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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2016 TOWN BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A public hearing will be held prior to adopting the FY 2015 Town budget amendments on June 8, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Town Council amends the budget to reconcile actual expenditures and receipts with appropriations, in order to comply with the State of Maryland's requirement to have a balanced budget.

The public hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Please call (301) 474-5000 if you would like further information.



Volunteer Dinner

June 17, 6:30 pm

Town Center

Each year the Town hosts a dinner for the people who volunteered their time and talent for the betterment of Berwyn Heights. In this fashion, the Town expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the many important contributions volunteers make to our community. Please call the Town Office at (301) 474-5000 to make reservations with Administrative Assistant Yvonne Odoi.

May 3 Town Council Election Results

Of 2043 active registered voters residing in the Town of Berwyn Heights, 186 voted (9.1%) in the election. As first and second top vote-getters Cheryl Jewitt will be Mayor, and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem.

Cheryl Jewitt	116	62.3%
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	115	61.8%
Chris Rasmussen	84	45%
Maria Robles	80	43%
Patricia Dennison	46	24%
Write-ins	32	11%

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Tell the Prince George's County Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to your call.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.



TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, June 18th, 2016 at 8:00 AM
(Rain or shine)



Time for some spring cleaning? Out with the old in with the new? One person's junk is another person's treasure...you get the picture. Join us for this great community event!

2016 YARD SALE CHANGES: There is no cost to have your location & items for sale printed on the map. Map copies will be available June 17th at the Town Office, and June 18th at the BH Community Center parking lot. The map will display all participating addresses of the yard sale, as well as a list of items for sale. Please send your

FULL NAME, ADDRESS, and TOP 3 ITEMS for sale

TO: TRINITY TOMSIC trinity.tomsic@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN 12:00 pm on Wednesday June 15th to be included on the map.

INFORMATION: Theresa Beck beck_theresa@yahoo.com

The Berwyn Height Recreation Council needs Volunteers to continue their programming throughout the year

QUESTIONS? Attend a meeting and ask any questions you might have of the group!

MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the month | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room (next to Senior Ctr.)

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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets

JUNE 9 - 7 pm - G. Love Room

Explore topics and strategies for
improving educational options.

Contact Lynn White whiteesq@gmail.com for information



Worksession

April 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. CM White arrived 10 minutes late. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Pepco Vice President for Government Affairs & Public Policy, Jerry Pasternak.

1. Mayor

Announcements: None.

Calendar: No additions or corrections were made.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the March 14 budget worksession minutes were approved 4 -0-1.

Department reports: CM Robles reported that a home in the 8900 block of 60th Avenue will be demolished. The owner plans to subdivide the property and build two new homes. CM Dennison announced that the Recreation Council is seeking volunteers for Berwyn Heights Day, which will take place on Saturday, May 7. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that the replacement WMATA pedestrian bridge will be transported to the site using Branchville Road and Ballew Avenue on April 22, to be erected on the weekend of April 23-24. A tree in College Park Estates was toppled by high winds last weekend and caused a brief power outage. County Councilwoman Danielle Glaros will hold a Town Hall and Resource Fair on April 20 at William Wirt Middle School where representatives from different County agencies will be present to answer questions from citizens.

Citizen comments: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received an email from resident Gerald Shields expressing support for keeping the current tax rates as proposed in the FY 2017 budget. She said that WSSC placed a dumpster in front of her home without notification. It will be used to collect construction debris from the replacement of a lateral sewer pipe.

Pepco vegetation management plan (discussed out of order):

TA Cowles explained that the Council was provided a packet of maps as background detailing Pepco's proposed tree cutting and pruning plan for the eastern and southern portions of Berwyn Heights for the coming year. Pepco's vegetation management plan is designed to clear each "feeder line," which is a particular portion of its electric grid connecting to an area substation. The last time Pepco began vegetation management, in the fall of 2014, the majority of the planned work was not carried out due to objections from the Town. Any utility planning vegetation management must have a Town permit in accordance with Ordinance 118. The Town may stipulate conditions under which the permit is issued.

TA Cowles said that for the upcoming vegetation management cycle, tree removals and tree pruning are proposed for the SHA buffer along Edmonston Road, M-NCPPC property around Sports Park and Indian Creek Park, as well as the College Knolls and Greenbriar Knolls sections of Berwyn Heights bounded by Berwyn Road, Charlton Avenue, Swarthmore Drive, and Nevada Street. SHA and M-NCPPC have already permitted the work around Sports Park. Trees proposed for removal are marked with blue paint. Vegetation management activity includes removal of invasive species and spraying of herbicides to prevent future growth. It also includes a replanting program that follows Maryland's "right tree, right place" guidelines to ensure that those trees and shrubs do not interfere with power lines in the future.

Jerry Pasternak thanked the Town Council and Town Administrator for their cooperation in permitting the tree work, and invited questions about the proposed plan. In the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- Pepco's 2014 vegetation management activities were stopped upon request by the Town. The work was related to a different feeder and any unfinished work will have to wait until that feeder is serviced again in 2018.
- Several trees in town marked with

blue paint and not within the current feeder plan may have been left over from the previous 2014 vegetation management project.

- Pepco's vegetation management in the past was sometimes overly aggressive, possibly in response to massive outages following the June 2012 derecho.
- Pepco's aggressive tree removal program has led local governments and community leaders to question the scope of the program and to advocate for a more thoughtful approach to tree removals with more community input.
- Pepco's tree planning contractors identify and inventory trees that do not meet State mandated clearances around power lines and must be either be removed or pruned.
- Tree cutting is performed by a different contractor, who gets paid only for work prescribed in the final plan.
- After tree removals, new trees are planted in fall that will not interfere with power lines. The trees have a 1 year warranty but Pepco does not maintain them.

Mr. Pasternak explained the process for devising a vegetation management plan. First, a planning contractor identifies all trees that are too close to power lines on a given feeder. If located on private property, the planner attempts to talk to the home owner and discuss the affected tree. If the homeowner does not approve the proposed work, Pepco will not include the identified tree in the vegetation management plan. In the event the home owner is absent, the planning contractor will leave a door hanger and request that the home owner contact them to discuss the tree(s) in question. A couple of follow-up notices will be sent if there is no reply. All home owners served by the feeder will be notified of the impending tree work before the plan is finalized.

If a problem tree is on Town right of way, Pepco essentially follows the same process as with private home owners, seeking to discuss all public trees that would be impacted by the vegetation management plan. Once a

municipality approves a particular plan, Pepco must obtain approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the plan as well. Pepco also offers to discuss a tree plan with any interested civic group in the community, if desired, to explain how and why trees are being removed or pruned.

TA Cowles asked if the Council has any conditions it wants to place on the issuance of a permit apart from the 2" caliper standard required for replacement trees. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked that the September 2014 agreement with Pepco be consulted to identify trees the Council did not want to have removed. MPT Rasmussen moved to approve the 2016 vegetation management plan as proposed, excepting any trees spared in the 2014 project that might be included in this plan. CM Robles seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

In response to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, Mr. Pasternak said that Pepco is attempting to eliminate double poles. Double poles are the result of Pepco replacing old poles with new ones, but cable and telecommunication companies not moving their wires to the new poles in due time. He recommended the Town forward the pole numbers of any double poles so Pepco can follow up with the cable companies.

At 8:22 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Four Cities agenda items: The following items were proposed for the April 28 Four Cities meeting in New Carrollton: Updates on the Greenbelt Station development and construction of the hiker/biker trail; update on the North County Animal Shelter; Park & Planning tree removal policy; update on the Purple Line.

Charter amendment process: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she would like to prepare the Council for updating the Town Charter with regard to its boundaries during the next term. The Charter was not amended after Berwyn Heights annexed several industrial properties north of Branchville Road in 2005. The boundary with Greenbelt east of 63rd Avenue also needs clarification. She has asked TA Cowles to provide background information on charter amendment proce-

dures to start the process.

TA Cowles said that there are 2 ways of amending a charter: 1) by Council initiative; and 2) by petition of residents. In this case, the charter amendment would be initiated by the Council through adoption of a charter resolution. This resolution must be limited to the single issue of boundary adjustment and follow a prescribed format. Although resolutions can be adopted with one reading, she recommends following the ordinance adoption procedure that introduces the amendment at one meeting and adopts it another. This would give residents the opportunity to give input at two hearings. In addition, a strict notification schedule has to be followed to publicize the proposed charter amendment, which takes 4 to 5 months.

2. Administration

Volunteer appreciation dinner date:

The Council set Wednesday, June 22 as the date for this year's volunteer appreciation dinner. Three Brothers, Mission BBQ and Silver Diner were proposed as caterers.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the May Bulletin cover: Berwyn Heights Day theme; announcements for Berwyn Heights Day, Town Council election and new Council reception, and FY 2017 budget adoption.

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

6. Public Works

DPW director job description: TA Cowles provided a revised job description for the Public Works director, which reflects the guidance from the human resources consultants. It is more comprehensive than the current job description so that an applicant has a better understanding of what is expected. The description has a job summary, a list of essential job functions and required skills, an overview of the physical environment, and a summary of minimum educational qualifications. For the Public Works director, a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration, civil engineering or a related field is preferred, in combination with 5 years of experi-

ence in the field with increasing managerial responsibilities. The candidate should also be willing to obtain certifications in pesticide application and roadside tree care.

TA Cowles asked the Council to suggest any changes to the job description by the end of the week so that the job can be advertised starting next week. A formal approval of the description can wait until the HR consultant has completed all job descriptions for the Council to approve. In response to questions, TA Cowles said that the new job descriptions will inform a revised performance evaluation process. In addition, the Council may want to set goals and objectives for each position during a strategic planning exercise scheduled for the newly elected Town Council in the fall of 2016. The requirement for 5 years of prior experience refers to a minimum of supervisory experience. TA Cowles believes that a likely candidate would either come from a mid-level managerial position in a larger agency or from a directorship in a smaller department. The proposed pay range is between \$62,000 and \$84,000, depending on qualifications.

MPT Rasmussen recommended that the job description emphasize a collaborative relationship the director is expected to have with other senior staff. TA Cowles will make the change and begin advertising the position on April 11.

7. Executive Session (9:06 p.m. – 9:26 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison, seconded by CM Robles, the Council went into executive session to select a citizen-of-the-year. With a selection made, CM Dennison moved and CM Robles seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession
April 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. MPT Rasmussen arrived 10 minutes late with apologies. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Town Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The FY 2017 budget will be introduced at the April 13 Town meeting. Councilmembers will have the opportunity to highlight the important features of their departmental budgets. Solid Rock Church in New Carrollton is collaborating with Parkdale High School for a day of beautification on May 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2. Budget

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council will finish reviewing the proposed FY 2017 budget tonight, which includes Administration, Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs (PRECA), and Public Works departmental budgets.

PRECA: This budget is flat with the exception of a proposed \$2,500 increase in the *Sports Park* appropriation to honor a request from the Boys & Girls Club to pay for the Pepco electricity bill. The *equipment* line item is funded at \$2,750 and pays for any equipment or equipment repairs at Pop's Park. CM Robles proposed to look into getting a larger canopy to provide shade in summer. The Playgroup or the Public Works Department will normally make equipment requests. The Recreation Council *special events* line item, funded at \$9,000, pays for Berwyn Heights Day and other community events. Funding levels might be reevaluated in conjunction with an overall assessment of what Berwyn Heights Day should look like in the future.

Administration/ General Government: The General Government budget includes the major activities of Mayor & Council, Town Administration, Municipal Building, and Town Center. The Mayor & Council budget is level funded with the exception of a \$1,000 increase in the *public relations* line item to fund a contribution to the

ATHA/ Maryland Milestones Heritage Center. The Council agreed to fund this item with remaining money in the FY 2016 public relations line instead, to avoid the assumption that the increase will continue indefinitely. The unspent \$1,000 in the FY 2017 public relations line item will be placed into the "kitty."

In the Administration budget, there is a 7.1% increase in the *salary* line item to cover the COLA and merit increases that went into effect in November 2015 and a raise for the Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator. The *bulletin* appropriation is going down by 27% to reflect lower printing and mailing costs negotiated with the vendor. The funds in the *network/software support* line item were moved to the non-departmental budget; and the capital equipment <\$500 line item is being phased out.

The Municipal Building budget is down by 44.4% due to contracting out *custodial services* and switching to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system. Savings are also projected in the *electricity* and *water & sewer* line items reflecting budgeting closer to actual expenditures. The Town Center budget is proposed to decline by 26.1%, again due to *custodial services* being outsourced and moved to the non-departmental budget. *Electricity* and *water & sewer* expenditures are seeing a slight increase here, primarily because of increased use of the Town Center for party rentals. Overall, the General Government budget is down by 3.3%.

Public Works: The Public Works Building budget is proposed to go down by 4.6% due to taking the *gas* appropriation down to actual expenditures and reduced *telephone* costs. A slight increase is budgeted in the *tools* line item because more maintenance work is done in house.

The Streets & Sanitation budget is proposed to increase by 2.3%. The staffing levels have been adjusted from 9 full time and 1 part time staff to 8 full time and 2 part time staff, resulting in an increase of 1% in the *salary* line. This reflects the interim director's judgment on optimum staffing levels. A hybrid full time crewman/ administrative assistant position was abandoned and replaced with a part time

administrative assistant position. Initially, the FY 2017 proposed to fund a full time administrative assistant responsible for clerical duties and supporting the Town's event planning functions. However, the event planning and marketing function has been given to the administrative assistant in the Administration Department.

Further, there is an increase in the *uniform* appropriation, which reflects an increase in the uniform service and planned purchases for more safety gear. The *mosquito control* line was increased to reflect what the Town actually spends. A substantial increase in the *street sign & traffic control* line item was requested by Interim Director Hall to bring the Town's signs into compliance with federal regulations for height and reflectivity. It also includes money for possible customizing of street signs. The *street lighting* appropriation is flat. Should the Council decide to add new street lights to light dark areas in Town, as recommended by a NW/EP study, funding might come from the Greenbelt Station reserve, as this would be a one-time capital project expense. Minor street repair expenses, such as filling potholes and sealing cracks, are covered by the Public Works budget *street repair* appropriation, but major street renovations are funded from the capital projects budget.

In response to questions, TA Cowles explained that the reduction from 8 to 7 full time crewmen has not posed a problem over the last 6 months. With the exception of the January snow storm, when temporary staff was hired to shovel snow, 7 staff have been sufficient to complete the regular workload of the Department. A new pay scale and position classification system that is being developed by the HR consultants will likely result in salary adjustments that will go into effect in the fall of 2016. The salary range for the new public works director is between \$61,000 and \$84,000.

The cost of snow removal incurred during the January 2016 blizzard is budgeted under Public Works *salaries/ overtime* for personnel expenses and under the *snow & ice removal* for salt and equipment. The Town has filed for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) and anticipates being paid back. However, in the future FEMA will only reimburse a jurisdiction for snow emergencies if the snow accumulation is greater than any previous one on record. The *temporary labor* appropriation, which was tapped to pay for the 2 temps to help shovel snow, is down from previous years because the Public Works Department did not have to hire temps for leaf collection last fall. This efficiency resulted from a streamlined trash collection schedule that leaves Fridays open for other tasks. The *employee recognitions* line item was dropped by \$200 back to FY 2015 levels because it was over budget in FY 2016.

TA Cowles next explained unresolved appropriations highlighted in the budget spreadsheets. The funding for 7 police vests in the amount of \$7,400 was, upon Council's request, taken from the Public Safety Reserve, which comes from speed camera revenue. The Council suggested that vest purchases might be staggered in the future, to even out expenditures. The *general liability insurance* line item was increased by 5% to \$31,000. Administration reviewed vehicles and equipment on the Town's LGIT liability insurance and deleted those items that have been disposed of this year, and added the appropriate items purchased.

The cost for switching to LGIT's health insurance program is incorporated in the proposed budget in the amount of \$108,000. Employees have been provided information about Cigna's provider network to check if their current providers accept the proposed new insurance plan. No conflicts have been reported as yet. The new health insurance plan would also lower copays for employees to \$10-\$20 per doctor visit but would charge higher copays for emergency room visits. Currently, employees pay \$30 copay per provider visit but can file for reimbursement from the Town's HRA.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy requested removal of funding for the security cameras at the Town Center and municipal building as there may be privacy implications. TA Cowles said she has learned that the camera footage has a retention of 90 days during which it is subject to the Public Information

Act. The cameras make up \$4,500 of the security improvements funding request, while the Town office access control device would require \$500. The Council agreed to place the \$4,500 for security cameras into the "kitty" or return it to surplus.

The FY 2017 Non-Departmental/ Employee Benefits budget includes \$30,000 for an economic development study, which was originally budgeted for FY 2016, but was not spent. The newly-elected Council will have to decide how to proceed. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that a Greenbelt resident has asked that the Four Cities promotional video be close-captioned for the hard of hearing and audio narrated for the blind. The cost per city would be \$170, and could be funded from the Cable TV budget. There were no objections.

The Council discussed how to spend the \$5,500 in the kitty. MPT Rasmussen proposed to divide the money as follows: \$1,000 for Recreation Council special events, \$1,000 for National Night Out, \$750 for Town beautification projects and the remaining \$2,750 into the surplus. The Council agreed.

7. Executive Session (8:30 p.m. – 8:49 p.m.)

On a motion by CM White and second by CM Robles, the Council went into executive session to discuss a legal matter. With matter discussed, CM White moved and CM Robles seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 13, 2016 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, CMs Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles, and Lynn White. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Officer Paul Roberson,

Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Hearings

FY 2017 Town Budget: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the FY 2017 budget at the hearings she is about to open. She said that the Council plans to decline reducing its tax rates to offset an increase in tax revenues due to rising assessments. Instead, it is proposed to keep the same real property tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the same personal property tax rate of \$1.325 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which will generate an additional \$89,000 in tax revenues. This allows the Town to stop pulling money from surplus to fund day-to-day government operations.

The additional revenue will be used to fund promotions, as well as COLA and merit salary increases that went into effect in November 2015. Further, it is proposed to fully fund the vehicle replacement reserve so that heavy-duty specialty trucks and equipment can be purchased in accordance with their replacement schedules; to purchase a hybrid vehicle for the Administration Department with a matching grant from the Maryland Energy Administration; and to finance IT and security upgrades across Town departments. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy further noted that a couple of this year's capital projects came in under budget: the animal shelter study will require an \$8,000 instead of a \$10,000 contribution and the emergency generators project will cost the Town \$65,000 rather than the \$80,000 budgeted.

The councilmembers then each gave an overview of their departmental budgets.

MPT Rasmussen said that the general government budget comprises the Mayor & Council budget, the Administration Department budget as well as the municipal and Town Center budgets. The overall general government budget is proposed to decline by 4%. The savings are due to outsourcing custodial work, moving IT expenses to the non-department budget, implementing a new VOIP

telephone system, and other operational efficiencies.

CM Robles thanked Code Supervisor Glass and TA Cowles for together developing a good Code Department budget. The main change from the FY 2016 budget is a 20% increase in the *part time labor* appropriation, which allows the department to increase part time hours from 30 to 35 hours per week and hire a second code officer. The second officer will help patrol the Town during evenings and weekends.

CM Dennison said that the Parks and Recreation budgets includes a \$2,500 increase in the *Sports Park* appropriation requested by the Boys & Girls Club to pay for the flood lights electric bill. The Council also approved a \$1,000 increase in the Recreation Council's *special events* appropriation.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Police Department will maintain the same staffing levels as this year and provide around-the-clock police protection. There is an 8.4% increase in the salary appropriation to cover 2 promotions. Further, there are modest increases in the *dues & conferences* and *training & seminars* line items to keep officers abreast of the latest laws and regulations. Also budgeted is \$7,400 for new bullet proof vests, which will be charged to the public safety reserve, and a small increase in the National Night Out appropriation, which regularly has been over budget.

CM White said that the proposed Public Works Department budget will reduce staffing levels from 9 full time employees to 8 full time and 1 part time administrative assistant, which has proved sufficient in most circumstances. The budget has funding for hiring temporary workers for leaf season and storm cleanup. There are also modest increases in the *tools, uniforms* and *mosquito control* appropriations, some of which reflect price increases for goods and services the Town uses. There is a fairly sizeable increase of \$8,000 in the *street signs* budget to bring all Town stop signs into compliance with federal height and reflectivity requirements. Lastly, CM White said she is pleased to have

secured \$750 for beautification projects in Town.

At 7:48 p.m., Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened the public hearing and invited residents to comment. She read an email from resident Gerald Shields consenting to keeping tax rates the same as this year.

Michael Roberts, 58th Avenue, asked whether the Council will be discussing assessments. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy replied that all property in the Town of Berwyn Heights was re-assessed in December 2015 resulting in higher home values and, in this proposed budget, more taxes for homeowners and more revenue for the Town. The assessments are done by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (MDAT) on a triennial basis and potential tax increases in any individual year are capped at 10%. With no further comments, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy closed the hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that this budget is separate from the general fund and applies only to commercial and industrial establishments located in Town. These businesses pay a special tax which funds one Berwyn Heights police officer, in this case Detective Unger. The proposed FY 2017 PSTD budget maintains the same tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed real property valuation, and 15 cents per \$100 of personal property valuation. The budget will be reviewed and voted on by the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) on April 19. That meeting is open to the public.

At 8:01 p.m., Mayor Kulpa-Eddy opened the hearing and, without any comments, closed the hearing at 8:02 p.m.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM White, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for the month of March. She noted that 3 new accounts were opened at Old Line Bank to hold dif-

ferent reserves for vehicle replacement, infrastructure and cable TV. There is no separate account currently for the NW/EP trailer reserve, but the money is tracked separately in the general fund. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy suggested that it might be integrated into the vehicle replacement fund in the future.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that executive sessions were held on April 4 to select the citizen of the year and on April 11 to discuss a legal matter. The pedestrian bridge has been manufactured and will be transported to Berwyn Heights via Branchville and Ballew Avenue on April 22 to be installed on April 22 and 23. Metro's Green Line will be shut down between Greenbelt and College Park during this construction. County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros will hold a Town Hall and Resource Fair on April 20, where citizens can obtain information about the status of the FBI headquarters, the Purple Line and other projects and issues of interest in this area.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reminded residents that the Maryland presidential primaries will be held on April 26, with early voting starting on April 14. Candidates running for Town Council will have the opportunity to engage with voters at Candidates Night on April 27 and the Town Council election will be held on May 3 at the Town Center. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

5. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Rasmussen commended TA Cowles for managing a long and complex budget process to produce a balanced budget. He reported that the Town has entered into a contract with tree consultants Savatree to conduct a study of the Town's tree canopy. The study will produce data on the number, location, species and health of mature trees, and make recommendations on how to best protect the Town's tree canopy. The emergency generators have been installed and are awaiting connection to Washington Gas' infrastructure.

At the last worksession, the Council had a presentation from Jerry Pasternak, Pepco's Vice President for Government Affairs & Public Policy, who

discussed Pepco's vegetation management practices generally and specifically as they relate to Berwyn Heights. The Town received notice that it will be reimbursed for most expenses related to the January blizzard. However, in the future the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will only provide reimbursement when a storm produces more snow than any previous one on record.

Further, the Administration Department now accepts credit card payments, but will charge a fee to recoup associated costs. A new website will go live in May under the URL berwynheightsmd.gov. The Department continues to work with human resources consultants on a compensation study and overhauling personnel policies. Next week, the Department will begin to advertise the Public Works director job opening, for which the Council recently approved a revised job description.

Code Compliance: CM Robles reported that Code Supervisor Glass has been busy keeping track of the demolitions of 2 condemned properties. The demolition of the 58th Avenue house has been completed and the lot returned to a buildable condition, while the work at the Cunningham Drive property is ongoing. The Town has asked residents for help with clearing out storm drains located on private property to prevent flooding. Residents that need help unblocking a storm drain should contact the Town's Code Department or the County's Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE). Lastly, recent rains have caused grass to start growing quickly. Residents are asked to keep their lawns cut at a length not to exceed 10".

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison said Berwyn Heights Day is on May 7. Volunteers are still needed and should contact the Recreation Council.

Public Health and Safety: Officer Roberson reported for Chief Antolik, who was away at the Maryland Chiefs of Police conference. He said that the Police Department took training about accepting credit card pay-

ments. Reporting on police activities, he said there were 4 thefts from autos and 1 assault for a total of 5 Part I offenses last month. The police also issued 206 citations and 330 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Currently, there are no crime trends to report, but residents are reminded not to leave valuables in unlocked cars, including when fueling at a gas station.

In response to Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, Officer Roberson said that the police made an arrest in connection with the recent robberies of several 7 Elevens. He is not sure the suspect robbed the Berwyn Heights stores, but it is being looked at.

Public Works: CM White reported that the Public Works crew disposed of 102 tons of household trash, 23 tons of recyclables, and 14 tons of yard waste. The Department also worked on repairing lawn mowers, servicing vehicles, fixing potholes and installing ATHA bicycle wayfinding signs. In the course of picking up refuse, they also issued several violation notices for not disposing trash as required by Ordinance 117.

6. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Berwyn Heights CERT will be hosting its 3rd annual Wine Tasting festival on April 30, starting at 2 pm at the Town Center. A \$10 admission will be charged. The next NW/EP meeting will be on May 4. On May 7, Berwyn Heights Day, the NW/EP Committee will again have their trailer on display.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Ordinance 171 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2017 Town Budget: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of Ordinance 171. Without any comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the FY 2017 Town Budget.

Ordinance 172 – 1st Reading & Introduction of the FY 2017 Public Safety Taxing District: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of Ordinance 172. Without any comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce

the Public Safety Taxing District budget.

9. Citizens Discussion

Michael Roberts, 58th Avenue, said that there is a problem with speeding on the 8500 block of 58th Avenue where children walk to school. In addition, the County busses use this street as part of their route, making it unsafe to walk in the street. He suggested the Town consider placing a speed camera on this block, which is within the ½ mile school zone around the elementary school, to slow down traffic.

Mr. Roberts also complained about gravel scattered on the roadway leading toward Lake Artemesia by trucking businesses located on 55th Avenue. He asked that the Town talk with the businesses about cleaning that up because it is a hazard to bike riders. Further, Mr. Roberts asked if the Town can do something about residents who cut down trees on their property and whether there are any regulations about beekeeping.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that beekeeping has come up in the Prince George's County zoning regulations re-write currently underway. In the proposed new regulations, keeping of bees is allowed only in an agricultural zone, along with keeping chickens and other livestock. However, a number of citizens and some municipalities have requested that non-commercial beekeeping and raising of chickens be allowed in residential zones.

MPT Rasmussen commented that the Town has no legal means to restrain homeowners from felling trees on their properties. The Town has contracted with tree consultants who are performing a tree inventory and will make recommendations on protecting the Town's tree canopy. One outcome of the study might be a new regulation that requires a Town permit for cutting down trees on private property if it is above a certain size, on the assumption that those trees are a community asset. This would be a regulation for the next Town Council to debate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession April 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that a Town resident passed away last week. She would like to explore whether the Town flag could be lowered in such a case. CM Dennison said that her son Joey celebrated his birthday on April 16.

Calendar: The date for free tipping day at the County landfill needs to be confirmed.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Robles, the March 28 budget worksession minutes were approved 4 - 0.

Department reports: CM Robles reported that County contractors are in the process of clearing debris from the demolished property on Cunningham Drive. The Code Department will need to monitor the property during the summer to ensure that grass and weeds are kept cut. CM Dennison announced that the Recreation Council continues to seek volunteers for Berwyn Heights Day. She thanked CM White and Katy Curtis for agreeing to serve as co-chairs on the Education Advisory Committee (EAC). CM White said that the EAC is planning to formalize its structure and come to the Council with recommendations. The Committee is also exploring collaborating and sharing resources with the education committees of Greenbelt and College Park. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that County Councilwoman Danielle Glaros is very interested in improving schools in her district and is

encouraging parents to get involved. She may attend the next meeting of the EAC.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy announced that the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) will meet in the Town office tomorrow afternoon to review the FY 2017 Public Safety Taxing District budget. Representatives of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation will be present. Further, Councilwoman Glaros will hold a Town Hall and Resource Fair on April 20 to provide information on local issues and developments.

CM Robles asked whether trash receptacles for bus stops have been received and installed. TA Cowles will check.

Citizen comments: CM Robles received compliments for Code Supervisor Glass helping a resident on 59th Avenue with a sump pump problem. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received an inquiry as to whether the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project on 63rd Avenue has been completed. TA Cowles said that a handrail for the steps to the Church has yet to be installed, and the contractor is working with the State Highway Administration to obtain approval of the handrail design. She also received comments about an increase in cars parking on Town streets, particularly on the north side. Some of the increase may be due to rentals. Lastly, she received a comment about the lettering on the new ATHA/ Maryland Milestones signs being too small for drivers to read. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that the signs identify bicycle routes in a larger regional trails network and are not intended to be viewed by car drivers but rather by bicyclists and pedestrians.

MML Board nominations: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Maryland Municipal League is requesting nominations for the election of next year's board of directors, which will take place at the MML conference in June. All elected municipal officials are eligible to run, and all elected officials and administrative staff can make nominations. Nomination forms were distributed.

Fishnet restaurant growler license: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town

has received a notice of public hearing that the Fishnet restaurant in the Berwyn area of College Park has applied for a license to serve beer and wine. The hearing will be held on May 11, 7 pm in Largo in the event any councilmember or resident wants to testify on the matter.

2. Administration

FY 2017 budget: TA Cowles said that the Town office is now equipped to accept credit cards as a form of payment. The vendor recommends posting the service charge at the sales counter along with other fees the Town charges for fax, copying and notary services. The proposed credit card fee is \$4 per transaction. The fee may be adjusted depending on the value of transactions that take place.

The Council also raised the question whether to continue the tuition reimbursement program, which offers employees a reimbursement of up to \$1,000 for taking courses that develop their workplace skills. The human resources consultants the Town has hired to review its personnel policies will make a recommendation about whether to continue this program or allocate the money into training and conferences line items in the budget. A vote by the Council is not required at this time.

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

6. Public Works

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kerstin Harper,
Town Clerk





Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



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Before the Hurricane Season:

- Learn location of official shelters.
- Make emergency plans for pets.
- Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators and battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards and cell phones.
- Buy food that will keep and store drinking water.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
 - Trim trees and shrubbery.
- Review home, renters, and flood insurance policies.



During the Storm

When in a Watch area...

- Listen frequently to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for bulletins of the storm's progress.
- Fuel and service your vehicles.
- Stock up on batteries, food that will keep, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purpose such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.
- Store lawn furniture and other loose, light-weight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Have cash on hand in case power goes out and ATMs don't work.

When in a Warning area...

- Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials.
- Leave immediately if ordered to evacuate!
 - If evacuating, leave as soon as possible. Stay with friends or relatives, at a low-rise inland motel or at a designated public shelter outside the flood zone.
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- Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.

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April Activities

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High Grass/ Vegetation	14
Clean Lot	8
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	1
Non-Hazardous	19
Vehicles	11
Premise Identification	7
Commercial	1
Total Violations	62
Abatelements	0
Permits	
Building	4
Dumpster/ PODs	6
Total Permits issued	10
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	5
Total Rentals	190
Inspections	11
Re-inspections	1
Fines	0
Rental Licenses Issued	13
Vacant Homes	11



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Historical Committee



Rural Life Museums Field Trip

The BHHC visited the Rural Life Museums complex located in the Patuxent River Park last month. We had fun touring the W. Henry Duvall Tool Museum, Tobacco Farming Museum, and Blacksmith Shop, and were able to identify a piece of equipment that was recently donated to the BHHC museum as part of a horse hitching system. The "evener" (pictured left) made it possible to hitch a team of horses to a cart, or in our case a road drag.



Berwyn Heights Day

Community groups and vendors had a new vantage point overlooking Indian Creek from Berwyn Road bridge. Sports Park field was too muddy after a week of steady rains. Luckily, the rains had stopped.

Following the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Berwyn Heights Association in 2015, the BHHC this year dedicated the street marker. We also published a brochure highlighting the important accomplishments of the Association, which **"governed" the Town between 1915 and 1924.**

Descendants of Fred H. Benson, the first President of the Association, participated in the celebration. We were happy that Steven Ring, his daughter Nicole, and brother Patrick could come out to celebrate with us.



All are invited to attend our meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Please contact Kerstin Harper at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov for information, or visit our blog at <https://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com/>

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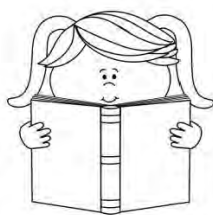
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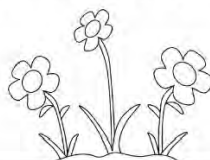
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* www.BHESPTA.org

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3
Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, June 6
International Day

Tuesday, June 7
PTA meeting @ 6:45

Tuesday- Thursday, June 7-9
Baltimore Zoo visits BHES

Thursday, June 9
Greenbelt Library Visit
Beta Club Initiation @ 7pm

Monday, June 13
Field Day – 6th grade

Tuesday, June 14
Field Day – 3rd-5th grade
Sixth grade social

Wednesday, June 15
Field Day – Head Start – 2nd grade

Thursday, June 16
Sixth Grade Promotion

Friday, June 17
Staff vs 6th Grade Kickball Game
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End-of-the-Year Pool Party

Monday, June 20
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June 12	Mark Anderson
June 16	Elaine Calihan
June 23	Grace Karikari
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 1	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 2	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 7	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
June 8	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 9	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 11	Pot Luck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
June 14	Meeting & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
June 15	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 16	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 21	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
June 22	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 23	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
June 28	Meeting & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
June 29	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
June 30	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

ReVisiting Berwyn Heights Day

Thank you everyone who supported our Bake Sale and visited our booth on Berwyn Heights Day. We welcome these new members: Theresa Beck, Randy Foct-wengler, Jodi Kulpa-Eddy, Chris Rasmus-sen, and Mary Anne Walkup.

We want to recognize our winners from the SKITTLE GUESSING GAME. The actual number was 646.

Winner — Jason (579)

Runner Ups: 1st — Joan Ahrens (566)
2nd — Iris Gaycken (546)
3rd — Louis Roberts (540)
4th — Natalie Hummel (512)
Special Honorable Mention — Emily Hummel



Happenings

Many things are in the planning...

Touring the Anacostia River, Visiting the "911" Call Center, and Going for Breakfast at the Silver Diner.

Scheduled is a visitor from our County Counselor's office on June 14, and a trip to see the "Hub Caps" on June 20.

Don't forget the Potluck and Movie on June 11.

Reminder: The last meeting before the summer break will be on June 28.

Wii Bowling — Most popular team names:

The winners were: Sister Act

Unpredictable





POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **April 2016**. 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.

04/01/2016 at 6:45 am, Chief Antolik responded to the 5800 block of Swarthmore Drive for a family dispute complaint.

04/02/2016 at 9:47 pm, Pfc. Ramirez responded to the 7-11 on Greenbelt Road for a report of a suspicious 29 y/o B/M passing counterfeit bill. He was identified and the fake bill was confiscated. Investigation continues.

04/02/2016 at 12:48 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1994 Nissan from the location of the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was suspended.

04/07/2016 at 5:00 am, Sgt. Moroney impounded a 2004 Honda from the location of Greenbelt Road at Branchville. The vehicle was involved in an accident.

04/07/2016 at 1:28 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6001 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of a purse. Investigation revealed that a 60 y/o B/F was inside the gas station and an unknown person removed her purse from the vehicle.

PERMIT ISSUED FROM BHPD / TOWN HALL. Solicitation permit was issued to

Ms. Jessica BAUMGARDNER of 'Capital Meats'

04/08/2016 at 2:45 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the State Employee Credit Union SECU for a fraud complaint. A 19 y/o, B/F resident of Arlington, VA attempted to offer a counterfeit check. Case has been forward to Det. Unger of the Secret Service Task Force.

04/11/2016 at 7:10 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 56th. Avenue for a report of an unattended death. Investigation revealed that an 84 y/o, male passed away under hospice care.

04/20/2016 at 8:53 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to 6122 Ruatan Street for a burglary complaint. On scene, it appears that the house is vacant and the interior indicates that someone has been staying inside. The house was later secured and it is unknown when it was burglarized.

04/21/2016 at 11:20 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7-11 on Edmonston Road for a report of theft of Visa gift cards. Two black males entered the 7-11 and removed several gift cards. They both fled in a silver Lexus.

PERMIT ISSUED FROM BHPD / TOWN HALL. Solicitation permit issued to Mr. Uchain Bart Onyewudiala and Mr. Stephen Bristol both of Comcast Inc.

04/25/2016 at 10:40 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan Street for a report of theft from a 1999 Dodge Truck. Hand tools were taken.

04/26/2016 at 8:18 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 7600 block of Villanova Road for a report of two men sleeping in a van. The two subjects were checked and sent on way.

04/28/2016 at 8:22 am, Pfc. Ignowski and the Chief of Police responded to the Greenbelt Road Shell for a complaint of a person sleeping inside a vehicle belonging to their customer. The subject was identified as Mr. Mohamed Fofanah, a 27 Y/O; B/M of New Carrollton, MD who was wanted through the PG Sheriff for failing to appear on a 2nd. degree assault case. After placing the subject under arrest, the subject attempted to break the glass window of the police cruiser with his head. He was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

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Recent Working Incidents

April 18-Squad 14 & Acting Chief 14B (Ross) extricated a driver from his overturned cement mixer on Powder Mill Rd near I-95. Driver was medivaced to the hospital by Trooper 2 helicopter. Trooper 2 is the Maryland State Police (MSP) medivac/police helicopter assigned to Prince Georges County, based out of Andrews Air Force Base.

April 18- Ambulance 14 was alerted to assist Greenbelt Police & PGPD SWAT on scene with a shooting/barricade situation in the 6200blk of Spring hill Court in Greenbelt.

April 20- Squad 14, Squad 14B, Tech Support 14, & Chief 14 operated in the 6200Blk of Greenbelt Rd in Berwyn Heights for a vehicle into an office building.

April 20- Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a vehicle that ran 30ft off the road into the woods and crashed on Beaver Dam Rd in Beltsville.

April 21- Squad 14 operated at a 2Alarm

Commercial Building Fire in the 100Blk of Lafayette Ave in Laurel.

April 23- Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 extricated a trapped driver from a crashed vehicle on Kenilworth Ave in the area of Pontiac Street in Berwyn Heights.

May 5- Truck 14 was first arriving unit to High Point High School in Beltsville for a shooting. Truck 14 was operating on a gas leak down the street, and after hearing gunfire the crew notified Communications and requested police and additional resources to respond. Once the scene was safe, the crew located two victims suffering from gunshot wounds and provided aid until the arrival of transport units.

Berwyn Heights VFD Apparatus Profiles Part 4: Chief 14, Chief 14A, & Chief 14B

Berwyn Heights VFD has three elected and qualified volunteer Chief Officers; Department Fire Chief Daniel McCoy (C14), Deputy Fire Chief Chase Fabrizio (C14A), and Assistant Fire Chief James Kiernan (C14B). In addition to Department paperwork & operations, the Chiefs respond to calls with BHVFD apparatus.

Some duties for each Chief include:

Fire Chief- General Department Operations

Deputy Fire Chief- Training & Operations

Assistant Fire Chief- Administration & Community Outreach

BHVFD operates three Chief "buggies" or vehicles, one of which being the only County-owned apparatus in the station. Chief 14 has a 2015 Chevy Tahoe, Chief 14A has a 2012 Chevy Tahoe, and Chief 14B has a (County owned) 2006 Chevy Impala.



Chief 14 (front) & Chief 14A (back)



Chief 14-B 2006 Chevy Impala (County-Owned)

BBQ Fire Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.



Station 14 Call Volume April 2016

Rescue Squads:	145
Ladder Truck:	105
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	7
Ambulance:	215
Total Station Runs for April 2016:	472

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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.

BH Republican Club meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/BHeightsGOP and Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

Berwyn Heights Cleaning: Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials and rational price. 240-645-5140 or angelalazo1@hotmail.com.

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

Sale-Pro-Form Air Walker Exercise Machine. Similar to a Nordic-Track. Excellent condition. Cash and Carry. Live in Berwyn Heights. \$75.00 or best offer. [240-460-4722](tel:240-460-4722).

Tutor Needed: For basic computer skills. 301-520-8811.

Loving, Licensed Child Care: (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin
Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond
301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich
mweinrich2@verizon.net

Co-Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000
Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Playgroup

Rachel Cicero
rachelcicero55@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Vacant

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115
therese@celticlans.com

BH Elementary School PTA

Chris McComb
President@BHESPTA.org

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com

BERWYN PLANTS is having a plant sale

during the town-wide yard sale

Containers, perennials, and bedding plants

Saturday, June 18th, 8 AM until 1 PM

8411 58th Avenue

Visit us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/BerwynPlants





Dear Sponsors,

It gives me pleasure to share with you that the Town of Berwyn Heights, Maryland will be holding the 31st 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! Your contributions in any monetary amount would greatly help our cause of battling crime through public education, and community outreach. The Berwyn Heights Police Department remains deeply committed to the safety and wellbeing 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 Against Crime - Tuesday, August 2, 2016

The 33rd 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 anti-crime programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- ◆ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.

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

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| ◆ cookout | ◆ contests |
| ◆ visits from local police and sheriff departments | ◆ exhibits |
| ◆ martial arts demonstrations | ◆ and other activities |
| ◆ games for kids | |

Berwyn Heights' National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. 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. Please help us continue this great tradition.

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

Colonel Kenneth K. Antolik, Chief of Police, (301) 474-6554, Chief@berwynheightsmd.gov



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

For Preschoolers and Younger

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

Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Indoors at Town Center if Cold or Rainy

Playground Rotation:

1st & 3rd Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground

2nd & 4th Monday of month - Pop's Park

Please contact Rachel Cicero (rachelcicero55@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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BerwynLawnCare@gmail.com



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! Our next meeting will be **Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Community Garden Clean Up! **Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.-12 noon**



Come join us at the community garden on June 4 from 9 a.m.-12 noon to help spruce it up and plant butterfly weed to help attract butterflies to the garden! We hope that most of the community garden plot owners can attend to help keep the garden looking good, but even if you do not have a plot at the community garden, please feel free to participate. The community garden is located between 58th and 59th Streets, north of Seminole St.

A Big Thank You to Honey Glow!

We want to give a big thank you to the local business Honey Glow for donating *Asclepias tuberosa* 'Gay Butterflies' plants to the local community! Many of these plants were sold on Berwyn Heights Day to help support the Green Team's efforts, and the remaining plants will be planted in the community garden!

They will help attract butterflies and other pollinators.



Honey Glow works to educate the community about the importance of honeybees in the ecosystem and produces honey and other honey-based products such as body lotions and lip balm.

For more information about Honey Glow, visit <http://honey-glow.com/>

Seeking Input: Share Your Ideas With Us!

Do you have ideas about what you'd like the Green Team to focus on in the coming months?
What types of environmentally-focused events or activities would be of interest to YOU?

Please share your ideas with us via email at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com or post a message on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam>



The Wolf Pack presents:



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Bugle - June 2016

"Behind every great kid is a great adult, setting a great example!"

We hope you all were able to get out and enjoy Berwyn Heights Day 2016 as the weather could not have been better! Thanks for stopping by for a funnel cake or snack, cold beer, raffle ticket, or just to say "Hello!". It was definitely a great opportunity to talk, laugh, and make new memories with all of our Neighbors, Friends, Friends of Friends, and of course the **Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Family!** Our athletes & coaches showed their BHBGC "Wolf Pack Pride" in the parade and our Club's Basket Raffle was bigger than ever thanks to many amazing donations from our sponsors! The BHBGC sends a HUGE THANK YOU to all of our Sponsors, old and new, that collaborated with us for Berwyn Heights Day & we encourage you to do the same by checking them out:



8955 Edmonston Rd., Suite N, Greenbelt MD (301) 441-8686



6460 Capital Drive, Greenbelt, MD



Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt, MD

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway Dr, Greenbelt, MD
(301) 397-2204



Sharon McCraney, Realtor
Long and Foster
(301) 346-1462



Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt, MD



Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt, MD



Richard Harrington, Realtor
RE/MAX Executive
Cell: (240) 286-4668

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Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt

The BHBGC wouldn't be possible without the dedication, support, and many selfless hours from our Volunteers – Board Members, Parents, Kids, BHBGC Alumni, and Friends of the club alike! We truly appreciate all of their time.

Would YOU like to become a volunteer? Interested in upcoming events and game schedules? Want to follow our Soccer & Track Programs? Visit us on the web:

www.berwynheightsbgc.org



www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsBGC



June 2016

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29 	30 MEMORIAL DAY Town Offices Closed No Trash Pickup	31 	Jun 1  7:00 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room	2 	3	4
5  Street Sweeper	6  7:00 PM Worksession	7  6:45 PM PTA Meeting BHES Library 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting	8  7:30 PM Town Meeting	9  7:00 PM BHEAC Meeting G. Love Room	10	11
12  Street Sweeper	13  	14   Flag Day	15 	16  7:00 PM Green Team Meeting G. Love Room	17	18 8:00 AM TOWN WIDE YARD SALE 
19	20  7:00 PM Worksession Town Office <u>PGCPS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</u>	21  7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room	22  6:30-8:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation Day	23 	24	25
26	27  	28  	29 	30 	 Recycling Collection  Yard Waste North South	 Refuse Collection North South  Bulk Pick-up North South



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

BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheights.md.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheights.md.gov	
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) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(301) 486-0192	cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember —		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 432-0710	crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Maria Robles	(301) 455-9299	mrobles@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday 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@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12**

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

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

Or email: yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov

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

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