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FY 2017 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Directors present their budget requests for Fiscal Year 2017. Residents are invited to attend and give input.

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HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Mon	02/15/16	NO PICKUP – Offices Closed
Tue	02/16/16	Trash & Bulk Trash, Entire Town
Wed	02/17/16	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town
Thu	02/18/16	Trash, Entire Town
Fri	02/19/16	NO Pickup

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



**UMD PRESIDENT LOH
AT 4 CITIES MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 7:00 pm
Public Invited to Attend**

University of Maryland President Wallace Loh will attend the Four Cities meeting in College Park to give an update on

recent accomplishments and initiatives. Improving relations with neighboring cities and towns is a priority for President Loh.

The meeting will be held at the College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road.

The UMD Office of Community Engagement supports and facilitates collaborative activities that link the University, College Park, and the wider diverse community for the benefit of all.

Read more at: <http://vpaf.umd.edu/community/mission.html#sthash.VKAbJtCT.dpuf>



**Holiday
Decorating
Contest
Winners**

To honor the efforts of Berwyn Heights residents to decorate their homes and yards for the holiday season the Town Council has selected the following winners:

Best Decorated House	5804 Ruatan Street
Best Decorated Yard	8502 Paxton Court
Best Overall	8708 60 th Avenue

REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday Entire Town	Friday
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	NONE
Bulk Trash	Bulk Trash			
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

Worksession December 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the meeting started late because the Councilmembers were receiving training on the Town's new email system. All emails to the official Town address can now be accessed remotely, obviating the need to forward them to a private email account.

Calendar: Stuart Eisenberg with the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation was scheduled for the December 21 worksession; County representatives for the January 4 worksession; and Maryland Milestones/ATHA's Executive Director Aaron Marcavitch for the February 10 Town Meeting.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Rasmussen, November 16 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The November 18 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department reports: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that she met with Chief Antolik to discuss starting a dog walkers program. Other neighboring communities have adopted such programs to establish a line of communication between dog walkers, who are in a position to report unusual or suspicious things, and the police. Any interested dog-walking residents may want to attend a meeting planned for early spring. MPT Rasmussen expressed reservations about the program, which he thought could be interpreted as encouraging neighbors to spy on each other. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that a framework needs to be formulated that establishes guidelines on what should, and should not be reported. She sees it as a mobile extension of the Neighborhood Watch program.

CM White reported that the Public Works crew is making headway on collecting the leaf piles. MPT Rasmussen reported that all councilmembers have now created online email accounts with a town address, to which official correspondence will be directed. This enables the Town to respond to any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, one of the components of an open government.

CM Robles reported that the Code Department has dealt with residents placing their leaf piles in the street and with parking cars on unpaved surfaces. In response to MPT Rasmussen, CM Robles said she believes that cars may not park on the apron part of a driveway that is also part of a sidewalk. CM Dennison announced that she will be judging the residents' holiday decorations for best house, best yard and best overall. Anyone inclined to help with judging should contact her.

Citizen comments: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received comments about getting notices for placing leaves into the street and a pothole on 58th Avenue. She noted that WSSC has provided asphalt for DPW to apply a temporary patch.

At 8:25 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Safety** and **3. Public Works**.

5. Administration

Budget calendar: TA Cowles distributed and discussed a draft calendar for the upcoming budget season. She said that the calendar closely follows the previous year's budget schedule. Budget goals, priorities and challenges will begin to be discussed at the December 21 worksession. She expects that the revenue picture will improve in the next budget cycle with the completion of the real property re-assessment in late December. On December 22, she will distribute the budget guidelines to department directors, who will then formulate their budget requests. The departments will submit budget requests in February and the Town Administrator will present her proposed FY 2017 budget on March 7. Thereafter the Council will discuss and modify the budget, which will be introduced at the April Town meeting and adopted at the May Town meeting. The budget process concludes with the adoption of amendments to the FY 2016 budget at the June Town meeting.

In response to councilmembers' questions, TA Cowles explained that she plans to use the budget format that has been existence for the last 5-10 years, but modify the process for the FY 2018 budget. Currently, the Town's budget is line-item based. She proposes to refocus the budget on long-term programs, goals and outcomes, which is becoming standard best practice among larger municipalities that are using advanced budgeting practices. If the Council wants to go in this direction, they may want to take time to formulate a strategic plan, which

is an important component of creating a program-based budget. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the Council has some familiarity with program-based budgeting from administering the vehicle replacement reserve funds.

Urban Forest initiative: MPT Rasmussen said TA Cowles has drafted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit bids for developing an urban forest management plan for Berwyn Heights. The principal piece is an assessment of the tree canopy. The assessment can largely be accomplished with satellite imagery and additional spot checking on the ground to inventory existing tree species and determine the overall health of the urban forest. The study will also comprise policy recommendations on establishing a Shade Tree Board and its role in approving tree removals in Town.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that the RFP includes an option to make an inventory of trees only on public property or the entire Town. Prospective vendors are predominantly larger arborist firms that have a separate tree consultancy wing. There are very few firms that only do consultant work. There are also some foundations that offer resources for tree management. In terms of the timeline, she plans to publish the RFP once the Council approves it with a submission date of January 8. After review, she would present the proposals to the Council at the January 19 worksession so the Council can select the consultant. The work could begin as early as February. The Council agreed to go forward with publishing the RFP.

IT upgrades: MPT Rasmussen explained that the Town's computer network was a patchwork of different computers with different operating systems and software applications that did not allow for an efficient exchange of information. To correct this problem, as well as make it possible to remotely access workstations, easily retrieve records and make the system more secure, additional funds are required. TA Cowles provided information about implementing the upgrades and how to fund them.

TA Cowles said that most of the workstations have fairly new computers but there is lack of connectivity among them and the servers. This makes it difficult to exercise proper oversight over the departments and freely exchange information. In addition, there was a need to improve the backup of data to handle the storage of video from body cameras, among other things. The IT vendor rolled out the cloud-based MS Office 365 a

couple of weeks ago. The additional cost of using this platform could be in part offset by the possibility of using VOIP telephony now. Another source of funding may be the cable reserve to cover, for example, the cost of creating a secure public hotspot that does not use I-Net fiber and other internet services that have a public educational benefit. Lastly, the Administration Department's capital budget and the General Fund balance are other sources for funding the needed IT upgrades.

In response to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, TA Cowles said that the VOIP telephones would work pretty much as the current telephones and designated staff would keep the cell phones they are now using. The Town would maintain a copper line in each building for fax service and emergencies. Once the emergency generators are operational, the VOIP phones will continue to work during a power outage. But the police and public works buildings would rely on the land lines. TA Cowles said she will also inquire how much of the cost associated with the IT upgrades is annual maintenance and if some aspects of the IT upgrades can be postponed.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said it is a priority to get the network upgraded and have full functionality as soon as possible. She proposed to use some of the funds set aside for an economic development study this year for IT upgrades if needed. The economic development study could be postponed to the next fiscal year. CM Dennison moved to make the IT upgrades a funding priority. MPT Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Cowles will present a detailed funding proposal once she has confirmed what upgrades can be funded from the cable reserve.

Priority 1 sidewalks closeout: MPT Rasmussen said that the priority 1 sidewalks projects came in 2.5% over budget at a total cost of \$553,278 for reasons TA Cowles will explain further. TA Cowles said, to begin with, the timing of the project, which started in November 2014, caused it to last twice as long as initially planned. This resulted in an increase of engineering costs, charged by the hour, of around \$10,000. The bulk of the overage of \$13,000, however, comes from underestimating the cost of tying in driveways to the sidewalks on the 8800 and 8900 block of 60th Avenue, which has steeply sloping front yards.

TA Cowles suggested the Council consider reallocating the funding for the sidewalks project to take a larger share

from the Public Safety Reserve fund, which is restricted to public safety projects, and less from the General Fund Balance and the Greenbelt Station Reserve, which are unrestricted in use. The repair of curbs and gutters the Council added onto the project cannot be financed with Public Safety Reserve funds and will probably need to be financed from the Infrastructure reserve.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy agreed that as much money as possible should be taken from the Public Safety Reserve to pay for the priority 1 sidewalks. MPT Rasmussen moved to reallocate funding to take \$285,000 from the Public Safety Reserve, \$148,228 from the General Fund Balance and \$120,000 from the Greenbelt Station Reserve. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance** and **6. Parks and Recreation**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting December 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, CMs Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles, and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the November 18 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM White, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for the month of November. She explained that General Fund receipts for November show a negative balance because the Metroland receipts in the amount of \$25,000 were transferred from the General Fund to a SECU account.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced upcoming closures of the Town offices during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and

reported on a number of meetings she and the Council attended. On November 30 the Council met with State and County representatives for the annual legislative dinner. The delegates were thanked for their help in securing funding for the emergency generators now being installed, and the Safe Routes to School sidewalks. On December 1, she met with Congressman Steny Hoyer's staff to discuss how best to promote Greenbelt Station as the future site of the FBI headquarters. Hoyer's staff was supportive of the efforts being made to show Greenbelt Station as the better location for the FBI headquarters and was happy to receive copies of the FBI promotional video produced by the Four Cities Coalition.

On December 7, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy attended Councilmember Danielle Glaros' breakfast for elected officials and was given a preview of the next County budget as well as the PGCPs budget. Both budgets will likely feature tax increases. Ms. Glaros encouraged municipal leaders to pursue collaborative projects and to help support Parkdale High School. On December 8, several Councilmembers attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) legislative dinner, where PGCMA priorities were discussed. These included involvement of the municipalities in the Prince George's County zoning regulations rewrite, body camera standards, better cooperation with Pepco on tree trimming, and location of medical marijuana businesses. With the assistance of the Maryland Municipal League, Prince George's municipalities will again lobby for the restoration of Highway User Revenues, which were drastically cut back during the recession.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued with announcements of upcoming meetings, including presentations of the GSA's draft environmental impact statement for the three proposed FBI headquarters locations; a meeting with Stuart Eisenberg with the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation at the December 21 worksession and a presentation by Aaron Marcavitch on the latest initiatives of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) at the February 2016 Town meeting. She met Mr. Marcavitch earlier tonight at an information meeting about the proposed Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Station, where he inquired about the possibility of a bikeway route connecting across the Beltway.

Lastly, residents are invited to give input on the budget process that will begin after the New Year and to take note of

the upcoming Town Council elections. The Bulletin will carry information about the election process.

4. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Rasmussen said that he will not be able to perform the promised weigh-in for the *Lose It to Win It* campaign, because he came here directly from work and has no scales. He plans to do it at the January Town meeting.

MPT Rasmussen reported that the Priority 1 Sidewalks projects has been completed and came in about 2.6% over budget, mainly due to additional project management expenses and tying in of driveways located on steeply sloping front yards. At the last worksession, the Council approved spending an additional \$16,000 for upgrades to the Town's computer network as recommended by its new IT consultants. The upgrades will improve security, connectivity between workstations and efficiency and transparency of communications. The Council also approved a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a study of the Town's urban forest and producing a set of recommendations on how to better manage the tree canopy. Lastly, he congratulated the TA Cowles on the Michigan State Spartans, her Alma Mater's football team, making it into the playoffs.

Code Compliance: CM Robles said that she also attended Councilmember Glaros' breakfast with municipal leaders. As a newly-appointed councilmember, she found the interaction enlightening and productive. CM Robles reported that the Code Department followed up on a number of vehicle-related violations. She reminded residents that cars may not be parked on grass or other unpaved surfaces, and must be covered with a fitted cover if they are inoperable or lack valid tags. Residents should also store building materials in an orderly manner in accordance with the Clean Lot Ordinance.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison said that tree lighting event was wonderful. She announced that the judging of holiday decorations will occur between December 20-30, and a meeting to re-establish the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) will take place tomorrow. The EAC was responsible for reopening the Berwyn Heights Elementary School and advocated for better school options beyond the elementary school. At its January 5 meeting, the Recreation Council will discuss the lineup of community events for 2016 and invites any interested resident

to participate. The Green Team will hold an arts & crafts event on Saturday, February 6.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the Greenbelt Station development is likely to impact the schools in the area and encouraged residents to participate in the EAC to ensure Berwyn Heights' concerns are considered.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik began with a report from the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD). The Department received a \$300,000 grant from FEMA for recruitment and retention of volunteers. It funds a part-time administrative position, tuition reimbursement and minor station repairs. The BHVFD has applied for a grant to help fund the replacement of its heavy rescue vehicle, which has over 300,000 miles on it. The Department is also looking into remodeling its current fire station, as its staff and apparatus continues to grow. Another option is to build a new station closer to Kenilworth Avenue.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy added that the Fire Department is still selling Christmas trees, which is a major fundraiser for them. She thanked them for donating the tree that was lit during the tree-lighting celebration. She also noted that Santa will come around on a fire truck on Christmas Eve to greet the residents.

MPT Rasmussen asked what Chief Antolik thinks about a combined Police and Fire Services building. Chief Antolik said he would love it. He said that the current police station does not have emergency power and uses a landline and the officers' cell phones to communicate during power outages. Flashlights are used for emergency lighting. He believes that computers will continue to operate with the new system upgrades implemented by the new IT vendor.

Chief Antolik continued with the police activities report for November. He said a case of vandalism that occurred late on Halloween Night was solved. Arrest warrants were served to 3 of the 4 perpetrators. One turned himself in. In November, there were 9 Part I offenses, exactly the same as the 5 year average. Year-to-date Part I offenses numbered 71, which is slightly above the 5 year average of 66.8. The police officers also wrote 176 municipal and state citations and issued 4 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik provided holiday safety tips and reminded residents not to drink and drive. The Sober-ride program again offers free cab rides during the holidays, which can be

requested by dialing 1-800-200-8294. He concluded with a recitation of slightly altered version of *'Twas the Night before Christmas*.

MPT Rasmussen asked if Chief Antolik can explain the problem with the new intersection of Greenbelt Road and the Greenbelt Station parkway that was mentioned by a resident at the last Town meeting. Chief Antolik said the problem is with east bound lanes, where the left lane unexpectedly becomes a left turn lane. Drivers who don't know this may be forced to stop and try to merge back into the adjacent lanes to continue on Greenbelt Road. Nothing can be done at this point without spending a lot more money. He will keep a tally of the accidents that may happen there.

Public Works: CM White said that the Public Works Department is catching up on loose leaf collection since it has returned to full staffing. She advised residents to take note of changes in the trash collection schedule over the holidays, which are advertised in the December Bulletin.

5. Committee Reports

Green Team: No report.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee is discussing whether to feature oral histories it has collected over the years at its next event. Former Councilmember Ahrens has made them useable by converting them from VHS tapes into a digital format.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP is working on putting together a dog walkers program. This program is intended to be a mobile extension of the Neighborhood Watch program and would encourage dog walkers to report anything out of the ordinary that they might see in the neighborhood. She has spoken with Chief Antolik about it, who said the police would welcome additional eyes and ears in the community. The next meeting is on January 6, at which the Committee will elect next year's officers.

Recreation Council: No report.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

There was none.

8. Citizens Discussion

Patrick Ward, Ruatan Street had several questions and comments. He asked whether wood piles must be stored 6"

above the ground. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy confirmed this. He asked if the Town has any recommendations on trees that are suitable for planting in the Town. MPT Rasmussen recommended he consult with the Green Team or check the websites of Sustainable Maryland and the Maryland Department of the Environment for advice. Mr. Ward continued that his gas lines were breached twice during the WSSC water main replacement work. It was a major inconvenience to wait for Washington Gas to come out and repair the damage. Chief Antolik noted that the gas lines were mismarked by Miss Utility. The Police were standing by when repairs were made. Lastly, Mr. Ward asked if there are any regulations on parking in the street during snow storms. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy informed that there is no prohibition but the Town strongly encourages residents to stay off the roads where possible. In the past, there has been a temporary allowance for cars parked on unpaved surfaces. This makes it easier to get the streets cleaned more quickly. Mr. Ward suggested the Town ask residents to park on one side of the street to facilitate plowing. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said it has been discussed but the problem is in communicating this to the residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession December 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and Stuart Eisenberg, Executive Director of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC).

1. Mayor

Announcements: Executive Director of the Hyattsville CDC will give a presentation on economic development later in this meeting.

Calendar: The Council expressed a preference for February 25 to hold a Four Cities meeting which UMD President Wallace Loh is able to attend. The regular January 27 Four Cities meeting might be devoted to a presentation on the Prince George's County zoning rewrite.

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

Department reports: CM White noted that the trash collection schedule will be modified during the holidays. Loose leaf collection ends on December 30. Electronic recycling will be on January 23, 2016. MPT Rasmussen reported that the owners of the 58th Avenue property slated for demolition this winter have filed a last minute appeal. They are working with engineers to assess the structural integrity of the house and what it takes to rehabilitate it. The Town expects that a building permit will be requested within the next few weeks. The owners of the condemned property on Cunningham Drive have also expressed an interest to reclaim the property. It is up to the County to decide what they must do to keep the property.

CM Robles said that the owners of the 58th Avenue property have been in regular contact with Code Supervisor Glass to keep him up to date on their efforts to rehabilitate the house. She also announced that the Code Department continues to offer the call-a-bus service for residents who have trouble using regular public transportation. Seniors and people with disabilities are encouraged to call ahead if they need a ride. CM Robles also announced several upcoming student learning opportunities. More information on these will be available at the Town office.

CM Dennison reported that Mayor Kulpa-Eddy will join her in a tour of Berwyn Heights to find the best decorated homes and yards. The Education Advisory Committee meeting was attended by a number of parents with school-aged children, who discussed current concerns with local schools and a possible structure and mission of the future Committee. Clerk Harper will provide documentation on the previous EAC. CM Dennison will try to invite the chair of the Greenbelt EAC to the next worksession. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that Santa will drive through Berwyn Heights on a fire truck on Christmas Eve. She will go on a ride-along in a BHPD patrol car this week.

Citizen comments: CM Robles received another comment on the increasing number of rental properties in Town and the lack of upkeep on these properties.

Economic development: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed Stuart Eisenberg, Executive Director of the Hyattsville CDC.

She said that the Council set aside money in this year's budget for an economic development study. This initiative was spearheaded by former Mayor Cheye Calvo, and, after his resignation, was set aside until a decision on the FBI headquarters relocation has been made. The Council is not as informed on the subject as Mayor Calvo was and is looking forward to a high-level overview of economic development from Mr. Eisenberg.

Stuart Eisenberg presented a slide show to give an introduction and overview of the activities of the Hyattsville CDC, a 501 c (3) non-profit organization. The CDC was founded in 2000 to launch a revitalization of the city of Hyattsville with a \$350,000 Community Legacy Grant. Initially, the CDC's efforts were focused on the Hyattsville Metro station, using it as platform to jumpstart development. Then partnerships were formed with the arts community, small businesses and the Hyattsville Historic District to keep the revitalization going. The Hyattsville CDC manages the Gateway Arts District, which has its own M-NCPPC sector plan, and maintains a website to publicize its activities. To support the new economic and cultural activities, the CDC helps to improve access by improving transportation. It helped set up the *Route 1 Ride*, a Prince George's County bus that serves the Route 1 corridor during business hours. And it helped install signage and created a cell phone app that provides information on parking in downtown Hyattsville.

Mr. Eisenberg said that the CDC's activities are data driven. Data is gathered from market analysis, and ongoing input from residents and businesses, who review development plans for outcomes. When analyzing market conditions, it is important to know where the nearest shopping centers are and what services are being offered there. Shops in neighboring communities are viewed not only as competitors but also as collaborators, as they offer products and services not available nearby. In analyzing markets, the CDC looks at everything, because everything connects.

Recently, the CDC was hired to draft an economic development plan for the City of Greenbelt. The package prepared for Greenbelt includes a business toolkit, which consists of a business database, a commercial property database, a commercial codes brochure, public maps and a guide to starting a business. These tools will be integrated onto the city's website, where they will be publicly available.

able. Also included is a competitive-collaborative analysis of economic development resources in Prince George's County. The first step to attracting new businesses is often providing easily accessible information.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. Eisenberg said Berwyn Heights is not unlike Hyattsville if one looks at the historic center. It is a largely residential community with a historic core and a highway at its northern borders that has some potential for commercial development. Currently, the Route 193 commercial corridor is underutilized, focused on automobiles, and has to be driven to be experienced. The Town's small industrial area, too, could be a candidate for transformation.

Mr. Eisenberg continued that he looks at economic development holistically. He regards education levels, community health and ability to employ itself as resources for economic development. On the other hand, he is skeptical about relying on a federal agency, such as the FBI headquarters, to jumpstart an economic transformation. Rather, he would look to promoting interactive and mixed land use patterns and a healthy market dynamic as sources for economic development. Strategic planning based on a community vision of how the available land should be used is at the core of the Hyattsville CDC's approach to economic development.

At 8:40 p.m., the Council took a 10 minutes break.

FBI headquarters environmental impact statement: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she recently attended two public information meetings pertaining to the FBI headquarters relocation and has some materials for the Council to consider. The first meeting dealt with the planned upgrades to the Beltway interchange at Greenbelt Station. The proposed full interchange would widen the Beltway to 5 lanes in each direction and erect sound proof walls along the residential areas affected, North College Park and Springhill Lake. Berwyn Heights is not directly impacted. The North College Park Citizens Association raised concerns about the widening of the bridge that will have to be built over Rhode Island Avenue to accommodate the additional lanes.

The second meeting dealt with the environmental impact statement (EIS) produced for each of the three possible sites for the future FBI headquarters. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that last year the General Services Administra-

tion (GSA) invited comments on the scope of the proposed EIS to establish criteria for evaluating the impact of the future FBI headquarters. The Four Cities submitted three criteria: transportation, public safety and water resources, which were used in producing the draft statement. The GSA has now completed a draft EIS and is again inviting public comments due on January 6. The GSA created a brochure, of which the Council has received a copy, which summarizes the EIS' main points. For each site, there is a proposed site plan for the headquarters and a list of the beneficial and adverse impacts.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that she is working through the EIS and has identified a couple of issues she would want to comment on. First, Greenbelt Station is the only site for which an alternative development plan is evaluated in the event the FBI headquarters is not moved there. As a result, the brochure shows two sets of impacts. Second, a potentially positive impact, construction of the Purple Line, was omitted from consideration. The planned Purple Line would alleviate some of the congestion on local highways. Lastly, it seems that more *Major Adverse Impacts* have been ascribed to Greenbelt Station than the two other sites. She questions why a natural gas pipeline, which would have to be laid to serve the development, should be considered a *Major Adverse Impact*.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked the councilmembers to look over the brochure, or the 300 plus pages EIS available online, and let her know if she has missed any important points. She will incorporate any ideas into a draft letter she plans to submit to the Council for approval at the next worksession. The Council's goal should be to make the EIS for Greenbelt Station more positive. CM Rasmussen suggested reviewing comments of other organizations and the media that have taken a stand on the development.

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

3. Administration

IT Infrastructure funding: CM Rasmussen said that TA Cowles has developed a funding formula for the IT upgrades the Council was briefed on at the last worksession. TA Cowles explained that she spoke with I-Net Attorney Suellen Ferguson and an I-Net technical director about what parts of the IT upgrades could potentially be financed from Cable TV PEG grants. She was advised that all network and server upgrades costing \$12,200 would qualify as they are an extension of

the I-Net infrastructure. The remaining IT improvements costing \$4,000 can be paid from the Administration Capital Expense budget. MPT Rasmussen moved to approve expenditures of up to \$13,000 from the Cable TV PEG fund to finance the proposed IT upgrades. CM White seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

USPS contract station: MPT Rasmussen explained that the Town has operated a postal contract station in the Town Office for many years. USPS has recently informed the Town that the manner in which packages were stored in the Town office before they are collected by a postal carrier does not comply with USPS security regulations. To meet security requirements, packages would have to be stored in a secure, lockable area to which only the postal clerk and USPS would have access. The Town was also informed that it would not be allowed to sell stamps unless all services of a postal contract station were provided. Therefore, the Town is inclined not to provide this service in the future.

TA Cowles added that the package security issue came up as a result of an on-site audit when the postmaster noticed packages stored in the vestibule. There may be a way to continue to sell stamps from the Town office, but it may be confusing to explain which postal services are offered and which are not. There are 3 full-service USPS stations within a 3 mile radius of the Town office that residents can use. Any residents not able to get to one of these post offices themselves can request a call-a-bus ride. She recommended that the Town notify USPS of the Town's intent to terminate the contract station agreement. Closure would take place 120 days from notification, or the end of March.

The Council agreed to send the notice to terminate the agreement and to inform the residents of the contract station closure through the Bulletin and website.

Bank accounts consolidation: MPT Rasmussen said that the Town has a number of accounts at different banks with small amounts of money. The treasurer has recommended closing them and transferring the money into an account that holds the Town's General Fund. This would reduce administrative costs and reduce security risks. He wondered why there is a separate account for Payroll funds. TA Cowles said that the Payroll is handled by a vendor who automatically debits the Payroll account to disburse paychecks. In this way, the vendor does not have access to any other Town funds. The consolidation of accounts

holding small amounts of money is the first step in streamlining Town finances. TA Cowles also plans to set up money market accounts for each of the Town's reserves that have only one or two transactions per year, to maximize interest rates.

MPT Rasmussen asked if it is possible to set up more automatic payments to reduce the number of checks that have to be signed. TA Cowles said that the number of check payments is in part due to the Town Charter requiring 2 signatures for checks, which is a security feature. She is investigating how other municipalities are handling electronic check processing to come up with a recommendation on reducing the signing of paper checks.

CM Dennison moved and CM White seconded to consolidate E-Trade, Bank of America and two PNC accounts into the General Fund account. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Code Compliance**, **5. Parks and Recreation**, and **6. Public Safety**.

7. Executive Session (9:32 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel compensation matter and a lawsuit/legal matter. With matters discussed and voted upon, CM Dennison moved and CM Robles seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



After Business Hours:



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BER**

301-352-1200

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

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

**CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE,
Tuesday, March 1**

***Help govern the Town;
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Candidate Qualifications

At least 21 years of age;
Duly registered to vote in Prince George's County, MD;
Town resident for at least six months prior to the date of the election;
File Nomination Petition with at least 5 signatures of eligible voters and a financial disclosure form.

Filing Deadline is March 1, 2016.

Forms and information are available at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road, Tel. 301-474-5000; or go to our website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com/forms.html>

Voter Qualifications

At least 18 years of age at the time of the election;
Town resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election;
Registered to vote in Prince George's County, MD or the Town of Berwyn Heights

Voter Registration: Contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections (301-430-8020) to request an application; or download an application from their website, or fill out an online application at:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>

Supplementary Registration: The Town of Berwyn Heights carries out supplementary registrations valid only for voting in Town elections. You can register with the Town up to April 1, 2016 at the Town office during office hours 9 am - 5 pm. Please bring a valid ID.

For more information, please contact Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk at (301) 474-5000; or send an e-mail to kharpert@town.berwyn-heights.md.us



Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

With recent events in the world, you might be concerned about terrorist events and their potential impact on our community. There are things you can do to prepare for terrorist attacks and reduce the stress that you may feel now and later should an emergency arise. Taking preparatory action can reassure you and your children that you can exert a measure of control even in the face of such events. Develop a disaster plan together with your family or household.

What to Do If a Terrorism Event Occurs

- Remain calm and be patient.
- Follow the advice of local emergency officials. Your local authorities will provide you with the most accurate information specific to an event in your area. Staying tuned to local radio and television, and following their instructions is your safest choice.
- If the event occurs near you, check for injuries. Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.
- If the event occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage using a flashlight. Do not light matches or candles or turn on electrical switches. Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly. Shut off any other damaged utilities.
- Confine or secure your pets. If you need to evacuate, take your pets with you!
- Call your family contact—do not use the phone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.
- Check on your neighbors, especially those who are elderly or disabled.

Additional Positive Steps You Can Take

Raw, unedited footage of terrorism events and people's reaction to those events can be very upsetting, especially to children. Adults may also need to give themselves a break from watching disturbing footage. However, listening to local radio and television reports will provide you with the most accurate information from responsible government authorities on what's happening and what actions you will need to take. So you may want to make some arrangements to take turns listening to the news with other adult members of your household.

If your community has experienced a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well web site (<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>) to let your family and friends know you are safe. You may also call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.

What to Expect after an Act of Terrorism

An act of terrorism may have wide-spread and devastating results. You should be prepared for the following things after an attack:

- There can be significant numbers of casualties and/or damage to buildings and the infrastructure.
- Heavy law enforcement involvement at local, state and federal levels follows a terrorist attack due to the event's criminal nature.
- Health and mental health resources in the affected communities can be strained to their limits, maybe even overwhelmed.
- Extensive media coverage, strong public fear and international implications and consequences can continue for a prolonged period.
- Workplaces and schools may be closed, and there may be restrictions on domestic and international travel.
- You and your family or household may have to evacuate an area, avoiding roads blocked for your safety.

Run, Hide, Fight!

Worried about what to do if you find yourself in an active shooter situation? Be prepared by watching Ready Houston's six minute video suggesting what to do if you're at work, church, or elsewhere and someone starts shooting:

<https://youtube/5VcSwejU2D0>

Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room.



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Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club February 2016

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club will begin on **February 1, 2016**.

To register please log on to our website: <http://bhbhc.org.leag1.com/>

Please make our registrar's job easier by applying online as soon as possible. The cost will be \$60.00 per sport which includes the County fee for each child.

We will be offering the following sports: Spring Soccer, Girls Softball, Baseball, Tee Ball, Track, Sports are open to children from 4 to 16 years old.

You may also contact our Membership Chairperson: **Leslie Wolfinger** at: leswolfinger@gmail.com or (301) 345-5121 if you have any questions regarding registration.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE!

Please consider sharing your talents with the BHBGC. We need volunteers to help chair the following committees: Fundraising, Sponsorships, Communication/Planning, and Coaches and Assistant Coaches! We would love to have you on board with us to help our community.

We gladly welcome your thoughts, ideas, and concerns!

Shinita Hemby - President
(202) 531-6066



Code News

December, Fiscal Year 2016

Activities

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Clean Lot	1
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	0
Non-Hazardous	4
Vehicles	4
Premise Identification	4
Commercial	0
Total Clean Lot Violations	14
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	4
Dumpster/ PODs	5
Total Permits issued	9
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	3
Total Rentals	196
Inspections	23
Re-inspections	1
Fines	13
Rental Licenses Issued	23
Vacant Homes	14

IN CASE OF SNOW...



Homeowners are requested to move their vehicles into their driveways where possible. If there is not enough space in a driveway, vehicles may be parked on unpaved surfaces in your yard as well. This greatly facilitates snow plowing operations by the Town's Public Works crew. We apologize in advance for any snow piles deposited in front of your driveway.

Homeowners, who have a sidewalk in front of their property are responsible for clearing it of snow. The Town appreciates your help in making roads and sidewalks passable again.



BHEAC

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets

February 11 - 7 pm - G Love Room

Join Councilmembers Dennison, Robles & White
To discuss strategies for improving
educational options.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



The February 2nd PTA meeting will focus on the **integration of arts** into the academic curriculum. Join us!

**

**Thursday, February 2
6:45pm in the library**

Keep Warm!

Some BHES students do not have winter coats. If you have any gently used cold weather gear that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the school.

Volunteers Needed!

The **library** is the heart and soul of our school! If you have a little bit of extra time, please consider volunteering in our school library. Just one hour a week or even every other week would be spectacular! It's a simple way to make a huge impact on the school.



SCHOOL GARDENS



Berwyn Heights students kicked off the new year by growing their own microgreens! The BHES PTA Garden Team along with Diana Agonoy, a town resident and microgreen expert, taught the children about the germination process of these tasty and nutritious veggies. What makes microgreens so exciting is that you don't need to have a garden or a yard to grow them!

The students observed the plants as they grew and then enjoyed a harvest party with the microgreens in each class! A few of the kids were reluctant to try them, but eventually they all jumped in and loved them! Hopefully, the teachers will continue to grow microgreens in their classrooms to provide both a living science project as well as a healthy snack for the students!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 2

PTA Meeting @ 6:45 in the library – Arts Integration

Monday, February 4

Second Quarter Report
Cards Released

Friday, February 12

No School – Professional
Development Day

Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day



Monday, February 15

No School – Presidents' Day

The PTA extends a **HUGE thank you** to all the families and friends who support our school! We are endlessly grateful to you.

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center—all residents are welcome to attend!

Join Us at Our Upcoming FREE Family Arts & Crafts Event!
Building Bat Houses & Bat-Themed Arts & Crafts Workshop
Saturday, February 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Town Center



Interested in learning about BATS and the vital role they play in nature? Want to participate in a unique and fun family arts and crafts event? Come join us at this free event on Saturday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Town Center to learn about bats, build bat houses, and make other bat-themed crafts for children of all ages.

Through generous donations of materials and supplies from Home Depot, the Green Team, in partnership with the Recreation Council, is hosting an educational arts and crafts workshop focused on making bat houses as well as a number of fun and easy bat-themed crafts. There will also be light refreshments and a chance to decorate bat cookies!

The bat house building activity is currently full;
if you'd like to add your name to the waiting list to build a bat house, please register here:

<http://tinyurl.com/gwvrj44>

*If you and your family only plan to participate in the bat-themed arts and crafts projects,
you do not need to register.*



Greenbelt's Free Rain Garden Workshop Series



Have you thought about planting a rain garden but felt like you needed some help? Then there are some upcoming hands-on workshops that are free of charge and being offered in nearby Greenbelt that are designed for you!

Prince George's County Department of Environment and the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department are partnering to host a series of Rain Check Rebate Program Workshops that will give community members the tools to install rain gardens, rain barrels, green roofs, and more!

For the upcoming workshops focused on rain gardens, there are two workshops on the following dates:

- **Rain Garden Workshop: February 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Take a tour of local rain gardens, view displays, and talk with local landscapers
- **Rain Garden Clinic: March 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Get real-time help with your rain garden design and Rain Check Rebate application

Workshops will be held at the Greenbelt Public Works office, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

To register, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain>



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



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HEATING SAFETY TIPS

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least **three feet away** from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.



Berwyn Heights VFD Apparatus Profiles

Part 2: Rescue Squad 14

Berwyn Heights VFD operates one of the busiest, best equipped, and most well-known Rescue Squads in the United States, responding to +/- 2,000 calls per year. Squad 14 is a



2004 Seagrave which carries up to 8 firefighters, and primarily responds to motor vehicle collisions on the 60 miles of busy highways that are in our dispatch area (Beltway, I-95 & BW Pkwy). It also responds to structural fires to carry out search and rescue duties. Squad 14 carries a wide variety of rescue tools, from vehicle extrication tools, to rope and water rescue, to structural collapse gear, to EMS equipment, METRO rescue gear, and gas meters. Squad 14 is also the only Volunteer component to the County's Technical Rescue Team, and responds to specialty rescues throughout the County. This requires our volunteer members to be even more highly trained in all aspects of specialty rescues (rope, water, collapse, confined space etc.)



Squad 14 was the first heavy Rescue Squad in the County, being created sometime in 1945 by BHVFD to keep up with the large amount of military aviation accidents in the DC area during the peak of WWII, and has been in service ever since. The County has a total of 10 Rescue Squads throughout the county, including

Squad 14 & Squad 14B, with the other area Rescue Squads being stationed neighboring Hyattsville VFD, Glenn Dale VFD, and Laurel Rescue Squad. BHVFD is the only Department in the County to also have a second reserve Rescue Squad, Squad 14B, a 1989 Ranger which we are looking to replace in the next couple years.

Visit our Website at www.BHVFD14.org for our complete history!

2015 Berwyn Heights VFD Response Statistics

The County's 2015 call volume stats are in, and Berwyn Heights Truck 14 was named busiest Ladder Truck company in the County with 1,117 runs. Rescue Squad 14 was second busiest Squad in the County with 1,866 runs, and the Ambulances handled 2,196 runs. BHVFD responded to a total of 6,110 runs for 2015, with a ZERO percent fail rate. A majority of these calls were handled by BHVFD volunteers, who put in hundreds of volunteer hours apiece to ensure the station is fully staffed at all times. Prince Georges County Fire/EMS responded to a total of 140,794 calls throughout the County.

Station 14 Call Volume: Dec 2015

Rescue Squads:	197
Ladder Truck:	96
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulance:	211
Total Station Runs for Dec 2015:	510

Volunteer Today! Ages 16 & up, no experience needed. Free Training!



WSSC Bill Problems?

Several residents have experience abnormally high water bills in recent months. To dispute a bill and not incur late charges while WSSC investigates the cause, customers should contact the Customer service number and follow the steps below. Residents in the WSSC water main replacement project work zone should also contact WSSC project manager April Wilt at 301-206-4307 to ask for her assistance in finding a resolution.

1. Call Customer Service at **301-206-4001**, toll free **1-800-634-8400**, or [contact us online](#).
2. A Customer Care agent will review your bill and billing history including your ADC. Please be aware that higher than normal bills are often the result of excessive water usage and/or household leaks.
3. If a reading is determined to be correct, most likely it is due to a leak – you may possibly qualify for a reduction of charges, but you must speak with an agent.
 - a. If you are still not satisfied with the outcome, then you may dispute your bill. There are two methods to further appeal your bill.
 - i. A Dispute Resolving Board review is a courtesy process allowing customers to dispute their unpaid charges ([Dispute Resolution](#))
 - ii. A Refund Hearing, by law, is exclusively for disputing **paid** charges ([Requesting a Refund Hearing](#)).



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**For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829
(beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**

DISTRICT 22

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Several representatives from MD Legislative District 22 offer scholarships for students residing in their district. Selection is based on financial need and/or academic achievement. The application process is different for each scholarship, but is well worth applying for:

Senator Paul G. Pinsky: Go to www.senatorpinsky.org, click Scholarship Application and complete and submit application on-line **by April 4, 2016.**

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines: Go to www.tawannagaines.org, click Scholarship Information, and download Scholarship Application. Complete application. Email application and a 500 word essay to ppowers@house.state.md.us **by April 1, 2016.**

Delegate Anne Healey: Go to www.delegatehealey.com, click Scholarship Information, and download Scholarship Application. Complete application, and mail completed application to Delegate Anne Healey, Maryland House of Delegates, 6 Bladen Street, Room 361, Annapolis, MD 21401, ATTN: Scholarship by **April 15, 2016.**

Eligibility requirements:

-  Live in District 22 (which includes Berwyn Heights)
-  Be a full or part time degree-seeking student
-  Be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, vocational or professional studies program
-  Attend an eligible Maryland institution of higher education or private career school during 2016-2017 academic year
-  Submit a copy of academic transcript, essay (Del. Gaines), and/ or Free Application for Federal Student Aid (see www.fafsa.ed.gov) by **March 1, 2016.**



The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council reminds you...

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING



The Recreation Council is in need of volunteers for this year's Berwyn Heights Day on May 7th (and other events throughout the year).

Like working with craft vendors? Coordinate the vendor fair?

Like parades? Help organize the annual parade?

Got kids? Manage the kids' games and activities during the day.

To find out more about all of the opportunities, join us at one of our meetings, held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the G. Love room next to the Senior Center.

Questions? Please contact Tim Tormoen at totormoen@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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Come join your neighbors!



The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
Department of Parks and Recreation, Northern Area

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please call the facility two weeks in advance of the program start date for an accommodation (i.e. sign language interpreters, support staff). TTY (301) 445-4512

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Did you know...

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."

Did you also know...

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Under Contract:

- 8405 58th Ave, Berwyn Heights

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



BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

THE BEST THERAPY IN THE WORLD IS TIME OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

Now that winter is here come to the Center, meet your friends, get a cup of coffee or tea and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

February 3	Phil Waltz
February 8	Frank Baxter
February 9	Mary Smith
February 15	Ron Luftman
February 22	Agnes Belasco
February 23	Barron Wilson

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

February 2	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
February 3	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
February 4	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
February 9	Meeting & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
February 10	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
February 11	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
February 13	Pot Luck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
February 16	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
February 17	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
February 18	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.
February 23	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
February 24	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
February 25	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

Happenings

February 7 — Super Bowl Party & Pot Luck



February 9 — Meeting and Bingo

Guest Speaker's Topic: Is your property tax assessment accurate?

February 26 — Play at Bowie Performing Arts Center



Do any Seniors have an interest in starting a Bridge Club?

Are any Seniors interested in playing pool during the day? If so, call 301-474-0018

MISCELLANY

♥ Where is the Seniors Center?

Next to the Town Office on Berwyn Road

♥ What is the Senior Center Telephone Number?

301-474-0018

♥ Many thanks to the Town Council for the new refrigerator.

♥ We have two members born in Berwyn Heights. Can you add to that number?

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.

BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/BHeightsGOP and Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP.

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

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

Childcare: Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 29 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on week-ends 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.

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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby

202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson

301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen

Buker 240-965-7055

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Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

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POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **December 2015**. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

12/01/2015 at 8:40 am, Pvt. Ramirez arrested Mr. Thomas Christian, a 23 y/o, w/m, of College Park who was wanted for vandalism in Berwyn Heights and sent to the Department of Correction for processing.

12/01/2015 at 6:22 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2002 Honda from the location of 63rd. Avenue at Quebec Street. The driver had a suspended driver's license.

12/01/2015 at 10:33 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue for some found property. A resident reported that he found a backpack filled with clothing and a wig.

12/02/2015 at 4:05 pm, Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 8900 block of 62nd. Avenue

for a property damage report.

12/11/2015 at 10:30 am, Pvt. Hollowell recovered a stolen boat trailer from the 6000 block of Quebec Street. Investigation continues.

12/17/2015 at 8:15 am, Pvt. Ramirez and Pvt. Hollowell responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of two males being disorderly inside McDonald's restaurant.

12/22/2015 at 4:08 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 8700 block of 63rd. Avenue for a report of theft from a 2015 Toyota. Victim stated that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole a prescription pill.

12/24/2015 at 1:58 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a warrant service. Joshua Neel, a 23 y/o, was served with an outstanding warrant from the BHPD Investigative Services, for theft and credit card fraud. He was transported to the Department of Corrections without incident.

12/25/2015 at 7:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a found purse. Investigation revealed that the owner of the purse lives in Montgomery County.

12/27/2015 at 1:33 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8800 block of 62nd. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Victim reported that her door was kicked in. No item was

reported missing.

12/27/2015 at 1:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8600 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a burglary. Victim reported that he found his house broken into between Wednesday 12/23/2015 and 12/27/2015. TV and musical instruments were taken.

12/27/2015 at 11:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of 63rd. Avenue for a report of a theft from a 2008 Toyota. Victim's wallet was taken containing cash and credit cards.

12/28/2015 at 11:55 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a found bicycle. The bike is described as a 'Mongoose XR-75' 21 speed.

12/29/2015 at 7:38 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the Checkers restaurant on Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism. Manager of the restaurant reported that a customer was unhappy with his order and punched the drive-thru window before fleeing.

12/31/2015 at 12:40 pm, Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of damage property.

12/31/2015 at 9:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2010 Nissan from east bound Greenbelt Road. The vehicle was displaying expired tag of 09/2015. The driver's license was suspended.

TOWN POST OFFICE CLOSED



The Town of Berwyn Heights has been informed that it does not meet USPS security requirements for storing outgoing mail and has ended its contract with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to operate a sub-station in the Town office.

To mail letters and packages, send money orders or obtain passports, please use one of three nearby USPS locations:

GREENBELT:	7600 Ora Glen Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770
N. COLLEGE PARK:	9591 Baltimore Avenue (Rt. 1), College Park, MD 20740
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Happy Valentines, Presidents and Ground Hog day! Do you know what these have in common with selling your home? Well not much, but...it's a very good month to list your home! Let me give you all the details or at least get you motivated to start the process, the market is favorable for sellers and rates are low for buyers!

To do list for winter:

1. Paint
2. Repair any issues
3. De clutter
4. Sell or donate unwanted items
5. Refinish hdwd floors
6. Replace dated light fixtures
7. Clean and spruce up
8. List with Sharon

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- HELP WITH STAGING
- 18 YR R.E. EXPERIENCE/TOWN RES.
- LICENSED IN MD & DC

LISTED or SOLD by SHARON THIS MONTH

SOLD-5717 Pontiac St- 4BR 2 BA smaller rambler....\$260,000.

SOLD-6030 Westchester Park Dr 2BR / 1BA mid lvl condo
\$125K

NEW LISTING-6036 Westchester Park Dr 2BR/ 1 BA
T2.....\$125,000.

SOLD- 51 E Ridge Rd (GHI) 3BR/1.5BA end unit.....\$155,000.

COMING this Month- 4BR/3BA split foyer BerwynHgts lg addtn,
sep in law ste, new kit w/ granite and center isl..... \$low300s.

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Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger) Mondays 10:30am-12:00pm

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

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

Please contact Rachel Cicero (rachelcicero55@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

Hi, Everyone -

Looking for a fun, learning experience for your 18-36 month old child?

The LEAP Preschool on the UMD campus is launching a new community endeavor for toddlers.

Consider signing your little one up with UMD's LEAP Book Club at the Lustine Center in the Arts District, Hyattsville. This runs on Friday mornings from 10 am-11:30 am starting February 5th. This is a caregiver/child program. For more information, please go to our website: <http://umdleapbookclub.weebly.com/>

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For the

Berwyn Heights Bulletin

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
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



February 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 31	Feb. 1 7:00 PM Worksession Police, Code Budget Requests	2 7:00 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	3 7:30 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room	4	5	6 10:00—12:00 Family Arts & Crafts Town Center
7	8	9	10 8:00 PM Town Meeting Election Judges Swearing-in,	11 7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee G. Love Room	12	13
14 Valentine's Day Street Sweeper	15 Presidents' Day Town Offices Closed No Trash Pick-Up	16	17	18 7:00 PM Green Team Meeting G. Love Room	19	20
21 Street Sweeper	22 7:00 PM Worksession DPW, PRECA Budget Requests	23 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room	24	25 7:30 P.M. Four Cities Meeting College Park	26	27
28	29	Mar. 1 Town Council Candidate Filing Deadline 7:00 P.M. Rec. Council Mtg. G. Love Room	2 7:30 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room	3	4	5



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Email: code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Fire Department (301) 474-7866
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
Town Office (301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

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Councilmember — Public Works

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

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**On Comcast channel 71
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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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Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

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

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