalk construction will result in a number of mature trees having to be taken down and other changes to peoples' yards. She is worried that not everyone has received the notice about to-

night's public hearing, and invited residents to continue to send in their comments. Further, she urged the Council to work out the funding for sidewalks. Design and engineering costs were not included in the figures quoted earlier. She would like to see some of the speed camera money used for other worthwhile projects, such as installing emergency generators at the Town Center, adding street lights in dark areas, and improving bus stops.

Jeffrey Osmond cited Swarthmore Avenue in Garrett Park, MD as an example of a successful streetscape beautification project. There, trees were planted and streetlights installed when sidewalks were added to the street making for a pleasing, cohesive design. The saplings planted 5 years ago are now substantial trees. Mr. Osmond also suggested installing curbed plantings that project into the roadway as way to slow traffic down and improve pedestrian safety. A good example of this approach is at Cheverly Drive in Cheverly, Md. He expressed the hope that residents will be able to review the sidewalk designs for specific locations and comment on them before construction begins.

Nancy Forney asked if the Berwyn Heights Elementary School sign would have to be dismantled if sidewalks were constructed in front of the school. Mayor Calvo said most likely sidewalks would be "pinched" to avoid taking down the sign. However, a utility pole would have to be moved on that block, which would cost around \$25,000 in itself.

Mike Attick said that sidewalks will not necessarily improve pedestrian safety. He grew up in Greenbelt, which has many more sidewalks than Berwyn Heights as well as more pedestrian fatalities and injuries. He thinks that Berwyn Heights' wide streets leave enough room to maneuver and thus pedestrians and cars can avoid each other. He believes parents should take responsibility for their kids' safety and set the right example about how to be safe in the road. Middle and high school students, on the other hand, are mature enough to look after themselves when they walk to school. Mr. Attick also expressed reservations about using the public safety reserve for sidewalks rather than for improving police and fire department services for which they are intended.

Ron Shane, 57th Avenue, said he also doubts that sidewalks are necessary to improve pedestrian safety. He has observed students walking in the middle of Pontiac Street when returning from school rather than using the existing sidewalks. When sidewalks are built,

people likely will not have as much room in their driveways and may get ticketed if their vehicle obstructs a sidewalk. He thinks that there are other more worthwhile projects on which speed camera money can be spent. While he disagrees that the Town needs more sidewalks, he thinks the Council has done a good job in planning for sidewalks and soliciting public input.

Mark Anderson, Paxton Court, called in with a correction about the number of homes on Paxton Court.

At 9:45 p.m., Mayor Calvo closed the hearing. He said that he appreciates all the input. It will help the Council make decisions about where and how to construct sidewalks in the Town. He believes sidewalks add value if the Town goes about it in a fiscally responsible way. They don't just increase safety but the sense of safety, and make getting out and about more inviting.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the September 12 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that the Council has received many comments in recent weeks about trees, both on private and on public property. He commended the Code and Public Works Directors for addressing the issues.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the audit is in the process of being wrapped up. Last week, she attended the MML fall conference to work toward her certificate of Excellence in Local Governance. She particularly enjoyed a small towns forum focused on storm water management and a workshop on blighted properties.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa Eddy reminded residents to store firewood at least 30' from the house and 6" above the ground. The wood should also be stacked tightly to prevent rodents from nesting in it. She then reported that she attended the MML fall conference and participated in workshops on project management and blighted properties. On behalf of the Town, she and CM Almoguera voted to approve MML's legislative priorities to restore Highway User Revenue and to allow municipalities to post legal notices electronically.

Mayor Calvo said posting legal notices electronically would save municipalities a lot of money. Currently, cities and towns must post legal notices in a paper of record, such as the Prince George's Sentinel, which is not widely read. It would cost the Town tens of thousands of dollars to notice a major charter amendment in a paper of record, a cost that is prohibitive.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that about 100 people came to watch the Susan Jones Quartet perform a jazz concert on a beautiful day at Lake Artemesia. She thanked the Town's Police and Public Works Department for their help, as well as the Prince George's Parks & Recreation staff. On October 20, the second Trunk or Treat event will take place at the Community Center and on the night of October 31, the Town will fill up with trick or treaters. Residents are urged to drive carefully. On November 10, there will be another Town-wide cleanup. CM Dennison also asked anyone who has a copy of the book "The Curious Garden" to please return it to the Town office. The Recreation Council would like to award prizes based on who received the book as a recognition for a beautiful garden.

Public Health and Safety: Mayor Calvo noted that the Police Department will participate in the Trunk or Treat event this year. Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for September. There were 7 Part I offenses, comparing favorably to the 5 year average of 12.4. The year to date total is 48, also significantly below the 5 year average of 76.8. The officers issued 194 citations of which 78 were warnings. The high percentage of warnings is due to two officers now being trained in issuing electronic citations. They must first issue 50 warnings before being able to issue the electronic tickets.

The Police Department issued 244 speed camera citations in September, with 44 issued on the 6200 block of Pontiac Street, 133 on the 5900 block and 67 on Greenbelt Road. Twenty one tickets were paid and 123 tickets are outstanding. Lastly, Chief Antolik issued safety reminders for going trick or treating. MPT Wilkinson recommended that trick or treaters should have flashlights or reflectors. He also asked if the police could post signs at the main entrances of the Town warning drivers to slow down for trick or treaters.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works recently completed drylocking the hose tower and painting the Town Center. A new canopy will be installed on the Town Center stairway next week and the driveway apron will be

repaired as well. Public Works is trimming trees in the public right of way and on November 1 will begin picking up loose leaves from the curb. Residents are urged to be patient with leaf pickup as it takes about 7-10 business days for the crew to make the rounds through Town.

Returning to the topic of sidewalks, MPT Wilkinson said that sidewalks are an amenity home buyers are looking for in a community. With the building of sidewalks, the resale value of peoples' homes is likely to go up.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane announced that NW/EP members will help the police patrol on Halloween and pass out glow sticks. On October 20, a CERT class will be held in Bladensburg with Berwyn Heights CERT assisting. The committee continues to work on a report for the Council.

Recreation Council: No report.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Resolution 8-2012 – Opting into PGC Storm Water Restoration Program:

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the Maryland State Legislature passed legislation, which mandates counties and municipalities to implement a program to reduce overall storm water runoff. Counties will be required to reduce storm water runoff by 30% within the next 5 years and municipalities by 20%. While municipalities can opt to implement these regulations by themselves, Berwyn Heights does not have the administrative capabilities to do so. It therefore decided to join the County program. To pay for the cost of achieving the required storm water runoff reductions residential and commercial property owners will be asked to pay an additional storm water management fee that will add approximately \$30 to property owners' tax bills.

Personally, Mayor Calvo believes that this is a sensible approach to solve a worsening problem of erosion along the streams that drain into the Chesapeake Bay. By contributing money to the County fund, storm water runoff problems can probably be solved more efficiently. The problem of erosion at Indian

Creek would likely be addressed with installations in Laurel, where Konterra and the Inter-County Connector are contributing to increased runoff. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the resolution.

9. Citizens Discussion

Ray Smith requested updates on MML zoning initiatives, SHA plans to improve the Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road intersection, the Metro test track and the dog park. Mayor Calvo replied there are no zoning issues MML is currently pursuing. The Town plans to have a meeting with SHA regarding upgrades to that part of the intersection that is not within the Town's boundaries. As far as he is aware, Metro has not started to use the test track between College Park and Greenbelt stations, and he has no news on the dog park.

Mr. Smith further suggested that, with new emphasis on pedestrian safety, the Town could do a better job ensuring that sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice. After a snowfall, the sidewalks along Greenbelt Road are virtually impassable. Business owners might be asked to clean the sidewalks, or the Town might consider buying a small snow plow to do this, using money from the public safety reserve. He also expressed support for using the public safety reserve to purchase emergency generators and install street lights in dark areas. Lastly, he suggested Public Works add the intersection of 63rd Avenue and Tecumseh Street to its tree trimming locations, because the street light there is obscured.

Mike Attick said he believes that snow plows cannot be purchased with public safety money. He then criticized the Town Council for not properly informing residents about how it plans to vote on MML legislative priorities and for commenting on issues that don't directly concern the Town, such as congressional redistricting. He suggested that, when discussing the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan, the Council should have agreed to moving the Town offices closer to Greenbelt Road. The Town should have also asked for more compensation when it signed a revised agreement with the new owners of the Metroland property.

Mr. Attick further stated that Public Works could have done a better job trimming and cutting down trees around the school property and should not have put large branches in the trash compactor. The Treasurer's report still does not list speed camera revenues separately, as he previously requested. He would like to know how this money is spent and asked what has been spent on thus far.

He was told that \$50,000 was spent on the sidewalk survey and on expenses related to the speed camera program. Mr. Attick then recommended the Council review the Code of Conduct for Councilmembers as set out in Ordinance No. 124. He believes that things are getting out of hand.

When asked to be more specific, Mr. Attick maintained the Council does not always follow the rules under which it is supposed to operate. In particular, he thinks that department directors were instructed improperly to raise scores in one department and lower scores in another during the performance evaluation and merit pay process. Mayor Calvo replied that the Council repeatedly discussed the evaluations process in open session, giving particular attention to the inequities of how different directors grade their employees. The Council has made an effort over the years to make evaluations more fair and consistent across the departments by communicating a common standard. But that is not the same as telling directors what the scores should be. He thinks Mr. Attick is relying on hearsay in forming his opinions since he is referencing private information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession October 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: The date for the Prince George' County Municipal Association (PGCMA) legislative dinner was confirmed for November 15. Before year's end, a review of the refuse collection program will be scheduled for a Council worksession to be attended by the Directors of Public Works and Code Compliance.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the September 24 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM

Almoguera and second by CM Dennison, the October 1 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he received a call from Delegate Justin Ross, who represents Berwyn Heights in the State legislature, reporting that he has tendered his resignation, effective November 20. Following the birth of his 4th child, he no longer is able to take off for 3 months to dedicate to the work of a delegate. The vacancy will be filled by the governor based on the recommendations of the Central Committees of the Prince George's Democratic and Republican Parties.

MPT Wilkinson reported that Olney Masonry has repaired the road surface at the intersection of Cunningham Drive and Quebec Place, the apron to the Municipal Building parking lot, and the sidewalk in front of the door leading to the Media Resource Center. CM Dennison announced upcoming Halloween events. CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department continues to work on the audit.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a complaint from a resident who was told that she must apply for a dumpster permit in person instead of through a contractor. Director Solomon has reassured her that this is not the case and has issued the permit. Mayor Calvo also received more comments on tree issues, improperly tagged and unregistered vehicles, and on potholes in the Town's remote places. Further, he was reminded about a promised replacement for a bowling party prize a youth had won at National Night Out, but agreed to give up to a younger contestant. The bowling party prize has since been replaced.

Four Cities agenda items: The following items were added to the list of topics Berwyn Heights will submit for the October 24 Four Cities meeting: MML legislative priorities, in particular electronic legal notices, economic development briefing, and District 22 Delegation vacancy.

Legislative dinner agenda: Mayor Calvo said that a new delegate may be appointed to replace Justin Ross by November 27, the date of the legislative dinner. If this is the case, he or she should be invited to attend. As is customary, the agenda should include a discussion of legislative news from Annapolis and from Prince George's County, and a briefing of the issues the Town is dealing with. This would include speed camera revenues and its uses in funding sidewalks; emergency genera-

tors and other public safety improvements; upgrades to the Town's public facilities; and education. Councilmembers were requested to think about what other issues they may want to add.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Works.**

3. Administration

Expenditure report, FY 2013-1st Quarter: TA Murphy said that he could not provide the first quarter expenditure report because the audit is not finished. Actual expenditures from FY 2012 have not yet been separated from FY 2013 expenditures.

At 7:50 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

MPT Wilkinson announced the Democratic Central Committee would meet on November 20 and choose a candidate to replace retiring Delegate Justin Ross. He offered Berwyn Heights as a venue for the meeting.

Fiscal policy: Mayor Calvo said that he would like revisit the reserves policies TA Murphy drafted last year as a start to developing a comprehensive fiscal policy. He explained that the Town has long had an operating reserve, which hovers around \$440,000. It is intended to cover 3 months of operating expenditures for the start of a new fiscal year before property tax revenues start to come in. The Town has also had a cable reserve for purchasing new equipment for the Town's government access channel, which is funded from Comcast and Verizon franchise fees.

Mayor Calvo continued that, beginning with his tenure as mayor, a number of new fiscal practices were implemented relating to the budget process, the collection of personal property taxes, business licenses and other fees. In addition, a number of new reserves were established to fund the cash purchase of 1) heavy trucks and equipment (vehicle replacement reserve); 2) roads, curbs and gutters (infrastructure reserve); and 3) a new emergency trailer (NW/EP reserve). The Council also set up a \$10,000 recycling reserve shortly after it took on in-house recycling. This money will pay for tipping fees the Town has to pay at the County's recycling facility when the market for recyclables is depressed. When the recycling market is good, the Town is paid money for its recyclables. Recycling receipts are added to the vehicle replacement reserve to help pay for new trash trucks. Last year, a public safety reserve was set up with revenues from speed camera citations and will be the principle source of funding for future sidewalks.

Mayor Calvo said that the practices developed over the last 8 years should be written down as part of a comprehensive fiscal policy that is available to any future Town administrator and councilmembers for reference. The establishment of the various reserves ensures cash flow for important areas of the Town's operations. This raises the question whether the operating reserve needs to be as large as it is, as the various reserves complement each other. He thinks that a formula could be developed for calculating the needed size of the operating reserve while taking the other reserves into account.

Other parts of a fiscal policy should include a formal calendar of the budget cycle. It would set down, for example, when business licenses are collected, when income taxes are received, when health insurance quotes become available and what the steps in the budget process are. The fiscal policy should also have a section on the budget surplus and the audit. Without a formal policy, the Town must rely on the institutional knowledge of its councilmembers and administrator. But this knowledge can be lost when there is unexpected turnover and key personnel leave the services of the Town.

CM Almoguera said she had planned to start a conversation with TA Murphy about fiscal policy tomorrow. CM Kulpa-Eddy agreed that it is important for the Town to have a written document detailing its fiscal policies. Further, the personnel manual may need an overhaul to add explanations about the performance evaluation process. TA Murphy said he will include an explanation of two ways to calculate the surplus, one with and one without taking reserves into account. Mayor Calvo added that budget policy should be included as well. For example, the Council each year provides the Town Administrator with budget goals and guidelines that become the basis of a given budget. As part of the budget process, the Town Administrator also provides a "John Groulx" memo each year, which highlights the important changes to the budget from the prior year on a departmental basis.

4. Code Compliance

Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she and TA Murphy attended the October 2 public hearing on the sector plan. Other attendees included representatives from College Park, Greenbelt and Beltway Plaza and a dozen citizens. College Park registered its opposition to the building height proposed for the Greenbelt Station north core and the pedestrian overpass lead-

ing to the Hollywood section of College Park. Greenbelt's city council did not support the sector plan, objecting to the widening of Greenbelt Road and its negative impact on quality of life among other issues.

CM Kulpa-Eddy thought that Berwyn Heights' interests were fairly well captured in the plan. At the hearing, she presented the remaining areas of concern the Council recently identified. These included 1) ensuring that the entire south core bordering Branchville Road be zoned Mixed Use Transportation Oriented (MXT), without singling out the PG Scrap property for future recreational use; 2) opposing a sidewalk on the east side of Ballew Avenue; and 3) recommending pedestrian improvements for the intersection of Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue. The Town's concerns are summarized in a formal letter drafted by CM Kulpa-Eddy to be submitted to the Planning Board by October 17.

MPT Wilkinson said that he is opposed to widening Greenbelt Road to 8 (through traffic) lanes between 62nd Avenue and Walker Drive as proposed in the plan. He thinks 6 through traffic lanes would be sufficient, plus a left turn lane for 63rd Avenue for west-bound traffic. If a widening of Greenbelt Road is required for a *diverging diamond* interchange with Kenilworth Avenue, he hopes it can be moved to a point east of the 63rd Avenue intersection. This would make it less dangerous for students to cross the street. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the draft letter opposes the widening without further clarification of how traffic, including bicycle and pedestrian traffic, would flow on that stretch of Greenbelt Road. MPT Wilkinson asked for the Council's support to add a comment to the letter requesting that Greenbelt Road not be widened until a point east of 63rd Avenue. There were no objections.

MPT Wilkinson moved for the Council to approve the letter as amended. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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NEW SOLICITOR'S PERMIT

The Town Council has issued a solicitor's permit to Mike Smith of Hauling and Junk Removal. For your protection, please ask to see permit and photo ID.

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Home Visits
to Berwyn Heights Residents



Green Team Appointed

The Town Council at the November 5 worksession established a *Green Team* and appointed the following volunteer members: Trinity Tomsic, Therese Forbes, Anita Cardwell and Christopher Mann. The *Green Team* will be responsible for coordinating community activities to qualify Berwyn Heights for certification within the *Sustainable Maryland* program.

Sustainable Maryland is an initiative of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland (EFC), supported by the Maryland Municipal League (MML), which is designed to help Maryland's 157 municipalities implement green policies and programs. *Sustainable Maryland* identifies green approaches and practices in the areas of energy use, resource management, land use and local economies, among others, which a municipality can adopt to earn points toward sustainability certification. For more information about *Sustainable Maryland* visit www.sustainablemaryland.com/.



Holiday Fun for the Young

College Park Airport

1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park

Santa Fly-In December 1, Noon - 4pm

Watch Santa fly into historic College Park Airport. Then have your picture taken with him. Enjoy Holiday arts & crafts in the museum. Admission: \$4/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/ages 3-18, FREE/under 2.

Trains & Planes December 15 - 22, 10am - 5pm

Miniature trains, villages, tunnels and depots spark the imagination and bring history to life for the holiday season. FREE with museum admission.

Riversdale Mansion

4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Tel. 301-864-0420

An 1812 Winter Evening December 28, 6pm

Pay an evening call on the Calverts. Meet visiting military troops. Enjoy refreshments and children's activities.

Admission: \$5/adult, FREE children 12 and under.

National Harbor

Beltway Exit 2A

ICE! November 16 – January 6, 12:00 pm

Gaylord National's popular winter holiday attraction returns with ICE! featuring DreamWorks' Shrek the Halls, brought to life in an interactive world of colorful ice sculptures and 20-foot-tall ice slides.



The Bugle

Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club December 2012

Elections

We will hold our Elections for all club positions on both our Executive Committee and Athletic Committee at our meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Town Center. Nominations can still be taken up to that time, so if you are interested in running for any position or would like to make a nomination, please contact Ronnie Compton at (301)345-2661.



The following is the slate to be voted upon:

President - Shenita Hemby
Vice President - Eric Hemby
Secretary - Lynn White
Treasurer - Maria Robles
Registrar - Leslie Wolfinger
Athletic Director - Ronnie Compton
Equipment Manager - Kevin Conover
Concession Stand/Events Coor. - Cheryl Compton

Baseball Commissioner - Ronnie Compton
Ball Hockey Commissioner - Kevin Conover
Cheerleading Commissioner - Kristen Buker
Soccer Commissioner - Jason Papanikolas
Basketball Commissioner - Kristen Buker
Track Commissioner - Jason Papanikolas
Softball Commissioner - VACANT

Thank you to all of the parents that came out to our general meeting in November. Also, a big thank you for those who volunteered to take on a Board position.



Fall Soccer

Fall soccer has finished up for the season. We have had a very successful season this year. We had multiple teams playing and one that even went to the Harvest Tournament and did well. Thank you to Tino Menjivar, our soccer commissioner, and all of our coaches for all of their hard work this year.

Basketball

Winter basketball will start around the first weekend in December. We will play & practice in the Town's Community Center which is attached to the elementary school on Pontiac Street. We plan to have competing teams (some intramural and some playing other local teams). We are still working out some of the details with the community center on court times, etc. More information will be emailed to current club members. **We still need coaches.** If you would like to coach, are not a current club member, or would like more information, please contact our acting Basketball Commissioner, Kristen Buker at (443)623-0013.

Cheerleading

Cheerleading has started and is at Town Center on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. For information contact Kristen Buker at (443)623-0013.

Registration Reminder

Early Registration will be held on the first two Saturdays of February up at the Berwyn Heights Community Center for the 2013 season.



Our next meeting will be held on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center.

Check out our website at www.bhbhc.org for more information.

WINTER STORMS AND EXTREME COLD



Winterize your home:

- Insulate walls and attics, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, and install storm windows or cover windows with plastic.
- Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).

Preparing for a winter storm:

- Add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, winterize your vehicle (antifreeze, clean battery terminals, full tank of gas, windshield wiper fluid, tires with adequate tread) and keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle (shovel, windshield scraper and small broom, flashlight, battery powered radio with extra batteries, water, snack food, matches, extra hats, socks and mittens, first aid kit with pocket knife, necessary medications, blanket(s), tow chain or rope, road salt and sand, booster cables, emergency flares, fluorescent distress flag)

Caution: Carbon Monoxide Kills

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.
- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

The Berwyn Heights NW/EP Committee is planning to hold a CERT class in the early part of 2013. The class will be one weekend - a Saturday and a Sunday, date to be determined. It will include Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Disaster First-Aid, Disaster CPR, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and More. If you would like to be contacted about this class, please send an email to berwyn.heights.certs@hotmail.com

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsNWEP> and our Yahoo! Groups page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BerwynHeightsNwEp/> (subscribe at BerwynHeightsNwEp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of October 2012. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in

the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

10/06/12 at 4:06 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5700 block of Osage Street for a report of vandalism to a 2002 Toyota. Unknown person scratched the driver's side of the vehicle with an unknown object.

10/06/12 at 10:58 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 59th Avenue for a report of theft. Victim states that he did not receive a set of Baltimore Orioles Playoff tickets when it was to be delivered by FedEx.

10/06/12 at 1:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded 2009 Scion from the location of 8900 block of 60th Avenue due to an accident and the vehicle being disabled.

10/07/12 at 3:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded 1997 Mercedes from the location of 8900 block of 63rd Avenue due to an accident and the vehicle being disabled.

10/08/12 at 6:55 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8500 block of 60th Avenue for a report of 'road rage' between neighbors. Both subjects were separated and sent on way.

10/08/12 at 2:00 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2007 Mercedes from the location of 5400 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver a 29 Y/O, B/M from Upper Marlboro was driving on a suspended license.

10/09/12 at 9:30 am Cpl. Bennett responded to the 5800 block of Quebec Street for a report of vandalism to a 2000 Chrysler. Unknown person smashed the driver's side window of the vehicle.

10/09/12 at 3:35 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of 58th Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 2007 Nissan. Unknown person smashed the driver's side window of the vehicle.

10/11/12 at 12:10 pm, Cpl. Bennett im-

pounded a 1994 Honda from the location of 6200 block of Seminole Street. The vehicle was not properly registered in Maryland or any other State.

10/12/12 at 1:00 am, Pfc. Thompson observed two white males acting suspicious in the area of the 5600 block of Branchville Road. The two males were carrying a large trashcan and fled the area when they saw Pfc. Thompson leaving the trashcan behind. Investigation revealed that there were several copper wires inside the trashcan. The precious metals were recovered and investigation continues.

10/13/12 at 2:45 pm Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1995 Volvo from the location of 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

10/14/12 at 12:06 am Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2005 Chevy from the location of 5700 block of Seminole St. The vehicle was parked over 72 hrs.

10/16/12 at 4:57 pm Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2001 Isuzu from the location of 6100 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without insurance.

10/23/12 at 4:18 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5800 block of Goucher Drive for a report of a burglary. Victim a 35 Y/O, A/F, stated that her husband came home and discovered that their home was burglarized and left for work. Investigation revealed that unknown person(s) entered through the front door. Once inside, Laptops, Jewelry and cash were taken.

10/26/2012 at 3:15 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Branchville for a report of a dumping. Investigation revealed that an unknown person used a truck to dump one or two loads of brown soil onto the roadway adjacent to the 5600 block of Branchville.

10/27/2012 at 8:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Ruatan Street and had a talk with a 51 Y/O, W/F in reference to her constantly calling 911 emergency while she is under the influence of alcohol.

10/27/2012 at 11:15 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2003 Buick from the location of 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. The tags were suspended for insurance violation.

10/30/2012 at 6:56 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1998 Ford truck from the location of 6200 block of Ruatan Street for parking for over 72 hours.

10/31/2012 at 11:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8800 block of 62nd Avenue for a report of theft from a 2000

Chevy Truck. Unknown person removed a stereo.

10/31/2012 at 12:20 pm, Cpl. Bennett transported a 25 Y/O, W/M to the Department of Correction. The 25 Y/O had an outstanding warrant and turned himself in at the station.

10/31/2012 at 6:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2007 Toyota Scion from the location of 8800 block of 56th Avenue. The driver was suspended and driving the said car.

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER

301-352-1200

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

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

IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

English Speaking Customers

**CALL (202) 872-3432 TO REPORT
Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck
Poles or Life Threatening Electrical
System Situations**

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Report Street Light Out

**(Need Pepco Pole Number and
house number of nearest house)**

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por

Servicio en Espanol

**Languages other than English or
Spanish**

CALL (202) 833-7500

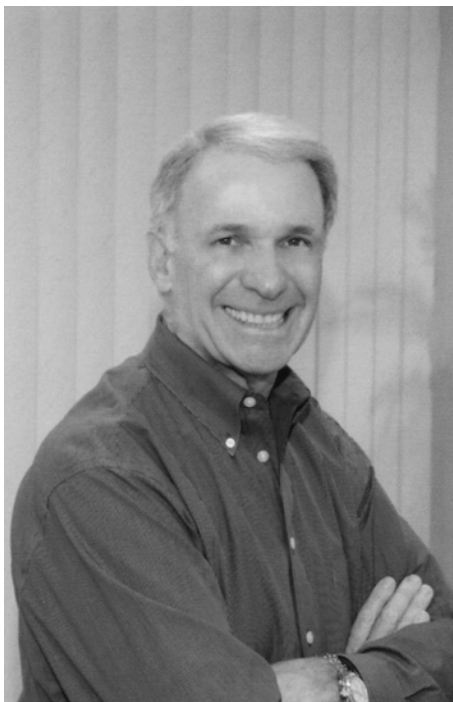
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or Life Support Equipment or Special
Needs**

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Norman R. Ressin, D.D.S., P.A.

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RECREATION COUNCIL

NEWS AND EVENTS

Berwyn Heights Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Please join us for this wonderful tradition of singing carols, lighting the town tree, and making holiday crafts. Santa Claus will make a special appearance, and Phil Ventura will be playing his accordion. Apple Cider, hot chocolate, and deserts will be served.



When: Saturday, December 8 (New Date!)

Where: Berwyn Heights Senior Center

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Details: Crafts from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Santa Claus is coming at 6:30 pm, and the Tree Lighting will be at 7:15 pm

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU RECEIVED OUR TRAVELING GARDEN AWARD.

Did you receive The Curious Garden by Peter Brown on your door step this summer? If so, you are the recipient of the Traveling Garden Award. We will be honoring the recipients in the Town Bulletin and at a special Wine and Cheese reception on January 12. If you still have the book, please drop off at the Town Center or Community Center. We need to identify the recipients and will be donating the books to the Berwyn Heights Elementary School. If you passed along the book to a neighbor, please email us your contact information so we can send you an invitation to the event.

Special Thanks: The Recreation Council would like to thank town residents Tara and Tim Lewis for their efforts with the BH Clean-Up Day and all those who volunteered, including the Karate Club and BHES Gardening Group, to help make the event a success! Town residents set a record, picking up almost 50 bags of trash and three tires.

A special thanks to the Public Works and Police departments for their participation in the Trunk or Treat event, Steven Bowen and the Community Center for co-sponsoring this event, and Berwyn Heights Shell for donating a free oil change and car wash for the best decorated cars.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 7:00 pm (Town Office).

Recreation Council Contacts: Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com; Kristen Buker – 443-623-0013, KristenBuker@aol.com



Berwyn Heights Public Works *Presents*

Santa's Reindeer Word Search Puzzle

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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

December 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Dec 12 - Box Top Collection

Dec 21 - Jeans Day - see description below

Dec 22-30 - School Closed - Winter Break

Special Events

Book Club – Fun was had by all! Giants were drawn, acting out chapters was done, fish were painted, chameleons were painted and created out of pipe cleaners, masked were made.

Fall Festival – Thank you for coming out and having fun!

Jeans Day – *Rules for Jeans Day:* Students pay \$1.00 for the privilege to wear jeans and their school uniform polo or school logo t-shirt.



Money will be collected in front of the office on Wednesday December 19th and Thursday December 20th.

If everyone follows the rules then Dr. Singer may approve another Jeans Day.

Membership Corner

It's never too late to join! Membership is currently \$12.00/person or \$20.00/family.

Box Tops = Free Money!

Clip Box Tops from participating products and shop online at your favorite store and you can earn up to 15% cash back for our school! Find out more at www.btfе.com. The next collection date is December 12th.

Ms. Stone's Kindergarten class won the October collection with over 1,000 Box Tops! They have set a high bar.

If you order holiday presents online, please check out the market place on www.btfе.com. The store donates a percentage of your purchase to our school!

SCHOOLMAX FAMILY PORTAL

Parents do you know about the SchoolMax Family Portal? Monitor your child(ren)'s assignments and grades. Please visit the school's main office to receive your special letter and access code. If you don't have access to a computer, you are welcome to use one at our school.

Gardening

Thank you to Christine Williams who donated bulbs to the BHES gardens and to the volunteer who donated Carnes plants. Planting will be done this week. Contact Therese if you want to help – all ages welcome. If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org.



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 Carter 301-441-2263
 Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie
 Compton 301-345-2661
 Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
 301-982-2052
 Basketball Commissioner (acting):
 Kristen Buker 240-965-7055
 Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
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 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

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most food & drugs we consume cause the diseases that "require" more drugs. Are you one who is being kept sorta-sick forever? Stop being a perpetual patient and get the six lists to save you. SCOTT 301-325-8223.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Need Help with Grass Cutting, Yard Work or Pet Sitting? Call Jeremy or Shawn at 301-474-2002.

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

www.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html

Or email: gotv12@yahoo.com

Berwyn Heights published author seeks part time service of computer-savvy person/student to help to add Paypal account to his website, mail marketing, etc. Please contact suvomoi-tro@gmail.com

Dog Walking: 30 minutes, \$15.00 per walk. Special offers for multiple pets. Local trustworthy neighbor. Pet first aid and CPR certified. Call 240-605-2745.

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.

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Dec. 4	David McCaffrey
Dec. 5	Joan Ahrens
Dec. 6	Manuel Rojas
Dec. 8	Kathryn Hanlon
Dec. 16	Kathleen Angell
Dec. 25	Boon-nee Lim
Dec. 26	Alan Sinclair

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Dec. 4	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Dec. 5	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Dec. 6	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 8	Tree Lighting	6:00 P.M.
Dec. 11	Meeting, Potluck, & Christmas Party	11:00 A.M.
Dec. 12	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Dec. 13	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 15	Potluck Dinner & Movie	5:00 P.M.
Dec. 18	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Dec. 19	Wii Bowling	10.30 A.M.
Dec. 20	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	CENTER CLOSED
Dec. 26	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Dec. 27	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Dec. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE	

NO TRIPS SCHEDULED
UNTIL NEXT YEAR!



SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM ALL THE MEMBERS
OF THE BERWYN HEIGHTS
SENIORS CLUB!



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Rotation of Playgrounds: 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at Indian Creek Playground and 2nd & 4th Thursdays at Pop's Park, unless it is raining or too cold, in which case we meet indoors at the Town Center.

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community! This playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area.

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



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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

A terrific time was had by all at our Veteran's Day Wine & Cheese Reception on November 11th. Nearly 50 guests enjoyed a delicious spread while viewing the "War of 1812 Exhibit" provided by the Department of the Navy. We had over a dozen door prizes that included gift certificates to Franklin's Restaurant, Ledo Pizza, specialty beers and wines from Greenbelt Liquors and several history books such as, *The History Buff's Guide to the Civil War*, and our favorite . . . *Berwyn Heights: Then & Now* by past resident and committee member, Ann Davidson.



The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. **The BHHC will be meeting on January 22nd.**

FAVORITE LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

December 1 & 2

Greenbelt Festival of Lights & Craft Fair

(Saturday) 10am – 5pm
(Sunday) 11am – 4pm
Greenbelt Community Ctr.
15 Crescent Road

Shop for original, hand-made wares, direct from local artisans. Also, Greenbelt Museum gifts and books by local authors. Great gifts for all occasions! **Free gift box workshop** on Sunday 1-3:00 pm.

December 8
(Saturday)

Holiday Tree Lighting at BH Town Center

6:00 pm
Come celebrate the holiday season with carols, crafts and a visit from Santa. Refreshments served.

December 9
(Sunday)

Seasonal Celebration: College Park Arts Exchange

3 – 4:00 pm
Old Parish House
4711 Knox Road
College Park, MD

Bring friends and family for a fun afternoon of local talent. Enjoy a snack and a hot drink while friends share their favorite holiday pieces. Registrations suggested. Call: 301-927-3013 or, email: info@cpae.org

December 11
(Tuesday)

"One Appalachian Christmas"

10 am – 11 am
Publick Playhouse
5445 Landover Rd Cheverly
The year is 1936 and Santa

might not make it to this poor mountain town. The town learns that the best gifts don't come from a mail order catalog. Tickets \$5

December 15
(Saturday)

Riverdale Park Festival of Lights & Holiday Market

12 noon – 8 pm
4650 Queensbury Road
Riverdale Park, MD 20737
Unique Holiday Gifts Food, Hot Cocoa & Cider, Live Holiday Music, Free Photos with Santa, Trolley Rides. **Trolley ride is FREE on Saturday evening** with donation of non-perishable food item. Call: 301-927-6381 for more information.

December 15—22

Holiday Trains & Planes

10 am – 5 pm

College Park Aviation Museum
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Miniature trains, villages, tunnels, and depots spark the imagination and bring history to life for the holiday season! Free with museum admission: \$4/adult, \$3/ages 60 & up, \$2/ages 18 & under, ages 2 & under FREE. Call: 301-864-6029.

December 16
(Sunday)

Holiday Lights Concert

3 – 4:30 pm
Greenbelt Community Ctr.
15 Crescent Road
The Greenbelt Concert Band will be performing traditional Christmas music, along with other classical arrangements. Call: 301-384-5674 for info.

VISIT THESE LINKS: Berwyn Heights Historical Committee- www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA)- www.anacostiatrials.org; Prince George's Historical Society- www.pghistory.org



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12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
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6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00



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Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser 2012:

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We have started our annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser, come by and support your neighborhood volunteer fire department by purchasing your tree from us! We have several types and sizes of trees available to suit everyone's needs. If you are a Berwyn Heights resident we will deliver your tree for free! Just ask when you come to choose your tree. We sold out early last year so be sure to get your tree while they last.



The BHVFD would like to thank town residents for their generosity in delivering to the volunteers at the firehouse baked goods, cards, and other goodies during the holiday season. The station is staffed 100% by dedicated volunteers during the holidays who sacrifice their family time to protect our community. BHVFD wishes all residents a safe and Happy Holidays!

Christmas Fire Safety Tips:

Caring for Your Tree: Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Maintain Your Holiday Lights: Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets: Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch. *United States Fire Administration (USFA)*

Santa comes around Christmas Eve	Fund Drive 2012
BHVFD will once again be escorting Santa around town on our Hook and Ladder Truck December 24 th from approximately 7pm until around 9pm. We try our best to ensure Santa visits all the Town's streets but we will still be responding to emergency calls during this time. Just listen for the sirens on Christmas Eve!	We would like to thank all residents for their generous donations to our Fund Drive. This annual fundraiser is an large source of income that helps us purchase apparatus, equipment and supplies in order to provide the best possible emergency services to the town.



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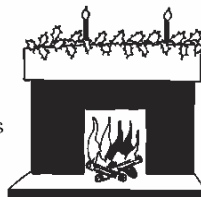


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Don't Stress over decor

- incorporate readily-available natural items such as boughs, holly and cranberries.
- Resist over-accumulation, purge unused decorations and swap decorations with a friend.
- Before you decorate, "give the house a good cleaning."
- If you like to set up decorations the same way each year, do not leave it to memory, write down steps, take a photo of your decor and store in a binder or online.



After the Holidays

- Undecorate with ease by storing ornaments, wreaths and lights in separate containers that are clearly marked. Then, get inspired by the coming of a new year.
- Find new and old ways to bring your life back into balance.
- Whether it's getting your budget together, writing down goals, a new workout/walking plan, or selling your house, you must have a clear game plan for the new year!

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

Under Contract: 5807 Bucknell Terr,
5 Br, 3 BA cape cod, FP, Hdwd Flrs.....\$290's

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Code News

Energy Efficient Homes:

Keep warm in winter and reduce heating (and cooling) costs by checking for air leaks in common trouble spots. Homeowners who have made energy efficiency upgrades or installed alternative energy equipment are eligible for federal tax credits. Find information and applications at www.irs.gov.

Code Activity for October:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 33; Trash/ Litter = 26; Vehicle Violations = 8; Yard Waste = 29; Abatements = 4; Miscellaneous Violations = 23.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 3; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 19; Rental Investigations = 1; Building Permits = 3; POD Permits = 5; Roll-off Permits = 4.

Receipts: Fines and Late Fees = \$1,075; Liens = \$450; Code Fines, Clean-outs, Abatement Receipts, including liens mailed to the County = \$1,375.



More energy savings tips at <http://energy.gov/energysaver>

ABOUT FIREPLACES...



It's time to prepare your fireplace for the winter season. Be sure the flue is clean, and the damper is working properly before you light your first fire of the season, and have a good supply of logs on hand, because forecasters say this will be a cold winter.

Be sure that the fireplace is totally cooled before putting fireplace ashes in with refuse/trash, and placing a lid on the can. The hot ashes smolder and, when the Public Works employee lifts the lid, allowing oxygen in, the employee is unexpectedly met with a burst of flame in his face.

Past fires in garbage/refuse trucks forced the Town to dump the complete load and reload by hand every thing that had been soaked by the Fire Department. This is very costly and time consuming.

Leaf Vacuum Services Through December 28

Reminders

- Do **NOT** rake your leaves into the street or onto a sidewalk.
- Instead, rake leaves close to the curb on your property.
- Remove sticks, cans, bottles and other debris from your piles.
- Remove parked cars from the path of the leaf vacuum.

Bagged leaves will continue to be collected on your scheduled yard waste collection day.

Please be advised that the leaf crew cannot return until the following week if your leaves are not out in advance and in the proper format. Contact the Department of Public Works at 301-474-6897 with questions or comments.

No leaf vacuum services on these holidays:

Christmas Eve — Monday, December 24, 2012

Christmas Day — Tuesday, December 25, 2012

New Year's Eve — Monday, December 31, 2012

New Year's Day — Tuesday, January 1, 2013





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December 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div><div>HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Please try not to park in the street wherever possible when the street sweeper comes to Berwyn Heights.</div></div>						1	
2	<div><div> 3 </div><div>Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12</div></div>	<div><div> 4 </div></div>	<div><div> 5</div><div>NW/EP 7:30 P.M. Town Office</div></div>	<div><div> 6 </div><div>Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M</div></div>	<div><div> 7 </div></div>	8 TREE LIGHTING 6:00 P.M. SENIOR CENTER <div></div>	
9	<div><div> 10 </div></div>	<div><div> 11 </div></div>	<div><div> 12</div><div>Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12</div></div>	<div><div> 13 </div></div>	<div><div> 14 </div><div>Employee Holiday Luncheon 1:00 P.M.</div></div>	15	
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30	<div><div> 31 </div><div>NEW YEAR'S EVE TOWN OFFICES CLOSED AT 1:00 P.M.</div></div>	<div><div>JAN. 1</div><div>NEW YEAR'S DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICK UP</div></div>	<div><div> 2 </div><div>NW-EP MEETING 7:30 P.M.</div></div>	<div><div> Recycling Collection</div><div>Street Sweeping<div></div></div><div>Yard Waste<div><div> North</div><div> South</div></div></div></div>			<div><div> North</div><div> South</div></div> <div><div> North</div><div> South</div></div> <div>Bulk Pick-up</div>

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 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Town Helpline

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