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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS OF TOWN OFFICES

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Refuse Collection as Follows:

Mon	12/25/17	NO PICKUP
Tue	12/26/17	Trash, Bulk Trash, Town-wide
Wed	12/27/17	Recycling, Town-wide
Thu	12/28/17	Trash, Yard Waste, Town-wide
Fri	12/29/17	NO PICKUP
Mon	1/1/2018	<u>NO PICKUP</u>
Tue	1/2/2018	Trash, Bulk Trash, Town-wide

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



Internet Exchange Safe Zone

5411 Berwyn Road
8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Berwyn Heights Police has established a safe zone for conducting legal Internet purchases and transactions in the parking lot in front of the police station. The safe zone is under continuous video surveillance.

Many people have been the victims of a crime when buying or selling goods to persons they meet through the Internet. Go to the safe zone to conduct your Facebook, LetGo, CraigsList, Close5, 5Miles, OfferUp, Pinterest, Etsy, or other face to face transactions.

BHPD does not assume any liability for the persons conducting these transactions.



OUTAGES & EMERGENCIES

English Speaking

(877) 737-2662
Downed Wires, Burning Wires
or Life-Threatening Situations

(877) 737-2662

Power Outages, or
Street Light Outages
(Need Pole Number
and nearest Address)

Hard of Hearing (TTY)

(202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking

(202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical Equipment

(202) 833-7500
To Register for Priority List

You can also report and
check on outages online at:
<http://www.pepco.com/>

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS POLICY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Town Council is developing a policy framework for Town organizations that will establish criteria for "Recognized Organizations" as opposed to loosely organized "Groups." Privileges, such as use of Town facilities, listing in Town print and online publications, and eligibility to request budgeted Town funds, would be dependent on fulfilling certain requirements. Requirements currently under consideration include: annual application for recognized status; liability insurance; checking account, formal budget requests and annual financial reports. The draft policy is available at the Town website under [Meeting Videos/ November 20 Worksession Agenda](#).

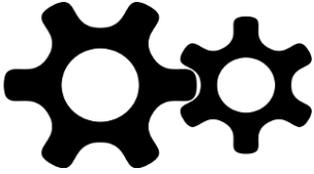
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Emergency Operations Plan Adopted

The Town Council adopted a revised Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) at the November Town meeting. The EOP is based on FEMA's 2010 comprehensive preparedness guide that incorporates the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and other disasters. The EOP can be viewed at the Town website at

<https://berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council>



Public Works News

RECYCLING BIN SURVEY RESULTS

Eighty-eight residents responded to the Survey published in the October 2017 Bulletin. The following responses were received:

Question 1 – What would encourage you to recycle more?

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 37 % - More Education | 9% - Frequent Collection |
| 27 % - Bin with Wheels | 6% - Stricter Enforcement |
| 15 % - Bigger Bin | 6% - Other |

Question 2 – Are you willing to pay an additional \$50.00 in taxes for bins with wheels and attached lids?

- 42% - No
- 36% - Yes
- 22% - Maybe

The Town Council discussed the results at the November 20 worksession. It can be viewed at the Town website under *Meeting Videos*, or <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council/pages/watch-council-meetings>

RECYCLING - DID YOU KNOW?

Most types of plastic, glass and metal household containers are recyclable, as well as newspapers, most types of office paper and cardboard boxes, if flattened. Help the Town improve recycling outcomes by NOT recycling the following:

• NO Plastic bags or plastic wraps	• NO Food, or any container with food residue	
• NO Styrofoam and bubble wrap	• NO Used tissues and paper towels	
• NO Chip bags	• NO Aerosol cans	
• NO Plastic utensils	• NO Clothes hangers or anything that can get snagged in sorting machines at recycling facilities	

LEAF COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 28

Curbside leaf collection ends Thursday, December 28th. Residents who prefer to bag their leaves for pickup may do so using brown paper lawn bags only. Bagged leaves will be picked on yard waste collection days.

- Please rake your leaves to the curb or to an existing sidewalk, but NOT into the street.
- Do not mix loose leaves with sticks, rocks, trash or debris, as they can damage the leaf machine.
- Do not mix loose leaves with tree trunks or thick branches. They are collected separately.
- Do not park cars in front of leaf piles, as this hampers access by the leaf vacuum machine.
- Be advised that it takes approximately 2 weeks to complete a round of leaf collection in Town.

Friendly Reminder: Refuse and Recycling Collection Rules

- ✓ Public Works only collects refuse (trash) if it is set out in a container with a tight-fitting lid. Public Works DOES NOT collect refuse if it is set out in a bag alone at the curb.
- ✓ Refuse and recycling must be ready for collection by 6:00 a.m.
- ✓ Any materials such as broken glass, nails, or other sharp objects must be placed in a durable container before being placed in the collection container to protect the employee's health and safety.
- ✓ Bamboo is considered refuse, not yard waste, and must be cut in 4-foot lengths then tied in bundles and placed next to the refuse container.
- ✓ Town residents can dispose of electronic items through the City of Greenbelt's quarterly drop-off event.
- ✓ Leaves are collected from the curb in November and December. During all other months, leaves and other yard waste must be bagged for collection in appropriate containers such as paper yard waste bags available for purchase at local hardware stores, or tied in bundles.
- ✓ Public Works will collect the following items only after making a request to the Town Office and paying the applicable fee:
 - Appliances
 - Bulk waste, such as furniture and rugs
 - Items left behind from the previous tenant or occupant
 - Motor vehicle parts and accessories up to 50 pounds and free of any hazardous materials
 - Tires
- ✓ Public Works DOES NOT collect building, construction, flooring or remodeling materials, or any hazardous materials.

Contact Public Works at 301-474-6897 or PublicWorks@BerwynHeightsMD.gov with any questions about refuse and recycling collection

Recordatorio: Reglas de Recolección de Basura y Reciclaje

- ✓ Obras Públicas sólo recolecta basura si se encuentra en un contenedor con una tapa ajustada. Obras Públicas NO recoge la basura si se encuentra en una bolsa sola en la acera.
- ✓ Los desperdicios y el reciclaje deben estar listos para su recolección antes de las 6:00 am.
- ✓ Cualquier material como vidrio roto, clavos u otros objetos afilados deben colocarse en un contenedor duradero antes de ser colocados en el recipiente de recolección para proteger la salud y la seguridad del empleado.
- ✓ El bambú se considera basura, no el desperdicio de yarda, y se debe cortar en longitudes de 4 pies después atado en paquetes y colocada al lado del contenedor de basura.
- ✓ Los residentes de la ciudad pueden disponer de artículos electrónicos a través del evento trimestral de la Ciudad de Greenbelt (City of Greenbelt).
- ✓ Las hojas se recogen de la acera en Noviembre y Diciembre. Durante los otros meses, las hojas y otros desechos del jardín para su recolección deben estar en recipientes apropiados, tales como bolsas de papel, disponibles en tiendas de ferretería locales o amarrados en paquetes.
- ✓ Obras Públicas recogerá los siguientes artículos solamente después de hacer una solicitud a la Oficina de la Ciudad y pagar la tarifa aplicable:
 - Electrodomésticos o Accesorios
 - Residuos a granel, como muebles y alfombras
 - Elementos dejados por el inquilino o ocupante anterior
 - Partes y accesorios de vehículos de motor de hasta 50 libras y libras de cualquier material peligroso
 - Llantas
- ✓ Obras Públicas NO recoge materiales de construcción, pisos o remodelaciones, ni materiales peligrosos.

Comuníquese con Obras Públicas al 301-474-6897 o con PublicWorks@BerwynHeightsMD.gov con cualquier pregunta sobre recolección de basura y reciclaje

Worksession

October 2, 2017

Executive Session (6:00 – 7:05 p.m.)

Personnel Matter

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs), Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens. Several citizens had signs expressing opposition to the acquisition of the Humvee.

1. Action Items

Humvee acquisition: Chief Antolik presented additional information on the Humvee the Council had requested: Out of 7 neighboring municipalities, all have utility vehicles and 4 have Humvees. The University of Maryland has 8 SUVs, 2 Humvees and 1 peacekeeper. The Humvee the Town applied to acquire has 4 seats and each one is equipped with a seat belt. The installation of a hitch would cost approximately \$100 plus \$200 for installation. Humvees are made to withstand water inside the vehicle and are equipped with drain holes in the floor. In certain types of weather this can lead to condensation on the inside of the windows.

In response to questions, Chief Antolik replied that he has seen no evidence of mold in the vehicle. The Humvee has 4 seats but 2 are currently not visible because they are folded down. The removal of the turret would be difficult and expensive because it would require removal of the roof. In addition, the turret would have to be re-installed if the vehicle is returned or transferred to another agency. Other municipalities use Humvees for search and rescue and driving in severe weather. The Humvee was acquired under the Defense Logistics Agency's 1033 program, which restricts its use to law enforcement personnel. This would exclude any Public Works staff or NW/EP members from driving the vehicle, with or without the Emergency Preparedness trailer. Fire Departments may apply for military surplus vehicles under a different program.

Mayor Jewitt said that she received many calls and e-mails this weekend about the Humvee acquisition and thanked everyone for their engagement. She summarized some the recent comments she received. Two residents sug-

gested to turn the vehicle over to the BHVFD, with the Police retaining ownership, but this option is ruled out by the terms of the 1033 program. Over the last 2 months, she received a total of 34 comments in favor of the Humvee acquisition and 12 in opposition.

CM Dennison moved to approve the acquisition of the Humvee. The motion failed for lack of a second. TA Cowles was instructed to begin the return process.

2. Discussion Items

EOP and Emergency Preparedness

Workshop debrief: TA Cowles explained that the emergency management workshop recently held in Berwyn Heights addressed several important issues pertaining to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) the Council is in the process of revising. The issues in question relate to the role of Councilmembers in an emergency situation, particularly with respect to:

- Communication;
- Assessment of community needs;
- Making policy decisions;
- Supporting response efforts; and
- Role in the incident command structure.

The workshop facilitators recommended that councilmembers' role in emergency management focus on making policy decisions, setting strategic objectives, and providing leadership to the community. They ought not have a formal role in the incident command structure, nor take on operational responsibilities handled by Town staff.

In response to Councilmembers questions, TA Cowles said that Berwyn Heights may not have enough staff to handle all emergency functions. The facilitators' recommendation of having 3 staff cross-trained for emergencies in each department is not feasible. However, it is current policy that all essential employees be available during an emergency. The extent of the Council's involvement in operational issues requires more input from the Council, as does the definition of a spokesperson versus those of a public information officer (PIO). Normally, a mayor acts as the Town's spokesperson, whereas a PIO handles the behind-the-scenes work of writing press releases, posting news to social media and websites, and responding to press inquiries. TA Cowles or Clerk Harper may be plausible candidates for this role.

TA Cowles said it was further recommended that the responsibilities of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) be clarified. On the latter point, the EOPs of the City of Laurel and the Town of University Park have pertinent information. Lastly, the workshop provided an excellent networking opportunity with emergency personnel from neighboring cities and local agencies that are critical during a crisis. TA Cowles plans to revise the EOP based on the workshop deliberations, but requested Councilmembers to provide additional input on what their roles should be.

Councilmembers proposed the following changes to the EOP:

- Assign emergency planning functions to the Council and operational functions to staff;
- Ensure that emergency policies conform with the Town Charter;
- Clarify whether a quorum of the Council is required to make decisions during emergencies;
- Clarify how to ensure continuity of government;
- Add provision on PIO (see Greenbelt's PIO);
- Add a concept of operations (see Laurel's EOP) to set forth parameters for Town's emergency response.

Mike Attick, 63rd Avenue, asked a question about the purpose of referencing an emergency ordinance. TA Cowles replied that the Town Charter sets forth a process for adopting an emergency ordinance that suspends some notice requirements to enable a faster adoption process.

Public Works strategic plan items: TA Cowles gave a status report on Public Works strategic plan action items comprising:

- Conducting a street condition assessment and street improvement plan;
- Researching options for improving facility security over the short term;
- Conducting a Town facilities study, specifically to identify long-term space for the Police Department.

TA Cowles said that, following the departure of Director Cox, there is no one in the Public Works Department who can complete the strategic plan action items. She anticipates that a new director will be hired by the end of this year who

would resume this task. In the interim, she is willing to serve as “acting” director, while hiring Kenneth Hall, who served as interim Public Works Director last year, as a part-time consultant. He would help the Town move forward with the strategic plan and complete a number of pending projects. The 10-week consultancy can be financed within a \$20,000 FY 2018 appropriation for developing a street improvement plan. As an infrastructure expert, Mr. Hall will be able to conduct the street condition assessment and develop a priority street improvement plan with a cost estimate for next year’s budget.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that Mr. Hall prefers to come in as a consultant rather than a temporary employee, which avoids additional benefit costs for the Town. The job announcement for the Public Works Director has been posted at Indeed.com, in the online “Employment Opportunities” at MML, and will be posted on the Town website shortly. CM Rasmussen moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 to hire Mr. Hall as a temporary consultant. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Minutes

The Council reviewed the September 11 worksession minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the minutes were approved 5 to 0. The September 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

4. Announcements, Department Reports, Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that some residents received the College Park elections guide because of the zip code issue; that the Ice Cream Social ended early because the fire department checked on a potential gas leak; that Pepco was sent a list of addresses of customers to check into a recent fair-weather power outage; and that the newly-installed crosswalks look great. College Park will celebrate College Park Day at the Aviation Museum on October 7 and the University of Maryland has a Golden ID program allowing senior citizens to take courses. Those interested can contact addiebatty@umd.edu.

Mayor Jewitt thanked Chief Antolik for his professionalism regarding the Humvee acquisition and all residents who provided input. She explained that she initially was very much in favor of getting this almost free vehicle. She authorized the Town Administrator to apply for it without bringing the matter before

the Council because the decision had to be made quickly in order to qualify. Upon being provided further information about the vehicle, it was learned that the Humvee had a turret for mounting a machine gun that could not be removed without damaging the roof. This made it more difficult to make the Humvee look like a civilian vehicle and allay concerns about the “militarization of Berwyn Heights police.” In addition, the Council agreed to look into obtaining a vehicle, other than a Humvee, with similar functionality. These considerations caused her to refrain from voting in favor of obtaining the Humvee earlier this evening.

CM Rasmussen reported that he, Mayor Jewitt and Treasurer Rodriguez all graduated from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. The ceremony took place at the UMD chapel on September 26. He will meet this week with TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass to discuss coordination between the Code and Public Works Departments regarding refuse disposal education and enforcement of regulations. Also on the agenda are implementation of new regulations in the amended Clean Lot Ordinance, and setting parameters for revoking a rental license. CM Rasmussen, in commenting on the Humvee acquisition, said that Mayor Jewitt made the best possible decision under the circumstances, that it is unfortunate an arrangement for the Volunteer Fire Department to use the Humvee could not be worked out, and that the needs of the Town’s vehicle fleet should be further discussed.

CM Rasmussen also received a citizen comment regarding the cost of disposing large amounts of bamboo and possible assistance from the Town. TA Cowles will follow up, and look into the best ways to assist residents with removing bamboo.

CM Shields reported on recent and upcoming Town events, encouraged residents to participate in the recycling bin survey, and thanked Chief Antolik for supplying the Council with all requested information to make an informed decision on the Humvee acquisition.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. No changes were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Town Meeting
October 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Green Team and Recreation Council Member Diana Agonoy, Berwyn Heights Historical Committee (BHHC) Chair Debby Steele-Snyder and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the September 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Jewitt noted that the Council held an executive session at the October 2 worksession regarding a personnel matter. During that same worksession the Council declined to approve the acquisition of a Humvee and decided to return it to the Defense Logistics Agency. The Mayor and Council received numerous comments on the matter, both for and against, which were appreciated. Mayor Jewitt said she ended up not endorsing the acquisition because the Humvee has a turret for the use of a machine gun, which conflicted with the civilian purpose of the vehicle. The turret would have been difficult and expensive to remove. She is now looking forward to a Council discussion on obtaining another type of emergency vehicle.

Mayor Jewitt said the September 26 emergency management workshop, hosted by the Town of Berwyn Heights and organized by TA Cowles, was a great success. This opinion was shared by representatives from 25 different Prince George’s County municipalities, agencies and community organizations who were in attendance. She recently graduated from the Academy of Excellence in Local Government, which offers training for municipal officials during MML conferences and, starting tonight, will attend the MML fall conference in Rockville.

3. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced a number of upcoming meetings. On October 12, a Parkdale High School College & Career Fair will be hosted by County Councilmember Danni-

elle Glaros. On October 16, 17 and 23, Prince George's County will hold "snow summits", where anyone can obtain information on the County's snow clearing operations. On October 16 and 18, WSSC will hold a second round of hearings on new a rate structure for water usage that the agency has been ordered to develop because the current rates have been ruled unfair to high volume users.

Starting on October 14, a number of meetings on the environmental impact of a proposed SMAGLEV train are scheduled to take place. Governor Hogan has expressed concern about any routes that would go through densely populated residential areas, which Berwyn Heights shares. Prince George's County will hold a series of listening sessions on the Zoning Rewrite Comprehensive Review Draft starting on October 25 and comments due by December 15. The Town Council is likely to take this up at an upcoming worksessions. A Four Cities meeting is scheduled for October 25 in Greenbelt. Lastly, MPT Kulpa-Eddy invited feedback on the Town's revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which is available on the Town's website and in the Town office.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for September, and announced that Town employees recently completed defensive driving and CPR/ First Aid training. A flu clinic for employees and any residents who wish to obtain a flu shot will be held on November 8.

Town Administrator's Report: TA Cowles congratulated Treasurer Rodriguez on obtaining her Academy for Excellence in Local Governance certification. She then reported that the main event in September was a very productive 6-hour emergency management workshop facilitated by Texas A&M staff, and attended by 48 high-level representatives from 25 different Prince George's municipalities and government agencies. The afternoon portion featured two table-top exercises on responding to a major snow storm and a health emergency. A number of things learned from the workshop were incorporated into the new EOP, which will be reviewed at the upcoming worksession and is up for adoption at the November Town meeting.

TA Cowles said another important accomplishment was the submission of the Sustainable Communities Designation application. The final product was the result of good cooperation between Ad-

ministration staff and a workgroup representing the Town Council, the Town's commercial district and several civic organizations. The Department is also working on the final phase of the FY 2017 audit, employee performance evaluations and the recruitment of a new Public Works director.

In response to a question, TA Cowles said that she expects to receive an initial response on the Sustainable Communities application by the end of October.

Code Compliance: Code Supervisor Glass gave the Code activities report for September. A total of 46 code violations, 5 building permits and 5 dumpster permits were issued. Seven new rental properties were licensed and two reverted to single family homes, for a total of 212 rental properties. The Department's count of vacant homes was 9.

CM Rasmussen reported that he met with TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass to discuss several important Code issues, including: 1) how the Clean Lot Ordinance is working 1 1/2 years after being revised, particularly the enforcement of violations regarding accessory structures, invasive species and abandoned vehicles; 2) the circumstances under which the Town might revoke a rental license; and 3) improving coordination between the Code and Public Works Departments in enforcing refuse disposal violations.

CM Rasmussen elaborated on conclusions that arose from the meeting. The Town's efforts to improve residents' recycling and refuse disposal habits should focus on 3 areas: 1) education; 2) enforcement; and 3) equipment (the 3 "E's"). Administration and Public Works would primarily handle the educational efforts by publicizing information about the Town's refuse disposal rules and leaving notices at properties with refuse violations, while Code would be responsible for enforcement. He also suggested the Council consider updating and combining *Ordinance 117 – Refuse Collection* with *Ordinance 107 – Clean Lot* to create a single property maintenance ordinance.

CM Rasmussen further noted that TA Cowles and the Code Department are working with a group of property owners on Ruatan Street, who have joined forces in eradicating a large stand of bamboo. To assist with the disposal of bamboo, the waiving of the Town's dumpster permit fee is being considered. Lastly, he thanked Mayor Jewitt and Chief Antolik for bringing attention to the need for an

emergency utility vehicle, which the Humvee was intended to meet. He is looking forward to a broader discussion about the mission of the Police Department and the vehicle fleet needed to accomplish that mission.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields reported that he attended an extreme emergency drill at a recent CERT conference. He reminded residents of an October 13 Paint 'n Sip fundraiser, a November 8 flu vaccination clinic, and filling out and returning a recycling bin survey published in the last Bulletin by October 27. He also encouraged residents to provide feedback on the proposed MAGLEV train routes, either online or at an upcoming meeting. He expressed the opinion that only the straightest routes should be considered for this type of high-speed train. Lastly, he announced that the Maryland Defense Force will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a parade at the Baltimore Armory on October 21, in which he will participate. Anyone interested may come out to watch.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for September. There were 6 Part I offenses in September versus the 5-year average of 7.8. The year to date total is 44 as opposed to the 5-year average of 48.8. The Police also issued 195 municipal and state citations and 18 speed camera tickets.

Chief Antolik advised residents not to drink and drive following the Paint & Sip fundraiser. Officers will be out patrolling. Over the last month, BHPD officers have been monitoring certain streets for speeding and running of stop signs. The average recorded speed was 26-27 mph, for which tickets are generally not issued. However, vehicles running stop signs will be cited. He concluded with providing Halloween safety tips.

In response to a question, Chief Antolik said that Berwyn Heights Police offer free home security reviews. Interested residents should call the Police Department at 301-474-6554. CM Rasmussen commented at length on the police report, including the number of speeding tickets and stop sign violations issued, the amount of commuting miles driven in police vehicles, and the challenges of dealing with Halloween trick or treaters.

Mayor Jewitt congratulated Chief Antolik on his 27th anniversary of serving in the Berwyn Heights Police Department. She advised that common sense safety rules also apply at the upcoming Halloween

Trunk or Treat event, especially around the fire pit.

Public Works: TA Cowles reported that the Public Works crew continues to install crosswalks around Town, and has corrected roadway speed limit markings around Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Public Works hours of operations remain at 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to avoid interfering with peak commuting times; the November Bulletin will feature recycling and refuse disposal reminders, to be followed by a mailer to every household in December; loose leaf collection will be in effect from November 1 to the end of December; and Public Works staff will assist with setting up for Trunk or Treat and with electronics recycling on October 28.

Mayor Jewitt noted that TA Cowles is reporting for Public Works because she is the acting Director until a new director has been recruited. CM Rasmussen noted that the September recycling rate was 23% and the landfill diversion rate 32%.

4. Committee Reports

Green Team: Diana Agonoy reported upcoming events for the Green Team and the Recreation Council. The Green Team completed the Town's recertification in the Sustainable Maryland program and the next meeting will be held on October 18. The Recreation Council is hosting the annual Trunk or Treat event, this year co-hosted with College Park, and has recruited the Girl Scouts to help with roasting s'mores at the fire pit. Also coming up are a Town Clean-up day on November 4, Tree-lighting on December 2, and Toys for Tots collection, which concludes on December 15.

TA Cowles explained the difference between the Sustainable Maryland, Certified program and the Sustainable Communities program is that the former promotes green policies at the local level through the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center and MML and latter provides access to economic development funds for eligible municipalities, corporations and organizations through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Mayor Jewitt invited Ms. Agonoy to attend the ceremony for Berwyn Heights' Sustainable Maryland recertification at the upcoming MML conference.

Historical Committee: Newly-elected Chair Debby Steele Snyder gave the report. The Historical Committee continues to work on its oral history program. It has purchased new recording equipment

and is busy interviewing as many current and former residents as possible. A fall reception on November 12 will feature the unveiling of a historic walking app, produced by the M-NCPPC's GIS section. All are invited to attend and learn how to use the app, which can be downloaded to one's smartphone.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Co-Chair Mike Attick announced that seats at the upcoming Paint 'n Sip fundraiser are almost sold out. However, anyone may come to watch and enjoy a glass of wine with their neighbors. He thanked Mayor Jewitt for attending recent NW/EP meetings, which are held every first Wednesday of the month. The Committee is in need of new members to carry out all its responsibilities, and is focusing on recruiting volunteers.

Recreation Council: Reported under Green Team.

5. Unfinished Business

There was none.

6. New Business

There was none.

7. Citizens Discussion

Mayor Jewitt received a comment about an unfriendly dog being allowed to run off-leash, adding that she is concerned about a number of dogs barking for long periods. She received 2 phone calls thanking the Council for taking up the problem of increased rat sightings and improper disposal of trash. She also noted that Berwyn Heights residents received an election notice for College Park's City Council election on November 7 because the notice was mistakenly sent to the entire 20740 zip code.

CM Rasmussen received another comment about bringing goats to Berwyn Heights to help control invasive species. He then asked MPT Kulpa-Eddy to clarify the relationship between NW/EP and the CERT team. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Neighborhood Watch started up in the 1990s and added an emergency response function after the 9-11 attacks and the College Park tornado. Prince George's County similarly started to gear up after 9-11, offering community emergency response training to help prepare citizens throughout the County for emergencies. The NW/EP members who took the training then formed the Town's CERT team, which last year became a 501 (c) 3 organization. The Paint 'n Sip event raises money for the CERT.

CM Shields received one comment from a citizen who was glad the Council decided not to acquire the Humvee.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, announced while playing his accordion that he will provide musical accompaniment at the Paint 'n Sip fundraiser. Anyone without plans for Halloween is invited to stop by his home, where many trick or treaters are expected.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that Berwyn Heights may want to check with the City of Greenbelt if they would accept leaves collected here. Currently, the Town takes them to College Park, but is charged a fee. He also commented on the grass at the school property exceeding the 10" height allowed by Berwyn Heights code, on the Town's plans to assist homeowners to dispose of bamboo, on the appropriate size of recycling bins, on the status of issuing a Berwyn Heights ID for CERT members, and the possibility of NW/EP not participating in Halloween patrols.

Debby Steele-Snyder, Pontiac Street, commented that the 5900 block of Pontiac Streets gets very busy with trick or treaters, who get in the way of pass-through traffic and commuter buses. She suggested increasing police presence in this block.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**Worksession
October 16, 2017**

Executive Session (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)
Personnel Matter

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs), Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. CM Shields arrived at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Shade Tree Board Chair Amanda Dewey.

1. Action Items

There were none.

2. Discussion Items

UMD Cooperation on Sustainability Projects: TA Cowles said she has worked with Green Team Coordinator Amanda Dewey to refine a list of potential projects for cooperation with the University of Maryland following a presentation at the August 7, 2017, worksession

by Andrew Fellows, Community Outreach Program Manager at the University of Maryland College of Information Studies. The revised list incorporates comments from the Council and is divided into 2 subject areas: 1) community engagement and 2) municipal sustainability implementation efforts.

Under community engagement, the Town is looking for innovative ideas on how to better inform its residents and businesses about events and initiatives occurring in the community and to broaden the volunteer base. Under sustainability efforts, the Town's strategic plan and a recently-developed Sustainable Community action plan identify a broad range of sustainability goals, encompassing the environment, economy, transportation, housing, quality of life and land use. A sample of sustainability goals include:

- Reducing the amount of refuse sent to the landfill
- Exploring a regional food waste collection program
- Mitigating the effects of flooding
- Reducing polluted water run-off
- Decreasing litter
- Enhancing preservation of historic homes
- Increasing the tree canopy

With sustainability goals and strategies already well defined, the next step is to find ways to implement the goals, possibly using UMD students and faculty expertise, which may include:

- An assessment of funding amounts and mechanisms to achieve a project
- Tapping into technical expertise through partnerships
- Demonstration of the value of sustainability projects to private property owners

In response to questions, TA Cowles and Amanda Dewey replied that University collaborators could comprise students, faculty and staff. Grant writing expertise is one of the resources from which the Town could benefit in securing project funding. To engage with the University, a donation of \$10,000 to the University of Maryland College Park Foundation was requested. Based on contributions given by similarly-sized municipalities, a contribution of \$5,000 to \$7,000 is recommended. The Town's list of projects would then be "shopped around" to different departments and schools at the University to find interest-

ed partners. There is no guarantee that a good match would be found for all, or any of the Town's projects within the first year of the partnership; however, over time all the projects would be explored.

Further, it is expected that the implementation of a particular project would not primarily fall on the shoulders of Town staff but mobilize community members and organizations interested in the project. In addition, regional partnerships could develop around a project that build momentum and make implementation more likely.

CM Dennison moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to approve a one-time donation of \$6,000 to the University of College Park Foundation for the purpose of a campus-community collaboration on sustainability projects. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Dennison moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to fund the donation from the unrestricted fund balance. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Emergency Operations Plan review: TA Cowles highlighted the most recent changes in the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Council made additional changes:

Page 8, Planning Facts and Assumptions, last bullet: add instructions on how to get to Doctors Community Hospital at 8118 Good Luck Road.

Page 9, Concept of Operations: add a bullet on requesting assistance from neighboring jurisdictions. Delete bullet 5 because it repeats what is stated elsewhere in EOP. Rephrase bullet 8 to state "the Town will activate its essential personnel policy" instead of "Essential personnel or their designees will be available at all times."

Page 13, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): This item was flagged for a more detailed explanation of the role of CERT team pending a meeting with NW/EP Co-chair Mike Attick.

Page 15, Communications, last paragraph: add "or designee" after PIO.

It was noted that the appendices are not for public use because they contain some confidential information. However, all persons who have a designated role in the EOP will receive a complete copy of the plan.

Trash and recycling collection reminders: TA Cowles explained that the Administration Department will initiate an educational effort on trash disposal and

recycling regulations starting with colored, tear-out page in the November Bulletin, followed by an every-door direct mailer in December. Strict enforcement of the regulations will begin in January 2018. Refuse and recyclables not in compliance will be tagged with an explanatory sticker and will not be collected.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy and Mayor Jewitt instead requested that non-compliance be addressed with a Code fine, to prevent rats and other animals from being attracted to uncollected trash bags, which would negatively impact neighbors. CM Rasmussen added that residents setting out refuse too early, as often happens with clean-outs of apartments and garages over a weekend, should also be cited.

Emergency police vehicle: Mayor Jewitt announced she will meet with TA Cowles and Chief Antolik to start discussing whether, and what type of emergency vehicle, the Town may want to acquire in lieu of the Humvee. She will keep Councilmembers informed of any specifics and seek their input if a vehicle is identified. CM Rasmussen said the discussion should start with a review of the mission of the Police Department and the equipment needed to fulfill that mission.

WSSC proposed rate structures, letter of comment: MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave a status update on WSSC's court-mandated rate restructuring efforts. WSSC is holding another round of hearings on a new set of 5 rate structure options. She provided a draft letter commenting on the proposed rates. She explained that the new proposals continue to include a uniform rate for high and low volume water users alike. This rate would be the simplest to implement, but would result in a 30% increase in rates for low volume users, comprising mostly residential customers, while decreasing rates for commercial customers by 20%. The remaining 4 options are different versions of a tiered rate structure based on water usage that would limit rate increases for low-use customers to 10%, as well as the rate decreases for commercial customers to 8% - 12%.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said her proposed letter recommends WSSC adopt a "4-tier system with a two-person (110 gpd, average) and a 4-person (220 gpd, average) as the lowest price rate levels... [that] best fits the demographic seen in Prince George's County" and Berwyn Heights. While this option is not among the options currently on the table, it is

consistent with usage in the current 16-tier system, and similar to Option 1 in a 2017 Phase 2 Final Report. The tiered system would also promote more conservation of water usage than a uniform rate.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked Councilmembers about their preferences prior to sending a letter. Comments on the proposed rate structures are due by October 31. Councilmembers suggested adding information on the percentage of seniors in Berwyn Heights negatively affected by any price increases, supporting a rate structure incentivizing water conservation, and supporting periodic reviews of the rate structure to evaluate their impact. The Council agreed to authorize MPT Kulpa-Eddy and TA Cowles to finalize the letter after attending an upcoming hearing, and submitting it to WSSC prior to October 31. Councilmembers would receive copies of the letter.

Four Cities agenda: The Council identified the following possible items for an October 25 Four Cities meeting: MDOT presentation on the proposed widening of BWI Parkway (MD 295), the Capital Beltway (I-495) and I-270; updates on WSSC rate restructuring, Purple Line and Maglev train.

3. Minutes

The Council reviewed the September 18 worksession minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison seconded by CM Shields, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

4. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that she attended the MML conference in Rockville and participated in a utilities roundtable. Many participants had experienced similar issues with Pepco tree removals as Berwyn Heights had and engaged Pepco in a lively discussion. Mayor Jewitt attended a social media workshop and learned that social media is often the most effective way to reach residents or representatives. Highway User Revenues (HUR) were again a top MML priority, and she gave 2 interviews about how low and unpredictable HUR affect Berwyn Heights. It was suggested to involve residents in lobbying for HUR. Mayor Jewitt attended a sold-out Paint 'n Sip fundraiser, and reminded residents about dos and don'ts during snow storms.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported she attended a Maglev open house at Bowie State University which drew many visitors, as well as media representatives and elected officials. Different routes were discussed but the route through Greenbelt Station and Berwyn Heights had been taken off the table. Four remaining options include a no-build option, two

routes following the BWI Parkway, and one following the Penn Line through New Carrollton. She also received a citizen comment about a street sign taken off a post at 63rd Avenue and Quebec Street.

CM Rasmussen received comments urging the Council to look for sites for a dog park. Options might include the T-Ball field at Indian Creek trail, an area immediately to the east of Sports Park, and an old Town right-of-way across from the Community Garden. CM Rasmussen updated the Council on the status of renovating his fire-damaged rental property on Ruatan street, where a stop work order was issued because his contractor had neglected to file for a Town permit despite repeated reminders.

CM Shields announced upcoming events and the due date of October 27 for the recycling bin survey. He reported that he called Park & Planning about litter at Lake Artemesia, that he continues to work on the organizations policy, and that Public Works cleaned up Sports Park. He received comments on the Humvee, on a rental property putting out too much trash, on Metro's pedestrian bridge being a patch job, and on placing the focus on getting recycling bins with wheels, but not trash cans. He offered the personal comment that the remaining proposed routes for a Maglev train still present problems for a true high-speed train.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. No changes were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

*Gardens & Glass
Yard Sale*

*December 3 & 10, 2017
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
6210 Quebec Street*

*For details, contact
lwhite20740@gmail.com*

Hope to see you there!

CODE

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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Invasive Species	10
Clean Lot	16
Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	7
Non-Hazardous	5
Vehicles	13
Premise Identification	2
Commercial	2
Total Violations	55
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	13
Dumpster/ PODs	13
Total Permits issued	26
Rentals	
New Rentals	0
Lost Rentals	0
Total Rentals	212
Rental Licenses Issued	34
Rental Inspections	122
Rental Re-inspections	19
Vacant Homes	8



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Saturday, December 2nd, 6-8pm
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party
Berwyn Heights Senior Center

Come join in on the fun and enjoy hot cocoa & cookies with neighbors while we welcome the Holiday Season at this free, family – friendly event. Craft making, carols Phil on the accordion, and a visit from Santa!

We will again be participating in the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots drive. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Tree Lighting Party on December 2nd, or drop off at the Town Office anytime from: **November 1st - December 15th.**



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 13th, 2-4pm

Re-Gifting Party

Upstairs Party Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center

Bring your favorite, least favorite holiday gift & join the fun! This is an adult event, stay tuned for more details in the January Bulletin.



Saturday, February 10th, 2-4pm

Valentine's Day Card Making & Cookie Decorating Party

Upstairs Party Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center

Kid-friendly activities for a sweetheart or a sweet tooth!



The Berwyn Heights Rec Council meets the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room, in the Senior Center. New members, or even drop in members, are always welcome. If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question but can't make it to our meetings, please contact Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net.

Next Rec Council Meetings:

Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room

Tuesday, January 2nd, at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room



Historical Committee

Fall Reception: It's A Wrap



Tewolde Mussie demonstrating Walking Tour App

Some 40 patrons, many armed with smart phones, attended the November 12 fall reception at which an electronic version of the Berwyn Heights Historic Walking Tour was unveiled. The app was produced by the GIS Section of the Prince George's Planning Department, and presented by GIS Specialist Mussie Tewolde.

We hope residents will check it out and help improve the app by sharing with us information about historic homes, and the interesting people or stories connected with them.

The app can be accessed online by typing <https://tinyurl.com/HistoricBerwynHeights> into the address bar or scanning a QR code.



HOLIDAY MIXERS

Belair Mansion

Hosted by PGC Historical Society

12207 Tulip Grove Road, Bowie

Sunday, December 10, 3-5 pm

Event is Free but RSVP is Required

<https://eventbrite.com/e/holiday-mixer-tickets-39544205784>

Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center

Hosted by Maryland Milestones/ ATHA

4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville

Wednesday, December 13, 5-9 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/ybjunyns>

Next Meeting: DEC 20 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room

For information contact Debby Steele Snyder at
dsteelesny@yahoo.com

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OCTOBER Police Beat

INCIDENTALS

October 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm, 'VANDALISM'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5800 Block of Pontiac Street for a report of a vandalism to a 2005 Dodge.

October 2, 2017 at 9:53 am, 'E.P.S.'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the medical center at 6201 Greenbelt Rd #M-8, Berwyn Heights, MD. Upon arrival, the caller told the officer a patient being treated for anxiety became agitated. The patient began throwing things in the office and ran outside. Furthermore, the subject hit caller in the parking lot and ran on foot into traffic in the eastbound lanes of Greenbelt Rd. The subject was identified, and a Petition for Emergency Evaluation form CC-DC-013 was submitted. Subject was then transported to the hospital for evaluation.

October 4, 2017 at 7:10 pm, 'MISC POLICE INCIDENT'

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a home owner receiving cash through Fed Ex. The money was recovered and placed into the property at BHPD for further investigation.

October 8, 2017 at 10:31 am, 'VANDALISM'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8800 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of vandalism to a 2004 Ford Taurus. Unknown person ripped the driver's side exterior mirror from the victim's car and pulled the right front door exterior mirror causing the mount to be loose. The mirror was discarded across the street.

Tuesday 10/10/2017 at 9:30 pm, 'FOUND PROPERTY'

A citizen visited the Berwyn Heights MD Police Department (BHPD) and gave Cpl. J. Ignowski a wallet that he said he found in the street.

Thursday 10/12/2017 at 10:30 am, 'ATTEMPT THEFT'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the Washington First Bank for an uttering complaint. A 26 Y/O, W/M attempted to cash a counterfeit payroll check prior to leaving. Investigation continues.

Sunday 10/15/2017 at 1:00 am, 'THEFT'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a

theft from a vehicle. Apple computer and miscellaneous tools were taken from a vehicle that was parked in front of his house.

Sunday 10/15/2017 at 4:45 pm, 'FOUND PROPERTY'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the X-tra Fuel gas station at 5919 Greenbelt Road for a report of a wallet that was found. A letter was sent to the address on the MD ID card.

Saturday 10/28/2017 at 7:59 pm, '1st DEGREE ASSAULT'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan St. for a call of a confrontation with a knife. Upon arrival, the officer was met by a 56 Y/O, B/M, who reported he was struck in the face with a shovel after an argument with the boyfriend of his ex-girlfriend. The male had a significant laceration across his nose. The victim reported he and his (ex-) girlfriend were doing paid yard work at the Ruatan St. property. Investigation revealed that the suspect arrived at the location and an argument over money ensued. The suspect pulled out a razor knife and chased the victim around the yard. The victim picked up a shovel to defend himself and struck the suspect with it, cutting him on the nose. The suspect was transported to Doctors Hospital by ambulance. Investigation continues.

Tuesday 10/31/2017 at 3:00 pm, 'BURGLARY'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 62nd Avenue for a report of a burglary. Reporting person said she is the house sitter while the owner is away. On the above date and time, she discovered that the side window to the house was broken and someone had ransacked the house. It is unknown at this time when the burglary occurred and what item(s) were taken.

VEHICLE IMPOUNDS

Saturday 10/07/2017 at 8:00 am

Cpl. J. Ignowski investigated a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Greenbelt Road eastbound and 62nd Avenue, Berwyn Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland. A 2008 Mazda car suffered front end damage. A 2004 Toyota van suffered left side body damage and broken rear axle. Both vehicles were impounded and MD Uniform Citation KA31290 for vehicle owner 1 for red signal light violation.

Saturday 10/10/2017 at 7:30 pm

Cpl. J. Ignowski observed a motorcycle traveling south at 8900 63rd Ave. The motorcycle was disturbing the peace because the motor exhaust was

loud. The motorcycle was being operated at night with no lights. The driver passed the intersection of Seminole St. and Tecumseh Pl. at high speed without stopping for a stop sign. The officer pursued the motorcycle and caught up to the driver at 8803 63rd Ave. The motorcycle motor was turned off when he was approached. The motorcycle had a MD registration plate attached to the inside of the rear fender, hidden behind the rear wheel. Investigation revealed that the MD registration plate was altered. The VIN has no registration information in Maryland, District of Columbia Washington, DC, or Virginia. The muffler had been removed from the motorcycle and a noisemaker installed on the exhaust pipe. The driver did not have a driver's license in Maryland, D.C., or Virginia. The driver is suspended by MD MVA for violation of a reciprocity agreement with D.C. and with S. Carolina and there is no known proof of insurance for the motorcycle. Cpl. Ignowski cited the driver for driving without a license, driving a suspended, unregistered vehicle, and a stop sign violation. The motorcycle was impounded.

Tuesday 10/24/2017 at 6:30 am '17- 0083772-001'

Det. Unger responded to the 8500 block of 63rd Avenue for a suspicious auto. Once on scene he observed a 2004 Ford SUV parked left wheels to curb close to the intersection of 63rd Ave, Berwyn Road and Edmonston Rd. Upon closer observation, there were no tags attached to the vehicle. The ignition and steering column lock destroyed and manipulated. The vehicle was subsequently impounded for safekeeping.



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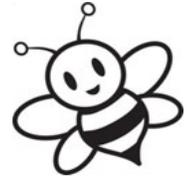
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Berwyn Heights GreenBee

The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!



Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

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There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be in January 2018.

Look for details in the January Bulletin.

Town of Berwyn Heights Receives Prestigious Sustainable Maryland Certified Award at Maryland Municipal League Conference

The Town of Berwyn Heights was one of 13 Maryland municipalities honored at the **Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony** at the Maryland Municipal League's annual Fall Conference in October.



Berwyn Heights was one of nine Maryland municipalities to originally become Sustainable Maryland Certified in 2014, and the Town successfully became re-certified again this year.

Highlights of Berwyn Heights' accomplishments include:

- Created a Community Garden, now in its fourth year, with 30 garden plots available to residents.
- Partnered with Ecobeco, an energy efficiency company, to host an energy efficiency workshop for residents concerned about high energy bills and older drafty homes.
- Marked its 20th year as a Tree City USA community.
- Installed energy-efficient LED lighting at town facilities.
- Created a Green Team webpage to serve as a sustainability resource center for residents.
- Promoted bicycling by establishing bicycle trails connecting the Town to neighboring communities and to the region's public transportation and tourist hubs, and installing bike repair stations and bicycle racks at Town facilities.
- Hosted a free rain barrel workshop, providing 30 residents guidance on assembling their own rain barrels.

Learn more about the Sustainable Maryland program and our certification on our blog post:

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Recent Working Incidents

Oct 22: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted for a crash at Greenbelt Rd at Aerospace Blvd in Lanham for an accident. While enroute BHVFD volunteers were advised of one trapped in the accident and several hurt. Squad 14 arrived and began patient triage and extricating the driver. Additional ambulances were requested to the scene.

Oct 30: Squad 14 & Ambo 14 responded to SB BW Pkway at Good Luck Rd in Riverdale for an overturned vehicle. BHVFD units arrived to find the driver trapped, and worked to stabilize and extricate the patient.

Oct 30: Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a trapped driver from a vehicle on the OL of I-495 at Rt 50.

Oct 31: Squad 14 transferred to Kentland VFD Station 33 to cover while they attended the funeral of their Department President. Truck 14 & Ambo 14 remained staffed at BHVFD to cover our area.

Nov 5: Squad 14 participated in a joint jurisdictional Metro Train drill in Alexandria. Dozens of units from all over the DC Metropolitan area participated in the drill at the Franconia-Springfield & Van Dorn Metro Stations in Virginia.

Nov 14: Truck 14 & Squad 14 (12 BHVFD Volunteers) were alerted to the 8600Blk of Seasons Way in Greenbelt for a Townhouse Fire. Units arrived to find heavy fire from the 2nd Floor., and a Fire Task Force was requested. Truck 14 opened up the walls and roof while Squad 14's crew searched the Townhouse for victims. Ambo 14 remained staffed at BHVFD during the incident.



BHVFD Call Volume: October 2017	
Rescue Squads:	174
Ladder Truck:	95
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	0
Ambulance:	241
Total Runs Oct 2017:	510

Live Christmas Tree Safety

It's that time of year, and BHVFD's Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser is underway! While live trees have their benefits, if not properly cared for they can pose a fire safety risk. Follow these steps to ensure everyone's holiday is safe and enjoyable!

Picking the Tree: Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the Tree: Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the Tree: Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas: Get rid of the tree after Christmas. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Christmas Tree Safety



American Legion Awards

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 held its 30th Annual Public Safety Awards program on October 27, and BHVFD is proud to announce that two BHVFD members were recognized: FF/EMT **Joseph Brown** was awarded the Post's Firefighter of the Year, and member **Andrew Whitehead** was awarded Civilian of the Year for his assistance as a Medic on the Greenbelt PD SWAT team. BHVFD is proud to have such an outstanding membership.



Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Next to the Town Office on 57th Avenue — Open Monday thru Friday, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. — Phone 301-474-0018

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December 5	Joan Ahrens
December 7	Russell Ricketts
December 7	Dan Woodard
December 8	Kitty Hanlon
December 14	Dora D'Ambrosio
December 16	Kay Angell
December 26	Susan Jones
December 26	Alan Sinclair

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — December 9 at 5:00 pm.

HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 2, 6:30 to 7:30 PM: Santa will be at the Seniors Center to talk to all the kids.

DECEMBER 4: Annual trip to Brookside Gardens to see the Garden Railway and, of course, go out to eat.

REDSKINS FOOTBALL: Come watch the game on Sunday, December 17 & 31, and share a pot luck lunch. Game time is 1 PM.

MEMBERSHIP — You must be at least 50 years young.



Something New
Continues

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

On Monday, December 11, 12:00 to 2:00 PM Prince George's County Library system representatives will lead a workshop for making ornaments, etc.

MEETING — Second Tuesday, December 12 at 11 PM. This a Christmas Party and Pot Luck!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—At the December 12 meeting

Why Not Join Us!

REMEMBER—You don't stop having fun when you get old; you get old when you stop having fun!

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Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Bugle

December 2017



The Boys & Girls Club is looking to expand our Athletics Program for 2018, and wants YOUR input! Is your child interested in Baseball, Track, or Flag Football? Are you interested in coaching one of these teams?

Are there any other sports or activities you wish the Club offered?

We want to know! email Angie at angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club is always looking for coaches, "team parents", volunteers, committee members, and executive board members. Beyond sports, the BHBGC hosts fundraisers, our annual Fall Festival, as well as seasonal campouts, and other family-friendly activities for our club family. Visit us at our Monthly Club meeting, held the first Thursday of each month in the G. Love Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center.

Calling all local businesses!

**Interested in sponsoring the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club?
Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities ranging from
Single Event up to Full Year are available.
For more details, email Angie at angela.wolfinger@gmail.com**

**Visit the BHBGC online for information on our
Soccer Program, Sponsors & More!**

www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org

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BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

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

HELP IS HERE. Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

Infant or Senior Care: Nurse/midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact: joselynekanyundo@gmail.com.

Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center while the Old Parish House in College Park is under renovation.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email

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Happy Holidays!



December 2017

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The PTA would like to extend a big thank you to the following sponsors for their generous donations to our Walkathon:

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Arts and Crafts Night

On December 5, at 6:45, the PTA will sponsor an arts and crafts activity for the whole family. Please rsvp so that we make sure we have enough supplies. To rsvp, look for a form sent home from school or text Brenda Medrano at 240-391-3849.



Upcoming Events

December 5, Tuesday

Arts and Crafts Night, 6:45

December 8, Friday

Early dismissal

December 17-23

Five Below fundraiser

December 25-January 1

Winter Break



Amazon Smile

You can benefit the school while you do your holiday shopping! From smile.amazon.com, select Berwyn Heights Elem as your charity. Then, start your shopping sessions from smile.



Five Below

From December 17-23, when you shop at Five Below (in Beltway Plaza near Giant) the PTA will receive 10% of what you spend. Flyers will be distributed at school—make sure to bring the flyer when you shop!

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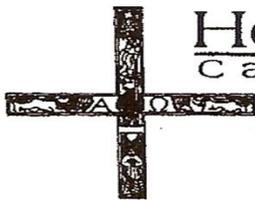
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- Dec 2nd Town Holiday festivities and tree lighting.
- Dec 1-23rd Christmas Wonderland Express Cumberland Railroad.
- Dec 1-Jan 1 Downtown Silver Spring Holidays w/Sustainable Energy Holiday Tree.
- Dec 1 - Jan 1 Brookside Gardens Garden Festival of Lights.
- Dec - Jan 1 Winter Festival of Lights Watkins Regional Park Upper Marlboro.

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6 pm: Tree Lighting
3	4 7 pm: Town Council 	5 7:30 pm: Recreation Council 	6 7 pm: NW/EP Meeting 	7 	8	9
10	11 	12 6:45 pm: BHES PTA Meeting 	13 7 pm: Town Meeting 	14 	15	16
17	18 7 pm: Town Council Worksession 	19 	20 7:30 pm: BHHC Meeting 	21 	22 Town Offices Closed	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day: Town Offices Closed	26 	27 	28 	29 Town Offices Closed	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year: Town Offices Closed	2 	3 	4 	5	6



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

	Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection
	Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection
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Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
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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 & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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

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