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POLICE DISPATCH PRESENTATION

Town Meeting — February 8, 8:00 pm



Caring for the Community ~ One Call at a Time

If you have concerns about the police dispatch system, plan to come to this meeting. Associate Director of the Prince George's County Call Center Charlynn Flaherty and Operations Manager William McGown will be in attendance to give an overview of the dispatch system for **9-1-1** calls, as well as for **non-emergency** calls to the 301-352-1200

number.

This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered. Meanwhile, you can view information about the call center at http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/OHS/public_safety.asp

In with the New... BH Historical Committee launches website

berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com

There you can find information about the people and places that have shaped our Town's history, as captured in historic markers, images, and original documents. Have a look and leave a comment.

Coming Up

Budget Presentations

The FY 2014 budget process will begin in February with department directors presenting their budget requests for the next fiscal year. Residents are encouraged to participate in the worksessions.

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HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE Presidents' Day

Mon, Feb. 18	NO PICKUP
Tue, Feb. 19	Trash Pickup, Entire Town
Wed, Feb. 20	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town

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

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Worksession

December 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem Wilkinson, Councilmembers Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator Murphy, Clerk Harper and Attorney Larry Taub and Bill Giuliano representing the owners of 5815 Greenbelt Road.

Mayor

Announcements: MPT Wilkinson attended a workshop hosted by the University of Maryland University College, *Way2GoMaryland*, last weekend. *Way2GoMaryland* helps 6th - 10th grade students in Prince George's County plan and prepare for college.

Calendar: A discussion with department directors about the refuse collection program was scheduled for the December 17 worksession. The possibility of switching to a 3-day collection schedule will be on the agenda.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the November 19 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the Council had a very good conversation with its State and County delegation at the recent legislative dinner. Delegate Gaines offered to help obtain a State grant to purchase emergency generators for the Town Center. Delegates also were supportive of legislation requiring utilities to cooperate better with local governments. Mayor Calvo said that he spoke with TA Murphy about the next budget, which is likely to be impacted by the triennial reassessment of real property currently underway, and the other fiscal matters.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Ruatan Street property, for which the Council recently granted an on-street parking permit, now has a dumpster in the street. A deposit to guard against damage to the road has been paid. Last weekend, a dump truck and back hoe were in action to dig out an area for a garage in the basement. No complaints from neighbors have been received so far.

MPT Wilkinson said that Public Works plans to install bollards at the Indian Creek playground tomorrow. Installation of the new crosswalks and signage at the Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road intersection has been completed. The crew continues to pickup loose leaves at the curbside. CM Almoguera said that work

to convert the media center into a meeting room will begin soon. Plans call for installing AC ducts in a dropped ceiling, replacing the old carpet and paneling, and installation of an accordion room divider.

CM Dennison announced upcoming events, including a wine and cheese reception on January 12 to honor the recipients of the *Traveling Garden* award. Any resident who still has a copy of the book *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown is requested to return it to the Town office. Further, public schools will be on winter break December 22-30. The BHES PTA is collecting box tops to raise funds. The BHES gardening group thanks Christina Williams for donating spring bulbs, which will be planted next week. The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club elected new officers, whose names will be announced in the January Bulletin.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a thoughtful letter from a Berwyn Road resident about the Berwyn Road/ Charlton Avenue intersection. She was concerned that the Town would set up long "no parking" zones along Berwyn Road, as discussed at a recent Council worksession. This would pose a problem for a number of residents, particularly those with no driveway space. She said that speeding is a bigger problem than low visibility at this intersection and urged the Council to look at adding more stop signs. Mayor Calvo also received a complaint from a 58th Avenue resident, who was upset about the Code Department taking pictures of her code violations. Having been mailed the photos, Mayor Calvo agreed with the Code Director that the citations were justified. A Natasha Street resident commented that the crack sealing performed on their street coats the cracks with a thin layer of asphalt but does not seal them. A Ruatan Street resident pointed out that a new section of curb in the 5700 block has a hairline crack, and the asphalt next to it has sunken.

CM Dennison received a complaint from a 60th Avenue resident about how Berwyn Heights' officers responded to the break-in of his van. She also received a complaint from a Pontiac Street resident about a sunken part of sidewalk in front of her home, which poses a tripping hazard. MPT Wilkinson said that Public Works is aware of the situation and plans to fix it next year. He received a comment from a resident on the 5900 block of Seminole Street that the street sweeper does not sweep their side of the street and that leaves have not been picked up yet. MPT Wilkinson added that

the rebuilt Four Cities street sweeper will go into operation this month.

58th Avenue right of way: Mayor Calvo welcomed Attorney Larry Taub representing the owners of the property at 5815 Greenbelt Road. Mr. Taub came in for a follow up on the right of way issue that was discussed at the last worksession in TA Murphy's absence. TA Murphy explained that since the last meeting he has had several conversations with Mr. Taub about the Town conveying two strips of land, which were mistakenly included in the 58th Avenue right of way, to the property owners via a quit-claim deed. He proposed that the parties sign a formal agreement to convey the land, which gives the Town a 15' easement on the same land. Further, the agreement holds the Town and the County harmless for any damage to the parking lot, curbing or signage, if the ground must be dug up to repair the storm water drains.

Mr. Taub said that the surveyor engaged by his clients to establish where their property line is has now resolved the ownership questions regarding both the northern and southern strips of land. The quit-claim deed and easement agreement would therefore pertain to both parcels. Mr. Taub affirmed that the proposed agreement grants the Town a non-exclusive easement on the property, and holds it and its authorized agents harmless for any damage caused to the property during the course of maintenance activities within the easement. The easement agreement would be valid for the current and all future owners. MPT Wilkinson noted that the quit-claim deed also provides for a sum of \$3030 to be paid to the Town to purchase trash cans to help mitigate the impact of the 7-Eleven tenant.

TA Murphy was instructed to send the agreements to the Town attorney for review and prepare a resolution to adopt them at the next Town meeting.

2. Code Compliance

Greenbelt Station sector plan update: CM Kulpa-Eddy briefed the Council on last week's sector plan worksession she attended. M-NCPPC planning staff presented their recommendations to the County Planning Board, incorporating the input from stakeholders.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that almost all comments from the Town of Berwyn Heights were accepted although they came in late. The proposed move of the municipal offices to Greenbelt Road was kept in the plan because the planners would like Berwyn Heights to consider it in the future. In their experience private development often follows public investment.

However, the Town is under no obligation to follow the plan. The creation of gateways proposed for the Greenbelt Road commercial corridor will require cooperation between Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt. Rezoning of 55th Avenue at the entrance of Lake Artemesia for future commercial development was not included in the plan, but probably will be in the revisions. The planners agreed that no sidewalk is needed on the east side of Ballew Avenue. They also left any zoning decisions regarding the PG Scrap property in the Town's hands. The City of Greenbelt's proposal to rezone it for recreational use was rejected; one reason being that the property is too small for recreational fields.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the plans for a *diverging diamond* at the Greenbelt Road/ Kenilworth Avenue intersection were clarified. No widening of Greenbelt Road is planned; instead the existing 10 lanes over Kenilworth Avenue would be reduced to 8 lanes, while a green median and bike lanes on both side of Greenbelt Road would be added. She believes that the turn lanes between the Kenilworth Avenue overpass and 62nd Avenue would disappear and be replaced in part with bike lanes. The Planning Department can provide additional plans and illustrations to show what is planned for this section of Greenbelt Road. MPT Wilkinson expressed concern that the Town's recommendations to reduce the width of Greenbelt Road between 63rd Avenue and a point east of 62nd Avenue was not incorporated into the sector plan. The Council agreed to reassert that position at future occasions.

Nothing was discussed under **3. Parks and Recreation.**

4. Public Safety

Police and code car sale: Mayor Calvo said that the Town received an offer of \$300 for the black code car from Brandywine Automotive Parts. To dispose of the police car #1904, Chief Antolik proposed to sell it on AutoTrader.com where it will fetch more than selling it for parts. Current policy is not to sell police cars within the Town of Berwyn Heights or nearby. Prior to sale, all peripheral equipment will be removed and identifying marks erased as best as possible. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested exploring selling the police car through CarMax. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the Council voted 5 to 0 to sell the black code car to Brandywine Automotive Parts, and sell the police car either through AutoTrader.com or CarMax.

5. Public Works

DPW mutual aid procedure: TA Murphy

explained that most municipalities in the vicinity of Berwyn Heights have adopted a Public Works mutual aid agreement. However, if a request for emergency aid is made of the Town, there is no procedure in place as to how the aid would be authorized and men and equipment sent. Currently, there is an impression that the Public Works Director would make the decision. However, the Mutual Aid Agreement does not grant this authority to Public Works staff. TA Murphy therefore proposed that the Public Works Director or other Town official to receive the request either call 1) the Mayor, who would consult with other Councilmembers before authorizing the sending of aid, or 2) the Public Works Department Head, who would call the Mayor, who would consult with Council before sending aid.

Mayor Calvo said that a request for aid is just as likely to come directly to a mayor as to a public works director or town administrator. Whoever receives the request, he thinks the mayor should consult with the Public Works Department Head and then make the decision. He wants the procedure to be as streamlined as possible.

MPT Wilkinson said that there should be a fall back process in case the mayor is out of town or cannot be reached. CM Kulpa-Eddy and Dennison agreed. Mayor Calvo replied that, if the mayor is out of contact or incapacitated, there already is a backup process. Existing procedures provide for the mayor pro tem to take charge of the Town. The transfer of decision making powers should not be triggered by the request for aid but the need to ensure the continuity of government.

CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested that language could be added to a procedure that authorizes the mayor or his designee to send aid. This is important in the event the Town receives a request to send the emergency trailer when the Mayor cannot be reached.

TA Murphy asked if the Council would like to clarify this issue in a Council Rule. Mayor Calvo said that a provision about this should probably be added to Council Rule 11 on the Mayor's duties, and then adopted by resolution. TA Murphy was asked to draft an amendment of the Council Rule and bring it back to the Council for review. The issue should also be addressed in the Emergency Operations Manual, which the NW/EP is in the process of revising.

At 8:17 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

SHA road salt agreement: TA Murphy explained that the State Highway Administration (SHA) office, responsible for agreements with municipalities regarding the sale of road salt, has provided contradictory figures. He was first quoted a price of \$55 per ton of road salt plus overhead, and later \$57 per ton as the price went up. However, the written agreement still has the initial price. He was advised that the Town can adopt and submit the agreement with the correct price penciled in. TA Murphy said that this is a very good price for a reliable supply of salt. The remaining question of where the salt is to be picked up, Cherryhill Lane or Laurel, can be settled administratively. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the agreement does specify Laurel as the pickup site. The Town may want to pencil in a correction for that as well. With no further comments, the Council agreed to adopt the agreement at the December 12 Town meeting.

6. Administration

Audit: TA Murphy explained that he reviewed the FY 2012 audit over the weekend and then had a conversation with the auditor to correct and clarify numbers. The audit version provided today includes revisions to the general fund tables and the public safety taxing budget tables, but does not change the bottom line: the revenues still far exceed expenditures.

The Council will have to make some adjustments to the reserves, however. The money in the infrastructure reserve in FY 2012 was sufficient to cover the Seminole/ Ruatan Street project with \$70,000 to spare. The vehicle replacement reserve covered the purchase of the new Public Works trucks. The cable reserve had enough money to pay for the BHTV upgrade. However, some of the equipment was purchased after June 2012, and will therefore be charged to the FY 2013 budget. This will require a budget amendment. The emergency trailer reserve saw a small increase of \$980, while the surplus went up by \$100,000. He was not able to get an answer from the auditor as yet as to where \$10,000 for recycling disposal fees is reserved. Currently, the recycling market is such that the Town earns money from its disposal, amounting to \$2,700 in FY 2012, which was added to the vehicle replacement reserve.

Mayor Calvo had questions and suggestions regarding the Management Discussion and Analysis on page 3. He said that the most important finding is an increase to net assets by \$347,000, which includes the capital improvements made last year, e.g., the street project, trash

truck purchase and facility upgrades. He asked where in the audit the value of these improvements is reflected, and related to that, how these assets are depreciated. TA Murphy said that capital improvements are listed as part of capital outlays in an expenditure table on page 13. He also provides the auditors with a depreciation schedule for all the town's assets.

Mayor Calvo continued that the ranking of financial highlights in the analysis should be reordered to place the most notable and important items on top. This includes the paragraph about the Seminole/ Ruatan Street project and related funding information, which was the most important project completed last year. Further, the analysis should be more closely aligned with the fiscal practices, such as the policies on reserves the Town implemented over recent years. He would like TA Murphy to polish this document so that it can serve as a template for future audits.

MPT Wilkinson asked that the paragraph on the fund balance be clarified to show that the surplus resulted from a higher than expected income tax receipts. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked to send out the revised document.

Budget calendar: TA Murphy reviewed the calendar for the upcoming budget season. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the June 3 worksession was moved to June 10. Mayor Calvo proposed to move the date for providing budget guidelines to directors from December 7 to 14. There were no objections. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the budget calendar was approved as amended.

Budget guidelines: Mayor Calvo said one of his biggest concerns about recent budgets is that current year estimates of expenditures were bad. Directors especially of the large departments did not give enough thought to producing good expenditure projections for the remainder of the current fiscal year. If the projections are off, it makes it difficult for the Council to budget appropriately. Therefore, he would like TA Murphy to provide more explicit instructions in the budget guidelines on how to improve current year estimates. Part of improving the estimates is to have access to actual expenditures from prior years, which directors do get. However, they should also receive timely current year expenditure reports, which do not always get, to identify line items that diverge from the norm. Being able to track and project expenditures based on current circumstances is a matter of experience, but

also of getting into the habit to focus on budget impacts. TA Murphy said that he does not think that prior year actuals are very helpful. But he may provide the directors with expenditure reports every 15 days to facilitate tracking.

Mayor Calvo continued that it is especially important this year to get directors' best judgment on what they are likely to spend for the remainder of FY 2013 because the Town may lose 20% of its real property tax revenues after this reassessment. For this reason, he wants department directors to provide a proposal on how they would cut spending by 10% in a memo attached to their budget submission. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested that they provide a proposal for both, a lesser 5% budget cut, and an 8% or 10% cut. Mayor Calvo agreed and added that if the loss in tax revenues is greater than 10% there will likely have to be layoffs as well as tax rate increases. It would be irresponsible not to plan for that.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the January Bulletin cover: New Year theme; announcement of M. L. King Tribute, Presidents' Day event, and Traveling Garden Award Reception; jumps for winter weather reminders, scholarship opportunities and a CERT class.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting December 12, 2012

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

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the November 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, 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 and noted that the tree lighting got the holidays off to a very good start.

Many families with young children attended the festivities and sang carols around a newly planted Christmas tree next to the Senior Center.

Mayor Calvo reported that the FY 2012 audit was reviewed by the Council at the last worksession and is almost complete. The bottom line shows that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$120,000. This is remarkable in a year when the Town spent a large amount of money for renovation of the lower sections of Ruatan and Seminole Streets. The most important finding of the audit, however, is that income tax receipts came in higher than expected by approximately \$110,000. This continues a trend from last year, and is likely due to the fact that there has been an increase in young, two-income couples purchasing homes in Town. The higher income tax revenues may help offset the likely decline in real property tax receipts resulting from the ongoing triennial assessment.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Council had a very good meeting with its State and County legislative delegates in November. One concrete result was help offered by Delegate Gaines to obtain State grant funds for the purchase of an emergency generator at the Town Center. The generator will allow the Town Center to function as an emergency center where residents from Berwyn Heights and adjacent neighborhoods can come to cool off or warm up and recharge needed equipment in the event of a power outage.

Governor O'Malley accepted the nomination of Alonzo Washington by the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee to replace retired Justin Ross as the next District 22 Delegate. The appointment becomes official on December 19, when Mr. Washington will be sworn in during a public ceremony. Mr. Washington, who is the chief of staff for County Councilmember Will Campos, expressed his desire to get to know Berwyn Heights better and work constructively with its elected officials.

In other local news, County Councilmember Eric Olson, who was slated to become the next chair of the County Council, was passed over for the chairmanship. A couple of Councilmembers were persuaded to switch their votes to support a second term for current chair Andrea Harrison. This is unfortunate news for Berwyn Heights and other District 3 municipalities, which have not had a representative from their district, lead the Council since the mid 1990s.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that fiscal news for the first half of FY 2013 is good. Revenues are higher this year than last year at this point in time. As the Council liaison to the Playgroup, she thanked the Public Works and Administration Departments for installing bollards with reflectors at the intersection of Seminole Street and 56th Avenue to shield the Indian Creek playground from errant vehicles. Playgroup parents appreciate the additional safety they provide. Playgroup will hold its annual holiday party on December 20, 10:30 a.m. All families with children 1 – 5 years are invited.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Code Compliance Department wishes everyone happy holidays and encourages residents to make it a green holiday season by reducing the environmental impact of giving gifts. A couple of ways to do that are buying locally-made gifts, gifts made from recyclable materials, and gifts that do not need batteries. Re-gifting is also a good option, if done thoughtfully. CM Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that Town regulations require residents to recycle cardboard boxes, which should be set out for collection on Wednesdays, while Styrofoam packaging materials can be recycled at the Greenbelt Public Works yard on January 26.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that the tree lighting went very well and the children who participated enjoyed making crafts and taking pictures with Santa Claus. The holiday decorating contest will continue through December 31 and prizes for best decorated house, best yard and best overall will be awarded in January or February. On January 12, the Recreation Council will host a reception of the winners of the traveling garden award. All are invited. Lastly, CM Dennison thanked MPT Wilkinson and the Public Works Department for installing bollards at Indian Creek playground. However, she continues to be concerned about vehicles not stopping at the stop sign at Seminole and 56th Avenue.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for November. There were 8 Part I offenses, 6 of which were larcenies. This number is lower than the 5 year average of 8.6. Year-to-date Part I offenses numbered 58, which is also well below the 5 year average of 93. Officers issued 92 State and Town citations and recorded a total of 351 speed camera citations. Eighty four speed camera tickets were issued for the 5900 block of Pontiac Street, 89 for the 6200 block of Pontiac Street and

178 for the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik concluded with holiday safety tips, including reminders not to drive under the influence of alcohol. He noted that the Washington Regional Alcohol program is again offering free cab rides for up to \$30 on New Year's Eve as part of the *soberide* program.

Mayor Calvo added that the Berwyn Heights Police Department has been invited to participate in providing security during the Presidential Inauguration on January 21. Further, Chief Antolik arranged for representatives from the Prince George's County call center to attend the February Town meeting. All residents concerned about the non-emergency response system should plan to attend.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson said that he and his family enjoyed this year's tree lighting and caroling around a new tree. He and CM Almoguera met with the BHES principal and vice principal last week, who provided them with needed data and a letter of support for the Safe Routes to School grant application. He also followed up with the PGCPs construction office about improving the foot path through the Greenbelt school bus lot, which students use to reach the Greenbelt Middle School. Superintendent Hite had promised that this would be done before he made the decision to accept another position. He provided the PGCPs construction office with a written confirmation of the promise and was told that the improvements will move forward.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that Public Works installed new *Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalk* signs at the intersection of Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road. The signs work great for pedestrians but they have already been hit a few of times by the County bus and the UMD shuttle. If this remains a problem, the signs may have to be moved to the side of the road, where they would be less effective. Curb-side leaf pickup continues until the end of December. Residents should not rake leaves into the street but close to the curb. Residents are also reminded not to shovel snow into the street after a snow storm, which inhibits the work of the snow plows, and clear sidewalks in front of their property.

MPT Wilkinson expressed support for the appointment of Alonzo Washington as the next District 22 delegate. He believes that he will be a good representative for Berwyn Heights. The Public Works Department is looking forward to the new Four Cities street sweeper being put into service next year. The next sweeping in Berwyn Heights is scheduled for early February. Lastly, he advised that Santa

Claus usually rides through Town on the back of a fire truck on Christmas Eve to greet residents and distribute goodies.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dennison reported that she attended a recent PGCPs boundary hearing. It was proposed to district all deaf and hard of hearing students to one specially equipped school. It is further proposed that all students wishing to attend the Greenbelt Middle School Talented & Gifted (TAG) program, including in-boundary students from Berwyn Heights, must apply through a lottery. Parents and other stakeholders can give input on the proposed changes at upcoming boundary and school board meetings. CM Dennison announced that anyone interested in chairing the Education Advisory Committee should contact her.

Historical Committee: CM Dennison reported that the Historical Committee is planning to hold its Presidents' Day event on Saturday, February 16. The grandson of former President Taft, Hugh Taft-Morales and his wife will be in attendance to give a presentation.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that a CERT training class has been scheduled for the weekend of March 9-10, 2013. More information will be published in the next Bulletin.

Recreation Council: Reported under Department Reports.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

Resolution 09-2012, Adoption of SHA Salt Utilization Agreement: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo said that this agreement allows the Town to purchase road salt at a set price as needed during the winter months. While this agreement does not preclude the Town purchasing road salt elsewhere, it provides reliable access to SHA's supplies.

MPT Wilkinson added that the agreement formalizes an understanding the Town has had with SHA about being able to get road salt when needed. However, previously SHA contractors at the salt dome not always aware of the agreement and would not supply the salt when requested. This agreement will provide guaranteed access to road salt, while allowing SHA to track salt supplies and payments. Acting Director Lockley supports the agreement. With no further comments, the agreement was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

Resolution 10-2012, Adoption of the Quit Claim & Easement Agreement 5815 Greenbelt Road: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. Mayor Calvo explained the agreement with the owners of the 5815 Greenbelt Road property, which has a 7-Eleven franchise and a vacant storefront, corrects an earlier surveying mistake, which identified a piece of the property as Town right of way. The agreement conveys the land back to the owners for the purpose of the sale of the property now in progress, while guaranteeing the Town an easement on the property for the purpose of maintaining 58th Avenue storm drains. As a show of good faith, the owners of the property and the 7-Eleven tenant have also agreed to contribute money to the purchase additional trash cans around the stores.

Legal Counsel for the property owners, Larry Taub, thanked the Council for their cooperation in the matter. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the Resolution was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

8. Citizens Discussion

John Biddle, Berwyn Road, called in to complain about low-flying helicopters, in particular a helicopter flying at such a low altitude on December 6 so as to make it possible to read its registration number, N-412DE. TA Murphy, who took the call, told the resident that he will try to track this one down.

Mayor Calvo said that most helicopters flying over Berwyn Heights belong to Park & Planning, Park police, who are patrolling the Anacostia Trails and Lake Artemesia park land. Councilmember Eric Olson previously told him that the Park Police has instructions not to fly low over residential areas, unless there is a specific reason.

CM Dennison noted that it may have been the same helicopter that flew very low over BHES recently and scared children and teachers out for recess. The school learned later that the incident was related to an accident on the Beltway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
December 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem Wilkinson, Councilmembers

Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator Murphy, Clerk Harper and Acting Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley.

1. Mayor

Agenda: An executive session regarding a personnel matter was added to the agenda.

Announcements: MPT Wilkinson's daughter Anya celebrated her 9th birthday.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. Discussion of budget goals was added for the January 7 and 22 worksessions.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the December 3 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: MPT Wilkinson reported that the employee holiday lunch went well. In addition to Mayor Calvo, Code Director Solomon was unable to attend, and TA Murphy had to leave early. The Public Works Department is wrapping up curbside leaf collection. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that apart from a building permit issued last week, code activities have slowed down.

CM Dennison announced upcoming events, including wine & cheese receptions for the Traveling Garden Award on January 12 and the BHHC's Presidents' Day on February 16, which will feature a presentation by the grandson of President Taft, Hugh Taft-Morales and his wife Maureen. At recent boundary hearings, it was proposed that all children wishing to attend the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) TAG program, including in-boundary students, will have to apply through a lottery. Further, all deaf and hard of hearing students are proposed to be districted to the same school. Following the Connecticut elementary school shooting, police were present at Berwyn Heights Elementary School today, and staff met after school to talk about emergency plans. MPT Wilkinson noted that making all students apply to the GMS TAG program through the lottery would be a major policy change. He plans to talk with Acting Superintendent Arborgast about this.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison received a comment that some Town employees drive too fast on Berwyn Road. MPT Wilkinson received a comment that the new lights on the pedestrian bridge over the Metro tracks are too bright. He also thanked Kristen Buker for putting together a coat drive at BHES for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

At 7:26 p.m., the Council took a 10 min-

ute break.

Refuse collection program update: Mayor Calvo welcomed Acting Director Adrian Lockley for a discussion about the status of the refuse collection program. Mayor Calvo explained that, for the last 3 years, the Town has tried to reduce trash disposal while increasing recycling. The goal is to create efficiencies that allow the Public Works Department to do more with the same resources. One way to do this might be to perform the 2nd weekly trash collection on Thursday and Friday on one day. This is a good time to review how changes in the housing market and in the Town's demographic makeup have impacted the trash collection program.

TA Murphy said that the Town's efforts to streamline the refuse collection program began when it took on in-house recycling in October 2008. At that time, the disposal of recyclables at a new county recycling center earned the Town \$15 per ton of recycled materials. Since then, the recycling market has gone up and down, with Town sometimes earning money and sometimes paying money to dispose of recyclables. Last year, the Town earned \$2,700, which was added to the vehicle replacement reserve. The main challenge is to get to the recycling center by 3:30 p.m., or to the landfill by 3:00 p.m. before they close. If they cannot get there in time, the trash or recyclables have to be dumped the following day, which then requires 2 truck drivers.

While the amount of recyclables has stayed fairly constant at 5-6 tons per disposal, the amount of trash has gone down over the last 3 years: from approximately 210 tons per month to currently 185 tons per month. Beginning last summer, a new refuse collection schedule has been implemented for holidays. After a Monday holiday, Public Works collects trash for the entire Town on Tuesdays, and yard waste together with recycling on Wednesdays. Based on this experience, TA Murphy is convinced that the Thursday/Friday trash collection could be consolidated into one day, especially since the second weekly collection is always less than the first. However, he is not convinced that this would save money because the same amount of people and equipment is needed to dispose of the trash. The main advantage is that it would free up Fridays to do other things around Town, such as crack-sealing. The new 27 cubic yard trash truck makes the difference in being able to collect trash and recyclables for both the north and south side in one day. Previously, that was not possible.

Mayor Calvo analyzed the weekly and monthly refuse statistics provided by TA Murphy. He asked how often Public Works has to run a second truck on one day, and how full trucks are when they leave the Town for dumping. Mr. Lockley said he rarely needs to run a second truck, but mostly when refuse is collected for the entire Town after a holiday. The fill ratio differs from week to week and day to day. However, there is a predictable pattern:

- On Mondays the truck is usually completely full.
- On Tuesdays it is on average 3/4 full.
- On Thursdays and Fridays the truck is a little more than half full.

Monday and Tuesday collections include a fair amount of bulk trash residents clean out over weekends.

Mayor Calvo noted that, based on the statistics provided, a full truck on Mondays appears to carry between 6 and 7 tons of refuse. Weight can change based on other factors: rained-on trash is heavier; and bulk trash is lighter because it is less dense. Tuesday collections after a Monday holiday average around 11 tons, but this represents a total from 2 trucks manned by 2 crews. The limiting factor on being able to collect the entire Town in one day is time as much as volume, since the truck must leave Town by 2 p.m. to get to the landfill by 3 p.m.

CM Almoguera commented that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that municipalities switch to once-a-week trash collection, with Public Works Departments figuring out how to do it most efficiently. Research shows that it would save a lot of money because people are pushed to reduce trash and recycle more. She would prefer to drop a second weekly pickup entirely, rather than consolidating Thursday/Friday pickups into one day.

Mayor Calvo replied that he has tried to push for once-a-week trash collection a couple of years ago. However, the issue is whether the amount of trash disposed by residents in a week can be picked up in a once-a-week collection with the equipment and crew the Town has available. Once-a-week pickup would not actually save money if trucks had to make the same amount trips to the landfill. This happens on Tuesdays after a holiday when 2 crews with 2 trucks collect trash for the entire Town.

TA Murphy said he thinks that landfill trips could be reduced if the Town had another 27 cubic yard truck. Public

Works could pick up trash for the entire Town with one of the larger capacity trucks if it did not have to dump it by 3 p.m. Trash could, for example, be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays and then dumped the following day. A second bigger truck is needed when trash is collected for the entire Town on 2 consecutive days. Mr. Lockley noted that one problem with collecting the entire Town on a Monday is that the Department is often short-staffed.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that bulk trash is an unknown factor, which makes planning for change difficult. She asked if there is any data on the amount of bulk trash collected per week, or if the numbers can be estimated. Mr. Lockley replied that only the bulk trash collected in a separate truck could be tracked, but not the materials collected together with regular trash.

CM Dennison suggested initiating a pilot program of once-a-week trash collection to see how it would work. She also thought that bulk trash collection might be reduced to once-a-month, which is done in other jurisdictions. Mayor Calvo said that a pilot program would test once-a-week collection for a small sample of the Town, which is not really feasible. Any changes will need to encompass the entire Town. MPT Wilkinson commented that once-a-month bulk trash collection was abandoned because it increased illegal dumping and generated massive amounts of bulk trash that could not be collected in one day.

CM Almoguera said there is quite a bit of data on the successful implementation of once-a-week trash collection. She believes that it can be done in Berwyn Heights if the change is explained as part of necessary budget cuts, and by pointing out potential benefits, such as freed up time to do important maintenance tasks. In addition, a backup program could be set up whereby fee-for-service trash collection is available for residents who need it more than once a week. Further, TA Murphy's statistics show that there was a significant reduction in trash volume in 2012. The average weekly tonnage was over 20 tons only 8 times and over 23 tons only once. Mayor Calvo said what counts is not the weekly average but the number of days on which the tonnage exceeds the capacity of one truck.

Mayor Calvo said that he does not think it is possible to collect all the trash in Town in 2 days. He would instead focus on trying to make one less trip to the landfill. But how to best accomplish this remains to be figured out. One possibility may be to consolidate Thursday/

Friday pickups, another to divide the Town into thirds, with each sector collected once a week. The closing of the Brown Station landfill in a few years, may open the doors to less costly disposal options. It might be possible to use trash transfer stations that are closer to Berwyn Heights, such as the one in Washington D.C.

Mayor Calvo asked Mr. Lockley whether Public Works is still enforcing trash violations, and tracking egregious offenders. Mr. Lockley said that he no longer enforces trash violations systematically because he is driving trucks on Mondays and Tuesdays. When he was actively enforcing violations there was improvement. A number of residents that were cited asked for additional recycling containers and began to recycle regularly. Mayor Calvo said that conforms with his observations. Therefore he would like Public Works to continue to enforce violations. In most cases, it may suffice to drop off warning notices. Full documentation may only be needed when a violator does not respond to the notices, and fines need to be issued. Other staff may be able to help with enforcement.

Mayor Calvo summed up that enforcement was one component of trying to reduce the amount of trash generated so that fewer trips to the landfill are needed. Today's review of the program was done in part to find out if the numbers have gone down. He thinks they have gone down somewhat. MPT Wilkinson said that another way to reduce trash may be for the Green Team to help educate residents in composting their food waste, which adds a lot of weight to the refuse totals. CM Almoguera said it would also be useful to periodically remind residents on what can be recycled, by sending flyers and posting messages on BHTV and the website.

Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Lockley for his input and urged him to continue to think about how to achieve efficiencies that allow the Department to do more with existing resources. The Council will again discuss the issue during the budget season.

2. Parks and Recreation

O'Dea House letter of support: Mayor Calvo explained that he was contacted by Chanel Kopecki who owns the historic O'Dea house on Ruatan Street, requesting the Council to support her application for a historic property grant. Clerk Harper drafted a letter for the Council to review. MPT Wilkinson asked whether the O'Dea house is in fact the only historic home on the National Register and was informed that it is. With no further comments, CM Dennison moved

to approve the letter. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **3. Public Safety** and **4. Public Works**.

4. Administration

Council Rule 11-Mayor's Duties: Mayor Calvo said he added this item to the agenda as a follow up to the recent Council discussion on the process for authorizing aid to another municipality in case of an emergency. The Council agreed on a policy, which calls for the Mayor or his designee to authorize emergency aid in consultation with the councilmember who heads the Public Works Department. But the Council did not make a decision on how to formalize the policy as part of the Town's legal framework. Council Rule 11, which lists other duties of the Mayor, seemed like a logical place.

Mayor Calvo related that a resident and former councilmember, who reviewed the agenda packet, was under the impression that this discussion was about expanding the powers of the Mayor inconsistent with the Charter. Mayor Calvo clarified that the Charter clearly identifies the majority of the Council as the CEO of the Town government, with the Mayor serving as Chair of the Council, but being equal to other Councilmembers in other respects. The proposed change to Council Rule 11 would not alter this framework.

Mayor Calvo asked if Councilmembers are comfortable with adding the procedure about authorizing emergency aid to this Council Rule, which would be adopted by resolution at the next Town meeting. There were no objections. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she would like to see a draft resolution before adoption. MPT Wilkinson added that the procedure should include an authority of the Mayor or his designee to request emergency assistance. The Council agreed. Mayor Calvo said that he would also like the grammar of Council Rule 11 to be cleaned up, using complete sentences to list the Mayor's duties. TA Murphy was asked to draft a revised Council Rule for review at the next worksession.

6. Code Compliance

Code car purchase: CM Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Council budgeted \$21,000 in FY 2013 for the purchase of a new code car. The Council did not approve the earlier proposal by the Code Director because of concerns about low gas mileage of the proposed vehicles and their accessibility. The Director has now assembled a new proposal, which seeks to address the Council's concerns. The potential vehicles are listed in the

order of the Director's preference: 1) Chevy Impala at \$19,500; 2) Jeep Patriot at \$21,200; 3) Ford Escape at \$20,900; 4) Chevy Captiva Sport at \$21,600; and 5) Subaru Forester at \$20,900.

The Council agreed that the Ford Escape offers the highest mpg for the best price. CM Dennison moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to approve the purchase of the Ford Escape. The motion passed 5 to 0. Mayor Calvo said he would like the Director to check with several different dealers for the lowest quotes.

7. Executive Session (9:40 p.m. - 10:05 p.m.)

MPT Wilkinson moved to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter. CM Almoguera seconded. With matter discussed, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Almoguera seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Kerstin Harper,
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Code News

P.O.D.S. Fees

PODS stands for Portable On-Demand Storage, the latest in convenience for the transfer and storage of belongings. The units can be delivered to a specified location for loading and then transferred to another location for unloading or indefinite storage. If you are using PODS you must get a permit from the Town.

The fee is **\$50** for 30 days. A **\$15** late fee applies if you do not have a permit when the PODS is in place. A **\$25** penalty fee applies if the PODS is placed on the street or in Town right-of-way.

Winter Reminders:

Please clear sidewalks from snow and ice but refrain from shoveling snow into the street. Please cover your trash and recycling cans and do not put hot ashes into trash cans for collection.

Code Activity for December:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 0; Trash/ Litter = 18; Vehicle Violations = 1; Yard Waste = 6; Miscellaneous Violations = 13; Abate-ments = 2.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 0; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 19; Rental Investigations = 2; Building Permits = 5; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 3.

Receipts: Permits = \$1,046; Fines and Late Fees = \$675; Liens = \$25; Code Fines, Cleanouts, Abatement Receipts, including liens mailed to the County = \$475.





Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

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

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

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



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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

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee



 **PRESIDENTS' DAY** 
W E E K E N D

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

Saturday
February 16th
2 p.m.
TOWN HALL
(upstairs)

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

**Door Prizes
Music &
Refreshments**

TALKING TAFT . . .

Be sure not to miss our annual Presidents' Day event. We will have displays, music, refreshments and a special presentation by our guest of honor, **Hugh Taft-Morales**—great grandson of William Howard Taft, our 27th President! We'll also have door prize drawings throughout the 2-hour event!

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working with the committee on events and projects that highlight our Town's unique history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the 4th Tuesday each month at 7:30 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on February 26th.

The 1st Motoring Presidency

The 2012 White House Christmas Ornament

The 2012 White House Historical Association Christmas ornament honors William Howard Taft, the twenty-seventh president of the United States. While serving as secretary of war, Taft became smitten with the White steamer. A pre-gasoline steam-powered touring car, it was manufactured by the White Sewing Company of Cleveland, Ohio, Taft's home state. The car was big, able to hold seven people. Prior to Taft's presidency, horse and buggy was the standard mode of transportation of Presidents.



—courtesy The White House Historical Association

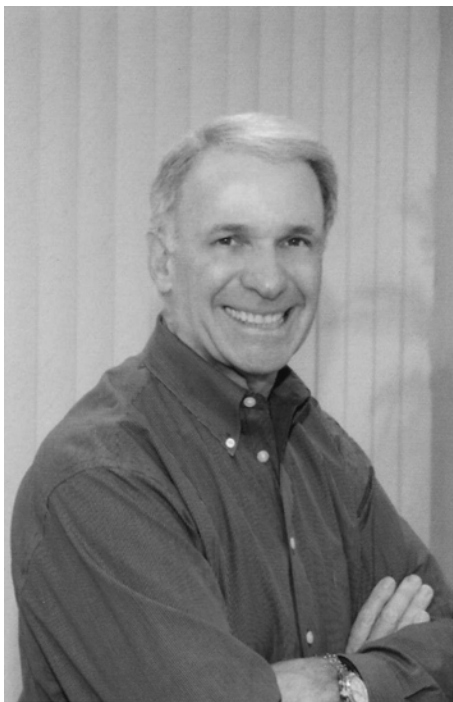
CHECK OUT OUR NEW "BHHC BLOG": <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

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

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

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SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 9-10, 2013

Berwyn Heights CERT Training

Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference.

When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used to distribute and/or install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the home of elderly, distribute disaster education material, provide services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

There are many jobs within a CERT for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, CERT members are needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. Non-disaster related team activities may include keeping databases, developing a website, writing a newsletter, planning activities, helping with special events and organizing exercises and activities.

Please join us March 9 and 10, 2013, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center (5700 Berwyn Road)

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BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



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

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

12/03/2012 at 12:15 am Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a suspicious subject in a back yard of a residential property. The suspicious person was located and identified. In addition, the subject was intoxicated and sent on way after a field interview was conducted.

12/03/2012 at 7:28 am, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1998 Nissan Sentra from the location of the 5500 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without a license.

12/04/2012 at 6:48 am Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block for a report of a burglary in progress. Upon arrival with the assistant of a Prince George's County Police officer, it was determine that the caller, a 63 Y/O, female called 911 emergency for unrelated nature and misused the emergency system.

12/04/2012 at 8:17 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8500 block of 63rd Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 2004 Cadillac. Unknown person smashed out the window.

12/04/2012 at 11:23 am Pfc. Ignowski, Det. Unger and the Chief of Police responded to the corner of 63rd Avenue and Quebec Street for a report of two suspicious subjects. The two subjects were identified, interviewed and sent on way.

12/04/2012 at 12:38 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Med Ped Health care located at 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of theft. Unknown person compromised several business checks and deposited for cash.

12/05/2012 at 4:25 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a lost property report for a 39 Y/O male who claims that he lost his wallet on Ballew Avenue.

12/08/2012 at 12:12 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1999 Toyota from the location of 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver of the vehicle was driving on suspended insurance.

12/08/2012 at 4:15 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2002 Volks from the location of 8900 block of 57th Avenue for unregistered vehicle.

12/10/2012 at 5:15 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2008 Chrysler from the location of 8900 block of 62nd Avenue for unregistered vehicle.

12/11/2012 at 9:30 pm, Pvt. Duck and Sergeant Moroney responded to the Prince George's County Scrap 5700 Branchville Road for a suspicious person complaint. Investigation by Pvt. Duck revealed that a suspicious male drove up to the scrap yard and exited his vehicle with a wire cutter. The suspect was identified as Mr. David Wenk a 44 Y/O, W/M from Hyattsville, MD. Mr. Wink was arrested

12/15/2012 at 2:48 am Pfc. Ignowski arrested Lazaro Hernandez-Garcia a 26 Y/O, W/H male from the location of 5700 block of Berwyn Road for driving while under the influence in his 2001 Volk. Mr. Hernandez-Garcia is a resident of Riverdale, MD.

12/15/2012 at 11:55 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2002 Toyota Truck from the location of 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

12/16/2012 at 3:13 pm, Pfc. Krouse stopped a suspicious subject in the area of Edmonston Road at Tecumseh Place. The subject was walking with a visible open alcoholic beverage. The subject a 45 Y/O, B/M a Greenbelt resident was checked for warrants and sent on way.

12/17/2012 at 2:45 pm, Pfc. Krouse and Chief Antolik stopped a 42 Y/O, W/M for taking pictures around the BHES. Investigation later revealed that he was taking pictures of houses for the bank. He was checked and sent on way.

12/18/2012 at 1:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson submitted a report of a trespassing for a 24 Y/O, W/M, who claims that a friend of his entered his room without consent. The crime allegedly occurred in the 7600 block of Charlton Ave.

12/19/2012 at 2:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson and Chief Antolik responded to the dead end of Osage St near the park entrance for a report of someone riding dirt bikes on MD park property. A short time later two 19 Y/O, H/M were identified and citations were issued by the Park Police.

12/25/2012 at 1130 am, PFC Roberson impounded a 1999 Mercury at the location of 5700 block of Quebec Street for displaying a tag to another vehicle.

12/23/2012 at 4:00 pm, Pvt. Duck responded to the 8800 block of Edmonston Road for a report of damage property to a 2012 Dodge Caravan. It is unknown when and where the damage occurred.

12/26/2012 at 11:00 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the State Employee Credit Union for a report of a fraud. Victim, a 78 Y/O, B/M, resident of Glendale, MD claims that his bank account was compromised.

12/29/2012 at 10:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1999 Chevy Tahoe from the location of 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without a proper license.

12/30/2012 at 2:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1996 Honda from the location of 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver of the vehicle was displaying a tag belonging to another vehicle. Furthermore, the driver was identified as Mr. Tony Tremayne Johnson, a 29 Y/O, B/M, resident of Hyattsville. He was arrested on scene for an open warrant for filing to appear in Court.

12/30/2012 at 12:15 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the Staples Office supply for a report of theft. Two black males entered the store and removed a telephone without paying for them.

12/31/2012 at 3:42 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1992 BMW from the location of Charlton Avenue at Villanova Rd. The vehicle was left abandoned obstructing the road.

12/31/2012 at 2:45 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6300 block of Seminole for a report of a burglary. A 25 Y/O, Latino male claims that an unknown person entered his home and removed his PlayStation and a backpack.

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

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



The Bugle

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

FEBRUARY 2013

GREAT FUTURES START HERE!

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club will be holding our 2013 Club registration on Saturday, February 2nd, and Saturday February 9th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM at the Berwyn Heights Community Center, next to Berwyn Heights elementary school.

We will be offering the following sports: Track, Spring and Fall Soccer, Spring Baseball, Spring Softball, Spring Tee Ball, Ball Hockey, Cheerleading, and Bowling! This year we are also proud to announce a Winter Session of organized play in the Community Center Gym free of charge for all club members. Sports are open to children from 4 to 16 years of age.

You are welcome to use the form on the back of this page to register. Also copies of our registration forms can be found online at bhbhc.org and will be available on sign up days. You may also contact our Membership Chairperson: Leslie Wolfinger by email: leswolfinger@gmail.com. The cost for participation is \$30.00 for the first sport, \$20 for each additional sport, and there is a \$30 county fee for each child.

Coaches and Volunteers Needed

If you have a little time in your schedule to either coach a team or volunteer to assist with our youth, we would be happy to meet you! Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Berwyn Heights Town Center. If you would like to help out but are unsure and want to speak with someone, please contact Shinita Hemby at (202) 531-6066 or by email at hembygirl@yahoo.com.

Behind every Great Kid is a Great Adult, Setting a Great Example!



Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club Executive Board

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See Page 18 for listing of commissioners by game (Athletic Committee).



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club

2013 Family Registration

Valid BHBGC Sports Year 2013 for Children Ages 4 though 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) *Registrations will not be accepted unless the above items are submitted together To obtain Yellow County ID card and White County Registration Form Contact: Leslie Wolfinger Phone: 301-345-5121 email: leswolfinger@gmail.com				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 Session (Dec - Feb) 1 hour of organized play	Cheerleading (Sept - Feb)	Bowling (Jan-Mar) includes shoe rental	Membership Fee is as Follows:** 1st Sport \$30 Each Additional Sport \$20 Bowling is \$50.00/child	
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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4.												free			
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 2013, I must register my family via this form and pay any applicable 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 while traveling to or from, or participating 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, if I fail to return the uniform within 2 weeks of the completion of the season, I will pay \$30 for a replacement that 6) Activities involving BHBGC members may be videotaped and shown on the Berwyn Heights cable TV channel, along with photos being placed on the 7) All returned checks will be charged a \$25 fee.														Membership Total	\$
The Club is looking into offering Wrestling - would your son/daughter be interested in this sport? Football is not an option due to the expenses associated with the sport.														County Fee	\$30 x _____ (per child)
Parent Signature (required for membership):														TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Date															
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									

web site: www.bhbgc.org

** The Cost is \$30 per sport and \$20 per additional sport. The price does not include the \$30 County Fee!

RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 7 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!

April 2013 at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (more details in next month's bulletin)

Berwyn Heights Day Preview – Saturday, May 4

- ❖ Fun Run 8:30 a.m. (8:00 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, \$3.00 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, 2013**. For additional information, contact Kristen Buker at 443-623-0013, KristenBuker@aol.com



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Boys & Girls Club

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 Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas
 Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661
 Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052
 Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055
 Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055
 Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569
 Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022
 Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adjustable Bed FOR SALE: Electric bed adjusts at both head & feet for total comfort while sleeping, watching TV, reading, or just relaxing. Selling (1) FULL size and (1) TWIN size. Call Sue — 443-226-6628

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

www.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html

Or email: gotv12@yahoo.com

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

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

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



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60th Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

Station Telephone: (301) 474-7866

In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Thank You!



The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad would like to sincerely thank all of the residents and businesses that supported our 2012 Fund Drive. These funds are used exclusively to defray the costs of operating the best fire department in the county. If you missed our Fund Drive mailer and would like to donate you are always welcome to do so by mailing a check or stopping by the fire station. Another special thanks to everyone that came out and supported our Christmas Tree sales this year.

Volunteers Needed!

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad is always looking for dedicated volunteers to help protect the citizens and visitors of Berwyn Heights and surrounding communities. We have several membership classifications such as Firefighter, Ambulance Technician as well as Administrative only positions within the department. We offer an income tax deduction, volunteer retirement and a live-in program. There is no better way to serve your community! Please contact the station at (301) 474-7886 or stop by for an application.

Car Donations for Tax Deduction!

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad operates one of the busiest Rescue Squads in region, covering over 60 miles of highways. Our members use donated vehicles in training for vehicle rescues and extrication techniques. We are able to offer a tax deduction equal to the current fair market value of any used car when donated to the department. If you are interested in donating a used car please email JHurley@bhvfd14.org or contact the station at 301-474-7886.

Have an Emergency? Call 911!	Space Heater Safety
<p>BHVFD would like to remind residents to <i>call 911 if they are experiencing an emergency!</i> Please do not call the firehouse for emergency help, as emergency calls must go through the official County channels in order for us to be quickly dispatched and legally respond to help you. <i>Thank You</i></p> 	<p>Space heaters are one of the biggest causes of winter time fires. <u>Be sure to plug your space heaters directly into wall outlets</u> and never into an extension cord or power strip. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.</p> 



Visit us online at <http://www.BHVFD14.org/> for more information and to see working incidents we have run!

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Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

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BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

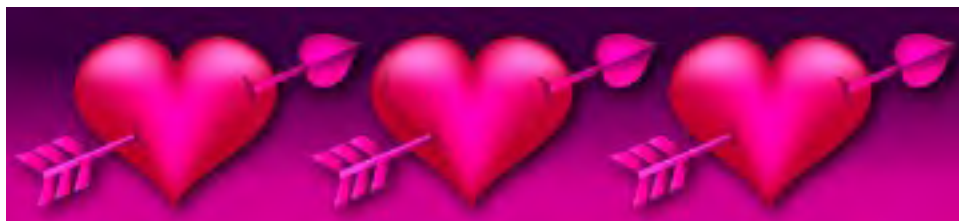
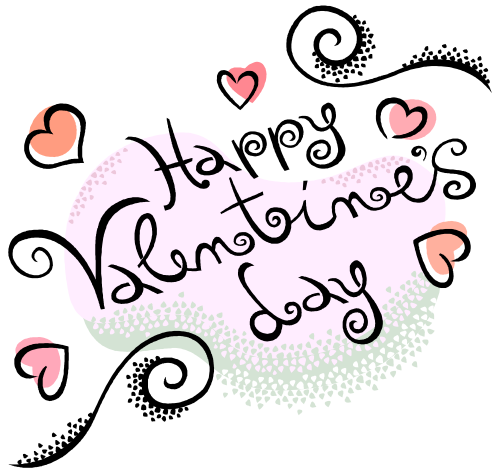
The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors. Also check the boards for special activities. Drop in to the Center, or attend the meeting, and find out what’s going on. There is always something to do even if it is just getting together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Feb. 3	Philip Waltz
Feb. 6	Tommy Anderson
Feb. 8	Frank Baxter
Feb. 9	Mary Smith
Feb. 15	Ronald Luftman
Feb. 16	Jerry Anzulovic
Feb. 22	Agnes Belasco
Feb. 24	Joke-Lan-Lam

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Feb. 5	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Feb. 6	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Feb. 7	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 9	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
Feb. 12	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
Feb. 13	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Feb. 14	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 16	Game Day	2:00 P.M.
Feb. 19	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Feb. 20	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Feb. 21	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Feb. 23	Movie	2:00 P.M.
Feb. 26	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
Feb. 27	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Feb. 28	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.



MD Senatorial / House of Delegates Scholarships

Each representative from our State legislative district (District 22) offers a scholarship for students residing in the district. Selection is based on financial need and/or academic achievement. The application process is a little different for each, but it is well worth applying for all three:

Senator Paul G. Pinsky: Go to www.senatorpinsky.org, click on *Scholarship Application* and complete and submit application on-line **by April 4, 2013.**

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines: Go to www.tawannagaines.org, click *Scholarship Information*, and download Scholarship Application. Complete application. Mail application and a 300 word essay to Delegate Gaines **by April 1, 2013.**

Delegate Anne Healey: Go to www.delegatehealey.com, click *Scholarship Information*, and download application. Complete application, and mail completed application to Delegate Anne Healey, Maryland House of Delegates, 6 Bladen Street, Room 350, Annapolis, MD 21401, ATTN: Scholarship by **April 15, 2013.**

For all scholarships, you must:

Live in District 22 (which includes Berwyn Heights)

Be a full or part time student

Attend an eligible Maryland institution of higher education or private career school during 2013-2014 academic year

Be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, post secondary career, vocational or professional studies program, and Submit a free application for *Federal Student Aid* (see www.fafsa.ed.gov) by March 1, 2013



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The true “measure” of Real Estate Expertise in Berwyn Heights...I list and sell “by the yard”!

3 ways the Housing Market is changing in 2013:

- Inventory is down: listed inventory of available homes is down 22.5% from a year ago. If a buyer sees a desirable home, they should jump on it, if they don't someone else will!
- Ability to repay rule: lenders officially will begin in Jan 2014, but most are phasing in new guidelines now. Meaning, no more “no or low doc” loans, no interest only loans. Also a higher debt to income ratio for buyers.
- Fewer distressed properties: While still fairly high (2.3 mil) distressed properties nationwide, banks are backlogged to take back more. They are also giving owners more opportunities to stay in the home.

Outlook for 2013...Hope springs in housing market...

- Stabilization
- Multiple Offers
- Slow and steady increase

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

NEW LISTING- 5820 Quebec St-6+BRs,3 BAs,space galore,new kit \$389,000
NEW LISTING-5710 Berwyn Rd-4BR,2BA rambler,hdwd flrs, updated kit & baths, fresh paint, new appl, new vanities,...\$264,900.
AVAILABLE-RENT-6215 Quebec Pl-3BR,2 BA rambler...\$1800mo.
UNDER CONTRACT-6010 Westchester Park Dr-2 BR condo....\$99,900.

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



Department of Public Works

REMINDERS



Please use approved trash containers to help keep our Community clean and reduce expenses

A small number of residents continue to put out their trash in plastic or paper bags. Stray animals have been tearing apart these bags and causing an unsightly mess which has to be cleaned up by Public Works staff.

Cleaning up the trash results in a substantial cost to the Town due to the additional number of man-hours required to clear the curb lines. This expense can be avoided by residents complying with the rules and regulations regarding trash collection contained in Town Ordinance No. 117, Section 4: Duties and Responsibilities of Property Owners and Occupants. A copy of the rules regarding trash can be viewed online at: <http://berwyn-heights.com/ordinances/117.html> or a hard copy can be made available to you by contacting the Public Works Office at (301) 474-6897.

Your cooperation in complying with the Refuse Ordinance will help to cut Community expenses and avoid the necessity of enforcing the Rules and Regulations by issuing warnings and imposing fines on offenders.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ✓ Regular Trash pickup is on Mondays and Thursdays (North Side) and Tuesdays and Fridays (South Side) and Bulk Refuse is collected along with your regular trash on your second collection day.
 - ✓ Trash should not be left at the curb prior to 6:00pm on the day prior to collection.
 - ✓ It is a violation of Ordinance #117 to dispose of recyclable material with regular trash. All recyclables are collected weekly on Wednesdays unless otherwise announced in the Town Bulletin or via Public Works' voicemail.
 - ✓ Trash cans and recycling containers must be removed from curbside within 24 hours of collection.
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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

February 2013

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 2 – 12pm-2pm – Community Center Boys and Girls Club Registration

Feb 6 – Market Day Pick Up

Feb 9 – 12pm-2pm – Community Center Boys and Girls Club Registration

Feb 15 – No School for Students

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Feb 18 - School Closed - President's Day

Feb 28 – Market Day Order Cut Off

Safety Concerns

Parents please have your children arrive as close to 9am as possible.

Please drop your children off at the back door of the school. ***Not*** in front of the school or on the street in front of the school. Child vs. car or bus...car or bus wins.

Market Day Fundraiser for Berwyn Heights Elementary School

The PTA has initiated an important new fundraising program. Market Day is a unique and valuable monthly food fundraiser that we have engaged to help fund the needs of our school. *El PTA ha iniciado un pogrom importante captación de nuevos fondos. Día de mercado es una comida mensual única y valiosa para recaudar fondos que nos hemos comprometido a ayudar a financiar las necesidades de nuestra escuela.*

The funds earned will be used to support the field trip programs for all grades. *Los fondos obtenidos se utilizarán para apoyar los programas de visitas de estudio para todos los grados.*

We are excited to partner with Market Day because:

Estamos entusiasmados de colaborar con Market Day porque:

- By doing your grocery shopping with Market Day, you are feeding your family while enhancing your child's education. We earn up to 20% on every purchase you make.
- *Al hacer sus compras con Market Day, usted está alimentando a su familia mientras mejora la educación de su hijo. Obtenemos hasta el 20% en cada compra que usted realiza.*
- Each month you can find over 150 high quality and nutritious food at affordable prices.
- *Cada mes usted puede encontrar más de 150 alimentos nutritivos y de alta calidad a precios accesibles.*
- Market Day stands behind every purchase, with a 100% satisfaction guarantee on all products.
- *Market Day respalda cada compra, con un 100% satisfacción garantizada en todos los productos.*

It is easy to participate – simply order online at marketday.com. Remember to sign up for emails to receive extra discounts and important reminders from Market Day. *Participar es fácil – simplemente ordene por internet en marketday.com. Recuerde registrarse para recibir correos con más descuentos y recordatorios importantes de Market Day.*

Our account number is 29888.

1. Register: select a school and create a username/password
2. Search: Find products and add to your cart
3. Checkout: Submit your order

Our next pick-up is on February 6th in the school breezeway

Order cut-off is on January 31st at 11pm CST

Nuestra próxima pick-up es el 6 de febrero en el corredor escolar

Orden de corte es el 31 de enero de 23:00 CST

Check out our BHES PTA Website! BHESPTA.org Contact us at: Officers@BHESPTA.org

GREEN TEAM

Berwyn Heights Green Team Community Survey

Berwyn Heights has formed a Green Team to work on obtaining certification for the town through Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC). The certification program publicly recognizes municipalities for their efforts to build green and sustainable communities. Some of the action items required for certification could result in cost savings for the town as well as improve the overall community.

To achieve SMC certification, Berwyn Heights must complete certain community actions within a range of different priority areas. However, the program allows communities to choose some of the areas of focus. We invite you to fill out this survey to help the Green Team gather information about community interests and prioritize which activities are considered to be most important to community members. Please complete the survey by **February 15**. You can return this form to the **Town Center** or complete online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XQ3W9FH>. Please contact Christopher Mann (ctmann@gmail.com, 240-297-0751) if you have any questions about the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation!

1. Do you live in Berwyn Heights?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. Health and Wellness: Do you believe any of the following issues are a concern for Berwyn Heights?

	Significant Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	Not a problem at all
Childhood obesity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult obesity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of access to healthy and affordable food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of a place to buy locally grown food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of opportunities for exercise/ physical activity (e.g. parks, trails, playgrounds, classes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of available and easily accessible public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/additional comments:			

3. Natural Resources: How do you rank the following issues in Berwyn Heights?

	Significant Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	Not a problem at all
Pet waste not picked up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improper disposal of hazardous waste (automotive, electronic, construction materials, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flooding when it rains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liter (ground and/or waterways)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overuse of pesticides or fertilizers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of trees/community landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pests and invasive plant species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other/additional comments:			

4. Community-Based Food System: Do you participate in the following activities that are available in Berwyn Heights (e.g. a farmers' market and plant exchange) or for activities not yet in place, would you participate in them if they were available in Berwyn Heights? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Participating in nutrition and healthy eating classes
☐ Attending a class on preparing/preserving locally grown food
☐ Shopping at a farmers' market
☐ Joining a Community Supported Agriculture group (which allows consumers to purchase shares of a local farm's harvest which is distributed weekly through the growing season)
☐ Growing food in a community garden
☐ Participating in gardening classes
☐ Attending a native plant exchange
 Other/additional comments:

GREEN TEAM COMMUNITY SURVEY *(Continued from Page 25)*

5. Local Economies: What kind of activities do you think would support local businesses in or near Berwyn Heights? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Hold local business roundtables
- ☐ Encourage municipal government to purchase products and services from local businesses
- ☐ Recognize local businesses for “going green”
- ☐ Develop a local business directory
- ☐ Start a “Buy Local” campaign

6. Energy Efficiency: Please rank the importance of the following investments in energy efficiency.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Decrease energy usage and improve energy efficiency in municipal building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information to residents about making their homes more energy efficient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. SMC requires that at least two of the following areas of focus be completed to achieve certification. Which areas would you like to see the Green Team make a priority? Please rank in order of importance to you.

- ☐ Municipal energy audits (determining how much energy town buildings use to help identify areas for cost savings)
- ☐ Municipal carbon footprint (determining the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced by local government operations)
- ☐ Developing a green purchasing policy (creating a town policy outlining standards for the town to purchase environmentally preferable products)
- ☐ Watershed stewardship plan (developing a plan to protect local watersheds)
- ☐ Stormwater management plan (developing a plan to prevent flooding, etc. during storms)
- ☐ Community gardens

8. Would you be willing to participate in a focus group to share your thoughts about greener living in Berwyn Heights?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

9. If you would like to participate in a focus group and/or would like updates on Green Team activities, please provide your contact information below (not required and information provided will remain private)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone: _____

10. Please share any ideas, comments or suggestions. Thank you for your participation in the survey!



February 2013

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 THE STREET SWEEPER WILL BE IN BERWYN HEIGHTS FOR TWO WEEKS — JANUARY 22 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1. Please try not to park in the street wherever possible when the street sweeper comes to our Town.					 1 	2
3	 4  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 5 	 6 NW/EP Town Office 7:30 P.M.	 7  Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	 8 	9
10	 11 	 12 	 13 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 14 	 15 	16 Presidents' Day Reception Town Office 2:00 P.M.
17	18 PRESIDENTS' DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICK UP	 19  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 20 	 21  Green Team 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 22 	23
24	 25 	 26  BHHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	 27	 28 	<div>  Recycling Collection </div> <div>  Street Sweep- ing </div> <div>   Yard Waste North South </div> <div>   Refuse Collection North South </div> <div>   Bulk Pick-up North South </div>	



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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

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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 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
FIOS channel 12

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
 at 11:30 a.m.
 or call the Town Office
 to request a play time.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>
Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.
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