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PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of

FY 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

June 14, 7:00 pm

Town Office

The Town Council will hold a public hearing prior to adopting the FY 2017 budget amendments at the June 14 Town meeting.

Budget amendments are made at the end of each fiscal year to reconcile actual expenditures and receipts with appropriations, in order to comply with State requirements and to have a balanced budget.

For information please contact Town Administrator Cowles at jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov

Volunteer Dinner

June 21st—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, Ext. 5, to make reservations with Administrative Assistant Yvonne Odoi.

IF YOU NEED POLICE ASSISTANCE

IN A NON-EMERGENCY SITUATION

AFTER BUSINESS HOURS

CALL 301-352-1200.

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

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911



Citizens of the Year 2017

Each Year the Town Council selects one or more Citizens-of-the-Year to honor outstanding volunteers. Congratulations, Theresa and Diana.

Theresa Beck: founder with Leon Swain of the Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate Club offering free weekly karate lessons to children, January 2009. Coordinator of Toys for Tots and Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Recreation Council member.

Diana Agonoy: BHES Gardens volunteer since 2012. Green Team/ Community Garden member since 2013. Historical Committee and Recreation Council member since 2016. Has assumed responsibility for coordinating many community events.

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1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

TOWN MEETINGS NOW START AT 7:00 P.M.

Town meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and are open to the public. They provide an opportunity for you to bring to the attention of the Town Council any matter of concern, and serve as a venue for formal Town Council actions as well as reporting on Town government activities. Please join us on Wednesday June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

Live Concerts:



Sun. 6/4, 5-7pm—Sports Park**—Come rock out to
"The Side Effect" (formerly "Old School")
Bring a chair or a blanket. Refreshments will be sold
by the Boys & Girls Club

Thu. 7/6, 6-8pm— Lake Artemesia**—

Susan Jones Jazz Quartet

with Special Guest Jan Knutson

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

Snacks will be sold by the Karate Club

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



**Rain Location: Upstairs Party Room at Town Center



Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday June 17th, 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 12 noon Wednesday, June 14th.

Map copies will be available Fri. June 16th at the Town Office, and on Sat. June 17th
at the BH Community Center Parking Lot

Next Recreation Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 6th, 7:30 pm
in the G. Love Room. For more information or to join,
please contact Susan at violindreams@verizon.net.



Dear Sponsors,

I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Berwyn Heights will be celebrating the 34th 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.



Berwyn Heights Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 1, 2017

National Night Out is celebrated by citizens, civic groups, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and local officials in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide, as well as in Canada. 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

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

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

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

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

Worksession

April 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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, Public Works Director Stevie Cox, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Green Team members Amanda Dewey and Kayla Agonoy.

1. Action Items

Replacement of damaged police car: TA Cowles explained the circumstances of the accident. An officer responding to a call for service was struck by another vehicle that failed to yield. The officer's 2012 vehicle was a total loss. The Town's insurance company will reimburse \$13,400 for the loss. A low-mileage 2015 Dodge Charger costing \$22,500 has been located as a replacement. This leaves approximately \$18,800 in Town expenses, including repainting and outfitting costs. There is a possibility of recovering some money from the insurance company of the at-fault driver at a later date. TA Cowles recommended purchasing the replacement now, using funds from the unrestricted fund balance or the BHPD budget and charging them to the FY 2017 budget.

After some discussion, CM Dennison moved, and CM Shields seconded to not exceed \$19,000 on the purchase of the 2015 Dodge Charger. The motion passed 5 to 0. The Council asked TA Cowles to look into the price of insuring vehicles at "full replacement" cost.

2. Discussion Items

Proposed Green Purchasing Policy: Green Team members Kayla Agonoy and Amanda Dewey were present to discuss a "Green Purchasing Policy" the Green Team proposes that the Town adopt. The policy was first presented at a March 6 worksession. MPT Kulpa-Eddy offered a number of edits to the policy, which the Council and Green Team members discussed. The following substantive changes were made:

Section 2.1, Last Sentence: The policy is not intended to....prevent proceeding in ~~the most~~ a fiscally prudent manner.

Section 2.3, Use of Best Practices: Title was changed to "Toxic Substances in Products Used and Services Provided."

Section 2.5, Use of Social & Environmental Product or Service Labels: Green

Team was asked to provide examples of legitimate third-party certifiers of green products.

Section 3.4, Data Collection & Performance Reporting: Last bullet was changed to indicate Town Council's role in requesting progress reports on sustainable procurement activities and the effectiveness of the policy.

The Council and Green Team members discussed whether social equity factors, listed in Section 2.2 and 2.5, should be included in a green purchasing policy. It was agreed that social considerations such as fair trade, use of local and minority businesses, child-labor-free products, etc. remain part of the policy, but to modify the purpose of the policy as a commitment to "environmental stewardship and sustainable procurement" and rename it as an "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy."

FY 2018 Proposed General Fund and Public Safety Taxing District Budgets:

TA Cowles provided requested follow-up information from the March 25 budget workshop:

- The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget was adjusted to reflect a 2-cent increase in the commercial real property tax rate from \$0.63 to \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Police officers' bullet-proof vests are Level III types designed to stop heavier-grain bullets.
- The cost of green or "frangible" ammunition is approximately 60% higher than regular lead bullets with a considerably higher rate of malfunction.
- Permanent repairs to a grassy parking area next to the T-Ball field on 56th Avenue are the responsibility of M-NCPPC, which owns the properties along Indian Creek. The Town may spend some money on temporary repairs.
- Tree maintenance in most neighboring municipalities is handled by a combination of an in-house employee with arborist certification and independent tree contractors. Currently, there is no interest in sharing the expense of an arborist. However, Hyattsville plans to purchase a bucket truck it may be willing to lease to other municipalities.
- The FY 2018 BH Volunteer Fire Department budget was provided.
- A 2001 Police Department Feasibility Study was provided to Council by

email.

Information yet to be provided includes:

- A 2012 NW/EP study of dark areas due to insufficient lighting was reviewed by BHPD and priority areas were identified. TA Cowles and Director Cox are looking into the cost of additional street lights, as well as the availability and cost of more efficient street lights.
- A personnel rule may be considered that sets a minimum employment period for employees that obtain a CDL license at Town expense.
- A performance benchmarking system for Town services needs extensive research.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy requested additional information on budget line items that had overages in FY 2017:

- Code Department network software support
- Administration Department payroll processing fees
- Public Works Department temporary labor expenses
- Revenue estimate for outstanding liens

Director Cox provided information on Public Works initiatives funded in the FY 2018 budget. He and Foreman Cardenas plan to take arborist training costing approximately \$400 per person to be able to assess tree maintenance issues. He recommends using contractors for pruning and removal of trees. Neighboring municipalities for the most part do not have a minimum employment requirement for employees obtaining CDL licenses or other certification in their employment agreement. A longer-term commitment to work for the Town might be considered when larger sums are invested into training its employees. The *temporary labor* expenses should decline sharply, once the vacancies for a crewman and administrative assistant have been filled. He has extended job offers to two applicants and expects them to start working shortly.

Director Cox discussed the issues with testing new recycling bins of different sizes. He recommended identifying a representative sample of households to whom a larger 64-gallon toter on wheels and a smaller 32 or 48-gallon toter would be given for the purpose of collecting data, rather than distributing bins upon request. Neighboring municipalities make available only one larger size of recycling bin to residents, and will not collect recyclables that are not set out in

the provided bins. Standardized trash and recycling bins that can be picked up with an automated lift should be considered as part of the Town's overall refuse collection strategy. It was agreed to have a few bins of different sizes available on Berwyn Heights Day for residents to test and give feedback. Evaluation by residents will probably postpone the purchase of recycling bins to late summer or fall 2017.

Four Cities agenda: Follow-up on the County's tax differential program setoffs was proposed for the agenda.

MML conference plans: Five Councilmembers will attend the MML conference, 4 will participate in the formal dinner and 3 in the PGCMA breakfast.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the March 6 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0 with corrections.

4. Announcements

During the April 1 Good Neighbor Day event, the body of an elderly resident of Westchester Park condominiums was found in Indian Creek. CM Shields participated in the removal of invasive vines from Lake Artemesia's water front and hiking paths. CM Rasmussen and MPT Kulpa-Eddy worked at the volunteer registration desk. M-NCPP completed the removal of trash from the lake. CM Shields shared the survey of Town organizations and NW/EP's draft social media policy with the other Councilmembers.

5. Department Reports & Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt received a comment commending Staples on erecting a new fence along the edge of the parking lot and recommending the beautification of the green strip. MPT Kulpa-Eddy, along with other Councilmembers, attended a joint meeting with the Cities of Greenbelt and College Park about prospects for economic development along Greenbelt Road. Unfortunately, few State or County representatives were present. Previous plans for improving the Route 193 commercial corridor were made available and discussed.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy also attended a meeting on the status of the Prince George's County zoning rewrite and was pleased to find out that most of the comments Berwyn Heights had submitted were incorporated into the rezoning drafts. Notably, opportunity for municipal and County Council review of development

plans was restored in Module 3. A concern is inclusion of a stretch of Route 193 into an "innovation corridor" that may permit 12 – 13 story buildings to be erected as part of higher density development. A comprehensive review document will be published in May.

CM Rasmussen received a comment about bamboo that was allowed to spread to a neighboring property based on mutual agreement among the neighbors, on loose trash in the Staples/ Dominos/ Verizon parking lot, and on a rental license required for an owner-plus-one rental unit prior to adoption of the revised Ordinance 120. CM Rasmussen also met with CM Shields to discuss the format of a citizen survey.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar for the upcoming month. No changes were made.

7. Executive Session (9:11 p.m. – 9:27 p.m.)

CM Dennison moved and CM Shields seconded to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. With the issue discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Shields seconded to close the executive session. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 12, 2017

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, Chris Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Cpl. Roberson, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Public Works Director Stevie Cox, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Budget Hearings

Mayor Jewitt said that the Council reviewed the entire FY 2018 budget at a special March 25 budget worksession. All department directors were present to give an overview of their budgets and answer questions from Councilmembers. The input given and changes made to the Town Administrator's proposed budget during the meeting form the basis for the budget that will be introduced tonight. The FY 2018 budget is the second in a 3-year property tax assessment

cycle and funds the Town's operating budget from annual revenue streams without using the surplus. The real residential property tax rate remains unchanged from FY 2017 at \$0.53 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which includes a 3 cents road tax, and is expected to yield \$1,529,000 in revenues.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Jewitt opened the public hearing on the General Fund budget. Mike Attick, Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP), said the NW/EP would like to donate \$1,000 to the Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team (CART) and is requesting \$4,000 in funding from the Town. He also asked if the Council plans to continue the emergency trailer reserve. Mayor Jewitt asked Mr. Attick to hold these questions for the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting. With no further comments, Mayor Jewitt closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Jewitt opened the public hearing on the Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget. This budget levies a special tax on Town businesses to fund one police officer. It is proposed to set the PSTD real commercial property tax rate at \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed valuation to offset a decline in receipts. A meeting of the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) to review the PSTD budget is set for April 18. There were no comments. Mayor Jewitt closed the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the March 8 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the minutes were approved 5 to 0 with corrections.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported on a temporary closing of Metro's Green Line to make repairs to the tracks. Public Works is monitoring WSSC's repaving of Town streets where water mains were replaced last year. Residents are requested to drive carefully through these construction areas. A CDMA meeting with the Town Council on April 18 at 10:00 a.m. is open to the public. The death of a former UMD professor who resided in Westchester Park and whose body was found in Indian Creek during the Good Neighbor Day cleanup is attributed to natural causes.

An Executive Session was held on April 3 to discuss personnel issues.

Citizens of the Year: Mayor Jewitt said that the Council selected two citizens-of-

the-year and is making the announcement early to give those citizens a chance to invite family and friends to celebrate with them at Berwyn Heights Day. Theresa Beck is a founder of the Karate Club, coordinates "Toys for Tots," and helps organize other Town events as a member of the Recreation Council. Diana Agonoy is a member of the Green Team, the Historical Committee and the Recreation Council and helps out at many Town events.

4. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended an April 8 Dog Meet & Greet. There was good attendance and dog-owners were provided useful information on dog waste management, as well as keeping dogs healthy and safe during emergencies. "Mulch Madness", when free mulch is made available to County residents at the Prince George's County landfill is scheduled for April 22, and Maryland Day for April 29.

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for March.

TA Cowles reported that during the last month the Administration Department implemented live streaming of Council meetings and installed a voice-over-internet-based telephone (VOIP) system, which includes conference phones for the Council chamber and the Geraldine Love Room. The FY 2018 General Fund and PSTD budgets were finalized for introduction tonight following an all-day budget workshop on March 25. Staff also prepared the FY 2017 budget amendment and lent assistance in planning Berwyn Heights Day.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen thanked Public Works for putting up new signage on Osage Street to prevent speeding. He reported that the Code Department has stepped up enforcement of an invasive species regulation adopted with amended Ordinance 107 – *Clean Lot*, which requires property owners to confine bamboo to within 2 feet of their property line. Five residents have volunteered to serve on the Shade Tree Board, which can now commence advising the Town on maintenance of trees in the public right of way. He reminded residents that the recently revised Ordinance 120 – *Licensing of Rental Units* goes into effect on May 8.

Code Supervisor Glass gave the code report for March. The Code Department continues to focus on enforcing bamboo and tall grass violations. Per a Council

request, he determined that the Town is due approximately \$32,300 in outstanding liens. A house recently damaged by fire has been boarded up and debris removed. The owner is considering selling the property.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields reported that good progress was made on the removal of invasive species at Lake Artemesia during UMD's Good Neighbor Day. Berwyn Heights' accreditation as an MML Banner City is steadily moving forward. Residents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in Berwyn Heights Day on May 6.

Public Safety: Officer Paul Roberson gave the police activities report for March. There were 3 Part I offenses, down from the 5-year average of 4.2. The police issued 245 municipal and state citations and 73 speed camera citations, all on Greenbelt Road. Residents are advised to lock their cars as thefts from vehicles have gone up. Prince George's County police are investigating the death of a man, whose body was discovered in Indian Creek during Good Neighbor Day. He is believed to have died of natural causes.

Officer Roberson responded to questions about the number of stop signs in Town, and traffic safety at the Kenilworth Avenue/ Pontiac Street intersection.

Mayor Jewitt reported that the Council appropriated \$19,000 from the unrestricted fund balance to replace a police vehicle that was totaled in a recent accident. This sum represents that portion of the replacement cost not covered by the Town's insurance.

Public Works: CM Dennison announced that the Public Works Department will display 3 different-sized recycling bins on Berwyn Heights Day for residents to try out.

Public Works Director Cox reported that WSSC will complete the resurfacing of Town streets by May 1. The street repairs have disrupted DPW's trash collection, and some homes may have been missed. Those affected can call Public Works to request a pickup. From May 29 to September 4, DPW will move to a summer schedule and begin the day at 6:30 a.m. so that employees will be able to complete trash collection in the cooler hours of the day. On April 10, new hires Aneyka Benjamin and Santos Guzman will start to work at DPW.

Director Cox replied to questions about the time for setting out the trash when

the summer schedule is in effect; about the reasons for a higher landfill diversion rate in March; and about ways to increase recycling rates. TA Cowles added information about the cost of switching to new recycling bins.

5. Committee Reports

Green Team: Green Team members Diana Agonoy, Kayla Agonoy and Amanda Dewey reported. The dog meet & greet went well and counts towards recertification as a Sustainable Maryland community. There are plans to form a dog club and make the meet and greet an annual event. A town-wide cleanup is scheduled for May 13. The monthly meeting has been moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the BHHC will participate in Berwyn Heights Day with history exhibits and a tour of the Town museum.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Co-Chair Mike Attick reported that the NW/EP will hold a semi-annual inventory and cleanup of the emergency trailer on April 22, which will be displayed on Berwyn Heights Day. The Committee continues to seek vendors for another wine festival.

Recreation Council: Diana Agonoy reported that the Recreation Council is busy planning Berwyn Heights Day and still needs volunteers to run all activities. Residents should watch for a date of the Town-wide yard sale in the next Bulletin. Outdoor concerts are scheduled for June 4 and July 6.

6. Unfinished Business

Resolution 01-2017 - 2nd Reading & Adoption of Charter Amendment on Town Boundaries: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that this amendment to the Town Charter was undertaken to update the section on boundaries, to include the 2005 annexations of industrial properties on the north side of Branchville Road and to cede a small boundary overlap area in the north-east corner of the Town to the City of Greenbelt. The Council wanted to settle all boundary issues in view of the possible relocation of the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt Station. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the Resolution was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

7. New Business

Ordinance No. 173 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2018 General Fund Budget: Clerk Harper read a summary of

the Ordinance. Councilmembers gave overviews of their departmental budgets.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said there were no changes to the *Mayor & Council* budget. The *Administration Department* budget had small increases: in the salary line due to COLAs, merit pay and pay plan adjustments; and in the election supplies line in preparation for May 2018. Decreases are budgeted for telephone service following the installation of a new VOIP telephone system. In addition, several capital projects are funded, including an architectural and engineering study for the Town Center; the replacement of a 2000 Saturn with a hybrid or electric vehicle; an economic development study of the Rt. 193 commercial corridor; and security improvements at Town buildings. In the *Town Center* budget, the rental fee for the second floor has been increased from \$250 to \$300 to cover higher maintenance and repair costs. The FY 2018 budget holds real property tax rates constant but residents can expect to see an increase in their property tax bills due to a 9% - 10% increase in the assessed value of real property.

CM Rasmussen said most of the increase in the *Code Compliance* budget is due to salary adjustments resulting from the adoption of a new pay plan. In addition, increases are budgeted for the code tracking software, and for training and seminars. Code fees and fines are proposed to decrease by \$5,000 because the Department is making an effort to reduce violations through educating residents instead of fines. The rental license fee will remain at \$300 per year, but the adoption of new rental licensing regulations may impact the volume of rental licenses issued. Residents can expect an increase of \$100 to \$150 in their property tax bills for a house assessed between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

CM Shields encouraged residents to review the *Parks, Recreation & Civic Affairs* budget on the website and give the Council feedback.

Mayor Jewitt said that the *Public Health & Safety* budget is proposed to go up by 5%, which includes the Town-wide salary increases for COLAs and merit pay, and new tablets for the police vehicles. The Council asked the Police Department to check into using green ammunition and was informed that it is more expensive than standard lead ammunition while having a fairly high failure rate. Mayor Jewitt said that a rumor about

moving the police station into the Senior Center is untrue, but the Council is trying to find a permanent location for it.

Mayor Jewitt reported for CM Dennison that the Public Works budget is proposed to increase by 4% mainly due increases in the salary line items, as well minor increases in the vehicle repair and maintenance, training and seminars and solid waste disposal fee line items. The capital budget also funds a new fence and security gate at the yard, a road repair analysis and implementation of a tree maintenance plan.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to introduce the FY 2018 General Fund budget. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ordinance No. 174 – 1st Reading & Introduction of the FY 2018 Public Safety Taxing District budget: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. Mayor Jewitt said that a meeting with the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) to review this budget has been set for April 18. CM Rasmussen suggested adding language to the Ordinance that identifies the PSTD tax as a tax on businesses. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that the PSTD commercial real property tax rate was increased by 2 cents per \$100 of assessed value to achieve the same yield as this year. CM Dennison moved, and CM Rasmussen seconded, to introduce the Ordinance. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 03-2017 – 1st Reading & Adoption of Green Purchasing Policy: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Shields thanked the Green Team for drafting the policy, which is intended to complement existing purchasing policies. He noted several changes made to the draft and encouraged the Council to adopt the policy. MPT Kulpa-Eddy suggested changing the title of the Resolution to “Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy” to match the updated title of the policy. CM Rasmussen proposed to change a “Whereas” clause to stress the Council worked collaboratively with the Green Team to refine the policy. CM Rasmussen moved to adopt the Policy as amended. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that it is the Resolution that was proposed to be amended. CM Rasmussen moved to rescind his motion. Mayor Jewitt asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 03-2017 as amended. CM Rasmussen so moved, and CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed

5 to 0.

8. Citizens Discussion

Ron Luftman, Seminole Street, announced Senior's Club activities and invited residents over 50 years of age to join.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented on things he appreciates, including TA Cowles checking on projects while walking the Town; the Police being pro-active and considerate; new security arrangements for Town buildings, on which he could give advice; and things he considers detrimental, including an expensive architectural study of the Town Center, a cheap resurfacing job WSSC did on Town streets, delays on striping stop lines and moving stop signs after resurfacing of streets, and new 'unfriendly' restrictions on access to the Council chamber and Public Works yard.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, informed that MARC has added trains during rush hour to offer alternative transportation while Metro's Green Line is closed for repairs, and that the traffic backups have become worse at the Kenilworth Avenue/Pontiac Street intersection since the traffic light schedule was changed to accommodate the Friend's Community School traffic. He also commented on money spent for studies; the security gate at the Public Works yard and proposed card security to enter the Town office; Councilmembers and staff not volunteering enough during events; and trees planted by Pepco on Quebec Street that have died.

Joan Hayden commented by telephone commending the Town on adding a call-in capability to the Town meeting, and plans to provide recycling bins on wheels. She also expressed her opinion that too much money was spent on studies in recent years. CM Rasmussen suggested TA Cowles take account of studies over the last 5 years, the total cost incurred and any improvements or benefits resulting from the studies.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession April 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Action Items

Designating a Councilmember to vote on behalf of the Council at PGCMA meetings: Mayor Jewitt explained that Councilmembers attending a PGCMA meeting are sometimes called upon to vote on a matter on the spot. If there was no prior consultation with the Council, he or she may feel compelled to abstain from voting. The Town Attorney was asked for an opinion on how to proceed. He advises that the Council should designate a Councilmember planning to attend a PGCMA meeting ahead of time to vote on any matter that may come up, or, if one Councilmember always attends PGCMA meetings, to designate that person to vote on behalf of the Council.

The Council discussed who should vote if more than one Councilmember attends a PGCMA meeting, and they cannot come to a consensus. It was agreed that the Councilmember who received the most votes during the previous election should vote on behalf of the Council. CM Rasmussen so moved. CM Shields seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Shade Tree Board Appointments:

Mayor Jewitt said that 5 residents have volunteered to serve on the Shade Tree Board. CM Rasmussen said that Ordinance 122- Urban Forest provides for a 5-member Shade Tree Board to advise the Town Council on the planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs on Town property and Town right-of-ways, and to develop a comprehensive plan for the care of trees for approval by the Council. The Board is authorized to choose its own officers and make its own rules governing its proceedings. It is suggested that a Public Works employee serve as the staff liaison to the Council, since Public Works already has responsibility for landscaping and tree maintenance issues. There were no objections.

CM Rasmussen moved and CM Dennison seconded to appoint Laura and Jeff Knutson, Carolyn Muscar, Amanda Dewey and Calvin Sweeny as members of the Shade Tree Board for the remainder of the 47th Council's term. The motion passed 5 to 0.

2. Discussion Items

Alcohol on Berwyn Heights Day:

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Boys & Girls Club officers Angela Wolfinger and her step-father to give the Council an account of how the beer truck came to be a part of Berwyn Heights Day. Ms. Wolfinger explained that the Men's League, which is an offshoot of the Boys & Girls Club, first organized and staffed the truck from which beer was served to adult guests of Berwyn Heights Day. The Town paid for the beer, but proceeds went to the Boys & Girls Club. A couple of years ago, the Boys & Girls Club took over the operation of the beer truck, with receipts continuing to go the Club. Last year, the Club was asked to rope off an area in which the beer would be consumed, which will continue this year. Those who staff the truck are adult Boys & Girls Club parent volunteers and all patrons must produce an ID to ensure that alcohol is only served to adults.

TA Cowles added that the roped-off beer garden was instituted upon request by the Town's insurance company. The Town also obtains a one-day food and beverage license for Berwyn Heights Day. The Town Attorney advises that it is the Council's prerogative to continue the practice, as the Town Charter and ordinances do not prohibit it.

The Council discussed whether it is appropriate for the Town to subsidize this activity; whether the Town would be liable for any accidents that might arise due to beer consumption, and whether it is preferable to hire a licensed vendor to sell beer. It was agreed that this year's Berwyn Heights Day beer sales will go forward as planned. Councilmembers are to check with other municipalities how they handle alcohol consumption during community celebrations, and TA Cowles will look into the merits of studying the legal implications of alcohol being served at Town functions.

FY 2018 General Fund and PSTD Budgets:

TA Cowles provided follow-up information on questions Councilmembers had about specific budget items. Frangible or 'green' ammunition has a 15% to 20% jam rate. Chief Antolik is not aware of any other municipal police department using green ammunition. A recycling fee of \$70 per year is charged by the Town to each household to cover the cost of collecting and disposing of recyclables. The fee appears on the Prince George's County's tax bill under 'other municipal charges', but it is not a tax. Municipalities may only tax real and personal property

within their jurisdictions. A vendor will provide sample recycling bins in different sizes residents can try out on Berwyn Heights Day and indicate their preference.

In response to further questions, TA Cowles provided information on the *network & software support* line item in the Code Compliance budget; an increase in FY 2017 payroll processing expenditures in the Administration budget; costs associated with a transportation MOU with Joe's Movement Emporium the Town plans to adopt; and ATHA/PGCMA/MML membership dues. TA Cowles is drafting a memo on the *temporary labor* appropriation in the Public Works Department to be presented at the May 1 worksession and also compiling a survey of the use of studies and consultants over the last few years.

The Council continued the discussion with residents' feedback on the budget, increase/decrease in the operating budget without salary increases, and the cost and status of the police body camera program.

Follow-up from Citizen Comments at April Town Meeting:

CM Rasmussen said that several long-time residents commented on the increasingly restricted access to Town facilities at the last Town meeting, specifically the Public Works yard and the Council chambers. He asked if this is simply regret over the loss of a bygone era that is to be accepted or warrants an adjustment of policies. The Council discussed the reasons for restricting access, and agreed that there were valid safety reasons for doing so. The Town should strive to retain a welcoming atmosphere, provide ways for residents to visit Town facilities, and post signs that explain when and why access may be limited.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the March 25 budget worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0 with corrections.

4. Announcements

CM Dennison's mother passed away last week. A memorial service will be held on May 13. A meeting with representatives of the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) will be held on April 18, 10:00 a.m. to review and approve the Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget. Berwyn

Heights Day will be held on May 6. Residents are encouraged to volunteer and participate. The Green Team is discussing suitable projects for Sustainable Maryland re-certification.

5. Department Reports

Mayor Jewitt commended Officer Ramirez for her professional response to a confrontational encounter with a resident. MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced upcoming events: Mulch Madness on April 22, a free mulch pickup day at the Prince George's County composting facility; County Councilmember Glaros' Town Hall & Resource Fair on April 26 where the County FY 2018 budget will be discussed; and Maryland Day at the University of Maryland on April 29. An update on the proposed high-speed maglev train between Washington, DC and Baltimore has published possible routes. Alternative F route crosses over the Greenbelt Metro Station and the north-west corner of Berwyn Heights. The Council may want to go on record as being opposed to this option and send a formal letter. CM Shields commented that any Maglev tracks should be as straight as possible, excluding alternatives A – F.

CM Rasmussen reported that he was contacted by a UMD Journalism School student about contentious topics to report on; that SHA informed the Town it is not eligible for a sound barrier along Kenilworth Avenue; and that Pepco's replanting effort is underway in the Edmonston Road barrier. He suggested that Berwyn Heights should work with Pepco to ensure that the trees planted survive.

6. Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt received a comment requesting a "Dear Mayor"/ "Dear Town Administrator" section in the Town Bulletin, where residents can submit comments for publication. A thank you goes to Mike Attick, who provided her with a revised MARC train schedule, an alternative transportation option for Metro's Green Line, which is undergoing repairs north of Prince George's Plaza station as part of WMATA's SafeTrack Surge #14.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented by telephone on the trees planted by Pepco on Quebec Street, on Berwyn Height Day vendors, on the Public Work yard gate, and call waiting capacity of the new conference phone.

7. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar for the upcoming month. The Four Cities meeting on April 26 in New Carrollton was added.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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[Know your local community's evacuation plan](#) and evacuation routes and how to receive alerts.

Listen to local officials. [Download the FEMA app](#) to get weather alerts straight to your phone.

Prepare Your Family in Advance — Develop a Plan

Over the next week follow the [National Weather Service Hurricane Preparedness Weekly Themes](#) and promote content online and in person!

- Sunday, June 4th— Determine your risk
- Monday, June 5th— Develop an evacuation plan
- Tuesday, June 6th— Assemble disaster supplies
- Wednesday, June 7th— Secure an insurance check
- Thursday, June 8th— Strengthen your home
- Friday, June 9th— Check on your Neighbor
- Saturday, June 10th— Complete your written hurricane plan

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

June 5	Patricia Gershanik
June 7	Dianna Hall
June 10	Eunice Burton
	Bharat Patel
June 12	Mark Anderson
June 16	Elaine Calihan
June 23	Grace Karikari
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson

JUNE ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

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

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



MISCELLANEOUS

REVISITING

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

Thank you everyone who visited the Center and supported our Bake Sale.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE

This is being offered on Thursdays at 12 Noon.
Location: Upstairs at the Seniors Center.

THE SENIORS CENTER

Is a place where you can relax and meet up with your friends.



Upcoming Events

June 12

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

JUNE 16

Trip to Bowie Playhouse to see "Mary Poppins", preceded by dinner at The VFW. Meet in 5:30 P.M.

JUNE 22

Watch a Music Video. Meet at 12:00 Noon

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.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

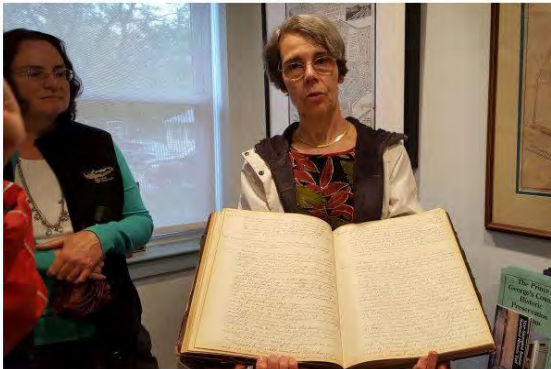


Historical Committee

Join us for a trip to the

Laurel Museum & Historic Walking Tour

Sunday, June 11, 2:00 pm starting at Town Center



BHHC Chair Kerstin Harper shows
1924 Town minute book

On Berwyn Heights Day, the Historical Committee gave a first-time tour of the Berwyn Heights museum. A half dozen participants came to hear a presentation by Kerstin Harper on the museum's holdings. The latest addition is a set of long-handled tools used by the Berwyn Heights Association to erect poles for street lights in the early 1920s.

The museum collection also comprises stored documents, photos, maps and books, many in electronic format. For example, the BHHC has electronic copies of a series of Town Commission minute books 1924-47; the 1896 Town Charter; and the Articles of Incorporation of the Charlton Heights Improvement Company. Please contact the BHHC if you are interested in viewing these documents, or stop by the Museum located in the Town Administration Building during office hours.



St. Ann's, as depicted in Washington Times, May 17, 1903

This year's exhibit featured the Edward Graves' Mansion (see puzzle 'varges snowmain' in April Bulletin), better known as St. Ann's orphanage. The mansion was raised in 1958 to make way for Berwyn Heights Elementary School. Next to James Waugh, Graves (1845-1910) was the founder of the Charlton Heights suburb, who most influenced its development. He had the land subdivided in 1887, served as treasurer of the Charlton Heights Improvement Company (CHIC), which developed the subdivision, and bought back half of the land when CHIC went out of business in 1892. He and his wife Katherine kept selling lots and leasing homes in Charlton Heights until around 1907.

Next Meeting: June 27 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room

For information contact Kerstin Harper at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov

Visit our website at <https://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com/>



Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Bugle - June 2017

Thank you for joining us at Berwyn Heights Day 2017! Whether you were snacking on deep fried Oreos, cheering on our kids in the parade, taking a chance in our raffle, or enjoying a cold one, we appreciate your support! We'd also like to say a special THANK YOU to these special sponsors & friends of the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club:



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Sat. June 17th 2017, 9am-2pm @ BH Sports Park

All kids ages 6-14 are welcome!

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(rain date June 24th)

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

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Recent Working Incidents:

April 19– Squad 14 was alerted to the 3700Blk Bunker Hill Rd in Brentwood for an Apartment Fire. Units arrived to find fire showing from the 1st floor apartment, and several resident rescues were made. A Fire Task Force was requested to the scene.

April 20– Squad 14 & Technical Rescue 14 were dispatched to the 1800Blk of Metzger Rd in Adelphi for reports of a high rise apartment building beginning to collapse. Units arrived to discover a large amount of cosmetic damage to the interior walls of the 20 story apartment building after strong storm/winds. Residents were allowed to re-enter after the County building inspector deemed no structural damage. Additional crews remained back to staff Truck 14 /Squad 14B & Ambo 14 while units operated in Adelphi for several hours.

April 24– Truck 14, Squad 14, Squad 14B, Ambo 14, and Chief 14 operated in the 4700Blk of Berwyn House Road in College Park for an 5-Alarm Apartment Fire. See details right —>

May 2– Squad 14 operated in the 5200Blk of Kenilworth Ave in Bladensburg for the working Apartment Fire.

May 2– Truck 14 operated in the 1700Blk Avalon Place in Adelphi for the working Apartment Fire with people trapped.

May 3– Truck 14 & Ambo 14 were alerted along with BHPD to the 5700Blk Nevada St for an unresponsive person found in the woods. Case was turned over to PGPD homicide for investigation.

May 6– Truck 14 & Squad 14 were alerted to an office building located at 6401 Golden Triangle Drive in Greenbelt for a building fire. BHVFD was first to arrive and confirmed fire in the walls of the 1 & 2 floors and in the bank vault of the State Comptrollers Office. A Fire Task Force was requested, units operated for several hours.

May 10– Squad 14 was alerted to the Outer Loop of the Beltway (I-495) at Arena Drive in Largo for a dump truck overturned with a fuel leak. Haz-mat units were requested to contain the fuel spill.

May 10– Squad 14 extricated a driver from a crash in the 8600blk of Riggs Rd in Adelphi, two cars into a pole.

FIVE ALARM COLLEGE PARK FIRE

At 9:30am on April 24, **Truck 14** and surrounding units were alerted to the 4700Blk of Berwyn House Road in College Park for an Apartment Fire. Units arrived to find a 7 story apartment building under construction with heavy fire showing from the 5th floor. A 2nd Alarm was immediately requested, bringing **Squad 14** to the scene, followed by a 3rd, 4th, and 5th Alarm as the fire rapidly spread throughout the building also bringing **Squad 14B, Ambo 14 & Chief 14** (McCoy). Units from PG, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Howard, Fairfax, and Washington DC operated on-scene for several days afterwards extinguishing "hot spots".



Grilling Safety Tips

Every year, 7,000 Americans are injured while using backyard barbecue grills. It's usually a case of good products used incorrectly. Here are some tips for safe grilling:

1. **Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your house.** This includes portions attached to your house like carports, garages and porches. Grills should not be used underneath wooden overhangs either, as the fire could flare up into the structure above. This applies to both charcoal and gas grills.
2. **Clean your grill regularly.** If you allow grease and fat to build up on your grill, they provide more fuel for a fire. Grease is a major source of flare ups.
3. **Check for gas leaks!**
4. **Keep decorations away from your grill.** Decorations like hanging baskets, pillows and umbrellas look pretty AND provide fuel for a fire.
5. **Keep a spray bottle of water handy.** That way, if you have a minor flare-up you can spray it with the water to instantly calm it.
6. **Keep a fire extinguisher within a couple steps of your grill in case of a major flare-up.**
7. **Never leave a grill unattended.** Fires double in size every minute.
8. **Never use a grill indoors.** In addition to the fire hazard, grills release carbon monoxide, the deadly colorless, odorless gas.



BHVFD Call Volume: April 2017

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- Pontoon Boat Rides at Port of Bladensburg, month of June.
- Movies on the Potomac at National Harbor, weekends June.
- Celebrate Fathers Day June 18.
- Greenbelt Museum reopens and Vintage bike rides June 4.
- Ocean City Air Show June 17 & 18.
- Berwyn Heights Town Wide Yard Sale June 17.

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Total Violations	38
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	3
Dumpster/ PODs	3
Total Permits issued	6
Rentals	
New Rentals	5
Lost Rentals	3
Total Rentals	195
Rental Licenses Issued	14
Vacant Homes	11

**Public Works
Department****Summer Schedule: May 29 – September 4th**

The Public Works Department crew will start workdays at 6:30 am and end at 3:00 pm to get their most difficult work done during the cooler hours of the day.

Recycling Bin Demonstration

Results of the Berwyn Heights Day survey of different size recycling bins are as follows:

1. 60% of testers liked the 64 gallon bins
2. 30% preferred the 48 gallon bins
3. 10% preferred the 36 gallon bins

What Can I Recycle

Please check Waste Management's website for listing of recyclable items www.wm.com/thinkgreen/what-can-i-recycle.jsp. Batteries and fluorescent bulbs can be dropped off in the bins in front of the Town Office.

To reach Director Cox, please email scox@berwynheightsmd.gov or call (301) 474-6897.

**Amended Ordinance
120-Rental Housing**

is now in effect. The application forms for a rental license have been simplified and are posted on the Town's website

www.berwynheightsmd.gov/codecompliance-department.

Rental home owners may want to check that their rental units comply with new fire safety and lead paint regulations adopted in the Ordinance and set forth in Section 7 C, F. Please call the Code Compliance Department with any questions at (301) 513-9331.

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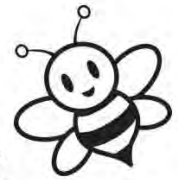
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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!

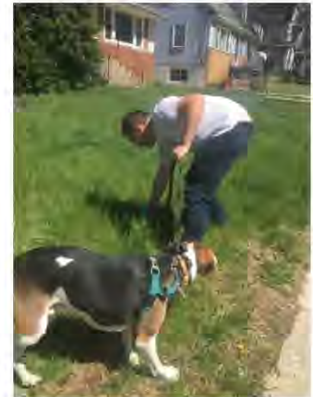
Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com. There will be no meeting in June. Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Pick Up Your Pet Waste

MYTH: Pet waste decays quickly.

FACT: Pet waste breaks down extremely slowly, causing un-scooped waste to accumulate faster than it breaks down. In the wintertime, abandoned pet waste freezes and remains for several weeks or even months! That's plenty of time for rain or melted snow to wash the waste into a storm drain, where it flows into our streams and rivers.

Please do your part and properly dispose of pet waste. There are several pet waste stations around town. **Scoop it, bag it, trash it!**



Be Recycle Smart



Recycling can be less intuitive than we think when it comes to specific items. It's best not to place things in the recycling bin in hopes that it's recyclable. **Contamination is costly! When in doubt, leave it out!**

Unacceptable items include:

- Food
- Plastic bags and wraps
- Plastic utensils
- Tissues and paper towels
- Chip bags

National Pollinator Week (June 19 - 25)

This is a time to celebrate the important work that pollinators do and learn how we can protect them. Pollinators are often keystone species, meaning that they are critical to an ecosystem. The work of pollinators ensures full harvests of crops and contributes to healthy plants everywhere.

Reduce your impact. Reduce or eliminate your pesticide use, increase green spaces, and minimize urbanization. Pollution and climate change affect pollinators, too!

Plant for pollinators. Create pollinator-friendly habitat with native flowering plants that supply pollinators with nectar, pollen, and homes. For information on what to plant in your area, download a free ecoregional guide online at www.pollinator.org.





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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets June 15

At 7:00 P.M.

Town Center, 2nd Floor

All are Invited

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& MORE**



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **April 2017**.

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

Friday 04/07/2017 at 11:10 am 'THEFT from AUTO' PP1704070000913

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of an unknown person that removed a book-bag from a 1999 Honda by breaking the window of the car.

Sunday 04/09/2017 at 7:50 am 'VANDALISM' PP1704090000565

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the Greenbelt Road Shell for a report of a vandalism to a 1995 Chevy. Unknown person broke out the front grill of the vehicle.

Monday 04/10/2017 at 2:45 pm 'BURGLARY attempt' PP1704101512

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 8800 block of 62nd Avenue for a report of a burglary. On scene, he was advised by the victim that an unknown person broke out the window of the side door and left the door open. There is no evidence that anything inside was disturbed. Furthermore, victim stated that she rents the basement and other families live upstairs.

Sunday 04/16/2017 at 5:10 pm 'AUTO THEFT' PP1704161539

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a stolen 2003 Dodge Caravan. Victim stated that he parked and secured his vehicle in the parking lot. When he returned from dinner, he discovered that it was gone. Teletype was notified and the vehicle was entered into NCIC.

Tuesday 04/18/2017 at 1:11 pm 'PROPERTY DAMAGE' PP1704180001257

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the Town Hall parking lot for a report of a property damage incident.

Thursday 04/20/2017 at 12:45 am 'FIELD OBSERVATION' PP1704200107

Cpl. J. Ignowski observed a suspicious W/M sitting in the dark in the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue. When the officer approaches him, he started to flee and ignoring Cpl. Ignowski commands. Subject was later detained by officers after a short fight and initial assessment revealed that he was under the influence of an unknown drug(s). He was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Thursday 04/20/2017 at 10:30 am 'THEFT' PP1704200753

Pfc. Y. Ramirez responded to the 5800 block of Goucher Drive for a report of an unauthorized use of a credit card. Suspect is known to the victim and case will be forward to the Investigative Services.

Monday 04/24/2017 at 2:35 pm 'THEFT FROM AUTO' PP1704241296

Cpl. Pl. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terr., for a report of theft of tools from a 2002 Chevy.

Wednesday 04/26/2017 at 10:18 pm 'FIELD OBSERVATION'

Cpl. J. Ignowski investigated two white males in the parking lot of 6201 Greenbelt Road allegedly stalking employees of one of the business located at the same location. The two claims that they were security guards working on a case.

Thursday 04/27/2017 at 10:33 am 'CHILD NEGLECT' PP1704270871

Pfc. Y. Ramirez responded to the BHES for an unattended three-year-old A/M. Investigation revealed that the child left his house on Natasha Drive while his mother was taking a nap.

Thursday 04/27/2017 at 4:20 pm 'THEFT' PP1704271673

Officers from the BHPD responded to the Staple Office Store on 62nd Avenue for a report of a theft in progress. A B/M was observed in the stockroom removing cardboard storage boxes; he ran from the officers when approached.

Thursday 04/27/2017 at 10:28 pm 'FIELD OBSERVATION'

Cpl. J. Ignowski and Pfc. Y. Ramirez were approached by a 25 Y/O, B/F female, who stated that she is having domestic trouble at her house located in the 7600 block of Villanova Rd.

Friday 04/28/2017 at 7:30 pm 'FOUND PROPERTY' PP1704282259

Pfc. Y. Ramirez responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street regarding a found suspected CDS in a homeowner's garage.

Friday 04/28/2017 at 11:17 pm 'FIELD OBSERVATION' PP1704282825

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the Little Cesar's Pizza for a disorderly subject. The subject was identified as a 27 Y/O, B/M of Forestville, MD. He was intoxicated and disorderly.

Saturday 04/29/2017 at 10:18 am '2nd DEGREE ASSAULT' 1704290000829

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 8800 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a 14 Y/O, H/M, who assaulted his brother.

Saturday 04/08/2017 at 10:20 am PP170408888923

Cpl. S. Krouse impounded a 2015 Nissan from the 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The driver did not have a proper driver's permit to drive the said car.

Sunday 04/09/2017 at 7:12 am PP1704090000559

Cpl. S. Krouse impounded a 2014 GMC Truck from the 8400 block of 57th. Avenue. The said vehicle was parked blocking a private drive.

Thursday 04/13/2017 at 2:05 pm PP1704131393

Cpl. J. Ignowski impounded a 2009 Honda from the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

Friday 04/14/2017 at 1:40 pm PP1704141467

Pfc. Y. Ramirez impounded a 2001 Ford from the area of Seminole Street at 58th Avenue. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

Friday 04/28/2017 at 3:39 pm PP1704281631

Pfc. Y. Ramirez impounded a 2006 Nissan Altima from the location of Ruatan Street at 58th. Avenue. The tags were suspended.

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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- June 2017 --

The Berwyn Heights PTA would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our principal, **Dr. Karen Singer**, for her dedication, service and leadership. Dr. Singer is retiring at the end of this school year following 15 years at the helm of BHES.

THANK YOU, DR. SINGER!

THE SCHOOL & THE COMMUNITY WILL MISS YOU!

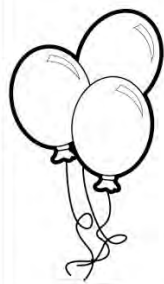
To keep the PTA running for the 2017-2018 school year, the following positions MUST be filled:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer.

Without volunteers for these positions, there will no longer be a functioning PTA at BHES.

Please email president@bhespta.org if you are interested!

**SAVE
THE
PTA!**



Get ready for the ...

END-OF-THE-SCHOOL-YEAR

Carnival

Thursday, June 8

More information coming soon!



Upcoming Events

Thurs. June 1

International Day

Tues. June 6

PTA meeting @ 6:45pm

Thurs. June 8

2-hour early dismissal
End-of-the-School-Year
Carnival

Tues. June 13

Last Day of School – 2-hour
early dismissal

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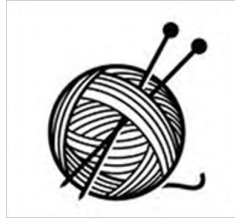
* www.BHESPTA.org

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Berwyn Heights Knitting & Crochet Circle

Sundays 6 – 7:30 p.m.
G. Love Room (next to Senior Center)



A free weekly meet-up for knitters and crocheters to work on their own projects while socializing. It is not beginner lessons.

Children under 18 may only attend if they are knitters/crocheters AND a supervising adult stays with them the entire time.

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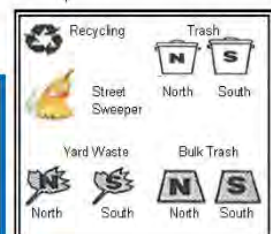
June 2017

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28	29 Memorial Day Town Govt. Closed No Trash Pickup	30  	31  	June 1  	2	3
4 5:00 PM Rock and Roll Concert Sports Park  Street Sweeper	5 7:00 PM Worksession Council Chamber  	6 7:30 PM Rec Council Meeting G. Love Room 6:45 PM PTA Meeting BHES Library  	7 7:00 PM NW-EP Meeting G. Love Room 	8  	9	10
11	12   	13    PGCS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER	14  7:00 PM Town Meeting FY17 Budget Amendments Council Chamber	15  	16	17 8:00 AM Town-Wide Yard Sale
18 	19 7:00 PM Worksession Council Chamber   	20   	21  6:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	22  	23	24
25	26   	27    7:30 PM BHHC Meeting. G. Love Room	28 	29  	30	July 1



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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
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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
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Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

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**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:
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