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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

June 14, 6:30 P.M.

Town Center

Each year the Town hosts a catered dinner for the people who volunteered their time and talent for the betterment of Berwyn Heights. In this way, the Town seeks to express its gratitude and appreciation for the important contributions volunteers make to our community.

Please call the Town Office at (301) 474-5000 to make reservations with Administrative Assistant Yvonne Odoi.

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

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Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

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CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR

Registration to be on Priority List



NINTH ANNUAL
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TOURNAMENT

June 22, 2012

Bowie Golf and
Country Club

Contact Sean or Bernadette Daly for
more information
bernmwass@gmail.com
301.345.2416

2012 Election Results

Total Votes Cast (454 of 1,989 registered voters (23%))

Cheye Calvo Mayor
357 (79% of votes cast)

James Wilkinson Mayor Pro Tem
213 (47%)

Rose Almoguera Councilmember
158 (35%)

Patti Dennison Councilmember
147 (32%)

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy Councilmember
128 (28%)

Wild Fox At Large



Many Berwyn Heights residents have reported seeing a mangy fox (or perhaps coyote) roaming the streets on the east side of the Town. Prince George's County Animal Control does not interfere with wild animals and will not trap them. This fox seems to suffer from mange, a parasitic disease causing the loss of fur among animals. It does not appear to be aggressive or afraid of people and does not pose an immediate threat. Below is some general advice on what to do:

Do not approach the animal or feed it;

Keep trash can lids tightly secured;

Keep your pets inside when the fox is in the vicinity.

DOG, CAT, AND FERRET

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC



Prince George's County Health Department is holding a rabies clinic for cats, dogs and ferrets at the Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road, on Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 to 1:00. The fee is \$10.00 per vaccination. BRING EXACT CHANGE.

- Rabies is a fatal disease.
- Cats, dogs and ferrets must be at least 3 months old.
- Pets must have had shots by 4 months of age.
- An adult must bring the pet.
- Must bring proof of prior rabies vaccination.
- All animals must be secured. Dogs on a leash, cats and ferrets in a carrier.

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Berwyn Heights Community Center Summer Camps

6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights 20740
301-345-2808

Sport Camp (Ages 6 - 12)

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

Jun 18 - Jun 29

Camp 790765 AM Care 790769 PM Care 790770

Jul 2 - Jul 13
Camp 790766 AM Care 790771 PM Care 790772

Jul 16 - Jul 27
Camp 790767 AM Care 791020 PM Care 791021

Jul 30 - Aug 10
Camp 790768 AM Care 790773 PM Care 790774

Band Camp (Ages 9 - 13)

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

Jul 30 - Aug 10

Camp 793665 evening session, no before or after care



Worksession

March 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Public Works Director Joe Coleman, Public Works Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley, Clerk Harper, as well as Director of the Prince George's County Human Relations Department Michael Lyle.

1. Mayor

Agenda: A brief discussion of the Greenbelt Station development was added to the Administration agenda.

Announcements: County Councilmember Eric Olson will hold a Town Hall meeting on March 29, 6:30 p.m. at Parkdale High School. County Executive Baker and several department secretaries will be in attendance. The Boys & Girls Club will host a movie night/camp out on April 28.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the County's Department of Environmental Resources (DER) has again started to enforce their prohibition against parking commercial vehicles in private driveways. The County's regulation is opposite of the Town's regulation, which allows parking of commercial vehicles in driveway's but prohibits on-street parking at night. There has been an understanding with the County that DER would not enforce their regulation in Berwyn Heights. Occasional incidents have usually been quickly resolved. This time, DER staff insisted that they can fine residents who park their commercial vehicles in the driveway because there is no memorandum of understanding with Berwyn Heights. Mayor Calvo brought the matter to the attention of County Councilmember Olson's office to follow up. Olson Aide Danielle Glaros said that a memorandum of understanding may be needed to resolve the conflict.

Mayor Calvo further reported that he received comments from 59th Avenue residents on the new 7-Eleven store that will open at 5815 Greenbelt Road expressing concern about increased traffic. He told them that he would be supportive of making 59th Avenue a one-way-out street, so that cars could no longer enter from Greenbelt Road or from the businesses located at the intersection. Residents would have to come in from Seminole Street.

CM Ahrens reported that Code Department activity was focused on rental inspections. CM Dennison reported that the Education Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 22 to discuss admission to the Talented & Gifted (TAG) program at Greenbelt Middle School. She also announced that the Indian Creek Playground dedication on April 28 will be attended by press photographers and local reporters. TA Murphy reported that Pepco was in earlier to inspect the electrical wiring in the Town Center to determine why the electricity is spiking in certain outlets. Spiking electricity has caused the new automatic front door of the Senior Center to malfunction. Pepco was unable to find the cause and will send a special services team to look at the problem. Mayor Calvo said that Pepco contractors were replacing street lights on Osage Street last weekend and wondered if the Town was notified. TA Murphy said that the Town was not notified but most likely they are installing more energy-efficient sodium vapor lights.

Citizen comments: MPT Wilkinson had comments from Boys & Girls Club parents about soccer players using the hockey rink again. Officer Ignowski is checking on it. Soccer players also appear to be using the baseball field. Further, he received a question about where sidewalks would be installed on Cunningham Drive along Pop's Park. MPT Wilkinson said that the fence would have to be moved further into the park to make room for a sidewalk. A sidewalk was also requested for the 8500 block of 60th Avenue. Mayor Calvo heard from a resident who agreed to take the lead on putting together a welcome packet for new residents.

Human Relations presentation: Mayor Calvo welcomed Michael Lyle, Executive Director of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission (HRC). Mr. Lyle said that, since having been appointed Executive Director in June 2011, he is reaching out to Prince George's County municipalities to introduce himself and his agency. The agency consists of 3 full time managers and 7 investigative staff, who work with 13 lay commissioners to investigate and adjudicate complaints of unlawful discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, education, law enforcement, public accommodations and finance.

Mr. Lyle said, before his arrival, the agency had been neglected and underfunded and had a backlog of unresolved cases going back to 2004. He has dedicated himself to restructure the Commission to do a better job. With the adoption

of new policies and procedures, the backlog of cases over 1000 days old has been reduced from 31 prior to his arrival to 6. Plaintiffs can now expect to have a new case resolved in one year or less. Productivity is hampered by the fact that only 2 out of 13 Commissioner positions are currently filled. However, 6 persons have been nominated and are awaiting appointment. The Commission welcomes any referrals of possible candidates. Commissioners are volunteers and not paid, but he is working on securing a stipend for future Commissioners.

In response to Mayor Calvo, Mr. Lyle said that the agency has a work-sharing agreement with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The EEOC litigates only 20% of the cases brought before it and sends the remainder to local affiliates. The local affiliates are paid by the EEOC on the basis of completed cases. Most of the cases handled by the Human Relations Commission are employment related (93%), but the focus of the HRC is much broader. Next to employment discrimination cases, it also handles a large number of fair housing, education, law enforcement and finance cases. In addition, the HRC has an educational function. It tries to inform businesses, governments and community organizations about discrimination and how to prevent it. The HRC does not adjudicate cases of civil rights violations by Prince George's County Police. But it can investigate such cases and refer them to the Circuit Court.

Mr. Lyle noted that the HRC recently moved to the County Administration Building and can be reached by phone at 301-883-6170. The Commission also offers training sessions for municipal governments and community organizations costing \$1,500 for up to 40 people. The cost can be shared between multiple interested municipalities and organizations.

Candidates' Night moderator: Mayor Calvo said that former moderator Tom Reynolds has declined to take on the role this year since he no longer lives in Berwyn Heights. He proposed Danielle Glaros, Chief of Staff for County Councilmember Olson, as a possible moderator, who would also be a neutral outsider. Ms. Glaros has expressed interest when he asked her. MPT Wilkinson said that he would prefer a Berwyn Heights resident, but did not oppose Ms. Glaros. The other Councilmembers had no objections. TA Murphy will issue a formal invitation.

At 7:40 p.m., the Council took a 10 minutes break.

Street preservation presentation:

Mayor Calvo welcomed Public Works Director Joe Coleman and Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley for a presentation on how to preserve and repair Berwyn Heights streets. Director Coleman said that he identified 6 areas in the Town that are top concerns and need attention. His top priority is the 6200 block of Quebec Place. The street has not been paved in more than 20 years and preserved with crack sealing. Now the road has traverse cracking, slippage and erosion along the curb lines. The second priority is the 6300 block of Seminole Street, which has all types of cracking and some raveling. This stretch of road needs repairs because there is not much of a sub-base. Priority three is the 8500-8600 block of Cunningham Drive and priority four the 8400-8500 blocks of 58th Avenue. Both sections of road have many cracks, which will deteriorate quickly in a hard winter. The life of these streets has also been extended with crack-sealing.

Director Coleman continued that priority five comprises miscellaneous sections of roads requiring different type of repairs. They include the 8300 block of 58th Avenue, which is cracking and has no curbs; the intersection of Goucher Drive and Marietta Lane, the ramp from Route 193 onto Edmonston Road, which is raveling, and the intersection of Edmonston Road and Pontiac Street, which is rippling and developing ruts. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has agreed to pave the intersection of Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue next year, but afterward wants to transfer it to the Town. Mayor Calvo said it can't be the Town's responsibility to fix because it is not in the Town of Berwyn Heights. TA Murphy said that SHA has the authority to quick-deed it to the Town and is likely to do it. Priority six comprises different sections of the Edmonston Road swale.

Director Coleman pointed out that the package also includes a 2009 curb and sidewalk survey. Based on this survey, he recommends replacing 490 linear feet of curbing throughout the Town at a cost of approximately \$8,800. Further, there are approximately 1,366 linear feet of existing sidewalks that need repairs. He estimates that this would cost approximately \$24,000. These estimates do not cover planned future sidewalks along Pontiac Street or elsewhere.

In response to questions, Director Coleman said that the streets listed as priorities for repair are mostly those that were not repaired in the 1996 road project. Most of them only need to be resurfaced

with perhaps an occasional deep patch. Some of them can be preserved with crack-sealing. For preservation, the focus should be on the most heavily used roads, including 58th and 60th Avenues, Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road. If all the roads listed under repair priorities 1-6 were batched together for one project, it would cost an estimated \$703,000, based on prices the Town paid for the Seminole/Ruatan Street project last year. The estimate does include sidewalks, in locations where he believes the Council to place them. Without sidewalks, the project would cost approximately \$45,000 less.

Director Coleman further explained that the 8300 block of 58th Avenue serves only one residence and was built without a sub-base. It has sections that are sinking because groundwater collects there. On the south side of the Edmonston Road/Pontiac Street intersection the asphalt is rippling because of the frequent stopping and starting of heavy buses. The contractor recommends replacing the area with concrete.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to take a longer view and determine what it would cost to complete a full rotation of street repairs. To make that determination one needs to obtain separate unit costs on a per mile basis for renovating roads versus curbs and gutters. In addition, he would like to know the mileage for the project that encompasses the priorities outlined tonight, as well as the mileage for the next projects. Director Coleman said that he does not have this information tonight and would like to consult with the Town engineer about this.

In response to MPT Wilkinson, Director Coleman said that some deteriorating sections on 56th Avenue, 58th Avenue and Ruatan Street can be crack-sealed and patched to preserve them. A half block patch of base course asphalt on the 6100 block of Seminole Street will be redone by WSSC contractors in spring. Further, Seminole Place has a temporary patch the County applied after it installed a new storm water catch basin. So far, the County has declined to come back for a permanent patch. Mayor Calvo suggested calling Councilmember Olson's office to get action.

Mayor Calvo summed up that he would like Public Works to update the map that rates the conditions of Town streets and obtain a unit cost for standard road repairs. This would be the basis for coming up with a price to renovate the entire Town over a 20-25 year period. He would also like to have a cost estimate for crack sealing. Regardless of cost,

this work should go forward as soon as possible. CM Dennison said that a larger street project might be bonded instead of paid for in cash. MPT Wilkinson said that estimates for sidewalks should be included in cost estimates for resurfacing the road because it would likely be cheaper if the work was done together. Mayor Calvo said he agrees with getting estimates for sidewalks, as long as they are part of the priorities the Council identified. However, whenever sidewalks are built surveying is necessary to delineate the Town's right-of-way.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance, 3. Parks & Recreation, 4. Public Safety, and 5. Public Works.**

6. Administration

Variance application – 8415 57th Avenue: Mayor Calvo welcomed Walter Fava, who was seeking the Council's approval for a variance application. Mr. Fava explained that he plans to build a portico at the front entrance to keep snow and ice off the front steps. This will make it easier to get his 83 year old mother in and out of the house in winter. The project entails installing new decking over the deteriorated concrete stoop to make the entrance flush with front door, as well as adding an A-framed roof to cover the decking. However, the new structure will encroach on the required 25' front yard setback from which he is seeking an exception.

Mayor Calvo said that from his perspective, granting this variance makes perfect sense. He asked for a motion to approve the variance. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan update: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she attended the last Greenbelt Metro Area sector plan meeting, at which the plans for the north core were discussed in detail. The current conceptual site plan calls for a high-density, mixed-use development, including 1,300 dwelling units, 1.1 million square feet of retail, 1.2 million of office space and 12,000 parking places. Some parts of the development could be 12 stories high. North College Park was unhappy with the plans because it would be the most impacted. It was opposed to another connector to their neighborhood. The second option is a GSA or other major employer. It calls for one big building or a campus of 2-4 smaller buildings housing the same amount of offices but would not have retail or residential components. It would only have up to 8,000 parking spaces. There are concerns that the security for a government office complex would interfere with easy access to the Metro sta-

tion. However, planners assured participants that access would not be impacted.

CM Kulpa-Eddy had the impression that the second option is the more likely, and asked whether Berwyn Heights has a preference for one or the other option. The advantage of the first option is that it would bring new retail outlets to the area and thus more tax revenues, as well as the possibility of senior housing units. However, the option would also have a greater impact on surrounding communities and bring more traffic. With both options the Beltway interchange will likely be upgraded.

MPT Wilkinson preferred the second option because it would bring high income earners to the area and increase home values. This would also increase income tax revenues. He believes that the area does not need more retail, although perhaps better retail outlets. Mayor Calvo thought that, in general, Prince George's County should have more Metro-oriented development because it builds up the tax base. This is what happened in other wealthy Washington suburbs. One employer would limit development options. However, he believes that Berwyn Heights should not take a position without having a better understanding of where Greenbelt and College Park stand. Greenbelt, in particular, has detailed site plan approval and will more or less decide what happens there. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that Mayor Davis did not take a position at the meeting. The next meeting will look more closely at the south core and the subsequent meeting will be the final meeting at which input can be given and preferences expressed.

Council chamber layout: Mayor Calvo asked Clerk Harper to present options for the layout of the Council chamber in connection with the planned upgrade to the Town's audio-visual system. Clerk Harper said that she identified 2 versions for a center-room layout, more suitable for worksessions, and 2 versions for a corner layout, which might be preferable for Town meetings. To determine which option is preferable a number of criteria need to be taken into consideration. These include: Councilmembers views of each other, traffic flow, and placement of the podium, monitor, service tables and the mixer. If the mixer is placed into another room additional money for wiring and hiring an operator may need to be spent. While some configurations require special tables only available from a certain manufacturer, all layouts would require two 6' tables, two 5' tables and one transition table of one kind or another.

Mayor Calvo said that he wanted to make the corner layout work but has given up on it, because it would take up more room, require extra tables that would have to be stored, and make setting up more complicated. When he thought about it the most important criteria for him is whether the Council is comfortable during worksessions, which take up most of the Council's time. Another important consideration is where to place the monitor, on which presentations would be shown, so it can be easily seen by all participants. With 3 ceiling mounted cameras, a center room layout as well as other configurations can be covered.

MPT Wilkinson said he likes the corner configuration because Councilmembers can see each other and leave plenty of room for the audience. He believes it would work both for Town meetings and worksessions. CM Ahrens noted that a different setup would still be needed for Town meetings, even it is the same as the current one. Mayor Calvo said he does not object to trying out different layouts. However, most can be done with four rectangular tables and perhaps one transition table.

The Council agreed to design the room for worksessions but so as to accommodate different configurations. Clerk Harper was given permission to purchase at 4 rectangular tables and a transition table, as well as better, but fewer chairs that fit the meeting tables. Two monitors for slide show presentations were considered for each of the shorter walls.

7. Executive Session (9:45 – 9:50 p.m.)

On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session to choose a citizen of the year. With the decision made, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison moved to end the executive session.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession
March 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Budget

Health insurance: Mayor Calvo said that

the Town Administrator's proposed FY 2012 budget had a \$16,000 surplus, which the Council hoped to be able to spend on items not funded. However, TA Murphy has received information on health insurance, which may consume a large part of the surplus.

TA Murphy explained that the FY 2013 proposed budget for health insurance of \$112,000 was based on a projected 6.8% increase. This is the result of the Town moving into a higher bracket for an older workforce. The 6.8% increase could have been funded from the unused portion of the FY 2012 health insurance budget. However, he recently received information from the insurer that shows a 9.6% increase in premiums in January and another 9.6% increase in April. Continuing the trend, he has budgeted another 9.6% increase for the next quarter. The higher premiums will push the required health insurance appropriation to \$121,000. To keep the health insurance increase down, he looked into a higher deductible plan of \$2,000/\$4,000. However, this would require increasing the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), from which an employee can pay his deductibles, by \$21,000. The higher HRA contribution could be funded by 1) moving the unused portion of this year's health insurance appropriation into the HRA by budget amendment; and 2) changing the employer/employee contribution ratio to the HRA, capping the Town's contribution at the current \$1,200/\$2,400 ratio and having the employee pay for the rest.

Mayor Calvo said that it is difficult to budget for health insurance because one budgets for the unknown. The Town usually receives the following year's health insurance rates in early May but has to put together a budget in February. Reviewing the combined health insurance and HRA budget for the last 3 years shows a \$20,000 decrease from FY 2010 to FY 2011, then a \$10,000 increase from FY 2011 to FY 2012, and another \$24,000 increase from FY 2012 to FY 2013. None of these increases comes close to the 29% increase TA Murphy projects for FY 2013 based on three consecutive quarterly increases of 9.6%. Mayor Calvo does not believe it likely that there will be another 9.6% increase in July. Hence, the proposed health insurance appropriation of \$112,000 should be sufficient. However, another \$9,000 from surplus could be earmarked for health insurance in case the rate increase does occur. Mayor Calvo also asked that *health/dental/vision/life insurance* appropriation be broken into into separate line items to be able to track each expenditure separately.

Mayor Calvo continued that he prefers not to switch to a higher deductible plan and increase the HRA contribution. Increasing the HRA account by \$20,000 would cost more than it would generate in lower premium savings. Setting up the HRA account initially generated large savings in premiums and is a plus for employees because they get reimbursed for their co-pays. However, the employee utilization rate of the HRA has gone down.

Outstanding budget issues: TA Murphy provided additional information on expenditures the Council flagged at the last budget worksession. The Town sells rolls of clear plastic yard waste bags, which are otherwise available at local supermarkets and home improvement stores. It purchases the rolls in lots of 20 cartons for a unit price of \$1.89 per roll, and resells them for \$2.50 per roll. Annual sales are approximately 80 rolls generating \$200 per year. MPT Wilkinson questioned the usefulness of this service because it takes up employee time and does not earn much money. Further, the availability of the bags is not advertised, and only those residents who know about them benefit. TA Murphy said, like the postal counter and amusement ticket sales, it is a service residents like having in Town. No changes were made to the program.

The Public Works building budget provides for 3 space heaters in the shed to keep road salt and other materials stored there from deteriorating. Space heaters requested for main building were not funded in the proposed budget. MPT Wilkinson marked this item for future funding. The *network support/software* appropriation initially provided \$875 for setting up a Public Works website, which the Council deleted. The remaining \$575 is for upgrading the office computers to Windows 7. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that only \$300 is budgeted for Windows 7 upgrades in the Administration Department. The Council agreed that computers and software should be budgeted and purchased on a Town-wide, not a departmental basis. This should ensure a better price and resolve the issue of incompatible software within the Town. Mayor Calvo requested a memorandum outlining a plan for upgrading computers and software Town-wide, as well as an inventory of existing IT equipment.

The capital projects budget may require a \$40,000 appropriation to pay the Town's share towards a new Four Cities Coalition street sweeper. The sweeper currently in use is breaking down more and more often and has to be taken out of state to be fixed. The Four Cities want to buy a better quality sweeper for

\$200,000 in the coming fiscal year. The Town does not need and does not get the sweeper as much as its larger neighbors, but nonetheless pays 1/4 of the purchase price and annual maintenance. It also pays a pro-rated share of the operator's salary, who is a City of Greenbelt employee. Berwyn Heights in the past has considered hiring a contractor to do the Town's street sweeping, and may want to opt out of the Four Cities program. TA Murphy said the Council may want to consider purchasing its own sweeper, which would likely have a longer life span if only used in Town once a month. Mayor Calvo commented that he objects to having to continue to pay the operator's salary even when the sweeper is out for repairs, as it is now. He wants the employee to spend this time helping Berwyn Heights keep the Town clean.

At 8:10 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Budget summary: Mayor Calvo said that the reserve and surplus lines in the one-page budget summary are too complicated and have mistakes. They should simply show how much money is in the various reserves and what the amount of the available surplus is. However, the surplus remains healthy and leaves room to finance some needed capital items.

Facility needs: TA Murphy presented an updated list of facility needs, which includes capital items and some items that would normally be financed from maintenance & repair appropriations in the operational budget.

Municipal building capital expenditures: replacement the roof (\$10,200); gutters and downspouts; parking lot resurfacing; new council chamber furnace (\$3,000).

Town Center capital expenditures: new attic fan (\$8,000); new large air conditioner (\$15,000); media center conversion (\$16,000); senior center electrical wiring, which may be a fire hazard; canopy (\$7,000); new roof (\$30,000). **Public Works building capital expenditures:** new roofs, with lean-to roof as top priority (\$3,000); repointing and painting garage (\$3,000); thermal windows; space heaters.

The Council discussed the capital needs and identified priorities to be financed from surplus:

1. Replace electric wiring in Senior Center (this year's budget)
2. Replace roof, gutters and downspouts on municipal building (possibly in conjunction with Public Works roofs);
3. Replace canopy on Town Cen-

ter back stairs (possibly include better lighting);

4. Convert media center into meeting space (include sidewalk repair at entrance);
5. Install insulated doors;
6. Replace apron in rear parking lot.

MPT Wilkinson moved to restore funding for 3 space heaters in the Public Works building. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy was asked to make a list of capital equipment, such as furnaces, air conditioners, fans, etc. and their replacement cost. He was also reminded to obtain estimates for sidewalk surveys and other capital projects to be financed from the Public Safety Reserve. Mayor Calvo recalled that the Council had agreed to fund a salary increase for an employee who is routinely performing work above his grade level.

Gas Prices: TA Murphy provided estimates for gas expenditures for each department from \$4.00 per gallon to \$4.50 per gallon. At \$4.00 per gallon total gas expenditures would be \$36,000. At \$4.50 per gallon, total gas expenditures would be \$45,500. Each 10 cent increase in the gas price would add \$1,100 in expenditures.

Announcements: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that at the last Greenbelt Metro Sector Plan meeting she attended, the two options for development of the north core were further defined. The GSA/Major Employer option now identifies the FBI as the major employer. In either case, zoning changes are proposed for Berwyn Heights: the Weygandt Building would be zoned mixed-use/office/open space and PG Scrap would be zoned open space. TA Murphy noted that the Town would lose important tax revenues if PG scrap is turned into park land. TA Murphy was requested to schedule M-NCPPC Planning Coordinator Chad Williams to brief the Council on the proposed changes before April 19. County Councilmember Olson's Aide Danielle Glaros will also be asked to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
April 2, 2012

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

Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The Maryland presidential primaries will take place on April 3 at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES).

Calendar: A public hearing on cable-related needs will be held at the April 11 Town meeting in connection with the Comcast franchise renewal negotiations.

Volunteer appreciation dinner (discussed out of order): June 14 was set as the date for the dinner.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Ahrens, the March 12 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Dennison, the March 19 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The March 14 Town meeting minutes was provided for approval at the April Town meeting.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that County Councilmember Olson's Town meeting was well attended, including by 4 Berwyn Heights Councilmembers. Most County agency directors were present and he had the opportunity to speak to many of them. Tonight, the State legislature will meet in conference to reconcile the budget. The Senate has modified the Highway User Revenue (HUR) appropriation, which will bring the municipal portion back to last year's level. It is likely to increase Berwyn Heights share by \$13,000. Also tonight, the Governor's supplemental budget will be released.

MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works mulched Pop's Park and repaired a section of sidewalk on Pontiac Street at 60th Avenue. Director Coleman is getting roof replacement estimates for the 3 Public Works buildings in preparation for the next worksession. April 28 is the starting date when Berwyn Heights residents can bring their electronic recyclables to the Greenbelt Public Works yard.

CM Dennison announced upcoming events, including a Berwyn Heights Day planning meeting on April 5, Talent Show on April 13, BHES garden cleanup on April 14 and opening of Indian Creek playground on April 28. Requests to open the playground early have been declined by Park & Planning's project manager because picnic tables and a different surface still have to be installed. CM Ahrens reported that Code Director Solomon broke her foot and is in a cast. She took a few days off but was back at work today. Code patrols and rental inspec-

tions continued to be made by the part-time officers.

Mayor Calvo noted that Councilmember Olson's office followed up on his complaint about the County enforcing commercial vehicle parking in Town in contravention to Berwyn Heights regulations. The Department of Environmental Regulations (DER) has since stopped the activity. However, Mayor Calvo would like to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with the County regarding code enforcement. A meeting with the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) is scheduled for May 1, 2 p.m. for advice on the Public Safety Taxing District budget. The CDMA needs additional members. Mayor Calvo suggested asking the owner of the Raleigh Inn and the manager of SECU to join.

Citizen Comments: Mayor Calvo received several comments from residents of 59th Avenue after the 7-Eleven presentation at the last Town meeting. Most of them are in favor of making 59th Avenue one-way-out to prevent 7-Eleven traffic from cutting through their neighborhood. He also received a number of comments on the reconstructed Indian Creek playground. Most comments were positive but some said that it is already being used, including by skateboarders, although it is not yet open. There were a couple of comments on the need for a number with which to reach Berwyn Heights police directly.

CM Dennison had a comment about no photo ID being needed to vote in any election in Maryland. MPT Wilkinson received comments on littering, the need for more sidewalks, the County non-emergency dispatch number being ineffectual, and complaints about smoking in Public Works vehicles.

Greenbelt Station South Core development agreement: Mayor Calvo explained that SunTrust Bank, which now owns the south core, wants to modify the agreement that compensates Berwyn Heights for the impacts of the development. The main change is a decoupling of the north and south core, as the north core is still owned by WMATA. Mayor Calvo said that decoupling should not be a problem because the Town's agreement was tied to the south core. In addition, the revised agreement would change the manner in which the compensation is made. Instead of receiving \$½ million upon the first and final out sale of town homes, the compensation would now be received on a per unit basis. While, overall, there are fewer residential units and less retail than under the old plan, it does not affect the amount of the compensation. Some

compensation in the revised agreement will be tied to retail.

Mayor Calvo continued that Town Attorney Shay has reviewed the proposed agreement and has suggested that some clarifications be made. The first clarification concerns the trigger for compensation payment. Mayor Calvo thought that the trigger should be the sale of the property to the builder, which is the earliest possible date. The Council had no objections. Another clarification proposed by Attorney Shay, which should be included, is that "the agreement be treated as a covenant that runs with the land as a lien."

CM Kulpa-Eddy raised the issue of the developer being allowed to purchase properties along Branchville Avenue and make improvements under paragraph 2 of the agreement. She asked which properties they might want to buy. Mayor Calvo said the likely target is PG Scrap. The previous developers already purchased the Hercules Fence and All Star properties for development. However, the plans were not carried out and the properties may now be in receivership. CM Kulpa-Eddy worried that the redevelopment of these properties will result in a loss of tax revenues for Berwyn Heights and, as a result, threaten the viability of the Public Safety Taxing District.

Mayor Calvo noted that the provision continues to give the Town the right to approve access to Branchville Road and review any plans for redevelopment.

TA Murphy said he would like to see the compensation trigger further clarified, in case SunTrust does not sell the south core properties to a builder. Mayor Calvo said that language could be added to state that compensation payments will be tied to the time when building commences if the property is not sold. Furthermore, the agreement should provide for the recording of the agreement. Mayor Calvo thought that the developer should be required to record it. The next steps are for the Town to send the agreement back with the modifications discussed tonight, and then to formally review and approve the agreement when it comes back with the requested modifications made.

Greenbelt Area sector plan amendment: Mayor Calvo said that Planning Coordinator Chad Williams and Olson Legislative Aide Danielle Glaros were invited to discuss the sector plan tonight but were unable to come. He asked CM Kulpa-Eddy, who has attended the sector plan workshops, to brief the Council on the changes proposed for Berwyn Heights. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the

zoning maps provided as background do not show the changes discussed at the meeting. Mayor Calvo said that the map showing the existing zoning is correct. The Branchville Road properties most affected by the Greenbelt Station development are zoned MXT (Mixed Use Transportation Oriented), while the Ballew Avenue properties are zoned light industrial.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that nothing has been decided yet. The planners want to get Berwyn Heights' input on what its preferences are. The proposed zoning for Berwyn Heights is somewhat different under the GSA/Major Employer and Mixed Use scenarios. While the first would leave zoning in Berwyn Heights essentially unchanged, under the Mixed Use scenario the PG Scrap property is proposed to become open space.

Mayor Calvo asked what the Council's preference is regarding the zoning of PG Scrap. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she prefers MXT, allowing residential and commercial shopping uses. She does not want open space, which would likely result in a loss of revenue. Mayor Calvo agreed. MXT zoning for Branchville Road would leave the properties open for future development. If PG scrap were designated as open space no developer would buy it. A senior housing development would be an appropriate use on Branchville Avenue. He liked the proposal for senior housing on the former Hercules Fence property because of the ease of access. MPT Wilkinson said that he has no objection to PG Scrap remaining at this location, which is very convenient for Public Works' metal recycling program. However, he believes that this is valuable land and likely to be bought up and redeveloped in the next 10 years. CM Dennison said she did not mind the property becoming open space for the creation of athletic fields or other recreational usage.

Regarding Ballew Avenue, Mayor Calvo thought light industrial zoning is appropriate. However at the entrance to Lake Artemesia along 55th Avenue, he would support a mixed-use designation. He can envision a mix of office and residential units there. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that, if the GSA/major employer scenario becomes a reality, demand for more office space is likely to go up as contractors and vendors seek to locate in the vicinity. They might become interested in renting offices in the Weygandt Building or developing more office space. TA Murphy said that senior housing may also work in that area and was proposed when the industrial area was studied for redevelopment several years ago. An

apartment complex can be constructed with soundproof walls that screen out the train noise. MPT Wilkinson and CM Dennison did not think residential units would be a good use near the railroad tracks.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council could state its preferences at the April 16 worksession, at which Mr. Williams and Ms. Glaros will be present. CM Kulpa-Eddy recommended that the Town provide information on the tax revenue it earns from the Branchville Road businesses to support its case for MXT zoning.

National Harbor gaming: MPT Wilkinson stated that he would like the Town take a position against legislation now in front of the State Assembly that would permit gambling at National Harbor. The supporters of the legislation say that gambling is needed because it brings in needed revenue. However, revenue is usually less than projected. He further believes that gambling is morally wrong because it disproportionately preys on people with low income and low education. It often leads low-income earners to waste money that they need for more important things.

CM Ahrens said that he is for allowing gambling. The proposed location at National Harbor is a classy setting and likely to attract people of all incomes. Further, it is a good source of revenue and is popular with the people. If it goes to a referendum, it will win in a landslide. County Executive Baker has changed his position on it and is now in favor. CM Dennison said that she is vehemently opposed to gambling in Prince George's County. However, she didn't think the Town needs to take a stand because the legislation is not likely to pass the House of Delegates. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she also is opposed to bringing gambling to Prince George's County, especially since a large gambling site is opening up at Arundel Mills. Gambling is likely to increase the demand for pawn shops, which the Council has opposed in the past.

Mayor Calvo said that the Senate passed the bill and the House is wrestling with it. County Executive Baker is pushing hard to get the legislation approved and may well be able to swing the House vote. In addition, the Mayor of Baltimore has reversed her position and is now supporting it, making it likely that the Baltimore delegation will support the legislation. Personally, he is opposed to gambling and would vote against it in a referendum. However, he does not believe that the Town taking a position would make a difference this late in the

game. He prefers to take positions on matters that more directly affect Berwyn Heights.

MPT Wilkinson felt that taking a stand is a moral obligation of civic leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us, and should not be affected by the likely outcome. He believes weighing in on the issue may sway District 21 delegates who are on the fence. Mayor Calvo said that anyone can take a position against it individually but thinks there is a higher standard for the Town to take a stand collectively. No position was taken.

Four Cities agenda: The discussion was postponed.

Public Safety Taxing District budget: Mayor Calvo said that he wanted the Council to have a look at the PSTD budget before it is introduced on April 11. TA Murphy explained that, on the revenue side, he budgeted real property and personal property tax receipts on the basis of FY 2012 actuals. He did not get a response from the Department of Assessment & Taxation regarding his challenge of commercial property assessments. On the expenditure side, most of the budget goes to salaries & wages. Overtime wages have been capped at \$3,200. Social Security and Pension Fund contributions are covered in this budget, but not health, dental, vision and life insurance, which continue to be paid from the general fund. The PSTD has a fund balance of \$40,000, which has accumulated since this special taxing district was implemented.

Mayor Calvo said that this budget now fully pays for the expenses related to one police officer, which is Detective Unger. This is appropriate because Detective Unger spends a lot of time investigating crimes associated with the commercial district. Mayor Calvo recalled that Chief Antolik requested 2 police vehicles for the coming year, the second of which was intended for Detective Unger. He is open to funding the second police vehicle from the surplus. However, a decision must be made by April 12, the deadline for reserving the police vehicle. This vehicle would be an unmarked vehicle and cost around \$27,000, leaving \$13,000 as surplus.

MPT Wilkinson asked if the PSTD surplus could be used for street-scaping on the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road, where the Council is considering making 59th Avenue one-way-out or for sidewalks. Mayor Calvo said that these funds can only be spent on police and fire services according to the statute. In addition, the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) has to approve the budget and would have to sign off on

that. MPT Wilkinson said that he wants to have a closer look at the language in the statute to see if there is room for interpretation. TA Murphy was asked to provide a copy of the statute as well the memorandum describing the condition of all police vehicles. TA Murphy was also authorized to reserve a police vehicle, which is not a commitment to purchase.

2. Parks and Recreation

Volunteer appreciation date: Discussed under Mayor's agenda.

Nothing was discussed under **3. Public Safety.**

4. Public Works

Street sweeper: MPT Wilkinson asked if TA Murphy has obtained an estimate for the sidewalks survey. TA Murphy said he has not been given the estimate details he asked for. However, he has received a preliminary estimate of \$21,000 to survey all sidewalk locations identified by the Council. As this was considered a very good price, TA Murphy is to get this proposal in writing so the Council can vote to approve it at the next meeting. TA Murphy noted that the survey only defines where the Town's right-of-way is. Thereafter, a preliminary design plan will have to be commissioned to find out how the sidewalks would be constructed taking into account obstacles and slopes.

MPT Wilkinson asked to postpone the street sweeping discussion until the cost estimates for outsourcing, which the Council considered at a previous meeting, are in hand. The purchase of a new street sweeper will be discussed at the April 25 Four Cities Coalition meeting.

Kenilworth Avenue pedestrian crossing: MPT Wilkinson explained that the State Highway Administration (SHA) is in the process of upgrading the traffic lights at the Kenilworth Avenue/Pontiac Street intersection. A traffic light has been installed on a pedestrian traffic island, which is still under wraps but appears to have four lights on it. He is worried that the forth light is red turn arrow for regulating right turning traffic, which might lead to long backups on Pontiac Street. He has asked TA Murphy to find out what the function of this traffic light is before it is activated.

TA Murphy said that he has contacted SHA, which has provided him a blue print describing the functions of the light. According to the plans, the light in question is a pedestrian signal to cross the right turn lane and has a "signal head, countdown pedestrian signal head and audible/tactile pedestrian push button station." TA Murphy further noted that

the crumbling intersection is scheduled for renovation in 2014. SHA might then quick-deed the land to Berwyn Heights, making the Town responsible for future upkeep. Once it has been deeded to the Town, the Town can annex it.

5. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the May Bulletin cover: Berwyn Heights Day theme, announcements for Town Council election, swearing-in and reception, jumps for budget hearing and Memorial Day schedule.

Employee appreciation lunch: July 27 was set as the date for the employee lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession

April 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Announcements

This is the last budget worksession before the introduction of the FY 2013 budget. Mayor Calvo will serve on a panel on *Race Relations & Public Safety* on April 26 at Flowers High School. MPT Wilkinson will attend a *National Safe Routes to School* grant workshop on May 22 in Hurlock. The annual Talent Show will take place on April 13, a school garden cleanup on April 14, and a meeting of the Prince George's Municipal Elected Women on April 14.

2. Budget

Budget summary: The Council reviewed a revised one-page budget summary. The summary still has a problem with the estimated FY 2012 surplus, which will have to be resolved when the FY 2013 budget is introduced. Further, capital spending decisions the Council made at the March 26 budget worksession are not yet reflected in the summary, including:

- \$13,000 new roof and downspouts for the municipal building
- \$16,000 for media center conversion
- \$7,000 for new canopy for the Town Center stairs

MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to appropriate \$36,000 from surplus for these capital projects. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- \$1,000 for 3 space heaters at the Public Works building were appropriated at the last budget worksession

This brings the beginning FY 2013 fund balance or surplus available to \$16,123.

Promotion: The Council discussed funding the promotion of an employee who routinely performs duties beyond his grade level. Mayor Calvo proposed to bring the employee from a grade 6 (crewman 3) to a grade 10 (supervisor of operations) over multiple years. For the next year, the promotion might be to grade 8, costing \$5,000 including benefits. If the employee continues to perform well, the next promotion could be made the following year. Additional money might be appropriated to train the employee for the position with greater responsibilities.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the supervisor of operations position needs to be advertised so that other employees might also apply for it. She worried that the Town might be opening itself up to lawsuits if the position is not advertised. Mayor Calvo said that there is no vacancy to advertise. The position is only filled, when there is someone who is eligible for it. It is a job billet, not a vacancy. The action would thus fund the promotion of an employee for a job he has performed over the last year but for which he was not recognized. Nonetheless, TA Murphy will consult with Town's liability insurance if this is a potential problem.

MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Ahrens seconded, to appropriate \$5,500 for the promotion and training of a qualified employee. The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Gasoline: The Council at the last worksession expressed concern about whether enough money was appropriated for *gas & oil*. The proposed budget assumes an average gasoline price of \$4.00 per gallon for regular grade gasoline and \$4.50 for diesel. Every increase of 5 cents in price of gasoline would add \$930 to the gas & oil budget, every 10-cent increase would cost \$1,860. Mayor Calvo proposed to fund an increase of 25 cents per gallon or \$4,650. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Ahrens seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Roofs: Public Works provided estimates for the repair and replacement of the roofs for the lean-to and the main building in the Public Works yard. MPT Wilkinson recommended replacing the roof on the main building (\$7,200) plus addi-

tional funds (\$300) in case there is damage to the decking, and to repair the roof on the lean-to (\$2,400), which protects Public Works trucks and machinery. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested finding out if the Town would get a discount if the municipal building's roof replacement is added to the order. It was noted that doing so would require the Town to get 3 bids. MPT Wilkinson moved to appropriate \$9,900 from surplus to fund the roof replacement and repair. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy was requested to find out if a discount becomes available if the municipal roof replacement is included in the project.

Facilities: TA Murphy provided an inven-

tory of capital equipment their age and replacement cost.

TA Murphy said that all Town facilities also have several appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators and freezers that would normally be paid from the *maintenance & repair* appropriations in the operating budgets. The electric wiring problem in the Senior Center is being monitored by PSEG, who will provide a report of their findings in the next couple of days. The electric panel does not appear to be affected. Mayor Calvo said that the cutoff price for financing capital equipment from the surplus is probably between \$1,500-\$2,000. While nothing on the list needs immediate attention, it would be useful to turn the inventory into

a spreadsheet to make it easier to track.

Apart from the capital improvements already appropriated for the Town Center, the stairs to the second floor may need to be painted and have better lighting. The hose tower underwent repairs last year, including repointing of the cinder block walls where needed, and mold removal on the interior. The dry-locking and painting of the hose tower were left undone, as was the removal of a ladder and platform on the inside. TA Murphy was asked to determine the amount of funds needed to finish the work on the hose tower and improvements to the stairs. To make the stairs more functional, the doors on the 2nd floor may need to be replaced as well. A sign,

Building	Equipment Type	Replacement Cost	Age
Municipal Building	Council Chamber furnace	3,500	
Municipal Building	AC compressor 3-ton	3,000	2008
Town Center	Elevator (entire structure)	50,000	1995
	Elevator motor		
	Elevator shaft		
Town Center	Boiler	7,800	2001
Town Center	Attic fan	2,200	
Town Center	AC compressor 10-ton	27,000	
Town Center	AC compressor 7.5-ton	21,000	
DPW Office	AC compressor	9,000	2008
DPW Garage	2 Space heaters (gas, high efficiency)	11,000	2011

“stairs at back” should be posted next to the elevator entrance to make patrons aware of their availability.

Vehicles: TA Murphy noted that the proposed budget did not appropriate money for the purchase of a new code car and pick-up truck because it is surplus decision. CM Ahrens moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to appropriate \$61,000 from surplus for the purchase. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked that the new truck be able to pull the emergency trailer. The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Public Safety Taxing District: TA Murphy provided the State statute authorizing the Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) to determine if it permits the funding of pedestrian accommodations. MPT Wilkinson said that it had a provision allowing for a pedestrian mall. TA Murphy clarified that the statute authorizes the creation of a number of different special taxing districts for different purposes. One allowed category is a pedestrian

mall. However, the Town's special taxing district is authorized for public safety improvements only.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to use the PSTD surplus to fund the purchase of the 2nd police car Chief Antolik requested for Detective Unger. The approximate cost would be \$27,000. CM Kulpa-Eddy so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Public Safety Reserve: TA Murphy said that the public safety reserve fund, which contains the revenue from speed camera tickets, now stands at \$139,000, which the Council planned to use for sidewalks and other public safety related projects. Today TA Murphy received a revised cost estimate for sidewalk surveys. It would cost \$21,000 to survey priority 1 locations only, while it would cost \$48,000 to survey priority 1-3 locations, i.e. all blocks of street identified by the Council as candidates for sidewalks. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to

see an estimate for just priority 1 and 2, as well, if the cost is in the mid \$30,000 range. He thinks priority 2 includes locations that are worth considering. Otherwise, he would want to get the project started by surveying just priority 1 locations.

MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to get all priority locations surveyed to clear the first hurdle for constructing sidewalks. The survey results will remain valid for the foreseeable future and lay the groundwork for later construction projects. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that if a 1/3 of the available money is spent on surveys, there may not be enough left to fund the design, engineering and construction of priority 1 sidewalks. Mayor Calvo agreed, saying that a smaller project can progress faster towards construction. MPT Wilkinson said that he thinks all prioritized locations are important and wants to keep up momentum to keep the entire project going. There are

other funding sources, such as grants and bonds, to complete the next project phases.

CM Ahrens said that finished sidewalks can serve as a sample for residents and get them to buy into the larger sidewalk plan. Mayor Calvo agreed. He thinks the bigger challenge apart from funding is to convince residents that sidewalks can look attractive. The existing sidewalks built by SHA do not do that. So the first location to be selected for construction has to overcome skepticism and close scrutiny. He thinks 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive from Greenbelt Road to Pontiac Street, a priority 1 location, meets that test.

CM Dennison moved and CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded to fund a survey for priority 1 locations only. MPT Wilkinson said he still prefers to move forward on a broad front. The motion passed 4 to 1 with MPT Wilkinson opposed. TA Murphy was asked to get preliminary cost estimates for completing the design, engineering and construction cost on a per unit basis.

CM Dennison asked if there is still money in this reserve to buy backup generators for the Town Center. Mayor Calvo said that is a separate discussion. The Council might consider another option, which is to install a solar backup generator.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Officer Roberson, Treasurer Lape, and Clerk Harper. Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearings

Cable Needs Hearing: Mayor Calvo explained that the Town's franchise agreement with Comcast Inc. will expire in 2013. As part of the renewal negotiations, the Town is required to perform a community needs assessment to determine service needs for the next franchise period. Future needs are no longer confined to TV programming, but comprise voice, video and data services. Residents are therefore asked to give input on local programming (such as Comcast Public Access Channel 71), data and

voice applications, as well as different customer service categories.

Mayor Calvo further explained that, when the Town first entered into a franchise agreement with cable TV providers, it allowed the Town's right-of-way to be used to lay the cables. Cable TV companies in return agreed to pay a 5% franchise tax and a 3% equipment fee to the Town. The Town will be using this money to upgrade its audio-visual system and redesign the council chamber to deliver a better viewing experience. Recording and broadcasting will be in digital format and may at some point include live streaming on the web.

Mayor Calvo opened the hearing at 7:36 p.m. There were no comments. The hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

Town Budget Hearing: Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the FY 2013 proposed budget. The total operating budget is \$2,495,000 and the total capital budget \$106,000. Total revenues are slightly more at \$2,500,000, which leaves \$5,900 in undesignated funds. The real property tax rate remains at 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, plus a 3 cents road tax that is set aside in an infrastructure reserve. The personal property tax rate also remains unchanged at \$1.215, with a 7.5 cents road tax added on top. The FY 2013 budget funds merit increases but no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The cost of health insurance is going up because the Town's work force has moved into a higher average age bracket. In addition, health insurance premiums have increased by 19%. The Town is hoping that there will not be another rate increase starting with the next fiscal year. On the other hand, the Town's pension contributions have gone down, saving the Town around \$14,000. The focus has been on the capital budget. Facility improvements, 4 vehicles and Town-wide IT upgrades have been funded.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the important changes in the Administration budget are the funding of improvements to the municipal building and town center, the remodeling of the Council chamber in conjunction with the modernization of the audio-visual system, and new computers and software. CM Ahrens said that the main change in the Code Department budget is the funding of a new code car. Until now, the Code Department has been driving surplussed police vehicles, which had to be repaired often and led disruptions in the work schedule.

MPT Wilkinson said that the budget funds an overdue replacement of a 1997

pickup truck, as well as roof repairs to the Public Works office building and shed. Also funded are wall heaters for Public Works offices and bathroom, as well as large 34-gallon recycling bins, which are in great demand. CM Dennison said that her Department was budgeted a \$10,000 increase for Pop's Park playground equipment, a down payment on a multi-year investment to upgrade the playground. A conversion of the old media center, which is no longer used as one, into a meeting room for Town organizations has been budgeted as well.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Town's reserves went down significantly with the completion of the Seminole/Ruatan Street project and the purchase of a new trash truck. The FY 2013 budget includes money to replenish these reserves. However, the overall surplus will go down from \$632,000 in FY 2012 to \$525,000 in FY 2013 because the Council authorized \$106,000 to be pulled from surplus to finance a number of needed capital improvements. Further, the next re-assessment taking place at the end of this year could have a very big impact on future budgets. If home values continue to go down, the next budgets will be very difficult to manage. There will be no homestead tax credits to cushion the fall in tax revenues while expenditures will continue to go up.

Mayor Calvo opened the hearing for public input at 7:51 p.m. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

Public Safety Taxing District budget hearing: Mayor Calvo gave a summary of the FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget. At \$72,000, this budget has been more stable than the Town budget because commercial property values have not declined as much as residential property values. The PSTD budget is supported by a 10 cents tax on real property and a 15 cents tax on personal property, which essentially funds one police officer. In this case, the officer funded is Detective Unger, who spends much of his time investigating crime related to the Commercial District. A surplus of \$40,000 has accumulated over the years, \$23,000 of which will be used to purchase a second police car.

Mayor Calvo opened the PSTD budget hearing at 7:55 p.m. With no comment, the hearing was closed at 7:56 p.m.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 9 Town meeting minutes. On a

motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that the Maryland Assembly officially adjourned on Monday passing a budget with a "doomsday" contingency that enacts \$512 million in spending cuts. The legislature failed to reach a compromise on a supplementary budget that would have replaced the spending cuts with a package of tax hikes and alternate savings. The package included tax increases of 1/4 point on households earning more than \$150,000 and 1/2 point on households earning over \$300,000. There are plans to convene a special session to fix the doomsday budget. But if that does not happen, \$205 million in education cuts would be enacted. This would affect Prince George's County in particular because it would eliminate the geographic cost of education index grants. Further, this budget would cut all police aid to municipalities, which currently adds \$31,000 to Town's revenues. Another casualty of last minute deal-making in the legislature included a bill to permit gaming in Prince George's County. However, the issue is likely to be taken up in a special session as well and probably will be on the agenda in future sessions.

Mayor Calvo continued with announcements of upcoming events. This includes the Berwyn Heights Talent show on April 14, for which he will again be MC, the student Mock Town Council Meeting on April 23, the Indian Creek playground dedication on April 28, and Berwyn Heights Day on May 5. The Town Council election campaign is now in full swing. A Candidate Forum will be held on April 25, followed by the election on May 1. Mayor Calvo also noted that he has been invited to participate in an April 26 forum on *Law Enforcement & Race Relations* hosted by State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks at Flowers High School.

Mayor Calvo had the pleasure to become part of a public policy assignment by a group of Elizabeth Seton High School students, including Berwyn Heights student Olivia Sahadeo. They made a presentation to him proposing the Town use more environmentally friendly road salt. He would like to invite the students to make their presentation at a future Town Council meeting, as they have a number of interesting ideas.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town Council has been dealing with several important issues at its recent worksessions. This includes a revision to the Greenbelt Station development agreement, which compensates the Town for traffic and other impacts from the development, originally signed in 2005. The revised agreement would separate the south from the north core, and change the manner in which the compensation payments are made. Instead of receiving 1/2 million at the first and last out sale of town homes, payments would now be made on a per housing unit basis. The City of Greenbelt, which has authority to approve the detailed site plan for the project, has also come to an agreement with the developers. It is possible that Greenbelt Station will move forward within the next year.

Further, Mayor Calvo related that the Town has drafted an agreement with the owner of the ReMax property, in which the owner sets aside money for greening the parking lot in exchange for the Town's approval of a zoning change he needs to allow a Dollar General store to open. The agreement is being reviewed by the property owner, Larry Jarboe, and will be on the next worksession agenda. Also at the next worksession, the Council will receive a presentation from Park & Planning on the status of amending the Greenbelt Metro Area sector plan, which may affect the zoning designations along Branchville Road and Ballew Avenue.

Mayor Calvo said that he attended the NW/EP's emergency preparedness drill last Saturday and had a chance to discuss the Town's role in an emergency with CM Kulpa-Eddy. The event was attended by Berwyn Heights police and fire fighters, as well as a number of County officials.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo noted that the Council approved funding to begin surveying streets, identified as priority 1 locations, for the construction of sidewalks. Up to now, Council discussions centered on identifying locations where sidewalks are needed and ranking them by priority. Priority 1 locations include most of the main traffic arteries in Town. During the Council's discussion, a disagreement emerged on whether to move forward broadly and survey all identified locations at a cost of \$48,000 or only priority 1 locations at a cost of \$21,000. His personal preference was to move forward on priority 1 locations first, using one-time revenues, such as speed camera fines and Greenbelt Station compensation funds when they become available. However, moving forward on

a broad front is a legitimate alternative. It does presume using other resources, such as the Town's reserves or bonds to finance the building of sidewalks, which also includes the preparatory steps of surveying, designing, engineering sidewalks. The building of sidewalks is not only a complex issue but also one that more directly affects residents and their property. Therefore, residents are urged to continue to pay attention and give input on this matter to help the Council make better decisions.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that spring time means budget time for her department. TA Murphy has been busy working on the FY 2013 budget while also keeping an eye on the current budget. At this point, 80% of all revenues have been collected. CM Kulpa-Eddy also announced that the last public input meeting regarding the Greenbelt Metro Area and Route 193 Corridor sector plan will be held on April 19 at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The meeting will focus on the preferred alternatives, including zoning proposals for Branchville Road and Ballew Avenue. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

Code Compliance: CM Ahrens issued a reminder not to place trash cans and/or recycling bins at the curb 12 hours before a collection and not to leave them out 12 hours after a collection. This is of particular concern over a holiday when trash collection schedules change. CM Ahrens also reminded residents that election campaign signs may not be posted in the Town right-of-way, usually within the first 10 feet of property from the curb. Free newspapers and other publications are the responsibility of residents to remove. To stop delivery, residents should call the newspaper circulation departments. CM Ahrens reported that high grass and trash/litter violations topped last months code violations.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:

CM Dennison wished a happy birthday to partner and dog walker Eddie Daffron. She then announced upcoming events, including a BHES garden cleanup and Prince George's Elected Municipal Women (PGEMW) meeting on April 14. Another busy day is April 28, which begins with the long-awaited dedication of the Indian Creek playground, and ends with the Boys & Girls Club movie night and camp-out, and is University of Maryland Day. Berwyn Heights Day is on May 5 and the Education Advisory Committee will meet on May 24.

Public Health and Safety: Officer Roberson reported for Chief Antolik, who was away. There were 5 Part 1 offenses, which is 1/2 the 5 year average of 10. Citations were up from February, totaling 213. He thanked Berwyn Heights residents for their continued cooperation in reporting suspicious activity and keeping the crime rate down. Residents were reminded to be watchful when going shopping or to restaurants and movies, and not leave valuables in their cars. Crime tends to go up as the weather gets warmer.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson announced that Berwyn Heights residents can begin recycling electronics at Greenbelt's Public Works yard on April 28. Public Works took advantage of spring break and repaired a sidewalk leading up to the school and repainted a crosswalk. The department is also working with Comcast to tidy up loose cables hanging from poles. MPT Wilkinson reminded residents to label their trash cans and lids with their address because they might be blown away on windy days. He will attend an all-day workshop on a Safe Routes to School, which provides grant training for sidewalk construction. He believes the Town needs to be creative in financing sidewalks and grants are one potential source of funding.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that NW/EP had a very successful emergency drill last Saturday with about 50 people in attendance. She thanked the councilmembers who came out, as well the officers of the Berwyn Heights Police and Fire Departments. There was a good turnout of County emergency personnel and CERT teams from different municipalities. The emergency scenario modeled was how the Town would react to a tornado hitting Berwyn Heights. The event also afforded the opportunity to clean out the trailer and take an inventory of equipment and supplies. The trailer will again be displayed on Berwyn Heights Day and residents are welcome to take a look inside and get information about the program.

Recreation Council: No report.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

FY 2013 Town Budget – First Reading & Introduction: Clerk Harper read Ordinance No. 157 providing for the FY 2013 Town budget. MPT Wilkinson moved to introduce it. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. With no comments, the budget was introduced in 5 to 0 roll call vote.

FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District Budget – First Reading & Introduction: Clerk Harper read Ordinance No. 158 providing for the FY 2013 Public Safety Taxing District budget. CM Ahrens moved to introduce it. MPT Wilkinson seconded. With no comments, the budget was introduced in a 5 to 0 roll call vote.

9. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
April 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper, M-NCPPC Planning Coordinator Chad Williams and Larry Jarboe.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Dennison's son Joseph celebrates his 30th birthday today. CM Kulpa-Eddy's husband will celebrate a birthday tomorrow.

Calendar: A tentative April 30 budget worksession was canceled.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Dennison, the March 26 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the April 2 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the April 9 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: CM Kulpa-Eddy said the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness group has completed a street light survey to be discussed at the May 7 worksession. MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works Administrative Assistant Lockley has found a permeable asphalt product with which the 60th Avenue footpath could be paved. He may have a quote

for the next meeting. Verizon replaced a broken storm drain alongside their building. CM Dennison announced that the Student Mock Town Council meeting will be held next Monday. A May 24 Education Advisory Committee meeting should be publicized in the Bulletin. CM Ahrens reported that the Code Department issued 3 abatement warning notices for high grass violations last week. Since then 2 properties had their grass cut. Unpaid penalties of \$900 for missed re-inspections of a Quebec Street rental property were sent to the County as a lien.

Mayor Calvo reported that Chief Antolik was in training last week. There has been an increase in complaints about the County's non-emergency dispatch number, which was changed to 301-352-1200 last year. This is an issue that needs to be raised when there is another meeting with County officials. At the Prince George's Police Chiefs' Association dinner, a Berwyn Heights officer was named officer of the year. A formal announcement will be made on Berwyn Heights Day. TA Murphy informed that Pepco had attached a monitoring device to the electric line that services the new automatically-opening Senior Center doors. Pepco's Investigative Unit is to give him a report.

Citizen Comments: CM Dennison received an email asking about the opening of Indian Creek playground. MPT Wilkinson received a comment about the availability of the call-a-bus, and a suggestion that the procedure for reserving a ride be published in the Bulletin. He also had a comment from a resident, who thinks that the Town is asking for too much data on its rental license application. CM Kulpa-Eddy received a comment that there was a water main break on the just renovated stretch of Ruatan Street. WSSC has applied a temporary patch. TA Murphy was reminded to write an overdue letter to WSSC regarding the problems resulting from the renovation of Osage Street in 2009.

Greenbelt Metro Area & Route 193 Corridor Sector Plan Amendment:

Mayor Calvo welcomed M-NCPPC Project Manager Chad Williams for a presentation on the status of the Greenbelt Metro Area sector plan. Mr. Williams provided a newly-updated map on proposed land uses in the Greenbelt Metro Area, a map on current land uses, and a list of recommendations affecting land use in Berwyn Heights as background. Then he gave an overview of the next steps in the sector plan amendment process. He said that the last community meeting will be held this coming Thurs-

day; a preliminary plan will be available in late June, early July, and a joint County Council-Planning Board public hearing on the plan will be held on September 18 in Upper Marlboro.

Mr. Williams then outlined the zoning changes proposed for Berwyn Heights:

- Make entire 6300 block of Greenbelt Road CSC;
- Retain MXT zoning for all properties north of Branchville Road, including PG Scrap;
- Retain CSC zoning for all properties south of Branchville Road;
- Retain I-1 (Light industrial) zoning for Ballew Avenue;
- Extend and improve connections of the Indian Creek Trail;
- Create future tree bank site on PG Scrap property to reduce storm water runoff.

Mayor Calvo asked if Park & Planning interacts with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation (MDAT) and monitors how zoning impacts assessment. Currently, the PG Scrap site is undervalued at \$700,000 million. MXT zoning, which allows for much more revenue intensive uses, should theoretically make the land more valuable. Mr. Williams replied that Park & Planning does not have much interaction with MDAT but relies on the assessment data it provides. MXT sites have no density caps and hence it is difficult to come up with reliable assessments. However, if the Route 1 sector plan is an indication, land values in mixed use zones have gone down considerably since 2008.

Mayor Calvo said that there is an acute need for senior housing in this area and a senior housing complex was proposed for the Hercules Fence property by the previous owners of Greenbelt Station. He asked if senior housing has been considered in the planning for Greenbelt Metro area. Mr. Williams said that it has come up repeatedly. There is a possibility that senior housing units will be included in the north and south core development. MXT zoning on the PG Scrap site would also allow for senior housing to be built there in the future.

Mr. Williams said that the most important piece for the future development of the area is the north core. M-NCPPC's Planning Department has proposed 2 scenarios: 1) a high-density mixed-use development, as approved in a 2006 conceptual site plan; and 2) a major employer development, based on either a

private or government major employer bringing between 11,000 - 12,000 new employees to the area. The sector plan leaves open the possibility for either of the scenarios. A major employer locating in the north core may trigger a gradual redevelopment of Franklin Park/Springhill Lake because it will leave less space for residential housing. The sector plan allows for new high-density residential housing along Cherrywood Lane, such as Texas doughnut style apartment complexes, and single family town homes.

The plan also prepares for a redevelopment of Beltway Plaza. Park & Planning recommends a comprehensive conceptual site plan (CSP), broken into several detailed site plans (DSP) for phased development of different sections of the site. MXT zoning leaves open the possibility for some high and medium density residential housing. In the rear of the mall, mixed retail/residential complexes are envisioned as well as a street that punches through the middle of the mall. The intent is to open the shopping center up on the north side for easier access by Springhill Lake customers.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town had concerns about the last Beltway Plaza proposal that would have added 750 residential units in the back of the mall without making any provisions for additional green space or other amenities. He liked the idea of punching through the middle of the mall with a street. But this is made more difficult by the new parking structure. Mr. Williams said that M-NCPPC does not support additional housing without additional amenities and green space. One solution to the underutilized parking deck is a green roof. The parking deck has enough space for making a small park that could be integrated with the rest of the mall.

Mr. Williams continued that the sector plan proposes several gateways along Route 193 at the intersections with Edmonston Road, 60th Avenue and the future connector road to Greenbelt Station. The gateways would help create an identity for the area by integrating signage, improved pedestrian amenities and green features at these locations. Mayor Calvo questioned locating a gateway at Edmonston Road because it has only incoming traffic and is not a pedestrian artery. The intersections at 63rd Avenue and at 62nd Avenue have much more pedestrian traffic. The Cunningham Drive intersection was proposed for a pedestrian mall in connection with a Community Legacy Grant the Town submitted with Greenbelt about 10 years ago. It has the safest pedestrian cross-

ing and a restaurant at every corner. Mayor Calvo further suggested that the dangerous 58th Avenue intersection may be ripe for redevelopment. The Indian Creek bike trail will cross Greenbelt Road here and may attract new businesses. A new 7-Eleven is about to open on one corner of the intersection.

Mr. Williams noted that the sector plan proposes two new schools on the site of the current Greenbelt Middle School and bus lot. One is the soon-to-open Greenbelt Middle School, the other a new Springhill Lake Elementary School. However, no agreement has been reached with PGCPD on relocating the current bus lot and moving Springhill Lake Elementary School here. Mayor Calvo said that the Town opposed giving up the existing elementary school property when AIMCO proposed to redevelop Springhill Lake. There is concern that area schools are already overcapacity and that additional schools will be needed when new housing comes online at Greenbelt Station, Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake. Mr. Williams replied that Park & Planning calculations show that, while additional seats are needed at the elementary and high school levels, an additional middle school is not needed. However, the Board of Education has a different way of forecasting and may arrive at a different conclusion.

Mayor Calvo said that the industrial properties located at the entrance of Lake Artemesia might be considered for different uses. There already is an office building and more offices might be appropriate. Another possibility is to leverage the proximity of the University of Maryland and allow for university-related labs and businesses to locate on the site. Further, the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department needs a new facility and is planning to relocate. Branchville Road close to the connector road may be a good place for it because of the easy access to Route 193 as well as the Beltway, once a new interchange is built. The Berwyn Heights Fire Department just bought a new ladder truck suited to serve high density, multi-story housing. It also has an excellent rescue squad, which spends a lot of time on the Beltway.

Mr. Williams said that the sector plan proposes a couple of radical changes. One is a possible reduction in travel lanes on Greenbelt Road from 6 to 4. It would make the road safer and allow for additional street-scaping and the construction of a bike path. MPT Wilkinson said that he would love to see that happen but doubts that fewer lanes could

accommodate the traffic load. Mr. Williams said that it is supported by Planning Department traffic studies and is being discussed with State Highway Administration (SHA). The other change is a *diverging diamond* interchange at Route 193 and Kenilworth Avenue, which would make left turns from one busy road onto another easier and safer. It is a relatively inexpensive way to solve the turning problems at this intersection. Mayor Calvo said that it may be more productive to improve the intersections that have a lot of pedestrian traffic. Mr. Williams further noted that the sector plan calls for reducing cut-through traffic in Berwyn Heights with traffic calming devices.

At 8:30 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Mr. Williams detailed the differences between the two north core alternatives. The high-density mixed use (MXT) scenario plans for a metropolitan center around Greenbelt Metro station. It calls for 1.2 million square feet of retail space, 1.2 million square feet of office space each, 1,276 residential units and 300 hotel rooms. However, the realization of the plan will be slow because the economy has not yet recovered and there are a number of nearby competitors. The major employer scenario could be a game changer. This alternative increases office space to 2.2 million square feet to accommodate up to 12,000 employees. Retail space would be reduced to 75,000 square feet, and residential units taken down to 375. Each scenario would entail different traffic patterns. While a mixed use development would draw more customers from the surrounding residential neighborhoods, a major employer would result in more traffic coming from the Beltway and the BW Parkway.

Mr. Williams said that the latest version of the proposed sector plan is very flexible but has some use controls. He asked if there are any uses Berwyn Heights does not want in this area. The Council had no proposals for use restrictions or changes to the sector plan, as it was already revised to address the Town's main concerns.

ReMax agreement: Mayor Calvo thanked Larry Jarboe, the owner of the ReMax property, for coming in. He recalled that, at the January 23 worksession, Mr. Jarboe and the Town came to an agreement in principle about the improvements Mr. Jarboe was going to make to his property in return for the Town's support of his application for a zoning change. Since then, the Town

attorney drew up a formal agreement, which was shared with Mr. Jarboe. He asked if Mr. Jarboe has any further comments or concerns about the agreement.

Mr. Jarboe noted that County Councilmember Olson proposed a zoning bill that would allow the owner of a property with split CO/CSC zoning, such as his, to choose whether he wants a commercial office or a retail tenant. Mayor Calvo replied that it is one possible solution for his situation. However, the bill will not move forward unless Mr. Jarboe fulfills the conditions outlined in the draft agreement.

Mr. Jarboe explained that he is in a difficult financial position. His tenant, Jerry Cosker who manages the Raleigh Inn, owes him \$210,000 in back rent. Rent was paid but not in the full amount. He needs this money to pay his bills and make improvements to his property, including greening the parking lot, to which he committed himself in the agreement with the Town. At the end of last year, he offered Mr. Cosker a new lease, which would have reduced the monthly rent from the current \$11,200 to \$7,600 per month, plus \$1,000 in taxes. He also offered to reduce the outstanding debt to \$70,000, but insisted that it be paid before the new lease goes into effect. Mr. Cosker has been unable to pay this sum and therefore has not signed the lease. Since then, the lease for the Raleigh Inn has been extended from month to month. In April, Mr. Cosker was late in paying his rent and was given a deadline for payment. When payment was not made, Mr. Jarboe filed for an eviction, with a court date set for next Thursday.

Mayor Calvo said that he spoke with Mr. Cosker before the meeting, who maintained that he offered to pay the April rent but was turned down. He had the impression that the problem is not the monthly rent but the paying of the debt in a lump sum. He would like to meet with Messrs. Jarboe and Cosker to try to work out the problem and save the only sit-down restaurant in Berwyn Heights. To his mind, the whole point of the agreement was to strengthen the Raleigh Inn and create a more attractive setting for it. Parking lot improvements are meaningless if the restaurant closes down.

PT Wilkinson commented that he doesn't think it is the Town's role to settle a landlord-tenant dispute. While he would love to see the Raleigh Inn remain open, he would not try to save a restaurant that does not bring in enough money to pay the bills. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the County may have resources for mediat-

ing the dispute. Mayor Calvo said he, too, would not want to save a restaurant that is not economically viable. However, he believes that there are other issues, in addition to financial ones, that prevent a settlement. He would like to have a meeting with both parties to see if a compromise is possible.

Mr. Jarboe said that he welcomes help in solving the impasse and agreed to a meeting. With respect to the agreement with the Town, Mr. Jarboe objected to a provision that gives the Town the right to approve not only the next tenant, but all future tenants as well. Mayor Calvo said that he is amenable to revising the agreement to give the Town tenant approval rights for a limited time period or the first tenant only. Mr. Jarboe found this acceptable, as did the Council. Mayor Calvo said that he will attempt to set up the meeting.

Four Cities agenda (tabled)

CDMA appointment (tabled)

South core development agreement:

TA Murphy said that Town Attorney Shay had been asked to revise Greenbelt Station South Core development agreement to incorporate the Council's requested changes. The Council noted that the revised draft needed further corrections and postponed adoption. Mayor Calvo suggested that a clarification be added to the provision setting forth the manner of the compensation. Regardless of how many housing units are ultimately built, the Town should be paid on a per housing unit basis until \$1 million is reached. If the number of units is on the low side, the developer would pay the Town the remaining sum when the last unit is sold.

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

3. Public Works

Street sweeper agreement: MPT Wilkinson explained that the Four Cities last year considered purchasing a new street sweeper for \$200,000. Berwyn Heights' share of the cost would have been \$50,000. At that point, the Town looked into outsourcing sweeping to a contractor. The lowest quote received was \$14,400 per year for sweeping once a month. The price did not include any returns for sweeping places that were missed due to parked cars. Although less expensive, this option would have entailed a reduction in service.

This year, the Four Cities Coalition has been looking into re-building a 1999 Tymco sweeper it kept as a backup instead of purchasing a new sweeper. Two

options were presented: replacing the existing sweeper body with 1) a regenerative air sweeper, which picks up debris with a cyclonic air flow; or 2) a mechanical broom sweeper, which uses a combination of rotating brooms and conveyor belts to sweep up dirt. The cost of the air sweeper is \$112,000, with Berwyn Heights' share being \$28,000. The cost of the broom sweeper is \$156,000 because it involves modifications to the existing chassis. Four Cities recommends the first option. MPT Wilkinson said he supports staying with the Four Cities program with the lower capital cost of rebuilding an existing sweeper. The Town currently gets the sweeper for 2 weeks every 3 months. This ample time for a thorough sweeping and touch-ups, and would provide a higher level of service than outsourcing.

Mayor Calvo said that he has a problem with Berwyn Heights paying for a ¼ of the operator's salary but getting the sweeper less than ¼ of the time. Berwyn Heights does not need it as long as the larger cities in the Coalition, but it should be billed accordingly, e.g. pay a prorated sum based on actual usage. CM Kulpa-Eddy expressed concerns about re-using a chassis of a 1999 sweeper model. She worried that the engine would not last very long. She also noted that outsourcing would still be cheaper than what the Town pays under the Four Cities arrangement.

Mayor Calvo said he prefers the Four Cities sweeping program but wants a fair agreement. If it is taken up at the next meeting, he would like to have precise details on how cost is going to be shared, in particular with regard to the operator's salary and maintenance & repairs. TA Murphy was asked to confirm the terms of the agreement.

4. Administration

5806 Quebec Street driveway agreement: TA Murphy explained that, in 2009, the Town granted a variance to Quebec Street property owner, Sukumar Sain, whose new addition caused the home to exceed a 30% lot coverage limit. The Town approved the variance but, as an offset, required the owner to install a pervious driveway to mitigate storm water runoff. The cost estimate the owner received for a pervious driveway was \$17,000. The owner has not installed the driveway because he had exhausted his financial resources in building the addition. However, he would pay the Town \$4,000 to have the pervious driveway requirement waived.

Mayor Calvo said that he is inclined to accept this accommodation and would spend the \$4,000 on environmental improvements elsewhere in Town. MPT Wilkinson agreed, noting that the money could be used to build a pervious asphalt path between Pontiac and Quebec Street on the west side of the school. He moved to approve the waiver. CM Ahrens seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she prefers the gravel surface on the driveway to a future concrete surface. She opposed lifting the requirement because it would leave open the possibility that the driveway will be paved with asphalt or concrete in the future. The motion passed 3 to 2, with CM Kulpa-Eddy and CM Dennison opposed.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance** and **6. Parks and Recreation**.

7. Executive Session (10:18 to 10:35 P.M. added item)

MPT Wilkinson moved, and CM Dennison seconded to go into an executive session regarding the ReMax agreement. With the matter discussed, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded, to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

**Budget Worksession
April 23, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Announcements

Mayor Calvo said that he had a meeting with the owner of the ReMax property Larry Jarboe and the manager of the Raleigh Inn Jerry Cosker. The rent for the Raleigh Inn was paid promptly the day after the matter was discussed at a Council meeting. He will meet with Mr. Jarboe again to try to settle the outstanding issues. CM Ahrens requested references for a used car for his granddaughter. WSSC repaired a broken storm drain at Osage Street and 60th Avenue. CM Kulpa-Eddy attended the last community meeting on the Greenbelt Station section plan. Berwyn Heights' concerns expressed at a recent meeting with M-NCPPC project manager Chad William had been incorporated. The recommendation to close 59th Avenue or

make it one-way out can also be included in the plan.

2. Budget

Street sweeper: TA Murphy provided additional information about the plan to rebuild a Four Cities street sweeper. The sweeper is a 1999 Tymco Model that was retired in 2006 but kept in storage at the Greenbelt Public Works yard. The engine of this machine has about 25,000 miles on it and is in good condition. The rebuilding would entail putting a new stainless steel hopper and cyclonic air sweeper on the old chassis at a cost of \$108,000. The Town's share of the cost would be \$28,000. Currently, the Town pays 25% of the operator's salary and benefits, which this year comes to \$13,500. The fuel and maintenance & repair costs are charged according to miles swept in a each municipality. Berwyn Heights' 15 miles of street amount to about 10% of total cost. However, if New Carrollton's mileage is updated to reflect recent annexations the percentage may change. Normally, the Town gets the sweeper 12 weeks out of the year if there are no break downs. If a break down does occur during one's turn, there is no make-up time. The sweeping picks back up with the regular schedule.

Mayor Calvo said that a log should be kept of where the sweeper is each week of the year and made available to each city. It would provide an additional measure of accountability and make it clear where and how much time is lost due to a break-down. He requested that TA Murphy obtain a 5-year schedule for the sweeper ahead of the next Four Cities meeting. Further, the Town needs to budget for the participation in the program. TA Murphy said that the Town's share of the FY 2013 operating expenses are projected at \$18,000. If added to the \$28,000 in capital costs, the total cost comes to \$46,000. If a vehicle reserve is set up for the sweeper, the replacement period should be 5 years, which is the normal life span of a mechanical broom sweeper. It may be prudent to keep one old sweeper as a backup.

MPT Wilkinson moved to appropriate \$28,000 from surplus to finance Berwyn Heights' share in rebuilding the Four Cities street sweeper. CM Ahrens seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if Berwyn Heights gets the sweeper once every month with an allotment of 12 weeks per year. TA Murphy said that Berwyn Heights gets the sweeper for two weeks every 8 weeks. However, the schedule does not have a regular rotation as it

takes into account special needs of a municipality. For example, Berwyn Heights always gets the sweeper the first 2 weeks of May because of Berwyn Heights Day. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that hiring a contractor would ensure that the Town gets a sweeper on a regular schedule. Furthermore, she doubts that the Four Cities sweeper always comes back to sweep missed places.

Mayor Calvo said there are areas in Town where cars are always parked at the curb and those places don't get swept. He hopes that there is a way to get people to move their cars on sweeping days. TA Murphy said that it would take a lot of signs and reminders to get people to move their cars. Re-usable signs announcing street sweeping week in key locations would probably help. Mayor Calvo asked TA Murphy if the Four Cities has plans to keep an emergency backup sweeper on hand. It would be useful if a backup sweeper were available, perhaps for a premium payment, when the main sweeper is in the shop. The Council voted 5 to 0 to appropriate the funds to purchase the sweeper.

One page summary: The Council reviewed the budget summary, noting that there was a positive balance of \$5,973, which could go up or down depending on the soon-to-be released health insurance quotes. The surplus now stands at \$499,500 after the appropriation of \$28,000 for the street sweeper. However, some items that were budgeted are not yet reflected in the available surplus, which may reduce it to around \$465,000. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if any additional money needed to be budgeted to repair the electrical problem in the Senior Center. TA Murphy said that the warm wall problem was fixed by replacing the dimmer switches for the wall lamps. However, Pepco technicians are still monitoring the electric circuit that operates the handicapped doors, and do not have an answer to what is causing the overload. The Council made no other budget changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



Pepco Smart Meter Installation

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

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To facilitate the pickup please adhere to the following:

Trash must be at curbside no later than 7:30 am on June 20th. Crews will make only one (1) pass by each residence. Residents are responsible for removing trash placed curbside after the crews have passed by. As recyclables will also be collected on this day, materials should be separated into the following categories: RECYCLABLES, METALS, BULK TRASH. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-6897

WHAT'S ACCEPTED?

- ✓ Bulk Trash/Large household items – furniture, couches, chairs, box springs, mattresses, etc. too large for normal garbage collection.
- ✓ Metals/Household Appliances – up to 2 refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, etc. Units must be EMPTIED and DOORS MUST BE REMOVED from refrigerators/freezers.
- ✓ Tires – Tires must be off the rim.

WHAT'S NOT ACCEPTED?

- ✗ Hazardous, explosive, or toxic waste.
- ✗ Batteries of any kind.
- ✗ Paint cans (unless empty and/or dried out).
- ✗ No commercial or construction materials.
- ✗ Brush or concrete.

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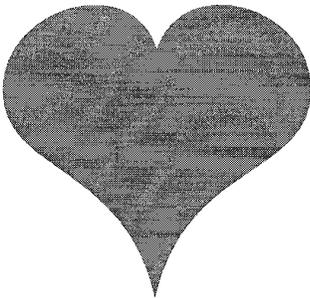
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

June 1	Gloria Stroher
June 7	Dianna Lee Hall
June 10	Eunice Burton
June 12	Mark Anderson
June 13	William Pugh
June 16	Elaine Colihan
June 19	Mary Dove
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson
June 30	Ruth Lisko

JUNE ACTIVITIES

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



WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

On May 8, 2012, the Berwyn Heights Seniors voted to contribute \$400 from the proceeds of the Berwyn Heights Day bake sale to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check to:

Wounded Warrior Project
 1120 G Street, N.W., Suite 700
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Even slowing/declining: short sales and foreclosures, however more to come through 2014. We are approximately 2/3 of the way through the worst of it. But 2013 will only see a 2-4% increase in price according to several chief economists. That said, **buyers are looking for well cared for, well priced seller owned homes.** (Maybe yours!) With lots of buyers out there, good rates and slow increase in price, it IS a good time to sell!!! Let me show you what yours is worth and how desirable it is to the buyers. Call me today, still time to be in the spring market, or be ready for summer.



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The Bugle

June 2012

What a great time at Berwyn Heights Day! We want to thank our all of fantastic volunteers, including: Debbie Steele-Snyder, Kevin Conover, Cheryl Compton, Dave Carter, Maria Robles, Gene Snyder, and many others who gave their time to help out. We want to give special thanks to Debbie Steele-Snyder for coordinating the running of the concession stand at Sports Park. This is a lot of work so please thank them (and all the folks working there) next time you are watching a game down at the field.

Soccer

Spring soccer will be coming to a close soon. Thanks to Coaches Tino Menjivar and Jeff Osmond. Remember, **fall soccer** will begin around the end of August, so please keep this on your calendar.

Girls Softball

Our girls softball teams are off to a great season this year. This year we have a U10 team, U12 team and U14 team playing in the county league. The girls are having lots of fun and continuing the winning tradition for the town.

Tee Ball

So many kids having so much fun! The T-ball team is off to a good start this season. This year, they are in a league formed with several surrounding towns/groups. Thanks to their coach Jim Hudson and all the parents who help out!

Boys Baseball

We are playing in a county kid pitch league and are off to a great start this year. This is a U10 league consisting of 16 kids! The boys are learning basic to advanced baseball skills. We will continue to have games until the middle of June. Come on out and watch a game.

Track

Our track team will be running in the Prince Georges County Boys & Girls Club Track Meet, Thursday evening, June 7, 2010 at the Sports & Learning Complex in Landover. Thanks to our Coaches Jeff Osmond, Maurice Goings, and all the parents who are helping out.

Ball Hockey

Ball Hockey will begin in July. We will send out an e-mail a couple of weeks before we start.

Cheerleading

Thanks to Kristen Buker for the fun Cheerleading season.

Movie Night / Campout

Due to the weather conditions, the movie night and campout had to be postponed. We hope to have a new date soon. Keep an eye open for updates that will follow.

Coaches

We are always looking for coaches for all of our sports. We also have available board member positions. If you would like to volunteer, contact Ronnie Compton @ 301-345-2661 or your nearest coach. Our next meeting will be held on a special night Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 PM at the Town Center. Check out our website at www.bhbgc.org for more information.



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

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

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

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

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

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



Free Karate Training!!!!

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

Two Locations, Three Nights: All Ages/ All Levels:

- **Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.
Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**
- **Berwyn Heights Elementary-6200 Pontiac Street
School Year: Through June 5, 2012
Tuesdays 6-8 pm**

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

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

If you missed Berwyn Heights Day this year, you also missed our new Prize Wheel! Visitors to our booth lined up to spin for a chance to win War of 1812 “Undaunted” lapel pins and magnets, BH Day Tee-Shirts, Pocket-Pal datebooks and assorted toys. We also dedicated this year’s Historic Street Marker “**Joyner Avenue**” which was the original street name for what is now both 58th Avenue and Goucher Drive. And, before we take our summer break in August, we will be meeting to discuss and plan exhibit ideas for our Veterans’ Day Wine & Cheese event in November, as well as, museum upgrades and field-trip opportunities this season. We hope you will join us!

The BHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town’s history. The BHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Due to schedule conflicts, **our next meeting will be on June 19th.**



1812: A Nation Emerges (National Portrait Gallery) Starts June 15, 2012

This exhibition tells the story of the war that one historian called, “the second American Revolution.” Through portraits and objects, it explores key

people who influenced the turn of events, featuring President James Madison and Dolly Madison, General Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, and the powerful Indian leader Tecumseh. The exhibition also follows the stories of soldiers, slaves, financiers, artists, architects, women and Native Americans. The epic battles and the aftermath known as “the era of good feelings” are central elements of this story, linked by the biographies of the extraordinary and colorful leaders whose lives shaped its direction.

Visit the Smithsonian online for more information: <http://si.edu/Exhibitions/Details/1812-A-Nation-Emerges-4802>

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

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA): www.anacostiatrials.org/; Prince George’s Historical Society: www.pghistory.org

Star-Spangled Sailabration

June 13–19, 1–4:00 pm

Baltimore Harbor

Star-Spangled Sailabration is an international parade of more than 40 tall ships and naval vessels. These ships sail into Baltimore for the national launch of the Bicentennial of the War of

1812 and the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Star-Spangled Sailabration will feature free tours of the ships, waterside festivities, an airshow featuring the Blue Angels, and the world-premiere of “Overture for 2012,” composed by Philip Glass.

For more information, visit: <http://www.starspangled200.com/>



Code Compliance



High Grass: Residents are reminded not to let their grass grow above 10". Unkempt lawns and yards are subject to clean lot violations (Ordinance No. 107)

Newspapers and other publications: Residents are responsible for removing newspapers and other publications from their yards, wanted or not. If you want

delivery of the Gazette, Examiner or other free newspaper stopped please call their circulation department. If you are planning to be away from home, you might ask a neighbor or property manager to pick up your papers.

Code activity April:

Top code violations - high grass = 128; trash/litter = 31; vehicle violations = 10; refuse/recycling = 19; yard waste = 19; miscellaneous violations = 27.

Other activities - rental inspections and re-inspections = 14; rental investigations = 3; building permits = 6; POD permits = 0; roll-off permits = 4.

Receipts: fines and late fees = \$850; liens collected = \$1,050; code fines, clean-outs, abatements received in office, including liens mailed to the County = \$1,300.

Call-a-BUS



This transportation service is especially designed for senior citizens and handicapped persons to get to medical ap-

pointments, grocery and personal shopping, etc. The service is available to locations within 5 miles of Town, Monday—Friday, 9 am – 3 pm. Please schedule an appointment 24 hours in advance by calling 301-474-5000. Cost is \$3.00 each way.

Summer Safety Tips from Neighborhood Watch & Emergency Preparedness



Tips for Homeowners

- Keep doors in your home closed and locked including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation.
- Be a good neighbor and alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system. Have a lawn service or neighbor mow your lawn.
- Avoid home improvement scams and deception burglaries by taking a proactive approach. Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repair and asking to gain entry into your home. Ask to see identification and their Town-issued Solicitor's Permit, and let them know you are going to call and get verification from their company and the Town Office (301-474-5000). If they are legitimate, they won't mind the wait.

Tips for Drivers

- Do not leave valuables or cash in your car. If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk. If you have folding rear seats, make sure those are locked, too.
- Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them.
- Drive safely and slowly around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.

Tips for Parents

- Provide a list of phone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends that your child can call in an emergency. Make sure your child knows how to dial 911 and when it is appropriate to do so.
- Know the route your child will take to and from a given location. Remind your child never to take a shortcut or deviate from the agreed-upon route.
- Establish rules for using the Internet. Children should have adult supervision when online. Make sure your child knows to never give out personal information on the Internet.
- Require your child to check in with a parent before leaving the house and when returning home. Teach your child that there is safety in numbers and that it is best to be with a group of friends when going places without an adult. Consider providing your child with an inexpensive personal alarm.
- Provide a bike helmet; require your child to wear it as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.



Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

June 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

End of Year Pool Party Update!

We had our Annual End of Year Party sponsored by the PTA on Friday, June 1, 2012. Thank you to all of our families, teachers and staff that attended. Thank you to Ellen Linson Pool for working with us and accommodating us with whatever we needed. Thank you to our volunteers who helped with this event. Finally, thank you to Kristen Buker for chairing this wonderful event!

Mark Your Calendars

June 8 - Last Day of School

August 20 – First Day of School

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 during the summer.

Box Tops = Free Money!

Remember to keep collecting over the summer! Find out about the latest sweepstakes and Bonus Box Tops opportunities by going to www.btfe.com. It's like free money! Remember! The more Box Tops collected, the more money we receive to go to bigger and better programs sponsored by your PTA!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING RATES

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

Check out our BHES PTA Website! BHESPTA.org

Contact us at: Officers@BHESPTA.org

Gardening

In May, the Peace garden had been majestically altered by a group of volunteers. Plants were purchased from the National Arboretum plant sale so there would be a bountiful display of different perennials and herbs. This garden has been planted with the idea that people would feel compelled to stop and use all their senses while enjoying the garden. Hopefully, in the near future, there will be benches to sit on while enjoying the sound of birds bathing or the tinkling of a water fall. Please stop by the Peace Garden and take a look at all the nature, feel the different textures, taste the edibles, hear the sounds of nature, and smell all the wonderful scents that abound this garden.

Also, in May, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders were able to harvest the veggies they planted in late March. The children were thrilled with all their green thumbs! The party was a success and they are on their way to more successful plantings.

If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org.



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

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

Neighborhood Watch/Environmental Protection/CERT

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

Historical Committee

- M. David Williams 301-345-6214

Men's League

- Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

- Rose Almoguera 301-446-2427

Quilter's Club

- Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

- Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club

- Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Home Visits
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BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



“Police Beat” includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of April 2012.

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

04/01/12 at about 3:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to a loud party at 6309 Seminole Street. On arrival there were loud music, chaos, people throwing up, and people having sex. Pfc. Ignowski stated that he could clearly see so many people in an advance state of intoxication; the public was in danger inside and outside the house. He saw at least 50 people in and around the house. Men were having sex with women in front of everyone and there were vomit everywhere. He immediately yanks the cable to the music speaker and met the homeowner to shut the party down. Pfc. Ignowski stayed for about 30 minutes to monitor the crowd and arranged taxi cab for some of the patronage.

04/01/12 at 10:25 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a damaged gas hose.

04/02/12 at 11:25 am, Pfc. Thompson was contacted by a resident of the 8500 block of 58th Avenue in regards to an unknown person vandalizing her 2006 VW.

04/03/12 at 2:10 pm, Pfc. Krouse, Det. Unger and Chief Antolik observed two [02] suspicious white males walking around the area of 58th Avenue and Pontiac Street. The two were stopped and both individuals failed to produce identification. They stated that they were looking for jobs around Town. Warrants were checked and they were sent on way.

04/03/12 at 6:00 pm, Pfc. Krouse recovered two street signs from inside a house located in the 8900 block of Seminole Street. The signs were '62'nd Ave. sign and '63'rd Ave.

04/04/12 at 1:00 pm, Cpl. Bennett responded to the police headquarter and met with Ms. Gabrielle Brown. Ms. Brown had an open warrant and turned herself in. Ms. Brown a 22 Y/O, B/F, from Montgomery County. She was transported to the PG County DOC without incident.

04/06/12 at 2:12 am, Pfc. Ignowski stopped a suspicious person at the location of 6000 block of Pontiac Street. Pfc. Ignowski observed a W/H/M wearing all dark clothing with his hood pulled over his head. Subject was patted down for weapons and burglary tools. None was found and he was sent on way.

04/06/12 at 10:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8500 block of 60th Avenue for a report of a stolen 1999 Plymouth Van. Investigation revealed that the van was stolen on 03/28/12. However, the reporting person could not give the responding officer any pertinent information about the vehicle to be entered into the NCIC.

04/07/12 at 2:17 am, Pfc. Ignowski observed a suspicious B/M near the 5700 block of Berwyn Road with all dark clothing. He was questioned and sent on way.

04/09/12 at 1:51 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8500 block of 58th Avenue for a report of theft from a vehicle. An unknown person removed a radio from a 2006 Honda.

04/10/12 at 6:51 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of a unresponsive person. Investigation revealed that a 38 Y/O, W/M, was found in his home by his wife and appeared to be deceased. Prince George's County Homicide detective along with the Maryland Medical Examiner responded to the scene and assisted Pfc. Krouse. The deceased was transported to the ME for autopsy. Investigation continues.

04/17/12 at 5:35 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 57th Avenue for a landlord and tenant dispute.

04/18/12 at 2:00 am Sgt. Moroney responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terr., for a report of vandalism to a 2010 Kia. Unknown person scratched the word 'FAG' into the vehicle.

04/19/12 at 10:54 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2006 Chevy Truck from the location of Greenbelt Road and 60th Avenue. The driver a 27 Y/O, W/M was driving without a license.

04/20/12 at 2:00 am, Pfc. Ignowski observed a suspicious male wearing all black standing in the area of 5800 Block of Bucknell Terr. The suspicious person was identified and sent on way.

04/20/12 at 6:40 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2003 Honda motorcycle from the location of 8200 55th Avenue for being unregistered and uninsured.

04/20/12 at 7:00 pm Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Place for a death investigation. A long time Town resident passed away at the age of 99.

04/20/12 at 7:43 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Osage Street for a report of an identity theft. Victim a 35 Y/O, B/M claims that he received a bill from an alarm company that had installed an alarm in California.

04/20/12 at 8:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of vandalism to a 2001 Mercedes. Unknown person scratched the rear passenger door with an unknown object.

04/20/12 at 11:33 pm, Pfc. Ignowski encountered a disorderly driver who refuses to stop his vehicle in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. He later complied and received several citations.



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

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

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- ✓ Six Flags America
- ✓ Six Flags New Jersey
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- ✓ Busch Gardens
- ✓ Dorney Park
- ✓ King's Dominion
- ✓ Water Country USA
- ✓ Sesame Place
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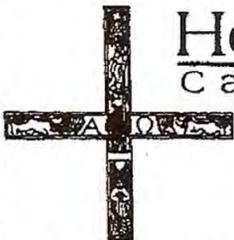
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Catholic Church



Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.

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

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June 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recycling Collection Street Sweeping Yard Waste North South	Refuse Collection North Refuse Collection South Bulk Pick-up North South	SCHOOL IS OUT-- WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN PLAYING!		1 BHES Pool Party Ellen Linson Pool 5:00—8:00 P.M.	2	
3	4 	5 	6 NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	7 Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	8 PGCPS Last Day Of School	9
10	11 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	12 	13 Town Meeting 7:30 P.M. Adopt 2012 Budget Amendments Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	14 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:30 P.M. FLAG DAY	15 	16 TOWN WIDE YARD SALE See Page 18
17 Father's Day	18 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	19 BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	20 TOWN SPRING CLEAN UP DAY (Tipping Day) See Page 19	21 	22 	23
24 *Street Sweeping Week 	25 	26 	27	28 BHEAC Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	29 	30

*Please try not to park in the street wherever possible when the street sweeper comes to B.H.

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Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-A-Bus Reservations	(301) 474-5000
Maryland Relay Service (TTY).....	1(800) 735-2258

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo	(301) 474-6350	ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor — Public Safety and Health		
James Wilkinson	(301) 982-5152	jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
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Rose Almoguera	(301) 446-2427	rose.almoguera@yahoo.com
Councilmember — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
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
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71
 FIOS channel 12**

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>
Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.
Or email: emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!
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