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**Rock
n' Roll**

Concert

June 10, 6:00 pm

Sports Park

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Berwyn Heights – Town Manager

The Town seeks well-qualified candidates for the Town Manager position.

The Town Manager is appointed by and works under the direction of the five-member Town Council. The Town has a budget of over \$3 million and is sound financially. The Town Manager supervises 26 full time employees, including Police, Public Works, Code Compliance and Treasurer.

Requires a Bachelor's degree in public or business administration or other relevant field; Master's degree preferred. Candidates should have at least five years of progressively responsible leadership and management experience in local government or business; experience as a municipal manager preferred. Experience in Maryland municipal government is a plus, as is a candidate who is fluent in Spanish.

Send cover letter of interest (email preferred), including salary history, and resume to: David J. Deutsch, SR VP, The Mercer Group, Inc. daviddeutsch610@gmail.com Application letters must be received by 5p.m. EDT on June 17, 2018. Salary range mid 90s to low 100s. Attractive benefits. EOE, Town values diversity.

NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

At its May 9, 2018 meeting, the Town Council introduced Charter Amendment Resolution 1-2018. This Resolution will NOT be on the Council's June 20, 2018 Town Meeting agenda, but will be on the July 11, 2018 agenda for consideration.

Citizens Commission on Quality of Life

The Town Council is seeking 10 to 12 residents interested in improving the quality of life in Berwyn Heights. Our community is a wonderful place to live, and we can make it better! In the recent election campaign, residents brought forward compliments, comments and complaints about life in Berwyn Heights. In response, the Town Council plans to establish a Citizens Commission on Quality of Life to hear from citizens about what is good and what can be improved in our community and how to do it.

The Commission is anticipated to be approved at the June Town Meeting and get to work immediately. It is expected the group will meet 3 to 4 times and produce a report for the Town Council by the end of September with recommendations.

Please contact Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk, by June 15 to express your interest, or to nominate a fellow resident. She can be reached at kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov or 301-474-5000.

Citizens of the Year 2018

Each Year the Town Council selects one or more Citizens-of-the-Year to honor outstanding volunteers.

Congratulations to this year's citizens of the year, the Wolfinger Family, who have dedicated themselves to improving the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club.

Angela Wolfinger,
Boys & Girls Club
Vice President

Leslie Wolfinger, Boys
& Girls Club
Secretary

David Wolfinger,
Boys & Girls Club



Volunteer Dinner

June 28th

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 Coordinator Yvonne Odoi.

MARYLAND GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY

Primary Election Date: June 26 | 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Voting Location: Berwyn Heights Elementary School

Voter registration deadline: June 5 | 9:00 pm

Applications at: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration>

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline (mailed): June 19 | 8:00 pm

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline (internet): June 22 | 5:00 pm

Applications at: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/965/Absentee-Ballots>



Primary Election Early Voting Dates: June 14—June 21

Voting Location: College Park Community Center

5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

For additional information contact PGC Board of Elections at 301-341-7300

JUNE 2018 Town Council Meetings

- June 5 Worksession
- June 18 Worksession
- June 20 Town Meeting



Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

**WSSC Sewer Rehabilitation (SR3) Projects
Planned for Edmonston Rd., Goucher Dr.
More to Follow.**

WSSC has embarked on a multi-year effort to improve the condition of the wastewater collection system and improve surface water quality. WSSC will repair and replace aging parts of the sewer system to restore pipe and manhole conditions. With these improvements, less groundwater will infiltrate into pipes through cracks. As a result, there will be fewer sewer overflows into waterways enhancing the protection of both public health and the environment, while improving service to WSSC's customers.

More information can be found at WSSC website:

<https://www.wqa.wsscwater.com/business--construction/sewer-repair-replacement--rehabi.html>
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MAY 1, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

2017 active registered voters

297 voted (15%)

Chris Rasmussen	229 (77%)	Mayor
Lynn White	179 (60%)	Mayor Pro Tem
Stephen Isler	159 (53%)	Councilmember
Jason Papanikolas	136 (45%)	Councilmember
Ethan Sweep	128 (43%)	Councilmember

RE-ELECT

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines
Maryland House of Delegates District 22

Experienced

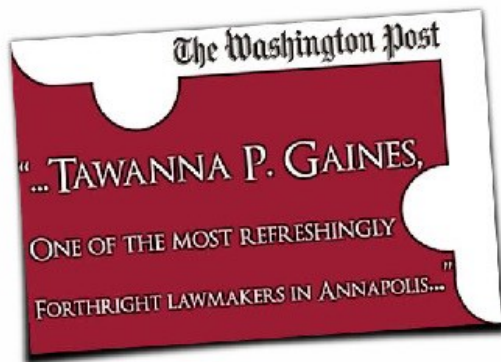
- Former Member Town Council Berwyn Heights
- Former Mayor Town of Berwyn Heights
- Current Member Maryland House of Delegates

Leadership

- Current Vice Chair, Appropriations
- Current Chair, Transportation and Environment Committee
- Current Member Capital Budget Committees



43 YEAR RESIDENT
Town of Berwyn Heights



Visionary

- Purple Line Funding
- Highway User Funding
- Program Open Space Funding

Early Vote Primary

JUNE 14-21

College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Ave
College Park, MD 20740

10am to 8pm

Primary Vote

TUESDAY JUNE 26, 2018

Berwyn Heights Elementary School
6200 Pontiac Street,
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

7am-8pm

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

Live Concerts:

SUN. 6/10, 6-8PM—SPORTS PARK—

Come rock out to our former
mailman Kenny & his band, "The
Side Effect"



Bring a chair or a blanket.

Snacks & refreshments will be sold at

The Boys & Girls Club Snack Bar

THU. 7/5, 6-8PM— LAKE ARTEMESIA—

Susan Jones Jazz Quartet

Feel free to bring a picnic &
something to sit on!

Band CDS & BH Day T-Shirts will
also be on sale.



Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday June 23rd, 8am (Rain or Shine)

To be included in the Town Map, please send:

Full Name, Address & TOP 3 ITEMS for sale to

Susan at violindreams@verizon.net NO LATER than noon Wed. June 20th.

Maps will be available Fri. June 22nd at the Town Office, and on Sat. June 23rd
at the BH Community Center Parking Lot

Next Recreation Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 5th, 7:30 pm
in the G. Love Room. For more info or to join,

Budget Workshop

March 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Police Chief Kenneth Antolik, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

1. Budget

Overview and goals for the budget worksession

This special budget worksession is designed for the Council to review the entire proposed FY 2019 budgets (both the General Fund and the Public Safety Taxing District) presented by TA Cowles at the March 5 worksession. Senior staff is in attendance to present their departmental budgets in the morning. In the afternoon, TA Cowles will review the General Government, Capital Projects & Purchases, Non-Departmental and Cable budgets, followed by the heads of Town organizations, who have been invited to explain their budget requests. Questions will be answered at any time during a presentation.

Code presentation

Code Supervisor Glass gave an overview of the organization and responsibilities of the Code Compliance Department. Currently, the Department has one supervisor, 2 part-time officers and 1 part-time clerk. They assist the supervisor in carrying out core functions of the Department, consisting of: monitoring residential and commercial properties for proper maintenance; licensing and inspecting the 214 rental properties, making up approximately 22% of all residential dwellings; issuing building, dumpster and portable storage unit permits; and providing call-a-bus service for seniors and disabled residents. The Code Department maintains 2 vehicles, one sports utility vehicle for everyday patrols and the County-provided call-a-bus.

Mr. Glass listed last year's accomplishments and goals for the next fiscal year.

Goals include:

- educating rental property owners about their responsibilities in maintaining rental properties;
- continuing to educate residents about Town ordinances;

reviewing Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot recommended changes;

attending CEZOA and County training to learn about best practices; and

increasing part-time hours.

Mr. Glass continued with an explanation of line items in the [Code Department budget](#). Some were discussed in detail, including

software/ network support (level funded. Comcate for tracking Code violations);

part-time salaries (31.4% increase due to moving the business licensing function from the Administration to the Code Department, and mandated sick leave for part-time employees);

vehicle repairs & maintenance (level funded. Code car is relatively new);

gas & oil (level funded based on prior year actuals);

dues & conferences (104% increase. Includes MML conference);

training & seminars (33.3% increase to support professional development of staff. Updated Animal Ordinance may require additional training of Code staff).

Revenues for rental licenses and building permits are projected to increase as the number of rental homes is showing an upward trend and building activity is increasing. Revenues from fees and fines are projected to decrease as the Department works with home owners to achieve compliance.

CM Rasmussen proposed that the Town discontinue issuing building permits, as he does not see any value added to the permitting process by the Town. Supervisor Glass replied that Code staff monitors for unauthorized building activity, as well as for compliance with permitted building plans. DPIE does not have enough staff to monitor across the County. TA Cowles said the Town receives no tax differential for code enforcement activities. She confirmed that other municipalities issue building permits. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the monitoring of building activity helps improve the overall safety and well-being of Town residents. If the Town chose to stop collecting building permit fees, it might have to raise taxes instead. The next Council may want to re-evaluate the amount charged for a building permit.

Police Presentation

Chief Antolik gave an overview of the [Police Department's mission, functions and values](#). It is the mission of the BHPD to provide professional law enforcement services in accordance with Federal and State laws and the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Berwyn Heights. This includes a broad program of community outreach, ongoing cooperation with the Code Department in enforcing the Noise, Parking and Animal Ordinances, and partnering with neighboring police departments in preventing crime and responding to incidents. The Department currently has 9 salaried officers, one Chief, one Clerk, 4 public safety aides and 2 interns. It has 10 marked police vehicles, 4 unmarked vehicles and a covert vehicle.

Chief Antolik reported that crime has followed a steady downward trend over the last 10 years and Berwyn Heights remains the safest municipality in Prince George's County. Mayor Jewitt suggested that the monthly crime report break down thefts by whether they are committed against commercial or residential properties, as the majority of robberies target businesses.

Chief Antolik provided a summary of the Police Department's accomplishments, goals, and a detailed explanation of the community programs BHPD runs. Many have been working successfully for years, and some are newer initiatives. Among the latter are a resumption of bike patrols, in which Officer Rufino has expressed interest, more foot patrols during the warm months, ID badges for itinerant vendors, expansion of services for the elderly, outreach to the Latino community with the help of a bi-lingual clerk and a bi-lingual officer, greater social media presence and public relations videos, and a renewed emphasis on litter and animal violations enforcement.

The FY 2019 budget seeks more funding for recognizing exceptional performance, increasing training of command staff and officers, updating medical and first aid kits, and purchasing 9 in-car cameras and 1 tablet computer.

Questions & Answers: Chief Antolik and TA Cowles responded to questions from the Council:

- Increase of \$3,000 in the public relations line item reflects greater efforts to engage the community, a strategic priority of the Council. It also reflects a drop-off in donations from the

business community. The funds are used to purchase t-shirts, gifts, literature, posters and branded merchandise.

Proposed 0.41% increase in FY 2019 salaries appears low because there were significant salary lapses in the previous two years due to vacant positions. FY 2019 salaries are based on a fully staffed police department.

A \$10,000 contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD) instituted in FY 2013 seeks to compensate the Department for a drop-off in donations from residents. The funds come from the Public Safety Reserve, allowing the Council to increase the contribution without impacting the operating budget.

Projected \$53,000 in police aid is based on the FY 2017 actuals.

Projected \$30,000 in speed camera receipts are transferred into the public safety reserve. The reserve pays for the administration of the program, pegged at \$20,000, and for the \$10,000 BHVFD contribution. The cost of administering the speed camera program includes an officer's time spent reviewing the tickets and speed camera vendor fees. The sum of \$20,000 for speed camera administration was proposed to make expenditures equal to revenues.

Rent for the BHPD offices has gone up by 4.9% but the space remains inadequate, lacking sufficient privacy for discussing confidential matters, and an emergency generator. Chief Antolik would welcome moving the police department into a Town-owned building.

Break: 11:00 to 11:15 pm

Public Works Presentation

Public Works Director Hall gave an overview of the [Public Works functions and organization](#). Core functions consist of curbside collection of different types of refuse, maintenance of Town infrastructure, buildings and lands, and responding to weather emergencies. Public Works coordinates with County agencies in maintaining storm drains and park land, and with the Town's Code Department in enforcing refuse regulations.

Currently, the Department has 9 employees, including a director, 1 foreman, 1 administrative assistant (part-time) and 6 maintenance workers (1 part-time).

Director Hall highlighted last year's accomplishments and next year's goals. Among the latter are:

- Oversee street repairs;
- Inventory and replace street signs to meet current US Department of Transportation standards;
- Continue to implement processes and procedures to improve operations;
- Work on team-building and staff accountability.

Director Hall proposed to reduce refuse collection from 2 times to 1 time per week to free up staff time for other maintenance work. This could be accomplished by adding automatic lifts to the refuse trucks, and switching to standard refuse and recycling bins designed to fit the mechanical lift. While the upfront investment is substantial (truck lift = \$23,000; refuse bins = \$42,000; recycling bins = \$42,000), there would be long term benefits. Benefits include:

- Healthier work environment for DPW staff;
- More time to complete other maintenance work;
- Stable refuse collection schedule;
- Long-term savings from recycling a greater share of household refuse.

Director Hall said the new collection schedule could be as follows:

- Monday – Household Trash, town-wide;
- Tuesday – Yard Waste, town-wide;
- Wednesday – Recycling, town-wide

A 2nd pickup of household refuse could be offered for those who need it on Thursdays but an additional fee would be charged (for example \$125 quarterly). Once-weekly collection would require using larger 64-gallon bins to collect more refuse from each household. Director Hall demonstrated how the pickup would work using 2 sample bins. CM Rasmussen said a municipality in Minnesota where he lived charges a refuse collection fee to households based on the size of bin they select, i.e., how much refuse they generate.

TA Cowles said the cost of the Town's collection service in terms of staff and (landfill) disposal fees should be around \$327 per household per year, not includ-

ing the cost of equipment and fuel, to reflect the cost of this service. Currently, the Town charges a \$70 annual collection fee and subsidizes the remainder from the general fund. Some municipalities set up enterprise funds to budget for the service.

The Council discussed whether the Town should provide standard bins and require every household to use them. MPT Kulpa-Eddy objected to the 64-gallon bin requirement saying that these bins, if filled completely, would be difficult to drag up an incline, and some households do not need such a large bin because they don't generate much trash. The bins proposed for purchase are made of durable plastic and have a 10-year warranty, but wheels are likely to wear out earlier. Any worn or broken parts would need to be replaced by the Town.

Director Hall had an alternative proposal to free up Public Works staff for other work, in the event the Council did not want to mechanize refuse pickup and move to once-a-week pickup:

- Monday – Household Trash, town-wide using 2 trucks and 6 men;
- Tuesday – Yard Waste, Town-wide, using 1 truck and 3 men. Remaining staff can do other jobs;
- Wednesday – Recycling, Town-wide, using 2 trucks and 6 men;
- Thursday – Household Trash, Town-wide, using 1 truck and 3 men. Remaining staff can do other jobs.

The crewmen, who perform collections on Tuesday and Thursday would be allowed to go home after pickup is complete; however, this proposal still assumes that the Town would switch to larger recycling bins to incentivize more recycling. Disposal fees at recycling facilities are less than disposal fees at landfills. In either case, the changes in collection procedures will require educating residents.

Director Hall discussed other budget requests, including:

\$18,000 is proposed to replace the dump body on 2004 dump truck, saving the Town \$50,000 over buying a new truck;

\$30,000 is proposed to replace worn double bay doors at the Public Works building;

Maintenance & repair of vehicles is level funded. FY 2018 expenses were unusually high because the leaf machine and refuse trucks underwent extensive

repairs. DPW has contracted with another truck repair shop that offers better service at a lower cost.

Fuel costs are projected to decrease by 16.7%, based on FY 2017 actuals and overall better fuel-efficiency of the vehicle fleet.

In response to other Council questions, Director Hall answered that an inadequate storm drain at Ruatan Street and 56th Avenue could be brought up to standard when the road repair project is underway. A deteriorated parking area adjacent to the T-ball field on 56th Avenue could be improved by spreading some of the milled water-pervious asphalt that will become available during the road repair project. But Park & Planning (M-NCPPC) will have to approve it.

Phase II Road Repair Funding

TA Cowles requested guidance on how the Council desires to fund Phase II of the road repair project, comprising those streets rated in 'fair' condition. If considering a bond issue through the State's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Council would have to adopt legislation fairly soon to be able to participate in the next DHCD bond issuance round. Phase I road repairs are already covered by funds in the infrastructure reserve. Director Hall recommended moving forward as contractor prices, on which the repair estimates are based, are only good for another year. The roads rated in fair condition need attention sooner rather than later.

The Council agreed that taking on new debt after having worked hard to become debt free is a big step and will meet some resistance from residents. The decision will depend in part on whether Highway User Revenue (HUR) is restored at a level to be able to pay off a bond. A DHCD's 10-bond issue of slightly more than \$1 million would require \$125,000 annually to pay off at 3.1% interest rate. Longer term bonds would lower the principal but increase the amount of interest to be paid. The Town's road tax projected at \$99,000 in FY 2019 would not be sufficient to cover the bond payments, but it could be supplemented by using the unrestricted fund balance, currently at \$789,000, and the Greenbelt Station reserve, currently at \$515,000.

Break 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

General Government

TA Cowles said that salaries across all departments are budgeted to receive increases of a 1 ½% COLA, plus merit increases ranging between 0% and 4% based on performance ratings. Additional funding has also been budgeted for professional development of the Town's workforce.

In the Administration Department the main changes were the transfer of the business licensing function to the Code Department, and changing the Town Clerk position from part-time to full-time, with additional funding to cover the salary increase coming from the cable budget. Expenditures for the Town Bulletin have stabilized, while expenditures for the Town Center and Municipal Building have decreased slightly, due to the installation of a more energy efficient heating and air conditioning system. The Mayor & Council budget has been level-funded, maintaining funding of \$4,500 for public relations.

Questions & Answers: TA Cowles responded to questions about particular line items. Some funding changes were proposed:

- Increase in legal services for bond counsel. TA Cowles noted that expenses for a bond counsel could be wrapped into the bond issue itself;

- Increase in public relations for special mailers to publicize changes in the refuse collection schedule and urban forest initiatives;

- Increase in audit services to explore hiring a different auditing firm.

Also discussed were upgrades to the Town Center 2nd floor to make the facility more suitable as an emergency center; specifically, adding more bathrooms and a shower facility. This could be undertaken in conjunction with the planned upgrade to the municipal building to accommodate the Police Department. The proposed beautification of the event space with murals and/ or exhibits could be taken from money currently set aside in the Parks & Recreation (PRECA) budget.

CM Dennison left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Cable

TA Cowles said that the cable budget is funded from Comcast and Verizon franchise fees and PEG grants, the latter being dedicated to running the Town's Cable TV channel. The main expense in

the cable budget is the Town's I-NET membership that provides internet service at all Town facilities. The live-streaming service as well as the salaries of the camera operator and the clerk's time spent on programming tasks are also paid from this budget. It was noted that the streaming of Council meetings works well but that the broadcast on Comcast's channel 71 has problems.

Non-departmental

TA Cowles highlighted important changes in the non-departmental budget. Unemployment compensation will go up from \$3,000 to \$9,000 based largely on a claim filed 3 years ago that is now impacting the Town's experience rating. Workers compensation is projected to rise by 3.6% to \$72,500. This is a relatively large sum because the Town has a police force and policing is high-risk activity. The Town's contribution to the Maryland State Retirement System for employee pensions remains at 8.6% for a total annual expenditure of \$105,000, plus an \$800 administration fee.

The rates for the Town's FY 2019 health, vision and dental insurance are set and show modest increases. The LGIT health insurance plan, now in its second year, will increase by 5% in FY 2019 for a total cost of \$145,000. Employees confirm that this health plan is much better than the HMO plan the Town had offered until 2016. This year, the Town was reimbursed \$34,000 because employees are using the insurance as intended, seeking appropriate preventative care. A portion of this surplus will be used towards a wellness program for employees that may include gym memberships as well as participation in a Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) initiative.

PRECA aide

Mayor Jewitt asked if the appropriation of \$4,000 for a Parks & Recreation (PRECA) aide is money well spent. The PRECA aide position was established in this year's budget to assist the Councilmember in charge of the department in coordinating Berwyn Heights Day planning and liaising with Town organizations. She is skeptical if the aide is needed, given that the Recreation Council and PRECA department head also carry out these functions.

CM Shields replied that \$4,000 may be too high for an aide just coordinating Berwyn Heights Day, but the aide also attends all Town organization meetings and collects information about their activities he would not otherwise receive. Another department head may be able to attend all meetings, but he does not have

the time. Clerk Harper and CM Rasmussen noted that the PRECA aide provides staff support for the Parks and Recreation activities, which otherwise relies only on the Councilmember and volunteer organizations to run the Town's recreation program. CM Rasmussen suggested the Recreation Council chair might be paid a stipend if the PRECA aide is seen as duplicating his or her programming and coordination responsibilities. TA Cowles said the aide works on a series of community events aimed at engaging more residents in Town activities, another of the Town Council's strategic priorities. If not the PRECA aide, someone else is needed to fill this role.

Capital Projects & Purchases

TA Cowles said this budget funds a couple of strategic priorities; i.e. increasing the Town's tree canopy and species diversity, and an architectural study to relocate the Police Department. In 2016, a tree inventory was completed, which served as the basis for obtaining proposals. The FY 2018 contains \$25,000 to prune and remove dead or damaged trees based on a 2016 urban forest study, and to create an app that can be used by Public Works to track tree maintenance activity. However, another \$22,000 to \$25,000 will be needed in FY 2019 to perform the remainder of the tree maintenance work. One proposal of \$22,000 has recently been submitted.

TA Cowles said \$40,000 was budgeted in FY 2018 to undertake an architecture and engineering study to explore upgrades to office and event space at the Town Center complex and moving the Police Department to the Town Center complex. The project was delayed because the Town was without a Public Works Director for a time. She and Director Hall will meet with an architect in late March, but a proposal is not likely to be in hand until August or September this year. CM Rasmussen said he hopes that options for relocating the Police Department can be developed before TA Cowles' departure in mid-May.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked how the search for a new Town Administrator will be funded. TA Cowles said that this would be addressed as part of the FY 2018 budget amendments. CM Rasmussen suggested that legislation may have to be introduced at the April Town meeting if this Council wants to move forward with a bond issue to fund phase II road repairs. TA Cowles replied that this Council could introduce a bond ordinance and leave it to the next Council to approve but the incoming Council would

not be compelled to adopt it. She is consulting with the Town attorney about what is required to approve the bond issue, and will have more information at the next worksession.

Real Property Tax Rates

TA Cowles explained the State requires the Town to notify the residents if it plans adopt a real property tax rate that yields more revenue than in the previous year. She is proposing to keep the tax rate at the current \$0.53 per \$100 of assessed property value, of which 3 cents is set aside in an infrastructure reserve for road repairs. The \$0.53 tax rate will yield more revenues than last year due to increasing values of real estate. The constant yield tax rate would be \$0.484 per \$100 of assessed property value. This tax increase must be announced in the April Bulletin or another paper of general circulation.

The supplemental tax rate for the commercial district (Public Safety Taxing District) is currently \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed value. If a constant yield tax rate were to be adopted, it would be \$0.67 per \$100 of assessed value, or \$0.2 higher than the current rate. She is proposing to keep the rate at the current \$0.65/\$100 assessed value, in part because there are still significant funds in the PSTD budget reserve, and in part because the Town would like to engage with the business community to undertake improvements. A public notice is not required for adopting a tax rate that yields less revenue than in the prior year.

CM Rasmussen suggested the Council might also decide to increase the refuse collection fee, as proposed by Director Hall, to purchase a complement of larger recycling bins. Mayor Jewitt said she thinks it would be better to let the next Council decide this issue, as there is not enough time for another round of public input. After some further discussion, CM Shields moved, and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to keep the residential real property tax rate at \$0.53 per \$100 of assessed real property value, of which \$0.03 will be reserved for road repairs. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Break 2:30- 2:45 p.m.

Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs (PRECA)

Town organizations were invited to present their budget requests. The requests were compiled into a standardized document by PRECA aide Isler.

Historical Committee: Chair Debby Steele-Snyder said the Historical Committee has requested \$2,000 for FY 2019, \$500 less than last year. It funds the 2nd installment for a new storage cabinet in the museum costing \$1,950, a new touchscreen tablet or playback device for the museum and miscellaneous expenses related to events and ongoing programs.

Green Team: Chair Amanda Dewey said this is the first budget request submitted by the Green Team. In previous years the Green Team has covered its expenses through various fundraisers and it plans to continue to do so. The budget request of \$5,250 total is expected to pay for supplies for workshops and field trips (\$500); advertising materials (\$500); a recycling campaign (\$1,200); event-related expenses including a 'green citizen of the year' award; a tree planting program (\$1,500); and community garden expenses (\$1,000). In recent years, Public Works has provided the mulch and compost, reducing community garden expenses to almost nothing. Plus, plot rentals bring in revenues, which are deposited with the Recreation Council. If mulch and compost and tree purchases are charged to the Public Works Department, then the Green Team budget can be reduced by \$2,500.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP): Co-Chair Mike Attick said that the NW/EP's current budget is \$3,600. It covers the cost of supplies for the emergency trailer, promotional materials, and periodic CERT classes. For FY 2019, the Committee is requesting \$4,000 to replace expired and missing supplies and cover potentially higher maintenance costs due to the age of the trailer.

Recreation Council: President Susan Jones said that the Recreation Council is requesting an additional \$3,000 for a total budget of \$13,000 in FY 2019. Most of the Recreation Council budget goes toward Berwyn Heights Day. The additional funds would be used to hold more events and associated signs and advertising. This year, a new summer concert series is planned to attract more people to Town events. The Recreation Council would also like to purchase a large canopy tent, under which it would be able to hold events if it rains. However, this budget request would only cover the rental of a large canopy tent.

Karate Club: Sensei Leon Swain said the Club does not charge fees of those who take classes, and takes part in many

community events. Currently the club receives \$200 a year to pay for membership in an international Karate organization. For FY 2019, it is requesting an additional \$200 to pay for membership dues for its Senior Karate group in a national organization, and to hold an Executive Hall of Fame Night.

Seniors Club: No representative was present. There is no change in their budget request from last year.

Educational Advisory Committee (EAC): No representative was present. CM Shields said the EAC currently receives no appropriation but there is \$4,500 in the Council's public relations line that is used to fund educational grants. The EAC has produced a form schools can use to request contributions from the Town.

Boys & Girls Club: No representative was present. CM Shields said for FY 2019 the Club is requesting \$2,000 to purchase: insurance from the Maryland Youth Soccer Association (\$600), signage and promotional materials (\$1000), and fundraising tools (\$350). The Town pays for the upkeep of Sports Park.

Wrap-up

TA Cowles reviewed a list of items she will follow up on with the Council. The Council sought to clarify some of the organizations' budget requests, the process of issuing a bond, and other budget and infrastructure items.

On a motion by CM Shields, seconded by CM Rasmussen the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Worksession

April 2, 2018

Executive Session (6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Citizen of the Year selection

Regular Session

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

1. Action Items

Budget worksession follow-up: TA Cowles provided answers to several questions the Council had asked at the March 23 budget worksession regarding

paving the T-ball field parking area; the current mileage of the Code vehicle; animal training for Code staff; and the status of the speed camera funds and contract.

TA Cowles also provided a list of proposed revisions to the FY 2019 budget for introduction at the April Town meeting.

Operating Budget - Town Organizations

Green Team -\$2,500 for a total budget of \$2,750. TA Cowles said the un-used \$2,500 is available for funding other budget requests.

Karate Club request +\$200 to fund national dues for the Executive Club for total budget of \$400.

NW/EP request +\$400 for a total of \$4,000. The original \$3,600 request includes an increase of \$600 over the FY 2018 budget.

Boys and Girls Club request +\$2,000 (\$650 for supplemental insurance coverage for the soccer program; \$1,000 for signage; and \$350 for fundraising supplies) for a total of \$4,500 (Remaining \$2,500 is for Sports Park lighting expenses).

Capital Budget

Police Department +\$1,000 from unrestricted fund balance for 10 decibel readers to equip all patrol cars.

Urban forest +\$22,000 from unrestricted fund balance for a total of \$47,000 to complete tree maintenance identified in a FY 2016 tree inventory, and tree maintenance tracking software. One bid has been received and two more are expected within a couple of weeks. The cost overrun reflects a backlog of trees requiring removal or pruning.

Boys & Girls Club budget presentation: Boys & Girls Club Vice President Angela Wolfinger and Soccer Commissioner Jason Papanikolas presented the Club's budget. Ms. Wolfinger broke down the \$2,000 requested for FY 2019:

\$650 for supplemental insurance from the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association for soccer teams below age 7 and above age 12, not covered by the Prince George's County Boys & Girls Club insurance.

\$1000 for signage, including ban-

ners announcing events, sign boards, decals.

\$350 for fundraising tools, including raffle tickets, flyers, car wash supplies.

\$2,500 in Pepco bills for Sports Park lighting are appropriated in the Sports Park line item of the Town's operating budget, but appears to be drawn from the Boys & Girls Club bank account. TA Cowles will review the Sports Park appropriation to determine if the Pepco bill has been paid by the Town.

The Council voted on the proposed changes.

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the Council voted 4 to 0 to approve an additional \$300 for NW/EP to pay for supplies, maintenance and shelving.

On motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the Council voted 4 to 0 to approve an additional \$200 for the Karate Club.

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the Council voted 4 to 0 to approve an additional \$2,000 for the Boys & Girls Club.

The additional funds are paid for by the \$2,500 reduction in the Green Team's budget request.

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the Council approve an additional \$22,000 for tree maintenance. The motion passed 4 to 0.

On a motion by CM Rasmussen and second by CM Dennison, the Council voted 4 to 0 to reduce the Public Works tree care appropriation by \$3,000.

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Council voted 4 to 0 to appropriate an additional \$1,000 for the purchase of 10 decibel readers.

Executive recruiter for Town Administrator: Mayor Jewitt said the Council has several proposals from executive recruiting firms to search for a new Town Administrator. TA Cowles has resigned her position, effective May 11, to accept another job. TA Cowles described the recruiting firms, all of which are focused on the public sector, but offer somewhat different services at different prices:

\$21,000 - GovHR (national scope, recent client Sykesville, MD)

\$15,500 - Mercer Group (led by former Bowie City Manager; recent client Westminster, MD)

\$23,000 - Novak Group (performed previous Town Administrator search)

\$24,500 - Springsted Waters (national [scope, recent clients Greenbelt, Takoma Park, Rockville](#))

TA Cowles noted the firms have not been asked to help with the search for an interim Town Administrator. She can recommend candidates from her contacts.

TA Cowles also provided the Council with an updated job description, which uses *Town Manager* as the position title to more accurately reflect his or her duty of day-to-day supervision of Town departments. The Town Attorney advised the position can be advertised as *Town Manager*, regardless of the language used in the Town Charter. MPT Kulpa-Eddy objected. While she agrees the current responsibilities of the position are broader than those of a Town Administrator, the position title should be consistent with language in the Charter and *Ordinance 121 - Powers & Duties*, which references the Town Administrator. She suggested the Council amend the Charter prior to advertising the position.

Mayor Jewitt thought the position should be advertised as a *Town Manager* because that is what the position in fact entails. She does not want to lose potential candidates who are primarily interested in a Town Manager position. The Council agreed to introduce amendments to the Charter and Ordinance 121 to change the title to *Town Manager*, but it would be left to the newly elected Council to adopt the amendments.

TA Cowles clarified some terms of the recruitment firms' proposals. The Mercer Group, which is based in Maryland and has the lowest bid, was recommended by the Town Attorney. A budget amendment may be required to pay for the recruitment. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to offer the contract to the Mercer Group. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Discussion Items

Animal Ordinance: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she made several changes to *Ordinance 101- Animals* to address com-

ments received at the March 14 Town meeting, including:

Section 4 - Definitions

Subsection L - Keeping or Harboring:

No change was made. It was clarified the section refers only to the keeping of domesticated animals. It does not forbid feeding wild animals, including feral cats.

Subsection J - Domesticated Animal: the word "man" was replaced by "humans."

Subsection P - Public Nuisance Animal: The phrases "unreasonably annoys humans" and "or gives offense to human senses" were deleted because they were deemed to be subjective standards.

Subsection Q - Public Nuisance condition: A provision on "animal hoarding" was added as an example of a public nuisance condition.

Section 6 - Standards

Subsection D - Space: Continues to allow tethering with conditions. If the County moves forward with prohibiting tethering, the more stringent standard shall apply. A requirement for the socialization of domesticated animals was not added because there are no agreed-upon standards, and it would be difficult to enforce. However, abnormal behavior in a domesticated animal is cited as possible evidence for inadequate treatment and the basis for taking action.

Subsection G - Outdoor Shelter: Requirements from the federal Animal Welfare Act were added for keeping animals out of doors when temperatures are very cold. The phrase "additional clean, dry bedding is required..." will be struck as unnecessary.

Section 7 - Enforcement

Subsection B: Wording was revised to clarify the Town code officers may resolve animal complaints themselves or turn them over to the County.

Subsection C: Wording was changed to clarify that County animal control officers have the authority to destroy vicious or dangerous animals. The phrase "or be disposed of" was added to *Definitions H - Disposition*.

Animal Complaint Form

MPT Kulpa-Eddy provided a new Animal Complaint Form that replaces an outdated "How to File a Dog Complaint" form currently in use. It outlines 3 options for

filing complaints.

1. In case of an immediate threat to health & safety of a person, 9-1-1 should be called.

2. In case of a concern about humane treatment of an animal or nuisance animals, the Town's Code Department can be called, which generally conducts investigations within 48 hours. Code Supervisor Glass should be asked to confirm the proposed timeframe.

3. Alternatively, concerns about the humane treatment of animals or nuisance animals can be reported to the County's Animal Control Field Services, which generally responds immediately to complaints about vicious animals and within 48 hours to other complaints according to priority, and in accordance with its own regulations.

CM Rasmussen proposed a couple of corrections, which MPT Kulpa-Eddy will include in the complaint form. She will also modify the Ordinance based on tonight's discussion and have both documents ready for the April Town meeting.

Funding Phase II road repairs: TA Cowles provided additional information about the bond issuance process. The Town Attorney advises the Town Charter does not require bond financing to be a ballot initiative. If the Council wanted to place the bond issue on the ballot for voter referendum, the State Local Government Article would apply. The issuance of a bond requires passing an ordinance and the Charter requires a resolution. The Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) bond program offers only fixed interest bonds. SunTrust Bank has a municipal tax-exempt bond program with variable and fixed rates of payment, if the Council is interested in other options.

Phase II of the road repairs is estimated to cost \$1,040,000 based on the rates for the County's road contractor. The 10-year bond the Council is contemplating would carry a 3.17% interest rate, and commit the Town to annual debt service payments of \$125,000. Total interest over the term of the bond would amount to \$180,865.

The Council discussed how the bond would be repaid. With current levels of real property tax receipts, the 3 cents road tax would not cover the full annual debt service. Highway User Revenues (HUR) would provide an additional funding stream, which might be set aside to fund Phase III of road repairs. Whether

or not an HUR restoration bill will go into effect will not be known until the State legislative session ends and the Governor signs the bill.

The Council agreed to try to complete the bond issuance during this Council term with introduction at the April Town meeting, and a public hearing and adoption at the May Town meeting. CM Denison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to have TA Cowles draft authorizing legislation for the \$1,040,000 bond on terms noted above. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Four Cities agenda items: It was agreed to request an update on the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (ULI TAP) for the April 25 meeting in New Carrollton.

3. Minutes

The March 14 Town meeting minutes were distributed for adoption at the April Town meeting.

4. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported she and the Council received an email from the Berwyn Presbyterian Church thanking Public Works for clearing the Church's parking lot after the recent snow storm. She also read a letter from a young resident, who proposed ways to reduce trash in the Town.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that WSSC is holding an open house on May 8 at the Laurel headquarters. She hopes someone from the Town can attend to learn about upcoming projects in this area. She announced a free mulch event at the County's composting facility on April 21, and an April 11 Town Hall with County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros. She also received a comment on the Town organization policy.

CM Rasmussen reported there is an ongoing disagreement with a resident about how the Town resolves code issues.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule of upcoming events and activities. The Council briefly discussed potential moderators for the April 23 Candidates' Night.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Town Meeting
April 11, 2018

Executive Session (6:00 p.m. - 6:32 p.m.)

Personnel Matter

Regular Town Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Denison, Chris Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and PRECA Aide Stephen Isler, as well as residents Bradley Jewitt, Amanda Dewey and Debby Steele-Snyder.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

Former Mayor Bradley Jewitt thanked the Town for the many opportunities it afforded him and his family to participate in the community and to serve on the Town Council. Berwyn Heights was a great place to raise their son, but now is the time to start another chapter of their lives.

Hearings

FY 2019 General Fund Budget: Mayor Jewitt said that the Council reviewed the FY 2019 proposed budget at its March 23 budget worksession and published a one-page summary in the April Bulletin. The General Fund Budget projects an increase of 10% in the real property assessable base, and proposes to maintain the current tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessed real property valuation, which will yield an estimated \$1,655,424 in real property tax revenues, or 8% more than in FY 2018.

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Jewitt opened the public hearing. With no comments received, she closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

FY 2019 Public Safety Taxing District Budget (PSTD): Mayor Jewitt said in 2005 the Town established a special taxing district encompassing the commercial and industrial properties along Greenbelt Road, Branchville Road and Ballew Avenue to enhance public safety. It levies a \$0.12 tax on real property and a \$0.15 tax on personal property to pay for the salary and vehicle of one police officer, currently Detective Unger. It is proposed to leave this tax rate unchanged for the FY 2019 PSTD budget. On April 10, the Town met with representatives of the Commercial District

Management Authority (CDMA), who approved the PSTD budget.

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Jewitt opened the public hearing on the PSTD budget. With no comments received, she closed the hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Ordinance 101 - Animals: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said this version of *Ordinance 101 - Animals* incorporates comments received at the March 14 Town meeting. Changes include clarifications to definitions of animal owner or custodian, public nuisance animals, public nuisance conditions, and the circumstances and responsibility for destroying animals. The Council was asked to refine or add standards on tethering, temperature ranges for outdoor shelters, space and socialization. Some changes were made to accommodate these concerns, but no agreed-upon standards for socialization could be identified for inclusion in the Ordinance. Further, the Council revised an animal complaint form to give instructions on how animal complaints may be filed under the revised Ordinance. Comments on all aspects of the revised Ordinance and the complaint form are welcome.

At 7:09 p.m., MPT Kulpa-Eddy opened the public hearing. Amanda Dewey, Quebec Place, commented. She thanked the Council for their work in updating the Animal Ordinance, which is a big step forward in managing animal problems in Berwyn Heights and promoting responsible pet ownership. The only area where further modification is warranted is setting stricter standards against tethering. Such standards have been adopted by other counties and municipalities in the USA, if not yet Prince George's County. She also welcomes the training of Town staff in handling animal issues.

At 7:11 p.m., Mayor Jewitt closed the hearing.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Rasmussen, seconded by CM Shields, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt announced that the Town Council chose the Wolfinger family as the 2018 citizens-of-the-year. The Council appreciates and thanks Angela, David, and Leslie Wolfinger for volunteering their time and energy in promoting the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club. They will be honored in a more formal fashion on Berwyn Heights Day.

Mayor Jewitt reported she and TA Cowles were invited to attend a meeting by the University Park Town Council, at which the establishment of a Town Administrator/ Manager was discussed. They were happy to share Berwyn Heights' experience. Mayor Jewitt and TA Cowles also attended an MML event, at which mayors and municipal officials read and ranked entries in the annual "If I Were Mayor" student essay contest. Winners will meet with the Governor and receive cash prizes.

Yesterday, Town officials met with CDMA representatives for approval of the FY 2019 Public Safety Taxing District budget. The Town explained how it uses the revenues generated from the tax to improve public safety in the commercial district, and informed the CDMA of a business landscaping contest the Parks & Recreation Department is holding this year. SHA performed a traffic study of the intersection of Greenbelt Road and 58th Avenue. As a result, the traffic light will be changed to allot more time for pedestrians to cross Greenbelt Road. Lastly, Mayor Jewitt thanked all chairs of Town organizations, who presented their budgets at the March 23 budget worksession.

Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy highlighted changes in the Administration Department budget. The hours of the Town Clerk will be increased to full-time, with the additional funding coming from the cable budget, as the Clerk is handling the Town's broadcasting and video streaming functions. The auditing appropriation is going up because the Town's auditing firm has increased their fees, but utility expenses for the Town Center and Town office are going down due recently installed energy-efficient equipment. Otherwise, this budget remains much the same.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy further reported that she attended *Coffee with Cops* last Saturday, which was attended by many residents and businesses. She also attended the Mariachi concert on Sunday, and appreciated their efforts to explain the meaning of their songs. Lastly, a Family Tree Adoption program is going on now that allows County residents to obtain and have trees and shrubs planted for free. Applications are available at www.myghep.org.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for March. She noted that the Town received a cumulative payment of \$63,300 in paid liens from the County. The County mis-

takenly liened one property \$25,000 in unpaid taxes instead of \$2,500, the balance of which will be returned to the County.

Town Administrator's Report: TA Cowles reported that the month of March was largely taken up by the budget, which was discussed at a special March 23 budget worksession and continues to require follow-up work. She also solicited proposals from executive search firms to recruit for the Town Administrator position, and discussed performance evaluations with all employees. Looking ahead, she continues to work with DHCD on the bond issuance application, and with Greenbelt and College Park on preparing the Greenbelt Road Corridor technical assistance panel scheduled for June 4-5. Public Works is soliciting proposals for tree work identified in the 2016 tree inventory. She and Director Hall have met with an architect to discuss steps that might be taken to relocate the Police Department at the Town Center.

Code Compliance: TA Cowles reported for Code Supervisor Glass, who had an excused absence. A total of 32 code violations were issued in March, as well as 2 building permits, and 3 dumpster permits. One new rental was registered, 16 rental inspections conducted and 2 re-inspections. The number of rental homes numbered 214 and vacant properties 10.

CM Rasmussen gave an overview of the Code Compliance budget. The overall Code department budget is up 14.8% but this largely reflects the transfer of the business licensing function from Administration to Code. Revenue from building permits is projected to increase by 25% (\$3,000), assuming the Town continues to issue such permits. The increase is due to increased building activity. Revenue from Code fines is projected to decrease by 33% (\$5,000) because the Department is pursuing a policy of negotiating with residents to achieve compliance.

CM Rasmussen made remarks about the meetings and events he attended. At a Seniors' Club meeting concerns were expressed about recycling monitors on Berwyn Heights Day, who would help guests to place trash into the proper bins. The resident was under the mistaken impression that Public Works will now begin to check people's recycling bins. At *Coffee with Cops*, residents commented about the County issuing more building code violations. At the recent CDMA meeting, he met longtime manager and general counsel of the Beltway Plaza

and Staples properties, Kap Kapistan. He was impressed by his extensive knowledge of the local commercial market and demographic profile of customers. Mr. Kapistan and other business owners were appreciative of the police services provided by BHPD.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields thanked residents for all the input he received on various projects he is working on and encouraged residents to come out for Berwyn Heights Day on May 5. The Recreation Council and Mr. Isler have been working hard to put together a great program. The budget of the Parks & Recreation Department went up to \$37,900, a 25% increase, and provides additional funds for the Recreation Council's event program and the Green Team's public outreach efforts. The NW/EP Committee and Boys & Girls Club also received an increase in funds appropriated in the Public Safety and Sports Park budgets, respectively.

Stephen Isler, Parks & Recreation aide reported that he attended recent meetings of the Historical Committee and NW/EP. NW/EP is working with Public Works to devise a maintenance schedule for the emergency trailer. A CERT class is planned for June. Further, the Recreation Council will hold an extra meeting on April 17 to finalize Berwyn Heights Day. Residents are encouraged to volunteer for any of the Berwyn Heights Day activities. The March 31 Easter Egg Hunt was very well attended.

CM Rasmussen, in an addendum, noted that a resolution setting forth 'POD' permit fees has been updated to replace the trademark name with the generic term 'temporary storage unit.' The revised resolution is posted on the Town website. He also noted that PRECA aide Isler has been named "teacher of the year" at Robert Gray Elementary School and is in the running for the County's "teacher of the year" award.

At 8:04 p.m., CM Shields requested permission to leave the meeting as he just returned from a trip abroad. He expressed his support for the bond ordinance that will be introduced later in the meeting. In this he complies with citizen comments that the Council focus on essential services.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik said *Coffee with Cops* was a success with some 30 residents in attendance, including several Councilmembers. Sponsors included the Seniors Club, 7 Eleven, Bagels & Grinds, Greenbelt Road Shell and Domino's Pizza. Chief Antolik continued with the police activi-

ties report for March. There were 5 Part I offenses, slightly above the monthly average of 3.8. The year-to-date total is 14 which is about average. The Police also issued 145 state and municipal citations and 42 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road.

Mayor Jewitt congratulated Chief Antolik on his 2nd successful *Coffee with Cops*, a great opportunity for residents to interact with the officers. She noted that the FY 2019 budget appropriates additional funds to purchase decibel readers. Chief Antolik explained the decibel readers will be placed in each of the officers' vehicles so they will no longer have to return to the station to pick up a reader when they encounter a possible noise violation.

Public Works: CM Dennison welcomed the new Public Works Administrative Assistant Ana Romero. Director Hall reported that Ms. Romero is off to a good start. On March 21, the Public Works crew did a great job clearing the streets after a late season snow storm. Staff was also busy installing LED light fixtures in the storage room, replacing street signs and posts to comply with latest regulations, turning on the water fountains at Sports Park and Pops Park, and obtaining estimates for a new HVAC system in the G. Love Room. When the weather gets warmer, thermo-plastic cross walks will be installed and curbs painted.

Director Hall also reported the refuse disposal statistics, led by solid waste with 85.6 tons, yard waste 51.3 tons, recyclables 23 tons, and scrap metal 4,100 lbs. Yard waste volumes were higher because residents do yard cleanup at this time of the year. Six new recycling bins were delivered to residents' homes and a problem with the motion detector for the new electronic gate at the Public Works yard has been fixed.

Committee Reports

Green Team: Chair Amanda Dewey reported the Green Team will celebrate Arbor Day on Berwyn Heights Day. Many interesting activities are on the program, including a guided tree walk, tree sapling give-away and a children's scavenger hunt. Volunteers are being recruited to help people recycle their trash correctly.

Further, Pepco is partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation to offer free trees for spring planting. Applications can be found at <http://www.arborday.org/pepco>. The Green Team is starting a monthly community cleanup day to reduce litter in the Town. The next cleanup is on May 12 at 10:00 a.m. Lastly, Ms. Dewey reminded residents of a recycling facility field trip on April 27. Participants will be given

a free tour of the facility and learn the reasons behind the County's recycling regulations.

Historical Committee: Chair Debby Steele-Snyder reported that the spring reception and book signing with Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, had a great turnout. A new cabinet has been installed in the Town museum and a new exhibit is being put together. The Committee will again have a tent on Berwyn Heights Day and dispense information about Berwyn Heights history and historic homes. A new historic homes magnet will be available for those who stop by the booth.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: No report.

Recreation Council: No report.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Ordinance 175 - 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2019 General Fund Budget: CM Dennison moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to consider the Ordinance read. The motion passed 4 to 0. CM Dennison moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to introduce the General Fund budget. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ordinance 176 - 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2019 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to consider the Ordinance read. The motion passed 4 to 0. CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to introduce the PSTD budget. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ordinance 177 - Bond Issuance: TA Cowles read the adopting language of the Ordinance. She explained that the Council decided at the last worksession to move forward with the bond issue administered by the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) to finance Phase II of a comprehensive road repair project. The DHCD bond program works with a bond counsel who is widely respected in Maryland. The cost of bond counsel is wrapped into the bond issue. DHCD also provides the templates for the bond ordinance and other documents required for the bond issue, which are in the process of completion. The Ordinance to be introduced tonight has a schedule for the annual debt service attached.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy commented that she supports the bond issue despite the

Town's long record of being debt free because Town streets are in dire need of repair. This is a good time to undertake the project as the current Public Works Director is very knowledgeable about road repairs, and because prices for the County road contractor are fixed until next year. Phase I of the road project will be paid with funds set aside in the infrastructure reserve. The infrastructure reserve continues to be replenished by a 3-cent road tax and Highway User Revenues (HUR) likely to be restored this legislative session, which will be sufficient to pay for the debt service on the bond.

CM Rasmussen said this bond issuance represents a break with a long-standing Council practice not to incur debt to pay for major projects and expensive equipment, but instead to set aside money in reserves and make cash purchases. This is how the Town has paid for its Public Works and Police vehicles and minor road repairs over the last 10 years; however, one can only patch roads for a limited time. The bond issue will enable the Town to complete a multi-year \$2.1 million project bringing the roads up to standard in 2 years, with half of the project cost paid in cash and half financed with a bond issue. The Council has carefully weighed the options, and he supports the decision to move forward with the bond issue. He hopes to hear from residents on the matter.

Mayor Jewitt said she supports the bond issue wholeheartedly. She feels strongly that the planned road repairs are necessary, and is glad the Town could take this project on without impacting other areas of the budget. So far, she received 5 citizens comments, all in favor of moving forward with the project. She is looking forward to more comments.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to introduce the Bond Ordinance. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ordinance 121 - Powers & Duties 1st Reading and Introduction: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance, which defines the powers and duties of the Town Council, the Councilmembers and the Town Administrator/Town Manager. Mayor Jewitt explained the departure of TA Cowles triggered a discussion about the responsibilities this position entails. The Council concluded that the title Town Manager more accurately reflects her responsibilities, which includes the daily supervision of all Town departments in addition to the Administration Department. For the purposes of recruiting a replacement, the Town plans to use the Town Manager title. TA Cowles added the Town Administrator

position in Berwyn Heights encompasses both the role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as well as day to day Town management and departmental oversight. The role of a Town Administrator is usually limited to financial and risk management and the supervision of the Administration Department.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed concern that the use of the Town Manager position title is inconsistent with the Town Charter, which uses the term Town Administrator. While she agrees with a switch to the Town Manager title and advertising the position as such, she would prefer to change the Charter at the same time. She believes the use of the Town Manager title really indicates a shift to a different system of government requiring a Charter Amendment. TA Cowles said the Town Attorney advised that the Council may change the title independently of the Charter. MPT Kulpa-Eddy disagreed with Attorney's interpretation, but would consider the explanation, if given in writing.

CM Rasmussen, referring to *Section 706.1 - Town Administrator* of the Charter, said he interprets Town Administrator to mean someone who administers the affairs of the Town in a general sense, rather than a specific title. Mayor Jewitt suggested that the Council introduce the Ordinance tonight, but discuss next steps at the April 16 worksession. She asked TA Cowles to contact the Town Attorney for further clarification.

CM Dennison moved, and CM Rasmussen seconded to introduce amendments to Ordinance 121. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Citizens Discussion

MPT Kulpa-Eddy received a comment about a traffic counting device on Pontiac Street.

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

Worksession April 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt (per telephone), Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and CM Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

Mayor Jewitt asked MPT Kulpa-Eddy to chair the meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said there are only two items to be discussed, the latter in Executive Session.

1. Action Items

Four Cities Coalition Recognition of Mayor Hanko: Mayor Jewitt said that the Cities of College Park and Greenbelt have proposed to award a plaque to Mayor Hanko of New Carrollton upon his retirement to recognize his long service to the City of New Carrollton and the Four Cities Coalition. On a motion by CM Shields and second by CM Dennison, the Council voted 5 to 0 to contribute \$25.00 towards the plaque, with funds to be taken from the Council public relations line item.

2. Executive Session (5:09 p.m. - 5:32 p.m.)

Personnel matter: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the Council went into executive session to discuss the selection of an interim Town Administrator. With the matter discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Shields seconded to close the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?



Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center.

For information call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535, or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net

CODE

If you have questions about property maintenance, rental licenses, or want to report a code violation, please call 301-513-9331 or email code@berwynheightsmd.gov

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Property Maintenance	Violations
Grass/ Trees/ Vegetation	1
Clean Lot	18
Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	1
Vehicles	9
Premise Identification	0
Non-Hazardous	14
Commercial	4
TOTAL	47
Permits Issued	
Building	7
Dumpster/ PODs	13
TOTAL	20
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	1
TOTAL	214
Rental Licenses Issued	2
Rental Inspections	12
Rental Re-inspections	7
Vacant Properties	11



Historical Committee

On Berwyn Heights Day, BHHHC member Lee Fuerst dressed the part in speaking to visitors of our tent about her Victorian home at 8707 62nd Avenue. She had put together an exhibit of the beautifully maintained Graves-Keleher-Fuerst House (see [PG: 67-022-23 survey](#) linked on the BHHHC web-site). The house was built ca.1888-1889 by the Charlton Heights Improvement Company. Its first occupants were Peter J. Keleher, his sister Hannah and her husband Terrence J. Gorman. Peter acted as a real estate agent for Edward Graves, one of the founders of the Charlton Heights suburb. He was instrumental in turning the Graves Mansion into a summer home for St. Ann's Orphanage when Graves sold it in 1897.

The exhibit and a brochure on the Keleher family by Ann Harris Davidson can be viewed at the Town museum located at 5700 Berwyn Road.

Berwyn Heights Day Doings



Lee Fuerst dressed in Edwardian garb speaks with a resident about her Victorian home.

BHHHC MYSTERY HOUSE



Capitol View, once sitting on an oversized lot 9 in block 17 at 5802 Goucher Drive, was the BHHC mystery house featured in the May Bulletin (see "Wife Pailcot" word puzzle). The house is currently owned by Mark Gratchen, who purchased it in 2006 and has since restored it beautifully. During renovations he uncovered hidden windows and doors, the foundation of a summer kitchen among and an old well. Interestingly, the side facing Goucher Drive is the original back of the house. The original front with columns supporting a portico is now in the back yard. The "carriage entrance" was formerly accessed from Berwyn Road.

NEXT MEETING: June 26 | 7:30 p.m. | G. Love Room

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For local history and culture visit <https://www.anacostiatrains.org>

Tree Care Tips!

The trees in our neighborhood are important for the health and wellbeing of Berwyn Heights!

Ensure that the trees on your property are properly maintained by:



- ✓ Removing invasive plants, such as English ivy, which can weaken or kill trees.
- ✓ Using 2 to 4 inches of mulch (not made from cypress) under trees to keep weeds and grass that compete for nutrients and water away.
- ✓ Consult a certified arborist when considering pruning a tree to ensure that pruning is done properly and avoids harmful, extreme pruning practices such as “topping”.

Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting: July 19th, 2018, 7 pm, G. Love Room

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Our next meeting will be Thursday July 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.

All residents are welcome to attend!

Join the BH Clean-up Crew!

Third Saturdays of the month, 10am – 12pm

First monthly clean-up is June 16th, Meeting point at the town center

The BH Green Team is hosting monthly casual town clean-ups to help keep litter under control. Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free!

We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pickers). No need to pre-register. Pets welcome!

Clean-ups Make a Difference!

- Trash is quite visible in our small town.
- Help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well-kept
- Our town is right along Indian Creek. During heavy rains, trash in our neighborhood gets swept up and washes down into the creek and our storm drains. This trash can end up in the Chesapeake Bay, further adding to the pollution of this precious resource.
- Make waterways safer, healthier place for wildlife and people.



Be Prepared for Mosquito Season

Pesticide spraying (whether by public entities or private companies, like Mosquito Joe's) is effective at controlling mosquitoes, but there's been collateral damage to many beneficial insects, including the honeybee. Daytime spraying has impacted the population of these important pollinators. The chemical is not meant to be used between sunrise and sunset, when bees are out foraging. There are natural ways to prevent mosquitoes without using harmful pesticides.

You can opt out of mosquito spraying from the state by completing the "REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES": bit.ly/MDMosquito



Prevention Tips

Each one of us plays an important part in mosquito prevention!

- Keep your gutters clean! Clogged gutters are active mosquito breeding grounds.
- Add Mosquito Dunks to birdbaths, ponds, and rain barrels. These are available at garden stores and contain a chemical which poisons mosquitoes but is safe for beneficial insects and wildlife.
- Check your yard after rainfall or once a week for standing water. These are common breeding grounds scattered around your yard:
 - empty pots or buckets
 - plant saucers
 - children's toys
 - playground equipment
 - tarps
 - tables and chairs
 - tubs or bins(on the lids)



Thank You

Delegate Tawanna Gaines

Delegate Anne Healey

Marty McGowan, Office of Del. Alonzo Washington

School Board Representative Lupi Quinteros-Grady

Parkdale PTSA President Pastor Michael Dixon

for participating in our first Education Town Hall on Parkdale High School. We would also like to thank the parents who were able to attend. We look forward to this being the beginning of an ongoing dialogue about how Berwyn Heights can better support Parkdale. If you would like to receive updates from the BHEAC, please e-mail windowdoll@gmail.com.



INCOMING PARENTS:

If you would like to schedule a tour of Parkdale High School prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year, please contact: lwhite20740@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ Last Day of School, June 20, 2018, 2HR Early Dismissal
- ♦ **Chipotle Fundraiser**, June 26, 5:00-9:00 p.m.. 8490 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, MD 20784
- ♦ Report Cards Released, July 5, 2018



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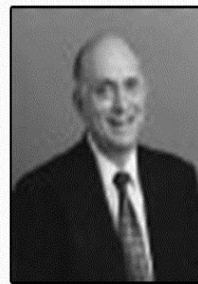
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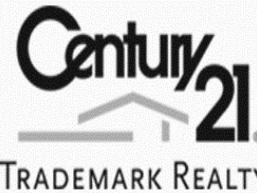


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Recent Working Incidents:

May 7– Truck 14 operated in the 10800Blk of Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville for a restaurant fire. Crews extinguished a fire that originated in the kitchen and spread to the roof.

May 2– Truck 14 was first arriving Truck to the 10100Blk of Dorsey Ln in Lanham to find a row of Townhomes under construction on fire. A 2nd and 3rd Alarm was sounded bringing over 100 firefighters to contain this rapidly spreading blaze that threatened occupied townhomes. Units operated for several hours.

May 2– Truck 14 operated in the area of Aerospace Rd/Hubble Drive in Lanham for a working house fire.

May 1– Truck 14 operated in the 3900Blk of Kennedy Street in Hyattsville for a working House fire.

April 29– Squad 14B extricated a trapped driver from a crash on the OL of I-495 at I-95.

April 23– Squad 14 extricated a driver trapped after a crash on the OL of I-495.

BHVFD Call Volume: April 2018	
Rescue Squads:	129
Ladder Truck:	67
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	7
Ambulance:	200
Total Runs April 2018:	444

BHVFD Volunteers Valor Awards

LT. Nick Bittel and FF Brody Bennett received the County's Silver Medal of Valor and LT. Christopher Hagan received the Bronze medal of valor for their actions on a fire on Dean Drive in Adelphi in December of 2016.



June and July are peak months for summer grilling fires

The Memorial Day Weekend kicks off the unofficial start of summer, and backyard chefs will dust off their grills for the long-awaited barbecue season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that grillers pay particular attention to safety, especially in June and July, when home fires involving grilling incidents occur most often. Gas grills are involved in an annual average of 7,200 home fires, while charcoal grills were responsible for another 1,400 home fires.

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Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

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APRIL Police Beat

Saturday 04/07/2018 at 10:00 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Goucher Drive for a report of a damaged 2010 Ford Edge SUV with Virginia registration plates attached. The SUV was parked on the street on the north side of 5700 block of Goucher Drive facing East. There was damage to the left front fender from some sort of impact.

Monday 04/09/2018 at 5:15 pm, 'IMPOUND VEHICLE'

Cpl. P. Roberson impounded a 2005 Subaru from the 8900 block of 59th, Avenue. Impound Type: ABANDONED.

Tuesday 04/10/2018 at 12:00 pm, 'DEATH INVESTIGATION'

Pfc. T. Hollowell, D-Sgt. D. Unger, S/O. C. Rufino and the Chief of police responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for an unattended death investigation. 70 Y/O, B/M was found in the basement of his home unresponsive.

Thursday 04/12/2018 at 2:51 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'

Cpl. J. Ignowski received a call for service for a disorderly female running in traffic, then in the Staples parking lot at 8904 Greenbelt Road. GCPD detained the female in front of Target Store 6150 Greenbelt Road and notified BHPD. The female was identified and checked out by Ambulance 14, Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. She was briefly handcuffed, and then released.

Tuesday 04/17/2018 at 9:58 pm, 'DEATH INVESTIGATION'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for an unresponsive person. On scene, contact was made with the witness who reported that she had not heard from her cousin (the deceased) since 3/21/18. The father of the deceased reportedly answered the door and let her into the home. The deceased was discovered on the kitchen floor. Fire dept., (BHPD Ambulance 14) pronounced the subject DOA as he had obviously been dead for days. The father of the deceased was on scene and had been with the deceased for several days. The father (same name "SR") is suffering from advanced stages of dementia and was transported to Washington Adventist Hospital by Ambulance 14. Preliminary investigation reveals no

signs of distress or a struggle and no forced entry into the home. The deceased was sent to the coroner's office in Baltimore.

Wednesday 04/18/2018 at 6:15 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 6200 block of Rt. 193 for a reported theft of a back pack from a vehicle. The passenger side window had been smashed out and that victim's backpack had been taken from the front seat which contained laptop computer, and a college book.

Wednesday 04/18/2018 at 9:09 pm, 'WARRANT ARREST'

Cpl. J. Ignowski conducted a traffic stopped on a 2005 Chevy at the location of the 6300 block of 193. Investigation later revealed that the driver had an open warrant for trespassing [warrant # 10011533. Subject was transported to DOC without incident. ARRESTED: Anthony Richard White a 33 Y/O, B/M of Hyattsville, MD.

Sunday 04/22/2018 at 10:15 pm, 'STOLEN AUTO'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue for a report of a stolen vehicle. Victim parked and secured his vehicle in the driveway of the company lot where he worked over the weekend. When he returned, he discovered that his vehicle was missing. The victim/owner reports that he has possession of the vehicle's only key. No broken glass was discovered where the vehicle was stolen from. The victim works for A&T towing and recovery located at 8426 Ballew AVE Berwyn Heights MD.

Tuesday 04/24/2018 at 8:05 pm, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a theft from a vehicle.

Wednesday 04/25/2018 at 11:51 am, 'LOST / STOLEN TAG'

The victim reported that her vehicle was parked at the 8300 block of 55th Avenue after being involved in a disabling accident. The victim reported on this date the rear license plate MD '4BY-3032' had been lost or stolen off her vehicle.

Wednesday 04/25/2018 at 8:01 pm, 'DISORDERLY CONDUCT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Berwyn Road for a domestic related complaint. The dispatcher advised that the caller only wants the Prince George's County Police to respond, not the Berwyn Heights Police. Cpl. Ig-

nowski went to the address and attempted to speak with the caller, the officer was not successful. PG Police Officer spoke with the caller and was able to obtain information. Complainant feels that BHPD is partial because the alleged suspect's mother is a State Delegate. The complainant was advised what to do and procedures with the District Court Commissioner.

Sunday 04/29/2018 at 1:58 am, 'COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY'

Officers responded to the 7-Eleven located at 8900 Edmonston Road, Berwyn Heights, MD for a reported commercial armed robbery. On scene, patrol units met the victim who advised that an unknown suspect walked into the establishment, walked up to him and stated, "I have a gun. Open the register." The victim in fear for his life complied. The suspect entered the cashier area and unlawfully removed the business' funds. Then the suspect fled on foot towards the rear of the building. In the course of the investigation, a suspect was developed. At 10:24 hours, the suspect was located at his home in Beltsville and placed into custody. A consent search was conducted of the home, where detectives recovered property of evidentiary value for this and another robbery. The arrestee was transported to the Criminal Investigations Division for an interview. Arrested: DIMOPOULOS, Jordan John, 41, Y/O, W/M, of Manheim Avenue, Beltsville, MD

Sunday 04/29/2018 at 3:26 pm, 'HIT & RUN'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of 63rd Avenue for a report of a side mirror to a 2006 Kia Spectra w/ South Carolina tag MWD294 was torn off and laying in the street. An unknown vehicle/equipment side swiped the vehicle and fled. No suspects at this time.

Robbery = 01
Larceny/Theft = 02
Stolen Auto = 01



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June 5	Patricia Gershanik
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June 10	Eunice Burton
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June 12	Mark Anderson
June 15	Mary Ann Zito
June 16	Elaine Calihan
June 18	Ronnie Norris
June 23	Grace Karikari
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson

JUNE ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center.

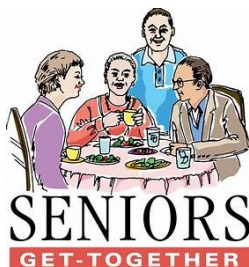
POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS — Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. On the Fourth Tuesday in June the Club is providing Pork BarBQ.



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Upcoming Events

June 11: Visit by Prince George's County Library staff for Arts and Crafts. Meet at 12:00.

JUNE 15: Trip to Bowie Playhouse to see "Ragtime," preceded by dinner at the VFW. Meet at 5:30 P.M.

ALSO: Watch NATS Baseball on a Sunday at 1:00 P.M. Date to be determined.

BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER on a Thursday. Date to be determined.

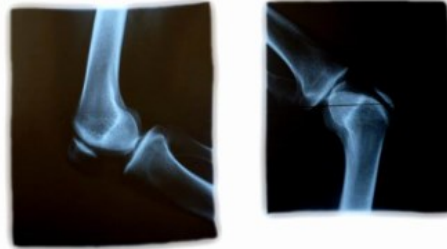
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June 2018

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Upcoming Events

June 5, Tuesday

PTA Meeting, 6:45

June 7, Thursday

Talent Show

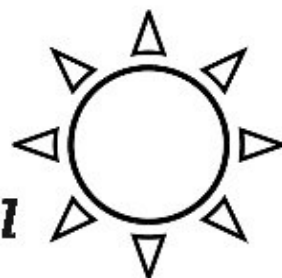
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Spring into Summer Home Spruce Up

- CURB APPEAL-mulch, mow, clean up yard, have windows washed. Paint front door.
- BATHS- new paint for faucets and shower head(Rust-oleum spray) also vanity knobs.
- DECKS- power wash and stain with new deck paint, built in stain and sealer. (Sherwin Williams). Put out new deck furniture and enjoy!
- KITCHEN- Grey is the new white! Paint or new flooring in light grey. Change out kitchen faucet with hands free new

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS OF YOUR HOME
- NATIONAL/ INT'L WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- LICENSED IN MD & DC
- 18 YEARS + OF TOWN REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE, TOWN RESIDENT

Just a few of my sales last 30 days!!

SOLD-5915 Natasha Dr 4BR2.5 BA Rambler \$339900

SOLD-8406 Cunningham Dr 3BR1.5 ba Cape\$339900

SOLD-6100 Westchester Park Dr 2BR2BA\$165000

SOLD-6100Westchester Park Dr 3BR2BA\$205000

UNDER CONTRACT-4914Hollywood Rd 2BR 1BA

COMING SOON-4BR 2BA brick rambler,FP\$320000

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





Dear Sponsors,

I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Berwyn Heights will be celebrating the 35th Annual National Night Out this August. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The Berwyn Heights Police over the years has developed a close working relationship with businesses and citizens in fighting crime. We hope we can continue to rely on your support to fund this very popular mid-summer event, which helps us build on that relationship. Your contributions in any monetary amount will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in participating, having a booth reserved or volunteering for community service hours please contact Corporal Krouse at 301-474-6554 or email skrouse@berwynheightsmd.gov



Berwyn Heights Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Berwyn Heights celebrates the event with a variety of activities including:

- cookout
- games for kids
- martial arts demonstrations
- raffles & prizes
- visits from local officials & first responders
- community organizations booths
- give-aways
- and more

We thank you in advance for your support, *Colonel Kenneth K. Antolik*, Chief of Police (301) 474-6554



Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee

Tips from Neighborhood Watch



Warm weather and longer days mean more time outside enjoying our beautiful Town! Walking with your kids to school or the park is a great way to spend some time outside in the nice weather. Plus, there are

Set a good example:

- Teach your children to look left and right, when crossing the street, and make sure you set a good example by doing the same.
- Don't check your phone or wear headphones while crossing the street. Teach your kids to do the same.

Teach your kids the rules of the road:

- Younger children, under 10 or so, should cross the street with an adult. They are harder for drivers to see and can't judge cars' speeds and distances as well as adults.
- Watch out for all types of transportation, including bikes, cars, and other walkers.
- Teach your kids about cars' turn signals and brake lights so they know what cars are doing.







































Make sure you and your kids are easily seen:

- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing, especially at night or early morning.
- When sidewalks are available, make sure to use them. It's much safer than walking in the street!

Join us the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room



June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4    4:00 PM ULI-TAP Stakeholder Roundtable	5    4:30 PM—ULI-TAP Presentation 7:00 PM Work session 7:30 PM	6  7:00 PM NW/EP Mtg.	7  	8	9
10 6:00 PM Rock Concert	11   	12   	13 	14   7:00 PM Green Team Mtg.	15	16 10:00 AM Town Litter Cleanup (Town Center)
17 Street Sweeper 	18    7:00 PM Council Worksession	19   	20  PGCPS Last Day of School 7:00 PM Town Meeting	21   7:00 PM Education Advisory Committee Mtg.	22	23 8:00 AM Town-Wide Yard Sale 
24	25   	26    7:30 PM BHHC Meeting	27 	28   6:30 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	29	30



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curb.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling Collection



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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
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.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

Christopher Rasmussen (612) 940-8510	crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Mayor Pro Tem — Administration	
Stephen Isler (301) 537-2228	sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191	jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance	
Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273	esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov

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.

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Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month

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