

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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## PURPLE LINE PRESENTATION

### Four Cities Meeting

July 24, 7 pm

BH Town Center

Join us for a presentation by the public outreach team about the particulars of the Purple Line in the College Park area. When complete, the proposed light-rail line will connect the New Carrollton Metro station in Prince George's County and the Bethesda Metro station in Montgomery County with 21 stops along the way. This includes stops on the UMD campus and at the College Park Metro station. More information can be found at [www.purplelinemd.com](http://www.purplelinemd.com)



## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON

Independence Day

Mon	July 1	Trash & Yard Waste, North Side
Tue	July 2	Trash & Yard Waste, South Side
Wed	July 3	Recycling, Entire Town
Thu	July 4	NO PICKUP
Fri	July 5	Trash & Bulk Trash Pickup, Entire Town

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash  
at the Curb over Weekend.  
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**ELECTRONICS/  
STYROFOAM  
RECYCLING**  
July 27, 9am - 12pm

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

**555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt**  
**Telephone 240-542-2153**

Or dispose in designated container  
at the Berwyn Heights DPW yard at  
**8514 Ballew Avenue, July 20-26.**



## EDNA G. WATERS †

Edna G. Waters, beloved wife of the late Edward J. "Ned" Waters; cherished mother of Maria Snoddy and Irene Barbe; mother-in-law of Dr. David F. Barbe and the late John "Jack" Snoddy; sister of the late Betty Trumbo, O.E. "Dick" Purdy, Jr. and Ethel P. Hall; grandmother of Elaine and Donna Snoddy, Laura Collier, Theresa Bassett, Kristin Cattell and the late John "Jack" Snoddy, Jr. passed away on June 8, 2013 at age 102.

Edna was a caring mother figure to many who knew her, as well as an excellent seamstress and cook. Her house was truly a home. She lies buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington D.C.

## IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS



### English Speaking Customers

**CALL (202) 872-3432 TO REPORT  
Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck  
Poles or Life Threatening Electrical  
System Situations**

**CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT  
Power Outages**

**CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT  
Report Street Light Out  
(Need Pepco Pole Number and  
house number of nearest house)**

### Hard of Hearing Customers

**TTY (202) 872-2369**

### Spanish Speaking Customers

**CALL (202) 872-4641 por**

**Servicio en Espanol**

**Languages other than English or  
Spanish**

**CALL (202) 833-7500**

**Customers with Emergency Medical  
or Life Support Equipment or Special  
Needs**

**CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR  
Registration to be on Priority List**

# Worksession

May 6, 2013

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

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** There were none.

**Calendar:** The June 10 worksession was moved up to June 3.

**Minutes:** Adoption of the April 15 worksession and the April 22 budget worksession were postponed to the next worksession on May 20.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that he, TA Murphy and Director Solomon met with representatives from Pepco, State Highway Administration (SHA), and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss landscaping in the Edmonston Road buffer. A plan was agreed to whereby Pepco commits to removing the remaining brush and logs from last year's clearing of trees and shrubs around power lines, and replanting the buffer with holly trees by this fall. SHA, which owns the land and the Town will review and approve the plan. In addition, SHA will add the Edmonston Road buffer to a list of sites to be cleaned up in the future. This will include eradicating invasive plants and undergrowth and replanting the site with native plants.

Mayor Calvo also thanked his wife Trinity for coordinating another successful Berwyn Heights Day. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year she has been heading this effort. The event went well and provided many opportunities to speak with residents. The Boys & Girls Club's new Vice President, Eric Hemby, brought to his attention that the Sports Park bleachers need to be refurbished. Public Works Acting Director Lockley thought that the repairs could be made quickly and fairly inexpensively. MPT Wilkinson said that this has traditionally been the responsibility of the Club but he supports the Town making the repairs.

CM Dennison reported that the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee dedicated this year's historic marker on the Sportland boxing ring. Maria Snoddy, the grand-daughter of the former ring's owner, was in attendance. Overall, it was beautiful day and people had a good time. She thought that the music and the new D.J. were good. TA Murphy noted

that he will meet with Trinity, Director Solomon, Public Works Acting Director Lockley and Foreman Hockman to go over the Berwyn Heights Day glitches and come up with a plan on how to avoid them in future years. New, more powerful generators are needed to run the inflatable rides and P.A. system. CM Dennison said that the Recreation Council will also review Berwyn Heights Day at its next meeting, using input from an online survey. The Seniors should be provided with a printed version of the survey. Next Saturday, the Boys & Girls Club will hold a camp-out at Sports Park. The Berwyn Heights police should be informed so they can look after them.

MPT Wilkinson reported that the Public Works Department was busy with Berwyn Heights Day preparations and cleanup afterward. The grass protective mesh has been installed at the T-Ball parking area. However, people are not parking on it because they don't know what it is. A sign should be posted stating that this is a parking area. TA Murphy added that Parks & Planning said that the Town will be responsible for maintaining the grass if the mesh does not adequately protect the grass.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the new Code car was in the parade and looked good. She thought that the Fire Department's safety house exhibit was a great addition to Berwyn Heights Day, teaching important lessons about preventing and dealing with home fires. The Town should promote it and make sure it returns at future events. CM Dennison said that next year, Berwyn Heights Day will likely be bigger because it will be an election year and many candidates will want to be in the parade.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Calvo received a complaint from a resident about a parking citation issued to someone helping the resident plant flowers. The Council also received comments on maintaining Police Department staffing at current levels.

## Budget

**Health Insurance:** TA Murphy gave an update on health insurance rates. He said that he was told by the State Insurance Commission that they only recently received CareFirst's FY 2014 rates application. Therefore, the approved rate information may not be available until June. Normally, rates need to be approved 60 days prior to the new fiscal year. If Berwyn Heights does not get the rate information soon, there is a possibility that it may get billed for July's and August's premiums at this year's rates.

Mayor Calvo said that it is a legal requirement that rates are approved 60 days prior to the renewal date specified in the contract. Berwyn Heights' renewal date is July 1. If next year's rates are not yet available Berwyn Heights should be able to lock in next year's premiums at this year's rates. The Town should not have to pay for the insurance company's failure to file rates in a timely manner. TA Murphy said that is not what the Commissioner told him, but he will follow up.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town should raise the point of timeliness with the insurance company, but be careful on how it is worded. She would not want to risk the Town getting dropped. Further, the delay in providing rate information may be due to the insurance company having to file an additional application for the health insurance exchange that Maryland will implement in 2014.

Mayor Calvo said tonight's concern is how to deal with a potential rate increase. While TA Murphy budgeted a cushion of \$5,000 in the event that premiums increase above the 3.9% anticipated, this may not be enough. He proposed to take additional money needed from the employee salary pool, which has \$25,000 for merit pay and a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Health insurance is a benefit for employees and should be paid for either by reducing the merit pay or the COLA, or by shifting a greater share of health care premium payments to the employees. He would not want to cut another part of the budget to pay for higher than expected insurance premiums.

Mayor Calvo said he is concerned that rising health care costs are eating away at employee wage increases. He is of the opinion that the main driver of health insurance cost increases is employers paying for most of their employee's health insurance. If employees were asked to pay a greater share they may at some point choose to switch to a less expensive insurance. However, that point was not reached when 2 years ago the Town increased employees' share of premiums by 5%, and offered them \$500 to switch from CareFirst to Kaiser Permanente. Employees chose to stay with CareFirst.

TA Murphy noted that employees chose to stay with CareFirst mostly because they did not want to switch doctors and because Kaiser Permanente health centers were distant from where they live. With the \$5,000 cushion he budgeted, rate increases of up to 7.5% would be covered. Increases beyond 7.5% could probably be paid for by adjusting deductibles set aside in Health Reimbursement

Accounts (HRA). CM Almoguera agreed that additional money needed to pay for health insurance increases should come from the employee salary pool. CM Kulpa said that she would like the Town to stay with CareFirst because it is more widely accepted. TA Murphy also informed that workers compensation insurance is going to go up by \$2,000, but there is enough money budgeted to cover the increase.

At 8:04 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Town Administrator search: TA Murphy said that he obtained 2 quotes from search firms with work experience in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic: 1) Springsted with a regional office in Richmond, VA quoted \$16,300; 2) Novak Group with a regional office in Rockville, MD quoted \$15,700, plus \$1,500 for advertising and background checks of top finalists. TA Murphy explained that the search process usually includes the writing of a job description, creating a brochure to recruit candidates, soliciting applications, screening applicants and interviewing top candidates. Background checks are only done on the top 5 candidates. The two firms he picked have experience working with smaller municipalities in this area, while other search firms he is familiar with focus on larger cities.

Mayor Calvo said that the materials are helpful and the quote is close to what he expected. However, travel and rooming costs will have to be added. Top candidates may want to spend several days in the area to become familiar with the town and be interviewed by different sets of people. He thinks that budgeting \$25,000 should cover all needed costs. The funds would be taken from the surplus. The Council had no objections to the cost estimate.

CM Almoguera noted that the proposed time frame of the search is 4 months. Mayor Calvo said that this sounds reasonable. Much will depend on the pool of candidates. Unfortunately, not many young people go into this field and it may be difficult to find a candidate who will stay for longer than a couple of years. For many applicants the high costs of housing in this area may be prohibitive. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked at what point the Town Council would enter the process. TA Murphy said that the Council may want to look over the resumes of the candidates on the short list individually and then come to an agreement on which ones to interview.

Batting cage repair: TA Murphy said that another item that was to be funded from surplus is the repair of the Sports Park batting cage. He has an estimate of

\$1,600, which he thinks can be taken from this year's Recreation Council equipment line item. Mayor Calvo said that he has no objection to fund the repair from this year's budget. However, generally he would like to first discuss capital expenditures and then formally vote on an appropriation as a budget amendment.

Emergency generators: CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Town has received anything in writing from the State of Maryland pertaining to the approval of an \$80,000 grant for Berwyn Heights generators. TA Murphy said that a contract will not be issued until it comes before the State Board of Public Works by the end of July. Mayor Calvo said that while no funds will be received or spent until the Board of Public Works issues a contract, the Town should appropriate the \$80,000 in required matching funds. The money will be taken from surplus but he would like the Council to vote on all the surplus appropriations together.

MPT Wilkinson said that the Council had also discussed getting more powerful mobile generators that can run inflatables and a stronger public address system on Berwyn Heights Day. TA Murphy estimated that a larger mobile generator would cost around \$1,800. He thought that 2 are sufficient for now and could be stored at the Public Works Yard. The Council debated whether it may be better to rent larger generators because they would only be needed once a year, on Berwyn Heights Day. Rental would also ensure that the Town gets the newest models for the occasion and does not have to worry about maintenance. As TA Murphy did not have the daily rental cost at hand, the Council agreed to appropriate \$3,600 for 2 industrial generators only if the rental costs exceeds the purchase price over a 5 year term, or \$350 per day.

Mayor Calvo requested a motion to appropriate money from surplus as follows:

- \$25,000 into miscellaneous for the Town Administrator search
- \$80,000 into capital expenditures for the Town Center emergency generators;
- \$1,600 into capital expenditures for Sports Park batting cage repairs;
- \$3,600 into capital expenditures for industrial generators, unless the rental cost is less.

MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Police Fees & Fines Resolution: TA Murphy provided new information on the *unattended motor vehicle motor running* fine, and the *returned check* fee. He said that currently the unattended motor vehicle fine is \$75. However, when the Council voted on reducing this fine to \$40, the background materials incorrectly stated that this fine is \$50. He asked if the Council would like to reconsider this fine. The Council declined to reconsider.

TA Murphy further explained that the Council voted to raise the returned check fee to \$50. However, Chief Antolik recommends leaving it at \$35. Currently, if a check bounces and the issuer does not respond to an order to pay within 30 days, the court issues an arrest warrant. During the ensuing court hearing, the police department can ask for a fine double the face value of the bounced check for the case to be dismissed. However, if the returned check fee is higher than \$35, it becomes a civil matter. No arrest warrant will be issued, and there will be no opportunity to collect a fine twice the value of the returned check. In either case, the returned check fee is used to pay for court costs. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded, to set the returned check fee back to \$35. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Calvo said that the police fee and fine resolution has the new fine for *blocking a private driveway without permission* at \$50. However, his notes say that the Council raised it from \$35 to \$40. This conforms to the decision to establish tiers of fines at \$40, \$60 and \$100. TA Murphy was asked to make the correction.

Mayor Calvo asked Budget Assistant Kyle Snyder about his analysis of the difference in revenues that might be generated by the higher fees and fines. Mr. Snyder said that, using the FY 2012 number of violations issued, revenue would go up from \$27,000 to \$38,500, for a difference of approximately \$11,500. Mayor Calvo said actuals for police fines have gone down over the last 3 years. This year receipts from police fees and fines are expected to reach \$24,000. However, even the new higher fines will not generate enough money to add additional hours for the part-time police officer.

Rental Housing Fees & Fines Resolution: Mayor Calvo said that the Council voted to raise the fines for failure to apply or renew a rental license from \$200 to \$300 for owner occupied homes and from \$400 to \$500 for non-owner occupied homes. Fines for nuisance behavior usually associated with parties were also raised from \$100 to \$250 for the first



occurrence, from \$200 to \$500 for the second occurrence, and from \$300 to \$750 for the third occurrence. No changes were made.

**Residential Clean Lot Fees & Fines Resolution:** Mayor Calvo said the only change made was a fine for parking on grass from \$25 to \$40 to be consistent with a similar fine the police charges. The Council made no other changes.

**Commercial Clean Lot Fees & Fines Resolution:** Mayor Calvo said that the Council voted to double all commercial clean lot fines. The Council made no other changes.

**Refuse Collection Fees & Fines Schedule:** The Council made no changes to the refuse fees and fines.

Mayor Calvo summed up that taken together changes in code fines will likely generate the \$2,000 TA Murphy projected in the FY 2014 budget.

**Budget Amendments:** TA Murphy noted that there will for the first time there will be an amendment for the Public Safety Taxing District budget because not enough money was appropriated for the purchase of the new police car. He will also provide the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) with a copy of the PSTD budget for its review. For the Town budget, the only amendments he has so far is for the Pop's Park grant and the cable reserve expenditures.

### 3. Administration

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the cover of the June Bulletin: Theme – Yard Sale; Announcements – Yard Sale, Tipping Day, and FY 2013 Budget Amendments.

### 4. Code Compliance

**CSX intermodal transfer station:** CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she learned that the site selected for the intermodal transfer station will be constructed in Mount Clair Yard in Baltimore City. All previously considered sites, including Beltsville, have been dropped.

### 5. Parks and Recreation

**ATHA briefing date:** CM Dennison said that the Executive Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association, Aaron Marcavich has requested a date to brief the Town Council on current activities and programs. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to discuss this later. ATHA also asked the Town to host one of its monthly meetings. A tentative date of September 19 has been set.

**Pop's Park playground equipment purchase order:** CM Almoguera said that the Town has received an official

notice that it has been awarded a \$91,000 State grant for a new playground. She showed several slides to show the layout and equipment options. The overall concept calls for a tot lot with shade structures as this site gets very hot in summer. Next steps include the issuing of a purchase order this week, so that installation can occur by August. Demolition of the old playground will probably take place sometime in July.

Among the 3 vendors submitting proposals, Little Tikes was selected because they were most responsive to the ideas of parents and offered an add-on grant of \$27,000 to maximize the amount of play equipment. This includes a rubber mulch surface. She believes this is a very good deal and moved and that the Town issue a purchase order of \$83,942 for the Little Tikes playground. CM Dennison seconded. The demolition, moving of the fence and other preparations would be paid with money remaining in the PRECA budget equipment line item. Mayor Calvo suggested that the motion be amended to include these expenses in the appropriation. CM Almoguera so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion to amend was approved 5 to 0.

MPT Wilkinson said he has concerns that the shade structure is too small and high up to provide much shade. He wonders if it is possible to get a larger shade structure. He also asked if the merry-go-round that was installed 2 years ago will remain. CM Almoguera said that this has not been decided. Little Tikes cannot make changes without removing the equipment first, which would cost more money than getting a new piece. MPT Wilkinson further suggested moving the proposed new gate in the middle of the fence toward a corner, because drivers would want to stop there and let their children out where traffic is heaviest. However, he will discuss this with CM Almoguera later.

Mayor Calvo said that he has been asked by a neighbor of the park to move the handicapped parking space on Quebec Street to make it easier for her to back out of her driveway. He would like to accommodate the request when the park is reconfigured. In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, CM Almoguera said that landscaping will not be changed substantially. Mulched paths may be added to make all areas of the playground accessible. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the amended motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting May 8, 2013

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

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Hearings

**FY 2014 Town Budget:** Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the FY 2014 budget. The FY 2014 operating budget totals \$2,439,717, which is 2% less than last year's budget. The FY 2014 capital budget totals 81,600, or 4% less than last year's. The reductions are due to a loss of 16% in real property tax revenues. The loss in revenues was in part made up by an increase of 21% in income tax receipts as well as higher State Highway User Revenues and Police Aid. The Council also cut spending to close the budget gap. The largest cuts come from replacing 2 vacant full time positions in the Police and Public Works Departments with part time positions. Thirdly, the Council transferred \$40,000 from the surplus to the operating budget and used surplus money to fund the one-time expenditures of a Town Administrator Search, emergency generators, and a COLA for employees. Tax rates for real and personal property remained unchanged.

At 8:05 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing. There were no comments. The hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

**FY 2014 Public Safety Taxing District Budget:** Mayor Calvo summarized that the PSTD budget is based on a special public safety tax that applies to the commercial district: 10 cents per \$100 of real property assessments and 15 cents per \$100 of personal property assessments. The total FY 2014 budget is \$71,611 which covers the cost of one full time officer, in this case Detective Unger. At 8:07 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing on the PSTD budget. With no comments, he closed the hearing at 8:08 p.m.

### 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the April 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were adopted 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 commended volunteers and staff for organizing another wonderful Berwyn Heights Day. He thanked his wife Trinity Tomsic for all her work coordinating this event in this tenth year of her stewardship of the Recreation Council. He also congratulated Kristin Buker on being named citizen of the year for her volunteer work on the Recreation Council, the Boys & Girls Club and the Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) PTA.

Mayor Calvo reported that last week he, TA Murphy and Director Solomon had a productive meeting with representatives from Pepco, the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss upkeep of the Edmonston Road buffer. Pepco agreed to clean up the remaining logs and branches they had left behind from last year's tree trimming operation, and to replant the cleared areas with native holly trees. SHA promised to put the Edmonston Road buffer on a list of future landscaping projects aimed at clearing out the underbrush and invasive species that have taken over the buffer.

In a related matter, the Council has begun to revise Ordinance No. 118 to require public utilities to get a permit before they perform work in the public right of way. Pepco and other utilities would then have to submit their plans and get them approved by the Town before they can proceed to trim trees, trench streets and do other work in the right of way. The Council also continues to work on the sidewalks project. Town officials and C.P Johnson engineers have met with Prince George's County staff to come up with an acceptable storm water management plan.

In other news, the FBI headquarters relocation process is moving forward, with the General Services Administration (GSA) considering the applications submitted by different jurisdictions. County Executive Rushern Baker reached out to Montgomery County Executive Leggett, and was able to obtain his support for the Greenbelt Station site, which required Montgomery County withdraw its own application. This enables all local, state and federal representatives to line up behind Greenbelt Station as the preferred location. On May 14, Berwyn Heights' school board representative Peggy Higgins will hold a community forum to discuss the reforms of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) adopted by the State legislature this spring. Berwyn Heights parents are encouraged to attend. He is disappointed in the contin-

ued opposition to the reforms by PGCPS school board members. There is an effort to send the reform legislation to referendum, which may hold up the selection of a new superintendent and other changes for 2 years.

#### 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department has been very busy with finalizing the FY 2014 budget to be adopted tonight. The Town has received official notice of a \$91,000 grant award for the renovation of Pop's Park. Little Tikes has been selected as the playground equipment vendor and offered an additional \$27,000 in-house grant. A purchase order for the playground equipment went out today and construction may begin as early as late June.

**Code Compliance:** CM Kulpa-Eddy announced that a Purple Line public forum will take place at Riverdale Elementary School tomorrow night to update the public on this project and answer questions. Further, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and CSX have dropped four proposed sites for an intermodal transfer station, including one in Beltsville, where containers would have been loaded from trains onto trucks to be transported to Baltimore Harbor. Mount Clare Yards in Baltimore has been selected as the new site.

CM Kulpa-Eddy also issued a reminder for the graduation season that visitors refrain from parking on grass or any other unpaved areas. This is a code violation and can result in a fine. Residents are also reminded to place all trash into trash cans with a tight fitting lid and not place containers at the curb more than 12 hours before the collection and put them away by the evening of the day of collection.

**Green Team:** No report.

#### **Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:**

CM Dennison thanked CM Almoguera for her efforts in obtaining a grant for the renovation of Pop's Park. The grant made it possible to reduce the Parks & Recreation budget's equipment line item by \$3,000, where the Council last year set aside money for new playground equipment. CM Dennison also thanked all the volunteers who worked hard to make Berwyn Heights Day a success. She thought the new D. Js., who handled the public announcements and music this year, did a good job. Upcoming events include the Volunteer Appreciation dinner on June 19 and the Town-wide yard sale on June 22. Residents are reminded that public schools

will be let out on June 7 and to watch out for children playing in the street... Lastly, CM Dennison noted that she took a CPR class in April and received her certification.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik congratulated Officer Krouse on winning the Berwyn Heights officer of the year award. Then he gave the police activities report for April. There were 4 Part I offenses, which is below the 5 year average of 6. The year-to-date total was 18, also lower than the 5 year average of 28. In addition, 208 citations were issued, as well as 298 speed camera citations. The speed camera on Edmonston Road recorded 31 violations and was returned to Pontiac Street.

Chief Antolik further reported that the police were able to arrest the perpetrators of a recent burglary in the 8500 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue while they fled the Town. Evidence was later found that links the 4 teenagers, who are residents of Riverdale Park and Washington D.C., to an earlier burglary on Edmonston Road. Tonight, the police made another arrest of 3 juveniles, one of whom is a Berwyn Heights resident. They were seen breaking into a vacant home in the 8900 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Chief Antolik reminded residents to be vigilant and not leave any valuables in vehicles.

**Volunteer Fire Department:** Kyle Snyder, a member of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD), reported for President Hurley, who was out of Town. He said the Department had a busy month with 359 calls for service and several events. He thanked the Town for their donation of a tractor, which was put to use during the Department's annual spring cleanup on April 27. On April 24, the Rescue Squad assisted Greenbelt police and Eleanor Roosevelt High School's SADD club with a mock car crash and performed an extrication demonstration. On Berwyn Heights Day, the Department participated in the parade and set up a Safety House exhibit. The exhibit received a good response from residents and will likely be back next year.

**Public Works:** MPT Wilkinson said that the Public Works crew was very busy last month, with Berwyn Heights preparations added to their normal duties. On Berwyn Heights Day, the new dual purpose trash/recycling containers were used around Sports Park and will soon be distributed throughout the Town. The as yet uninstalled pole-mounted trash cans will soon be installed around the commercial district. A protective grass mesh was recently laid down at the parking area next to the Indian Creek T-Ball field and is

ready for use. Public Works has also replaced the wooden planks in the Sports Park grand stand. The next electronic recycling date is July 27 at Greenbelt's Public Works yard. Residents can start to drop off recyclables at the Berwyn Heights Public Works yard the week prior, starting on July 22.

MPT Wilkinson noted that this month is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his attendance of the U.S. Marines boot camp on Perris Island. He recommended the reserves as a great way for young people to serve their country, learn what it is like to be a soldier, and earn some money for college.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Historical Committee:** No report.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that he NW/EP was able to clean up the emergency trailer and had a successful Berwyn Heights Day. Now, the Committee is preparing for National Night Out.

**Recreation Council:** No report.

## 7. Unfinished Business

**Ordinance No. 160 - Adoption of the FY 2014 Town Budget:** Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to adopt it. Mayor Calvo said that while this is not a budget to celebrate, it responds in a thoughtful and measured way to the 16% loss in real property taxes, the Town's principle source of revenue. The losses were not as painful as they might have been because the Town was prepared for it and had ample reserves to draw on. The FY 2014 budget, while eliminating 2 vacant positions in the Police & Public Works Departments, builds in flexibility for adding hours to part-time positions and allows the Town to move forward with its top priorities. Planning for a 3 year term of reduced real property tax receipts, the budget provides for annual transfers from the surplus to the operating budget and a possible increase in the real property tax rate in the next fiscal year. Overall, the budget takes a balanced approach to bridging the budget shortfall, using cuts, reserves and the surplus to preserve the full line of services and continue the capital improvement program.

**Police Department:** Mayor Calvo summed up that the Police Department budget was cut by 6%, mainly by eliminating one vacant full-time officer position. However, the budget increases the hours of a part-time officer, who was

hired 2 years ago to administer the speed camera program, to 26 hours/week. The budget also funds the purchase of one new police car and 3 mobile data terminals.

**Public Works:** MPT Wilkinson said that the Public Works Department relied on eliminating a vacant administrative assistant position to achieve the bulk of an 8% budget cut. This puts a lot of strain on Acting Director Lockley, who performs much of the administrative work in the department. In addition, the program of capital investments was cut back. This was possible because many important capital purchases had been made in the last couple of years. MPT Wilkinson also thanked the Council for finding the money to repair the batting cage at Sports Park, which the baseball team enjoys using for batting practice.

**Administration:** CM Almoguera said that the Administration budget was not cut very much as it is already tight. The Council appropriated money from surplus to fund a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for employees in addition to the merit pay, and to pay for a Town administrator search.

**Code Compliance:** CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Code Compliance Department budget was cut by 8% mainly by reducing the hours of current part-time employees. The Department is also saving money by relying more on email communications, using Public Works for scheduled vehicle maintenance and by having renegotiated cell phone contracts.

**Parks and Recreation:** CM Dennison said that the main change in the PRECA budget is a \$5,000 cut in the equipment appropriation. The money was no longer needed as the Town obtained a grant to refurbish the Pop's Park playground.

Mayor Calvo made additional remarks about the budget in response to comments from residents he has received. The Council then voted 5 to 0 to adopt the FY 2014 budget.

**Ordinance No. 161 – Adoption of FY 2014 Public Safety Taxing District Budget:** Clerk Harper read the adopting language for Ordinance No. 161. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to adopt it. Mayor Calvo noted that, unlike the residential real property assessments, commercial assessments went up slightly. As a result, the PSTD budget came in somewhat stronger than last year. With no further comments, the FY 2014 PSTD budget was approved in a 5 to 0 vote.

## 8. New Business Resolution 1-2013 – Traffic & Parking Ordinance Fee & Fine Schedule:

Clerk Harper read a summary of the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to adopt it. Mayor Calvo explained that Council has not changed the police fees and fines in 6 years. This resolution increases most fines but reduces some. In addition, the Council created a more streamlined fine structure with tiers of \$40, \$60 and \$100 fines.

MPT Wilkinson said that the old fines were all over the place. The new, more logical fine structure the Council adopted creates tiers of low, medium and high level fines. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the Council reduced the fine for an *unattended motor vehicle motor running* to \$40. She urged residents not to leave their cars running when unattended. It increases the risk of car theft and contributes to air pollution. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the Resolution.

## Resolution 2-2013 - Rental Housing

**Ordinance Fee & Fine Schedule:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution adopting the new fee and fine schedule. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that, notably, the Council did not increase the rental license fee in this resolution, but focused instead on more severely punishing nuisance behavior usually associated with noisy parties. CM Kulpa-Eddy added that the Council also raised the fines for failure to apply for or renew a rental license in a timely manner. With no further comments, the new rental housing fee & fine schedule was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

## Resolution 3-2013 – Residential Clean Lot Ordinance Fee & Fine Schedule:

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo said that the Council only raised the fine for parking on grass from \$25 to \$40 so that it conforms to a police fine for parking on grass on public property. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the new fee & fine schedule.

## Resolution 4-2013 - Commercial Clean Lot Fee & Fine Schedule:

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this Resolution doubles all commercial clean lot fines, which heretofore were the same as residential clean lot fines. This applies a stricter standard to the commercial properties. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that page 6 of the fine schedule incorrectly lists the fine for repeat violations at \$40. The figure should read \$400. CM Kulpa-Eddy moved to correct it. CM Dennison seconded. The motion to amend was

approved 5 to 0. The Council then voted 5 to 0 to approve the corrected fee & fine schedule.

**Ordinance No. 162 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Introduction of FY 2013 Budget Amendments:**

Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this Ordinance will amend this year's Town budget to account for new revenue and expenditure as part of an annual cleanup process. Two items requiring amendments include: 1) \$43,200 spent on upgrading the Berwyn Heights TV broadcasting system. The expenditure is funded from Comcast and Verizon cable receipts set aside in a cable TV reserve; and 2) \$98,500 for the Pop's Park playground renovation, which will be funded from a State grant and some PRECA funds for demolition.

CM Almoguera thanked the Council for approving the issuance of a purchase order for the playground equipment at the last worksession. The FY 2013 appropriation allows this project to jump ahead of others that received the grant, and be completed this summer rather than late fall or next spring. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the amendments.

**Ordinance No. 163 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Introduction of FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District Amendment:**

Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the cost of outfitting an unmarked police vehicle that was purchased last summer exceeded the projected expenditure. This amendment transfers the money spent from the PSTD budget to the police operating budget. With no other comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the PSTD budget amendments.

**9. Citizens Discussion**

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**W**orksession  
May 20, 2013

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

Murphy, Clerk Harper and Budget Assistant Kyle Snyder.

**1. Mayor**

**Announcements:** None.

**Calendar:** The Council reviewed the calendar. The following items were proposed for discussion during the summer months: Ordinance No. 118 – Roads & Public Rights of Way, Ordinance No. 149 – Speed Camera Enforcement Program to change school hours and add a school zone; commercial vehicle MOU; and an emergency generator plan.

**Minutes:** On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the April 15 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the March 22 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the May 6 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that last week Pepco was in Town to tidy up the Edmonston Road buffer. After removing logs and branches, they tilled and smoothed the area where they had cut down trees. They did a good job, but now a lot of trash that has accumulated in the buffer has become visible. MPT Wilkinson noted that no cleanup occurred north of Pontiac Street. TA Murphy said that they only cleaned up where they previously trimmed trees. Although they did some work north of Pontiac, they kept the buffer largely intact.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) held its annual meeting on May 16 in Riverdale Park. Isaac Trough from Bowie was elected president, and Emmett Jordan from Greenbelt was elected vice president. He was re-elected to the board and will continue to lead the effort to transform the PGCMA's former scholarship program into a more relevant education fund. The plan is to hold a middle school contest that rewards effective programs to raise academic performance among at-risk students.

Mayor Calvo also had a very good conversation with the Chief Academic Officer Arbogast about Greenbelt Middle School. He praised Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt parents for getting an active PTA started, which made the difference in reversing years of academic decline. On the other hand, he thinks the school board's effort led by Peggy Higgins to send the school reforms package approved by the Maryland legislature last session to a referendum is counterpro-

ductive. If successful, the drive would freeze the school system in status quo until the next election 18 months from now, and put on hold the superintendent search.

CM Dennison announced upcoming events. CM Almoguera reported that the Love family planted a tree at the Town Center last weekend to memorialize their late mother, Geraldine Love, who ran the Town library for many years. Later, a bench and plaque will be installed as well. Playgroup continues to meet on Thursday mornings, alternating between Indian Creek and Pop's Park playgrounds. Play times for the infant's playgroup vary. A new PG Consignment Facebook page was launched where parents can buy, sell and trade children's things. Parents interested in either the infants playgroup or the consignment store can contact CM Almoguera.

MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works has set up all dual purpose trash/recycling containers throughout the Town and is doing a lot of grass cutting. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that high grass currently tops the list of Code violations.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Calvo received comments from Bill Love about planting a memorial tree for their mother and appreciates the Administration Department facilitating it. He also received a comment about mold problems in a rental home, about a home functioning as an apartment house, about the sweeper leaving dark oily marks on the streets, and a number of comments about tall grass. MPT Wilkinson received comments about high grass, especially at vacant properties. He noted that Public Works performed abatement at 6308 Pontiac Street, and appreciated Director Solomon for establishing contact with the bank that owns this property to ensure that it will be better maintained in the future.

**Town offices communications outage:**

Mayor Calvo said that last week the Town office had no telephone service for two days after a pole fire burned up the wires. However, there was internet service and emails did get through. The first notification about the problem was an email from Code Director Solomon. Currently, there is no protocol to deal with such an occurrence. He asked if the other Councilmembers have any thoughts about whether to establish some guidelines or policies to deal with a communications outage.

CM Almoguera said she agrees with setting up a procedure. Director Solomon was seeking her help that morning in dealing with a time-sensitive rental in-



spection as she was unable to reach the landlord by telephone. MPT Wilkinson said, if the internet is working, the Town's website, cable channel and Nixle should be the first resort to notify residents about the outage.

TA Murphy said the Town may want to switch to using its dedicated phone line, 474-5002, in that circumstance. Mayor Calvo said this is a good idea but still does not resolve the problem of how to inform everybody about using this number. He asked if it is possible for residents to at least leave a voice mail that can be answered when the phone system is operational again. TA Murphy said that he will have to look into it. The Town uses an internet-based telephone service, which automatically flips to a recorded message when staff cannot answer the phones.

Mayor Calvo said it would be useful to have a recording come on about the outage when the phones are not working. However, another important aspect is to assign responsibility to someone for identifying the problem, communicating it to the Council, and making a plan to resolve the problem. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the issue is addressed in the emergency manual, which the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee is in the process of updating. The manual assumes that the first person to discover the problem would be responsible for notifying the Council and take other initial steps. MPT Wilkinson said that normally the Town Administrator is responsible for handling the response. He has access to all the contact information for utility companies and phone vendors.

Mayor Calvo said the problem is that TA Murphy is often not here early Monday morning. In his absence, there should be a system in place to handle the response in any number of circumstances. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the emergency preparedness manual will describe such a system. The NW/EP hopes to have a revised manual ready for the Council's review this summer so a final version can be published for National Preparedness Month in September. Mayor Calvo thought that the department directors need to have an input in the process. It may be useful to have a meeting to discuss a response to this type of problem. CM Kulpa-Eddy agreed. She thought it would be good to have the NW/EP participate in a directors meeting that discusses the response.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance.**

### **3. Parks and Recreation**

**ATHA liaison appointment:** Mayor Calvo explained that the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA) has requested a formal letter of appointment for the Town of Berwyn Heights' representative to the ATHA's board of directors. CM Dennison moved and CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded to formally appoint M. David Williams as the Town's liaison to ATHA. The motion passed 5 to 0. Mayor Calvo will sign a letter to that effect.

At 8:14 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

### **4. Public Safety**

**Police car authorization to purchase:** Mayor Calvo said that the FY 2014 budget appropriates money for the purchase of a new police car. However, the Council has not yet received a formal quote needed to authorize the purchase. TA Murphy said that the estimated cost is \$28,000 for the police vehicle and \$5,000 for outfitting. The Council said that they would like to have a formal proposal to authorize the purchase. Clerk Harper looked through recent files to check if a proposal had been presented at an earlier worksession but could not find one. The item was tabled.

**Purple Line (discussed out of order):** MPT Wilkinson explained that he attended a Purple Line open house on April 25 at which routing and infrastructure requirements for the streetcar line were discussed in detail. He spoke with their outreach coordinator and suggested they give a presentation at the next Four Cities Coalition meeting on July 27 in Berwyn Heights. He asked the Council if they would agree to an invitation. The Council thought it was a good idea and asked TA Murphy to issue a formal invitation. The meeting should be advertised to the residents.

**Police mutual aid agreement:** TA Murphy explained that this agreement creates a framework for the parties to request and render police assistance from and to each other under certain circumstances. The agreement is similar to the Public Works mutual aid agreement to which Berwyn Heights is a party in that each municipality remains responsible for its staff and equipment. The parties to this agreement are Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, and Edmonston. The chief of police of the municipality requesting the aid is the incident commander.

Mayor Calvo explained that the agreement only includes the above municipalities because Berwyn Heights has a special relationship with them. Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt already back each other up regularly when an incident

requires additional police, mainly because they share responsibility for the Greenbelt Road corridor. Edmonston is similar to Berwyn Heights in terms of size and housing makeup. Their police department employs former Berwyn Heights officers, including deputy chief Billy Sullivan, and they coordinate some activities such as firearms training. Edmonston will serve as a test case for future mutual aid agreements. Another reason why participation is limited for now is that Berwyn Heights police did not want to be obliged to back up larger communities such as Riverdale or Hyattsville that have a lot more crime. Backing them up would draw too many resources away from Berwyn Heights and become expensive.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the agreement has a provision for declining an aid request, for example, when there is only one officer on-duty who cannot leave. She further noted that no reimbursements will be received for the service rendered. MPT Wilkinson said that Article IV, Paragraph 2 refers to a "command officer being able to request resources as may be necessary and available." If the resources are not available, they cannot be sent to aid another municipality. CM Kulpa-Eddy thought that that, in part, answers her concern, but she would still like to have a clarification. She would also like to have clarification about Article III, Paragraph 5, as to what constitutes a "serious traffic offense" for which an out-of-Town officer may issue a citation.

Mayor Calvo asked Councilmembers to raise any questions they have about the agreement now or at the next worksession so they can be addressed before the agreement is adopted at the June 12 Town meeting. He would like the Chief to provide a cover memo explaining the content and include a provision to notify the Council whenever police assistance has been requested or given.

### **5. Public Works**

**Purple Line (discussed under Public Safety)**

### **6. Administration**

**Ordinance No. 118 – Roads & Public Rights-of-Way:** TA Murphy explained that draft 3 of the revised Ordinance backs away from the Bowie model, which the Council thought too cumbersome. Instead, it follows Greenbelt's approach to regulating the activities of utilities in the Town right-of-way, and adopts Prince George's County's design standards for patching and repairing utility cuts. A covering memo details the recent changes. The revised Ordinance

adds new sections on 1) Purpose and Authority, 2) Applicability; 3) Design, Construction and Repair Standards; and 4) Definitions. Unlike the old Ordinance, this Ordinance requires any entity working in the public right-of-way to obtain a permit. This Ordinance also requires utilities and private contractors to post a bond or other security to guarantee the satisfactory completion of the work as described in the permit.

TA Murphy said that the process he envisions would have any party performing work in the public right-of-way come in with a set of plans when they apply for a permit. The plans will be reviewed by designated Town staff, who will then go on-site with the applicant to discuss the project. After the project has been discussed and the applicable fee paid, a permit will be issued. As with the City of Greenbelt, the Ordinance would authorize the Town to levy a fine of up to a \$1,000, if work is performed without a permit, or the scope of work outlined in the permit application is exceeded. Greenbelt also issues a fine if the project exceeds the time period for which the permit was issued. However, Greenbelt requires bonds only for new construction.

TA Murphy continued that Section 12 of the new Ordinance will require all work to be inspected by Town staff, which should be a responsibility of the Public Works Department. In his experience, utilities often do not follow Prince George's design standards for patching and repairs. The inspection of the work will be ongoing and can result in the issuance of a "stop work order" if the work is not satisfactory. Once the work is completed to the Town's satisfaction, it is formally accepted, as per Section 13. All work must be guaranteed for 2 years. Sections 14 and 15 deal with permit violations and enforcement. Some parts of the old ordinance remain with minor changes in Sections 17-24. However, Section 18 establishes new standards for replanting grass in the right-of-way, and Section 23 requires removal of all construction debris. Sections 25-29 add provisions that are now standard in other recently revised ordinances. This includes a section on the right to appeal a fine. The Council may want to expand it so that other aspects of the Ordinance can also be appealed.

The Council commented on the latest revisions. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she finds this version confusing. The old Ordinance was directed at private individuals and contractors while this Ordinance is focused on public utilities. It is not clear to her what requirements the differ-

ent parties have to follow. This Ordinance may need to be broken down by type of applicant to clarify what rules apply to each. TA Murphy replied that this would be explained on the back of a permit application provided to everyone who does work in the public right-of-way.

Mayor Calvo said that this Ordinance has become much more dense and complicated than what the Council had initially set out to do, which was the establishment of some basic rules Pepco has to follow when trimming trees. It tries to put in place a comprehensive framework for all types of work done in the public right-of-way, which makes it more difficult to administer. Further, the revised Ordinance does not clearly show what has been deleted and added, which should be done in accordance with standard formatting rules of strikeouts and underlining. He agreed that the organization of the Ordinance could be improved. He thought it would be useful to break it down by what type of work is performed and the impact of the work on Town property. This would include 1) cutting into roads and other Town infrastructure; 2) trimming trees in the Town right-of-way, and 3) performing maintenance and repair work on utility lines. The circumstance not covered in the Ordinance is Prince George's County working on storm drains within the Town's boundaries.

CM Almoguera said that she is concerned about writing provisions that are too case specific. This tends to leave unanswered which regulations apply for cases not covered in the Ordinance. The current organization makes sense to her. She also wondered whether the Town can write rules that cover county activities. MPT Wilkinson expressed concern about the Public Works crew being required to inspect the work. They are busy doing other things and some leave in the afternoon. They would not be able to monitor a project in all its phases. TA Murphy said that they would not have to do that. They may stop by once a day to check the progress, and do a final inspection before a street cut is filled back in. Mayor Calvo also thought that Public Works staff is best suited to inspect the work of contractors. They have expertise and already spend a lot of time on the roads. Inspection, while time consuming, will save money long term by ensuring that street repairs are done correctly. He supports Public Works staff being given the authority to halt a project and issue fines for violations of the Ordinance.

TA Murphy was asked to send all Coun-

cilmembers electronic copies of draft 3 of the Ordinance with deletions and additions marked in accordance with accepted format.

**PGCMA breakfast:** Four tickets will be reserved for the PGCMA breakfast on Tuesday, June 25. Scanned copies of the payment check will be provided to all Councilmembers attending the MML.

**Health insurance:** TA Murphy said that the Maryland Insurance Commission authorized a 10.7% increase in premiums for the plan the Town currently has. However, if the Town switches to a plan with a higher deductible, as assumed in the FY 2014 budget, the increase will be only 3.91%. This would bring the cost of the plan to \$108,000. There is a possibility that a current part-time employee with family will replace a current full-time employee who is single. This would increase the cost of the plan to \$112,000, which is within the \$115,000 budgeted.

Mayor Calvo asked if this budget includes health insurance for a new part-timer in the event the above change occurs. There may also be additional costs from the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) contribution for a new part-timer and if the average age of the Town's work force goes up. TA Murphy said that he did not budget for the new part-timer, which would cost approximately \$2,600. The HRA contribution is in a different line item. Any additional cost from an increase in the average age would not take effect until FY 2015. He believes the FY 2014 health insurance appropriation will be sufficient.

**FY 2013 budget amendments:** TA Murphy said that all Town departments' expenditures look like they will come in within budget. If departmental expenditures are within budget, then no budget amendments will be required for departmental budgets. So far, amendments will be required to account for money taken from the cable reserve to fund the BHTV upgrade, for withdrawals from the public safety reserve to fund sidewalk surveys, design and engineering; grants received, and merit increases. One item that is over budget is the renovation of the old media resource center. The quote received was for \$24,000, which exceeds the budget by \$8,000. TA Murphy said that part of the additional cost is due to the difficulty of installing heating and air conditioning systems. He will reach out to other vendors to try to get a better proposal.

MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to wait on batting cage repairs, which the Council agreed to fund from the PRECA equipment line item. He would like the

Boys & Girls Club to focus on building the shed at the BHES field first. However, he is concerned about Public Works having had to pay for a major truck repair. TA Murphy said that the Public Works budget will have enough money to cover it, in part because their gas expenditures were not as high as anticipated. Mayor Calvo asked that any other capital expenditures, such as office furniture, new computers or recreational equipment, be formally approved through budget amendments. TA Murphy was encouraged to upgrade his office furnishings so that he can accomplish all his work there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
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1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
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## Code News

### Hazardous Material Disposal

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### Code Activity for May 2013:

**Top code violations:** High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 148; Trash/ Litter = 14; Vehicle Violations = 10; Yard Waste = 7; Miscellaneous Violations = 16;

**Other activities:** New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 21; Rental Investigations = 3; Building Permits = 2; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 3; Abatements 7.

**Receipts:** All Permits = \$1,150; Fines and Late Fees = \$1,875; Liens = \$0; Code Fines, Cleanouts, Abatements = \$1,975; Liens mailed to the County = \$1,825.



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PM Care	4:30 - 6 pm	\$25(R); \$30(NR)

**June 17 - June 28**

Camp 1048715	AM Care 1048719	PM Care 1048720
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**July 01 - Jul 12**

Camp 1048716	AM Care 1048721	PM Care 1048722
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**July 15 - Jul 26**

Camp 1048717	AM Care 1048723	PM Care 1048724
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**July 29 - August 9**

Camp 1048718	AM Care 1048725	PM Care 1048726
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## RECENT WORKING INCIDENTS:

June 13<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14A to the 11700 Blk S. Laurel Dr in Laurel for the Apartment Fire, fire on the second floor.

June 12<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 to the 8400Blk of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave in Adelphi for the House Fire, fire in the kitchen.

June 8<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14B and Chiefs 14A & 14B to the 4500Blk of Kenilworth Ave in Bladensburg for the accident with several people trapped in multiple vehicles.

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Truck 14 & Chief 14A to the 7200 blk of 24<sup>th</sup> Plc in Adelphi for the House Fire.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>- Truck 14 to the 11600 Blk of South Laurel Dr in Laurel for the Apartment Fire, fire in the kitchen.

May 31<sup>st</sup>- Squad 14, Truck 14 & Chiefs 14, 14A, 14B to the intersection Powder Mill Rd and Evans Trail in Beltsville for the accident with people trapped.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14A to the 4700 Blk of Hollywood Rd in College Park for the House Fire.

May 19<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14B & Chiefs 14, 14A, 14B to the intersection of Riggs Rd and Hughes Rd in Adelphi for the accident with 2 people trapped.

May 17<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14A to the 1900 Blk of North Crest Dr in Montgomery County for the House Fire.

May 14<sup>th</sup> -Squad 14 & Chief 14A to 1836 Metzert Rd in Adelphi for the highrise Apartment Fire.

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Technical Rescue Support Unit 14 to the 9100 Blk of Contee Rd in Laurel for the vehicle into the building.

**Pictures and additional info about these incidents and others on our website: [www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org)**

## BHVFD 100% VOLUNTEER SOME WEEKDAYS DUE TO "VOLUNTEER STAFFING UTILIZATION"

During the months of May & June our station was staffed 100% by volunteers on weekdays on several occasions. Our station normally has four paid career personnel provided by the Prince Georges County Fire Department in order to supplement our volunteers from 7am-3pm Monday-Friday, when many of our members have work and/or school commitments (volunteers staff on all holidays). In an attempt to curbe career firefighter overtime, the County has implemented a "Volunteer Staffing Utilization" (VSU) plan a few years ago that pulls career staffing from different volunteer departments on pre-determined days to reassign them throughout the county. Our station's VSU days were:

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>  
\*July's VSU dates are yet TBD by the County\***

## BHVFD ATTENDS MULTIPLE COMMUNITY EVENTS:

On Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> Berwyn Heights Volunteers staffed the Ladder Truck, Rescue Squad and Ambulance to attend both the College Park Woods's Community Picnic, as well as Joe's Crab Shack "Start of Summer" kick off party later in the day. During these events members passed out smoke detectors and fire prevention information, as well as giving tours of our fire apparatus. Be sure to visit us at National Night Out again this year on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Center!

## VOLUNTEERS ASSIST RESIDENT

On Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> Truck 14 went to the 5600 Blk of Berwyn Rd in order to assist a town resident by removing a cat from a tree in the wake of an approaching storm. The cat was safely removed by Volunteer Captain Benjamin Ross via a ladder.



## FOURTH OF JULY FIRE WORKS

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents that ***all fire works are illegal*** in Prince Georges County. We encourage residents to watch the nearby cities of Greenbelt or College Park's public displays instead of endangering themselves and surrounding property with their own. *Thank you for making our job easier!*



## Station 14 Call Volume: May 2013

Rescue Squads:	149
Ladder Truck:	70
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulances:	187
<b>Total Station Runs for May:</b>	<b>413</b>
Working Structure Fires	5
Vehicle Extrications	4



# Have a Safe & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!





# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

## A Streetcar Named . . .



At its last monthly meeting, the BHHC decided to begin research for a historic marker on the streetcar that served Berwyn Heights between 1910 and 1921. It was founded by former U.S. Congressman Samuel S. Yoder, who lived in Berwyn Heights at the time. The Washington Spa Spring & Greta Rail Road, as it was initially called, was to spark new development in the Town by making the commute into D.C. easier. To see where the streetcar tracks were, visit our museum in the Town Office sometime, and have a look at the old Town map that was donated by former Councilman Darald Lofgren.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on July 23rd.

—There will be no August meeting—

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



## Discover Our Town's Past ONLINE

On our new website, we share the Committee's work plus a current digest of events, projects and activities. Visitors to the site are welcome to comment and share their stories about our Town's past.

Visit us today . . .

<http://BerwynHeightsHistory.wordpress.com/>

## Hodges' Chance; Treason and the War of 1812

Friday, August 2nd: 4:00–8:00 pm  
Saturday, August 3rd: 12:00–4:00 pm

**Darnall's Chance House Museum**  
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Dr, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**FREE admission**

John Hodges, a wealthy Upper Marlboro merchant who lived at Darnall's Chance in the early 19th century, was charged with High Treason by the United States in 1815. Come visit Darnall's Chance House Museum and learn about the circumstances of his arrest and his subsequent trial. Visitors will be able to cast their vote for his innocence or guilt. No reservations necessary. Free with museum admission, all ages are welcome.

For more information, call: 301-952-8010  
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### **CURB APPEAL/STAGING/\$PRICING...**

**HOMES ARE SELLING IN RECORD TIME. MOST LISTING ARE ONLY ON THE MARKET A FEW DAYS/WEEKS..JUST A FEW DETAILS CAN BRING TOP DOLLAR!!!**

- WALKWAY WITH PLANTS/FLOWERS
- PAINTED FRONT PORCH/DOOR
- PLANTER BOXES/TRIMMED LAWN
- STAGED, CLEAN, AND DECLUTTERED
- LET IN SUNLIGHT/CLEAN WDWS
- KITCHEN CLEAN/COUNTERS CLEAR
- PUT AWAY MANY PERSONAL ITEMS
- CLOSETS ORGANIZED

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- HELP W/STAGING
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITES/ADVERTISING
- YEARS OF TOWN R.E. EXPERIENCE
- LISTING/SALES STATE WIDE

#### **LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:**

SOLD-5820 Quebec St-farm house,6BR,3BA\$355,000

SOLD-5905 Osage St-3BR, 1.5BA rambler\$234,900.

SOLD-(above full price)8711 63<sup>rd</sup> Av-3BR1.5BA rambler\$252,000.

NEW LISTING-6213 SeminolePI-3BR,2BA(as-is)\$210K

NEW LISTING-7403 SWEETBRIAR-3BR.2BA \$260K

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



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# Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

July 2013

Berwyn Heights, MD

## End of Year Pool Party Update!

We had our Annual End of Year Party sponsored by the PTA on Friday, June 7, 2012. Due to the weather we had to switch from swimming to roller skating but I don't think the children minded too much. 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 19th - First Day of School

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Hello Husky Night

## Special Events

**BOOK CLUB - PTA Summer Reading Book Giveaway.** Your PTA was able to give each and every student in the school a book (or two) 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.

## Market Day

We will be continuing the Market Day fundraiser over the summer. Next order deadline is Thursday July 11, 2013 and pickup is Wednesday July 17, 2013. Pickups need to be made prior to 5pm. This is a change – custodians leave at 5pm during the summer.

## Box Tops = Free Money!

We had a very exciting year of collections. Remember to keep collecting over the summer! Find out about the latest sweepstakes and Bonus Box Tops opportunities by going to [www.btfe.com](http://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!

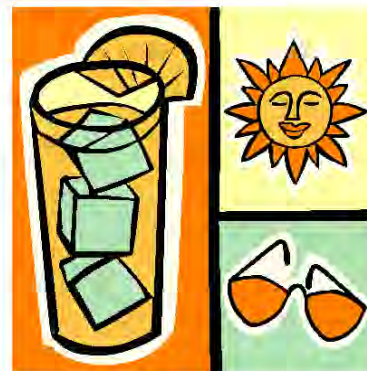
## New PTA Officers 2013-2014

Need to reach us?

[Officers@BHESPTA.org](mailto:Officers@BHESPTA.org)

[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto: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





## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson

301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen

Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

### Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

### Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

### Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

### Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

### BH Elementary School PTA

Kristen Buker

President@BHESPTA.org

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn (17) and Jeremy (16) can help with mowing, raking, mulching, and more. Call 301-474-2002.

**Walnut Console Piano** in good condition. \$200 or best offer. Call Cheryl 443-909-8551.

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

[www.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html](http://www.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html)

**Kitties Need New Home:** We're moving across the country, and we have two loving middle-aged cats in need of one or two homes. Please call 301-345-1757.

**Tutor:** Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002, kathybrosh@gmail.com. References available.

**Jimmy Taylor** will cut grass. 301-982-1137.





## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



### DON'T LET CRIME TAKE A BITE OUT OF YOUR VACATION

Summer is the time to enjoy vacations and extended weekend trips to the beach. Unfortunately, it is also a time when criminals take advantage of homeowner absence to ply their trade. There are more unoccupied homes and less people in the neighborhoods who might report suspicious activities.

#### TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

- Lock up your residence. Secure windows and doors (including sliding-glass patio doors). Make your home more difficult to enter and a burglar may simply pass it by.
- Keep your property well maintained, with trees and bushes trimmed to ensure doors and windows are clearly visible; burglars are looking for seclusion or places to hide .
- Install motion detector lights on the exterior of the home and ensure they operate correctly. Set inside lights, TVs and radios on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied.
- Hide your valuables, such as cash, wallets, jewelry, guns, watches, laptop computers, iPads, iPods and other small electronic devices in less obvious places than the master bedroom. Never leave valuables that can be easily carried away near or within view of a window or door. Home safes should be anchored into the floor or permanent shelving.
- Consider installing a home alarm monitored by a reputable security company, or get a dog as a barking alarm system.
- Plan for your time away: let someone you trust know you will be gone, but don't post your vacation schedule on social networking sites like Facebook. Stop delivery of your mail and newspapers, or have a neighbor pick them up.
- Notify the Berwyn Heights Police Department by filling out the "House Watch Request Form". Ensure your house numbers are visible from the street to make it easier for the officers to locate your residence.
- Be a good neighbor and alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.

*Have a safe and enjoyable summer season.*

### August 6, 6 pm - 9 pm Town Center



Join the Berwyn Heights Police Department and Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee for another *National Night Out Against Crime*, and meet the officers and volunteers who protect us and make our neighborhood safe.

**\*Free hamburgers \* Hot Dogs \* Drinks \*  
\* Demos \* Raffle \* Give-Aways \* Games \***

# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of May 2013. 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.

05/01/2013 at 3:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski conducted a routine traffic stop on a 1996 Acura for a loud exhaust. The driver, a 22 y/o, w/m refuses to produce his driver's license and became disorderly causing a scene. Mr. Ryan Parrish, 22 y/o, w/m was placed under arrest and his vehicle was impounded. All incidents occurred in the 8900 block of 56th Avenue.

05/04/2013 at 3:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski was approached by a 38 y/o, h/f that has her purse stolen from the Xtra Fuel gas station while she was getting fuel.

05/05/2013 at 8:50 am, Sgt. Moroney impounded a 1997 Chevy Camaro from the location of 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The vehicle was involved in a hit and run.

05/08/2013 at 9:30 am, Pfc. Krouse received a station call from a resident from the 8900 block of 60th Avenue who stated that he is missing a pistol Smith and Wesson .38 special from his house. He further stated that he recently had a contractor at his house unsupervised.

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



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

05/08/2013 at 5:30 pm, Det. Unger, Pfc. Krouse and the Chief of Police responded to the 8900 block of 56th Avenue for a report of a burglary in progress. Suspects attempted to flee once they heard officers outside the house and were apprehended as they exited. Arrested was James Day, a 23 y/o, b/m from Bowie, MD, Makayla Bryan a 19, y/o, w/f from Greenbelt. MD., and Stephanie Archibald a 20 y/o, w/f from Berwyn Heights, MD. They were charged with burglary in the 3rd degree and malicious destruction of property.

05/09/2013 at 6:31 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for a report of a damage property to a 1999 Jeep. The lock on the said Jeep had been damaged by an unknown prying tool.

05/10/2013 at 3:38 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a domestic assault. Victim reported that during an argument, her husband choked her. There were signs of contusion and evidence of violence and a lethality report was submitted. At 4:45 pm, the victim's husband returned and was arrested by Pfc. Ignowski. Mr. Jordan McKinney a 20 y/o, b/m was charged with second degree assault.

05/12/2013 at 12:25 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2006 Nissan Altima from the location of Edmonston Road near Seminole Street. The driver, a 27 y/o, A/F was driving without a license.

05/14/2013 at 3:15 pm, Pfc. Krouse submitted a lost property report at a request of a 25 y/o, w/m, which came to the BHPD and stated that he lost his passport.

05/15/2013 at 9:03 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1994 Ford Truck from the location of the 5800 block of Vernon Terrace. The vehicle was left abandoned and parked for over 72 hours.

05/16/2013 at 6:20 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a police report classifying it as a 2nd Degree Assault. A 36 y/o, b/f came into the BHPD and stated that her 10 y/o son was assaulted and bullied at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School by several kids in the 4th-6th grader. Investigation continues.

05/17/2013 at 10:45 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the T-Mobile at 8904 Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of two Apple phones from the display. Two black males removed the phones and fled.

On 05/17/2013 at 6:18 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8300 block of 55th

Avenue for a report of damage property. An employee of a storage yard accidentally drove his van into a metal container.

On 05/18/2013 at 7:00 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1999 Kia from the area of the 7700 Block Edmonston Road. The vehicle was parked without proper tags.

On 05/21/2013 at 4:50 pm, Pfc. Ignowski arrested Mr. Werclein Nanduca, a 36 y/o, w/m, and a Greenbelt resident for driving without a license. The incident occurred in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road.

On 05/23/2013 at 2:45 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 5800 block of Quebec Street for a theft report. Unknown person(s) removed tires and rims from a 2010 Chevy Tahoe. Witness observed a black male with dark shirt, pants and shoulder length dreadlocks. His companion was in a small black vehicle.

05/23/2013 at 12:27 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2009 Volks from the 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

05/31/2013 at 8:46 pm, Pfc. Ignowski observed a black male walking West on Greenbelt near 58th. Avenue waving his arms and cursing out loud to motorists stopped on the road. The male then approached a vehicle at the red traffic light and started to rock the vehicle while shouting obscene words at an elderly female. He then spit in her face. At which time Pfc. Ignowski approached the subject who was later identified as Michael Okoronkwo, a 24 y/o, b/m, and a Berwyn Heights resident. He was arrested and charged with second degree assault.

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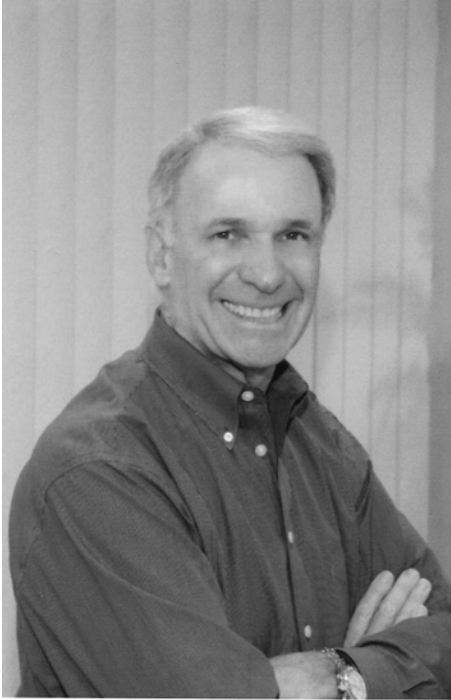
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

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 2	Bingo	12:30P.M.
July 3	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 4	Independence Day	Center Closed
July 10	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 11	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 13	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
July 16	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 17	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 18	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 23	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 24	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
July 25	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
July 30	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
July 31	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.



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## SENIORS TRIPS

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<b>Sold</b>	5710 Berwyn Road - 4 Bdrm, 2 Bath	\$259,000
<b>Sold</b>	8412 Cunningham Drive - 4 Bdrm, 3 Bath	\$268,000
<b>Active</b>	5907 Pontiac Street - 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath	\$279,900
<b>Contract</b>	5811 Goucher Drive - 4 Bdrm, 2 Bath	\$250,000
<b>Contract</b>	5820 Quebec Street - 6 Bdrm, 3 Bath	\$375,000

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## Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like share your ideas, please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com), or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next Green Team meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Town Office).

### The Green Team is Now on Facebook!

If you use Facebook, look up the Berwyn Heights Green Team page to hear about announcements and events. <https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam>. We recently posted pictures from the spring plant exchange and school garden clean up, as well as information about how to help us plan for a community garden. Check us out and "like" our page!

### Is Your Garden Overflowing & You Can't Wait to Can?? Food Preservation Class on Saturday, July 20

Join us for a food preservation class led by the University of Maryland's Extension Program at the Town Center on **Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. This hands-on class for adults and teens will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about basic canning techniques for foods such as tomatoes, fruits, jams and jellies. There is a fee of \$35 per person for class materials which includes a book. **Space is limited & pre-registration is required.** Any questions, email [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com).

*Fill out the form and mail with your check to the address listed below*



### UME Food Preservation Workshop July 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 Registration Form



**WHEN:** July 20, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00am to 12:00pm

**WHERE:** Berwyn Heights Town Hall, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

**WHO:** This workshop is designed for individuals wishing to learn USDA recommended techniques for canning high acid foods such as tomatoes, fruits, jams and jellies using a water bath canner. The focus is on hands-on learning.

**COST:** \$35.00 (non-refundable)

Includes a copy of *So Easy to Preserve*, handouts, and class supplies

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Registration and payment by check MUST be received by July 16, 2013. Payment is non-refundable.**  
Make checks payable to *Montgomery County EAC*

**Send payment and registration form to:**  
UME Montgomery County  
Attn: Jackie Marsh  
18410 Muncaster Road  
Derwood, MD 20855





## Grand Re-Opening of Pop's Park And Third Annual Family Potluck

Residents of Pop's Park have enjoyed the recreational offerings of Pop's Park since the 1960s. With a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Parks & Playgrounds Program, we are able to ensure this local treasure will continue to promote safe play and community togetherness for years to come.

We hope to unveil the new playground by the end of July and celebrate the Grand Re-Opening along with Berwyn Heights' Third Annual Family Potluck on **Sunday, August 10**. A rain date has been set for **September 7** in case of construction delays or bad weather.

### PLAYGROUP MEETINGS

New Infants Playgroup is meeting periodically. Please contact [Rose.Almoquera@yahoo.com](mailto:Rose.Almoquera@yahoo.com) about meeting times.

Preschoolers Playgroup meets Thursdays, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> THU of month at Indian Creek Playground; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> THU of month at Pop's Park



Architect's rendering of placement of new playground equipment in Pop's Park.



## Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, five-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-2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**

**For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829  
([beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**



# July 2013

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <b>1</b>  <b>Worksession</b> 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>2</b> 	 <b>3</b> <b>NW/EP Meeting</b> Town Office 7:30 P.M.	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> Town Offices Closed No Trash Pick Up	 <b>5</b>   	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 	 <b>8</b> 	 <b>9</b> 	 <b>10</b> <b>Town Meeting</b> 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>11</b> 	 <b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 	 <b>15</b>  <b>Worksession</b> 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>16</b> 	 <b>17</b>	 <b>18</b> 	 <b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	 <b>22</b> 	 <b>23</b>  <b>BHHC Meeting</b> 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 <b>24</b> <b>Four Cities Meeting</b> 7:00 P.M. Town Office See Page 2	 <b>25</b> 	 <b>26</b>  <b>Employee Appreciation Luncheon</b> 1:00 P.M. Town Offices Closed At 1:00	<b>27</b> <b>Electronic Recycling</b> 9 AM—12 N Buddy Attick Park Greenbelt 
<b>28</b>	 <b>29</b> 	 <b>30</b> 	 <b>31</b>	<div>  Recycling Collection           </div> <div>  North            South         </div>		
				<div>  North            South         </div> <div> <b>Bulk Pick-up</b>   North            South         </div>		



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET  
IF POSSIBLE DURING THE WEEK WHEN  
THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.

# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
**5700 Berwyn Road**  
**Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799**

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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

#### Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 [ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health  
 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 [jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto: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](mailto:ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Administration  
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 [pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto: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](mailto:jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

#### 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](mailto:contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
 at 11:30 a.m.  
 or call the Town Office  
 to request a pay 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](mailto:emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)**  
**Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!**  
**Helen Van Doren, Design & Layout**