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ML KING TRIBUTE HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE





City of College Park hosts

22nd Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 12, 2013 - 2 PM
UMD Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
Kay Theater



The City of College Park will celebrate the 22nd Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with music, dance, and literary reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King's Jr. dream of peace and unity.

This year's theme for the Tribute is "Promises To Keep, A Dream To Realize", reminding us to uphold the admirable ideas realized by Dr. King: that Humanity united can change the face of the World for the betterment of future generations.

This grass-roots event highlights the exceptional talent in our schools, churches, and community.

In with the New ...

BH Historical Committee launches website

berwynheightshistory@wordpress.com

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

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

New Years

Mon., Dec. 31 – Trash Pickup, Entire Town Tue., Jan. 1 - NO PICKUP Wed., Jan. 2 - Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town

ML King Day

Mon., Jan. 21 – NO PICKUP Tue., Jan. 22 – Trash Pickup, Entire Town Wed. Jan. 23 – Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town

Please Do NOT Leave Trash at the Curb over Weekend.
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ELECTRONICS/ STYROFOAM RECYCLING

JANUARY 26 - 9am - 12pm

Recycle your electronics and styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at Buddy Attick parking lot:

555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Tel. 240-542-2153 See Page 17 for Additional information



Emergency & Non-Emergency Dispatch

Representatives from the *Prince George's County Call Center* will attend the February 13, 2013 Town meeting to answer your questions about 9-1-1 calls and requests for non-emergency police assistance. If you have concerns about non-emergency response save this date and plan to attend.

orksession November 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson was absent due to illness but attended the executive session. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, and Clerk Harper and Jeffrey and Suzanna Baldwin-Bott.

1. Mayo

Announcements: General elections will take place on Tuesday, November 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting will take place at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES). Congratulations go to Cory and Sandy Andrews, Goucher Drive, on their newborn baby boy.

Calendar: The start time for a December 1 Tree Lighting event was set for 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the October 15 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The October 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that Berwyn Heights was lucky to escape the brunt of Hurricane Sandy. However, the Town did a good job preparing and responding to the storm. Code, Police and Public Works officials were on duty to handle any storm related problems. The most serious problem was a water main break in the 8900 block of 58th Avenue and a power outage at 63rd Avenue and Seminole Street.

Mayor Calvo further reported that the Town's efforts to come to an accommodation with Pepco on trimming trees around the power lines on Edmonston Road came to nothing. Despite meetings with Pepco's community liaison and tree contractors, Pepco continued to cut down trees and vegetation beyond what was needed and decimated the buffer between Edmonston Road and Kenilworth Avenue. Mayor Calvo found Pepco's attitude arrogant and uncooperative. He ended up asking Pepco to halt the clearing until he has another meeting.

Mayor Calvo said that the District 22 delegation has interviewed prospective candidates for the seat vacated by Delegate Justin Ross. They settled on Kisha Brown, a lawyer who works for State Attorney Gansler's office and resides in Westchester Park. However, he has heard that Delegate Ross before resign-

ing worked behind the scenes to line up votes in the Democratic Party Central Committee for Alonzo Washington to be recommended for the seat. Mr. Washington is himself a Central Committee member and is the chief of staff in County Councilmember Will Campos' office. Mayor Calvo said he thinks this backroom maneuver undermines the democratic process and may result in the appointment of a delegate who does not have much knowledge of and connection with the district. He has reached out to other mayors about this and plans to state his concerns to the Central Committee in writing.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she was away during Hurricane Sandy but was in communication with Director Solomon and the Emergency Preparedness Committee. The trailer was set up in front of the Senior Center, which the Seniors had opened as a warming center. CM Dennison reported that nearly 200 people participated in the Halloween Trunk or Treat event. Public Works and the Police Department each had a display this year. Upcoming events include a Town-wide yard sale on November 10, Veterans Day event on November 11 and Tree lighting on December 1.

CM Almoguera reported that the Town Center has been painted, gutters replaced and a new canopy installed. A Local Government Insurance Trust workshop she planned to attend for credit toward an Excellence in Local Governance certificate in November was canceled. She will complete her core class requirements when the workshop is rescheduled.

Citizen comments: CM Kulpa-Eddy commended the Public Works Department for prompt pickup of leaves raked to the curb this weekend. Mayor Calvo commented that some residents raked leaves to the curb early. The October Bulletin should have contained a notice about lose leaf pickup beginning on November 1. He also received several comments on tree trimming issues. A resident on 62nd Avenue performed tree work in the Town right-of-way, for which he was reimbursed.

Variance request (discussed out of order): Jeffrey Baldwin-Bott, who owns a home at 5714 Berwyn Road, was present to request a variance from County zoning requirements for front yard setbacks. He said that the porch of his 1893 Victorian home is rotting, and no longer adequately supports a room that sits on top of it. A contractor recommended enclosing the existing porch to add support for the 2nd story room, and build a new porch out front. The new porch would reduce

the setback from the street to 17'. The County required setback is 25'. When the Baldwin-Botts petitioned the Zoning Board for the variance, they pointed out that other homes on their block have front yard setbacks less than 25'. Thus the new porch would not significantly disrupt the character of the neighborhood.

Mr. Baldwin-Bott further explained that the enclosed porch would become a mud room and add much needed storage space. The new porch would conform to the Victorian style of the home. CM Almoguera moved to approve the variance request. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0. The Town's letter to the Zoning Board supporting the variance request will be sent tomorrow.

Legislative Dinner agenda: The Council reviewed a draft agenda for a November 27 dinner with the Town's State and County delegates. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to add SHA issues to the agenda, in particular improvement of the Kenilworth Avenue/ Pontiac Street intersection. CM Dennison proposed adding the possible relocation of the PGCPS French Immersion program to the old Greenbelt Middle School building.

Mayor Calvo said that could be included under an Education topic. Another education issue worthy of discussion is the Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection program that supports at-risk middle and high school students with job placement and college preparation. The program is funded by the grocery chain Wegman's of Rochester, N.Y. Parkdale High School and William Wirt Middle School are proposed future sites for the program. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked to add grant funding for emergency generators as a topic. She was told that County Councilmember Olson's office may be able to assist with that.

Mayor Calvo said that he prefers the agenda to be organized around larger themes to facilitate the conversation. He will work on this before the next worksession and will provide a power-point presentation on the Town's current financial status.

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

At 7:55 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

3. Administration

Green Team appointments: Mayor Calvo said that he has talked to a number of people about becoming members of a Green Team, which will coordinate community activities to make the Town more environmentally friendly and qualify it for certification under the Sustainable

Maryland program. Four have committed to be members at this point: Trinity Tomsic, Therese Forbes, Anita Cardwell and Christopher Mann. If other residents come forward to serve on the team they can be appointed at a later date.

CM Almoguera moved to appoint the above named residents to the Green Team. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

PGCMA legislative reception attendance: The following councilmembers confirmed attendance of the reception: Mayor Calvo, CM Dennison, and CM Kulpa-Eddy.

Expenditure report, FY 2013-1st Quarter: TA Murphy said that he has included both a September 30 and October 31 expenditure report. Mayor Calvo said the 1st quarter report is the first indication of whether revenues and expenditures are on track with what was budgeted. He asked if real property tax revenues for the 1st quarter have come in. TA Murphy said that he will have to check. However, no income taxes have yet been received. Mayor Calvo further commented that the report provides an important comparison in departmental spending and sets councilmembers up to ask questions of their directors. He has questions, for example, about Police Department expenditures in the salary and capital outlay > 500 line items. CM Kulpa Eddy noted that the pedestrian bridge account is over budget. TA Murphy said that the overage is due to installation of energy efficient lighting funded by a grant. He further noted that the audit report should be available at the next worksession.

Police cruiser #1904, black code car disposal: TA Murphy explained that the gaskets on the black code car are broken and would be too expensive to fix. The police cruiser #1904 was replaced with a new cruiser, the purchase of which was authorized in this budget. The police department has enough spares and no longer needs this vehicle. The plan is to try and sell these vehicles, or donate them to a non-profit organization. To proceed Council approval is needed. Mayor Calvo said that he would be cautious about donations. All decals would have to be removed first. However, the Council only needs to approve surplussing the vehicles at this point. CM Dennison so moved. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Mayor Calvo asked what the status of purchasing a new code car is. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the purchase was set aside after the Council turned down the first proposal made during the budget process. She will speak with the Code director about this and find out if a new

car could be purchased on a State contract. TA Murphy said the next State contract will come up in January or February 2013.

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

At 8:20 p.m., the Council took a break to wait for MPT Wilkinson's arrival, who would participate in the executive session deliberations. MPT Wilkinson arrived at 8:24 p.m.

7. Executive Session (8:25 p.m. - 9:37 p.m.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

own Meeting

November 14, 2012

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

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Presentation

Kevin Waskelis, Community Planner with the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), gave a presentation on *Plan Prince George's 2035*, the general plan that will guide future growth, development and public investment in the County for the next 20 years. The current general plan is 10 years old must be updated within 2 years after each decennial census to take into account new data, new ideas and regulations, and recently completed planning initiatives, including:

- Recommendations from recent functional, sector and master plans;
- New vision presented in the state's 2009 Smart, Green and Growing law and PlanMaryland;

- Goals advanced in the Region Forward Plan; and
- Priorities and goals identified as part of the community engagement initiative Envision Prince George's.

Mr. Waskelis said that the general plan organizes development in the County into tiers and centers. Prince George's has a developed tier, which includes most of the older communities in the inner Beltway, a developing tier, which comprises the newly developed areas just outside the Beltway, as well as a rural tier along the eastern edge of the County. The general plan also identifies centers for development, which range from very high-density metropolitan centers, such as Greenbelt Station, to lower density regional centers, to community centers. Apart from a long-term vision for the County, the general plan also sets parameters for how to best implement the vision.

The current work effort of the planning team is focused on identifying strengths and weaknesses of the previous plan, briefing stakeholders and writing policy papers. The first public draft of the general plan is expected to be available by September 2013, and the joint public hearing on the plan is scheduled for November 2013. In conclusion, Mr. Waskelis said that information on the plan and its progress can be accessed at www.planpgc2035.com. The website has an option for submitting input as well.

Mayor Calvo commented that this helps illuminate a somewhat obscure planning process. However, he is left with the question of what is to be done with all the excellent plans and planning tools produced by the Planning Department. How are they translated into decisions on the ground. He can only think of one case, the Hyattsville Arts District, in which a vision was developed by a local planning authority and then successfully translated into reality.

Mr. Waskelis replied he thinks that this general plan will fare better than the last in guiding future development. Much more development occurred in the developing tier during the last 10 years than was projected or planned. He hopes this well serve as a lesson for this plan. Also, there is less money available, which makes it more important to stick to priorities.

Mayor Calvo suggested creating an overlay identifying the public policies that promote or hinder implementation of the planning objectives. Permitting procedures would seem to be a logical place to start. Mr. Waskelis said that is an ex-

cellent idea. Permitting of water and sewer lines is already used by many jurisdictions for guiding development.

CM Dennison asked if Mr. Waskelis' planning group is working with the Parks & Recreation planners, who are working on drafting a new parks & recreation master plan. Mr. Waskelis confirmed this and said that the new recreation master plan 2040 will focus resources on regional recreation centers, which are more cost-effective in delivering services than the existing community-based recreation centers.

MPT Wilkinson said that Greenbelt Station developers are working on securing a large government tenant or other major employer for the north core. This entails building a big parking garage to accommodate employees who are driving to work. He urged to focus on improving bike and pedestrian connectivity at Greenbelt Station as an alternative to commuting by car.

Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Waskelis for the presentation.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the October 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo commented on recent Town events, including Trunk or Treat, Trick or Treating, Town-wide Cleanup and the Historical Committee's Veterans Day celebration, and thanked all the volunteers who made them happen. He also noted the Historical Committee has elected Sharmila Bhatia as its new chair.

Mayor Calvo reported that, at the last worksession, the Council appointed a Green Team with the following members: Trinity Tomsic, Therese Forbes, Anita Cardwell and Christopher Mann. The Green Team will pursue the Town's certification as a sustainable community, under the Sustainable Maryland program. Further, Pepco tree trimmers came through Town last month and cut down a substantial part of the tree buffer along Edmonston Road. While treetrimming is necessary, he and other residents felt that Pepco went overboard and showed a lack of concern for the Town's requests. The cleared land, however, presents an opportunity to plant shrubs and trees that will not grow so tall as to interfere with the utility wires. One positive aspect of the trimming was that the Town escaped Hurricane Sandy without much damage or significant power outages. Public Works and Police were out patrolling during the storm and quickly took care of downed branches and other storm-related problems. Residents used common sense and refrained from putting out their trash for collection.

Mayor Calvo said that, having heard from residents at the October Town meeting, the Council will now begin discussing which sidewalk locations to take to the design and engineering stage. Last week, Mayor Calvo spent a day at Greenbelt Middle School. He met with Principal Tweedy and presented the Council's donation for the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) club. Former Berwyn Heights Elementary School students are now anchoring the school's science bowl team. Greenbelt Middle School students also made great strides in the interim assessments and most placed in the advanced category in most subjects.

Mayor Calvo said that District 22 Delegate Justin Ross has officially resigned his seat. Tomorrow evening the Democratic Central Committee will meet to recommend a candidate to replace Delegate Ross. He is not thrilled that the Central Committee will make the decision as to who should replace a retiring delegate since they do not live in the district. Personally, he endorses Kesha Brown, a lawyer who lives in Westchester Park. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting and weigh in on the selection.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo commented that he is concerned about the upcoming reassessment, which is likely to bring a further decline in home values. The assessor, with whom he spoke last week, said that the northern inner Beltway communities are expected to see another decline of 20% on average. If Berwyn Heights' tax base declines by the full 20% it would equate to a loss of \$300,000 in tax revenues for the next 3 years. This means the Council will face some difficult decisions in the upcoming budget cycles.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the FY 2012 audit is about to be wrapped up. Renovations to the Town Center have been completed, including waterproofing and painting the exterior walls and installation of a new canopy on the back staircase. The BHTV recording equipment, which was recently upgraded, has been moved out of the Council chamber into a back room and now allows for more seating of the audience.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddv reported that tax credits for energy efficiency improvements have been extended. Homeowners who have made qualified improvements can get up to 30% back on their investments up to a maximum of \$1,500. Tax credits are also available for installing alternative energy equipment such as solar hot water heaters or wind turbines. Information is available at www.irs.gov. If you are intending to invest in such improvements, please make sure you have obtained the appropriate building permits from the County and Town, if needed. Contact the Code Department for more information.

Parks and Recreation. Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reviewed recent Town events. She thanked the police for participating in Trunk or Treat this year and Public Works for exhibiting a haunted bus. She thanked the approximately 30 volunteers who participated in the Town-wide cleanup. The Berwyn Heights Karate Club and Elementary School Garden Club won 1st and 2nd prize for picking up the most trash. CM Dennison thanked the former enlisted men, who displayed their uniforms and other artifacts at last Sunday's Veterans Day event. She announced that the Tree Lighting event has been rescheduled for December 8 and the Holiday Decorating contest will take place from December 18

CM Dennison further announced that the Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee needs a new chair or cochairs. Interested residents should contact her at 301-404-2759. Lastly CM Dennison thanked Delegate Ross for 10 years of dedicated service.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik said that Halloween went very well despite the ever larger crowds coming to Berwyn Heights for trick-or-treating. Next year, he will make sure the officers will have candy to pass out.

Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for October. Part I offenses were down to a new low of 2, as opposed to the 5 year average of 7.6. The year todate total was 50, versus the 5 year average of 84.4. Speed camera citations came to a total of 435, or almost twice as many as in September. Most citations were recorded for the 5900 block of Pontiac Street. Chief Antolik concluded with safety tips for the Thanksgiving holiday.

MPT Wilkinson said that the police and NW/EP patrols were appreciated, as were the new signs posted at the Town entrances. Mayor Calvo said that the banners announcing the event donated by Signs by Tomorrow were great, too.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that he and CM Almoguera attended a workshop in Hanover, MD for the *safe routes to school* grant. They plan to submit a grant application in this grant cycle, which would be funded at 100%. Applications are due on January 11. MPT Wilkinson congratulated the U.S. Marines on their 237th birthday, which was on November 10.

MPT Wilkinson further reported the Public Works crew planted a new tree out front at the Town Center for the upcoming tree lighting. During Hurricane Sandy, the crew did not collect trash so that it could concentrate on keeping the storm drains clear of debris. Loose leaf pickup is in progress and will continue through December. The crosswalks at the intersection of Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road, which the Council recently approved, will be installed soon. The bollards at the Indian Creek playground will likely be installed next week. The new pickup truck has arrived, in time for snow plowing service this winter. The old truck has been sold and is gone from the vard.

Lastly, MPT Wilkinson thanked Delegate Ross for his service and for being a good mentor to him. He thinks the process of nominating a new delegate by the Central Committee is more democratic than the alternatives: appointment by the governor or the delegation. Among the candidates under consideration, he supports Alonzo Washington.

MPT Wilkinson left the meeting with apologies at 9:20 p.m. as he was feeling unwell.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she was not in Town during Hurricane Sandy. However, she was in touch by telephone. The trailer was made ready and stationed at the Town Center and Seniors opened the Senior Center for anyone who wanted to come in. NW/EP was out patrolling during Halloween and passed out glow sticks to trick-ortreaters. The Committee is working on organizing a CERT class for Berwyn Heights residents which is planned for early next year. The next meeting is on December 5.

Recreation Council: No report.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

There was none.

9. Citizens Discussion

David Smith, Nevada Street, thanked the Council for their hard work in governing the Town and making this a nice and safe place to live. He had invited other families to join his children to go trick-ortreating in Berwyn Heights because it is so safe.

Mr. Smith said that he is here on behalf of retiring Delegate Justin Ross, who wishes to thank the Town for 10 years of cooperation. It was a pleasure to work with the Town's elected officials. He hopes that the cooperation will continue with his successor. Mr. Smith is endorsing Alonzo Washington, who is a resident of District 22 and very involved in the community.

Mayor Calvo asked whether Mr. Washington would continue to work for County Councilmember Campos, who represents a different district, while serving as the delegate for District 22. He considers this to be a conflict of interest. Mr. Smith replied he is not sure if Mr. Washington plans to resign as Mr. Campos' chief of staff, but thinks he would do so if he had to. He does not believe, however, there is a conflict of interest since the districts represent neighboring communities with similar interests. Mayor Calvo said that in many other jurisdictions it would not be permitted and it remains his main concern about Mr. Washington.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

orksession November 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Town Administrator (TA) Murphy had an excused absence. Also present were Clerk Harper, as well as representatives of Greenbelt Road LLC Larry Taub, Phil Wilk, Bill Guiliano, and Mohammed Al-Motawakil.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The Prince George's County Democratic Party Central Committee at its November 15 meeting nominated Alonzo Washington, who serves as County Councilmember Will Campos' chief of staff, to fill the seat of retiring District 22 Delegate Justin Ross. If Governor O'Malley appoints Mr. Washington

before November 27, the Town will invite him to the Legislative Dinner. CM Dennison's former father in law, James E. Dennison, passed away on December 17 at the age of 90. A gifted craftsman and artist, he continued building violins until his death.

Calendar: A discussion on the recycling and trash disposal program with department directors was tentatively scheduled for a December worksession.

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

Department reports: CM Dennison announced the upcoming Tree Lighting and Holiday Decorating contest. MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works installed new crosswalks at the Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road intersection. Signs alerting drivers to stop for pedestrians in crosswalk will be installed when they are received. Bollards for the Indian Creek playground are in preparation and will be installed soon. Acting Director Lockley has been in touch with WSSC to inspect a problem patch on Pontiac Street at 63rd Avenue, which continues to deteriorate, as well as related rippling of the road surface on 63rd Avenue.

CM Dennison asked what the status of implementing the 'no parking' zone along the Indian Creek Park is. MPT Wilkinson said that he will check with TA Murphy when he returns. CM Almoguera said she believes a decision was put on hold until Park & Planning decides what can be done about the proposed parking area next to the T-Ball field.

Mayor Calvo reported that work on the Nevada Street trail, which will connect Nevada Street to the Indian Creek trail, was stopped because of a change order for a foot bridge. The trail is expected to be completed before the end of the year. He also had a conversation with the County assessor about upcoming changes in property values. He learned that PG Scrap, which had been assessed at 1/5 of its value since it was sold, will see its assessment go up to the full value of the property. He also learned that the 1/3 of the County to be reassessed in December, including Berwyn Heights, will see an average decrease in residential real property assessments of 20%. However, since reassessment will be done on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis, property values for Berwyn Heights may decrease by less than the average of 20%. Even if the decline is around 10%, though, the Town's tax revenues would go down by more than \$150,000. In addition, the

Town will likely see the loss of \$20,000 in real property tax receipts in the next fiscal year because one of the Town's largest property tax payers appealed his assessment, and was granted a \$5,000 annual reduction going back over a number of years.

CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department received a letter from the Seniors thanking the Town for all the improvements made to the Senior Center over the last year. They are particularly happy about the new automatic front door, which allows for easier wheel-chair access. CM Dennison reported that she heard from a volunteer of the Fire Department (BHVFD) that the Department does not want a sidewalk on their side of the street. Mayor Calvo said that he plans to contact Chief Fusco to talk about the sidewalks.

Citizen comments: There were none.

58th Avenue right of way (discussed out of order): Mayor Calvo explained that the 7-Eleven property at 5815 Greenbelt Road is in the process of being sold. TA Murphy had a meeting with the current and future owners to discuss a part of the property, which appears to have been mis-identified as part of the 58th Avenue Town right of way. The Town Council has not been briefed on the discussion because TA Murphy has been away last week.

Attorney Larry Taub said that he represents both the seller and the buyer of the property in this case and introduced the other guests: Phil Wilk, surveyor with ATCS, Mohammed Al-Motawakil, purchasing agent for the buyer, and Bill Guiliano, managing member of the group that currently owns the property. Mr. Taub explained that Mr. Wilk was retained to survey the property for the purpose of the sale and found that the State Highway Administration (SHA) in 1973 conveyed the 58th Avenue right-of-way between Pontiac and Greenbelt Road to the Town of Berwyn Heights. Prior to 1973, this stretch of 58th Avenue was a state highway. The conveyance to the Town included the western edge of the property the property owners have heretofore assumed to be a part of their property. It is now a part of their parking lot and has the 7-Eleven sign on it. Indeed, a 1985 site plan, approved by the County Planning Board, shows this same section of land to be part of the subject property.

Mayor Calvo asked if SHA conveyed the disputed right-of-way by mistake, since it appears not to have been SHA property to begin with. Mr. Wilk said that his research shows that the original 1889 plat of the Town agrees with the 1985 site

plan and places the lot line further west than the SHA defined right-of way. Mr. Wilk further stated that in 1943, Lot 5 and the east ends of Lots 16-22 in Block 27 were conveyed to the Town of Berwyn Heights fee simple, in conformance with the old plat, for an unknown reason. It appears that between 1943 and when SHA took possession of the road, the right-of-way was shifted to the east a little. Mr. Wilk and the owners of the property have not been able to determine why and how as of yet.

Mayor Calvo asked what Mr. Taub's clients are proposing. Mr. Taub said that they would like the Town to convey the triangular section of the property in question back to the owners because it complicates the sale. The owners always assumed this piece of land to be part of the property and have built on it, maintained it and paid taxes on it. Mr. Guiliano added he believes the reason why the discrepancy was not discovered earlier is that everyone used the same surveyor, and transcribed the same mistake whenever a transaction occurred. Mr. Guiliano further affirmed that the current owners plan to sell the property and pay transfer taxes.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked whether the same ownership issue applies to another triangle marked off in the back of property on the site plan, and whether it belongs to the Town. Mr. Wilk said they have not determined that yet, but may bring it back for future consideration. He will try to have an answer within the next month.

MPT Wilkinson surmised that the reason for the SHA right-of-way extending further east may be that an old drainage ditch was located there. He also expressed concern about future owners maintaining the sidewalks, which appear to be located in the disputed piece of land. Mr. Wilk said that the sidewalk is currently located within the proper right-of-way, as defined on the original plat.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town Council will consult with staff and legal counsel before it makes a decision about the conveyance. However, he thinks the Town will be reasonable in resolving the issue. He asked if the property owners would consider contributing funds to the purchase of trash cans as part of a settlement. The 7-Eleven generates a considerable amount of trash, which tends to end up on the surrounding streets and properties. The Town's Public Works Department is currently installing trash cans of a type that can be attached to poles and posts and cost approximately \$200 per can. He hopes the property owners could purchase 10 of those. CM Almoguera added that a lot of trash was found during a recent Town-wide cleanup on the property around the dumpsters in the rear of the 7-Eleven. Mr. Guiliano said he would consider purchasing the cans. He will also talk to the 7-Eleven manager about improving maintenance of the area around the dumpsters.

Legislative Dinner: Mayor Calvo said that he would like to organize the discussion with the delegates around themes. He proposed the following general topics: 1) Fiscal issues; 2) Quality of life, including pedestrian safety improvements, and park upgrades; 3) Education, with a focus on the University of Maryland charter school; and 4) Transportation, particularly the Pontiac Street/ Edmonston Road/ Kenilworth Avenue intersection.

Mayor Calvo said he would like to explore the annexation of the entire intersection. Starting at the east side of Edmonston Road, the Kenilworth intersection is presently unincorporated, with County police being responsible for responding to accidents. Annexation would enable Berwyn Heights police to manage accidents, enforce traffic violations, and escort school children visiting to Greenbelt Park. MPT Wilkinson wondered whether there is such a problem with accidents at the intersection that it warrants annexation. CM Kulpa-Eddv worried that Berwyn Heights would also be responsible for maintaining the intersection. Mayor Calvo said Kenilworth Avenue and its right of way would remain SHA property and would continue to be maintained by it. But it would be in Berwyn Heights and give it police power.

Other suggested topics included Pepco community relations, storm water management, the Greenbelt Metro Area sector plan and MML priorities. Mayor Calvo said that he will finalize the agenda.

SHA road salt agreements: Mayor Calvo explained that TA Murphy had prepared this topic but is not here to discuss it. Clerk Harper said that she spoke with TA Murphy about the matter this morning, as well as with the SHA official responsible for concluding the agreements to supply road salt to municipalities. Their prices for this year's supply of road salt differ slightly. Mr. Chacha at SHA quoted \$9,229, based on a price per ton of \$61.53 and an estimated amount of 150 tons, which is approximately \$200 more than TA Murphy referenced in his memorandum. TA Murphy would like the Council to approve the agreements so that they can be executed soon.

MPT Wilkinson explained that the Town last year signed a Memorandum of Un-

derstanding with SHA that permits the Town to obtain road salt from the SHA's salt supply. Previously, the Town had depended on College Park and other neighboring municipalities to obtain salt when needed. However, during the blizzard of 2010, Berwyn Heights was cut off from those suppliers and was unable to properly clear its roads from snow and ice. The Town then turned to SHA for a reliable salt supply. SHA is now moving towards instituting a formal system of supplying municipalities with salt. It is based on signed agreements that spell out amounts of road salt needed and prices charged. Each municipality is also assigned a number that allows SHA to better track its salt sales.

Mayor Calvo said that the agreements cannot be adopted until the next Town meeting. He would like to know how this year's price compares to what the Town previously paid. MPT Wilkinson said that the cost would be less than the budgeted line item and less than the price it paid for non-SHA road salt. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked that TA Murphy clarify the different numbers cited in the sample agreement before it is approved, and which salt dome the Town would utilize. Clerk Harper was asked to have TA Murphy follow up.

PGC 10-year waste management plan: Mayor Calvo said that the County drafted a 10-Year Solid Waste Management plan, in conformance with State requirements. The plan, among other things, seeks to prepare the County for the closure of the Brown Station landfill, which will reach its capacity in 6 years. It is proposed that the County build a transfer station to ship its solid waste out of State. The Cities of Greenbelt and College Park took a position against the plan because it relies too heavily on exporting solid waste. They would like the plan to focus instead on reducing waste at the source through recycling and conservation measures. The question for the Council is whether it wants to take a stand on the matter.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks Prince George's municipalities are already recycling a lot. The problem is mainly with the unincorporated areas. He sees no problem with shipping waste to another region, which is not as densely populated as this County, as long as it goes to a place with adequate environmental standards. MPT Wilkinson said that Acting Director Lockley thinks the only issue with the transfer station is that it will be 10 miles further away from Berwyn Heights and will add to transportation costs. Mayor Calvo wondered whether the Town could utilize D.C.'s transfer

station at Fort Totten. CM Almoguera asked if the Green Team should review the plan and make a recommendation. Mayor Calvo said that the focus of the Green Team is on improving Berwyn Heights. He doubts it would want to advocate at the County level. The Council declined taking a position at this time.

2. Administration

Commercial vehicle parking permit: Mayor Calvo said that the property at 6207 Ruatan Street was recently purchased. The new owner started remodeling the home without proper permits. The Code Department issued several fines and asked the County to issue a "stop work order." In addition to building and dumpster permits, the owner also needed a permit to park his commercial vehicle in the street at night because a dumpster is taking up most of the space in driveway.

Mayor Calvo first heard that a commercial vehicle parking permit had been granted to the property in Chief Antolik's monthly report. TA Murphy had apparently issued the permit on the assumption that he was authorized to do so. Mayor Calvo believes that TA Murphy may have confused commercial vehicle permits with solicitor permits, which he had been given authority to issue. In short, this permit was issued without proper authority. The question is whether the Council should rescind the permit.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she believes the last Code report stated that the permits have been obtained and the fines paid. The commercial vehicle, a box truck, is used to store construction materials in lieu of a POD that was initially sitting in the street in front of their house. The property has a short driveway and a steeply-sloped front yard, which does not leave a lot room for a POD. MPT Wilkinson said it appears the Code Director is monitoring the situation and the owner is now in compliance. He would recommend leaving the commercial parking permit in place and simply let TA Murphy know to bring them to the Council for approval in the future.

Mayor Calvo said that this is probably the right course of action. However, he thinks the truck may take up valuable parking during the Christmas holiday when friends and family often come to visit. Therefore he would suggest revising the permit to end on December 21. CM Dennison so moved. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1, with CM Almoguera abstaining. She did not think the owners should be penalized for a mistake made by the Town

office. She would prefer to hear from TA Murphy first.

Nothing was discussed under 3. Code Compliance.

4. Parks & Recreation

Letter of commendation: CM Dennison said that she recently received a call from UMD's Director of Budget & Fiscal Analysis, Robert Platky. He told her that he is nominating Theresa Beck who, along with Leon Swain, runs a popular karate program in Town, for the University's prestigious Staff Award for Extraordinary Public Service to the University or the Greater Community. Mr. Patky asked CM Dennison about Ms. Beck's volunteer activities in Berwyn Heights and a letter of recommendation from the Town. CM Dennison confirmed that Ms. Beck is an outstanding volunteer and agreed to request the Town Council to send a letter of support. The Council agreed that Ms. Beck is a worthy nominee for the award. CM Almoguera noted that she is taking karate classes with her 2 young sons and can say from personal experience that Ms. Beck is wonderful and the Town is lucky to have her. CM Dennison moved for the Town to send a letter. CM Almoguera seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. Clerk Harper was asked to write the letter.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Public Safety**.

6. Public Works

Sidewalks, next steps: Mayor Calvo said that the October 1 public hearing showed there was broad consensus on the route for priority 1 sidewalks: section 1 - Cunningham Drive/ 60th Avenue from Pontiac Street to Greenbelt Road; and section 2 - lower Pontiac Street to Sports Park. Section 3 - in front of the Community Center and Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) received mixed support. His top priorities are sections 1 and 2. He is opposed to sidewalks in front of the Community Center and less enthusiastic about sidewalks along the BHES frontage. His goal is to build the first sidewalks by the fall of 2013. The next step in the process is designing and engineering the sidewalks to determine how they would be built in each particular location. This is associated with its own costs. However, since the cost of construction will not be known until the project goes to bid, the scope of the project remains uncertain. There may only be enough money in the reserve to build section 1 sidewalks; possibly both sections 1 and 2 if the economies of scale are favorable.

MPT Wilkinson said that he favors including the school frontage, which is

estimated to cost \$33,000. To discourage pedestrians from walking in the street in front of the community center, as they now do, a crosswalk could be painted across the school driveway exit to guide them to the sidewalk next to the community center.

CM Dennison suggested employing a forester to advise the Town on how to deal with mature trees that would be impacted by sidewalk construction. She also expressed her preference for building sidewalks on the east side in front of the fire house, rather than switching it to the other side of 60th Avenue. CM Almoguera added that pedestrians might be warned about fire trucks exiting the station with signage.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said there is not enough money in the public safety reserve now to pay for even a part of the priority 1 project. She is worried that the Town will end up with only design and engineering plans and no money left for emergency generators, street lights or bus stop improvements. The Town Council needs to start thinking about how to pay for this major project beyond the reserve and consider either raising taxes or issuing bonds.

CM Almoguera said that the Town should also look at the revenue side and figure out the optimal placement of speed cameras and frequency of relocation. She believes that more revenue could be generated by moving the cameras more often. Mayor Calvo agreed that the cameras could be managed better. However, moving the cameras has to be done by the vendor, OptoTraffic, which does not always respond promptly. He thinks the Town should not harass the vendor because he probably does not make much money in Berwyn Heights and may cancel the program altogether.

MPT Wilkinson said that he and CM Almoguera have been working on locating grant money for sidewalks. The Safe Routes to School grant would pay for sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of a school, such as the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue leading to Greenbelt Middle School, and the 8700 block of 62nd Avenue, leading to the rear entrance of Berwyn Heights Elementary School. He does not believe the grants would pay for the more distant sidewalks or even in front of the school, which is more of a drop-off location.

Mayor Calvo agreed that funding is an issue. But he thinks there will be enough money in the reserve by next year to do at least a portion of the priority 1 project. Design and engineering would cost

about 10%-15% of the entire project, or approximately \$40,000-\$60,000. This would leave enough in the reserve to proceed with construction. To obtain real information on construction costs, the Town must first get to the bidding stage. To get to the bidding stage, design and engineering plans must be at hand. Apart from that, the Town should know more next year about when the compensation money from the Greenbelt Station development will become available.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that design and engineering will use up half of the public safety reserve fund and will not leave enough money for purchasing generators. She is not sure that grants can be obtained to pay for generators. Mayor Calvo said he would use some money from the reserve to pay for part of the generators after an attempt has been made to locate grant money. CM Dennison said that County Councilmember Olson's office may be the best bet to get grant money for generators.

Mayor Calvo said that to move forward the Council needs to agree on the route. CM Almoguera said that she is in favor of sidewalks for the entire priority 1 project. Her top priority is section 1 connecting Pontiac Street to Greenbelt Road. The stretch in front of the school and community center is less important because a safe routes to school grant may fund sidewalks there. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the only part she would fund is the 5700 block of Pontiac Street and the 5600-5500 block of Berwyn Road. The connection to Greenbelt Road is less important to her because 58th Avenue already has a sidewalk connecting Pontiac Street to Greenbelt Road.

Mayor Calvo summed up that a majority of the Council agrees with proceeding with the Greenbelt Road to Pontiac Street leg and the Sports Park to Pontiac Street leg. The school frontage is optional. TA Murphy will be asked to obtain design and engineering estimates for these stretches of road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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Code News

Yard Waste collection:

Christmas trees should be discarded during regular yard waste collection days: on Mondays north of Pontiac Street, on Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street, Loose leaves will not be collected after December 31. All leaves must now be bagged for disposal.

Winter Reminders:

Please clear sidewalks from snow and ice but refrain from shoveling snow into the street. Place only cold ashes into trash cans for collection.



Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 11; Trash/ Litter = 27; Vehicle Violations = 12; Yard Waste = 9: Miscellaneous Violations = 18: Abatements = 0.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 1: Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 14: Rental Investigations = 1; Building Permits = 3; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 5.

Receipts: Permits = \$1,046; Fines and Late Fees = \$1,225; Liens = \$1,425; Code Fines, Clean-outs,

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1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00			
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00			
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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

ark your calendars! You won't want to miss our annual Presidents' Day event with special guest Hugh Taft-Morales—descendant of William Howard Taft, our 27th President! There will be exhibits, music, drinks & snacks and a short presentation by our guest of honor. We will also hold 9 prize drawings during the event!

The BHHC is seeking new members and volunteers who are interested in working with the committee on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the 4th Tuesday each month at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be January 22nd.

Twelfth Night Ball—Saturday, January 12

Bring the holiday season to a close in style at the Riversdale House Museum's Regency-style Twelfth Night Ball. Dance to live music by Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts, plus the lively sounds of fiddler Andrea Hoag. Dancing begins at 7:30 pm. An elegant ball supper will be served with additional dance sets to follow. Following tradition, a king and queen will also be crowned. Come dressed in your finest Regency attire or black tie.

The cost is \$35 for County residents. Advance registration is required by January 4, and capacity is limited. For more information or to register, call 301-864-0420 or visit their website at: history.pgparks.com.



Save the Date: MARCH 9-10, 2013 @ BH Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road

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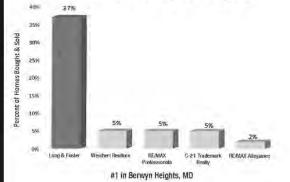




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"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning, a new resolution. I challenge you to just be yourself." - T. S. Eliot

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man." – Benjamin Franklin

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

SOLD-5807 Bucknell Terr, 5BR, 3BA cape cod, FP, HDWD firs....\$290,000.

SOLD-5608 Berwyn Rd, 4BR, 2BA rambler, short sale..........\$155,000.

REDUCED-6014 Westchester Park Dr., 2BR, 1BA condo, balcony,

sep DR\$99,900.

NEW Listing for RENT- 6215 Quebec Pl, 3-4 BR, 2 BA rambler, updated kit, OSP,walk to BHES.....\$1800 mo.





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



BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



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

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

11/02/2012 at 12:05 am, Pfc. Krouse arrested a 36 Y/O, W/M a resident of Bowie for driving while under the influence of alcohol. The 36 Y/O male was driving his 2001 GMC truck on Greenbelt Road near 63rd Avenue.

11/02/2012 at 8:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1995 Honda at the location of 6100 block of Greenbelt Road. Driver was unlicensed.

11/03/2012 at 11:59 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2000 Toyota at the location of 5550 Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

11/04/2012 at 4:16 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of 57th Avenue for a report of a fraud. Victim's pin number to her bank account was compromised.

11/05/2012 at 5:45 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 5400 block of Berwyn Road for a report of theft. Unknown person(s) removed copper from compressors.

11/07/2012 at 6:22 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5700 block of Quebec Street for a report of a burglary. Unknown person enter the domicile through the bedroom window between the air conditioner unit and the frame of the window. Once inside, the suspect removed video games, lap top and money.

11/10/2012 at 2:35 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2001 VW at the location of 5700 block of Greenbelt Road. Driver of the vehicle was driving without a license and the tags were suspended.

11/11/2012 at 2:08 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2008 Kia from the location of 8400 block of Ballew Avenue. Driver of the vehicle was driving without insurance and the tags were suspended.

11/12/2012 at 7:58 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to 6327 Greenbelt Road at the Greenbelt Road Shell for a report of a stolen tow truck.

11/13/2012 at 11:00 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to an accident on Greenbelt on Greenbelt Road at 60th Avenue. On scene, Pfc. Krouse noticed that one of the drivers had a strong smell of alcoholic beverage on his breath. Furthermore, the subject was unable to follow simple instructions and responded with slurred speech. The driver was identified as Mr. Ever Jiminez-Coreas, a 39 Y/O, W/H male from Beltsville, MD. He was charged with Driving While under the Influence and his vehicle a 1996 Chevy TK was impounded.

11/16/2012 at 4:35 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road Suite U1 for a report of a purse being stolen from an office.

11/17/2012 at 12:34 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6100 block of Quebec Place for a report of theft from a 2007 Ford Truck. Unknown person removed copper wires from the truck.

11/17/2012 at 11:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2005 Ford from the location of Greenbelt Road at Cunningham Drive. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

11/18/2012 at 10:48 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of a BB gun found in a trashcan.

11/20/2012 at 11:40 am, Pfc. Ignowski, Det. Unger and Chief of Police responded to the 7700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of an unresponsive person. Investigation revealed that the mother of the decedent found her daughter, a 47 Y/O, W/F, in her bedroom unresponsive. The decedent was pronounced and transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in Baltimore, MD. Investigation continues.

11/25/2012 at 8:30 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8500 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from a 1995 GMC truck. Unknown person(s) removed a GPS, a backpack, and a checkbook.

11/25/2012 at 2:51 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8500 block of 60th Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 2000 Mazda. Unknown person smashed the passenger's side window with an unknown object and fled.

11/26/2012 at 10:51 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6321 Greenbelt Road for a report of a missing 2004 Dodge neon. Investigation later revealed that

the vehicle was taken by an employee to repair a flat tire without prior approval.

11/27/2012 at 12:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski took a report from a Town resident who came to the station and claimed that his Verizon wireless account was compromise and several unauthorized transactions were purchased.

11/27/2012 at 2:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski transported a 35 Y/O, A/M a New Jersey resident who had an outstanding warrant that was issued back in 2011 by Detective Unger. Timothy Lui was charged with electronic misuse.

11/29/2012 at 1:08 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a report of theft. Victim, a 20 Y/O, W/M claims that someone removed his X-Box and several games without his permission.

11/30/2012 at 10:25 am Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8500 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of stolen tires from a Truck.

11/30/2012 at 11:35 am Pfc. Thompson, Pfc. Ignowski and Chief Antolik responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan Street for two suspicious subjects. Field interviews were conducted and they were sent on way.

11/30/2012 at 11:55 am Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of a PEPCO employee damaging a residential air conditioning unit.



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3rd Capatin: Richard Kitchen	Chuck Fusco Danny McCoy		
4 th Captain: Ben Ross	Pete Issacson Ryan Wagner		
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Winter Fire Safety Tips:



- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, please keep it clear of snow, ice and debris for easy access by the fire department.
- Assume all downed wires are electrically charged!
- Use a glass or metal screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks from igniting nearby carpets, furniture or other items that can catch fire.
- Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery.

-United States Fire Administration(USFA)

Unofficial Department Run Statistics	s for 2012	New Fire Chief's Command Vehicle	
Rescue Squads:	1,612	BHVFD has recently purchased and equipped	
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	42	a new red 2012 Chevy Tahoe to replace the 2003 Ford Explorer that formerly served as	
Ladder Truck:	818		
Ambulances:	2,030	the Fire Chief's buggy. A Maryland State bid	
Total Station Runs:	4,502	was used in the process.	
As of December 13 th , 2012		was seed in the process.	

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(301) 474-6897 to see what pickup arrangements can be made.





Please remember to do your part to Keep Your Sidewalk Clear of Snow and Ice so our children can walk to/from school safely. Help do your part to keep Berwyn Heights a year round walkable community by removing and keeping clear, snow and ice from all sidewalks, paths, and/or drives on all areas abutting your property within 24 hours after a snowfall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

www.npgcrc.com/pages/BHR.html Or email: gotv12@yahoo.com

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

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

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



Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter



Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Jan 1 - School Closed - New Year's Day

Jan 3 – Market Day Order closing

Jan 9 – 5pm Market Day pickup

Jan 17 - End of Second Quarter

Jan 18 - No School - Grading/Planning Day

Jan 21 - School Closed - MLK Day

Jan 31 - Market Day Order closing

Special Events

Skate Night is coming soon. Please watch the newsletter for more information.

Market Day

Starting in 2013 the PTA will be making Market Day – an online fundraising food purchasing program available to the residents of Berwyn Heights and beyond. Visit the Market Day Website at http://www.marketday.com.

The school's ID is 29888. A percentage of your purchase goes to the PTA to support the BHES the more orders we receive the higher the percentage we get. The pickup location is the breezeway of the elementary school.

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.

Membership Corner

It's never too late to join! Membership is currently \$12.00/person or \$20.00/family.

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.



Have a New Year's resolution? Come tell Mrs. Wolfinger on January 10th and 11th at the office at 9am and you'll get a new pencil.

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 bulbs into the school gardens. You should see something popping up in early Spring. 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.



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 Shihan John Roseberry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization.

Open to All Ages/ All Levels:

Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.

Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm

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







E-mail: mike@asyoulikeitheatingandair.com

Check out our new website:

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BERWYN MEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

"Celebrating 25 Years in Town"

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

Jan. 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jan. 2	Juaming Li
Jan. 19	Mary Ann Eley Othell Heath
	Ann Hixon
Jan. 22	Betty Brown
Jan. 23	Grace Henner
Jan. 28	Barbara Case
Jan. 30	Victor Gasch



JANUARY ACTIVITIES

10:30 A.M.

Jan. 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 8	Meeting	11:00 A.M
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
Jan. 9	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Jan. 10	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 12	Potluck Dinner	
	& Movie	5:00 P.M.
Jan. 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Jan. 16	Wii Bowling	10.30 A.M.
Jan. 17	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 19	Game Day	2:00 P.M.
Jan. 22	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
Jan. 23	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Jan. 24	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
Jan. 26	Movie	2:00 P.M.
Jan. 29	Bingo	12:30 P.M.

Wii Bowling

Stop by the Seniors'
Center and
Get Acquainted



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club January 2013

Elections The Votes are in!

Elections were held for all club positions on both our Executive Committee and Athletic Committee at our meeting on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Town Center. The following individuals will start their positions starting January 1, 2013. Congratulations!



Executive Committee

President - Shenita Hemby Vice President - Eric Hemby Secretary - Lynn White Treasurer - Maria Robles Registrar - Leslie Wolfinger Athletic Director - Ronnie Compton Equipment Manager - VACANT Concession Stand/Events Coor. - Cheryl Compton Track Commissioner - Jeff Osmond

Athletic Committee

Baseball Commissioner - Ronnie Compton Ball Hockey Commissioner - Kevin Conover Basketball Commissioner - Kristen Buker Cheerleading Commissioner - Kristen Buker Soccer Commissioner - Jason Papanikolas Softball Commissioner - VACANT T-ball Commissioner - James Hudson

A big thank you to Ronnie Compton for leading our club the past two years! Also, thank you to the other outgoing officers for all of their hard work and service to the club! Finally, thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to take on a Board position.

Basketball

Unfortunately, due to the fact that we did not find a coach to coach a basketball team, and the lack of sign-ups, we are not able to form a basketball team this year. Other sport options are being discussed.

Cheerleading

Cheerleading has started and is at Town Center on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. For information contact Kristen Buker at (443)623-0013. Don't

Registration Reminder

Early Registration will be held on the first two Saturdays of February up at the Berwyn Heights Community Center for the 2013 season.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center. Check out our website at www.bhbgc.org for more information.



January 2013

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 30	NEW YEAR'S EVE TOWN OFFICES CLOSED AT 1:00 P.M.	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICK UP	NW/EP Town Office 7:30 P.M.	Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M	5 4 5	5
6	Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	8	Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	№ 10№	\$ 11 S	Traveling Garden Awards Reception Town Center 2:00 P.M.
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27	™ 28 №	29	© 30	№ 31 🔊	Recyling Collection Street Sweeping Yard Waste North South	Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South

Street Sweeper is not scheduled for Berwyn Heights this month. Avoid litter. Keep our Town CLEAN.

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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Emergency - Fire Rescue	9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554
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

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays

South of Pontiac...... Tuesdays & Fridays

Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac

Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Heavy Trash Day:

Recycling Schedule:

Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

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

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Mayor — Public Safety and Health

James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)

Rose Almoguera (301) 974-1777 ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us Councilmember — Administration

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

Town Helpline Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: http://www.berwyn-heights.com

Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

Or email: emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

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

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