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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

June 19, 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—AMENDMENTS TO FY 2013 TOWN BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will hold a public hearing prior to adopting the amendments to the FY 2013 Town budget on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 8:00 P.M. at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

The Public hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

See below for more information regarding the budget amendments.

WHY DO WE NEED TO MAKE BUDGET AMENDMENTS? The State of Maryland and the Berwyn Heights Town Charter require the Town to have a balanced operating budget. Annually, during the months of May and June, the Town reviews the budget to determine if the money appropriated in the budget for a major activity will be enough to cover all expenditures anticipated to be spent by year end June 30. Examples of a major activity are Code, Police or Public Works departments. If a budget appropriation is not enough to cover the anticipated expenditures for the year, then the major activity's budget appropriation must be amended by ordinance in June to cover the anticipated expenditures for the year.

If the Town receives a grant, as the Town did this year to rehabilitate Pop's Park, then the budget must be amended to reflect both the new revenue and the new expenditure.

The same procedure is also followed with the Special Public Safety Taxing District budget.

TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS TOWN BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

The Mayor and Town Council adopted the Town budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, at its May 8 Town Meeting with no tax increase. The real estate tax rate for the Town budget will continue to be \$0.486 per \$100.00 of assessed value and \$0.03 for the dedicated Road Repair fund and the personal property tax continues at \$1.29 per \$100.00 of business personal property.

AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

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

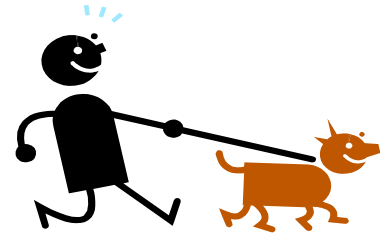
- ✓ Six Flags America, MD
- ✓ Busch Gardens, VA
- ✓ Water Country, VA
- ✓ King's Dominion, VA
- ✓ Dorney Park, PA
- ✓ Dutch Wonderland, PA
- ✓ Hershey Park, PA
- ✓ Six Flags New Jersey, NJ



Parking at T-Ball Field

Users of the Indian Creek T-Ball field and playground are encouraged to park on the grassy area next to the T-Ball field. The Public Works Department recently installed a special plastic mesh that protects the grass from parked cars.

So go ahead, park and play!



WALKING THE DOG?

See Page 26 for important information about the Town Ordinance on disposing of animal waste.

IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS



English Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

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

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT Report Street Light Out

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

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por Servicio en Español

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

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

Worksession

April 1, 2013

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

1. Mayor

Announcements: Long-time resident Audrey Foster passed away on March 24, leaving behind her husband of 72 years, Calvin Foster, and Son Calvin, Jr. The mother of former Public Works Director Joe Coleman Louise Labik also passed, as well as one of MPT Wilkinson's neighbors. The Greenbelt Middle School team made it into the science bowl semifinals.

Calendar: No changes were made. The April 27 date for electronic recycling and the June 22 date for the Town-wide Yard Sale need to be confirmed.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the March 18 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by MPT Wilkinson, the March 25 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The March 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed for review.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that a burglary occurred at a home on Edmonston Road last Wednesday. The break-in showed signs of being more than a crime of convenience. Residents are urged to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. MPT Wilkinson reported that Acting Director Lockley has ordered the protective mesh for the grassy parking area adjacent to the T-ball field as well as the dual-purpose recycling/trash cans. Public Works also ground down the tree stumps along the Quebec Street side of the BHES field. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that Code Director Solomon was out sick a couple of days last week, but is back in the office. CM Dennison announced upcoming events, including an April 19 talent show, an April 20 BHES garden cleanup and plant exchange, and an April 22 student mock town council meeting.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo noted that Berwyn Road resident Mark Winston had a letter to the editor about the death

penalty published in the Washington Post. Mayor Calvo received a comment that the Town's state delegation is not very responsive to emails. He enlisted County Councilmember Olson's help in getting WSSC to repair the damage done to his front yard when parking a truck there to trim trees. WSSC took 2 weeks to address the problem, but did a good job. MPT Wilkinson received a comment on tree trimming.

Sidewalks design & engineering:

Mayor Calvo recalled that at the last worksession Brian Davila of C.P. Johnson & Associates gave an informative presentation on their proposal for design and engineering of sidewalks. Mr. Davila was able to address a number of concerns and questions the Council had about the project. Mayor Calvo liked CP Johnson's approach, which incorporates formal consultation throughout the process to ensure that the end product meets the Town's need, and is inclined to use this contractor. He asked the Councilmembers to give their opinions.

MPT Wilkinson said he also feels comfortable with CP Johnson. This engineering firm seems to have more experience working with municipalities and shepherding a project through the County agencies. CM Dennison asked if the Town had obtained any references. TA Murphy said that C.P. Johnson has been recommended by College Park and has worked with Hyattsville.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she still has concerns about how the project is going to be paid for. If public safety reserves are used, she wants to make sure that \$80,000 is set aside in matching funds for the emergency generators. Mayor Calvo said the Town has committed itself to provide the funds necessary to match any grant the State of Maryland comes up with as part of the bond bill. Moreover, matching funds can just as well be taken from the surplus instead of the public safety reserve.

TA Murphy noted that approximately \$400 - \$550 per property is required for meets and bounds survey wherever a property line is in question. This is in addition to the \$40,000 quoted for sidewalks design and engineering. Mayor Calvo guessed that there are perhaps 12 such properties that require a meets and bounds survey, which would add another \$5,000 to the total.

Mayor Calvo asked for a motion to accept C.P. Johnson's proposal with funds to be taken from the public safety reserve. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Almoguera seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy wondered if this leaves enough money in

the reserve to pay for the part-time police officer, who administers the speed camera program. She also remained concerned about funding the actual construction of the sidewalks because the Town does not have enough money right now to pay for them.

Mayor Calvo said that in order to move forward with sidewalks the design and engineering has to be completed. Money for the construction can be found later. Some of the funding may materialize, when the Greenbelt Station development gets underway. TA Murphy said the public safety officer wages have already been budgeted and are no longer counted as part of the public safety reserve. CM Dennison said that the Town has already spent \$50,000 toward planning the sidewalks, which would have been spent in vain if the project does not move forward. The Council voted 4 to 1 to approve the proposal, with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

Greenbelt Station detailed site plan:

Mayor Calvo welcomed Norman Rivera, who has represented developers of the Greenbelt Station south core since 2000. Mr. Rivera introduced the new team of developers: Michael German and Justin Frye with Woodlawn Development Group, Alex Villegas and Bryan Turton with Dewberry Surveyors and Engineers, and Steve Fishman and Ryan MacCauley representing the builders Ryan Homes and NVHomes. Mr. Nivera said that last year the property owner, Suntrust, updated all the agreements with stakeholders. In February, Woodlawn Development purchased the south core after the property had gone into foreclosure. The City of Greenbelt, had a meeting with the developers a couple of weeks ago at which they approved the plans. A staff meeting with Park & Planning to review the plans has been set up. The plans have not changed since 2006 when the previous developer had gone through the review process. The stage is now set to move forward and begin building.

Mr. Rivera said that, pending approval from the County, Ryan Homes and NVHomes will begin building 115 town homes, 92 two over two condominiums and 302 apartments per the existing approved plans in phase I this year, with the first people moving in next fall. Another 44 Town homes and 38 condominiums will be built in phase II. Phase III would see construction of a mixed use retail, office and apartment complex in the north-west corner of the south core. While a requirement of the overall concept, no detailed site plan is yet available for the phase III complex. A slide show of

the proposed homes was shown. Mr. Rivera noted that the homes conform to the latest Department of Energy (DOE) energy efficiency and water management standards.

Mr. Rivera continued that the estimated cost for the town homes is in the \$300,000 - \$400,000 range, and for the condominiums in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. Per development agreement, the Town of Berwyn Heights would receive the first compensation payments as soon as building permits are issued by Prince George's County. In addition to the dwellings, the connector road, to be called Greenbelt Station Parkway, will be completed through the south core. A series of hiker-biker trails along the edge of the development and to the Metro Station would also be added. The trails will connect to the Indian Creek trail system via Branchville Road. A proposed pedestrian bridge to North College Park was blocked by College Park residents.

In response to Councilmembers questions, Mr. Rivera said that he does not know where children from the new development would go to school. The county's school board will make that decision. Mayor Calvo and MPT Wilkinson said that this is important for Berwyn Heights to know. If families are to move into the south core next fall the school board needs to decide the boundary issue this year.

Regarding traffic flow into and out of the development, Alex Villegas said that the developers are currently talking with SHA about the intersection of Greenbelt Station Parkway and Greenbelt Road. To begin with, a new traffic light will be installed, and, on the eastbound lanes of Greenbelt, one turn lane of approximately 300' in length will be built. A second turn lane will be added when the north core is developed. On the west bound lanes of Greenbelt Road one inbound and one outbound turn lane are proposed. Mayor Calvo expressed concern about the turning traffic leading to backups on Greenbelt Road. This already happens during rush hour.

Regarding ownership of the industrial properties on Branchville Road, Mr. Rivera said he believes the former Hercules Fence property was bought by PNC bank, whereas the properties on the south side now belong to Woodlawn. They were needed to build the bridge over Branchville Road into the development. There are no plans as to what might be built there. The billboards cannot be taken down because they have a long-term lease. Branchville Road itself will be repaved. A sidewalk will be added along the north side with connections to

the Parkway and the trails in the stream valley.

Mayor Calvo said that the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) is interested in a new location. The developers were encouraged to meet with the BHVFD.

Mr. Rivera said that the next steps are obtaining a letter of support from the City of Greenbelt, which will be provided to Park & Planning as part of their certification of the detailed site plan (DSP). A meeting with Park & Planning at the staff level is scheduled to review the plans. Once the DSP has been approved, the permit packets will be submitted to the County and Berwyn Heights will be notified. When permits are issued, Berwyn Heights will receive the payments based on the number of units permitted.

Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Rivera and the developers for their presentation. MPT Wilkinson left the meeting.

Pepco MOU: TA Murphy provided a draft of revised Town Ordinance No. 118, Roads & Public Rights of Way, to serve as the basis for requiring Pepco and other utilities to obtain a permit when they perform work in the Town right-of-way. The revised Ordinance more broadly applies to all utilities because they frequently do not comply with Town standards when restoring disturbed areas. In particular, road repairs that follow the repair of water, sewer and gas lines are often sub-standard. TA Murphy said that Ordinance No. 118 currently has a requirement that contractors pay cash deposit of up to \$1,000 when they apply for a permit. The deposit is returned when the road or right of way is restored to Town standards. The revised Ordinance states that a deposit of \$1,000 or more can be required to cover the potential cost of restoring roads to prior condition. The size of the deposit would be based on the estimated cost of the repairs.

The Council discussed the proposed revisions. With regard to paragraph 1 of Section 1, there was disagreement on whether a deposit *may* or *shall* be required when a permit application is filed. CM Dennison thought that utilities and private contractors should not be given the impression that a deposit is optional. Mayor Calvo said that, if the deposit size is based on the estimated repair cost, the restoration costs in some cases could be so large as to make a deposit prohibitively expensive. Therefore, the Town may not always want to require a deposit. CM Almoguera asked whether municipalities have the legal authority to require public utilities to take out a permit. Mayor Calvo agreed that this needs

to be confirmed. However, even without a permit requirement, utilities should still be required to restore roads and right-of-ways to Town or County standards.

CM Kulpa-Eddy thought that language in paragraph 2 of Section 1 is too specific and restrictive. It states that "all permits, when required by the Town Administrator, shall be accompanied by an itemized cost estimate and signed by a professional engineer, and be accompanied by specifications peculiar to the scope of work covered by the permit and the suitable tracings of detailed plans of the standard size of 24 x 36 inches." Mayor Calvo agreed that this is a little overbearing. However, he thinks the Town Administrator should have the authority to require plans of the proposed work and any proposed repairs. The plans' specificity should be defined by the Town Administrator, but there should be an appeals process to the Ordinance, whereby contractors can seek redress for any imposed requirements with the Town Council.

Mayor Calvo said that language in paragraph 3 of Section 1 should be amended so as not to give the Town Administrator *unlimited* authority to modify a permit. Any authority granted to the Town Administrator would also be subject to the appeals process. Further, the 3rd paragraph in Section B, should be revised to include successor legislation to the particular section of the Code of Maryland (COMAR) cited. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the language in paragraph 2 of Section 7 should be revised to ensure parallel sentence construction.

Mayor Calvo said, overall, he likes the approach of requiring permits for all work performed on Town property, rather than focusing specifically on Pepco. As with the Town's other ordinances, fines and fees should be set by resolution. The unchanged parts of Ordinance 118, such as Sections 3 – 6, seem somewhat over-matched by the new provisions and may have to be re-written, including the fines imposed for violating these sections.

Police car letter of intent: Mayor Calvo explained that the police need to provide a letter of intent to a dealer to order a new police car for the beginning of the new fiscal year. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if a car can be purchased without a letter. TA Murphy said that the Town may not be able to get a police car without a letter because other municipalities also purchase their vehicles at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The letter serves to preserve the price and delivery of a new vehicle. The letter does not imply an obligation to purchase the vehicle. CM Dennison moved, and CM Almoguera sec-

ended to authorize a letter of intent. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the cover of the May Bulletin: Theme – Berwyn Heights Day; headlines – FY 2014 budget adoption and Town-wide yard sale.

Nothing was discussed under 6. Code Compliance.

7. Budget

TA Murphy provided detailed information on several aspects of the budget requested by the Council. He said that the auditor did not include the 2011 and 2012 July and August income tax receipts in the prior fiscal year, as should have been done. He thinks this is partly due to the State no longer providing a letter of explanation with disbursements and partly the inexperience of the staff member performing the audit. However, he still expects the initial projection of \$378,000 in FY 2014 income tax receipts to hold up. Mayor Calvo commented that it is a serious problem to have the wrong actuals reflected in the audit. A letter noting the correct numbers should be included in the next audit.

TA Murphy provided a spreadsheet showing the monthly expenditures for the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) since 2009. Costs include a small yearly setup fee and monthly administrative costs totaling approximately \$1,200. The utilization of the HRA is low with 3 - 4 claims per month, and reimbursement costs total around \$10,000 per year. Monthly usage numbers also show that there is no rush at the end of the fiscal year for doctors visits. The money set aside for the HRA will be reflected in the next audit, essentially like a reserve.

TA Murphy explained a spreadsheet tracking police fines and forfeitures over the last 4 years. There has been a decline in citations from 776 in FY 2010, with receipts totaling \$36,300, to 609 in FY 2012 with receipts totaling \$26,300. This year, 364 citations have been issued so far, but a significant amount of unpaid fines are outstanding that will be paid when drivers cannot renew their registrations. Mayor Calvo said he thinks the drop-off in citations reflects a decline in enforcement of parking violations, not a decline in parking violations per se. He continues to observe parking violations when walking through Town. In addition, some of the parking fines, which have been at the same level for many years, should probably be raised. They include fines for abandoned vehicles, blocking of private driveways, parking in front of fire hydrants, and parking in the same place for longer than 72 hours.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like the Council to consider restoring some money to the FY 2014 budget. He proposed 1) to take out \$40,000 from surplus for the next 3 years, until the next reassessment; and 2) to plan to raise the real property tax rate by 1 to 1 1/2 cents in FY 2015 and FY 2016 to pay for cost of living increases. However, if other revenues materialize, the tax rate may not need to be raised. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested using the Greenbelt Station compensation funds to tide the Town over. Mayor Calvo said that this may cause a structural problem, but would consent to using the money if real estate values are increasing at a healthy rate.

On the expenditure side, Mayor Calvo proposed to add 16 hours to the part-time police officer position, which would cost around \$16,000. Ten hours of the officer's salary, however, would continue to be paid from the public safety reserve. CM Kulpa-Eddy commented that she would add more hours, if possible.

Mayor Calvo continued that he would also add around \$10,000 to the Public Works budget, so that they can hire temporary laborers or give more hours to the part-timers when the workload gets heavy. Lastly, he would add between \$5,000 - \$10,000 to the merit pool. Like last year, he would use the merit system to give all employees a cost of living increase plus an increase based on merit, effective November 1.

CM Almoguera noted that she does not like combining COLAs and merit pay. She asked for a cost break down for a separate COLA and merit pay increase. Her other priorities for restoring money for additional hours in the Police and Public Works Department. She is concerned that the Public Works Acting Director also performs much of the administrative assistant's work. Lastly, she thinks that the best way to realize substantial budget savings is by reducing trash collection to once a week.

TA Murphy was asked to provide the unit costs for adding 16 hours for the part-time police officer and separate cost projections for a COLA and merit pay increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs

Almoguera and Kulpa-Eddy. CM Dennison had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Officer Roberson, Treasurer Lape, and Clerk Harper.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearings

FY 2014 Town Budget: Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the FY 2014 budget for purposes of its formal introduction. The defining feature is a 15% decline in real property tax revenues due to the recent triennial reassessments. This results in a total operating budget of \$2,414,717 reflecting a 4% decline over FY 2013. The Council made up some of the shortfall with cuts in expenditures, use of additional revenues and transfers from surplus. The real property and personal property tax rates will remain at 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed real property value, and \$1.215 per \$100 of assessed personal property value, with an added road tax of 3 cents and 7.5 cents, respectively. The road tax is set aside in the infrastructure reserve to fund for future road repair projects.

Cuts were made across all departments, including two currently vacant positions: a full time police officer and one full time Public Works administrative assistant. Some part-time hours were returned to these departments to give them enough flexibility when workloads peak. Restoration of part time hours was funded with \$40,000 pulled from surplus, which represents a 3 year commitment, totaling \$120,000. The Council also added funds to a salary pool that will be used for a COLA and separate merit increases, with roll-up costs in FY 2015. The 3 year plan to deal with the shortfall also includes a potential tax increase of 1 to 1.5 cents in FY 2015 and FY 2016.

In addition, the Council continued to transfer money into the reserves to fund future Public Works vehicle purchases and infrastructure improvements. The Council has welcomed the restoration of some Highway User Revenues (HUR) to a level of almost \$60,000, which will be added to the infrastructure reserve. Overall, the FY 2014 budget is modest and does not take on large new commitments. However, it does make many small adjustments that save money and help the Town weather this period of tight budgets.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Code Department budget cuts part-time staff hours. Additional savings come from relying more heavily on email to communicate with clients and using Public Works Department staff to perform vehi-

cle maintenance tasks. It is hoped that the new code car will reduce repair costs. CM Almoguera said that the Administration Department is not facing significant cutbacks in staff hours but will tighten belts all around to save money.

MPT Wilkinson said that the Public Works Department cut the full time administrative assistant position for the largest savings. It will use additional part-time hours the Council funded to bring in staff when the workload is heavy. The Department anticipates few capital purchases as most of the big ticket capital needs were taken care of during the last couple of years.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council was thoughtful in addressing the budget shortfall, and able to reduce expenditures without sacrificing the Council's long-term priorities. At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing. With no comments, he closed the hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Public Safety Taxing District Budget Hearing: Mayor Calvo said that the PSTD budget remains largely unchanged and is proposed to come in at \$71,600, including a \$3,400 surplus. The special tax rates remain at 10 cents per \$100 of assessed real property value and 15 cents per \$100 of assessed personal property value. Commercial real property assessments have not declined as much as residential values and therefore this budget is in good shape. It continues to fund one full time police officer, Detective Unger, who spends much of his time investigating crimes in the business district.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Calvo opened the hearing on the PSTD budget. With no comments, the hearing was closed at 8:01 p.m.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by MPT Wilkinson, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for March. Speed camera revenues were included as a separate item.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that during the last month the spotlight in the General Assembly was on Prince George's County Public Schools. Executive Baker had proposed legislation in March that would have given him the authority to appoint the school superintendent and control the school budget. The so-called School Takeover Bill HB-1107 became a com-

promise bill, but proposes significant restructuring of the school system.

Come June 1, the County Executive will have the authority to pick the superintendent from a pool of 3 candidates selected by a panel appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Schools. The superintendent/CEO will then report directly to the County Executive and become a member of his cabinet. The County Executive will also have new powers in determining the make-up of the school board, which was expanded from 9 to 13 members. He will be able to appoint 3 out of 4 additional school board members, as well as the chair and vice chair from amongst the elected board members. The school board will retain approval authority over the school budget. Mayor Calvo thinks that the County Executive taking on more responsibility for the school system is a positive development that will lead to greater accountability. Mayor Calvo also commended Berwyn Heights' school board representative Peggy Higgins for keeping residents well informed throughout the legislative process.

Mayor Calvo continued that progress is being made in other areas of Prince George's County Public Schools. Several high schools have seen academic improvements with students taking more Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and doing well on AP, SAT and ACT tests. Parkdale Principal Sheryl Logan received this year's Washington Post Distinguished Educator award for Prince George's County.

In other news, the Town Council received a presentation from the developers of the Greenbelt Station south core, and learned that NVHomes and subsidiary Ryan Homes are getting ready to start building the town homes, condos and apartments according to plans originally approved in 2006. Some units may be move-in ready within a year. While the development comes with new traffic challenges, it also brings improvements to the Indian Creek trail system. The hiker-biker trail will be extended to the Greenbelt Metro Station, with an improved crossing at the intersection of 58th Avenue and Greenbelt Road. One big, unresolved issue is where the children from the development will be attending school. Berwyn Heights will also see the first installments of the \$1 million Greenbelt Station developers committed to pay the Town for traffic and safety impacts. The revised agreement specifies that the compensation funds will be paid when construction permits are pulled, probably this fall.

At the last worksession, the Council voted to move forward with the design and engineering of sidewalks, accepting a proposal from C. P. Johnson & Associates. The Council will be working with C. P. Johnson in the coming months to get the project ready for bidding this summer. While revenues from the speed camera program are not sufficient to pay for the sidewalks, the additional Greenbelt Station compensation money should provide the needed funds.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Maryland legislative session recently ended with good news for Berwyn Heights. The State's Community Parks & Playground budget includes grant funds for the renovation of Pop's Park for which CM Almoguera wrote the grant application. The State budget also includes \$80,000 in matching funds for the installation of emergency generators at the Town Center. CM Kulpa-Eddy is to be congratulated for her successful advocacy in making this happen. The Council also thanks Town Administrator Murphy for getting the bond bill request ready, and Senator Pinsky and Delegate Gaines for championing it in the legislature.

Mayor Calvo concluded with announcements of upcoming events, including the Nevada Street trail dedication and the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department's annual awards banquet this Saturday, the Senior's Club 30th Anniversary celebration this Sunday, the Talent Show next Friday, the Student Mock Town Council on April 22, Berwyn Heights Day on May 4, and the Yard Sale on June 22.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the Administration Department is busy working on next year's budget, while she is focused on planning the new playground. She anticipates that the old playground will be dismantled in May and reconstructed over the summer. A dedication ceremony is anticipated for late summer. She welcomed suggestions from residents for the playground.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents to obtain permits and hire reputable, licensed contractors for any waterproofing and foundation repairs or installation of drainage systems necessitated by spring rains or basement flooding. The Code Department stands ready to advise and assist. Further, CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that County Councilmember Olson will hold a Town Hall meeting on April 22 at Parkdale High School.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: No report.

Public Health and Safety: Officer Roberson gave the police activities report

as Chief Antolik was away for training. He said that there were 7 Part I offenses in March, down from the 5 year average of 9. The year-to-date total was 14, as opposed to the 5 year average of 22. In addition, the police wrote 248 citations and made 4 arrests: 2 driving while intoxicated, 1 disorderly conduct and 1 disturbing the peace. The speed camera program yielded 224 citations. Fifty-eight citations were paid and 156 remain outstanding. Officer Roberson also warned that thefts of ear buds for i-pods, especially the Apple brand, are on the rise.

Mayor Calvo suggested the Edmonston Road speed camera not be trained on the stop sign because drivers will slow down for it. Officer Roberson said that he will forward the message to the speed camera vendor so that the camera can be focused on the sections of road where drivers are most likely to speed. MPT Wilkinson said that he noticed that many visitors coming to Lake Artemesia on weekends will park on the bridge when the parking lot is full. He instructed Public Works to paint the curbs yellow to indicate 'no parking.' and suggested the police check to make sure the parking prohibition is complied with.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works has implemented a citizen's comment to provide a bin for recycling old electronic equipment at the Public Works yard the week prior to an electronic recycling day in Greenbelt. Public Works staff will take the bin over to Greenbelt on recycling day. Public Works has received the mesh that will be installed at parking area next to the Indian Creek T-ball field. They plan to install the mesh as soon as possible to protect the grass during the spring season.

MPT Wilkinson continued that the Safe Routes to School grant will be reviewed tomorrow. He received an invitation to speak at the induction ceremony of the BHES Beta club on April 16, which he plans to honor.

6. Committee Reports

Most committee reports were given under the Mayor's report, as CM Dennison was absent.

Neighborhood Watch-Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that NW-EP has scheduled a trailer cleanup for April 13, with a rain makeup day on April 20. A CPR class was rescheduled for April 16 at the Bowie fire station.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Ordinance No. 160 - 1st Reading and Introduction of FY 2014 Town Budget: Clerk Harper read the adopting Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Almoguera seconded to introduce the budget. Mayor Calvo said that the main features of the FY 2014 budget have been outlined earlier in the meeting and asked if there are additional comments. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she has heard from many residents that they would like police staffing to be kept at current levels to ensure 24/7 coverage. With no further comments, the Council voted 4 to 0 to introduce the budget.

Ordinance No. 161 - 1st Reading and Introduction of the FY 2014 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Clerk Harper read the adopting Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Almoguera seconded to introduce the FY 2014 PSTD budget. CM Kulpa-Eddy pointed out that some of the dates on this Ordinance need to be corrected. With no further comments, the Council voted 4 to 0 to introduce the PSTD budget.

9. Citizens Discussion

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

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April 15, 2013

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

1. Mayor

Agenda: An executive session was added to discuss the citizen of the year and a personnel matter.

Announcements: Sympathies for the victims of the Boston Marathon terrorist attack were expressed. Joey Dennison will celebrate his 31st birthday tomorrow.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the April 1 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the April 8 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he and most of the Council attended the dedication of the Nevada Street trail last Saturday. On the same night, he attended the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department annual banquet, which marked a changing of the guard. Retiring fire chief Charles Fusco was honored. He will be replaced by the current president of the BHVFD board of directors Daniel McCoy. Among the attendees was Greenbelt's Mayor J. Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Jordan, who were impressed with the strength of the BHVFD organization. The following Sunday, Mayor Calvo and other Councilmembers attended the 30th anniversary celebration of the Senior's Club. He enjoyed seeing the pictures documenting the history of the club and talking to the members. On the upcoming Friday, he will visit BHES to speak to the 4th graders about participating in the "If I Were Mayor Contest."

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she hoped TA Murphy would have an update on the WSSC project in the 5700 block of Pontiac Street. She heard that the trenches that were dug were not properly repaired. Kyle Snyder said that WSSC only applied a temporary patch and will return to make permanent repairs. MPT Wilkinson said he received a complaint about WSSC contractors starting to jackhammer before 7 a.m., which is prohibited under the Town's noise ordinance. Code Director Solomon was on site and monitoring their work.

MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works painted the curbs on the Indian Creek bridge yellow to indicate the 'no parking' area. Public Works has received, but not yet installed, the mesh to protect the grass on the planned parking area next to the Indian Creek T-ball field. The construction of stairs to the backstop were halted by Park & Planning because they would not be ADA compliant. Public Works received the combined trash/recycling containers and will install them at Town parks in the near future.

CM Almoguera announced that Playgroup is meeting at Indian Creek Playground on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of the month, and at Pop's Park on the 2nd and 4th Thursday until it will be dismantled. The infants playgroup meets on Sunday's at 3 p.m. at varying locations. Interested parents should contact her for information. CM Dennison announced upcoming events, and noted that Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) celebrated its 10th anniversary of the reopening. She congratulated the newly-formed U-18 Boys & Girls Club soccer team for winning their first match.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison received a comment from a resident regarding the cost of sidewalks.

Ordinance No. 118, Roads & Rights-of-Way revisions: Mayor Calvo noted that Code Director Solomon is setting up a meeting with representatives from Pepco, SHA and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to talk about the Edmonston Road landscape buffer. Removal of remaining tree limbs and brush as well as replanting of the area will be the main topics of discussion.

Mayor Calvo said that TA Murphy provided a second redraft of Ordinance No. 118 following the Council's review of the first draft. The Ordinance revision was triggered by Pepco's overzealous tree trimming on Edmonston Road, and the Council's desire for better control over utility and contractor activity in Town streets and rights-of-way. TA Murphy's accompanying memorandum explains that the 2nd draft is a complete rewrite based on the Bowie ordinance on the same subject. It adds detailed design and construction standards for work done in the right-of-way, and applies Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) standards for patching roads. Further, there are new provisions regarding permit requirements, construction plans, and maintenance and labor security bonds for work done on Town streets and in the public right of way.

Mayor Calvo said he does not want to go into the fine print of this draft, as TA Murphy is absent, but asked if Councilmembers had any general comments. MPT Wilkinson questioned the permit fee structure proposed in Section 7 of the Ordinance. It provides for a permit fee of 7.5% of the total project cost and bases the duration of the permit on the cost. He thought that this may get very expensive and asked if this was discussed at the previous worksession. Mayor Calvo commented that this draft does not build on the previous discussion, but substitutes a different and more detailed regulatory framework based on the Bowie model. However, he thinks applying the Bowie model is problematic because Berwyn Heights does not have the staff and the resources to administer an ordinance as complex as this. While he likes some of the ideas, such as the bonding provisions and possibly a flat permit fee, a simpler ordinance may better serve the Town. The discussion was postponed until TA Murphy's return.

Four Cities agenda items (added item): The following agenda items were proposed for the next Four Cities meeting: 1) Greenbelt Station development

update, including FBI headquarters and Greenbelt Station school boundaries; 2) impact of volunteer fire stations staffing cuts; and 3) update on ambulance fee restructuring.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Public Safety** and **3. Public Works**.

4. Administration

John Deere tractor authorization to donate: Mayor Calvo said that the Public Works Department no longer needs this tractor and wants to dispose of it. The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department expressed interest in obtaining it. CM Almoguera moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to donate the tractor to the BHVFD. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5. Parks and Recreation

Volunteer appreciation dinner: The date for the volunteer appreciation dinner was set for June 19, 6:30 p.m. Three Brothers was selected as the caterer.

7. Budget

The Council reviewed the FY 2014 introduced budget summary. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted two changes in the Code Compliance Department budget, which the Council did not approve. The *gas & oil* appropriation dropped from \$1,700 in the previous version of the budget summary to \$300 in this version, and *capital outlay* > \$500 was increased from \$0.00 to \$300. The Council concluded that this is an unintended error since the Code Compliance budget total remained unchanged. CM Almoguera asked to be sent an electronic copy of the document so she can check what may have gone wrong. Budget Assistant Snyder was asked to review the budget summary to check for other potential errors before the document is distributed.

Police fines: The Council reviewed a spreadsheet of police fines and forfeitures the Town is authorized to set. It shows current fees and fines for police services and parking violations, as well as monthly totals for 2009 - 2012. Mayor Calvo said the spreadsheet should not show the category *non-resident fines* because they are the same as fines for residents. On the other hand, a column for the total number of citations issued per year for each type of violation would be useful.

CM Almoguera suggested raising all fees and fines together rather than individually since they have not been raised for many years. Mayor Calvo replied that he would like to evaluate what fine is appropriate for a particular violation. MPT Wilkinson proposed to establish low, medium and high tiers of fines that correspond to the severity of the viola-

tion to simplify the process. The Council agreed to establish the following general tiers:

- \$40.00 lowest tier; raising all fines currently set at \$25 and \$35;
- \$60.00 medium tier: raising all fines currently set at \$50;
- \$100.00 and above

At 8:15 p.m., the Council took a 10 minutes break.

The Council discussed fees and fines in more detail and set some fines individually. The Council voted 5 to 0 to raise the fine for abandoned vehicles from \$50 to \$100, as processing an abandoned vehicle is very time-consuming. The Council voted 5 to 0 to raise the fine for parking in front of a fire hydrant from \$75 to \$100. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Almoguera, the Council voted 3 to 2 to drop the fine for unattended vehicle with motor running from \$50 to \$40, with CMs Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy opposed. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Almoguera, the Council voted 4 to 1 to raise all \$50 fines to \$60, with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed, who noted that there were very few incidents of this violation. On a motion by CM Almoguera and second by MPT Wilkinson, the Council voted 4 to 1 to raise fines for blocking a crosswalk and blocking a sidewalk from \$40 to \$60 with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed, as very few citations had been issued for this violation. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Almoguera, the Council voted 5 to 0 to raise the returned check fee from \$35 to \$50.

TA Murphy will be asked to prepare a resolution that implements the approved changes. Budget Assistant Snyder was asked to begin to work on a Code Department fees and fines document the Council can review at the next worksession.

8. Executive Session (8:54 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.)

MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to go into executive session to select the citizen of the year and to discuss a personnel matter. With matters discussed, MPT Wilkinson moved, and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession

April 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera and Dennison. Kulpa-Eddy had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper and Budget Assistant Kyle Snyder.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Berwyn Heights police were able to track down and apprehend the juveniles from Washington, D.C. and Riverdale Park, who committed several burglaries in Town and surrounding areas. Acting Director Lockley requested permission to perform a dump trash truck repair in excess of \$5,000.

2. Budget

Code fees and fines: TA Murphy explained that the Code Department enforces violations under 4 different ordinances: Ordinance No. 107 - Clean Lot; Residential, Ordinance No. 117 - Refuse Collection; Ordinance No. 120 - Rental Housing; and Ordinance No. 134 - Clean Lot, Commercial. Each ordinance carries its own violation threshold and fine structure. Most violations begin with a door hanger courtesy notice that informs residents of a violation, compliance requirements and possible fine amounts. The exception is the *renting without a license* violation, which carries an immediate fine of \$400. Further, clean lot violations for the commercial district have a stricter compliance time framework with higher fines and shorter compliance periods.

TA Murphy noted that he provided background documentation on the fine structure that applies for each ordinance and an overview of FY 2010 – FY 2013 violation occurrences and fine receipts. Most fines issued relate to the Rental Housing Ordinance, which make up 25 of the 42 types of violations for which the Code Department is responsible. Consequently, over half of receipts from code fines are generated by rental fines, particularly *renting without a license*, *failure to renew rental licenses* on time, and missed or failed *rental inspections*. Missed and failed rental inspections generated the highest receipts in fines for each of the tracked years. A substantial amount of fines come in as liens, uncollected fines that the Code Department reports to the County, which collects them with homeowners' tax bills and then reimburses the Town.

Mayor Calvo thanked TA Murphy for pulling the data together. However, he disapproved of liens being listed in a separate

table. As he has said on previous occasions, liens are just one form of payment that should be included in the general totals of code fines.

Rental Housing fines: Mayor Calvo said that most code fees and fines have not been raised in many years, and asked Councilmembers if they have any thoughts on which fees and fines should be raised. He thinks that fines for *nuisance behavior*, enforced under the Rental Housing Ordinance, should be raised. Nuisance behavior is the disrespectful and disruptive behavior often associated with big and noisy parties held by students who rent in Town. Currently, *nuisance behavior* carries a \$100 fine for the first instance, a \$200 fine for the second instance and a \$300 fine for the third instance. This represents a slap on the wrist for the landlords of such rentals and is not a sufficient deterrent.

Mayor Calvo proposed to raise the *nuisance behavior* fine to \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense, and \$750 for the third offense. In response to CM Almoguera, he explained that nuisance behavior is usually tracked through police reports, which get forwarded to the Code Department for issuance of fines. The Council agreed to the proposed increases.

Mayor Calvo further proposed to raise the fine for *failure to obtain a rental license* or *failure to renew a rental license* from \$400 to \$500 for non-owner occupied rental homes, and from \$200 to \$300 for owner-occupied rental homes. The Council agreed to the proposed increase.

Clean Lot fines: MPT Wilkinson said that the fine for *parking on grass*, enforced under the Clean Lot Ordinance, should be raised from \$25 to \$40 to conform to the parking on grass fine approved with police fee and fine increases last week. The Council agreed.

Commercial Clean Lot fines: Mayor Calvo asked how the commercial clean lot violation situation is. TA Murphy said that no fines were issued in the last couple of years. The Code Department mostly encourages business owners to remain in compliance. CM Almoguera thought that the *commercial clean lot* fines should be higher than the residential fines. Businesses usually have managers that maintain the property, who should be held to a higher standard. She suggested doubling all *commercial clean lot* fines. The Council agreed.

TA Murphy was instructed to prepare resolutions adopting the revised fees and fines for adoption at the May Town meeting.

At 8:12 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Police fees and fines: The Council reviewed the new police fee and fine structure based on changes the Council made at the last worksession, as well as the resolution to adopt them. TA Murphy's revenue projection for FY 2013 police fees and fines totals \$21,725.

Health and dental insurance: TA Murphy said he has not yet received any quotes for FY 2014 health insurance premiums. However, Care First was instructed by the IRS that deductibles for individual health plans must be raised from \$1,200 to \$1,250 and for family plans from \$2,400 to \$2,500. He feared this may lead to higher premiums. Mayor Calvo thought that higher deductibles are more likely to result in lower premiums, since employees pick up a greater share of the cost. TA Murphy said he has received notice that dental insurance rates will go up by only 2.5% as opposed to the 8% he anticipated. This will result in a small savings of \$304 in next year's budget.

Non-budgeted FY 2014 expenditures: Mayor Calvo recalled that money has not yet been budgeted for the Town Administrator search, Edmonston Road buffer trees, and batting cage repairs. TA Murphy said that the batting cage repairs should not cost more than \$1,500. He has also reached out to the International City Managers Association (ICMA) regarding head hunting fees. He was informed that ICMA does not offer this service, but was able to provide references. MML also provided references. Most search firms are not from this area, which is likely to increase the cost.

Mayor Calvo concluded that the Council will need to review revenues once more at the next meeting before the FY 2014 budget is adopted. He asked TA Murphy to have options ready on how to absorb potential health insurance increases and noted that CM Kulpa-Eddy would like to look at giving more hours to the police department if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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| 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 |



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RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm at the Town Center. All are welcome!

Recreation Council Contacts:

Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com

Kristen Buker – 443-623-0013, KristenBuker@aol.com

Berwyn Heights Day: Please give us your feedback on Berwyn Heights Day, and help us make next year even better! Take a moment to fill out the following survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SQ7CL79> (hard copies available at the Town Center). The Recreation Council would like to express its sincere thanks to all the dedicated volunteers, Town employees, and Town organizations as well as the staff at the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission for all their help in making this event possible.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE \$\$\$\$\$Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 am (rain or shine)

Only \$3.00 to have your location & items for sale printed on the map, copies will be available June 21st at the Town Office, and June 22nd at the Community Center parking lot. The map will display all participating addresses of the yard sales, as well as, list of items for sale. Advertisements for the Yard Sale will be placed in the *Penny Saver*, *Gazette*, and the *Washington Post*.

For additional information, please contact Trinity Tomsic at: trinity.tomsic@gmail.com, or call: 301-474-6350.

YARD SALE REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form and \$3.00 (make checks payable to: Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) to the Town Office no later than Monday, June 17, 2013 (C.O.B. – 5:00 p.m.)

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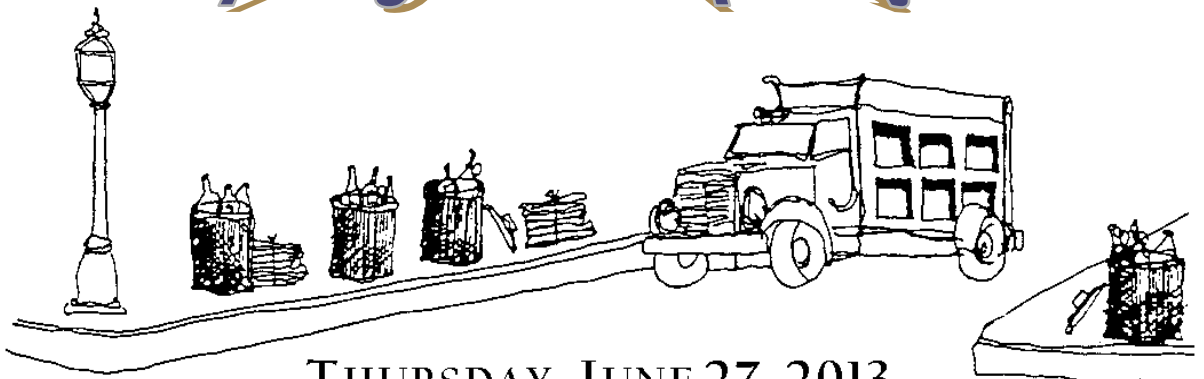
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All items must be at curbside no later than 7:30am on Thursday, June 27th. Crews will make only one (1) pass by each residence. Please separate materials into the following three categories: Household, Appliances, and Metals. ***Residents South of Pontiac:** There will be no refuse collection on Friday, June 28th so please use this opportunity to discard your household waste. Please do place Spring Cleanup items at the curb prior to the evening of Wednesday, June 26th.

TYPE OF ITEMS:

- ✓ Bulk Refuse and Large household items – box springs, chairs, couches, furniture, mattresses, etc.
- ✓ Household Appliances – refrigerators, freezers, etc.
- ✓ Refrigerators and Freezers must be EMPTY and DOORS MUST BE REMOVED.
- ✓ Metals – stoves, washers, dryers, etc.
- ✓ Tires – Tires must be off the rim.



NO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL* or liquids of any kind will be accepted at this clean up. Household hazard waste materials include: poisons, cooking oil, propane tanks, cleaning agents, solvents, oil –based paints, acid car batteries, helium balloon tanks, household batteries, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, fuels, swimming pool chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury, and photographic chemicals.

*It's against the law to dispose of hazardous waste in the trash. Please DO NOT jeopardize the safety of children or refuse workers by discarding hazardous materials at the curb.



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BHVFD Ladies Auxillary Fundraiser

The Berwyn Heights Ladies Auxillary will be hosting a Summit Productions Picture Fundraiser. Sometime during the month of June, representatives *will be going door to door* in the town promoting this fundraiser for the Ladies Auxillary. The exact date will be announced soon. Please feel free to contact the station if you have any questions or concerns.

This fundraiser is not affiliated with the Department's annual fund drive mailer in October.

This fundraiser will help our Ladies Auxillary assist the Department in providing our Volunteer Firefighters/EMTs with refreshments and food during long incidents, purchasing fire prevention material, and other supporting roles.

The Berwyn Heights Ladies Auxillary is always looking for new members to help support our growing Department. If you are intrested in joining please contact Shelly Cooper of the BHVFD Ladies Auxillary at shelleycooper8@gmail.com.

Members Complete Annual Spring Clean Up

On Saturday April 27th, dozens of BHVFD members gathered at the station for the Department's Annual "Spring Clean Up." Every year the membership comes together at once to clean every inch of the firehouse and grounds. The members enjoyed breakfast and lunch together before and after the clean-up.

Squad 14 Helps With Eleanor Roosevelt High School Mock Car Crash

On Wednesday April 24th, BHVFD volunteer & PGFD career personel on Rescue Squad 14 once again assisted the Greenbelt Police and ERHS SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) members with the school's annual Mock Car Crash. The crew of Rescue Squad and Ambulance 14 preformed an extrication demonstration for the senior class in an effort to deter drunk driving and destructive decisions.




BHVFD Volunteers Honored at Valor Awards Ceremony

Deputy Chief Chase Fabrizio and Captain Ryan Wagner were among those honored at the 36th Annual Public Safety Valor Awards Luncheon in Greenbelt. Both received a Silver Medal of Valor for their actions in the removal of a worker with his legs pinned in a mulch dye machine on Van Dusen Road in Laurel. Volunteers from Berwyn Heights, family, and friends were in attendance. In all over 68 members from the Prince Georges County Fire/EMS, Police, Sheriff, and Corrections Departments as well as 9-1-1

Dispatchers were honored at the ceremony. Congratulations to those who were honored.



Deputy Chief Fabrizio & Captain Wagner

| Prince Georges County Burning Law | Station 14 Call Volume: April 2013 | |
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|  <p>As summer approaches we would like to remind residents that per Prince Georges County law there are no fires allowed to be set on the ground, such as bush burns, campfires, bon fires, ect. We will be dispatched for an "outside fire" and we will have to extinguish the fire. All fires must be made in an elevated metal fire pit at least 4 inches from the ground that prevents any chance of the fire spreading. Thank you for making our job easier!</p> | Rescue Squads: | 132 |
| | Ladder Truck: | 74 |
| | Technical Rescue Support Unit: | 3 |
| | Ambulances: | 153 |
| | Total Station Runs for April: | 359 |
| | Working Structure Fires | 1 |
| | Vehicle Extrications | 3 |

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the Town of Berwyn Heights, the Mayor & Council, and the Public Works Department for the recent dontation of the former Public Works John Deere tractor. It will be utilized for station maintance as well as setting up rescue trainings.

Thank You!



The Bugle – June 2013

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

Pictured below is our U-10 Baseball team coached by Ronnie and Cheryl Compton!



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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Last month, on the most beautiful Berwyn Heights Day in recent memory, BHHC Chair, Sharmila Bhatia (*pictured lower left*), dedicated the latest Town Historic Marker which honors one of its most unique historic sites—the “Sportland Boxing Ring”. Though no longer in existence, the 4,000 seat arena held matches from 1922-1925. The BHHC was also very pleased that Maria Snoddy, who grew up in Berwyn Heights and now lives in Greenbelt, accepted an invitation to attend the Sportland Marker Dedication Ceremony. Mrs. Snoddy is a grand-daughter of the former owners of the boxing arena, John O. and Maria Waters. She made the trip despite being in a wheelchair, accompanied by her daughter Laura Collier (*pictured upper right*). Many visitors, including some former residents, stopped by the Committee’s booth to view the array of displays and brochures, and to try their luck spinning the ever-popular Prize Wheel!

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town’s rich history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. **The next BHHC meeting will be held on June 25th.**



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

Celebrating the Potomac

June 22 (Saturday)
11am–4:00pm

Accokeek Foundation
3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD

This event is a public celebration of the Potomac River and grand opening of the newly reconstructed boat dock at Piscataway Park in Accokeek, MD.

The event program will include a public announcement and ribbon cutting presentation. Family-oriented river and culturally themed festivities, musical performances, picnic food, kayak tours, and a panel dis-

JUNE EVENTS

cussion on the Piscataway Cultural Landscape oral history project will follow the ribbon cutting for a park-wide celebration throughout the day. Special 1812 themed walks, tours, re-enactors, and music will be held throughout the day. General admission is free and open to all. Tickets for a catered lunch, kayak tours of the Potomac, and boat rides will be available to purchase separately and in advance. For more info, email: info@accokeek.org.

Hands on History Week: Historic Holidays

June 24–28 (Mon–Fri)
10am–1:30pm

Riversdale House Museum
4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park

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

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

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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



Lightning Safety Awareness Week: June 23-29, 2013

Thunderstorms often come up suddenly and can present a variety of hazards, including power outages, caused by lightning, heavy rains, hail and wind. Such storms usually affect Maryland in the late spring, summer or early fall, but can happen any time cold and warm air masses collide. Thunderstorms are sometimes even associated with snow showers. About 2,000 thunderstorms are in progress around the world at any given moment with lightning striking about 100 times every second. And yes, lightning can, and does, strike twice! Each year lightning kills 80 - 100 people and injures hundreds more.

Thunderstorms and lightning are very common for Maryland. Here's what you can do to protect yourself:

Before a storm

- Be aware of weather forecasts at all times and watch for signs of approaching storms.
- Keep a battery operated radio handy as part of your emergency kit.
- Unplug any electronic equipment well before the storm arrives. Avoid contact with landline phones; cordless and cellular phones not connected to wall outlets are OK to use.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely.
- REMEMBER: IF YOU CAN HEAR THUNDER, YOU ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE STORM TO GET STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. Get to shelter immediately!

A **safe shelter** from lightning is either a substantial building (one with plumbing and wiring such as a home, school, church, office building, indoor concourse or recreation center) or an enclosed metal vehicle.

Unsafe buildings include car ports, open garages, covered patios, picnic shelters, beach pavilions, and golf shelters, tents of any kind, baseball dugouts, sheds, and partially enclosed vending areas.

A **safe vehicle** is any fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

Unsafe vehicles include golf carts, convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles or any other open cab vehicle.

During a storm

- If you are in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees.
- If you are in an open area, go to a low place such as a ravine, ditch or valley. Be alert for flash floods. Stay away from isolated trees (and drop the fishing rod or golf club) as these may act as lightning rods.
- If you are on open water, get to land and find shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike), squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. DO NOT lie flat on the ground.

Persons struck by lightning receive a severe electrical shock and may be burned, but they carry no electrical charge and can be handled safely. Call 911 immediately and administer first aid, if needed.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of April 2013. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

04/01/2013 at 6:18 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Pontiac Street for a report of 'Identity Theft', unknown person used the victim's SSN number to obtained income tax returns.

04/01/2013 at 8:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a robbery. Victim, a 16 y/o, l/m resident of Lanham stated that he was approached by two males wearing a mask while he was walking between Pontiac Street and Quebec Street. One suspect was a black male and the other a white Latino male. Both subjects were the same age as the victim. The W/L suspect demanded the victim's shoes and punches the victim when he refused. The victim ran and dropped his headphones.

04/02/2013 at 8:25 pm, Pfc. Krouse was advised by Det. Unger while conducting a special operation that there were three suspicious subjects in the 8500 block of 60th Avenue. The three subjects were wearing black clothing and looking in to car windows. All subjects were juvenile 16-17 years old. They were checked and sent on way.

04/06/2013 at 7:40 am, Pfc. Thompson while on patrol observed a 32 y/o, w/l/m sleeping in a truck on 62nd Avenue and Quebec Place. The male has been drinking and decided to park his vehicle. He was checked and advised to call a relative for a ride home.

04/06/2013 at 2:00 am, Pvt. Duck responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of several bags of Doritos and Cheetos. The suspects were Asians or Latinos males.

04/08/2013 at 10:35 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6215 Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of a registration plate from a vehicle.

04/10/2013 at 1:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 1995 KW dump truck from the location of 5901 Greenbelt Road. The truck was involved in an accident where the driver failed to provide insurance information.

04/12/2013 at 12:10 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6000 block of Berwyn Road for a report of an identity theft. Victim, a 62 y/o, w/m claims an unknown person has used his SSN numbers to file federal income tax returns.

04/12/2013 at 3:52 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5901 Greenbelt Road for a report of a lost or stolen registration plate.

04/12/2013 at 7:44 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of 57th Avenue for an attempted suicide by a 25 y/o, w/m that ingested about 20 Tylenol pills. He vomited the pills, left home prior to the arrival of the police and ambulance. He later returned home and was advised to seek counseling at PGH.

04/13/2013 at 1:57 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2013 Cadillac from the location of Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive. The driver of the vehicle violated rental agreement.

04/13/2013 at 11:55 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2002 Ford Explorer from the location of 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The driver of the vehicle was driving on a suspended license.

04/18/2013 at 6:30 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of an attempted suicide. Investigation revealed that a 16 y/o, w/f, ingested a large amount of sleeping pills. She was transported to Children's Hospital.

04/18/2013 at 7:50 pm, Pfc. Krouse was approached by a 24 y/o, L/m, who stated that he has an open warrant. An arrest warrant was confirmed and he was transported to District 1 for processing.

04/19/2013 at 6:55 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5500 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a bicyclist who ran into a dump truck. A 32 y/o, L/m resident of Greenbelt MD lost control of his bicycle and struck a parked dump truck. He suffered a broken collarbone

and laceration to his knee. He was transported to PGH with non-life threatening condition.

04/19/2013 at 2:15 pm, a burglary occurred in the 8500 block of 60th Avenue. Unknown person entered through a basement door. Once inside, the suspect (s) removed items of value. No one was at home during the aforementioned incident. A canvas of the area revealed five suspicious males departing the scene and acting suspicious. They were seen fleeing towards Westchester Park and quickly detained by the BHPD. On their persons were items taken from the burglary. One of the suspects fled the scene. All four males are juvenile 15-16 y/o and residents of Riverdale Park, MD including Washington DC. They were arrested and charged with two counts of burglary first degree, felony theft and malicious destruction. (UPDATE) - On April 24, 2013 victims from the 8700 block of Edmonston Road positively identified few of the items that were recovered. These items were taken from a burglary that occurred on March 27, 2013. Investigation continues and additional charges are pending.

04/21/2013 at 9:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski arrested Pedro Quintanilla-Pineda, a 26 Y/O, and W/L/M resident of Greenbelt, MD., for driving without a license and an open warrant through PG County for FTA. This incident occurred at the 8900 block of 57th Avenue.

04/22/2013 at 7:58 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt for a property damage report.

04/23/2013 at 8:30 am, unknown person found a purse and brought it to the BHPD. Pfc. Roberson submitted a found property report and contacted the owner.

04/25/2013 at 9:15 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8600 block at the request of the Chief of Police to investigate a suspicious person walking and looking into vehicles. Subject was identified and sent on way.

04/27/2013 at 9:33 pm, Pfc. Ignowski confronted a 26 y/o, b/m for disturbing the peace with loud exhaust from his vehicle. The incident occurred in the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road at 7-11. Citations were issued.



Berwyn Heights National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6 – 6:00 P.M.

Dear Sponsors,

It gives me pleasure to share with you that the Town of Berwyn Heights, Maryland will be holding the 30th Annual National Night Out this August. In the past, Berwyn Heights police officers, merchants and citizens have worked together to show strength, commitment and solidarity in fighting crime. However, we need your help! The Berwyn Heights Police Department, like the rest of the nation, continues to face tight budgets, due to a slow economy. Your contributions in any monetary amount would greatly help our cause of battling crime through public education, community outreach, and purchase of related supplies and equipment. The Berwyn Heights Police Department remains deeply committed to the safety and well being of the people and businesses in this community, and thanks you for your continued cooperation in helping us achieve our mission.



Berwyn Heights Night Out 2013 Against Crime The 30th Annual National Night Out (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event celebrated by citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide as well as Canada. It is designed to:

- ◆ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ◆ Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, our neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities including:

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| ◆ cookouts, | ◆ games for kids, |
| ◆ visits from local police and sheriff departments, | ◆ contests, and |
| ◆ martial arts demonstrations, | ◆ exhibits, |
| | ◆ and other programs. |

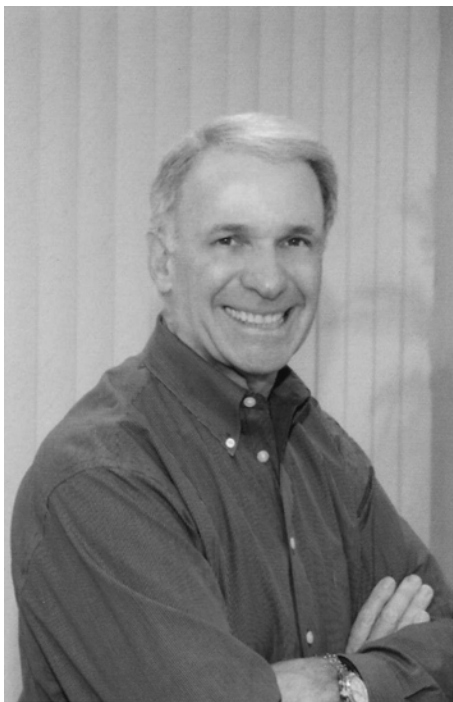
The Berwyn Heights National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer Town. By partnering with local businesses and residents, BHPD has been able to ensure that there is no cost for residents to participate in the event. In today's difficult economy, where local law enforcement agencies are being asked to justify every expense, your financial contributions are even more important.

We thank you in advance for your support and early response,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

| | |
|---------|-----------------|
| June 1 | Gloria Strother |
| 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 ACTIVITIES

| | | |
|---------|-------------------|------------|
| June 4 | Bingo | 12:30P.M. |
| June 5 | Wii Bowling | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 6 | Pool Night | 7:00 P.M. |
| June 8 | Potluck & Movie | 5:00 P.M. |
| June 11 | Meeting | 11:00 A.M. |
| | Bingo | 1:00 P.M. |
| June 12 | Wii Bowling | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 13 | Pool Night | 7:00 P.M. |
| June 18 | Bingo | 12:30 P.M. |
| June 19 | Wii Bowling | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 20 | Pool Night | 7:00 P.M. |
| June 15 | Meeting & Potluck | 11:00 A.M. |
| | Bingo | 1:00 P.M. |
| June 26 | Wii Bowling | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 27 | Pool Night | 7:00 P.M. |

SENIORS TRIPS

Sept. 21 — Hooper Island Crab Feast

December 8 — Shreck the Musical, Old Oprey House, Charles Town, WVA. Show and Dinner—\$95.00.

Contact Margritt Vause for info (301-356-5566)







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Berwyn Heights GreenBee

The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next Green Team meeting is June 20th at 7:00 p.m. (Town Office).

Are You Interested in Community Gardening? Berwyn Heights Community Garden - Call for Volunteers

Do you want to help us make a community vegetable garden happen in Berwyn Heights? We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning process. We need to find a site, design/build the garden plots, and establish guidelines. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, contact Trinity Tomsic at [301-474-6350](tel:301-474-6350) or trinity.tomsic@gmail.com.

Are You a Local Business Owner?

The Green Team is beginning to plan for the development of a local business directory. If you are a local business owner and would potentially like to be listed in this directory, contact Therese Forbes at 301-982-7115.

Local Farmers Markets: In the table below you'll find updated date & contact information for nearby farmers markets:

| | Address | Dates | Day | Hours | Contact | FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted |
|--|---|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--|---|
| College Park Farmers Market | 5211 Paint Branch Pkwy; M-NCPPC, Wells Linson Complex (parking lot) | Year Round | Sat | 7 a.m.-12 noon | Phil Miller at 301-399-5485 | Yes |
| College Park City Hall Farmers Market | 4500 Knox Road | April 14- Nov 17 | Sun | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Michael Stiefvater at 240-487-3543 | Yes |
| The Farmers Market at University of Maryland | Cole Fieldhouse-Campus Drive entrance | April 17- Nov 20 | Wed | 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Robert Schubert at 301-226-4457 | Yes |
| Greenbelt Farmers Market | 101 Centerway (Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot) | May 12- Nov 24 | Sun | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org | Yes |
| Beltsville/USDA Beltsville Farmers Market | 5601 Sunnyside Ave, Parking Lot B | Apr 25- Oct 31 | Thur | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Carletha McGriff at 301-504-1776 | Yes |
| Riverdale Park Farmers Market | Queensbury Road (MARC parking lot) | Apr 4- Nov 21 | Thur | 3-7 p.m. | Jim Coleman at 301-586-5973 | Yes |
| Hyattsville Farmers Market at Queens Chapel Town Center | 3505 Hamilton Street | Mid June -Oct 29 | Tues | 2-6 p.m. | Peggy Campanella at 301-627-0977 | Yes |
| Mount Rainer Farmers Market | 1 Municipal Place (next to City Hall) | May 5- October | Sat | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | info@mountrainierfarmersmarket.com | Yes |
| Langley Park/Crossroads Farmers Market | 7676 New Hampshire Ave | June 5- Nov 27 | Wed | 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | crossroadsmarket@gmail.com | Yes |
| Bowie Farmers Market | 15200 Annapolis Road (Bowie HS parking lot) | May 19- Oct 27 | Sun | 8 a.m.-12 noon | mcorely@cityofbowie.org | Yes |
| Cheverly Community Market | 6401 Forest Road | May 4- Oct 26 | Sat (alternating) | 8 a.m.-12 noon | cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com | Yes |
| American Market at National Harbor/Oxon Hill | National Harbor, American Way (Waterfront & Fleet St.) | May 4- Oct 2 | Sat | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Phylcia Hatton at 301-910-8076 | SNAP/EBT |
| Laurel Farmers Market | 378 Main Street | June 6- Oct 24 | Thur | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Laurie at 301-483-0838 or blitzlmb223@aol.com | Yes |
| Marlow Heights/Temple Hills | Branch Avenue in Bloom Farmers Market (Iverson Mall Parking Lot) | Apr 27- Nov 23 | Sat | 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Fleming Thomas at 301-702-2250 | Yes |
| Upper Marlboro/Our Local Bounty/St. Thomas Church Farmers Market | 14300 St. Thomas Church Road | June 1- Sept 28 | Sat | 8 a.m.-12 noon | Jeff Colburn at 301-627-8469 | |
| Suitland Farmers Market | Suitland Road & Shadyside Ave. | June 4- Nov 5 | Tues | 3-7 p.m. | Ibtj Vincent at 202-709-5436 | |
| Seat Pleasant Farmers Market | 6001 Addison Road (at Eads Street) | May 9- Oct 3 | Thur | 4-7 p.m. | Koko Barnes at 301-324-2470 | |

Save the Date! Food Preservation Class on Saturday, July 20

The Green Team is coordinating a food preservation class on July 20th that will be led by the University of Maryland's Extension Program. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in hands on activities to learn about food preservation techniques such as canning. Mark your calendars & look for further details in the next issue of the GreenBee.

Coming Soon: New Look for Pop's Park

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

We look forward to unveiling the new playground in the upcoming months. We will be celebrating Pop's Park Grand Re-Opening along with Berwyn Heights' 3rd Annual Family Potluck in mid-July. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements as the playground renovations get underway!

PLAYGROUP MEETINGS

New Infants Playgroup is meeting periodically. Please contact Rose.Almoguera@yahoo.com about meeting times.

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



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

Code News

Dog Owners.

Please be reminded to pickup after your dog. Dog waste in the public right of way, public parks and on private property is a nuisance and a health hazard for pedestrians and homeowners alike. It is also a violation of Town Ordinance No. 101, Section 7 and can be fined.

Code Activity for April 2013:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 111; Trash/ Litter = 26; Vehicle Violations = 8; Yard Waste = 14; Miscellaneous Violations = 27; Abatements = 2.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 12; Rental Investigations = 2; Building Permits = 2; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 3; Abatements 0.

Receipts: All Permits = \$405; Fines and Late Fees = \$1,000; Liens = \$0; Code Fines, Cleanouts, Abatements = \$500; Liens mailed to the County = \$200.





June 2013

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|---|--------------------------|---|
| School's Out Watch Out for Kids at Play | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12 | 4 | 5 NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M. | 6 Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Town Meeting FY 2013 Budget Amendments 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12 | 18 | 19 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:30 P.M. Town Center | 20 Green Team Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office | 21 | 22 TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE |
| 23 | 24 | 25 BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M. | 26 | 27 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY | 28 No Trash Pickup | 29 |
| 30 | THE STREET SWEEPER WILL NOT BE IN BERWYN HEIGHTS THIS MONTH. DO YOUR PART — PLEASE DON'T LITTER. | | | | | Recycling Collection Yard Waste North South Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South |

BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue 9-1-1
 Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
 Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 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
 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)
 Rose Almoguera (301) 974-1777 ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Administration
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 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 pay time.

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