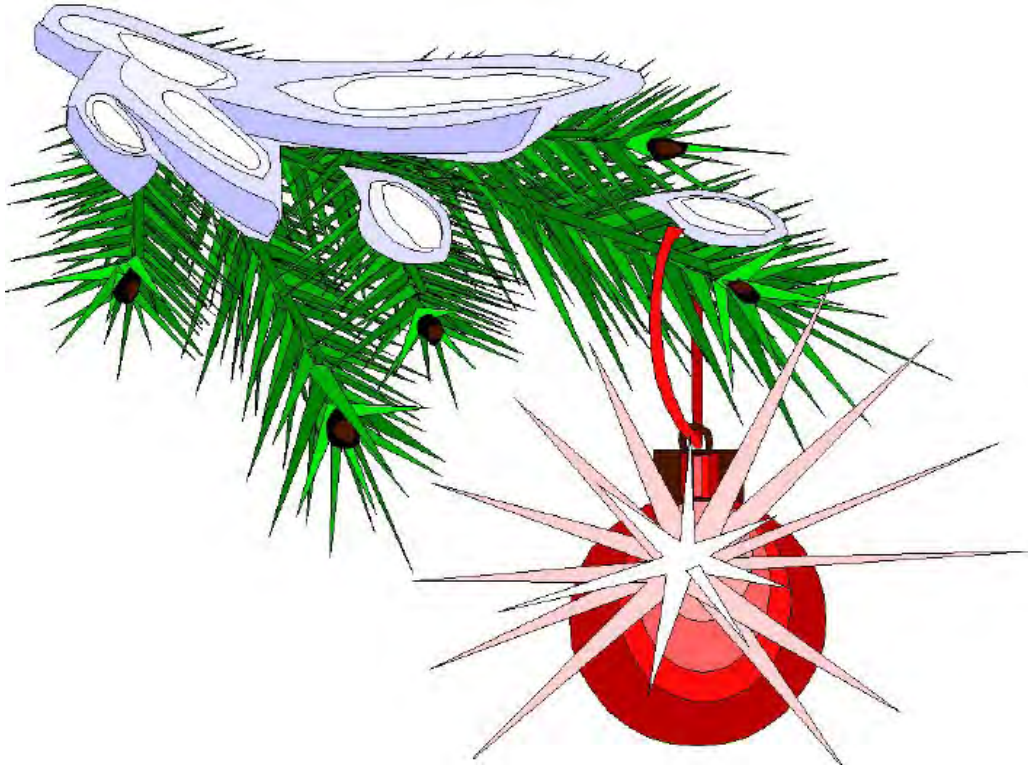


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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 117 - REFUSE COLLECTION

December 11, 2013

8:00 pm

Town Administration Bldg.

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will hold a public hearing on the amendment of Ordinance 117 - Refuse Collection at the December Town meeting. The amendment will change Sections 4 L(2) and 4 S to disallow the use of plastic yard waste bags as an acceptable container for the disposal of yard waste. This will bring the Town into compliance with new Prince George's County regulations.

The Public Hearing is open to the public, and public testimony and comments are encouraged. You may also e-mail your comments to contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us.

**CURBSIDE LEAF
PICKUP ENDS
DECEMBER 30**



ADOPTED, REVISED ORDINANCE 118 ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS New Permit Requirement in Effect

The Town Council at the November Town meeting adopted the revised Ordinance No. 118 – Roads & Public Right-of-Ways, effective December 4, 2013. The revised Ordinance enacts standards for construction, maintenance and other activities that impact the Town's roads and right-of-ways. The Ordinance also establishes a formal process of permitting, inspection and acceptance of work performed on Town roads and public rights of way by utilities or private contractors, as well as penalties for violating Ordinance standards. The Town Administrator, Code Compliance and Police Department are charged with enforcing the Ordinance.

To obtain a permit or ask a question please contact the Town Administrator at (301) 474-5000; or send an email to contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us.

The revised Ordinance 118 can be viewed on the Town website: www.berwyn-heights.com/ordinances.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON Christmas & New Years

Wed	12/25/13	NO PICKUP
Thu	12/26/13	Recycling & Trash Pickup, Northside
Fri	12/27/13	Recycling & Trash Pickup, Southside
Wed	01/01/14	NO PICKUP
Thu	01/02/14	Recycling & Trash Pickup, Northside
Fri	01/03/14	Recycling & Trash Pickup, Southside

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

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Miss Sandra Swaboda, R.N., MS., of Berwyn Heights has been chosen to receive the Shoemaker Award for Critical Care Nursing Excellence! The Award will be presented on January 11, 1914 in San Francisco. This Award is given once a year by the Society of Critical Care Medicine and represents the number one choice in the USA.

Miss Swaboda is a graduate of the University of Maryland College and John's Hopkins University. She is currently employed at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore in critical care medicine. Her parents are the late Kaye and Max Swaboda of Nevada Street.



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**.



IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS



English Speaking Customers

(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

Customers with Emergency Medical
or Life Support Equipment or Special
Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR

Registration to be on Priority List

Worksession

October 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. MPT Wilkinson arrived late with an apology. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper and citizens.

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. The date for the employee holiday lunch was set for December 20. The date for the PGCA legislative dinner was corrected to read November 14, 6:30 p.m. The January 2014 worksessions were moved to the 13th and 27th, respectively.

Issues that remain to be addressed before the next budget season starts include: drafting a job description for the code compliance director, personnel manual changes, and policy changes regarding multiple apartments in rental homes.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the September 16 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: CM Dennison reported that the Lake Artemesia concert with the Susan Jones quartet went very well. She also announced upcoming events. TA Murphy reported that the auditor will be in the office on October 21 to wrap up the FY 2013 audit. The Town office computer upgrades, including replacement of the server, have been completed and an inventory of all IT equipment has been made. The new system allows for a single user sign-on on all computers and for easy file sharing. Mayor Calvo suggested that a protocol for the new system should be created, including how passwords and files are to be stored.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a comment about Town regulations regarding the trimming of tree branches from a neighbor's tree overhanging one's yard as well as tree roots impacting one's foundation; a suggestion to use a car panic button to scare off possible burglars; questions about keeping of chickens and parking at Indian Creek Park; and a comment about the Berwyn Heights Day D.J. CM Almoguera received compliments about the new meeting room next to the Senior Center, and a suggestion to name it after the former librarian Geraldine Love. CM Dennison received a comment about

cuts to the FY 2013 Police Department budget.

Emergency generators update: TA Murphy said that Telegent's Principal Engineer Tim Smith completed the proposed design of the emergency generator system, provided to Council in the background documents. The design calls for the installation of two 60 Kw generators for the Town Center, one for the first floor and one for the second floor plus the elevator. This fits with the existing separate meters and electric panels for each floor of the Town Center, and eliminates the need for a more expensive, larger generator. A third 30 Kw generator is proposed to power the Town office. All three generators are to be located in the rear of the Town office building, enclosed by sound insulating walls. This location hides them from view and does not block office windows where staff is working, nor does it interfere with gas lines running between the Town Center and Town office. TA Murphy asked if the Council is comfortable with such a design.

Mayor Calvo asked why this design switches to 2 smaller generators for the Town Center rather than one large one, as initially proposed. TA Murphy said that the estimate for a large 125 Kw generator was close to \$60,000. Two smaller units are less expensive at \$46,000. Additionally, the two units interface better with the existing setup of split meters and electric panels, and provide flexibility in powering one or both floors of the Town Center. Mayor Calvo noted that the marginal difference in cost between the different size generators is small at \$2,000. He wondered whether it would be better to get a larger unit for the Town office, as a 30 Kw generator may not be sufficient to run the office plus the AC.

TA Murphy said he will check with Telegent about the price differences between different size generators and whether the Town office could use a larger generator. He will also find out the total project cost, including installation and any additional items not listed in this quote, and provide a project plan for the next worksession.

MML legislative priority: Mayor Calvo said that the MML Legislative Committee chose the restoration of Highway User Revenue (HUR) as its only legislative priority for the coming year. It will be voted on at the upcoming MML conference. The Town likely lost around \$600,000 if one adds up 5 years of HUR reductions. This could have paid for another street renovation project. The Council agreed with the priority.

UMD golf course letter of opposition: MPT Wilkinson said, the last he heard,

the proposal to sell the University of Maryland golf course to build a mixed use development is still alive. The property is a valued green space and an Audubon sanctuary. He thinks the Town should send a letter of opposition to UMD President Loh because the development is likely to increase traffic on Greenbelt Road and Route 1 and compete with the Greenbelt Station development that is coming online.

Mayor Calvo said that University Park has written a letter of opposition focusing on a proposed connector road from the Beltway to the development that splits the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property, and would interfere with attempts to revitalize the Route 1 corridor. Transportation funds should be spent on Metro developments, such as the connector road to the Greenbelt Station development, and Route 1 improvements. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to write a letter to President Loh. The motion passed 5 to 0. The issue will also be discussed at the next Four Cities meeting and a letter of opposition may be sent on its behalf.

2. Administration

Four Cities agenda, additional items: No items were added.

Legislative dinner location: Chef's Secret was selected for the legislative dinner, and the Raleigh Inn as a backup option.

Employee holiday lunch date: December 20 was chosen as the holiday lunch date.

Bulletin cover: The following items were selected for the November Bulletin cover: Thanksgiving theme; headlines for Town-wide cleanup and Veteran's Day event.

3. Code Compliance,

Code director/supervisor job description: TA Murphy said that he is still working on revising the job description, while reviewing descriptions from other municipalities. Mayor Calvo said that this is a priority. He hopes to have the position filled by January 2014. Further, he is leaning toward hiring a code supervisor rather than a director, and placing the department's day-to-day operations under supervision of the Town Administrator. However, the Councilmember/Department Head should retain control over policy matters.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that such an arrangement could have drawbacks. It sets up conflicting lines of authority between the Department Head and the Town Administrator, and could result in confusion as to who the code supervisor

ultimately reports to. It is also possible that it would make the person holding the position less independent and less inclined to take on responsibility. While she agrees to fill the position with a supervisor initially, who would be guided by the Town Administrator, she would prefer this employee be able to climb the ladder to the full director level eventually.

TA Murphy said that he does not think that it will necessarily be a problem to have a code supervisor report to the Town Administrator while learning the job. Initially, the Town Administrator would probably review all correspondence and citations generated by the department, but the code supervisor would gradually take over these responsibilities. This is how it works under a Council-Manager form of government: department directors report to the Town manager on day-to-day operations, while the Council decides budget, personnel and policy issues. Since a Town manager serves at the pleasure of the Council, he can be replaced if the Council does not like the way departments are run. TA Murphy thought that one of the problems with the code department was that too many issues were decided internally that required the Council's input.

Mayor Calvo agreed that the Town lacks a unifying operational force, a role that is easier filled by a full time Town administrator/Town manager than a part-time Town Council. A Town administrator is in a better position to monitor departmental operations and flag problems that should be brought to the Council for a decision. With the current turnover of directors, it is a good time for the Council to rethink what responsibilities should be given to the directors, department heads, Town Administrator, and Town Council to bring about more consistency in Town government. He thinks that the code supervisor/director position should be structured so that he or she reports to the Town Administrator, but can rise in rank. Further, there should be a greater focus on inter-departmental coordination and sharing resources with the Administration Department could be re-examined.

CM Dennison moved to go into executive session after a break. The motion failed for lack of a second.

MPT Wilkinson asked to give a department report. He said that he and TA Murphy met with Brian Davila of C. P. Johnson Engineers, and a representative of the Berwyn Presbyterian Church to discuss the routing of a sidewalk on the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. They agreed that it would be best to build the sidewalk with a 3' buffer and a railing along the

length of the block. It would require removal of an existing staircase and re-grading of the church property where the slopes are steep. The church council will have to sign off on the plan, and the Town has to send a formal letter of request. As the project will be financed by the federal Safe Routes to School Grant, the project has to comply with certain bid procedures, while construction has to follow SHA guidelines. He hopes that the project can be completed next spring.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the project requires a storm water mitigation project. Mayor Calvo replied it does not as it falls below the 5,000 square feet threshold.

CM Dennison moved, and MPT Wilkinson seconded to go into executive session after the break to discuss directors' performance evaluations. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:35 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

7. Executive Session (8:50 p.m. - 10:10 p.m.)

The Council went into executive session to discuss directors' performance evaluations. With matters discussed, CM Dennison moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the September 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo thanked MPT Wilkinson for chairing the last worksession while he was on vacation. He came back in time

for the government shutdown, which affects many people in the Washington area and in Berwyn Heights. Looking at the federal government struggling to function makes him appreciate the situation in Berwyn Heights. This is a diverse community where people still know each other, and elected officials work together even if they disagree. As Mayor, he is proud of the fact that the Council usually makes important decisions on a 5 to 0 vote.

In contrast to the federal, state and county governments, Berwyn Heights has also managed to get through a tough period of declining revenues without furloughs and layoffs. The Town made an effort to compensate its employees fairly and to remain competitive with surrounding municipalities. Money was set aside in this year's budget for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and merit increases.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Town Council during this term will make some consequential decisions about staffing with a vacancy in the code department to be filled and the retirement of the Town Administrator Murphy at the end of the fiscal year. The hiring of new leadership will give occasion to review how the Town government functions and what might be changed to keep up with the times.

In other news, Mayor Calvo said that this is a busy time of the year for community events. The Ice Cream Social in September was the best social he can remember, and the Lake Artemesia concert attracted more people than last year. Tomorrow evening, the peace garden dedication will take place at Berwyn Heights Elementary School and next weekend will feature the Halloween party, Trunk or Treat, at the Community Center parking lot. The Council received good reviews of the postcard sent to residents with an events schedule for the remainder of the year, and may do this again in spring.

The sidewalks project continues to move forward, with engineering to be completed this fall, and construction hopefully taking place next spring. The 63rd Avenue sidewalk at the Presbyterian Church, funded with a Safe Routes to School grant, is progressing apace, as are the plans for emergency generators at the Town Center. Mayor Calvo concluded with relating a compliment he received from an 8th grader in Greenbelt, who thought that Berwyn Heights has awesome playgrounds.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the auditor is scheduled to

come in on October 21 to review the FY 2013 audit. It is hoped that the audit will be completed in early November.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended the first of a series of Department of Environmental Resources (DER) workshops on the County's rain check rebate program. The program provides rebates to homeowners and businesses for managing storm water runoff from their properties by adopting one of the following best practices: adding rain barrels, rain gardens, or green roofs, planting trees, removing pavement or replacing it with permeable pavers. Workshops will be held throughout the County during October and November. In this way, property owners can recoup some of the storm water management fees recently added to their tax bills. CM Kulpa-Eddy encouraged all residents to participate in the program. More information is available on the DER website or by calling the County information number 311.

Mayor Calvo added that the Director of DER Adam Ortiz will be at the next Four Cities Coalition meeting on October 23 in Greenbelt. He will talk principally about a proposed animal shelter in Northern Prince George's, but also about other DER programs. The meeting is open to the public.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported on recent and upcoming events. She noted that, on October 10, the peace garden will be dedicated at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, followed by an anti-bullying session hosted by the PTA. On October 25, the school will hold its annual walk-a-thon fundraiser and on October 26, a school garden cleanup and plant exchange will take place. The Town-wide cleanup is scheduled for November 9, the Historical Committee's Veteran's Day wine and cheese reception for November 10 and the Tree Lighting on December 7. The Traveling Garden project, which recognizes beautiful gardens in Town, is ongoing and will conclude with a wine and cheese reception in January.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for September. There were 6 Part I offenses, including one burglary and 1 stolen vehicle. The total is below the 5 year average of 10. The year-to-date total is 43, which is also below the 5 year average of 67. Other activity included the issuance of 67 State citations, 22 safety repair orders, 56 Town citations, 49 warnings, as well as 371 speed camera tickets. Chief Antolik said he is working with the speed camera vendor OptoTraffic on refunding

tickets that may have been issued in error.

Chief Antolik further explained that the burglary he mentioned was in a vacant house where copper pipes were stolen. He asked residents to keep an eye out for suspicious activities at vacant homes and to report them to the police. Lastly, he offered a list of tips for a safe Halloween and trick-or-treating, ranging from making oneself visible with reflective clothing, glow necklaces and flashlights to being accompanied by a trusted adult. The police and Neighborhood Watch will be out in full force patrolling.

Mayor Calvo noted that the police report included one citation for texting while driving. Chief Antolik confirmed that this was made a primary offense and starting on October 1, drivers can be cited for talking on a cell phone or texting. However, hands-free phoning is permitted.

Public Works: There was no report as MPT Wilkinson was absent. TA Murphy announced that curbside leaf pickup will begin on November 1, and that the street sweeper will be in Town the last week of November and the first week of December. Residents are requested not to park in the street if possible.

5. Committee Reports

Green Team: Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team has settled on a preferred site for a community garden and is preparing a presentation for the Town Council.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that CERT workshops are going to be held on October 19-20 in Laurel and on November 9-10 in Cheverly. Those interested in receiving community emergency response training should contact the NW/EP committee. The NW/EP will again assist the police patrol the Town on Halloween night and hand out glow sticks and necklaces to help everyone stay safe. The next meeting will take place on November 6.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

Resolution 8-2013 - 63rd Avenue School Zone Designation: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. Mayor Calvo said that this Resolution implements a new school on 63rd Avenue between Pontiac and Tecumseh Street and between Seminole Street and Greenbelt Road. This disjointed school zone covers the approaches to Berwyn Heights Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle school and is intended to make it safer for students to walk to these schools as well as

to school bus stops on Pontiac Street. The speed limit in the school zones will be lowered to 15 mph between 7 am and 6 pm when school is in session. At this time, it is unlikely that speed cameras will be set up in these blocks as they do not have a high traffic volume.

At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the public hearing. TA Murphy and CM Kulpa-Eddy clarified that the school zone only covers the 8600 and 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. The Resolution does not designate 63rd Avenue between Quebec Street and Tecumseh as a school zone. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

CM Almoguera commented that she fully supports the new school zones, which are intended to protect children and parents walking to school. She believes the signage indicating a school zone will make drivers more alert and help call attention to pedestrians.

CM Dennison said she favors the new school zones, because these blocks do not have sidewalks and a lower speed limit will make it safer for students to walk to school. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she too supports the new school zones, which are used by students to walk to school. The signage should help draw extra attention to pedestrians and reduce speeding, although it would be hard to reach a speed greater than 20 mph if one stops at the stop signs posted at each end of these blocks. Mayor Calvo noted that MPT Wilkinson was the first to push for the new school zone designations and would strongly favor their adoption if he were here.

CM Dennison moved and CM Almoguera seconded to adopt the Resolution. The Council voted 4 to 0 in favor of adoption.

8. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession October 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Clerk Harper, C. P. Johnson engineer, Gary Dyson and citizens.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Mayor Calvo may arrive late for the October 23 Four Cities meeting.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. The PGCMA legislative dinner will be rescheduled to an as yet unknown date.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the October 7 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works has rented a crack-sealing machine and is set to begin repairing streets. TA Murphy said that crack-sealing is in progress. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the State Highway Administration (SHA) has begun to scrape Kenilworth Avenue for resurfacing. However, the scraping does not yet include the Pontiac Street intersection between Kenilworth Avenue and Edmonston Road. SHA said it would resurface. Mayor Calvo said that Delegate Gaines obtained SHA's commitment to renovate that section of Pontiac Street. It is part of the Kenilworth Avenue right of way. He believes that will happen. It is possible that the renovation will extend past Edmonston Road to a white line drawn on the pavement.

CM Dennison reported that the Trunk or Treat event had great decorations and was very well attended. The owners of the top 3 best decorated trunks won car washes. The first prize went to the Higgins family; the Wolfinger family won second place and the Stevens family won third place. CM Almoguera announced that the Playgroup added a Wednesday play date at 10:30 a.m., which will follow the same rotation as the Thursday play date. Mayor Calvo commended Officer Krouse and Police Aide Rodriguez for decorating the police SUV for Trunk or Treat. On Halloween the police will be out in full force patrolling, assisted by the Neighborhood Watch.

Citizen comments: CM Almoguera received several comments on the severe tree trimming at the disc golf course on Old Calvert Road. MPT Wilkinson added that a number of trees were felled on the recommendation of the Park & Planning arborist, who said that they were diseased. MPT Wilkinson received a comment on the newly-designated 63rd Avenue school zones. Mayor Calvo received another complaint from a resident on the 6300 block of Seminole Street about getting noisy parties shut down. He said that part of the problem is that the property where the parties occur abuts the resident's back yard and is located on an-

other street. Chief Antolik is looking into it. Mayor Calvo also received a request to put code officer Snyder on camera when he attends a worksession.

Mike Attick of 62nd Avenue recommended for the next Trunk or Treat that the Town put up signs telling people where to park. He also suggested that the Town make an effort to have two officers on duty on Friday and Saturday nights. This would have helped his family with a problem he had last Friday night, when he had to wait for Prince George's County police instead of having a Berwyn Heights officer respond. Further, he asked when the Acting Public Works director will be made a full director.

Sidewalks 60% design: Mayor Calvo welcomed Gary Dyson of C.P. Johnson Engineers. TA Murphy explained that the 60% percent design is intended to reflect the findings and recommendations obtained during the Council's September 3 sidewalks field trip. The design also incorporates C.P. Johnson's recently completed topographical survey. The surveys were important to the design because they help to determine how grading issues are to be addressed and how driveways and walkways may need to be changed to interface with the new sidewalks. The Council is requested to indicate whether this design accurately reflects their preferences.

Mr. Dyson said, generally, the design calls for adding a green strip where possible, avoiding utility poles and trees where necessary, and narrowing the roadway to accommodate the sidewalks on certain blocks. On 57th Avenue, it is proposed to reduce the road width by 5', on Cunningham Drive between Pontiac Street and Quebec Place by 3', and on the 8900 block of 60th Avenue by 2'.

In response to Mayor Calvo, Mr. Dyson gave an overview of the project cost. The projected total for the main part of the project - starting at Berwyn Road and Indian Creek Trail and ending at 60th Avenue and Greenbelt Road - is \$403,400 plus a \$100,700 contingency; for the sidewalk in front of Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHEs) \$22,000 plus a \$5,500 contingency; and for the sidewalk/bus pad at Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road \$12,800 plus a \$3,200 contingency. The grand total of \$547,000, however, is subject to change based on the Council's decisions as to which project elements to include and to the bidding process.

Mr. Dyson continued with an explanation of the itemized costs associated with the project. The construction of 5' sidewalks in all locations at \$106,000 amounts to only 1/5 of the total project cost. The

greater expense is in the rebuilding of residential driveways, walkways and retaining walls, as well as site preparation and remediation, and the adjustment of utility valves and meters.

Upon reviewing the plans for each segment of the project, the Council requested further changes be made. On the 5500 block of Berwyn Road, the west end of the sidewalk should be angled so as to line up with the sidewalk on Berwyn Road Bridge. On the 5600 block, the sidewalk should be located adjacent to the curb instead of behind a 3' green strip as originally planned. On the 8600 block of 57th Avenue, the Council confirmed the narrowing of the roadway from 31' to 26' to accommodate a sidewalk on the east side of the street. This means, however, that no cars could be parked there. Further, the owner of the corner property of 57th and Pontiac Street needs to be consulted about tying his walkway into the sidewalk. On the 5700 block of Pontiac Street, the new sidewalk should be extended all the way to the corner of 58th Avenue, replacing an existing ramp, to make it ADA compliant.

On the 8600 block of Cunningham Drive, at the corner of Pontiac Street, a 3' wide sidewalk has to be built behind a utility pole that is only 2' from the curb, to meet minimum ADA requirements. A decision has to be made whether to build the sidewalk on both sides of the pole. An easement from the property owner will have to be obtained. The same property owner already agreed to move an old, unused driveway from the back yard to the Pontiac Street front yard. The new sidewalk needs to be included in the plans.

On the 8700 block of Cunningham Drive, before the intersection with Quebec Place, the curb and sidewalk should be straightened out. An existing storm drain can be bridged with a platform, and an existing swale on the east side of Pop's Park can be drained of any passing storm water by installing a pipe.

On the 8800 block of 60th Avenue, the Fire Department has asked for the installation of warning lights to indicate to pedestrians when trucks are about to leave. The private properties adjacent to the fire house will require permission from the owners to rebuild part of their driveways.

On the 8900 block of 60th Avenue, the plans call for bumping the sidewalk into the road way by 2' to save trees and minimize impact on driveways and stairways. However, the narrower 28' roadway will require a 'no parking' zone on that side of the street, and eliminate needed parking spaces at 8903 and 8905 60th Avenue. The property owners will

need to be consulted about their preferences. The Town also needs to make sure that fire trucks and buses can pass through.

At 8:25 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

The Council reviewed the remaining sections of street for which a sidewalk are planned. On the 6200 block of Pontiac Street in front of the school, the sidewalk ramp at the school driveway exit should be lined up with the sidewalk in front of the Community Center. A ramp will be added on the Community Center side to make the crosswalk ADA compliant. At the driveway entrance, the ramp should be pulled back a little to facilitate access for left-turning school buses and trucks.

At the south-west corner of the Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road intersection, the sidewalk should have two ramps: one for the crosswalk leading to the opposite side of Pontiac Street, and one for the crosswalk on Edmonston Road leading across Kenilworth Avenue to Westchester Park. The bus pad should be large enough to accommodate a bench.

The Council confirmed the changes discussed for each section of the sidewalks, and asked for 2 design options for the 8900 block of 60th Avenue: 1) for bumping out sidewalks 2' into roadway for the entire length of the block; and 2) bumping out sidewalks except in front of 8903 and 8905 60th Avenue to leave room for parking spaces.

Greenbelt Road school zone: Mayor Calvo explained that the Town received an e-mail from SHA District 3 Team Leader Sheneka Owens responding to TA Murphy's request to extend school hours in the Greenbelt Road school zone. Ms. Owens noted that the flasher for the school zone is broken and flashing hours cannot be adjusted. She further stated that SHA has reviewed the school zone as a result of Berwyn Heights' inquiry, and concluded that it does not meet SHA's criteria of a school zone. Therefore, the school zone designation is in the process of being revoked, which will entail removing all school zone signage, the flasher and the speed camera.

Mayor Calvo found this response incredible. He recalled that the school zone was established in accordance with recommendations of a task force on improving the safety of this Greenbelt Road crossing following the death of a Greenbelt Middle School student in 1996. Upon receiving this email, he called District engineer Brian Young, who told him

that SHA had quietly changed the criteria for school zones a couple of years ago. One of the new requirements is that a school must front the highway where the school zone is established. If this policy were applied consistently, many schools would lose their school zone designations, including Riverdale Elementary on East-West highway, DeMatha High School on Route 1 and even Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which has a Hanover Parkway address. Mr. Young consented to the Town going above his level to try to reverse the decision. Mayor Calvo also spoke with Delegate Gaines, who remembers the incident that led to the creation of the school zone and its attendant safety improvements. She said it would be easiest to obtain an exception from the policy, but was interested to find out what other jurisdictions may be affected by this policy and are attempting to reverse it.

Mayor Calvo said, for now, he would like the Council to simply take a stand to support the school zone and get it reinstated in whichever way will be fastest. MPT Wilkinson asked to have the school zone hours addressed at the same time so that the Town does not have to approach SHA twice. School zone hours should be revised to 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to reflect when students are coming and going. Mayor Calvo said that, as a matter of strategy, he thinks it would be best to focus on getting the school zone reinstated before asking for other issues to be addressed. In particular, he thinks it unwise to bring speed camera operations into the discussion because it is a controversial issue.

CM Almoguera said that the decision to remove the school zone is appalling. She agrees with trying to get this school zone back quickly and quietly first, but then she would like to join with others to get the entire policy overturned. School zones are important everywhere where students cross busy roads to get to school. She also considers the issue of speed cameras to be a distraction and does not want bring it up in this context.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to support the Greenbelt Road school zone. The motion passed 5 to 0. Mayor Calvo will call the Governor and other State officials to try to get the school zone reinstated.

Four Cities agenda additions: The Greenbelt Road school zone was added.

Ordinance 118 - Roads & Public Rights-of-Way: The Council discussed the latest revisions of the Ordinance submitted by CM Kulpa-Eddy. CM Kulpa-Eddy explained that this Ordinance,

when it is adopted, should show the original Ordinance provisions with strikeouts, as previously requested. She then highlighted proposed substantive changes:

- In *Section 4 - Standards*, subsection H should be rephrased to clarify that residents are not required to trim back vegetation that interferes with power lines. Instead they should be requested to notify the proper authorities to perform such trimming. The Council agreed.
- In *Section 6 - Permit Application*, subsection D should be rewritten to state that the Town Administrator shall notify an applicant that a permit has been "pre-approved for issuance" contingent on payment of applicable fees and bonds, and set a tentative date for a pre-construction meeting. The Council agreed.
- *Section 13 - Bonds, Letters of Credit or Three-Party Deposit Agreements* required should be moved in its entirety to follow *Section 6 - Permit Application* to reflect the actual sequence of the permitting process. The Council discussed but agreed to keep subsection C on the release of bonds in the bonds section, even though it will be out of chronological sequence.
- In *Section 16 - Violations*, subsection B should be rewritten to clarify that anyone in violation of the Ordinance must not only pay applicable fines but also take steps to rectify the problem so that the work site conforms with established Town standards. The Council agreed.
- *Section 16 - Violations*, subsection C describes a violation of the Ordinance as a misdemeanor punishable with a fine of up to \$1,000, whereas subsection D states that any violation of the Ordinance is a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. The Council discussed whether the subsections are in conflict but decided that a violation can be both a misdemeanor and a municipal infraction. A municipal infraction was deemed to be a subset of a misdemeanor and a civil matter that can be appealed in District Court. A misdemeanor is a criminal offense

that would be adjudicated in a criminal court. It was agreed that these subsections need to be rephrased and possibly combined to properly distinguish these processes.

- *In Section 18 - Right to Appeal*, subsection a (4) provides for an appeal of a violation to the District Court if the party appealing the violation disagrees with the Town Council's verdict. However, if someone appeals a permit-related issue, it cannot be appealed to the District Court because it is not a violation. The Council decided that such an appeal should be made in a "court of competent jurisdiction." The Council further noted that any decision of the Town Administrator is appealable under this Section.
- *In Section 18 - Right to Appeal*, a subsection C might be added providing for the non-release of bonds or other securities in the event a violator, who is not a Town resident, does not pay a fine upheld in the appeals process. The Council agreed.

TA Murphy was asked to make the requested changes for the next worksession so that the Ordinance can be adopted at the November Town meeting.

2. Code Compliance

Code supervisor job description: The Council reviewed a new job description for a supervisor/director of Code Compliance provided by CM Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Calvo noted that the Council started discussing this position in the context of the Town's governing framework. Today he would like to get the Council's feedback about the reporting structure for this position.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she prefers that the Code Department remain independent of the Administration Department and continue to report to the Councilmember/Department Head for Code Compliance. However, she agrees that a new, inexperienced code supervisor should be under the supervision of the Town Administrator initially. Her proposed job description calls for a ladder position that allows this employee to rise to the level of director after demonstrating competency.

CM Almoguera said that, if the Council is hiring a code supervisor, the position should report to the Town Administrator. Recent experience shows that a new

director is prone to make mistakes and would benefit from someone reviewing his decisions. However, she is not opposed to that employee becoming more independent once he/she is familiar with code operations. MPT Wilkinson and CM Dennison agreed with hiring a code supervisor that reports to the Town Administrator while learning the job. CM Dennison was concerned about the workload this adds for the Town Administrator.

Mayor Calvo said that a lot depends on who the Town will hire for the position. However, the job description should have a more detailed description of the skill set needed. On the broader issue of reporting structure, he has come to the conclusion that not only the code supervisor but all department directors should to some extent be supervised by the Town Administrator. He would like to move away from the commission form of government and have the Council focus more on its policy setting role while relinquishing day-to-day operational control. Mayor Calvo maintained that part-time councilmembers are not able to closely monitor what goes on in their departments. A full-time Town administrator is in a much better position to do that and to bring any problems to the attention of the Council. He sees the current turnover among directors as an opportunity to modernize Town government and make it more accountable.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reiterated that the Council needs to be very careful not to set up a conflict of interest when it redefines lines of authority. The Town Administrator should not be ultimately able to tell the Code Director how to write a citation and enforce the Town's ordinances. TA Murphy said that the Town Administrator's responsibilities include the enforcement of all laws. Therefore he should probably not be excluded from reviewing enforcement of laws in one area. Mayor Calvo said that he needs to give this subject more thought. However, the Town Administrator already performs day-to-day supervision of departments, including the interpretation of the Town's ordinances. But he is not given the authority to take corrective action when a problem arises.

MPT Wilkinson said that this is the heart of the issue. The Town Administrator is held responsible for running the Town but is not given the full authority to do so. He agrees that the Town Administrator should be given more control over how the departments are run. Mike Attick commented that, while it is the role of the Town Administrator to run the government, he does not need more responsibilities. The department direc-

tors are there to help him run the government. Further, it could lead to problems if the Town Administrator tells directors to what to do without knowing what directors have been instructed to do by their councilmember/department heads.

Mayor Calvo concluded that this job description is a great improvement over the current one and could serve as a template for others. The one section that should be refined is the list of skills the code supervisor should have. On the larger issue of the reporting structure, he would like the Council to give it more thought. For his part, he will continue to press the issue to put the Town Administrator in charge of day-to-day operations.

4. Public Safety

56th Avenue parking: MPT Wilkinson said the parking plan for 56th Avenue at the Indian Creek park has been updated to reflect the decisions the Council made at the September 16 worksession. However, one handicapped parking space placed at the stop sign north of the playground entrance has been omitted. TA Murphy explained that Chief Antolik has advised against it because it blocks the stop sign. Instead one handicapped parking space is proposed for the parking area south of the park entrance, which will also have 2 regular parking spots.

CM Almoguera asked if the handicapped space is really needed. Parents with little kids using the park would appreciate having more nearby parking spots because they carry a lot of accessories. MPT Wilkinson said that there should be a handicapped spot because the park is handicap accessible. However, he would prefer it be at the stop sign north of the park entrance. CM Almoguera agreed as did the other councilmembers. No further changes were made to the plan.

5. Public Works

County yard waste requirement: TA Murphy said the Town has been informed that the County yard waste facility will no longer accept plastic bags because adjoining property owners have complained about shredded plastic ending up in their yards.

The Council decided to stop selling the plastic bags and notify residents of the coming change as soon as possible, possibly with an all-Town mailer. In addition, *Ordinance No. 117 - Refuse Collection* needs to be amended to reflect the change. It was also decided that the Town facilitate the transition by offering paper yard waste bags free of charge for an introductory period.

Tree City application: MPT Wilkinson

requested an update on the Town's application for renewal of its Tree City USA designation. He wondered if the Council needs to adopt a resolution to complete the application. TA Murphy said all that needs to be done is to fill out the application and submit it, which he will do.

Safe Routes to School MOU with SHA: TA Murphy explained, in order for the Safe Routes to School grant funds to be released, the Council has to formally accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). MPT Wilkinson so moved, CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy said that the Council has to formally designate a person or company to engineer the project. He proposes to designate C. P. Johnson Engineers. Mayor Calvo so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

1. Administration

Meeting room policy and naming (postponed):

COLA and merit pay: Mayor Calvo said that the Council budgeted for both a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of \$10,000 and a merit pay increase of \$15,000 in the FY 2014 budget, both with a November start date. TA Murphy has provided separate tables of options for each that include the annualized and roll up costs.

For the COLA, there are options ranging from a 0.5% to 2.0% increase. Option 4 with a 1.5% increase happens to be \$10,040 for this year - the amount budgeted - with a roll up cost of \$6,500 and an annualized cost of \$16,500. This is the option he prefers.

For the merit pay, there are 3 options. He likes Option 1 which has three rating classes: Class 1 ranges from 3.00 to 3.74 with 13 employees; Class 2 ranges from 3.75 to 4.25 with 8 employees; and Class 3 ranges from 4.25 to 5.0 with 5 employees.

Mayor Calvo said the Town could afford to double the pay rate increase in Option 1 and remain within the \$15,000 budgeted. CM Almoguera said that she also likes Option 1 but wants to use up all budgeted money. CM Kulpa-Eddy preferred to raise the COLA. Mayor Calvo said that there is enough money to give a 2% COLA and the merit increases in Option 1 with the doubled rate increase. However, this means that roll up costs would amount to approximately \$40,000 next year.

CM Almoguera moved to adopt the proposal which has a 2% COLA and an Option 1 merit increase with doubled rates. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



SENATOR PINSKY'S TOWN HALL MEETING



Maryland State Senator **Paul G. Pinsky** will share a legislative update.

Chief Executive Officer **Dr. Kevin Maxwell** will present his vision for Prince George's County Schools.

State's Attorney **Angela Alsobrooks** will share her view of law enforcement in Prince George's County

Mark your calendar and bring your family and neighbors.
For more information, call 240-391-8154 or email ppinsky@senatorpinsky.org.



Lamont Elementary School
7101 Good Luck Road
New Carrollton, MD 20784

From Greenbelt:
Drive South on Hanover Pkwy. Make right onto Good Luck Rd. Travel approx 1 mile to Lamont Elementary.

From Hyattsville:
Take Kensington Ave northbound to Good Luck Rd. Turn right onto Good Luck Rd. Travel approx 1.5 miles to Lamont Elementary.

From Lanham:
Take 450 westbound and turn right onto Princess Garden Parkway. Make a left onto Good Luck Rd. Travel 1 mile to Lamont Elementary.

SATURDAY
December 14, 2013
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

By Authority: Citizens for Paul Pinsky - Anna Frankle, Treasurer



DON'T BECOME A VICTIM!

PROTECT AGAINST
THEFT DURING THE
HOLIDAYS

When using your vehicle:

- Never leave presents or valuables on open display in your car. Even shopping bags could attract a thief.
- Park in safe, well lit areas. Lock your vehicle.
- Remove your GPS and its cradle or windshield mark from the vehicle.

When at home:

- Don't advertise to thieves what you have in your home. Don't leave discarded present boxes outside in view.
- Don't have presents visible from the outside of your home.
- Mark and register your valuables.

When out shopping:

- Do not leave your purse, wallet, keys or cell phone in your shopping cart.
- Do not put valuables down on the counter when you are checking out.
- Keep your valuables in an inside coat pocket or zip them up in your bag and keep it close to your body.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DISCONTINUES PLASTIC YARD WASTE BAGS

Starting January 1, 2014, all yard waste must be set out for collection in brown paper yard waste bags, available at local grocery and hardware stores, or in trash containers clearly identified as yard waste containers.



**IMPORTANT: SEE PAGE 2 FOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 11— 8:00 P.M.**

Recreation Council News & Events

Annual Holiday Party & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join us in the wonderful traditions of making holiday crafts, singing carols, lighting the tree, and visiting with Santa, while Phil Ventura entertains us with his accordion



Saturday, December 7 * 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Berwyn Heights Senior Center

Crafts 6–7 pm, Santa Claus at 6:30 pm, Tree Lighting at 7:15 pm
Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate & Holiday Treats!



Consider donating a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine TOYS FOR TOTS Foundation. Donations will also be accepted at the Town Office

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office (visitors welcome!)

Recreation Council Contacts: Trinity Tomsic: 301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com

Tim Tormoen: totormoen@yahoo.com Jaime Sampson: sampson.jaime@gmail.com

TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY UPDATE

We picked up 70 bags of trash, four tires, and an old safe. More than 100 people came out for the event! The Recreation Council would like to thank residents Tara and Tim Lewis for their efforts with the BH Clean-Up Day, and all those who volunteered, including the Karate Club and the University of Maryland Alumni Association to help make the event a success.

TRUNK 'R TREAT HUGE SUCCESS! – PEOPLE DYING TO GET IN!



S'mores, hot cider and lots of candy were enjoyed by dozens of Town ghoulies, ghosts, witches, super heroes, parents and kids at the popular event held up at the school parking lot on October 19th. Free car washes were awarded to 3 residents whose decorated cars drew the most crowds.

1st Place: Higgins Family
2nd Place: Wolfinger Family
3rd Place: Stevens Family

DON'T BE AFRAID TO COME NEXT YEAR!

Special thanks to the Fire and Police Departments for their participation, Larry Knowles and the Community Center for co-sponsoring and Berwyn Heights Shell for donating a free car wash to the best decorated cars.



Code News

Hoarding is a Health & Safety Issue

Hoarding is a compulsive behavior marked by an urge to collect an excessive amount of things or animals, and an inability to discard them. The condition can lead to extreme clutter of a home that impairs normal living. It can also create serious health and safety hazards, such as an accumulation of combustible materials (newspapers, magazines, rubbish), rodent or insect infestations, and can lead to long-term neglect of home and yard maintenance. If you have noticed signs of hoarding in your neighborhood please call the Town Administrator at 301-474-5000. A Code Officer can be sent to assess the situation. If you believe a friend or family member is exhibiting this behavior consider contacting "2-1-1 Maryland" to get help in locating health and human resources in our area.

Code Activity for October 2013:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 13; Trash/ Litter = 3; Yard Waste = 2; Tree Limbs & Brush = 5; Vehicle Violations = 2; Building Permit Violations = 1; Miscellaneous Violations = 3;

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 2; Rental Inspections & Re-inspections = 35; Rental Investigations = 6; Building Permits = 3; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 3; Vacant House Checks = 60.



NEW SMOKE DETECTOR LAW:



Did you know that 75 % of fatal fires occur in homes without a smoke alarm or working smoke detector, according to the United States Fire Administration ?

A new Maryland law took effect July 1 that requires homeowners, builders and apartment managers to have ten-year, sealed smoke alarms installed by the year 2018. Some counties, including Prince George's, are asking builders and apartment complexes to be in compliance now.

The smoke alarms are sealed and have lithium-powered alarms and a hush function which will quiet the alarm without removing the battery. Retailers in Maryland can continue to sell standard smoke alarms until 2018, but consumers can expect to see a transition at stores as they start stocking shelves with the 10-year alarms.

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EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
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QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00





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BHVFD News:

Fund Drive Wrapping Up- As of 11/15/13 we have collected around \$15,000 from 260 generous donors during our 2013 Fund Drive. Our Fund Drive supplements annual monetary contributions from municipalities such as the City of College Park (\$15,000) City of Greenbelt (\$5,000) and the Town of Berwyn Heights (\$1,000) to purchase and maintain our apparatus. ***It's not too late to donate!!***

New Ambulance Committee Formed- In October the Department formed a committee of members, led by Captain Ryan Wagner, charged with determining the feasibility of designing, ordering, and equipping a (much needed) new Ambulance. The projected cost of a new unit is between \$160,000 to \$200,000. Over the next few months the Department also plans to form additional committees to explore different options for replacing our 1990 reserve Rescue Squad, one of the oldest fire trucks in the county!

Crews Canvas College Park Neighborhood - On November 11th volunteers staffing the Rescue Squad, Ambulance & Chief 14 teamed up with the Branchville VFD, College Park VFD and Beltsville VFD to go door to door in the Sunnyside Community of College Park checking smoke detectors and passing out fire safety information to residents after a fatal house fire. Rescue Squad 14 and Chief 14B were some of the first units on scene of the fatal fire in the 5200 Blk of Palco Pl in this neighborhood the previous morning. No working smoke alarms were found in the home. ***Fire deaths are preventable if we are proactive! Help us by doing your part!***

Department Elections - At the November Company meeting members were nominated for leadership positions on both the Administrative and Operational wings of the Department. The annual Company elections will take place during the December meeting on Tuesday December 3rd. All members are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Tree 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.



Christmas Tree Fundraiser

We have started our annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Come by and support your neighborhood volunteer fire department by purchasing your trees 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.

This year we have:

Scotch Pines, White Pines, Fraser Firs, Nordmann Firs, and Canaan Firs.

****Also we are a USMC Toys for Tots Drop off Site!****

Santa on a Firetruck Christmas Eve!

BHVFD volunteers will once again be escorting Santa around Town on our Ladder Truck December 24th 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 the sirens on Christmas Eve!

Streets we cannot travel down due to dead ends:

- Paxton Ct → See us on Osage St
- Bucknell Ter → See us on Marietta Ln
- Vernon Ter → See us on Edmonston Rd
- 5600 Blk of Osage St → See us at Osage St/57th Ave
- 8900 Blk 56th Ave → See us at Seminole St/56th Ave
- 8700 Blk 60th Ave → See us on Quebec St





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Happy Holidays! As we prepare for this festive, family time of year enjoy all that life has to offer! My warmest wishes to you for a wonderful season and New Year!

A Few (free or almost free) things to do during the Holidays:

- Ice skating- Washington National Harbour.
- Snow Queen Puppet Show- Public Playhouse Cheverly MD.
- Holly Trolley Fest- National Trolley Museum.
- Winter Festival of Lights- Watkins Regional Park.
- Holiday Trains and Planes and Santa "Fly-in"- College Park Airport.

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
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- YEARS OF TOWN REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE

**Email me for a free pass to "Symphony of Lights" in Columbia, 2 winners drawn Dec 3.*

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

SOLD- 6021 Berwyn Rd 4BR,2.5 BA split lvl.....\$280,000

SOLD-8720 63rd Av 3BR,2BA rambler.....\$210,000

SOLD-5813 Ruatan St 3 BR,1.5 BA rambler w/gar \$245,000.

NEW LISTINGS-6100 Westchester Park Dr 2BR,2BA...\$149,900 and efficiency unit \$79,900.

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



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BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 30 Years in Berwyn Heights”

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

December 4	David McCaffrey
December 5	Joan Ahrens
December 8	Kathryn Hanlon
December 16	Kathleen Angell
December 25	Boon-Hee Lim
December 26	Alan Sinclair



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
December 4	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 5	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 10	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
December 11	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 12	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 14	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
December 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
December 18	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
December 19	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 26	Board Games	5:00 P.M.
	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
December 31	New Year's Eve Party	8:00 P.M.

COME AND JOIN US

Recent Outings:

Trolley Museum
College Park Airport Museum
Brookside Gardens Model Train Display

2nd and 4th Thursdays:

Board Games at 5:00 P.M.

Every Thursday:

Pool Night at 7:00 P.M.

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of October 2013. 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.

10/02/2013 at 11:33 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Sun Trust Bank located in the 5600 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a disorderly person. A 31 y/o, b/m, resident of Greenbelt, MD, was asked to leave after an argument with a bank representative.

10/04/2013 at 5:00 am, Officers responded to the 5700 block of Seminole for suspicious black male. Suspect fled the area prior to the arrival of police.

10/04/2013 at 9:55 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2001 Chevrolet van from the location of 8400 block of Ballew Avenue. Driver was unlicensed.

10/04/2013 at 9:59 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of theft from a 2005 Ford Mustang. A book bag was stolen from the vehicle.

10/08/2013 at 9:39 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a report of theft from a 1999 Lexus. Unknown person removed the glass mirror from the driver's side rear-view mirror of the vehicle.

10/09/2013 at 1:00 pm, Det. Unger received a notification from Anne Arundel County police that they detained a sus-

pect who has an open warrant from Berwyn Heights Police. Timothy Paul Sullivan a 26 y/o, w/m, resident of West River, MD was charged with felony theft over \$1,000. and committing theft from a vulnerable adult. The aforementioned incident occurred on 09/05/2013 from the 6200 block of Ruatan Street.

10/16/2013 at 1:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block of Osage Street for a report of domestic dog attacking wildlife (groundhog). The dog sustained minor injury and the groundhog was nowhere to be found.

10/17/2013 at 1:03 pm, Pfc. Ignowski, along with the Chief of Police, responded to the 8500 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a depressed 59 y/o, w/m, who wanted to do harm to himself. He was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

10/19/2013 at 10:50 am, Pfc. Krouse investigated a damaged vehicle where the complainant stated that she parked her 2008 Jeep in front of the 5800 block of Seminole Street on 10/18/2013 and discovered that the door to the vehicle was damaged on 10/19/2013.

10/19/2013 at 11:30 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a lost wallet.

10/20/2013 at 12:43 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2002 Cadillac from a location of Greenbelt Road at Cunningham Drive. Driver was driving using a handheld cell phone and driving without a proper license. The 49 y/o, Latino male from College Park was cited and sent on way after his vehicle was impounded.

10/22/2013 at 10:30 am, BHPD responded to the 8900 block of 58th Avenue and confronted two black male suspects coming out of a vacant house. Suspects were stealing copper pipes from the said domicile. James White Jr. a 50 y/o, b/m, resident of Upper Marlboro MD along with Deandra Nelson a 24 y/o, b/m, resident of Oxon Hill, MD were arrested on scene and charged with burglary and malicious destruction. Further investigation revealed that James White Jr. was a fugitive wanted in Prince George's County.

10/22/2013 at 9:45 pm, Sgt. Moroney along with Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8400 block of 57th Avenue for a report of a missing 88 y/o, w/f. Mrs. Mary Ann Bocker was reported missing by her son. She was last seen at 6:30 pm in a Tan 1986 Mercury Cougar displaying a Maryland Tag of 'RCL-870'. A 'silver' alert was activated and Mrs. Bocker was later located after an

extensive search by Law Enforcement Agencies.

10/25/2013 at 7:00, Pfc. Roberson responded to the area of Berwyn Road at Ruatan Street for a report of a theft from a vehicle. Unknown person broke the window of the car and removed victim's purse.

10/26/2013 at 12:12 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the parking lot of the KFC on Greenbelt Road for a report of a robbery. On scene he was advised by the victim that two black male suspects robbed her at gunpoint before fleeing in a awaiting vehicle driven by a third male. Victim further stated that she didn't have any money on her person and the only thing the suspects got away with was her cell phone. All suspects were in their 20's and victim described them as black males.

10/27/2013 at 8:37 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the Indian Creek Park for a report of a one car collision. A 16 y/o, Latino male was driving without a license and failed to negotiate a turn from Seminole Street on to 56th Avenue. He lost control of the vehicle and struck the traffic safety bollards causing significant damages to his vehicle. The young male was cited for several traffic violations and released to his father.

10/28/2013 at 11:00 am, Pfc. Krouse submitted a report for theft of a trashcan from the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue.

10/28/2013 at 4:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson submitted a fraud report from the location of the 8500 block of 60th. Place. Victim came into the BHPD to report that his credit card number has been compromised and used in Florida without his authorization.

10/29/2013 at 2:14 pm, Pfc. Ignowski attempted to stop a vehicle for a minor violation in the 8900 block of 63rd. Avenue. The driver refused to stop and decided to drive to a restaurant in the area of Greenbelt Road near 62nd. Avenue. The driver again refused to comply with the lawful order and was arrested on scene. Mr. Lawrence Turner, a 22 y/o, b/m resident of Greenbelt, MD, was arrested for failing to comply with the lawful order of a police officer and with several traffic violations.

10/31/2013 at 8:14 pm, Pfc. Thompson along with BHPD officers responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a tampering with a vehicle. Investigation revealed that a group of juveniles entered an unlocked 2004 Mercury Marquis before fleeing. No items were taken.

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER (301-352-1200)

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 you want the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to respond.
4. In an emergency, Call 911.



Berwyn Heights GreenTeam



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, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next meeting will be in January; please see the January Bulletin for further details.

Vermicomposting Class

(Composting with Worms!)

Sunday, Jan. 26th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Berwyn Heights Town Center, 2nd Floor

Learn about a unique way to compost by using *worms*! Come to a free presentation about the process from 2 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Then, if you'd like, you can stay and make your own bin for \$30. Worms are included!

However, the bin making is limited to 15 people, and advance registration for the bin making is required.

Send your name, contact information, and \$30 to Attn: Vermicomposting Class, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD, 20740 by January 17 to reserve your spot. Make checks payable to Susan Levi-Goerlich, and if you have any additional questions about the event, call Kristin Larson from the Green Team at [202-630-3178](tel:202-630-3178).

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:** For wrapping presents, try to purchase recycled and/or recyclable wrapping paper, or even better, reuse things such as newspaper comic strip pages, outdated maps, children's artwork or colorful linens. For holiday greeting cards, consider an electronic greeting card with photos or a set of cards made from 100% recycled paper.
- **Holiday lights:** Everyone loves to decorate with lights as part of the holiday season, but electric lights do consume a lot of energy. Try to turn them on only at night, and ideally use LED lights, which are brighter but use one-tenth of the energy of standard mini-bulbs.
- **Christmas trees:** If you celebrate Christmas and plan to have a tree, consider purchasing 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 you can easily recycle it by just simply putting it curbside along with your yard waste—Public Works will take the trees to the county yard waste composting facility.

Reminder: Farmers' Market Sign Design Contest Deadline December 9

We're looking for food or farm related artwork that we can display on a sign that will have information about where to find nearby farmers' markets! The selected design will be included on a permanent sign that will be placed on the corner of Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue. Be creative! (Please develop your design on a standard 8.5X11 inch document; the chosen design will be resized for the sign.) You can email your design to bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com or drop off your drawing at the Town Center.

Loose Leaf Collection Ends December 30

Public Works provides daily leaf vacuum services from November 1 through December 31, excluding holidays unless otherwise noted in future publications. During the leaf vacuum season, bagged leaves will be collected from in front of your residence on your scheduled yard waste collection day. There is no set loose leaf collection schedule due to the fact that there is only one leaf vacuum machine and operating crew. It takes approximately 2 weeks for the Public Works Department to complete a round of loose leaf collection for the entire Town.



Reminders . . .

- Rake your leaves to the curb or to the sidewalk, if one exists. Public Works crews will not vacuum leaves from private property.
- Remove all cans, bottles, sticks, toys and debris from your piles of leaves. These items can cause very expensive damage to the Town's equipment.
- Please remove parked cars from the path of the leaf vacuum. It is very difficult to collect piles of leaves from between parked cars.
- Starting January 1, 2014, DPW will no longer collect plastic yard waste bags per new regulations by Prince George's County. Use paper yard waste bags.

NO LEAF SERVICE

Christmas Eve - TUE, Dec 24
Christmas Day - WED, Dec. 25
New Year's Eve - TUE, Dec. 31
New Year's Day - WED, Jan. 1

Questions or Comments . . .

Contact the Department of Public Works at 301-474-6897 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or via e-mail at publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

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Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR EVERYONE

Whatever your circumstances, each family or household needs to have a plan to protect itself during a disaster. This plan should include what you will do and where you will go in case of evacuation. Should a disaster occur, the plan you have in place will help protect you from further distress.

Put together an Emergency Kit, including enough Basic Supplies, Medications and Medical Supplies for 7 Days: In addition to supply kit staples such as canned goods, can opener, seven-day supply of medicine, gallons of bottled water, and basic toiletries, there may also be specific medical needs that must be considered. Make sure to have a list of all of your medications, a generous supply to hold you over, and a plan for refilling prescriptions as needed. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration. Consider other things specific to your personal needs, such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and hearing aid batteries, wheelchair batteries, portable teletypewriter (TTY) with extra batteries, a notebook and pen for writing notes and communicating, and food for service animals. If you require oxygen, check with your supplier about emergency plans.

Include Emergency Documents: Carry a pre-printed accommodation and access card that has your emergency contact information as well as those who can be notified on your behalf. The card should also include key phrases that will help others communicate with you such as “I cannot hear sirens or alarms” and “I use American Sign Language and need an interpreter”, if applicable. Documents such as your identification; service animal identifications and immunization papers; Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid cards; and insurance documents and policies should be kept in a waterproof container. You may also want to include copies of family records and power of attorney documents. Keep a list of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require, as well as your medical providers. Be sure you have cash in your kits in case you need to purchase supplies.

Create a Personal Support Network: If you anticipate needing assistance during a disaster, make a list of family, friends and others who will be part of your plan. Talk to these people and ask them to be part of your personal support network. Consider registering with the Berwyn Heights Police Department at (301) 474-6554 if you live alone and might require special assistance (please note that all information you provide is kept confidential). If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital or if you receive regular services such as home health care, treatment or transportation, talk to your service provider about their emergency plans. Work with them to identify back-up service providers within your area and the areas you might evacuate to. If you use medical equipment in your home that requires electricity to operate, talk to your health care provider about what you can do to prepare for its use during a power outage. You should also register in advance with your local power company; PEPCO Customer Care at (202) 833-7500. Make sure everyone knows how you plan to evacuate your home or workplace, and where you will go in case of a disaster. Set up handicap accessible transportation if you require such an option. Make sure that someone in your personal support network has an extra key to your home and knows where you keep your emergency supplies. Practice your plan with those who have agreed to be part of your personal support and make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment.

We must all be ready to help our neighbors and ourselves, if and when that time comes, prepare and take steps to be safe and secure during and after an emergency event.



Plan Now. Work Together. Be Ready.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

2 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags: \$50 each. Canning jars pint & quart size: \$5 mix & match a dozen. Call Jeff after 4 PM at 301-474-5803. Cash only.

Discounted tickets to Capitals' games: Dream seats are in Sec.107, Row U. Caps shoot twice. This is the handicapped row next to the Monumental box. Easy access with no seats in front or behind you. All tickets are discounted — with no add ons. Contact Jody at jwg21248@yahoo.com.

College dorm room items for sale: 3 like-new appliances. Black 4-cup Mr. Coffee Model DRX5 with brew and set delay; small Emerson 2009 Microwave oven Model MW7305B; small Sanyo 2009 refrigerator Model SR-A2480M [301-646-6938](tel:301-646-6938).

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

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 Ber-

wyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

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.

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.

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.

Need Yard Help? Shawn (17) and Jeremy (16) can help with mowing, raking, mulching, and more. Call 301-474-2002.

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.

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

4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent. Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or jmfaruki@yahoo.com.

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

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.

Jimmy Taylor will cut grass. To schedule, please call 301-982-1137.

Seasons Greetings

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas

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

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

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Kristen Buker
President@BHESPTA.org



Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

December 2013

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Dec 5 – Book Club

Dec 12 - Box Top Collection

Dec 23-31 - School Closed - Winter Break

Special Events

Book Club – Will be held on December 5th. More information will be coming send out via the PTA Email Weekly Email. To join the email list please send an email to LesWolfinger@gmail.com with PTA Email in the subject line.

Membership Corner

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

Box Tops = Free Money!

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Town Residents if you would like to collect Box Tops for the Elementary school there is a collection box in the Town Hall. Thank you for your support

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



Gardening

The watermelons were harvested and enjoyed by many! The 5th grade classes were the chosen group to feast on the watermelons since they had planted them last June as 4th graders!

A couple of weeks ago, the 5th and 6th graders harvested the vegetable garden you saw outside the front of the school. As a reward for a successful garden, the Garden Team made a pasta salad with the veggies they grew and gave them a Pasta Salad Party! That was a lot of pasta to cook up for those 110 mouths!! The Garden Team would like to give a special thanks to Vivian Trujillo, Sarah Moody, Annie Luengas, Julia Groen, Jessica Carranza, Michelle Garcia, Destiny Williams, Sofia Joya, Kathy Palma, Tori Simmons, Charnysia Chappelle, Karis Newell, Tiarra Nash, Samantha La Dieu, Alegna Martinez-Badillo for using their recess time to make sure the plants got watered and caterpillars were removed! That garden was a success because of your tender care. Thank you, girls!

For the month of December, we will be taking soil samples and making a Lasagna Garden!!

Also, thank you to all the volunteers that showed up on our brisk morning for the BHES Gardens Clean Up Day! We had a lot of hard working volunteers and jobs were finished quickly! The BH Green Team Plant Exchange was also going on so all the volunteers were able to walk away with plants too! A special thanks again to Home Depot in Hyattsville for their donation of a small shed and tumbling compost bin. Those items were put together by some of our young volunteers during the clean up.

Please make sure to visit our BHES Garden page on Facebook for updates
<https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsElementarySchoolGardens>

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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Several dozen guests crowded into the Town Center to hear guest speaker Patrick O'Neill, archaeologist and historian, present his amazing research about the events that took place in our area during late summer of 1814.

The Town of Berwyn Heights, on former Councilmember Darald Lofgren's recommendation, issued a proclamation to honor Thomas Mutchler of 58th Avenue, a U.S. Marine and WWII Veteran. He fought in one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific campaign which took place November 20-23, 1943. Mayor Pro Tem James Wilkinson read the Proclamation on this 70th anniversary of the battle, thanking Mr. Mutchler for his service.

VETERANS' DAY WEEKEND 2013 WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION



(from left) Thomas Mutchler receives his proclamation from James Wilkinson. Lone and Thomas Mutchler enjoy the conversation. BHHC Chair, Sharmila Bhatia with Aaron Marcavitch of ATHA Incorporated and guest speaker, Patrick O'Neill.



The BHHC welcomes volunteers who are interested in assisting with events and projects. The BHHC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. **Because of the holidays, the next scheduled BHHC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th.**



BHHC BLOG: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

ATHA: (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area / Maryland Milestones) www.anacostiatrials.org





Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

<i>Preschoolers Playgroup Winter Play Dates</i>	<i>Infants Playgroup</i>
MON, 10:30am, indoors Town Center 2nd Floor	meets periodically
WED, 10:30am - Noon, outdoors (indoors if weather is bad)	Contact Rose Almoguera
THU, 10:30am - Noon, outdoors (indoors if weather is bad)	

<i>Playground Rotation</i>	<i>Infants Playgroup</i>
1 st and 3 rd THU of month at Indian Creek Playground;	location changes
2 nd and 4 th THU of month at Pop's Park	Contact Rose Almoguera

Playgroup is always open to any interested parents and caregivers in the community! It offers families a safe and fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other, while 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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December 2013

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	3	4 NW-EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	5 Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	6	7 TREE LIGHTING 6:00 P.M. TOWN CENTER
8 STREET SWEEPING WEEK 	9	10	11 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Hearing on Ord. 117 Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	12	13	14
15	16 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	17	18	19	20 Employee Holiday Luncheon 1:00 P.M.	21
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN OFFICES OPEN 1/2 DAY	25 CHRISTMAS DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	26 	27 	28
29	30 LAST DAY FOR CURB- SIDE PICK UP OF LEAVES	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE TOWN OFFICES OPEN 1/2 DAY	JAN 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	2 	3 	4

Happy Holidays from the Mayor, Town Council & Staff!

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 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
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