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JULY 2012



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 7 — 6:00-9:00 P.M.

★ ★ **PUBLIC HEARING** ★ ★

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PUBLIC HEARING 59th AVENUE ACCESS

July 11 Town Meeting

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on limiting access to 59th Avenue from Greenbelt Road at 8:00 pm on July 11. As a result of the recent opening of a 7-Eleven store at 5815 Greenbelt Road, there has been renewed concern about increased cut-through traffic on 59th Avenue. Currently, the following options are currently on the table and the Town Council is open to other ideas:

1. Closing the southbound lane on 59th Avenue at the line of the first residential homes. No traffic would be able to enter 59th Avenue from Greenbelt Road, but traffic could exit onto Greenbelt Road.
2. Closing 59th Avenue entirely at the line of the first residential homes. No traffic could enter from, or exit onto Greenbelt Road. 59th Avenue would only be accessible from Seminole Street.

The Town Council especially wants to hear from the residents of 59th Avenue and adjacent streets. If you cannot attend you may send in written testimony to Town Administrator Edward Murphy at 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD; or email him at contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us.

OBITUARY

Anne Marlene Carlson of Berwyn Heights passed into rest after a long battle with colorectal cancer on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 11 am. No interment ceremony and no flowers please. She leaves behind a sister in Germany and husband, Jack Carlson of Berwyn Heights. 301-474-7091.

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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

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

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Registration to be on Priority List



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day (July 4) falls on a Wednesday this year.

ALL TOWN OFFICES

CLOSED ON JULY 4

Monday, July 2—North Side Trash & Yard Waste

Tuesday, July 3—South Side Trash & Yard Waste

Wednesday, July 4

NO Refuse Pick-up

Thursday, July 5 – North Side Refuse & Bulk (regular pickup), AND Recycling pickup (north and south)

Friday, July 6—South Side Refuse & Bulk (regular pickup)

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Sport Camp (Ages 6 - 12)

Camp	9 am - 4:30 pm	\$210(Resident); \$255(Non-Resident)
AM Care	7 - 9 am	\$25(R); \$30(NR)
PM Care	4:30 - 6 pm	\$25(R); \$30(NR)

Jun 18 - Jun 29

Camp 790765 AM Care 790769 PM Care 790770

Jul 2 - Jul 13

Camp 790766 AM Care 790771 PM Care 790772

Jul 16 - Jul 27

Camp 790767 AM Care 791020 PM Care 791021

Jul 30 - Aug 10

Camp 790768 AM Care 790773 PM Care 790774

Band Camp (Ages 9 - 13)

Camp 6 pm - 8:30 pm \$120(R); \$144(NR)

Jul 30 - Aug 10

Camp 793665 evening session, no before or after care



Worksession

May 7, 2012

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

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Ahrens said that the UMD shuttle bus he used this week had 18 other passengers on it. Many students and faculty residing in Berwyn Heights are now using it.

Calendar: The June 4 worksession was rescheduled for June 11.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Ahrens, the April 16 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by MPT Wilkinson, the April 23 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The April 11 Town meeting were distributed for approval at the May Town meeting.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the opening of the Indian Creek playground went well and that the playground has since attracted a steady stream of visitors. Berwyn Heights Day came off without a hitch and was well attended. TA Murphy had great support in planning the parade from volunteer Kyle Snyder. Mayor Calvo noted that he met with most of the elected councilmembers and directors since the election to talk about departmental assignments.

CM Ahrens reported that he met with Code Director Solomon before taking his leave. Both felt they worked well together. CM Dennison thanked all volunteers who helped make this another wonderful Berwyn Heights Day. MPT Wilkinson said Public Works was busy with preparations for Berwyn Heights Day and cleanup afterward. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the source of the electrical problem at the Senior Center has been identified and the automatic door-opening mechanism will be reactivated soon.

Citizen Comments: Mayor Calvo received many comments on Berwyn Heights Day and Indian Creek playground, where parking and trash problems are occurring as a result of heavy use. Further, a Bucknell Terrace resident informed him about his unsuccessful attempt to get police service using the County non-emergency number. He needed assistance to have a car moved

that was blocking his driveway. MPT Wilkinson also received a comment about the County non-emergency number and about sidewalks.

Four Cities agenda: The following items were proposed for the 4 Cities agenda: Street sweeper retrofitting and operating procedures; Greenbelt Station development update; Greenbelt Middle School hours and busing; joint grant writing; Sustainable Maryland update.

Bulletin cover (added item): The following items were approved for the June Bulletin cover: Town-wide yard sale and tipping day headlines; jump for Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Greenbelt Station development agreement: TA Murphy highlighted the latest revisions to the agreement. In Section 1 of the agreement a table was added, which breaks down \$1 million in compensatory payments to the Town of Berwyn Heights for traffic and safety impacts by type of units to be built. With the economy remaining flat, retail units may not be built anytime soon. If that is the case, payments based on retail units built will be redistributed to residential units. However, regardless of changes to the number or type of units built, the total amount of the compensation will remain the same. Section 1 further specifies that payments will be made at the time building permits are pulled. Mayor Calvo said that he would like the payment to be made at the time the developer sells the land to a builder or, if the land is not sold, at the time building permits are pulled. He does not want the Town to have to wait for payments until building permits are issued or keep track of the building permit process. If payments are not made on time, he would like to add a provision stating that interest will be charged for outstanding payments.

Town Attorney Shay proposed to take out Section 2, which acknowledges that the developer may purchase properties on Branchville Road with the Town retaining the right to approve access to Branchville Road. TA Murphy recommended leaving it in because the redevelopment of Branchville Road properties would likely entail improvements to the road. Mayor Calvo said that he, too, wants to keep this section, mainly because it gives the Town the right to control access to Branchville Road.

Renumbered Sections 9 and 10 have been added and state that the north core, owned by WMATA, and south core, owned by CRM Mid-Atlantic Properties, are now separate entities without any of the joint liabilities or obligations set forth in the original 2005 agreement. The re-

numbered and revised Section 17 states that the agreement shall be binding on any heirs, successors or assigns. In renumbered Section 22 language was added to specify that any modification of the agreement must be consented to in writing by all parties.

CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the agreement cites different effective dates for the original 2005 agreement with Metroland Developers. Mayor Calvo said that someone with fresh eyes and attention to detail should review the document for mistakes and inconsistencies before adoption.

ReMax agreement update: Mayor Calvo said that the agreement with Larry Jarboe, the owner of the ReMax property in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road, was revised to reflect the understanding that was reached at the April 16 worksession. Section A-10 now provides that the Town has approval rights only for the first store-owner/tenant of 6321 Greenbelt Road, once Prince George's District Council has approved the needed change in zoning from CO to CSC. Thereafter Mr. Jarboe may sign tenants without the Town's input. Meanwhile, Dollar General has withdrawn its offer to open a store in that location, which will require further nominal changes to the agreement.

Mayor Calvo related that he has mediated another meeting between Mr. Jarboe and his tenant Mr. Cosker, the manager of the Raleigh Inn regarding the settlement of an outstanding debt. It was agreed that Mr. Cosker would pay Mr. Jarboe \$70,000 in outstanding rent to be paid in 2 installments. Mr. Cosker has made a down payment of \$35,000. Negotiations on a schedule schedule for paying off the remaining sum are progressing.

Sidewalk surveying: Mayor Calvo said that TA Murphy has received additional information on what it would cost to have different combinations of sidewalks surveyed. TA Murphy said, when taking the earlier and more recent quotes together, the prices for surveying different combinations of sidewalks is as follows:

- Priority 1 sidewalks - \$21,000 (already approved)
- Priority 2 sidewalks only - \$26,600
- Priority 3 sidewalks only - \$26,000
- Priority 1 & 2 sidewalks together - \$37,000
- Priority 1, 2 & 3 sidewalks together - \$48,300

The additional quotes show that surveying each priority separately as a stand-alone project would be substantially more expensive (\$73,000) than surveying them together (\$48,300). Surveying all priorities together would save \$24,000, while surveying priorities 1 and 2 together would save \$10,000. No quote was obtained for doing priorities 2 and 3 together. The difference in price between surveying priority 1, 2 and 3 as stand-alone projects is due to the difference in linear feet surveyed in each group of sidewalks. Surveying is expected to take 9 weeks for each group. A cost estimate for conceptual design was not obtained because the cost is dependent on the side of a street where sidewalks are proposed to be installed.

At 8:18, the Council took a 5-minute break.

Mayor Calvo asked how soon the surveying could start. He wants to get the project started, regardless of how the surveying is done. TA Murphy said that he will ask the contractor to get started as soon as possible once the Council has given the green light. He added that it would take 9 weeks to survey priority 1 sidewalks; 11 weeks for priority 2; 11 weeks for priority 3; 14 weeks for priority 1 and 2 together; and 16 weeks for all together. A substantial amount of time will be needed just to compare the survey results with the land records on file. CM Kulpa-Eddy wondered if there are cost savings from site visits, even if priorities 2 and 3 are done as stand-alone project. TA Murphy said that site visits would be repeated with each priority if they are stand-alone projects.

MPT Wilkinson commented that, with approximately \$128,000 in the public safety reserve fund, only a little over 1/3 of the money would be spent on surveying all three priorities together. He remains in favor of surveying all priorities together because it would save \$24,000 and make it easier to move forward on the other streets in the future. CM Kulpa-Eddy preferred to do priority 1 first to get an idea of how they are received by the residents. If there is a backlash, the remaining sidewalks would probably not be built. CM Ahrens agreed. CM Dennison said that she is for doing priority 1 sidewalks first because she wants to use some public safety money for purchasing backup generators at the Town Center.

Mayor Calvo said that there is value in having surveys done for all the streets the Council has prioritized because the Town should know the boundaries of its rights of way. Further, the cost savings from doing all surveys together is substantial. On the downside, it pushes sur-

veying completion dates 2 months further out, and would delay public hearings on conceptual design beyond this fall.

MPT Wilkinson said he is baffled why the Council does not want to take advantage of \$24,000 in savings from surveying all prioritized streets together. Those surveys will be needed whenever priority 2 and 3 sidewalks are considered. Further, he questioned whether two expensive backup generators are needed when only a few residents avail themselves of the emergency center service during power outages. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the emergency center is used by Police and Public Works as well. MPT Wilkinson said that one backup generator serving the Town Administration Building would probably be sufficient for Town personnel. He doubted that a second generator to serve residents at the Town Center is a good investment. Current emergency plans call for residents to shelter in place for the first 3 days during a power outage. If there is a bigger emergency, the Town Center is not adequate to serve all residents in any case.

CM Kulpa-Eddy replied that an emergency center set up and staffed by the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) is not intended to be a shelter that would serve large numbers of people for an extended period of time. However, it is useful as a heating or cooling center during a power outage and can help individual residents with charging up communication devices or keeping medicines or baby formula cool.

Mayor Calvo asked whether any Councilmember has changed his or her mind as to whether to survey only priority 1 sidewalks or all prioritized sidewalks together since they last voted on the matter. CMs Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy remained in favor of surveying only priority 1 sidewalks to begin with. Mayor Calvo asked TA Murphy to start the surveying of priority 1 sidewalks forthwith.

Comcast franchise needs assessment: Mayor Calvo said that a public hearing was held at the April Town meeting to get feedback from residents on which cable TV and other communication services they would like Comcast to offer in the future. No comments were made. However, the Council may want to state what the needs of the Town are with respect to Comcast services, which Clerk Harper would communicate to the Comcast negotiating team at a May 9 meeting. The following items were identified: repairing audio problems with broadcasts on the government access channel; à la Carte channel lineup; and better customer service.

2. Public Works. Nothing was discussed.

3. Administration

Street light survey: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP has produced a map that shows the dark areas in Berwyn Heights and asked its members and the Police Department to prioritize them. The following areas were considered as most in need of additional lighting:

- 57th Avenue, 8900 block. People loiter in parked cars after dark.
- 56th Avenue at Indian Creek Park. People loiter in parked cars.
- Bus stops at Pop's Park and at the Pontiac Street/63rd Avenue intersection
- Footpath along west-side of Berwyn Heights Elementary School
- High pedestrian traffic areas on Berwyn Road and Goucher Drive.

Other dark areas identified by Councilmembers include:

- Pontiac Street/57th Avenue intersection. A tree obscures the Pontiac Street side of the intersection.
- Pontiac Street close to the school.
- Pops Park. Youths loiter after dark.

TA Murphy said that a new streetlight costs approximately \$2,000, while upgrading a streetlight costs \$700. Mayor Calvo said that he would give top priority to the bus stops and the footpath. However, the footpath would likely be expensive to illuminate, as there are no power lines. The problem at Pontiac Street/57th Avenue could possibly be improved by trimming the tree. TA Murphy suggested that the streetlight might be moved to the other side of 57th Avenue to improve visibility at that intersection. Regarding the footpath, it may be better to install parking lot type fixtures rather than new Pepco poles with lights. Council agreed that the next steps are to get quotes from Pepco on the cost of installing the new fixtures, as well as quotes for trimming shrubs and trees that obscure lights.

Nothing was discussed. under **4. Code Compliance** and **5. Parks and Recreation**.

6. Public Safety

Indian Creek Park parking: Mayor Calvo said that the popularity of the new Indian Creek playground has created a parking problem and associated safety issues. When people park along the T-ball field their cars are too close to the embankment and at risk of sliding or toppling down the slope. Police Chief Antolik and Public Works Director Coleman recommended installing a guardrail or pole barrier along the T-ball field to prevent such an accident. Another option is to make that stretch of 56th Avenue a 'no parking' area.

MPT Wilkinson proposed to pave the grassy area to the left (south) of the T ball field with pervious pavers and make it more suitable as a parking lot. Park users already use this area for parking. Pervious pavers would stabilize the soil and better support parked vehicles, while allowing water to soak into the ground and grass to grow. The Council agreed to look into installing rails and improving the parking area. For the interim, the Council voted 5 to 0 to make both sides of 56th Avenue along the T-Ball field a 'no parking' zone.

8. Budget

TA Murphy went over the latest changes in the FY 2013 budget. The Council approved spending \$28,000 from surplus for Berwyn Heights' share to refurbish the Four Cities street sweeper. This reduces the surplus to \$497,000. Health insurance premiums for the 3rd quarter went up by only 1.3%, bringing the appropriation to within \$591 of the introduced FY 2013 budget. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Ahrens seconded to move \$591 from the fund balance to the health insurance appropriation. The motion passed 5 to 0, leaving a fund balance of \$5,382.

Mayor Calvo said that there are a number of smaller improvements that he can think of funding with the remaining money, such as additional trash and recycling containers at bus stops and parks, as well as parking improvements at Indian Creek Park. MPT Wilkinson proposed purchasing better signage for the entrances of Berwyn Heights along Edmonston Road and Greenbelt Road. CM Kulpa-Eddy preferred to spend money on pervious pavers to improve the Indian Creek Park parking lot. CM Ahrens moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to put the remaining \$5,382 into the Public Works budget for beautification projects. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy was instructed to obtain cost estimates for the referenced improvements and come up with a proposal.

9. Budget Amendment

TA Murphy said that he has a first draft of the FY 2012 budget amendment to be introduced as Ordinance No. 159. However, at this point it shows only the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) from the State and County. He will have better numbers for the first worksession in June. Regarding the Seminole/Ruatan Street project expenditures, he plans to show them under infrastructure reserve funds but will need to talk to the auditor about how it should be handled. Mayor Calvo said that the Town should have a reserve policy that would state, among other things, how expenditures from surplus should be presented.

TA Murphy asked to make another change to the budget. He would like to purchase new energy-efficient T-8 light fixtures for the Town Center and LED light fixtures for the pedestrian bridge because Pepco has an offer to reimburse half the cost if the purchase is made before July 1. MPT Wilkinson moved, and CM Dennison seconded to appropriate \$3,900 from surplus for the Town Center lights. The motion passed 5 to 0. MPT Wilkinson moved, and CM Dennison seconded to amend the motion to also appropriate \$6,000 from the pedestrian bridge account for the pedestrian bridge lights. The motion passed 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy, as well as CM-Elect Rose Almoguera. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, Public Works Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley and Crewman William Locke, Code Officer Charles Hall, Clerk of District Court Representative James Wasserweir and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearings

Ordinance No. 157 - FY 2013 Town Budget: Mayor Calvo opened the hearing at 7:30 p.m. With no comments, he closed the hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Ordinance No. 158 – FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Mayor Calvo opened the hearing at 7:31 p.m. With no comments, he closed the hearing at 7:32 p.m.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the April 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by MPT Wilkinson, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that the last month was a very busy one for the Town Council. Berwyn Heights Day went smoothly, thanks to all the volunteers who helped and the weather holding up. The long-awaited opening of the Indian Creek playground was fabulous and drew a lot of people. He thanked CM Dennison and resident Georgina Stark for their work in making this happen. Last Tuesday, he had the pleasure of announcing the winner of this year's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Sean Brittan Powell wrote the winning essay on the need for a dog park. Another Berwyn Heights student, Ella Lannon, who attends Holy Redeemer Catholic School, won the County-wide "If I Were Mayor Contest." Both essays will be read at the next Town meeting.

Mayor Calvo reported that he has received many calls about a mangy fox that has been sighted on the east side of the Town along Edmonston Road. The animal looks like a coyote because of the loss of fur caused by the mange but it does not appear to be aggressive. Residents nonetheless should keep a distance and not feed it. The Town is monitoring the situation.

5. Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 157 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2013 Town Budget: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Ahrens seconded. Mayor Calvo highlighted the important features of the FY 2013 budget. The real property and personal property tax rates remain unchanged at 48.6 cents, plus a 3 cents road tax, and \$1.215, plus a 7.5 cents road tax. On the expenditure side, health insurance rates jumped up by 35%, with 15% of the increase due to the Town's work force moving into a higher age bracket. However, the focus of the budget is on capital expenditures. They include purchases of new vehicles for the Code and Public

Works Departments and a \$28,000 contribution to rebuilding the shared Four Cities street sweeper. Further, the budget sets aside money to make much-needed facility improvements: new roofs for the Administration and Public Works buildings, conversion of the media center on the first floor of the Town Center into a meeting room, as well as upgrades to the staircase leading to the second floor of the Town Center. At the last worksession, leftover funds in the operating budget were set aside in the Public Works budget to purchase new trash and recycling containers for installation around town, and to make parking along the Indian Creek playground safer.

Mayor Calvo summed up that the Town's operating budget for FY 2013 is \$2,501,000, plus \$134,000 for capital projects financed from surplus. The available surplus went down from \$610,000 in FY 2012 to \$497,000 in FY 2013. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the FY 2013 Town budget.

Ordinance No. 158 – 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance providing for the FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget. CM Ahrens moved to adopt it. MPT Wilkinson seconded. Mayor Calvo said this budget has remained at much the same level for a number of years. The special taxing district levies an additional 10 cents real property tax on the Berwyn Heights businesses and a 15 cents personal property tax. This raises \$69,600, which funds 1 Berwyn Heights police officer, Detective Unger. The FY 2013 budget also funds a new police vehicle costing \$23,700 for PSTD officer. This leaves \$16,000 in remaining surplus.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA), which advises on the PSTD budget, met on May 1 to review the budget but had no quorum. However, all CDMA members were reached for comments before this meeting and expressed their support for the budget. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the FY 2013 PSTD budget.

6. New Business

Ordinance No. 159 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2012 Budget Amendments: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the budget amendment reconciles any changes in revenues or expenditures that have occurred during the current fiscal year. At this time, the only amendments are for 2

Energy Efficiency Conservation Grants received totaling \$24,900. By June other changes will be reflected, including expenditures for the Town Center hose tower repairs, paving of the Public Works yard and renovations of Seminole and Ruatan Streets, totaling over half a million dollars. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the FY 2012 budget amendments.

7. Recognitions

Mayor Calvo recognized Public Works employee Bill (William) Locke for his long and dedicated service to the Town. In the 14 years he worked for the Town, Mr. Locke rarely missed a day and did any job that needed to be done without complaint. The Council is gratified that Mr. Locke will retire with a pension that provides him a dependable income for the rest of his life. He is only second employee to receive the benefit since the Town joined the Maryland State Pension System in 2006. MPT Wilkinson wished Mr. Locke well. He said that he was a hard worker, who could be relied upon to show up every day and do whatever needed to be done. Mr. Locke thanked the Council for their consideration.

Mayor Calvo recognized Councilmember Richard Ahrens, who will step down from the Council tonight. Mr. Ahrens had served the Town in many volunteer positions before he stepped up to fill a vacancy on the Council in February 2009. He brought a thoughtful approach to the Council's deliberations and was always pleasant and respectful even when he disagreed on policy, such as the adoption of a noise ordinance. As head of the Code Department, he had an excellent relationship with Director Solomon. In his relations with residents, he was warm and inclusive. He reached out to the Hispanic and student communities, and to anyone who needed help. One of the achievements he takes pride in is his role in bringing the University of Maryland shuttle bus back to Town. As a former professor at the University, he recognized the importance this service has to a significant portion of the community. Mayor Calvo especially appreciated Mr. Ahrens support with the SWAT legislation. He was the only resident besides himself to testify on the legislation in Annapolis.

CMs Kulpa-Eddy, Dennison and MPT Wilkinson also expressed their appreciation and wished CM Ahrens well. CM Ahrens said, during his tenure, he probably disagreed with every Councilmember at one time or another but nonetheless has remained friends with all. This is as it should be. Five adults working together on the Town Council for 3 years will have

differences of opinion. But disagreements do not have to become personal. CM Ahrens thanked the Council for their words of appreciation and the honor to serve the people of Berwyn Heights.

8. Town Council Election Results

Clerk Harper read the results of the May 1 Town Council election. Of 1,989 registered voters 454 came out to vote. Cheye Calvo was re-elected Mayor with 357 votes (79% of votes cast). James Wilkinson was re-elected Mayor Pro Tem with 213 votes (47%). Rose Almoquera was elected as a first-time Councilmember with 158 votes (35%). Patti Dennison was re-elected to the Council with 147 votes (32%). Jodie Kulpa-Eddy was re-elected to the Council with 128 votes (28%).

9. Swearing-in of the 45th Town Council

Representative of the Clerk of the District Court James Wassawair congratulated the Councilmembers on their election. Clerk of the District Court Marilyn Bland had prior engagements and sent her best wishes. Mr. Wassawair first swore in Mayor Calvo, then MPT Wilkinson and then Councilmembers Almoquera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy.

10. Mayor's Remarks and Organization of the Council

Mayor Calvo said that the election season was exciting and energizing. Having talked mainly with other Councilmembers and Town staff during his term in office, campaigning provided the opportunity to reconnect with voters and get a fresh understanding of what they are thinking. In Berwyn Heights, the most important prerogative of the Mayor is making departmental assignments. In this commission style of government, each Councilmember has a legislative and an executive function. In addition to making law and setting policy, a Councilmember also leads a Town department, which he or she represents on the Council. He is pleased to announce that MPT Wilkinson will retain the important position of Mayor Pro Tem and continue to head the Public Works Department. He himself will continue to lead the Police Department, where he had the pleasure to see and help Kenneth Antolik grow into the role of Police Chief. CM Dennison will remain as head of the Park & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs Department, where she supports and coordinates the activities of the Town's clubs and committees. CM Kulpa-Eddy, who served as head of the Administration Department, has agreed to take on the Code Compliance Department, which has taken on added responsibilities and staff in recent years. Finally,

newly-elected CM Almoguera will lead the Administration Department, which is a good place to learn about Town government.

Mayor Calvo noted that the 45th Town Council will be first majority-female Council in the long line of Councils that have served Berwyn Heights. As someone who studied history, he has endeavored to be mindful of the history and legacy of previous Councils in governing the Town, while preparing it for the future. Next year, the Town will face the challenge of another tri-ennial assessment, which will redefine the tax base. He looks forward to working with this Council to build on recent accomplishments. With the adoption of the FY 2013 budget the ground-work has been laid to invest in the Town's physical infrastructure. This includes:

- Upgrades to Pop's Park;
- Construction of a dog park;
- Construction of priority 1side-walks;
- Improvement and renovation of Town facilities;
- Modernizing IT infrastructure.

Long term, the Council must think how to fund the renovation of its streets in the absence of reliable Highway User Revenues from the State. A start was made with the adoption last year of a 3 cents road tax dedicated to street repairs. The Town also needs to continue to invest in its staff and recruit and train the next generation of leaders. Next year, TA Murphy will retire and the Council will look for a new Town Administrator who is a good fit for Berwyn Heights. Further, Mayor Calvo hopes to build a better relationship with the County government. In particular, he would like the Town to by given more responsibility in enforcing County code in Berwyn Heights, an area where the work of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) has been lacking. Lastly, the Town needs to do a better job of reaching out to new residents and integrating them into the community. He would like to develop a welcome packet that informs new residents about all the Town has to offer in terms of clubs and community activities, and a system where every new resident gets a visit and is invited to participate.

11. Remarks of the Council

MPT Wilkinson thanked his wife and family for supporting his work on the Town Council. It helps that he heads the Public Works Department in explaining to his children why he is serving on Council: they understand that trash needs to be picked up and new recycling bins passed

out. On the occasion of public service week, he thanked all those who choose a career as a public servant, including the Town staff and Councilmembers here tonight. MPT Wilkinson said that he is happy with the election outcome and proud that he helped energize the electorate with a vigorous debate on sidewalks and pedestrian amenities. Voter turnout was up by nearly 30%. He congratulated Mayor Calvo on his being re-elected as Mayor and said that he is looking forward to working with the new Council.

CM Rose Almoguera thanked the people who asked her to run for the Council and all the residents who voted for her. Serving on the Council was not something she had planned but considers it a great honor. She also thanked her husband, who agreed to support her and take on the role of babysitter when she attends meetings. She is looking forward to work with councilmembers and staff on the big and small matters that come up in running a Town.

CM Dennison thanked her family for their continued support. She raised her children here but did not run for the Council until her youngest were in high school. She is happy to again serve as head of the Parks & Recreation Department which puts her in touch with all the community organizations.

CM Kulpa-Eddy thanked the Administration Department for helping her get started in governing the Town. She believes that CM Almoguera will likewise benefit from heading this Department. She is looking forward to taking over as head of the Code Department, which will likely be more challenging. In a previous position of animal welfare inspector she learned that it can be difficult to enforce regulations some people may not understand, much less appreciate. It can be fine line to enforce code without being heavy-handed.

12. Citizens Discussion

Ray Smith of Seminole Place congratulated new and returning Councilmembers on being elected. He also thanked Officer Roberson for his professional and caring manner when visiting the family and neighbors of John Owen, a Seminole Place resident who passed away recently. Further, he asked what the status is on the recently repaved 6100 block of Seminole Street, which has a very rough surface.

Mayor Calvo said the short answer is that the County contractors used sub-standard asphalt and performed sub-standard work when renovating this

street. The Town is working to get them to redo the job.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



DO YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SPEED CAMERA TICKET ???



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

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

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Home Visits
to Berwyn Heights Residents

Who will receive the
Traveling Garden Award?

This summer, dozens of unique awards will be bestowed upon those residents who have created the loveliest gardens & yards in Town. And the award itself, comes in the form of a book!

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown is an inspirational, and beautifully illustrated, tale about making a real, tangible difference in your world.

"While out exploring one day, a little boy named Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it. As time passes, the garden and many new gardeners spread throughout the dark, gray city, transforming it into a lush, green world."



If you receive a copy of this book, that means someone has chosen your garden as their favorite in all the Town. As the recipient, it's now your turn to pass the "award" along to the Berwyn Heights resident whose garden (whether grand or small) has been an inspiration to you . . . from neighbor-to-neighbor, and so on, and so on.

At summer's end, the books will be collected for donation to the Berwyn Heights Elementary School library for use by our schoolchildren.

In the fall, the Recreation Council will host a special event to honor the lucky winners of the "Traveling Garden Award"

Call 301-474-5000 for more information



The Bugle

Berwyn Heights' Soccer

Fall Soccer season will be starting soon. So please get registered *EARLY* if you have not already done so. Practices may start towards the end of and during August. For more info or if anyone who has never played soccer with us before would like to play please call Tino Menjivar at (301) 614-8933. For registration for soccer or any of our sports, please contact Kathy Schuster at kathyschuster@verizon.net.

Girls Softball

Softball is still going on with some games going till the end of June. The U14 team is in first place as of June 18th. We will report on how the teams did in the August Bugle.

Tee Ball

Tee Ball has finished their season already. They played in a league with surrounding groups. . They did very well and had plenty of fun playing.

Boys Baseball

Baseball is playing in the county U10 kid pitch league. They finished the season 11-1 and are in first place in their division. They will be going into the playoffs and we will report how they did in the August Bugle.

Track

Our track team ran in the Prince Georges County Boys & Girls Club Track Meet on Thursday evening June 7, 2012 at the Sports & Learning Complex in Landover. The kids did great running against other Boys and Girls Clubs. Since everyone is enjoying running we are going to continue with practices on Thursdays and Sundays and running in some All Comers meets at the Sports & Learning Complex further into the summer. If anyone would like to run with us please contact Jeff Osmond at jeffersonianjeff@juno.com.

Ball Hockey

Ball Hockey will begin in July. It is open to all boys and girls club members. For more info contact Kevin Conover at (301)441-1569

Cheerleading

Cheerleading practice will begin in September.

Coaches and Membership

We are always looking for coaches for all of our sports. For the fall season we are looking for Soccer coaches especially at the middle to younger age groups. To volunteer, or for more information contact Ronnie Compton at 301-345-2661 or Tino Menjivar at (301) 614-8933. For registration info for any of our sports, please contact Kathy Schuster at kathyschuster@verizon.net.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday July 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Center.



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

New Summertime Playdate – Fridays 5-7pm at the Indian Creek Playground

Regular Playdate - Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Where: Indian Creek Park and Pop's Park (rotating between parks every other week)

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

Please contact Rose Almoguera (ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.



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.



Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness



TIPS FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON

A hurricane is a severe tropical storm that forms in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. A typical tropical cyclone is accompanied by thunderstorms, and in the Northern Hemisphere, a counterclockwise circulation of winds near the earth's surface. The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from June to November, with the peak season from mid-August to late October. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and several hundred miles inland. Hurricane can produce winds exceeding 155 miles per hour as well as tornadoes and heavy rainfall, resulting in flying debris and flooding.

To prepare for a hurricane, you should take the following measures:

- ▲ Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- ▲ Learn community hurricane evacuation routes and how to find higher ground. Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you need to evacuate.
- ▲ Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- ▲ Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- ▲ Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.

During a hurricane, you should:

- ▲ Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- ▲ Stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors.
- ▲ Close all interior doors – secure and brace external doors.
- ▲ Keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm – winds will pick up again.
- ▲ Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.
- ▲ Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

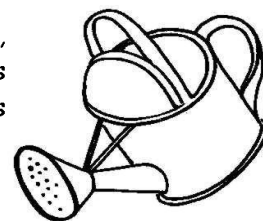
After a hurricane:

- ▲ Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- ▲ Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- ▲ If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- ▲ If you cannot return home and have immediate housing needs. Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: **shelter 12345**).
- ▲ Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the PEPCO (1-202-872-3432).
- ▲ Walk carefully around the outside your home and check for loose power lines, gas leaks and structural damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes. If you have any doubts about safety, have your residence inspected by a qualified building inspector or structural engineer before entering.
- ▲ Use battery-powered flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles. Note: The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering - the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present.
- ▲ Watch your pets closely and keep them under your direct control.
- ▲ Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- ▲ Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.

NOTE: Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the next meeting of the NW/EP Committee will instead be held on Tuesday, July 3, beginning at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Care of Urban Trees

They shade our homes on hot summer days, give us oxygen to breathe, filter pollutants from the air, hold our soil in place, provide food and homes for birds and other wildlife, and beautify the landscape. Here are some tips from the Maryland's Forestry Service on how to care for urban trees.



Watering

Lack of water is the most common reason for a tree's failure to thrive. Browning, wilting, scorch, and die-back are signs of stress from drought. For recently planted trees water is essential, about 3-5 gallons a week is ideal. Water slowly to avoid runoff.

Mulching

Mulching helps trees stay healthy by retaining soil moisture and moderating soil temperature. Mulch also suppresses weed growth and improves soil fertility.

- ◆ Apply 2 - 4" of mulch to entire area. Do not let mulch touch the tree trunk.
- ◆ Let mulch slope gently
- ◆ Keep the mulch 2" clear of trunk to avoid creating favorable places for pests and rotting of bark.

Fertilizing

Fertilization helps maintain tree vigor, promotes new growth, and overcome insect or disease problems. Small, yellow-green leaves, sparse foliage, or leaves dropping early may be indicators of the need for fertilization. The ideal time to fertilize is late winter or early spring just before the leaves begin expanding. Fertilizer should always be applied to moist soil to improve uptake and to reduce the chance of root injury.

Pruning

Pruning is vital to tree health and adds strength and beauty to trees. Pruning is best done in late winter and early spring. Pruning of large trees should be left to skilled arborists.

What to prune: Dead, diseased, or broken branches, which are hosts for decay organisms; sprouts and suckers at the base of the tree or inside the crown; heavy horizontal branches, which are more likely to break, especially those over your home or where property damage or personal injury may occur; low limbs over sidewalks and roads; branches that interfere with utility lines.

Berwyn Heights Elementary School Gardens



The BHES gardening group is looking for volunteers to help water the school garden during the hot summer weeks. The students planted a variety of vegetables and other edible plants which they intend to harvest in the fall.

Please stop by and see the new **Peace Garden** that is starting to take shape. The flowers are in bloom and the scents of fresh herbs are enticing.

Visit our Yahoo Group to become a member. We always welcome interested people of all ages. You don't even have to know how to garden! It is a great way to learn and meet others from your community. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BHESgardens/>

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee



Did you know that the oldest continuously operating airfield in the United States is right here in College Park? Did you know that the modern Thanksgiving turkey was developed in Beltsville? Did you know that the first unmanned balloon launch in the US was in Bladensburg? Did you know that the first field trials for the telegraph were conducted in and around Riverdale Park?

With so many major moments in U.S. and Maryland History, ATHA Inc. has launched **Maryland Milestones** to celebrate the unique networks, the major moments, and the amazing communities of the region. The region will be home to YOUR milestones, from riding, kayaking, and hiking the trails, to experiencing history, to enjoying art!

Visit ATHA at: www.anacostiatrials.org/

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's rich history.



Our next meeting is on July 24th, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices. The BHHC will not meet in the month of August, but, will resume regular monthly meetings in September.

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

4th of July – Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Bladensburg Library • 4820 Annapolis Rd 20710

3:30–5:30 p.m.

Call: (301) 927-4916 for more info

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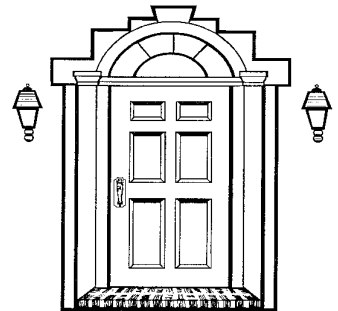
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BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

July 1	Mary Lou Milstead
July 9	Shirley Dewhirst
July 10	Marian Bachir
	Robert Luftman
	Judy Montgomery
July 12	Bob Kovalchik
July 14	Mary Bocker
July 19	Jack Hershman

JULY ACTIVITIES

July 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 4	Center Closed	
July 5	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
July 10	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 11	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 12	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
July 14	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
July 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 18	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 19	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
July 24	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 25	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 26	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
July 28	Movie	2:00 P.M.
July 31	Bingo	12:30 P.M.



AMUSEMENT PARK

DISCOUNT TICKETS

M-NCPPC discounted amusement park tickets will be on sale at the Town office through the summer. They are available for the following parks:

- ✓ Six Flags America
- ✓ Six Flags New Jersey
- ✓ Hershey Park
- ✓ Busch Gardens
- ✓ Dorney Park
- ✓ King's Dominion
- ✓ Water Country USA
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Boys & Girls Club

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 301-614-8933
 Softball Commissioner (acting): Dave
 Carter 301-441-2263
 Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie
 Compton 301-345-2661
 Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
 301-982-2052
 Basketball Commissioner (acting):
 Kristen Buker 240-965-7055
 Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
 Buker 240-965-7055
 Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin
 Conover 301-441-1569
 Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond
 301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Environmental Protection/CERT

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

Historical Committee

M. David Williams 301-345-6214

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-446-2427

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

BULLETIN BOARD

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 Please call (301) 237-2829.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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 week-ends 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.

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BH REPUBLICAN CLUB MEMBERS HONORED

Congratulations to **Lorraine Ryan** and **Maribel Avlonitis**, who were awarded the 2012 Chairman's Award by the Prince George's County Republican Party in May.

The award is in recognition of Lorraine and Maribel organizing the first Republican Precinct in the history of Prince George's County right here in Berwyn Heights. The group 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

Department of Public Works



|| YARD WASTE COLLECTION ||

To avoid fines and penalties all yard waste must be separated from, but placed adjacent to, bulk refuse, household refuse, or other items set out for collection.

- ❖ Branches, tree limbs, tree parts, tree trunks or parts of tree trunks shall be no longer than 4 feet in length and no greater than 4 inches in diameter, tied in bundles with string or twine. The bundles shall not exceed 2 ½ feet in diameter and weigh more than 50 pounds.
- ❖ Leaves put out as yard waste must either be bagged in clear, biodegradable plastic bags, or in commercially-available, brown paper yard waste bags, or placed in commercially-available heavy-duty garbage/refuse containers clearly marked "Yard Waste" on sides.
- ❖ All plastic bags must be securely tied at the top to prevent the addition of any rainwater and must be of sufficient strength to support its contents during removal.

|| PEPCO APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM ||

Pepco wants to pay customers for saving energy through its Appliance Recycling Program, which offers a reward and free at-home pickup of old, inefficient refrigerators and freezers.

Pepco's Appliance Recycling Program allows customers to schedule a time of their choosing to have an old refrigerator or freezer picked up for free. Customers also will receive a \$50 check four to six weeks later and can potentially save as much as three times that much each year through lower household energy costs. They can also boost those savings by having outdated room air conditioners picked up, for which they'll receive an extra \$25 reward. Customers can recycle up to two large appliances, like a refrigerator or freezer, and two room air conditioners for a total of \$150 in rewards.

Pepco's Maryland residential customers can schedule a pickup time by calling 877-395-5540 or by visiting <http://www.pepco.com/appliancerecycling>. Refrigerators and freezers being picked up must be plugged in and working when the collection crew arrives and must have an inside dimension of 10 to 30 cubic feet. Most standard-size refrigerators and freezers will meet the size requirement.

|| BULK REFUSE COLLECTION ||

Please refrain from breaking down large bulk items (i.e. dressers, cabinetry, entertainment centers, etc.) when placing them out for collection as it only makes the collection process more time consuming.



ELECTRONICS AND STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Dear Berwyn Heights Residents,

The Town of Berwyn Heights has joined the **City of Greenbelt's** electronic and styrofoam recycling program. You will now be able to recycle your old electronic items and styrofoam in Greenbelt on a quarterly basis. The next date is **Saturday, July 28**.

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

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

For more information go to:

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

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

BULLETIN ADVERTISING RATES

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED OR VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

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

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

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

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

Pepco

Smart Meter Installation

Pepco sub-contractor Scope Services, Inc. is installing smart meters in Berwyn Heights through the end of 2012. This is part of a long-term investment to upgrade the power grid. Scope Services workers wear blue shirts, khaki pants and photo ID, and drive white vans marked with Pepco and Scope Services logos.

During the meter exchange, there may be a brief power interruption of 5 minutes or less. If you or a member of your household is currently registered in Pepco's Emergency Medical Program for customers with special medical needs, the meter installer will make personal contact prior to exchanging the meter. Or you can call Scope Services at (888) 226-8761 to make an appointment. If you wish to register for the program, call Pepco at (202) 833-7500.

If you have general questions about the installation, please call Pepco's customer care center at (202) 833-7500, or visit the "Smart Grid" section on Pepco.com under "Our Energy Future."

Code Compliance

Vacation Tips: To discourage break-ins and theft while on vacation, residents are encouraged to give the appearance of being at home. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries and make arrangements to have your grass cut. Put timers on lights so that they illuminate the home at night. Ensure that doors, windows and pet doors are locked, and your valuables secured in a safe deposit box. Notify Berwyn Heights police of your vacation plans so that they can perform house checks, and let a trusted neighbor know you are away so that they can keep an eye on your property.



Tick Season: Ticks carry diseases, one of the most common being Lyme disease. In people, Lyme disease causes fever, headache, fatigue, and a spreading skin rash that leaves a red ring around the bite site. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system. To remove a tick from your skin, use tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull it out in a slow steady motion. Then wash the bite and disinfect it.

Precautions to Protect Yourself against Ticks:



- In your yard, eliminate tall grass, underbrush and leaf piles where ticks like to dwell.
- When working in the yard, apply a DEET insect repellent and wear long sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Avoid tick infested areas, such as the woods and areas near woods.
- If you will be in tick infested areas, use an insect repellent containing a 20-30% concentration of DEET for adults and 10% DEET for children.
- Check your pet regularly for ticks.
- Conduct a full body inspection daily for ticks and signs of a rash. If a rash should develop, contact your physician immediately.

For more information on ticks, Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Code Activity April:

Top code violations - *High grass* = 124; *Trash/litter* = 46; *Vehicle violations* = 18; *Yard waste* = 33; *Miscellaneous violations* = 30.

Other activities - *New rental properties* = 2; *Rental inspections and re-inspections* = 18; *Rental investigations* = 3; *Building permits* = 6; *POD permits* = 0; *Roll-off permits* = 4.

Receipts: *Fines and late fees* = \$1,825; *Liens to be collected* = \$1,300; *Code fines, clean-outs, abatements* received in office, including liens mailed to the County = \$775.



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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

July 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

End of Year Pool Party Update!

We had our Annual End of Year Party sponsored by the PTA on Thursday, June 7, 2012. Thank you to all of our families, teachers and staff that attended. Thank you to Ellen Linson Pool for working with us and accommodating us with whatever we needed. Thank you to our volunteers who helped with this event. Finally, thank you to Kristen Buker for chairing this wonderful event!

Mark Your Calendars

August 20th - First Day of School

Special Events

BOOK CLUB - PTA Summer Reading Book Giveaway. Your PTA was able to give each and every student in the school a book of their choice to take home and keep for summer reading. This was all possible as they were paid for with some of the money from the Walk-a-thon earlier in the school year. Thank you to Kathy Schuster for heading this event and to her volunteers for helping the children choose an exciting book to read over the summer.

School Registration

If you need to register your child for school, please contact the school's main office at 240-684-6210. The school is open Monday-Thursday 10am to 3pm during the summer.

Sad Note

We say goodbye to three wonderful teachers this year Mrs. Appleman, who is moving over to GMS Sixth Grade; Ms. Cowan, who is opting to stay home with her new baby; and Ms. O'Roark, who is also opting to stay home with her new baby.

Box Tops = Free Money!

We had a very exciting year of collections. The First and Second Collections went to Ms. O'Roark's Fourth Graders. The Third and Fourth Collections went to Ms. Cowan's First Graders. Way to go! Remember to keep collecting over the summer! Find out about the latest sweepstakes and Bonus Box Tops opportunities by going to www.btfe.com. It's like free money! Remember! The more Box Tops collected, the more money we receive to go to bigger and better programs sponsored by your PTA!

New PTA Officers 2012-2013

Need to reach us?

Officers@BHESPTA.org

President@BHESPTA.org

President: Kristen Buker

1st VP: Leslie Wolfinger

2nd VP: Suzanna Baldwin-Bott

Secretary: Kim Goings

Treasurer: Vicky Buckland

Past President: Cheryl Compton

We would like to thank Mrs. Jackie Conover for her tenure as PTA Secretary and Mrs. Maria Robles for her tenure as Treasurer.

Check out our BHES-PTA Website:

BHESPTA.org

Contact us at:

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BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



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

05/01/12 at 7:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8900 block of 5th Avenue for a report of damaged property. Victim discovered that the door to her 2012 Nissan was dented.

05/03/12 at 3:00 pm, a 41 Y/O, business owner came into the BHPD and reported that one of his employee have been withdrawing funds from his bank without his permission. Cpl. Bennett submitted a Fraud report and forwarded to the Investigative Services of the BHPD.

05/05/12 at 7:23 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2010 Yukon truck from the location of 8200 block of 55th Avenue for driving on suspended license.

05/06/12 at 9:40 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6300 block of Seminole Street for a report of vandalism to a 2012 VW. The back window was smashed out.

05/07/12 at 4:20 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 7700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of vandalism to a 2012 Toyota Truck and 2005 Mazda. Both vehicle's tires were punctured.

05/08/12 at 7:25 pm, Pfc. Ignowski observed suspicious people sitting in a 1990 Chevrolet in front of the Indian Creek Park. All occupants were identified; the driver was cited for failing to display a registration on demand and sent on way.

05/09/12 at 9:00 am, a 23 Y/O, W/M came into the BHPD and wanted to report a fraud. Cpl. Bennett submitted the report for him, but he later stated that he doesn't want to go to Court he just needed a police report for his bank. The case was closed and no other actions will be taken.

05/09/12 at 2:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski apprehended a fugitive from justice from the location of 4900 block of Rhode Island Avenue. Deshauntel Nixon a 39 Y/O, B/M from Suitland, MD was wanted for jail able motor vehicle cases.

05/11/12 at 7:15 am, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2000 Pontiac from the location of Greenbelt Road and 60th Ave-

nue. The driver was driving without a license.

05/12/12 at 3:35 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the T-Mobile located at 8904 Greenbelt Road for a report of theft from the store. A customer walked out with one of the 'HTC' cellular phone without paying for it.

05/13/12 at 5:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2006 Kawasaki Motorcycle from the location of 8200 blk of 55th Avenue, for being unregistered.

05/15/12 at 4:12 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to Lake Artemisia for a report of an injured child. On scene it was discovered that a child was hit by a bicycle inside the park. M-NCPPC responded as well and assumed the investigation.

05/16/12 at 1:00 pm, Det. Unger and Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8800 block of Edmonston Road for an intruder alarm call. On scene, they discovered that the front door of the house was kicked in. Later investigation revealed that an unknown person removed a cell phone and coins from a piggy-bank.

05/16/12 at 2:00 pm, Det. Unger, Cpl. Bennett and Chief Antolik responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for an intruder alarm call. Investigation revealed that an unknown person climbed through the rear bedroom window and removed several miscellaneous Jewelry from the house including a digital camera. While investigating the burglary, a resident in the 7300 block of Edmonston called 911 claiming that an unknown person is attempting to gain entry into her house. A description was given and a short time later the suspect was apprehended. On his person were all the items taken from the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue. The suspect was later identified as Travis Israel, a 22 Y/O, B/M, resident of Seat Pleasant, MD. Charges were filed on 05/17/12 by Det. Unger to include 1st degree burglary, felony theft, malicious destruction of property and 3rd degree burglary.

05/16/12 at 10:00 pm, Pfc. Ignowski confronted several males in the area of the 5600 block of Seminole Street being disorderly. They were identified and told to stop loitering.

05/19/12 at 6:00 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2005 Honda from the location of 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for compulsory insurance violations.

05/20/12 at 3:45 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1996 Acura from the location

of 6000 block of Pontiac Street for driver driving without a license.

05/22/12 at 7:50 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5500 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a theft of a bicycle taken from the Sport Park. Witness at the scene observed a young B/M about 13 Y/O removing the bicycle. The bicycle is described as a 'Next' 20" boy's bike.

05/23/12 at 3:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8800 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of a telephone misuse. Victim, a 22 Y/O, W/M claims that he has been receiving threatening phone calls on his cell phone.

05/23/12 at 11:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Beltway Gas Station located at 5901 Greenbelt Road for a report of a robbery. On scene, victim a 54 Y/O, B/M cashier stated that two black males ran inside the store brandishing a handgun demanding money. During the incident one of the suspects hit the victim over the head with the handgun prior to fleeing the scene.

NON-EMERGENCY

POLICE DISPATCH

PHONE NUMBER

301-352-1200



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

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



July 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Street Sweeping Week 	2 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	3 NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	4 Town Offices Closed No Refuse Pickup INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Public Hearing re 59th Avenue See Page 2 Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	12	13	14
15	16 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	25	26	27	28 Electronic Recycling Greenbelt DPW 8:00 A.M. See Page 18
29	30	31	<div> Recycling Collection </div> <div> Street Sweeping </div> <div> Yard Waste North South </div> <div> Refuse Collection North South </div> <div> Bulk Pick-up North South </div>			

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

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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Town Helpline

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

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