

Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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ETHICS ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

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ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 1, 2012



Become an election judge and help your Town carry out this important function. The time commitment is small and consists of a short training meeting and supervising elections on election day. Election judges receive a stipend, three meals, and are supported by Town staff throughout. Election judge duties include:

- Opening the polls at 7 am and closing the polls at 7 pm;
- Verifying voter registrations and assisting with voter registration problems;
- Supervising the casting of ballots;
- Tallying the votes and reporting the election results.

Interested residents should write Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk, Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740-2702, or send an e-mail to: kharpert@town.berwyn-heights.md.us or call (301) 474-5000.

PEPCO

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

English Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

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

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Report Street Light Out

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

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por

Servicio en Espanol

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR

Registration to be on Priority List

Public Hearing Ethics Ordinance Amendment

January 11, 2012, 8:00 pm

- The Berwyn Heights Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance 110 that the Town Council adopted at its September, 2011 Town Meeting. The public hearing will held on Wednesday, January 10, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

Residents are encouraged to offer testimony or comments.

- The proposed amendment repeals Section 7 - Lobbying, which requires lobbyists to register with the Town of Berwyn Heights, as well as references to lobbying in Section 4 - Conflicts of Interest Defined and Section 9 - Enforcement.
- The Town Council is deleting said provisions because they would impose an unnecessary burden for any developers, who would present site plans and request the Council's support for a project.

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SNOW REMOVAL

What you can do to help

When snow is predicted, please park in your driveway.

This is especially important in courts and dead end streets because the Town's public Works snow crews may not be able to plow there.

Please do not shovel or pile snow into the street.

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

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

JANUARY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, December 30

Offices close at 1:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED

Monday, January 2

Offices closed all day

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 16

Offices closed all day

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE (See Calendar on Page 27)

Mon., January 2— No trash pick up.

Tues., January 3 — North and South Side Refuse Collection

Wed., January 4 — North and South Side Recycling and Yard Waste Pick up

Mon., January 16 — No trash pick up.

Tues., January 17— North and South Side Refuse Collection

Wed., January 18 — North and South Side Recycling and Yard Waste Pick up

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TRASH AT THE CURB OVER THE WEEKEND.

LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 31

Please note that after December 31 leaves must be bagged in clear plastic bags and put out on the first collection day of the week, along with yard waste.

Please be reminded that no trash of any kind should be mixed in with your leaves and other yard waste. Your leaves and yard waste will not be collected if mixed with trash.



Town Meeting

November 9, 2011

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

MPT Wilkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the October 12 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Ahrens, and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Treasurer's Report

CM Kulpa-Eddy gave the Treasurer's report for the month of October.

Mayor's Report

MPT Wilkinson said that Halloween was a great time. He was trick-or-treating with his children and noticed that there were many more children out this year than last year. A resident on Berwyn Road counted over 200 trick-or-treaters. He appreciated Berwyn Heights Police and Neighborhood Watch patrolling the streets to make sure everyone was safe. However, despite the patrols and children running in the streets, some drivers were speeding, which he found disturbing. MPT Wilkinson also participated in the Historical Committee's Veterans Day event. The centerpiece was a World War II collection of German bayonets and other memorabilia put on display by resident Kenneth Archibald. Also present was a new Town resident who is one of the few survivors of the World War II Battle of Tarawa in the Pacific.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that a car crashed into the McDonald's sun room at Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue last week. Luckily no one was seriously injured. The incident made it on the Jay Leno show. Condolences go to the family of Patricia Chipman, a longtime resident of 60th Avenue, who passed away last week. An old oak tree was cut down on Berwyn Road, which was dying as the result of poor landscaping decisions. He hopes that the Town will adopt a policy that requires the planting of a new tree when an old tree is cut down. The Seminole/Ruatan Street project is now underway. Curbs and gutters have been installed along Seminole Street. Residents are requested to heed the no-parking

signs so that construction can proceed without delays.

MPT Wilkinson said that he attended a legislative preview meeting in Annapolis, where he talked with a legislative aide of County Executive Baker. He informed him that the complaints from municipalities and volunteer firemen regarding the proposed reforms of the Fire Commission have been heard loud and clear. The Executive will now give more time to get input from all stakeholders and develop a solution that is workable and fair. MPT Wilkinson also attended a Maryland Municipal League (MML) a small town forum at which the establishment of a small town workers compensation pool was discussed. Such a pool would help small towns control the cost of their workers compensation insurance.

Department Reports

Administration: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Town is doing well with its revenue collection: 58% of real property taxes, 87% of personal property taxes and 58% of overall revenue have been collected already. The Town Center is currently undergoing repairs. A leak in the old hose tower has caused mold to grow in what is now a storage room for the Seniors Club. The mold is being removed while contractors are looking at the best way to fix the leaks.

Code Compliance: CM Ahrens reviewed fire safety tips and best practices. The most important step to protect homes and families from fire are working smoke detectors. In a recent nighttime house fire on 58th Avenue, occupants escaped without serious injuries because smoke detectors alerted them in time. Other important preparations include having an escape plan, two ways to exit each room, and a place for all to meet outside. A fire extinguisher is useful and can help put out a small fire or clear a path through fire. It cannot extinguish larger fires that engulf multiple rooms. During the holiday season, precautions should be taken not to leave candles or tree lights burning. Christmas trees should not be set up close to space heaters or other potential sources of fire. In other Code news, CM Ahrens reported that high grass violations were down to 42 and that 20 egregious trash citations were issued.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported on a busy month of events that included an Ice Cream Social, PTA yard sale and walk-a-thon, and the Boys & Girls Club fall season. The new trunk-or-treat event was a resounding success. Best-decorated trunk-or-treat prize went to David Williams and the Wolfinger family. Public Works participated with a very

scary trash truck. Upcoming events include a Town-wide cleanup, after which the group that collects the most trash will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate. The annual tree lighting will be held on December 10, and the holiday decorating contest will be judged between December 18 – 22. Lastly, CM Dennison reported that the University of Maryland retired the hockey shirt of Marc Lipella, a former UMD student and Berwyn Heights resident, who passed away recently. The shirt is now on display at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik said that all officers were on duty for trick-or-treating. Only a few speeding citations issued and several pumpkins were vandalized. Thanks go to the Neighborhood Watch for helping patrol the streets.

Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for October. There were only 4 Part I offenses, which compares very favorably to the 5 year average of 10.2. Altogether 235 citations were issued. Speed camera citations numbered 30 on Pontiac Street and 60 on Greenbelt Road for a total of 90. Of those, 15 were paid and 75 remain outstanding.

In response to MPT Wilkinson, Chief Antolik replied that speed citations on Greenbelt Road have dropped since the camera was moved to its current location before the 62nd Avenue intersection. Many drivers slow down at the traffic light. The car accident at the McDonald's was due to a driver inadvertently stepping on the accelerator instead of the brake and driving into the sunroom. In another accident, a motorcyclist suffered serious injuries when he was struck by a pickup truck making a left turn at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and 58th Avenue. Lastly, Chief Antolik gave safety tips for the upcoming holiday season.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works participated in the trunk or treat event and brought a truck inhabited by a bloody monster and a trailer with a caged wolf man. When the wolf man broke out of his cage, several intrepid kids chased him all the way back to the Public Works yard. Public Works employees were eager to volunteer for this event and had a lot of fun. He hopes other Town departments will participate next year.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that the new Public Works truck has been delivered after it was retrofitted with a forklift for dumpsters. The Town is exploring piggybacking onto Greenbelt's electronics and Styrofoam recycling program rather than launching such a program itself. So far Greenbelt's response has been positive but no final decision has

yet been made. The Town is also looking into replacing the Public Works yard drainage system and repaving the yard. It is obtaining quotes from Olney Masonry, the contractor currently working on the Seminole/Ruatan project.

Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that NW/EP had at least 4 vehicles and one walking member out patrolling the neighborhood during Halloween. She thanked them for volunteering. On December 3 and 4, emergency response team training workshops are being offered. Interested residents can contact Calvin Hawkins at 301-633-6300 or Mike Attick, whose number is listed in the Bulletin. The Committee always welcomes residents to attend their monthly meetings, which is on the first Wednesday of the month.

Recreation Council: No report.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Citizens Discussion

There was none.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

W orksession

November 14, 2011

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

1. Mayor

Agenda: An executive session for two separate personnel matters were added to the agenda.

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: On December 23 and 30. Town offices will close at 1 pm in observance of Christmas and New Years Eve. Topics to be discussed before the budget season include sidewalks, Sustainable Maryland, surplus and reserve policy,

and Ethics Commission.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by MPT Wilkinson, the October 3 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the October 17 minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the second annual Town-wide cleanup was a success. Nineteen people came out and collected 22 large bags of trash. The Karate Club and Girl Scouts won prizes for collecting most trash. The Police Department is operating with 7 full time police officers as one officer is on leave. However, 24-hour coverage continues. The part-time officer, who was hired to administer the speed camera program, is available to help cover shifts. Mayor Calvo had a couple of unsatisfactory experiences calling the new non-emergency number. He was put on hold for 15 minutes when he tried to get police assistance during the cleanup; and it takes longer to reach the dispatcher because one has to go through an automated answering service first. He hopes that the operations of the County's call center will be improved under the new County Executive.

CM Ahrens reported that one resident was cited for a high grass violation last week but contested the violation. He believes that the longer grass will survive the winter better, and that the grass will not grow any higher this late in the season. A compromise was reached with the Code Department, which will monitor the property in case the grass does grow higher. Mayor Calvo looked at the property and did not think the grass was 10" tall. He believes the Code Department should not give preemptive citations.

MPT Wilkinson reported that the Public Works crew is picking up loose leaves at the curbside. The new trash truck has been delivered and is now in operation. The grassy slopes above the basketball and tennis courts behind Berwyn Heights Elementary School have finally been cut. Assistant Principal Cropper got the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) maintenance department to assume this responsibility and put it into regular mowing rotation.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended an excellent workshop on crisis leadership and decision-making for elected officials last weekend. She picked up an emergency management handbook which will be very useful in updating the Town's emergency manual and creating checklists. She will attend one of 3 upcoming hearings on a pro-

posed CSX Intermodal Transfer Station and a meeting on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway widening feasibility study.

Mayor Calvo reported that a local business, MoneyOne, sponsored a shredding event for Berwyn Heights residents and businesses last Saturday. It received permission to park in the Staples parking lot for the event from the Berwyn Heights Police Department. However, it set up a large tent and played loud music in a part of the parking lot that is zoned residential and does not permit this type of activity. Some residents complained and the police ended up shutting down the music.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received the complaint about a high grass citation, which probably should not have been given because the grass had not reached the 10" limit. He also received a comment about hedges and shrubs growing into the street along the north side of the 5600 block of Goucher Avenue. This makes this stretch of road unusable for parking. He believes this problem should have been cited but so far has not been. He will bring it to the Code Director's attention. During the Town-wide cleanup, he received comments about adding more trash cans in locations frequented by the public, such as bus stops.

MPT Wilkinson added that it may be a good idea to add trash cans specifically for beverage containers. He finds a lot of cans and bottles around the school field when he walks his dog. He also received a comment about the possible changes to *The Bus Route 16*, which may be modified to bypass Berwyn Heights due to budget cuts. The resident would like continued access to *The Bus* in Berwyn Heights.

Legislative dinner location: The Council decided to hold the legislative dinner at Sir Walter Raleigh's Inn.

Seminole/Ruatan Street change order:

TA Murphy said that the contractor extended the remove and replace section on Ruatan Street to the 5911 address. The underdrains were installed with a steeper pitch so that two sump pumps from the property could be tied in. At the intersection of 58th Avenue and Seminole Street, a retaining wall was added when the new curbs and gutters were installed to transition to the adjoining high-lying properties. The retaining wall curbs may also work well for adding sidewalks elsewhere.

Hose tower repairs: TA Murphy said that he had another contractor look at the hose tower and recommend repairs. This contractor diagnosed the main problem

to be condensation collecting on the inside of the hose tower walls, as well as porous mortar between the cinder blocks. To fix the problem, it is proposed to repoint the tower and waterproof it, drylock the roof and put a cap on the chimney. In addition, vents would be installed at the top and the bottom of the tower, and two fans to recirculate the air. Further, a dehumidifier would be installed, and connected to a drain in the floor. The dropped ceiling would not be put back to allow for better air circulation. All repairs would add up to a cost of \$4,800, which is considerably less than the \$33,000 quoted by the Town engineer. TA Murphy recommended accepting the proposal.

Mayor Calvo said that this proposal makes much more sense and he feels comfortable authorizing it. He asked whether it would require pulling money from the surplus. TA Murphy said it would, but it would be charged against the *Town Center maintenance & repair* appropriation.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, TA Murphy clarified that the water leakage occurred on the west and south walls of the tower in a very heavy driving rain because the mortar is porous. The contractor, who provided the new proposal, can start the project now to ensure that dry-locking is done before it gets too cold. The repair of the canopy is not part of this proposal. So far, no contractor has been found who would just repair the ripped section. The replacement of the entire canopy would cost \$7,000. He advises against the removal of the steel ladder and hose tower platform, which Director Coleman has recommended for safety reasons, because it may damage the cinder block.

Mayor Calvo asked for a motion to authorize spending \$5,000 on the proposed repairs. MPT Wilkinson suggested authorizing spending \$5,500 to fix any additional problems. CM Kulpa Eddy wondered if the mold removal has been completed, or needs to be added to the cost. TA Murphy said that removal has been done but not the encapsulation because the walls are too damp. Mayor Calvo proposed to authorize spending what remains in the Town Center's *maintenance & repair budget*, plus \$8,000 to fix any additional problems. Expenditures in excess of what is in the budget would be appropriated in a budget amendment. CM Ahrens so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:02 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Ethics Ordinance partial exemption:

TA Murphy explained that, under the old Ethics Ordinance adopted in 1981, Berwyn Heights had an exemption from registering lobbyists. The Town attorney informed him that this exemption carries over to the new Ordinance adopted in September. Therefore, if the Council so desires, it can delete the lobbying registration section from the new Ordinance.

Mayor Calvo said he favors deletion. It would require persons, who come before the Council to advocate for a development, to fill out a lobbying form and pay \$20. He thinks this creates a disincentive for developers to share information about their plans and add an unnecessary administrative burden for the Town. MPT Wilkinson said that he favors deleting it and cleaning up the Ordinance while it is still fresh on the Council's mind.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked whether deleting the section would require re-opening the Ordinance. TA Murphy replied that the Town attorney did not give a definitive answer, but there are two options: 1) either the State Ethics Commission, which has not yet approved the new Ethics Ordinance, deletes the section; or 2) the Council re-opens the Ordinance and repeals the section. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she prefers not to re-open the Ordinance because it would require holding public hearings and is too much work. CMs Dennison and Ahrens said that they support taking the lobbying section out.

Mayor Calvo said that TA Murphy should find out if the State Ethics Commission can delete it. If not, he is to revise the Ordinance for introduction at the December Town meeting. He believes that it would be fairly simple amendment.

2. Code Compliance

POD permit extension request: CM Ahrens explained that the owner of the property at 8808 63rd Avenue requested a 1 year extension to their portable storage unit (POD). Per Clean Lot Ordinance, POD permits are normally limited to 60 days and extensions require Council approval. The POD holds furnishings from the basement while they are working to dry it out and waterproof it. They also plan to build a shed. They expect this will take a year because they are performing the work themselves.

Mayor Calvo noted that the owner did not ask for a change in fees and would pay the current fee of \$25 every two weeks for the duration of the permit. He asked for a motion to extend the permit for the period of up to one year. CM Ahrens so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern about the length of time granted by the permit extension. She also pointed out that the

POD must be situated on a paved or gravel surface. The Code Department will be asked to check. The motion carried 4 to 1, with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

3. Parks and Recreation

BHHC appointment: CM Dennison said that the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee (BHHC) is requesting that the Council appoint Kenneth Archibald as a member of the Committee. Mr. Archibald participated in the recent Veterans Day event, where he displayed his extensive collection of World War II bayonets and other memorabilia. He has expressed interest in joining the Committee. CM Dennison made a motion to appoint Mr. Archibald. CM Ahrens seconded. The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Public Safety.**

5. Public Works

Public Works yard drainage: MPT Wilkinson explained that the Public Works yard has a drainage problem. During heavy rains, the drainage swale is not sufficient to carry away the water, which then backs up and creates puddles and muddy patches. In winter, the standing water may freeze, which makes it dangerous to maneuver the heavy trucks and equipment in and out the yard. The Town has received a quote from Olney Masonry, which is currently working renovating Seminole and Ruatan Streets, to re-grade the lot and install new drain pipes at a cost of \$4,500. At an additional cost of \$13,600, the contractor would also pave the lot with a 2 1/2" asphalt overlay.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks that Olney Masonry is giving a very good price for the installing the drains and resurfacing the yard, which may save the Town a lot of money in the long run. However, the Council needs 3 bids for any job over \$10,000. The packet only contains one other bid. TA Murphy said that Public Works solicited 4 bids but so far received quotes from only 2. MPT Wilkinson said that the other quote for resurfacing the yard at \$34,000 calls for applying a 4" base layer and a 2 1/2" top layer, which would involve more work and materials. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she would like to know what it would cost to install a pervious surface, which would reduce runoff into Indian Creek.

Mayor Calvo asked that Public Works gets 3 comparable bids for the next worksession so that the Council can make a decision then. Mayor Calvo also remembered that the Council approved a variance for an addition last year, which required the owner to install a pervious

driveway. This has not been done. He would like TA Murphy to follow up on that and make sure the owner completes this requirement or pay the Town a restitution.

Electronics/styrofoam recycling program: MPT Wilkinson said that Greenbelt discussed Berwyn Heights' proposal to send Berwyn Heights residents to Greenbelt to recycle electronics and block styrofoam and pay them a yearly fee. Greenbelt proposes that Berwyn Heights send 2 employees once a quarter to help rather than pay the City a fee. That would cost the Town approximately \$550 a year.

Mayor Calvo said that under this agreement Berwyn Heights could advertise the program and send residents who want to recycle their electronics and styrofoam to Greenbelt. He suggested approving the proposal and begin providing assistance beginning next spring. MPT Wilkinson said that the Public Works salary budget may be tight depending on whether there will be winter storms that require a lot of overtime. Mayor Calvo said, that the money needed at that point is \$275, which can be financed in a different way if need be. MPT Wilkinson moved to accept Greenbelt's proposal. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy noted that Greenbelt's City Council still has to vote on the proposal.

6. Administration

Bulletin cover: The Council approved the following items for the cover of the December Bulletin: Holiday theme; Tree Lighting celebration as headline announcement; Holiday Decorating Contest as secondary announcement.

Merit increases: Mayor Calvo explained that he worked with TA Murphy to create a set of tables for presenting merit increase options to facilitate Council discussions. The tables provide a template that can be used again in coming years. The tables establish 4 merit classes that generate a bell curve for performance, with most employees clustering in middle, and few employees in the top and bottom ranks. The bottom ranks meet expectations and get no merit increases. Mayor Calvo said in recent years, the Council has either given merit increases, or cost of living adjustments (COLA), but not both. This year the Council will give only merit increases.

Three options are presented based on salary rate increases for each merit class. In Option 1, class 4 employees receive a 3% salary increase, class 3 employees receive 2%, class 2 employees receive 1%, and class 1 employees receive 0%. The combined salary and

benefits costs for the remainder of FY 2011 is \$10,945. The combined salary and benefits roll-up cost in FY 2012 is \$17,859. In Option 2, class 4 employees receive a 3.75% salary increase, class 3 employees receive 2.50%, class 2 employees receive 1.25%, and class 1 employees receive 0%. The combined salary and benefits costs for the remainder of FY 2011 is \$13,682. The combined salary and benefits roll-up cost in FY 2012 is \$22,324. In Option 3, class 4 employees receive a 3.50% salary increase, class 3 employees receive 2.50%, class 2 employees receive 1.50%, and class 1 employees receive 0%. The combined salary and benefits costs for the remainder of FY 2011 is \$14,354. The combined salary and benefits roll-up cost in FY 2012 is \$23,420.

CM Ahrens said that he favors Option 3, which is the most generous. He believes that the employees work hard for the Town and deserve these increases. CM Dennison said that she prefers Option 1. The Town's revenues are down because of the recession, and the Town has a number of expenses that were not budgeted. MPT Wilkinson said he can support either Option 2 or 3. The relatively higher salary increases somewhat compensate for the fact that there is no COLA this year. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she does not like the way the options are structured because it pits employees against each other. She supports Option 3 because it is the most generous for most employees, although she would prefer to give the lowest ranks an increase, too. Mayor Calvo said that he does not think that this is pitting employees against each other but differentiates performance. He likes rewarding performance. This year, he supports the more egalitarian Option 3, however, because all employees took a 2% cut in their pay because pension contributions deducted from their paychecks went up by 2%. Also, beginning in 2012, federal income taxes may go back up by 2%.

CM Ahrens moved to adopt Option 3 for merit increases. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The Council voted 5 to 0 approve Option 3, as outlined in Column 3.

7. Executive Session (9:15 p.m. – 9:58 p.m.): On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Ahrens, the Council went into executive session to discuss 2 personnel matters. With matters discussed, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Ahrens seconded to end the executive session.

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

Kerstin Harper

Merit Classes	No. of Employees	Rate Increase	Costs FY 2011 Salary & Benefits Option 3	Costs Annualized Salary & Benefits Option 3
Class 4: Range 4.21 – 5.0	2	3.50 %	\$1,620	\$2,645
Class 3: Range 3.71 – 4.2	10	2.50%	\$8,004	\$13,064
Class 2: Range 3.31 – 3.7	8	1.50%	\$4,730	\$7,711
Class 1: Range: 3.0 – 3.3	2	0%	\$0	\$0
Total	22		\$14,354	\$23,420

Worksession

November 21, 2011

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

1. Mayor

Agenda: Discussion of the Greenbelt Middle School TAG program was moved to the Parks & Recreation agenda. Discussion of the Energy Grant was moved to the Public Works agenda.

Announcements: The Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) science bowl team moved on to the semi-finals.

Calendar: The Council discussed the calendar. No changes were made.

Minutes: The November 9 Town meeting minutes were distributed for approval at the December 14 Town meeting.

Department reports: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended a workshop on a CSX Rail Inter-modal facility that is to be built at one of 4 proposed sites: 1) BARC/Beltsville; 2) Jessup Correctional Facility; 3) Montevideo Road; 4) Race and Hanover Road. The facility is intended to unstack CSX double-stacked freight trains before they continue on to Seagirt Marine Terminal in Baltimore for transshipment. Baltimore's Harbor Tunnel is not big enough to accommodate double-stacked trains. The chosen site will require 70 acres of useable land adjacent

a mixer for microphones, as well as a mobile cart for broadcasting a meeting from the 2nd floor of the Town Center. They will look into a more streamlined setup.

- For broadcasts from the Town Center's 2nd floor, re-using the existing camera and microphones is recommended, plus a new public address system for sound amplification at a cost of \$600.

Ms. Moffet summarized that the total cost for all recommended equipment is approximately \$26,000. Installation costs would add roughly \$6,000 but would go up if a control console would have to be moved to another room, or other extras added on. The consulting costs are separate and may add another \$4,000 to the bill. TA Murphy said, if new furniture is included, total costs for the upgrades may reach \$40,000.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council previously wanted to set up a phone in the Council chamber so residents could call in to comment. She asked if this could be incorporated into the project. Mr. Happ said he needed to know what type of phone lines the Town uses and then come up with a proposal. Mayor Calvo said that someone would have to screen the calls so that the meeting is not sidetracked by people who are calling the Town on unrelated business.

CM Ahrens asked if older people using VHS tapes and players could still use that familiar technology. Ms. Moffet replied that, if meetings are recorded on a video server, a feed could go to a tape recorder or a DVD burner or both. The Town could still loan tapes and DVDs to residents. With automated playback, the Town could also play the recordings more often and at more convenient times.

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

Council Chamber/AV upgrade (continued): Mayor Calvo said he likes that functionality is the focus of the recommendations. He sees PowerPoint presentations play a greater role in the future and asked how a presentation could be shown on a wall-mounted LCD monitor. Ms. Moffet and Mr. Happ said that the presentation would be run on computer, converted to a digital image by a scan converter to be viewed on the monitor. The laptop computer could be set up near the Council table. The viewer at home would see the same image that appears on the laptop and the monitor, not a photographed image of the monitor

showing a presentation.

MPT Wilkinson said that, if the old microphones and camera will be repurposed for broadcasting from the 2nd floor of the Town Center, he would like to make sure that the setup can be upgraded easily as new cable TV revenues come in. He would like residents to get a good quality broadcast of the candidates night, which takes place upstairs. Ms. Moffet said that future upgrades could be financed from the Comcast and Verizon equipment grants for public access TV. Mayor Calvo said that it is a good idea to think about and schedule future upgrades, including equipment that may have to be replaced periodically.

CM Ahrens asked whether the Town needs to hire someone to control the cameras, once the new equipment is operational. Ms. Moffet said that the cameras could be controlled from the it may cost the Town \$50 per month to hire a student operator. Mayor Calvo said that the worksessions would be recorded in the same manner as they are now. For Town meetings he would prefer to find another volunteer.

Ms. Moffet outlined the next steps. She and Mr. Happ will do more research on the technology the Council expressed an interest in tonight. Second, the Council needs to decide how to proceed with procurement. It can either put out a request for proposal and have vendors bid on the entire project, or purchase components from different vendors, assisted by her and Mr. Happ. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to keep it simple and take the second route. Ms. Moffet continued that next they would try get estimates for installing the different components. To get started, however, the Council will make a decision on what furniture it wants and in what configuration.

Mayor Calvo asked how long it would take to complete the project once the chamber's configuration is decided. Ms. Moffet said she estimates that it would take 3 to 4 months for the planning and purchasing and 1 to 2 weeks for installation. Preferably, no meetings should take place when the equipment is being installed. Mayor Calvo said that excludes the budget season. Therefore the installation would best be done in the last two weeks in May, when the Council does not meet. The Council agreed. Ms. Moffet said that timetable would work. She will be happy to answer any questions the Council may have, or come back for another meeting.

Legislative dinner agenda: The following topics were proposed for discussion:

1) impact of education cuts (overcrowded classes, library hours); 2) sidewalks and other public safety spending; 3) UMD shuttle track record and non-student rider policy; 3) Seminole/Ruatan Street renovation; 4) Pepco legislation; 5) Police Department with new chief; 6) CSX Intermodal opposition; 7) Greenbelt Middle School and repurposing old building; 8) Sustainable Maryland and other green issues; 9) Road salt storage; 10) Greenbelt Station development.

Sidewalk/Public Safety program:

Mayor Calvo said that Council needs to talk about the next steps in moving the sidewalks program forward. He believes the Council should identify those main traffic corridors that need sidewalks the most, and explore the feasibility of constructing them. Once streets have been identified, properties would have to be surveyed to determine the boundaries of the public right of way. Then the sidewalks would be engineered and constructed. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested to poll impacted residents after sidewalk locations have been identified. Mayor Calvo said that any polling should probably take place after the streets have been surveyed and property lines established.

Mayor Calvo asked what other projects, apart from sidewalks, money in the public safety reserve might be spent on. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she has explored grant funding for generators, which many residents at the hearing recommended, but so far without success. Mayor Calvo advised to check with the Governor's Grant Office. MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to see some money put into bus stop improvements.

MPT Wilkinson said that he has identified several stretches of right of way where Public Works could build asphalt paths to add to the pedestrian network. This includes a footpath at the end of 58th Avenue between Goucher Drive and Nevada Street, and a section of 60th Avenue right of way between Pontiac and Quebec Streets; further, the extension of a driveway leading to the Community Center dumpsters, and the right of way along Berwyn Road between the Sports Park parking lot and Indian Creek Trail. Mayor Calvo said that he would prefer to have a concrete sidewalk built from Sports Park to the bridge. There already is a concrete sidewalk over the bridge that continues on to the Lake Artemesia parking lot. He asked TA Murphy to find out what it would cost for Olney Masonry to build it. He also asked MPT Wilkinson to find out what it would cost for Public Works to

pave the paths he mentioned.

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

3. Public Works

Public Works yard drainage: MPT Wilkinson said that, at the last worksession, the Council authorized installation of a new drainage system at a price of \$3,500. But 3 bids were needed to consider repaving the entire yard, which Public Works has now provided. Olney Masonry, the contractor currently working on the Seminole/Ruatan Street project, quoted \$15,000 for repaving the yard with a 2 1/2" asphalt overlay; American Asphalt submitted a bid of \$34,000, which includes application of a 4" asphalt base with a 2 1/2" overlay; Pronto Paving submitted a bid of \$36,500 for a 4" asphalt base and 2" overlay.

Public Works Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley gave further details about the bids. He said that the bids over \$30,000 require the removal of a part of the existing crushed stone sub-base and installation of a new 4" asphalt sub-base under the top coat. The vendors say that this is appropriate for moving around the heavy equipment and trucks. Public Works believes that the existing sub-base is well compacted and strong enough to apply a 2" asphalt overlay directly onto it. Spending an additional \$20,000 for a sub-base is not necessary.

Mayor Calvo asked what the benefits are in paving the yard with asphalt, as opposed to making other needed capital investments. Mr. Lockley said that it would make it easier to maneuver the equipment and reduce wear and tear. In last year's snow, a truck's expensive A-frame broke in the yard because the plow it was pulling got stuck in the dirt. An asphalt surface would also help to direct the water from the yard towards the new drain. Currently, water comes into the garage during a heavy rain because the terrain does not pitch toward the drain. Mr. Lockley said that this is Public Works' top priority, next to heating and lighting improvements in the building, which will be paid for with a federal grant.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the bids do not quite line up. Two bids are for 4" sub-base and 2" top coat, and another 2 bids are for a 3" top coat. Mayor Calvo said he thinks that, while the bids do not line up completely, they meet the 3-bid requirement. He has enough information to get a good sense of the costs of only doing an asphalt overlay, versus constructing a sub-base and overlay. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she is disappointed that

no effort was made to look into a permeable surface. She thinks that the Town should try to do more to reduce storm water run-off in the context of wanting to become Sustainable Maryland certified. The run-off from the Public Works yard is likely to have gasoline and other harmful chemicals in it.

Mayor Calvo said that he believes installing permeable concrete paving is likely to be much more expensive than asphalt. It would require the removal of approximately 6" of the existing surface and application of more expensive concrete. MPT Wilkinson added that there is also a cost to leaving the yard unpaved, which is the cost of wear and tear on the equipment.

CM Ahrens moved to accept Olney Masonry's bid of \$15,000 to pave the yard. MPT Wilkinson seconded. Mayor Calvo said that adoption requires a 4 to 1 vote because this expense was not budgeted and would be taken from surplus. CM Dennison said that she is concerned about all the additional expenditures the Council is authorizing this year. Mayor Calvo said that he thinks this is as good a price for the job as the Town is likely to get. He thinks this job should be done because it would make operations at the yard more efficient. The motion passed 4 to 1, with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

Refuse Ordinance enforcement update: Mr. Lockley explained that Public Works has begun to issue violations to the top 20 egregious offenders of refuse regulations since the Council last discussed the matter. Of the first 20 top violators, 13 eventually complied after receiving notices, and 5 did not and were fined. As some of the initial egregious offenders complied, new egregious offenders have been added to the list. Most violations were issued for mixing recyclables with regular trash, depositing regular trash in recycling bins, and putting trash bags at the curb without a container or in a container without a lid.

Mayor Calvo said that he is concerned about adding new egregious violators to the top 20, once some of the violators begin to comply. This leaves no time to evaluate the impact of the enforcement. Mr. Lockley clarified the enforcement process. Once Public Works has identified an egregious offender, a refuse violation notice is left at the property specifying the offense. On the same day, a letter is sent informing a resident that he has an egregious trash violation and will have a week to comply. If there is no compliance a fine is imposed. Mayor Calvo said that Public Works should continue to observe the egre-

gious violator after a fine has been issued to determine if he remains in compliance, because the goal is to change a pattern of behavior and not a one-time offense. That is why he believes no more than 20 violators should be tackled at a time.

Mr. Lockley said that he is looking for patterns and only sends an egregious letter after a resident has not complied with trash regulations for several weeks. He confirmed that Public Works is getting complaints and comments regarding egregious violations. Some residents call to say that they were not aware of the rules but have no problem following the rules. Others complain and take longer to comply. MPT Wilkinson said that he is concerned about keeping the interaction with residents positive when trash rules are enforced. Those who comply should be thanked. Public Works may also proactively give out new recycling bins if a resident needs them. He cautioned that not putting a lid on the trash may not qualify as an egregious violation. CM Ahrens said that Mr. Lockley's tracking data shows that most residents that have received egregious letters are now in compliance. To him this indicates that the program is working.

Electric Energy Conservation Block Grant (EECBG): TA Murphy explained that the Town has received a \$17,000 federal grant, which has been divided into two parts. One part will be used to switch to more energy-efficient T-8 fluorescent bulbs in the Town offices; the other part will pay for the replacement of the space heaters in the Public Works building. The Town has received several bids for the lighting upgrades. But only one, CECA, LLC, complied with all the bid submissions requirements. He recommends that the Council accept CECA's bid of \$5,250. The Town has received no bids for the replacement of the heaters presumably because of the US Energy Department's 90% efficiency requirement for new heaters. He is seeking an exemption from this requirement because the Town has not been able to locate any heaters with an energy efficiency rating above 85%. If the exemption is granted another request for proposal will go out.

MPT Wilkinson moved to approve the CECA's bid to upgrade the lighting. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Seminole/Ruatan change order: TA Murphy explained that the resurfacing of the 8800 block of 58th Avenue was left off the Town engineer's bid specifications. He believes the reason for the oversight may be that no engineering had to be

to CSX tracks with good access to a major highway, so that double-stacked containers can be offloaded and taken to the port by truck. The project is to be financed jointly between CSX, the Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Highway Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that, at the workshop, she asked whether there is a way to get the double-decked trains directly to the Marine Terminal, either by finding an alternate route or by modifying Harbor Tunnel. An alternative to the construction of an inter-modal facility and shipment of containers by truck may over time save money. While the head of the Marine Terminal did not like her question, she believes that this is a solution the Town should propose when it takes a position on the matter. She also had the impression that Beltsville is gaining favor as the preferred site for the facility. After the Hanover site, Beltsville would be the least expensive option.

CM Kulpa-Eddy also attended a meeting on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway widening feasibility study. When the public hearings began in the spring, there was a lot of enthusiasm for moving forward. But since the State Highway Administration has received input from NASA Goddard, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the City of Greenbelt and other stakeholders, there is less likelihood that such study will be undertaken. Mayor Calvo said that the Council may take this up as separate agenda item at a future worksession.

CM Dennison reported that the Karate Club won a \$100 gift certificate for picking up most trash during the Town-wide cleanup. CM Ahrens reported that the homeowners, who applied for a POD permit extension, were happy that the Council granted the extension. The Code Department has worked with Public Works to enforce refuse and recycling violations and has issued the first fines for egregious violations.

Mayor Calvo reported that he attended the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) legislative dinner last Thursday, which was not well attended. The PGCMA has not functioned effectively for the last few years and currently does not have an executive director. He believes that the PGCMA should look into hiring a professional director with commensurate compensation to revive the organization. He had an opportunity to congratulate Greenbelt and College Park on their recent elections. In the coming week, he will meet with Park & Planning representatives about a proposed dog park and with Larry Jarbo, the

owner of the ReMax property in Berwyn Heights. He will update the Council on new developments thereafter.

Citizen comments: MPT Wilkinson received comments on the proposed specialty TAG program at Greenbelt Middle School. CM Dennison received positive comments about the new curbs and gutters that have been installed on Seminole Street. Mayor Calvo received a complaint regarding unprofessional behavior by a Berwyn Heights police officer, who cut in line at the McDonald's Restaurant. While the resident, who complained, may have exaggerated the importance of the incident, an officer should live up to a higher standard of behavior than the one displayed.

Council Chamber/BHTV upgrade: Mayor Calvo welcomed Lonnie Moffet and Charles Happ, who came to discuss upgrades to the Town's broadcasting system. The purpose of the upgrade is to improve the functionality and user-friendliness of the Town's broadcasting system, in particular the reliability of the audio system. Another goal is to improve the attractiveness and the use of space in the Council chambers from where the meetings are broadcast. The Town has set aside enough money in its cable TV reserve, funded by Comcast and Verizon dedicated public access revenues, to finance a general overhaul.

Ms. Moffet said that, after she retired as the City of Takoma Park's communications director, she started her own consulting business that helps local governments modernize their TV equipment for broadcasting on public access channels. She has found that smaller towns and organizations often do not have the time and expertise to do this on their own. She has met with TA Murphy and Clerk Harper on several occasions to familiarize herself with the Town's existing equipment and desired improvements. She has provided a list of recommendations, which can be modified depending on the Council's priorities for audio-visual equipment and furnishing of the chambers. For example, if the Council decides to seat the Council in a corner configuration during meetings, additional lighting will be needed.

Ms. Moffet explained her recommendations for equipment to be purchased and installed:

- 2 or 3 robotic cameras, to be mounted on walls or ceiling at a cost of \$1,200 each. The proposed cameras are standard definition but would perform better in low light conditions than the existing camera. The cameras would be controlled by

a laptop-sized piece of equipment (joy stick) that can select between a number of predefined shots, e.g. closeup of Mayor, closeup of a speaker at the podium, wide angle of the entire Council and other desired presets.

- 6 wireless, unidirectional microphones in desk stands with rack-mount tuner module and base at a cost of \$3,900. The proposed mics are more focused on the speaker and do not capture as much ambient noise. They do not have an on/off switch and are on all the time.
- 1 digital video server for automated recording and playback at a cost of \$10,000. The server allows for scheduling recordings, with an option to record on DVD or VCR, and playback, while integrating software to produce and run an electronic bulletin board (slide show). The server can be accessed via Internet and updated from a remote location and can interface with the Town's website.
- 1 laptop/projector cart, 1 video screen on a tripod, and a feed to the camera controller for presentations at cost of approximately \$1,000. Mayor Calvo said that he is interested in wall-mounted presentation equipment, e.g. laptop and LCD monitor, and asked for alternate specifications.
- Life streaming and video on demand was not priced because the Council needs to decide what level of service it wants. It involves monthly costs of at least \$50 per month for live streaming, and \$250 - \$300 per month for a web-based hosting service to provide video on demand.
- Furniture was not priced because the Council needs to decide which furniture it wants so that that a scaled floor plan can be drawn. Ms. Moffet provided several references for modular tables that can be set up in different configurations. Mayor Calvo said that he hopes to move or replace the bulky video cart to create more room in the chambers. Ms. Moffet and Mr. Happ said that some type of rack is needed to mount

done for this section. The additional cost of resurfacing this section is \$16,000. Mayor Calvo said that the engineering firm is to be faulted because all previous plans and discussions included the resurfacing of this block. However, the work needs to be done. MPT Wilkinson moved to approve spending \$16,000 to mill and pave the section of road. CM Ahrens seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

4. Administration

FY 2012 first quarter expenditure report: TA Murphy said that the real estate revenue figures need to be adjusted to reflect that the 2% road tax will be set aside in the infrastructure reserve. Mayor Calvo added that the Code liens line item also needs to be changed to correspond to the type of violation for which a fine was imposed. Further, the recycling budget should be integrated with the Public Works budget.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance.**

6. Park and Recreation

Greenbelt Middle TAG program: CM Dennison explained that Greenbelt Middle School has been proposed for a specialty Talented and Gifted (TAG) program. She requested a copy of the proposal from PGCPD Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Arbogast, but was told that there is no formal proposal as of yet. PGCPD is currently running models for the catchment area. A TAG program at Greenbelt Middle School would address the lack of middle school TAG programs in northern Prince George's County. However, the proposed specialty TAG program would require that all students are admitted by lottery. There is some resistance on the Berwyn Heights PTA because local students would not automatically qualify.

Mayor Calvo said that he has many questions about the specialty TAG. He would like to have PGCPD representatives come in and explain it. Further, he would like the Education Advisory Committee take a position. The Council agreed not to take a position on the matter tonight.

4. Administration (continued)

Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN): TA Murphy said that the State of Maryland received a \$155,000 grant to finance the construction of an Inter-County Broadband Network, essentially an I-Net that connects counties to each other and to the State. Public facilities such as schools, libraries and fire houses would be connected to this government-owned fiber network. The Coun-

cil needs to decide if it wants Town buildings to be connected to the ICBN and whether to waive the building permit fee for laying the cable.

CM Kulpa-Eddy moved to request connecting the Town Center and to waive the permit fee. CM Dennison seconded. MPT Wilkinson asked whether trenches will be dug in the road to lay the cables. TA Murphy said that they will be weaseled underground in the right of way. He believes no trenches will be dug but he will check. The permit fee would be based on the fee charged by the County. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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

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

DO NOT PLACE HOT ASHES IN REFUSE/TRASH CANS

Residents are asked to make sure their fireplace is totally cooled before putting fireplace ashes in the trash. Incidents have happened in the past where residents have placed hot ashes in with their refuse/trash and placed a lid on the can. The hot ashes smoldered and when the Public Works employee flips the lid, allowing oxygen in, the employee is unexpectedly met with a burst of flame in their face. Past fires in garbage refuse trucks forced the Town to dump the complete load and reload everything by hand that had been soaked by the Fire Department. This is very costly and time consuming.

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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Residential Historic Survey Underway

Don't be surprised if you spot several people snapping pictures and taking notes around Town the next couple of months. The consultants that were hired by the Historic Preservation Section of Park & Planning will be conducting their research in order to provide our Town with a complete inventory of our historic resources. The research will be conducted from the street only, and the team will be carrying identification.

At the last meeting in November, the BHHC board met with Laura Trieschmann, the Senior Architectural Historian with Washington, DC-based EHT Tracerics Incorporated. It was decided that we would present their preliminary findings at the President's Day Event in February to allow interested citizens an opportunity to ask questions as well as offer any bits of historical information that may add to the final report.

The presentation will show the findings to date of the ongoing research related to the development of "this late-19th Century railroad and streetcar suburb." The architectural survey will show the development patterns of our community from its platting in 1888 as Charlton Heights, its incorporation in 1896 as the Town of Berwyn Heights, and the Town's continued growth in the first half of the 20th Century. The survey began in November 2010 and the findings are to be completed sometime in April 2011.

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1885-1960**

The BHHC continues to seek new members who are interested in working with the committee on history projects that highlight and expand on our Town's rich and valuable history. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at **7:30 p.m.** at the Town Office. **The next meeting will be on January 25th.**

VISIT THESE LINKS:

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) www.anacostiatrills.org

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TOP 5 REAL ESTATE "DO'S AND DON'TS"

- ❶ **Easy Access** - No lock box or by appointment only...NO buyers! You need foot traffic and as many people as possible through your home to get the activity and get it sold. Make parking and showing easy and accessible. If it's difficult, they won't see it!
- ❷ **No Hard Sell** - Don't stick around! When buyers come through ship out...whether open house, or with their agent, buyers want to be able to look in closets, open kitchen drawers, etc...if you are there, they feel funny. Don't follow them around and tell them what upgrades you've done. Let their agent tell them. When it's time for unbiased feedback, I'll have it from the agent and buyer for you via email!
- ❸ **Wait for Spring** - I can't tell you how many times I've heard that misnomer! All months are good selling times. Even though spring has more buyers, they may not be as serious as in other months. Also, spring means more competition for you! Do emphasize seasonal amenities though.
- ❹ **Marketing** - many different forms of marketing your home are options! Take advantage of as many as possible. I offer photo gallery, multiple websites, floor plan drawings, and virtual tours as needed...many other options exist to customize the specifics of your home, ask me!
- ❺ **Pricing** - Price it right...from the start! Too high a \$\$\$ and you will be marketing the wrong buyer. In a higher price point, they aren't looking here. The right buyers will think it's over priced and won't come to see it. It is worth what buyers are willing to pay, and appraisers will look at *all* sales in the neighborhood (including bank sales) to determine value.

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Under Contract - 5907 Natasha Dr...4Br, 2.5 BA rambler, new deck, updated kitchen, hdwd flrs	\$220's.
Under Contract - 7509 Wellesley Dr...3 BR, 2 BA, split level, FP, ingr pool, updt kit, patio	\$290's.
SOLD - 5803 Pontiac St... 3Br rambler, orig owner, lg yd, hdwd flrs	\$174,900.
Rented - 5818 Quebec St...3Br, 2BA rambler w/ updt kit, sep dining, covered patio	\$1675.
Under Contract - 5608 Berwyn Rd...short sale 4BR, 2 BA rambler	\$150's.

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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

January 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Jan 2 - School Closed - New Year's Day
Jan 3 - 7pm PTA Meeting
Jan 16 - School Closed - MLK Day
Jan 18 - Book Club
Jan 20 - End of Second Quarter
Jan 23 - No School - Grading/Planning Day
Jan 31 - Franklin's Fundraiser

Special Events

Dinner Fundraiser - Join us for dinner at Franklin's A percentage of your dinner and gift store purchase will be given to the BHES Field Trip Transportation Fund.

Book Club – Attention All Families! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Jan 18th time to be announced for our 1st Family Book Club of the year! Our theme this Winter is "healthy living", and each student will be receive a theme related book to keep! At our book club meeting we will discuss our books and have fun exercising, playing games and learning ways to stay healthy! More information will be coming home soon. Hope to see you there!

Box Tops = Free Money!

Clip Box Tops from participating products and shop online at your favorite store and you can earn up to 15% cash back for our school! Find out more at www.btfe.com.

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

Membership Corner

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

BHES Library Seeking Volunteers

Parents and Community: due to budget cuts, Ms. Hoskey, our wonderful librarian, is only at our school two days a week. Mrs. Forney has been helping to shelve books, but they need additional help. Please contact Ms. Hoskey if you would like to volunteer-- even 30 minutes per week can make a difference! Email curry.hoskey@pgcps.org

Family Directory

Sign up for our Family Directory online at our website, www.BHESPTA.org. If you need access to a computer, please stop by the school.

SCHOOLMAX FAMILY PORTAL

Parents do you know about the SchoolMax Family Portal? Monitor your child(ren)'s assignments and grades. Please visit the school's main office to receive your special letter and access code. If you don't have access to a computer, you are welcome to use one at our school.

Gardening

Last month volunteers added almost 150 flowering bulbs into the school gardens. You should see something popping up in early Spring where the pumpkins were last Fall. Make sure you take a moment with your child and come to the school and see what is popping out of the bed! If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org.



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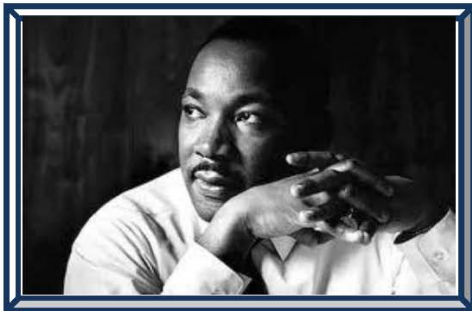
FOR BERWYN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



Berwyn Heights residents can help Berwyn Heights Elementary School students to raise funds for school safety and environmental projects. The school's Student Government Council uses the funds to hold a 'Thank You' luncheon for the student Safety's who help students cross streets and for environmental awareness and

"Green" projects. This year the student Green Committee hopes to raise money to plant flowers in the Miriam E. Farwell Memorial Garden.

Residents are asked to bring newspapers, magazines, office paper, shopping catalogs and mail, but not cardboard, to the Abitibi Paper Retriever bin in the school parking lot. The paper recycling bin is in the far right hand corner of the school's parking lot. Residents can access the paper recycling bin 24 hours a day, 7 seven days a week.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

21st Annual College Park Tribute

When: Saturday, January 14, 2012 2:00 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Where: Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
University of Maryland College Park Campus
(University Boulevard and Stadium Drive)

Master of Ceremonies:
College Park Mayor
Andrew M. Fellows

*** Performances include: ****

**Cocetti from College Park Arts Exchange, Maryland Boy Choir,
College Park Youth Choir, Chinese Bible Church, SGI-USA New Century
Chorus, Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale (and many more...)**



The Bugle

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club
January 2012

Election Results

Elections were held December 9, 2011. The results are in. The officers for the 2012 sports year are:
President : Ronnie Compton, Vice President : vacant, Treasurer: Maria Robles, Secretary : Cheryl Compton,
Registrar : Kathy Schuster, Athletic Director : Tino Menjivar, Field & Equipment Manager : Kevin Conover,
Events Coordinator : Debby Snyder, Web Site : Dave Carter, Grant Writing(Fundraising) : Open, Soccer
Commissioner : Tino Menjivar, (Acting) Softball Commissioner: Dave Carter, Baseball Commissioner : Ronnie
Compton, Tee Ball Commissioner : Jim Hudson, Cheerleading Commissioner : Kristen Buker, (Acting)
Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker, Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover, Track Commissioner:
Jeff Osmond

Nominations for Man/ Woman/ Boy/ Girl of the Year.

We are looking for nominations for Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Man, Woman, Boy, and Girl of the year.
They will be honored at the Prince Georges County Boys & Girls Club Banquet in March. If you have anyone
who you feel is worthy of a nomination e-mail Ronnie Compton at Ronald.compton@verizon.net .

Winter Basketball

Winter basketball has begun. We will play & practice in the Town's Community Center. This is attached to the
elementary school on Pontiac Street. The practices times are 12 to 1pm on Saturdays for 6 – 9 yrs of age and
1 to 2pm for 10 to 13 yrs of age on Saturdays. We are still looking for coaches and volunteers for all age
groups. If you are interested, please contact Ronnie Compton at (301) 345-2661.

(NEW) Indoor Soccer

Coach Tino will be holding indoor soccer for kids 10 and under at the Berwyn Heights Community Center. If
you are interested , please contact Tino Menjivar at (301)614-8933.

Registration

Registration will happen the first two Saturdays in February from 12:00 to 2:00pm at the Community Center. A
letter will be sent out to all current members explaining the process, dates, times and costs.

We will be offering this year:

Spring Soccer	March – May	Ball Hockey	July - August
Softball	March – June	Fall Soccer	September- October
Baseball	March – June	Basketball	December – February
T-Ball	April – June	Cheerleading	September – February
Track	April - June		

Coaches / Volunteers Needed! We need you!

We need coaches and volunteers for all sports and events. Our club is 100% volunteers and these volunteers
help keep our club going so that our kids have can have the experience of playing.

Our next meetings will be held on January 6th, 2012 and then on February 3rd, 2012 at 7p.m. at the Town
Center.

Check out our website for more information at www.bhbhc.org!



Berwyn Heights Playgroup



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

When: Thursdays

10:30 am-12:00 pm

Where: Town Center

during the winter months

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community. The playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area. Weekly play dates are held at Pop's Park on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00 P.M. In case of inclement weather, we meet at the Town Center space above the Senior Citizen's Center.

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



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

January 2	Juaming Li
	Mary Ann Eley
January 19	Othell Heath
	Anne Hixon
January 22	Agnes (Betty) Brown
January 23	Grace Henner
January 28	Barbara Case
January 30	Victor Gasch



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

January 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
January 4	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 5	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
January 7	Potluck and Movie	5:00 P.M.
January 10	Meeting	11:00 A.M., Bingo 1:00 P.M.
January 11	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 12	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
January 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
January 18	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 19	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
January 24	Meeting and Potluck	11:00 A.M., Bingo 1:00 P.M.
January 25	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
January 25	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
January 31	Bingo	12:30 P.M.



Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 5th degree black belt, four-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and member of Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan (SRSK) Budo Organization, founded by Shihan John Roseberry.

Age 5 on up (Children and Adults) / All Levels:
Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Floor
Mondays, 5 pm - 7 pm



MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED OR VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

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



Enforcement: When the Town determines that a property has been vacant for 15 consecutive days and the owner of record is unknown or the owner of record's whereabouts is unknown, the Town, after making every effort to identify,

locate and notify the owner of the maintenance violations, is authorized to enter upon the property to abate any and all violations, such as accumulation of garbage, litter or rubbish, high grass, overgrown bushes, shrubs and weeds, etc.

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

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

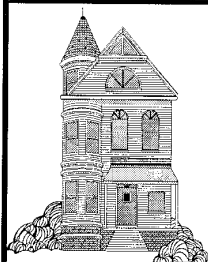


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Rambler - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - Cunningham Drive, Berwyn Heights, MD

*** Participated In the Contract Of*

UNDER CONTRACT:

Rambler - 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths - Natasha Drive, Berwyn Heights, MD

SOLD:

Townhome - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - Howland Road, Laurel, MD

REDUCED:

Victorian - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths - Cleveland Avenue, Riverdale, MD

AVAILABLE:

Split Foyer - 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths - Saint Marys Street, Beltsville, MD

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RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar!

Berwyn Heights Annual Hollywood Talent Showcase

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When: March 2012 (Exact Date TBD)

Where: Berwyn Heights Elementary School

More information, including registration form, in next month's bulletin

Berwyn Heights Day will be on Saturday, May 5, 2012

The Recreation Council is seeking volunteers for the planning committee. 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.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm (Town Office). All are welcome! We will be preparing our FY 2013 budget request and planning events for 2012, including the Talent Show and Berwyn Heights Day. Come to the next meeting or contact the Recreation Council if you would like to join or volunteer for a Town event.

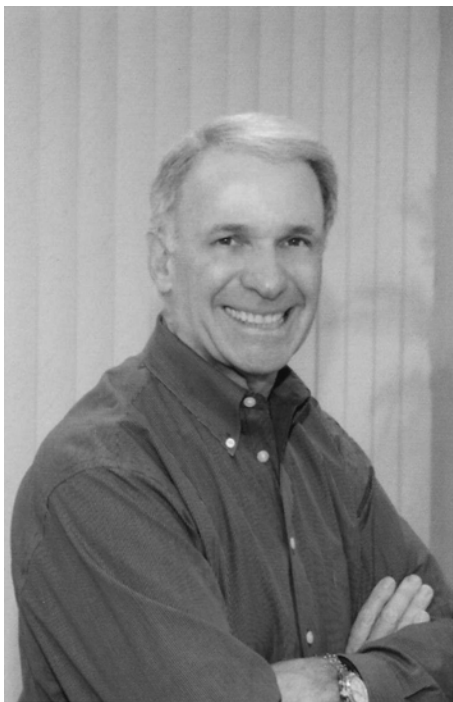
Recreation Council Contacts:

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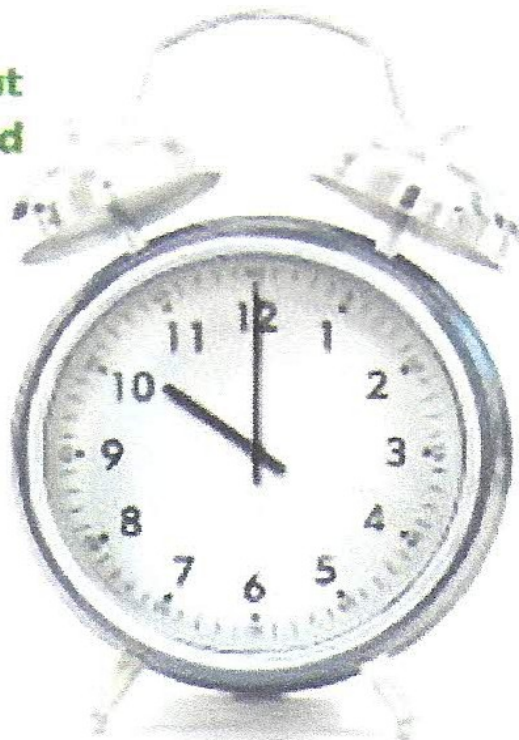
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- ✓ **Build an Emergency Supply Kit**
- ✓ **Get Involved in preparedness in your community**



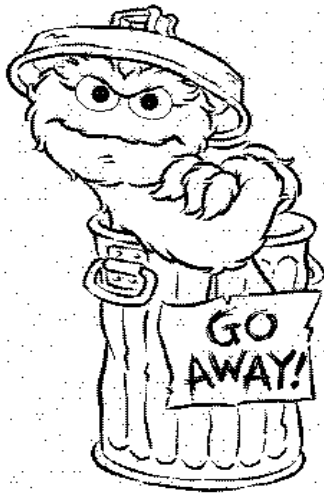
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Ask A Sanitation Engineer

Every year, we receive hundreds of phone calls, e-mails, and in-person inquiries regarding the various responsibilities of the Department of Public Works as well as our collection procedures. We have compiled some of the most frequently asked questions along with our responses.

If you have concerns or questions that have not been addressed here then please continue to send those inquiries via e-mail to: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us or leave a message at our office by calling (301) 474-6897.

Q: I placed my recycling bin curbside for collection and when it was collected the container was recycled as well. Why did this happen and how do I go about getting a replacement container?

A: Recycling bins that have split corners, cracked bottoms, are unable to adequately contain the volume of recyclables, or have sharp edges that may pose a threat to workers are usually discarded or exchanged for a larger size container depending on the need. Generally, residents do not have to do anything when DPW discards your bin as replacement containers are usually issued the same day. Please feel free to contact us to request a replacement if you have not automatically received one by Thursday afternoon following your recycling collection.

**** Please Note: This procedure does not apply to discarded refuse containers. After leaving a second notice at the residence regarding the problem with the refuse container any containers that pose a safety threat to collection workers will be discarded. It is the responsibility of the resident to provide a replacement container as the Town does not issue refuse collection containers.

Q: The calendar in the bulletin noted a change in my regular collection day, but my materials were not picked up as they should have been. Why was that?

A: Sometimes we are faced with situations beyond our control (i.e. equipment failure, high volume of materials to be collected, emergency situations) that delay our collection efforts especially during short work weeks where North and South sides of Town have been combined for same day collection. If your street was scheduled for collection, but no collection occurred nor did you receive any notice from DPW explaining the reason then please leave your materials curbside as we will resume collection from where we last stopped as soon as possible prior to returning to a normal collection schedule. You will not be overlooked or asked to hold your materials until your next scheduled collection day.

Q: I noticed collection crews dumping yard waste into a compactor truck, like the one used for regular trash. Does DPW use a compactor truck for yard waste as well?

A: Yes, a compactor truck is used for all three (3) types of collection services the Town offers which are Recycling, Refuse, and Yard Waste. In the near future, we intend to place magnetic signs on the sides of the collection vehicles to clearly identify what each truck is out collecting. Hopefully, this will eliminate a lot of the phone calls we receive about homes being overlooked during refuse collection when in fact it was the yard waste truck that passed by the residence.

Q: There is a pothole in my street. Whom do I contact to have it repaired?

A: Contact the Department of Public Works so that a pothole repair team can be dispatched.

B.H. POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of November 2011. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

11/01/11 at 6:30 AM, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8500 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from a 2005 Mazda. An unknown person(s) removed a briefcase from the vehicle.

11/01/11 at 6:30 PM, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5700 Block of Goucher Drive for a report of a theft from a 2005 Toyota. The suspect(s) entered the unlocked vehicle, removed various items and vandalized the vehicles dash-board with a marker / pen. The dash board sustained numerous graffiti type marks.

11/03/11 at 3:00 AM, Pvt. Krouse conducted a traffic stop at 193 and 60th Avenue on a 2003 KIA van for (FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC DEVICE). The driver a 50 Y/O, B/M was operating his vehicle without a driver's license. He was cited and his vehicle was impounded.

11/05/11 at 2:27 am, Pvt. Krouse responded to the area of 60th Avenue and Ruatan Street for a report of an indecent exposure. On scene Pvt. Krouse met with a witness who identified a B/M who exposed his genitalia to the public and acted in a disorderly manner disrupting the normal routine of the community. Carson Wooten a 32 Y/O, B/M was arrested for indecent exposure and disorderly conduct. He was transported to Hyattsville DOC without further incident.

11/06/11 at 11:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the area of 6000 Pontiac Street for a report of theft from a 1997 Ford. Unknown person(s) removed a stereo from the vehicle.

11/06/11 at 9:09 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2009 Dodge from the location of Greenbelt Road and 57th Avenue. The driver of the said vehicle was found to be driving without a license. A 44 Y/O, L/M, from New Carrollton was cited.

11/07/11 at 10:44 am, Pfc. Ignowski and the Chief of Police responded to the 8500 block of 60th Avenue for unresponsive person. On scene, it was clear that a 73 Y/O, W/F passed away during the early morning. In addition, a bad accident occurred between a truck and a

motorcycle at the location of Greenbelt Road and 58th Avenue. The operator of the Motorcycle was severely injured and transported to the hospital.

11/07/11 at 4:00 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a police report for a telephone misuse at the police H.Q.

11/08/11 at 12:00 pm, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a burglary. Unknown person(s) entered through the unsecured bedroom window. Once inside, the suspect(s) removed items of value.

11/08/11 at 3:50 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the T-Mobile Store on Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft from the store. A black male removed a \$500.00 cell-phone from the store and departed without paying for it.

11/09/11 at 11:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a report of theft from a 2001 Ford. A computer, cell-phone and a drill were taken. 11/10/11 at 11:25 PM Pvt. Krouse impounded a 1993 Mazda from the location of 5400 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving without a proper license.

On 11/12/11 at 9:10 PM Pvt. Krouse impounded a 1998 Honda from the corner of Edmonston Road and Seminole Street. The driver was driving without a proper license.

11/12/11 at 12:42 PM Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Ave., for a report of vandalism. Victim reported that two black males came to the front door wearing masks on their faces and broke a pane of glass on the victim's door. The two suspects yelled profanities then left the area. They did not attempt to enter the home even though the front door was unlocked. Victim later told police that he recently broke up with his girlfriend and that her male friends are now calling him and making threats of violence.

11/13/11 at 12:20 AM Pvt. Krouse arrested Tyler Smith a 28 Y/O, W/M, resident of Greenbelt for DUI. The incident occurred at the location of Greenbelt Road and 63rd. Avenue.

11/13/11 at 3:30 PM Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of theft from a 1999 Toyota. Victim reports that she parked and secured her vehicle in the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant while she was working. When the victim completed her shift and returned to her vehicle she

discovered that a window to her vehicle was broken out and property was removed. Investigation reveals that the victim routinely removes all of her jewelry prior to working her shift and places it in her vehicle glove compartment. Because of this practice preliminary investigation reveals that the suspect is probably familiar with the victims practice.

11/14/11 at 5:25 PM Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Quebec Street for a domestic standby.

11/14/11 at 8:48 PM Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8700 Block of Edmonston Road for a report of vandalism to a 2000 Honda. An unknown smashed the back window of the vehicle.

11/16/11 at 11:30 PM Pvt. Krouse impounded a 1999 Honda at the location of 6200 Block of Pontiac Street. The driver, a 20 Y/O, W/M, was driving with a suspended license.

11/17/11 at 2:00 PM Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8700 Block of Edmonston Road for a report of vandalism to a window. Victim noticed a small 'bb' hole in the living room window of her home.

11/17/11 at 8:30 PM Pvt. Krouse responded to the Mc Donald for a report of vandalism to a 2011 Hyundai. Unknown person scratched the vehicle while it was parked at the restaurant.

11/18/11 at 04:55 AM Sgt. Moroney responded 6000 Block of Ruatan Street for an unknown trouble. On scene he met with several EMT personnel whom stated that Carson Wooten a 32 Y/O, B/M fell down the stairs while he was high on PCP. The 32 Y/O, B/M, was secured by Sgt. Moroney and transported to the hospital for EPS. He was also admitted to the trauma room for possible injuries sustained in the fall.

11/18/11 at 8:46 pm, an employee of the Adult residential Services came into the BHPD and reported that a 63 Y/O, W/F, a residential client was missing from the 6200 block of Seminole Street. The 63 Y/O female was at the offices of Maryland Neighborly Networks for a meeting. During the meeting, she excused herself to use a restroom then left the building and walked from the parking lot to Berwyn Rd and beyond. A short time later the alleged missing female was found walking near Greenbelt Rd

NON-EMERGENCY

POLICE DISPATCH

PHONE NUMBER

301-352-1200



CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

Protecting Your Home While Traveling for the Holidays - Smartphones, digital cameras and the increase in social media sites all make it easier to share information with “friends” and “followers.” During the holiday season, growing comfort with and trust in social media may increase the risk of theft due to information shared. Whether it is “check-ins” using geo-location services on the latest shopping spree, travel plan updates, or even photos uploaded while at a holiday party, people may be unknowingly giving today’s “digital thieves” greater insight into their lives. Status updates or recent tweets might alert thieves to the contents of your car’s trunk, times you’re away from home and even the holiday gifts hiding in your closet.

To help prevent theft, use these precautions when using social media this holiday season: 1) Turn off automatic locating functions; 2) Review your privacy settings. If you are not comfortable with what people can see about you, change your settings; 3) Delay uploading pictures until returning home; 4) Keep your travel plans offline. Although it may be hard not to start the long-awaited vacation countdown or brag to friends with a photo from the beach, this information also can tell thieves when you’re away; 5) Maintain that “lived-in” look. While traveling, take precautions to deter burglars. Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway, stop paper delivery, set-up timers for household lights, and lock up; 6) Don’t provide personal information. Never post your home address or birth year on a social networking site, regardless of your privacy settings; and, 7) Don’t assume that because your information isn’t online that a thief can’t find you or make you vulnerable to identity theft. By using a little extra caution and common sense, you can help keep your home, your car and your identity safe.

Code Activity Recap for the month of November 2011 - The Code Compliance Department handled these new violations which are included, but not limited to at least one violation per property: trash/litter related violations = 14; high grass = 13; accelerated abatements/clean-outs scheduled to be performed during November = 2; clean out abatements performed = 0; vehicles in violation = 9; refuse/recycling violations = 49; refuse/recycling fines = 7; loose materials i.e., all forms of yard waste - brush, bamboo, leaves, brush, branches = 7; misc. violations i.e., oil, paint, concrete, tires, building materials, environmental hazards, appliances, animal complaints, etc. = 8; rental inspections and re-inspections = 14; rental investigations = 1; building permits = 1, totaling - \$85.00; roll-off permits = 5, totaling - \$125.00; total amount in fines and late fees issued = \$1,520.00; liens to be collected as Town taxes = \$1,050.00; code fine/clean-out/abatement money received including liens mailed to the County = \$1,215.00. **NOTE: Any items not mentioned showed no activity this month. Happy New Year from Code Compliance!**

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

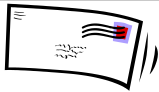
Need Computer help? Call RJ 240-602-0815. Microsoft A+ Certified.

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

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

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





Real Estate Mailbag

Dear Linda: My husband owns the house we live in his name only. He purchased it before we got married. How important is it to put me on the title right away since we're married now, and when should I add my name? -Anna S.

Dear Jenny: If it were me, I would do it right away (especially if you have children) to avoid probate in the event of his death. If you're unable to make the house payment on your own and need to sell, you could sell the property sooner. I understand that a title company can make the change for a fee of around \$300. I'm not a lawyer, so please seek competent legal advice before making any decisions.

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

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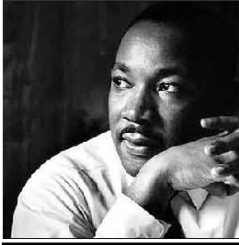
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January 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 NEW YEAR'S OBSERVED Town Offices Closed No Trash Collection	 3 	 4  NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	 5  Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	 6 	7
8	 9  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 10 	 11 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 12 	 13 	14 M L King Tribute Kay Theater Clarice Smith Center 2:00—4:00 See Page 16
15	16 M. L. KING BIRTHDAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	 17 	 18  	 19 	 20 	21
22	 23  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 24  BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	 25	 26 	 27 	28
29	 30 	 31 	 Recycling Collection   Yard Waste North South			
						Refuse Collection   North South Bulk Pick-up   North South

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 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Fire Department (301) 474-7866
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 474-5000
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
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 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
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 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Administration

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Town Helpline

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

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
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>
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