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SNOW REMOVAL

What you can do to help



When snow is predicted, please park in your driveway.

This is especially important in courts and dead end streets because the Town's Public Works

snow crews may not be able to plow there.

Please do not shovel or pile snow into the street.

When temperatures fall below freezing, snow piles freeze and are much harder to remove by the snow crews. The piles can also damage snow plow equipment and injure drivers. The practice of piling snow in the street creates a damming effect causing melted snow to be redirected into the middle of the street where it can create dangerous road hazards to drivers and pedestrians. Snow piles in the streets are also a hazard to children because they are drawn to play in them.

Please show forbearance if your already cleared driveway is filled in again. The snow crews have to plow the same streets multiple times if snow continues to fall.

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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Any Town resident who wishes to run for a position on the five-member Town Council must file a "Certificate of Nomination" at the Town Office by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Certificate of Nomination must be signed by five (5) registered Town voters who support nomination of the candidate. Certificates are available at the Town Office during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or can be downloaded from berwyn-heights.com. If you have any questions, please contact Town Clerk Kerstin Harper or Town Administrator Ed Murphy at (301) 474-5000.

According to the Town Charter, candidates must meet the following criteria:

Have resided in the Town at least six (6) months prior to the election;

Attained the age of 21 prior to the election;

Be a registered voter at the time of nomination;

Reside in Town during the term in office; and

Not hold any other paid office or position in the service of the Town or any other municipality in the State during the term in office.

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY

& TRASH SCHEDULE

ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 20

Mon., Feb. 20 — No Trash pick up.

Tues., Feb. 21 — North and South

Side Trash pick up

Wed., Feb. 22 — North and South

Side Recycling and Yard

Waste Pick up

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TRASH AT THE CURB

OVER THE WEEKEND.

TAX TIME IS COMING!

REMEMBER YOUR TOWN

TAX TIME IS COMING! Please remember to specify Berwyn Heights as your municipality on your State income tax return. Each year Berwyn Heights loses out on income tax revenues when residents put down the wrong municipality or do not put down any municipality. Income tax revenues that should come to Berwyn Heights frequently go to College Park because we share the same zip code. To prevent your income taxes going to College Park, or another town, or the County, mark **BERWYN HEIGHTS** as your municipality on your State income tax return.

DO YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING

SPEED CAMERA TICKET ???

Please note, if you have an unpaid speed camera ticket from the last 6 months, you are subject to an additional late fee and having your vehicle registration flagged.

- **\$40.00** late fee applies if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 45 days from the date of issuance;
- **\$40.00** flagging fee to re-register a flagged vehicle if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 60 days from the date of issuance.
- **Late fee and Flagging fee** are in addition to any processing fees charged by the MVA.

2012 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION SCHEDULE

Feb. 08	Swearing-in of Board of Election
Mar. 06	Candidates filing deadline. Certificates of nomination due to Town Office by 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 15	Candidate Profiles due to Town Office by 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 21	Deadline for withdrawing candidacy for Town Council
Mar. 29	Town Office open from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for supplemental voter registration
Apr. 02	Candidates financial disclosure form due to Town Office by 5:00 p.m.
Apr. 02	Last day to register with Town to vote in May 1 election
Apr. 02	First day to request absentee ballot
Apr. 10	Candidates can begin putting up campaign signs and posters
Apr. 24	Last day to request absentee ballot
May 01	Election Day – Poll hours 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All absentee ballots must be received by close of polls
May 03	Board of Election must certify election results by 7:00 p.m. Campaign signs and posters must be down by end of day
May 11	Swearing-in of new Town Council by Clerk of Circuit Court

Worksession

December 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CMs) Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. MPT Wilkinson arrived 20 minutes late. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Berwyn Heights residents Aerin and Justine Lappin are welcoming a new baby. CM Ahrens' wife Joan is celebrating her birthday this day.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Dennison, the November 14 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the November 21 minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he met with Larry Jarboe, who owns the ReMax property, which also includes the Raleigh Inn and the Washington First Bank. They discussed upgrades to the parking lot that the Town proposed in connection with Mr. Jarboe's re-zoning request. The property needs to be rezoned to allow a Dollar General Store to open in this location. Mr. Jarboe has no objection to "greening" the parking lot, but does not want to assume an open-ended commitment. He would like to negotiate an agreement with the Town of Berwyn Heights about a fixed amount of money he would pay for an environmentally friendly parking lot the Town finds acceptable. His opening bid was \$17,000 to \$19,000. However, a final settlement will probably be higher and include other improvements to the property. Meanwhile, Mr. Jarboe has negotiated a reduced lease with the owner of the Raleigh Inn. This will put the restaurant on a better financial footing. The Town has expressed an interest in a renovated Raleigh Inn as part of the redevelopment of the property. Mayor Calvo would like to discuss the terms of an agreement at the next worksession.

Mayor Calvo continued that he also met with Park & Planning representatives Charles Montrie and Eileen Nivera about a dog park. They proposed a small piece of land on 56th Avenue adjacent to the T-ball field as an alternative to the Lake Artemesia location. This lot would be smaller, approximately 7,000 square feet, but managed and maintained by the

Town. Thus, it would primarily serve Berwyn Heights rather than the larger region. He thought that the plan is worth considering. However, as a neighborhood park, it should be aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Montrie and Ms. Nivera said that they would present a concept design at a future worksession.

MPT Wilkinson commented that the space currently serves users of the Indian Creek Park as a parking lot. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that a fence should be at least 6' high to prevent dogs from jumping over it. Mayor Calvo said that the idea seemed interesting but the details still need to be worked out. He asked Councilmembers to propose other sites in Berwyn Heights that might be suitable.

Mayor Calvo further reported that the officer, who has been on administrative leave, has returned and the Police Department is again operating at full staff. The Council was recently sent a memorandum on income tax disbursements, which shows that Berwyn Heights' income tax withholdings for the first quarter went up substantially over the last couple of years and now stands at \$77,000. The memorandum included a table showing withholdings for other Maryland municipalities. Interestingly, University Park had double the withholdings and Chevy Chase had 10 times the withholdings as Berwyn Heights despite being smaller in size.

MPT Wilkinson said that the Public Works crew has been busy picking up leaves. However, the Department has reduced the use of temporary staff for this work. This season it will take longer to get to every residence in Town. Residents are asked to be patient. CM Dennison announced upcoming events and reported that construction of the Indian Creek playground has started. She and MPT Wilkinson are working on setting up a December meeting of the Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC) to identify educational issues of concern. Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) is holding its science fair this week, but no book fair, due to reduced operations of the library. The Boys & Girls Club basketball season has started. The teams are still coached by Matt Nichols, who recently moved to Greenbelt. She attended the Karate Club's Toys for Tots events, which was celebrated with music and a D.J.

CM Ahrens reported that the Code Department activity centered on rental inspections, trash violations, and POD permits. The stepped up enforcement of trash regulations resulted in better compliance. Some residents have invested in

new trash containers as a result.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a comment regarding the planned upgrades to the audio-visual system of the Town's public access TV. He was told that some Councilmembers project their voices better than others and can be heard more clearly. Further, the phasing out of VHS tapes is not a problem as long as DVDs are available. He also received a comment on smart meters, and whether enough effort is made to protect customers' privacy. Berwyn Heights will likely not be able to opt out of the program.

CM Dennison had a number of comments on the Greenbelt Middle School TAG program. MPT Wilkinson had a comment on the Pontiac Street speed camera remaining in the same location.

Ethics Ordinance partial exemption:

TA Murphy explained the Town Attorney discovered that Berwyn Heights has a prior exemption from the lobbying registration requirements in the State mandated Ethics Ordinance the Town enacted in September. The Council may delete these provisions. He has drafted a revised Ordinance, deleting Section 7 on lobbying, as well as references to lobbying in Section 4. h. 3. iv. Mayor Calvo said that he recently spoke with the Town Attorney and learned that the City of Gaithersburg has asked its State delegation to introduce legislation that would repeal some of the more onerous provisions of the new ethics law. The proposed legislation is supported by the Maryland Municipal League, and responds to widespread unhappiness about the law among cities and towns.

CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that there are other references to lobbying which may have to be removed. The Council agreed to remove the phrase "...from an individual regulated lobbyist" in Section 4. h. 2. and to remove Sections 8. a. 2 and 8. b. 2. iii in their entirety.

Sidewalk program: Mayor Calvo said that, at the last worksession, the Council discussed the steps needed to move forward with the sidewalks program but took no action. Tonight he would like to identify a list of streets that should be surveyed for the possible construction of sidewalks. He noted that the sidewalks, which Olney Masonry just reconstructed with a concrete retaining wall at the intersection of Seminole Street and 58th Avenue, could serve as a model for building sidewalks on a slope.

Councilmembers offered their suggestions for streets to be surveyed:

- Pontiac Street in front of the school and possibly re-doing

the existing sidewalks.

- Edmonston Road north. This may not be possible because the Town does not have a right of way on the west side of the road.
- Berwyn Road from 58th Avenue to Sports Park
- Cunningham Drive from Berwyn Road to Pop's Park, and continuing on 60th Avenue from Pop's Park to Greenbelt Road;
- 60th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Osage Street;
- Charlton Avenue from Edmonston Road to Berwyn Road;
- 57th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street;
- 58th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street;
- 56th Avenue and a small section of Ruatan Street to connect Sports Park with Indian Creek Park;
- 62nd Avenue from Quebec Street to Greenbelt Road;
- 63rd Avenue from Pontiac Street to Tecumseh Place.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she would put sidewalks only on those streets that have bus traffic. Mayor Calvo said that this list identifies only possible locations for sidewalks. Next, the Council will prioritize the streets.

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

Sustainable Maryland: Mayor Calvo said that, to become Sustainable Maryland certified, the Town will have to put together a green team. The team should include Town staff and residents that are already active in other community organizations. A person needs to be found, who takes ownership of the group and coordinates programs and activities that qualify for credits under Sustainable Maryland. He plans to talk to some residents over the holidays.

Nothing was discussed under 2. Public Works.

3. Administration

Bulletin: The following items were approved for the January 2012 Bulletin cover: New Years theme, announcements for 2012 election judges and Ethics Ordinance public hearing.

Budget calendar: TA Murphy reviewed the proposed schedule for the budget process. It begins in December with the

distribution of budget guidelines and a statement of FY 2012 actual expenditures to department heads and directors, and ends with adoption on the FY 2013 budget in May and the FY 2012 budget amendments in June. Through January TA Murphy assists the department directors in finalizing their budget requests, which are to be submitted by January 31. Based on directors' budget requests, TA Murphy writes his proposed budget and presents it at the first worksession in March. Through March and April, the Council discusses the proposed budget and makes changes. The budget is introduced at the April Town meeting and adopted at the May Town meeting. This year, a Town Council election will take place on May 1. The last worksession before budget adoption is on May 9. The Mock Student Town Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for the April 23, followed by a budget worksession.

Budget guidelines: TA Murphy said that the guidelines are essentially the same as last year's with a few minor changes. Mayor Calvo said that it is important that the department directors provide meaningful estimates of expenditures for the remainder of FY 2012. This helps the Council make budget decisions.

CSX Intermodal Transfer Station opposition: TA Murphy provided a draft letter of opposition to the Beltsville site for a CSX transfer station, one of 4 proposed locations where double stacked container trains would be unstacked and transferred onto trucks for transport to the Seagirt Marine Terminal in Baltimore. CM Kulpa-Eddy, who has tracked the issue on behalf of the Council, has not reviewed this draft. She will work with TA Murphy to revise the letter for submission in the context of the public input framework of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Council will review the letter at the next worksession.

4. Code Compliance

Code appeal - 5805 Goucher Drive: TA Murphy said that the home owner of 5805 Goucher Drive is appealing a code fine of \$15 for a refuse disposal violation. He prepared the background information on this case with help from Public Works Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley because the appeal came through Mayor Calvo, who forwarded it to the Code and Administration Departments. He explained that the images of the resident's trash taken by Public Works on 5 consecutive trash collection days clearly show that lids were not fitted tightly on trash containers and that refuse and recyclables were mixed in violation of the Refuse Collection Ordinance. However,

he thinks that the violation notices left at the residence sent a mixed message. Public Works should have focused on the prohibition against mixing refuse and recyclables rather than not having tightly fitting lids on trash containers.

Mayor Calvo said that he believes the fine should be waived because the certified fine letter sent to the resident on November 16 neither specifies a date on which the violation occurred, nor what the violation was. MPT Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens and Kulpa-Eddy disagreed. They said that, while the letter does not state the date of the violation, it clearly references the Ordinance provision that was violated, e.g. "All household refuse shall be stored for collection and placed at the curb in a heavy-duty trash container with a tight-fitting lid." The letter also states what the resident must do to correct the violation, e.g. "install a tight-fitting lid on all your heavy-duty trash containers."

Mayor Calvo said that a fine notice from the Town government has to follow the letter of the law. If there is a procedural problem a fine or penalty must be waived. The code letter should have stated explicitly what a resident did not do on a particular date, and what he/she needs to do to comply. In the letter, it is not clear which part of the cited Ordinance provision the resident did not follow; was the refuse not set out at the curb?, was it not in a heavy-duty container?, or did it not have a tight-fitting lid? CM Kulpa-Eddy said that this can be ascertained from the statement that the resident must install a tight-fitting lid to comply. She asked whether one is to assume that the resident did not receive any of the 5 notices Public Works left at the door on refuse collection days. Mayor Calvo said that the Town couldn't be sure.

CM Kulpa-Eddy continued that the fine letter should contain the photos and/or previous notices as evidence of previous violations, so that the resident knows what he did wrong when. CM Ahrens said that, in this case, there was a pattern of behavior that was being cited, not just one violation on a given day. Other residents have received these letters, graciously paid their fines, and are now in compliance. He would not want to undermine the progress of the program by waiving the fine because someone complains.

CM Kulpa-Eddy proposed to waive this fine and set the case aside as a learning experience. She believes, like Mayor Calvo, that this case would not stand up in a court of law. In the future, fine letters should include evidence of prior violations so that this problem will not recur.

CM Dennison moved to waive the fine. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. MPT Wilkinson stated that he continues to believe the fine letter clearly states the reason for the fine. He agreed with CM Ahrens that waiving the fine would invite appeals from other residents. The motion passed 3 to 2 with MPT Wilkinson and CM Ahrens opposed.

Councilmembers then discussed whether this case constitutes an egregious trash violation. CM Ahrens said it did. Uncovered trash cans allow squirrels, raccoons and rats to get into the trash and scatter it, which happens frequently. Mayor Calvo thought that the case at hand is not egregious. In his experience, this violation is typical and might apply to half the Town residents. On any given trash day, there may be 200 or more residents without a tight fitting lid on their containers. This resident may not know the rules and would benefit from instruction. He believes the Town needs to be very measured in identifying egregious violators. Otherwise it will end up fining half the Town.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that this case has another characteristic of an egregious violation, which is a pattern of behavior that continues even after repeated notices from the Town. The Council has different interpretations of the word "egregious," which makes agreement difficult. CM Ahrens thought that it is the goal to have every residence dispose of their refuse in accordance with the rules in the Refuse Collection Ordinance. The Code and Public Works enforcement program is moving the Town towards that goal.

Mayor Calvo said that does not mean everyone, who does not have a tight-fitting lid, should be fined. When the Council last discussed the issue, it was agreed that the focus should be on the 20 most egregious violators until they are in compliance. However, this was not done. New egregious violators were targeted as others on the list started to comply. This property may have slipped in when new violators were added. He has seen refuse piles larger than the one cited where trash is not bagged, or mixed with recyclables, and trash cans don't have lids. Compared to those, this was a minor violation that should not have been fined.

Mayor Calvo said that that the Code officers have made a good start to enforcing the trash rules. However, they need to develop better judgment about what constitutes an egregious violation. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council does not agree on what constitutes an egregious violation and cannot expect employees

to do so.

5. Parks and Recreation

Greenbelt Middle School TAG letter of support: CM Dennison said that MPT Wilkinson has drafted a letter to the Board of Education supporting a Talented and Gifted (TAG) program at Greenbelt Middle School, provided that neighborhood TAG children are automatically admitted. A PGCPs draft proposal would admit all middle school TAG students by lottery. She has corresponded with PGCPs Director of Curriculum & Instruction Arbogast and School Board Representative Higgins regarding the issue and hopes they will come to Berwyn Heights in mid-January to discuss it. She has also talked with a number of parents about the TAG program. One family had a concern about honor students not being automatically admitted.

Mayor Calvo asked if there is a limited number of slots in the proposed TAG program. MPT Wilkinson said that the proposed program would have between 70 and 90 slots, which should preferentially be given to students in the local area. Mayor Calvo asked for a motion to send the letter to the Board of Education, after needed edits are made, which supports the TAG program with automatic admission of local students. CM Dennison so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Historic property grant letter of support: Mayor Calvo explained that Linda Wolfe, the owner of a historic home at 5617 Ruatan Street, has requested a letter of support from the Town for her application of a historic property grant to renovate her home. She has provided a draft letter, which he would like to edit before it goes out under his signature. CM Dennison so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Public Safety.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting December 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Corporal Michelle Bennett, and Clerk Harper.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the November 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Ahrens, and second by MPT Wilkinson, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo wished everyone Happy Holidays. He said that the Town last week celebrated a very well attended tree lighting celebration. He thanked the Recreation Council, Seniors Club and Public Works for preparing the event, and Phil Ventura for again providing the musical accompaniment.

Mayor Calvo reported that the Seminole/Ruatan Street renovation is progressing well. Curbs and gutters have been installed and the contractor is beginning to resurface the roads. The Council approved several change orders, which added approximately \$12,000 in project costs. The Council also authorized up to \$10,000 for repairs to the Town Center hose tower, which had a problem with water leaking through the wall during heavy rains, as well as \$15,000 for resurfacing the Public Works yard. There is a need to start planning for repairs and renovations to other Town buildings. The creation of a buildings reserve fund will likely be taken up during the next budget process.

The Council had a number conversations about the enforcement of the Refuse Ordinance. In November, the Public Works and the Code Compliance Departments began to identify and fine egregious violators of trash regulations, which led to the first refuse-related code appeal and discussions with staff. There was some disagreement among Councilmembers about what constitutes an egregious violation and how to best enforce them. Mayor Calvo believes that the discussions were valuable in finding the right approach to a problem that involves judgment. The goal of this effort is to get people to recycle more and throw away less regular trash. Eventually, this may enable Public Works to perform the second trash collection of the week in one day instead of the current two days, and free up Fridays for other tasks. This arrangement could save 3/5 man hours per week and make Town government more efficient.

In other news, the Council approved \$15,000 in merit increases for its employ-

ees, which will have \$23,000 in roll up costs in the next fiscal year. Employees were given merit increases ranging from 3.5% to 1.5% of salary based on their performance ratings. Two employees received no increases. However, no Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) will be given this year. The merit increases help make up for a 2% increase in employees' pension contributions that will be deducted from their payroll checks.

In the wake of a very productive public hearing in October, the Council continued to discuss the sidewalk program, and identified areas where sidewalks would be most useful. These sections of road would then be surveyed to determine the feasibility of constructing sidewalks. Once it is determined where sidewalks are feasible and cost-effective, they will be engineered and eventually constructed. Continued input from residents is welcome.

The Council recently met with its Maryland delegates for the annual legislative dinner. The main topics of discussion were measures to rebuild the State's Transportation Trust Fund, prospects for education funding, and economic development along Route 1 in Hyattsville and Riverdale. The Council learned that, while Governor O'Malley is advocating increasing contributions to the Transportation Trust Fund, it is not likely to lead to an increase in Highway User Revenues (HUR) for municipalities, because the Assembly changed the formula and reduced the share towns and cities receive out of the Trust Fund. Similarly, education funding is stagnant, with some savings available from consolidation of student transportation.

Lastly, the Council agreed to send letters opposing the Beltsville location for a CSX Intermodal Transfer Station and another approving the placement of a Talented and Gifted (TAG) program at Greenbelt Middle School, provided all local TAG students are eligible to attend.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Administration Department is busy with finalizing the audit and preparing for the upcoming budget process.

Code Compliance: CM Ahrens discussed the do's and don'ts of traveling out of town over the holidays. He cautioned publicizing being away from home on Facebook because it may be monitored by criminals who might break into a home during one's absence. It also helps to give one's home a lived-in look, with no newspapers lying in the yard, a couple of lights left on, or a neighbor's car

parked in the driveway. Some people rely on motion-detecting lights to scare away would be home invaders. In Code news, refuse violations topped high grass violations and fees and fines totaled \$1,215.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that the Tree-Lighting ceremony went very well. She thanked the volunteers who planned and staffed the event. The children loved sitting on Santa's lap. The Toys for Tots collection hosted by the Karate Club was also a success. Sensai Leon Swain's daughter acted as the D.J. The Indian Creek playground is now under construction. Currently, a bridge is being built. The Historical Committee (BHHC) appointed Kenneth Archibald to the Committee. The BHHC, the Town Council and Delegate Gaines wrote letters in support of Linda Wolfe's application for a historic restoration grant to renovate her Victorian home.

CM Dennison has been in e-mail contact with School Board Representative Peggy Higgins and PGCPD Director of Curriculum Development and Instruction Duane Arbogast about setting up an education meeting for Berwyn Heights. Lastly, she sent well-wishes to the families of Dave McCaffrey, Mike Attick and Jimmy Myrick and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Public Health and Safety: Corporal Bennett gave the police activities report for Chief Antolik, who was recovering from the flu. She reported that 173 citations were issued in the last month, as well as 124 speed camera citations. Ms. Bennett issued reminders about how to be safe during the holiday season. She cautioned about door-to-door solicitations for charities, leaving packaging for expensive presents at the curb for pickup, and not leaving candles and Christmas tree lights on overnight.

In response to questions, Ms. Bennett said that she did not bring any statistics on Part I offenses, or the latest information on burglaries and thefts. Birth dates published on one's Facebook are personal information that could be misused by Internet criminals.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson offered condolences to Darlene Erikson, whose sister recently passed away. He reported that the Berwyn Heights Education Committee will get together for an informal meeting at his house on December 18. The new merry-go-round has been installed at Pops Park. The Council approved funding for repaving the Public Works yard and fixing the drainage problems.

Leaf season is drawing to a close, with Public Works having collected 175 cubic

yards of leaves per week. This year, Public Works has needed more time to complete a round of leaf collection because of cut-backs in the use of temporary labor. In addition, recent heavy rains have slowed down the collection. Residents are asked to be patient. Next week, energy efficient lights will be installed in the Public Works building and the Town office. Public Works is working closely with the Code Department in enforcing the trash violations. Residents are asked to be aware of changes in the trash collection schedule over the holidays, which are published in the Bulletin.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP will hold its next meeting on January 4, and work on its budget request for the next fiscal year. Anyone interested in giving input should consider attending.

Recreation Council: CM Dennison said that the Recreation Council has begun planning for the Talent Show.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

Ethics Ordinance No. 110 - 1st Reading & Introduction of Repeal of Lobbying Registration Provisions: Mayor Calvo explained that the Council recently adopted a new Ethics Ordinance mandated by the State of Maryland. Since then, the Council learned that Berwyn Heights had a prior exemption to registering lobbyists. The Council agreed to amend the new Ethics Ordinance to repeal the lobbying registration provisions.

Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the amendment. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Ahrens seconded. Mayor Calvo further explained that this very targeted amendment takes out only the lobbying registration provisions, which the Council deemed unnecessary and cumbersome to implement. For the most part, the Council is lobbied by developers and their zoning attorneys, who come in from time to time to seek approval for the construction or renovation of homes, shops or other facilities. A registration requirement would discourage developers from sharing their plans with the Council and make the Council less informed. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the Ordinance amendments.

8. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession

December 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CMs) Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Agenda: An executive session was added at the end of the regular meeting.

Announcements: MPT Wilkinson's son placed first with Alex Harris in the 5th grade science fair. CM Ahrens and his wife celebrated a family Christmas early.

Calendar: A budget priorities discussion was scheduled for the January 23 worksession. The Code Compliance budget presentation was switched to the February 6 worksession, and PRECA and NW/EP budget presentations to the February 27 worksession. The Student Mock Town Council meeting was confirmed for April 23.

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

Department reports: CM Dennison reported that MPT Wilkinson and his wife hosted an informal meeting of the Education Advisory Committee to discuss the Committee's future and other educational issues. On January 12, School Board representative Peggy Higgins and PGCPD Director of Instruction and Curriculum Development Duane Arbogast will come to Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) for an education forum. BHES confirmed April 23 as the date for the Student Mock Town Council meeting.

CM Ahrens reported that the Code Department issued several fines for egregious trash violations. Some residents were not particularly gracious when Public Works employees came to their property to talk to them about trash disposal procedures. The Code Department generally tries to talk to residents about trash violations, then, if the violations continue, a warning letter is sent and eventually a \$15 fine is issued.

MPT Wilkinson reported that he accompanied Public Works Administrative As-

sistant Lockley on his workday last Friday to get a better idea of Public Works' daily routine. He corrected a statement he made at the December 11 Town meeting, noting that 175 cubic yards of leaves were collected during that week alone, not the amount collected to date.

Mayor Calvo said that the employee holiday lunch at the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn was a nice event. Improvements in the menu were noted. Afterward, he met with Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) Principal Warren Tweedy and was informed of his plans for the new building and new programs. Principal Tweedy is open to ideas and suggestions from the communities served by the school, and has taken concrete steps to address the needs of his diverse student body. GMS now has a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) club and a robotics club, which addresses the interests of TAG students.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison said that many comments were made on the Education Advisory Committee's listserv regarding the proposed TAG program at GMS. MPT Wilkinson on his ride-along with Mr. Lockley, received a comment about the good communications effort made by the Town to inform residents about the Seminole/Ruatan Street construction. Mayor Calvo received a comment regarding a neighbors out-of-state license tags. Berwyn Heights Police checked on it and found the reasons to be legitimate. CM Kulpa-Eddy received a question about pipes left sticking up in front yards along Seminole and Ruatan Streets. MPT Wilkinson explained that the pipes are access points to the newly-installed under drains in case they become obstructed. However, the pipes will be cut down to be flush with the ground.

Sidewalk program: Mayor Calvo said that, at the last worksession, the Council identified all possible locations for sidewalks as listed in TA Murphy's background documentation. Tonight he would like the Council to prioritize those locations for the purpose of surveying them. TA Murphy also included possible bus stop improvements in his listing, which should be prioritized as well. MPT Wilkinson suggested that all potential sidewalk locations be surveyed first and then priorities be decided upon. Mayor Calvo replied that it may be too expensive to survey every potential location. Hence he thinks it is better to prioritize ahead of surveying. Depending on the cost of surveying, a smaller batch of streets might surveyed based on their priority ranking.

The Council discussed priority locations for surveying. The following street sec-

tions were identified as a first priority:

- 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive from Greenbelt Road to Pontiac Street, with a possible extension to Berwyn Road;
- Berwyn Road from Sports Park to 57th Avenue;
- 57th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street;
- Pontiac Street in front of BHES and the Community Center, and from 58th to 57th Avenue;
- Intersection of Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road, southwest corner across from existing sidewalk.

The following street sections were identified as second priority:

- 60th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Osage Street;
- Berwyn Road from 57th Avenue to Cunningham Drive,
- Charlton Avenue/Berwyn Road intersection;
- Cunningham Drive from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street;
- (Edmonston Road north).

The following street sections were identified as third priority:

- 62nd Avenue from Quebec Street to Greenbelt Road;
- 63rd Avenue from Pontiac Street to Tecumseh Place.
- Seminole Street from 62nd Avenue to 60th Avenue;
- Berwyn Road from Cunningham Drive to Charlton Avenue.

The Council next discussed other infrastructure improvements, such as bus stop shelters and benches and backup generators, which may be funded from the public safety reserve. Mayor Calvo said that the process for identifying the places where bus stop improvements will be made is similar to identifying sidewalk locations. Bus stop improvements will be considered primarily for the most heavily used stops. Those stops will then be surveyed to locate the Town right-of-way and determine where easements might be needed. The following stops were identified as candidates for upgrades:

- R12 stops along Edmonston Road, which will require easements;
- The Bus and UMD shuttle

stops at Pontiac Street and 63rd Avenue and at Pop's Park;

- *The Bus* stop in front of the Town Center.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks that backup generators should be considered only for the Town Center complex. He would like to get cost estimates for different options. MPT Wilkinson said that the \$30,000 previously quoted for a backup generator at the Town Center would only pay for one generator, which could only service the municipal building. The Town Center would need its own generator. TA Murphy said that he has received an estimate of \$65,000 to equip both buildings with a generator. The Council agreed to obtain more options on generator setups at the Town Center before making a decision.

ReMax property parking lot agreement: Mayor Calvo explained that the owner of the ReMax property Larry Jarbo agreed to make his parking lot more environmentally friendly by adding green islands and mitigating storm water runoff. The greening of the parking lot was one of the improvements requested by the Town in return for its support of the zoning changes Mr. Jarbo needs for a Dollar General Store to open on his property. However, as a small business owner with limited funds, he wishes to limit his expenses to a fixed sum. His initial proposal is to expend \$20,000 for greening the parking lot in addition to repaving it. He offers to either work the green upgrades into his bids or pay an agreed upon sum to the Town to have the improvements done. Mayor Calvo asked if 1) the Council is inclined accept this framework for an agreement; and 2) what sum it thinks appropriate.

TA Murphy wondered whether the Planning Board would dictate what green upgrades the parking lot has to have when the plans are submitted for approval. Mayor Calvo said there would be mandates regarding the amount of spaces but not regarding the landscaping because this project involves rezoning an existing property. TA Murphy wondered whether Mr. Jarbo has a plan for green upgrades or some idea what upgrades \$20,000 would buy. Mayor Calvo said that Mr. Jarbo insists on a fixed expense that he can incorporate into a financing agreement. He does not want an open-ended commitment to a green concept plan. He could not afford the \$60,000 greening plan Park & Planning drew up as a sample.

CM Dennison said that it is the responsibility of a business to maintain its parking lot and to get bids for any improve-

ments. Mayor Calvo said that Mr. Jarbo would resurface and maintain the existing blacktop parking lot. In addition he is willing to negotiate a set amount in green upgrades the Town has requested. If the Council does not accept this framework for an agreement, Mr. Jarbo will likely not go forward with the project.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked what types of improvements are being considered. Mayor Calvo said the improvements would include green islands with trees and shrubs that could absorb some of the storm water runoff. The Park & Planning design converts 20 parking spaces into green areas. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she does not know what would be an appropriate sum to green the parking lot because the Council has not been given any information on what improvements \$20,000 would buy. She would like to see the plan that Park & Planning drew up to get a better sense.

Mayor Calvo said that, personally, he believes that \$30,000 would go a long way toward making the parking lot nicer. This sum would include the cost of design work and may finance the greening of 10 parking spaces. Other improvements to the property, such as fence to screen the parking lot from the residential, better signage and lighting would be separate. The other question for the Council to decide is whether to let Mr. Jarbo contract for the green upgrades or have the Town do it with money Mr. Jarbo provides for the purpose.

MPT Wilkinson said he would support the proposed sum of \$30,000 in green upgrades but have Mr. Jarbo handle the contracting. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she needs more information and suggested using the \$60,000 Park & Planning design as a starting point. Mayor Calvo said that he will obtain the plans for a future discussion of the project, in which Mr. Jarbo should be invited to take part.

CM Ahrens left at 8:45 p.m. to attend to a prior commitment.

CSX Intermodal Transfer Station, letter of opposition: CM Kulpa-Eddy explained that she and TA Murphy revised the CSX Intermodal letter of opposition based on Councilmembers' input. The letter will be sent to the US Congressional delegation and to Maryland's Secretary of Transportation.

Mayor Calvo said that he agrees with the substance of the letter, which requests that the proposed Beltsville location for an intermodal transfer station be eliminated from the list of possible sites. However, if there are no objections, he

would like to make a few minor edits and send it out under his signature. CM Kulpa-Eddy so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Administration.

Hose tower repairs: TA Murphy said that he spoke with architect David Bell, who helped him with the energy conservation grant applications, about the water problems with the hose tower. Mr. Bell advised not to proceed with drylocking the walls of the hose tower during the winter because moisture may be trapped in the cinder blocks and is not likely to dry out. Drylocking would seal the moisture in, which would cause problems later.

MPT Wilkinson asked whether the fans to circulate the air have been installed. TA Murphy replied that no fans but two vents have been installed, which may provide sufficient circulation. MPT Wilkinson said he did not think so because the vents are 30' apart. He asked to proceed as planned and install the fans. The Council agreed to install the fans but to postpone drylocking until warmer weather.

Seminole/Ruatan Street project update: TA Murphy said that Olney Masonry should be done milling the street by the end of the week. Then the contractor will have to wait for a period of warmer weather to do the paving. There are also a number of items on a punch list that will have to be completed, including reducing the height of the access pipes to the under drains, restoring front lawns, and a full-depth patch on Ruatan Street. TA Murphy further informed that the project engineer with AB Construction and the owner of Olney Masonry are currently discussing what to do about the concrete ditches installed by WSSC along Seminole Street for storm water runoff. They may be too high to apply an layer of asphalt on top. Street elevation plans may have to be changed.

Comcast franchise renewal negotiations: TA Murphy reported that Comcast Cable Corporation has informed Prince George's County and municipalities that it wishes to renegotiate the cable agreement in 2013. I-Net has proposed that the negotiations be carried out in the same fashion as the negotiations with Verizon. This means that representatives from the County and certain municipalities would negotiate on behalf of every stakeholder. Mayor Calvo asked for a motion for Berwyn Heights to join the I-Net negotiations. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Council chamber layout and furniture:

Mayor Calvo said that Clerk Harper has provided sample images of modular conference furniture and a scaled plan of the Council Chamber on which the Council can try out different room configurations. It was agreed to postpone further discussions until Mayor Calvo and Clerk Harper will have worked out a clear set of options.

Nothing was discussed under **3. Code Compliance, 4. Parks and Recreation, 6. Public Safety, or Public Works.**

7. Executive Session (9:10 p.m. -

10:00 p.m.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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It's helpful to practice winter driving techniques in a snowy, open parking lot, so you're familiar with how your car handles. Consult your owner's manual for tips specific to your vehicle. Do not assume that your 4X4 can handle ice and snow.

Driving safely on snow/icy roads

Decrease your speed and increase your distance. Leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake. Understand the difference between 'ABS' and locking brake systems.

Turn on your lights 'low-beam' to increase your visibility to other motorists.

Keep your lights and windshield clean. Make sure you have plenty of washer fluids.

Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.

Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.

Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

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Ken K. Antolik, *Chief of Police*

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The BHHC is seeking new members and volunteers who are interested in working with the committee on events and projects that highlight our Town's rich history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is **February 28th**.

VISIT THESE LINKS: Berwyn Heights Historical Committee- www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA)- www.anacostiatrials.org; Prince George's Historical Society- www.pghistory.org



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

When: Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Where: Town Center during the winter months

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community! This playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area. Weekly play dates are held at the Town Center during the winter months unless there is a nice sunny warm day in which case we meet at Pop's Park on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:00pm.

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



The Bugle

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

February 2012

REGISTRATION

We will be holding our 2012 Sports Year registration on Saturday, February 4, and Saturday, February 11 from 12:00noon to 2:00PM at the Berwyn Heights Community Center.

In order to know how to plan on how many teams, what age levels, how many coaches, shirts needed and to make our registrar's job easier, we are asking for people to sign up during this registration period.

The cost will be \$30.00 for the first sport and \$20.00 for each additional sport. There will also be a \$30.00 County fee for each child.

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

Copies of our Registration form are available on the web at bhbhc.org and will also be available on signup days. You may also contact our Membership Chairperson: **Kathy Schuster** at: Phone: (301) 441-2263 or e-mail: kathyschuster@verizon.net

SPORTS UPDATE

Our winter sports of Basketball and Cheerleading are continuing with Basketball at the gym and Cheerleading at the Town Center. Our Softball, Baseball, and Soccer practices will begin in March with the weather permitting.

COACHES NEEDED

We are looking for Soccer, Track, Basketball, and Softball coaches. For Soccer call Tino Menjivar at (301)614-8933, for Track call Jeff Osmond at (301)474-2737, for Softball call Dave Carter at (301)441-2263.

Our next meetings will be held on Friday, February 3, 2012 and Friday, March 2, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Center. Don't forget to check out our website www.bhbhc.org for more information!

Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club

2012 Family Registration

Valid BHBGC Sports Year 2012 for Children Ages 4 through 16

Mother's Name:			Email Address:			Home Phone:			Work/Cell Phone:															
Father's Name:			Email Address:			Home Phone:			Work/Cell Phone:															
Address:					Town or City:					Zip Code:														
Emergency Contact Person:					Relationship to Child:					Emergency Phone:														
NEW MEMBER REQUIREMENTS* New members must provide BHBGC with: - A copy of child's birth certificate - A small recent photo of the child - A completed Yellow County ID Card (obtained at registration) - A completed White County Registration Form (obtained at registration) - A completed Family Registration Form (this form) <i>*Registrations will not be accepted unless the above items are submitted together</i> To obtain Yellow County ID card and White County Registration Form Contact: Kathy Schuster Phone: 301-441-2263 email: kathyschuster@verizon.net					Track (April-June)		Ball Hockey (July - Aug)		Spring Soccer (Mar - May)		Spring Baseball (Mar - June)		Spring Softball (Mar - June)		Spring T-Ball (Mar - June)		Fall Soccer (Sep - Oct)		Winter Basketball (Dec - Feb)		Cheerleading (Sept - Feb)		Membership Fee is as Follows:** 1st Sport \$30 Each Additional Sport \$20	
Child's Last Name (Please print)		Child's First Name (Please print)		Gender M / F	Birth Date Mo/Day/Yr		Please check the sports in which your child will be playing.																	
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I understand and agree with my signature to the following: 1) In order for my children to be eligible for sports participation for the BHBGC Sports year 2012, I must register my family via this form and pay any applicable fees 2) My children listed above have my consent to join the Berwyn Height Boys and Girls Club. 3) The BHBGC does not assume any responsibility for any accidents, or any medical, dental, hospital or other expense incurred incurred while traveling to or from, or participating in, club activities. 4) I waive any claims against the BHBGC or any of its agents in the event of an accident to any of my children listed above. 5) I am responsible for any uniform my child receives, and if I fail to return the uniform within 2 weeks of the completion of that sport season, I will be expected to pay \$30 toward the replacement of the uniform 6) Activities involving BHBGC members may be videotaped and shown on the Berwyn Heights cable TV channel, along with with photos being placed on the BHBGC web site. (www.bhbgc.org) 7) All returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee.																		Membership Total \$ _____						
																		County Fee \$30 x _____ (per child)						
																		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____						
Parent Signature (required for membership):										Date		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____												
Interest in Coaching or Volunteering: Yes: _____ No: _____										If YES for coaching, which sport(s)? _____ If YES for volunteering, then for: BHBGC Board _____ Events _____ Concession Stand _____ Other _____														
Received by					Date		Birth Certificate		Picture		White Card		Yellow Card											

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Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center. We will be planning Berwyn Heights Day. Whether you have ideas for the day or a few hours to volunteer, we need your help! Come to our next meeting or contact us for more information.

Recreation Council Contacts:

Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com

Kristen Buker – 443-623-0013, KristenBuker@aol.com

Upcoming Events:

Annual Hollywood Talent Showcase – Calling all Singers, Dancers, and Performers!

Friday, April 13th at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (a dress rehearsal will be held on April 12th)

More information, including registration form in March bulletin

Berwyn Heights Day Preview – Saturday, May 5th:

- ❖ Fun Run 8:00 a.m. (7:30 a.m. registration, Town Center) – All participants get a free t-shirt designed by resident David Williams!
- ❖ Seniors' Bake Sale 8:30 a.m. – late afternoon at Senior Center
- ❖ Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Town Center, 2nd Floor (\$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children under 12)
- ❖ Craft Vendors 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sports Park (See Application Below)
- ❖ Parade, Performances, and Award Presentation – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ Food and Drinks – 12:00 p.m. at Sports Park
- ❖ Games and More Games – 1:00 pm – 4:30 p.m. at Sports Park
- ❖ Afternoon Concert and much more!

Be Part of Berwyn Heights Day! The Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help with the pancake breakfast, games, ticket sales, and Fun Run. Students can earn community service hours.

Craft Vendor/Information Booth Application

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Items for Sale/Distribution: _____

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for sale. Please do not sell or provide food/drinks, silly string, or colored hair spray. All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57th Ave and Berwyn Road).

Set-Up Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am; Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Amount (circle one): \$10 Residents/Information Booths \$15 Non-Residents

Canopy (canopies available for \$15; supply limited): Yes/No

Drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 19, 2012**. For additional information, contact Kristen Buker at 443-623-0013, KristenBuker@aol.com

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Add greenery - A few real/ healthy plants will not only add oxygen but take the edge off, and soften a room.

Make a memory wall - instead of pictures and small wall décor scattered on walls and tables, use one wall as a statement.

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New Listing - 5612 Ruatan St....3BR, 2 BA rambler, deck, updated kit and baths(as-is)	\$160's.
New Listing - 5701 Berwyn Rd....4BR, 2 BA rambler, OSP, HDWD flrs, close to lake.	\$219,900.
New Listing - 8901 59th Av....3BR, 2BA rambler, covered deck, fam rm w/kitchenette (as-is)	\$209,900.
SOLD - 5907 Natasha Dr....4BR, 2.5BA rambler, new deck, kitchen, and HDWD flrs	\$219,000.
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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

February 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 13 – ½ day of School - Professional Development
Feb 15 – Book Club
Feb 20 - School Closed - President's Day
Feb 27 - Ledo's Pizza Fundraiser

Special Events

Dinner Fundraiser - Join us for dinner at Ledo's Pizza in College Park on February 27th. A percentage of your dinner purchase will be given to the BHES Field Trip Transportation Fund.

Book Club – Attention All Families! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Feb 15th, time to be announced, for our 1st Family Book Club of the year! Our theme this winter is "healthy living", and each student will be receive a theme related book to keep! At our book club meeting we will discuss our books and have fun exercising, playing games and learning ways to stay healthy! More information will be coming home soon. Hope to see you there!

Background Checks/Fingerprinting – Feb 15th 6:30pm-8:30pm. Who needs to do this? Chaperones for day trips are only required to undergo the background check (\$7, need to renew each year). For an overnight field trip (Camp Schmidt, North Bay), chaperones must complete a full fingerprint background check and form (\$63.82, good until your child leaves PGCPs system). Cash or money orders only. You must bring a government issued picture ID Go to: <http://www1.pgcp.org/humanresources/index.aspx?id=44362> to download the forms beforehand. No information provided is released to any government agency.

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MONEY SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

Winterizing your home - 1) Caulk your windows - Caulk both the interior and exterior of your windows using the appropriate caulking for indoor/outdoor use to cover tiny little holes that could cause drafts; **2) Install weather stripping and seal off any drafts** - Place weather stripping around your windows and doors to seal them properly against cold weather; **3) Insulate your windows** - Insulate your windows using a seal kit. This can reduce your energy bills and will help keep your home warmer; **4) Service your furnace** - Have your furnace cleaned and the filter changed in the fall to increase efficiency of the appliance; **5) Consider switching to a programmable thermostat** - A programmable thermostat allows you to set the temperature of your home at a lower level when you are not at home and then return to a higher level when you return home; **6) Have your chimney cleaned and inspected** - Employ a licensed contractor to inspect and clean your chimney of creosote buildup. Don't forget to inspect the fireplace damper for proper opening and closing; **7) Reverse your ceiling fan** - Reversing your ceiling fan direction from the summer operation will push warm air downward and force it to re-circulate warmer air downward. This could cut your energy bill by as much as 10%; **8) Block off unused rooms** - Adjust your register shutters to control the air volume to unused rooms and keep doors closed to unused spaces. When blocking off unused spaces use caution to ensure that water pipes in those areas are well insulated to avoid potential freezing and/or breaks; **9) Run Water** - On extremely cold days, homeowners should take extra precautions to prevent pipes from freezing. To avoid freezing you want to keep water flowing through pipes by leaving several faucets turned on, with a flow that's just slightly more than a heavy drip. It's important to leave several different faucets running, as sections of piping can freeze that could potentially cut off the water supply to other sections of your home; **10) Pipe Heater** - Consider purchasing a pipe heater which is used to insulate all un-insulated piping from freezing; **11) Outside Faucets** - Make sure the water line to your outside faucet is turned off, the hoses disconnected, and the line is drained.

Code Activity Recap for the month of December 2011 - the Code Compliance Department handled these new violations which are included, but not limited to at least one violation per property: trash/litter related violations = 23; accelerated abatements/clean-outs scheduled to be performed during December = 1; abatements performed = 1; vehicles in violation = 8; refuse/recycling violations = 3; refuse/recycling fines = 0; loose materials i.e., all forms of yard waste - brush, bamboo, leaves, brush, branches = 19; misc. violations i.e., oil, paint, concrete, tires, building materials, environmental hazards, appliances, animal complaints, etc. = 16; rental inspections and re-inspections = 18; rental investigations = 7; building permits = 1; totaling: \$100.00; POD permits = 5; totaling: \$250.00; total amount in fines and late fees issued = \$800.00; liens to be collected as Town taxes = \$590.00; code fine/clean-out/abatement money received including liens mailed to the County = \$785.00. **NOTE:** Any items not mentioned showed no activity this month.

**Visit our website at www.berwynheightscodecompliance.com
or tweet us @ BerwynHeightsCC**

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

February 3 Phillip Waltz
February 6 Tommy Anderson
February 8 Frank Baxter
February 9 Mary Smith
February 15 Ronald Luftman
February 16 Jerry Anzulovic
February 22 Agnes Belasco
February 24 Joke-ian Lam



FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

February 1 Wii Bowling 10:30 A.M.
February 2 Game Night 7:00 P.M.
February 4 Potluck and Movie 5:00 P.M.
February 7 Bingo 12:30 P.M.
February 8 Wii Bowling 10:30 A.M.
February 9 Game Night 7:00 P.M.
February 14 Meeting 11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
February 15 Wii Bowling 10:30 A.M.
February 16 Game Night 7:00 P.M.
February 21 Bingo 12:30 P.M.
February 22 Wii Bowling 10:30 A.M.
February 23 Game Night 7:00 P.M.
February 28 Meeting & Potluck 11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
February 29 Wii Bowling 10:30 A.M.

MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED OR VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Town Council has instituted a program to address the growing concern of maintenance of abandoned or vacant property.

Enforcement: When the Town determines that a property has been vacant for 15 consecutive days and the owner of record is unknown or the owner of record's whereabouts is unknown, the Town, after making every effort to identify, locate and notify the owner of the maintenance violations, is authorized to enter upon the property to abate any and all violations, such as accumulation of garbage, litter or rubbish, high grass, overgrown bushes, shrubs and weeds, etc.

Residents are urged to notify the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-0331 or the Office of the Town Administrator at 301-474-5000 of properties believe to be abandoned or vacant needing maintenance.

A best first impression sells buyers on a house they would like to buy and in a Town they would like to live in. Help us help you.

SENIOR TRIPS

MARCH 14 — HARRINGTON CASINO — COST \$31.00

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL MARGRITT VAUSSE — 301-356-5566

Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch (NW)/ Emergency Preparedness (EP) / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)



Berwyn Heights has an established Neighborhood Watch program as the “eyes and ears” of local law enforcement in our community. In addition, we have an Emergency Preparedness program and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the event of a town, county, regional, or national emergency. Please consider joining the Berwyn Heights NW/EP Committee if you are interested in any of these activities.

Neighborhood Watch Program (NW)

The Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch group has been in existence since 1998. Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our area.

There are obvious benefits Neighborhood Watch volunteers and their communities have experienced throughout the years such as:

- a reduction in crime,
- a better quality of life,
- a greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control,
- building community pride and unity,
- preparing for helping others and ourselves in our community,
- providing law enforcement agencies with volunteer support year round, and
- becoming the extra “eyes and ears” of law enforcement personnel, thereby reducing law enforcement’s burden.

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

Although they seldom occur, our area is not immune to natural or man-made disasters. We may need to be self-sufficient for a period of 72 hours or more before county or state authorities might be able to respond to our needs.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee was established in 2002 to assist the town in preparing residents to deal with a disaster. This includes maintaining a minimum capability for essential Town functions and initial disaster response and relief to our citizens. The committee is dedicated to providing information to encourage residents to create their own personal emergency supply kits in the event we need to shelter-in-place or evacuate the area.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness and response for hazards that may impact their area and more importantly trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster when professional responders may not immediately be available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

CERT training is provided free of charge in coordination with the County and other local municipalities.

You CAN make a difference!

The Berwyn Heights NW/EP Committee participates in the following activities:

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Berwyn Heights NW/ EP/CERTS (Continued from page 20)

- Berwyn Heights Day
- National Night Out
- Halloween Patrol
- CERT Training (County, State, Metro, & other sponsors)

If you are 16 or older and would like to help others, you are welcome to join the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee and/or our CERT team. We are looking for community-minded people to become involved. Whatever your qualifications, we have a place for you! You are invited to attend our monthly meeting, held at the Town Office on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:30 pm.

If you would like more information or to be contacted:

Contact the NW/EP/CERT at Town of Berwyn Heights, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740 or send an email indicating your interest to: Ron Shane at berwynhtsnwep@hotmail.com or Joan Hayden at cntygal42@verizon.net or call 301-674-4919.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING RATES		
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

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

The following are the winners of the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest for Best House, Best Yard and Best Overall. The Mayor and Town Council congratulate the winners and thank everyone who participated in the holiday decorating contest.

Best House – 8918 57th Avenue, Michael Kuchma

Best Yard – 8711 58th Avenue, Juan and Norma Pineda

Best Overall – 8912 56th Avenue, Charles and Diane Hall

CONGRATULATIONS

Street Sweeper Schedule 2012

Dear Residents,

Please try not park in the street wherever possible when the street sweeper comes to Berwyn Heights. Clean streets ensure better storm water drainage and prevent freezing of dammed up water.

And it makes the Town look better, too!

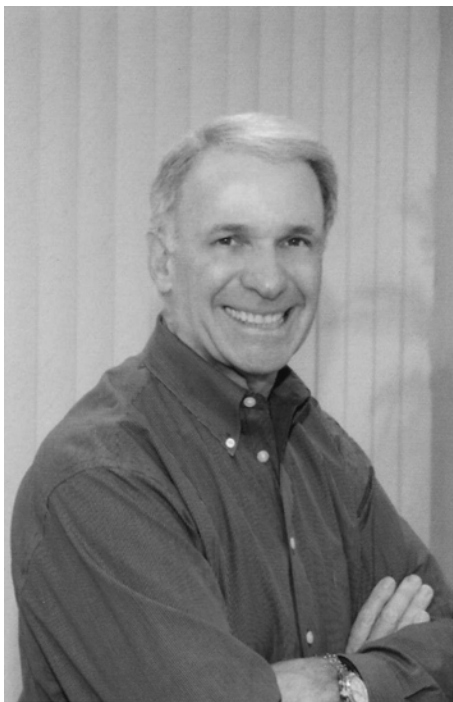
Beginning in the March Bulletin, this information will be incorporated into the Town Calendar.



MONTH	WEEK OF
January	9, 16
March	5, 12
April	30
May	1, 7
June	25
July	2
October	15, 22
November	26
December	3

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ELECTRONICS AND STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Dear Berwyn Heights Residents,

The Town of Berwyn Heights has joined the **City of Greenbelt's** electronic and styrofoam recycling program. You will be able to recycle your old electronic items and styrofoam in Greenbelt on a quarterly basis beginning **April 28**.

Accepted electronics: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries (taped on one end).

Accepted styrofoam: Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6), which is the white, block Styrofoam used as packaging. **NO** cups, food containers, egg cartons, or peanuts accepted.

For more information go to:

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Electronics_Recycling.php

or call: Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153



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Shobu-Kan Budo Organization.

Two Locations, Three Nights: All Ages/ All Levels:

- **Mondays 5-7 pm Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.**
- **Tuesdays 6-8 pm Berwyn Heights Elementary-6200 Pontiac Street**
- **Fridays 5-7 pm Berwyn Heights Town Center**

For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829

(beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881.

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 Ronnie Compton 301-441-2263
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 Kathy Schuster 301-441-2263
 Secretary
 Cheryl Compton
 Treasurer
 Maria Robles
 Athletic Director
 Tito Menjivar 301-345-2661
 Neighborhood Watch and
 Emergency Preparedness
 Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022
 Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037
 Historical Committee
 M. David Williams 301-345-6214
 Men's League
 Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223
 Playgroup
 Rose Almoguera 301-446-2427
 Quilter's Club
 Lois Williams 301-345-6214
 Recreation Council
 Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350
 Seniors Club
 Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

Bookkeeping Services: Elite Bookkeeping offers payroll services, business registration, and translations. Se habla espanol. Visit elitebk.com. Contact Maria at maria@elitebk.com or at 240-898-6438.

Web Design: Cmd27.com offers web design and original photography for businesses or individuals. Please contact services@cmd27.com for a free consultation.

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

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

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

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

Wanted: Land purchase in Berwyn Heights. If you have a sub-dividable lot, a Berwyn heights resident is interested in possible purchase. Call (301) 346-1462.

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

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

Berwyn Heights Immune Therapist will reveal info your dietician does not know and your doctor is not allowed to tell you. If you want to get fit & lean, do my plan. Side effects? May experience loss of disease. SCOTT 301-325-8223

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

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

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

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

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

"Berwyn Heights Republicans invite you to join us! If you are interested in getting together with us or if you would like more information, please contact Lorraine by email at gotv12@yahoo.com.

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Home Visits
 to Berwyn Heights Residents

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of December 2011. 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.

12/01/11 at 11:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road M-16 for a report of a fraud prescription. Case is being investigated by Det. Unger.

12/03/11 at 10:40 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 62nd Avenue for a theft of a rear registration plate from a 2003 Chevrolet.

12/04/11 at 8:20 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of vandalism to a 1992 Honda. The passenger's side window was broken out by an unknown object.

12/04/11 at 11:15 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 63rd Avenue for a report of theft from a 1999 Honda. The window of the vehicle was broken out and the radio was taken.

12/05/11 at 7:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1997 Isuzu truck for suspended registration at the location of 6219 Greenbelt Road. The driver of the vehicle was also suspended. Several citations were issued.

12/06/11 at 8:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8800 block of 58th Avenue for a report of damaged property on a 2004 Dodge Tk. The driver side mirror and the driver's side truck bed were damaged by an unknown object.

12/06/11 at 5:45 pm, Pvt. Krouse responded to the 8600 block of 57th Avenue for a report of theft of a TV from a group home.

12/08/11 at 1:44 pm, Det. Unger and Chief Antolik located at 14 Y/O missing girl from Riverdale, MD. The girl was reported missing on 12/07/11 and found

at the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue. She was transported to the BHPD and released to her parents.

12/11/11 at 10:02 am, Pvt. Krouse responded to the 8500 block of 60th Place for a report of theft. Investigation revealed that a 67 Y/O, B/M, was in the process of moving and decided to place several items in a basement of the house that he was currently renting. He later found that all of his items were gone. There were no signs of forced entry and further investigation revealed that the residence was occupied at the time of the incident.

12/15/11 between 7:06 pm and 10:20 pm, Pfc. Thompson and Pfc. Ignowski responded various locations of the Town for reports of vandalism to auto by 'BB' or a pellet gun. The areas of incidents are, 7700 block of Edmonston Road for, 8800 block of 58th Avenue, 5800 block of Pontiac Street, 8600 block of Cunningham Drive. Total of five vehicles damaged.

12/16/11 between 1:04 am and 7:31 am Pfc. Ignowski and Pvt. Krouse responded various locations of the Town for reports of vandalism to auto by 'BB' or a pellet gun. The areas of incidents are, 5700 block of Pontiac Street, 8500 block of 60th, Avenue. Total of two vehicles damaged.

12/19/11 at 8:30 am, Pvt. Krouse impounded a 1995 Honda as a result of an accident on Greenbelt Road near 60th Ave.

12/21/11 at 11:00 Cpl. Bennett submitted a police report in regards to a Town resident receiving US Postal mail at his home with an unknown name as the recipient. Case is being investigated by the BHPD Investigative Services and the Postal Inspector.

12/23/11 at 11:15 am, Pvt. Krouse responded to the 8600 block of 56th Avenue for a report of credit card fraud theft. A 44 Y/O, W/F, stated that someone had stolen her credit card information and purchased items in Norfolk Virginia. The card was issued from Bank of America. It was a Visa Debit card.

12/24/2011 at 11:20 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7700 Block of Edmonston Road for a suspicious person knocking on doors asking for money. On scene Pfc. Ignowski confronted a 45 Y/O, B/M a Baltimore resident, who was soliciting for money from Town residents during late hours. Subject was identified by Pfc. Ignowski and Pfc. Roberson.

12/26/11 at 11:05 am, Pvt. Krouse impounded a 1998 Cadillac at the location of Pontiac Street and 63rd Avenue for parking over 72 hours.

12/27/11 at 11:50 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2001 Toyota Truck at the location of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without insurance.

12/30/11 at 3:00 pm, Pvt. Krouse impounded a 2004 Chevy Truck at the location of Greenbelt Road and 62nd Avenue. The driver of the vehicle was driving on suspended tags.



**NON-EMERGENCY
POLICE DISPATCH
PHONE NUMBER
301-352-1200**

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

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

PEPCO

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

English Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck Poles or Life Threatening Electrical System Situations

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Report Street Light Out

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

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por

Servicio en Espanol

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical

or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

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Registration to be on Priority List



Real Estate Mailbag

Dear Linda: My tenant just moved out and has left damages, 2 months of unpaid rent, and an unpaid water bill that is in my name. I have her security deposit to take out of, but she's told me she's declared bankruptcy, and that she wants her deposit back. Do I have to give it to her? —Eugene L.

Dear Eugene: You will need to consult competent legal advice. I have had this scenario happen to a client (the landlord) in the past, and the bankruptcy lawyer informed my client that everything filed before the bankruptcy was included in her bankruptcy, including her security deposit. The deposit needed to be returned in full to the bankruptcy court or the court could file a judgment against the landlord. She could not use any of the deposit for unpaid rent, damages or unpaid utilities. Please consult a lawyer on your own situation to be certain.

Readers with questions should email Linda Nguyen at LINGUYEN@MRIS.COM or call 240.988.1626. Linda is an associate broker with the firm Tristar Realty (301.434.4252) and has been active listing, selling and renting homes for over 7 years in the DC-Baltimore area. She lives in Berwyn Heights with her husband, daughter and dog.

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MHIC 51073

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Danny 301-535-4594

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Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.
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February 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recycling Collection Yard Waste North South	Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South	1 NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	2 N Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	3 S	4	
5	6 N Worksession & Budget Presentation 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	7 S	8 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	9 N	10 S	11
12	13 N	14 S	15	16 N	17 S	18
19 BHC Presidents' Day Reception Town Center 2:00 P.M.	20 PRESIDENTS DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	21 S BHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	22 R	23 N	24 S	25
26	27 N Worksession & Budget Presentation 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	28 S	29	 DRIVING IN SNOW? See Police Chief Antolik's Safe Driving Tips on Page 10		

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 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
 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) 474-5000
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

Mayor and Council

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 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)
 Richard Ahrens (301) 474-3328 rahrens@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Administration

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Town Helpline

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

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
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 to request a play time.

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