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FY 2017 BUDGET PROCESS



Town Administrator Cowles presents her proposed FY 2017

budget at the March 7 worksession. The Town Council will discuss the budget at four budget worksessions on March 14, 28 and April 11, 25, in addition to regular worksessions. Residents are welcome to give input.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Berwyn Heights Elementary School

Garden Clean Up

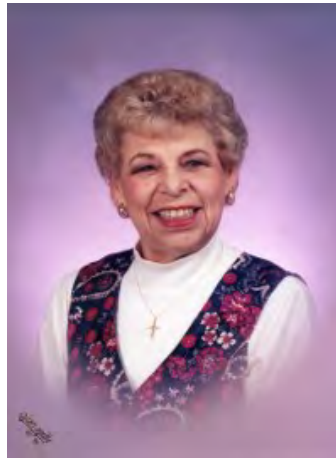
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BETTIE PROSISE

M. Elizabeth "Bettie" Prosise (1931-2016) passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. The youngest of three daughters of John Lorenzo and Ruth Joy Sauer, Bettie was born and grew up in the Victorian house at 5625 Ruatan Street. She attended the two-room school at 5814 Ruatan Street, and graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1948 before it became Greenbelt Junior High School and then Greenbelt Middle School.



Bettie married Donald Lewis "Buddy" Prosise (1929-1996) on Sept. 15, 1951. They had three children, which they raised in Berwyn Heights. They were active in the community, coaching and cheering their childrens' Boys & Girls Club teams and improving local schools. Bettie loved Berwyn Heights and had many stories to share about the country village that it was before the second World War. (See BHHC, page15.) She was particularly fond of the Berwyn Heights Day parade and participated in it as long as she was able.

Bettie was a member of Berwyn Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Deacon and sang in the choir. Her musical talents led her to join the Vienna Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines in the late 1960's, and later the Bowie Senior Chorale. The Sweet Adelines sang at her funeral. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Kelly, Michael and Scott, her grandchildren Megan and Corey, her sisters Ruth Ellsworth and Leah Harcourt, her church family, her musical communities, and many friends.

Memorial services were held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church and she was laid to rest at National Cemetery.

*Don't forget...
Sunday, March 13
Set your clocks
forward one hour.*



After Business Hours:



**NON-
EMERGENCY
POLICE
DISPATCH PHONE
NUMBER**

301-352-1200

Tell the P.G. County Dispatcher the nature of your problem; specify that the on-duty Berwyn Heights Police officer respond to your call.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday North Side	Tuesday South Side	Wednesday Entire Town	Thursday Entire Town	Friday
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	NONE
Bulk Trash	Bulk Trash			
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

Worksession January 4, 2016

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

1. Mayor

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: The starting time for the April and May Town meetings was corrected to 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM White, the December 21 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: CM Rasmussen reported that he received an inquiry as to whether the Town is looking into obtaining permission for residents, who are not students or faculty, to ride UMD buses. College Park and Greenbelt have MOUs contracting with the University of Maryland to permit their residents to use the buses at a cost of \$6,000 per year per community. He has asked TA Cowles to come up with a rough estimate of the subsidy per Berwyn Heights rider, and to check with the University if Berwyn Heights might qualify for a lower annual fee based on its smaller size and fewer riders. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that people can already purchase UMD shuttle passes at a cost of \$150 per year.

CM Dennison announced a first time gifting party sponsored by the Recreation Council on January 23. She also reported the winners of the holiday decorating contest, who will receive a gift certificate: 5804 Ruatan Street had the best decorated house, 8502 Paxton Court the best decorated yard, and 8708 60th Avenue was the best overall.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that a video of a Berwyn Heights police officer has been posted on the web by a person who thought the officer acted in an aggressive manner. The case was litigated and the complaint was dismissed. Further, Private Hollowell will be promoted to Private 1st Class this week. Lastly, the police station had water from an overflowing toilet on the floor above run through the ceiling onto the receptionist desk. Computers were damaged and will have to be replaced. A cleanup team has disinfected the affected areas, but carpets, paneling and ceiling tiles may

have to be replaced. This raises a question that has come up again recently: whether the police department should be moved to a location over which the Town has control. It is something she would like the Council to consider during the budget season.

Citizen comments: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy received a request to place an announcement about an aerobics class at the Community Center into the next Bulletin. The class may be cancelled if not enough people sign up. CM White received a complaint about a safety hazard on a private driveway that may affect Town property as well. She has referred the matter to the Public Works Department.

DPIE presentation on zoning: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed Bill Edelen, Code Officer in the Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), and Renee Blasio, Supervisor and expert on rental issues. Mr. Edelen said that the Town requested a visit from DPIE representatives to answer some questions about commercial vehicles and multifamily homes, which he will try to answer. He will begin with an overview of DPIE's zoning enforcement function, noting that zoning regulations are adopted by the Prince George's County Council and the Park & Planning Department.

Mr. Edelen said that DPIE has had several conversations with former Mayor Calvo on the issue of commercial vehicles, which generally are not allowed to be parked in a residential zone per County code. However, in a municipality, Prince George's code officers only come out upon request. If a complaint is filed, a County code officer will investigate the situation and, if a violation is found, will issue a notice with instructions to remedy the violation. Normally, the code enforcement division will attempt to work with the property owners or tenants to solve the problem. Failing that, a fine of between \$250 and \$1,000 can be given. If the violation continues after fines have been exhausted, the matter will be taken to court to obtain formal permission to remove the vehicle.

Mr. Edelen then explained which commercial vehicles are in violation of residential zoning rules:

- More than 800 lbs in weight
- load space greater than 300 cubic feet
- dual rear axles
- lettering greater than 4 inches

tall advertising a business

- box trucks, dump trucks, tow trucks, trucks with trailers, commercial buses possessing above characteristics

An exception is made for a commercial vehicle of this type if it is parked in a wholly enclosed garage. However, only one such vehicle is allowed under this circumstance. The exception does not apply to vehicles covered with a fitted car cover, or tarp. Recreational vehicles, and boats and trailers are generally permitted.

In response to questions, Mr. Edelen said that zoning regulations are established by the County Council for various reasons, some because of safety concerns. The Code Enforcement Division only enforces commercial vehicle violations on private property, while the police enforce them on public streets. The enforcement process can take from several days to several months, depending on the quality of the information received with the initial complaint. Mr. Edelen said the County wants to work with municipalities on enforcing zoning violations and has different arrangements with different cities. If Berwyn Heights is so inclined, DPIE can notify the Town when a complaint is received. The Council and Code Supervisor indicated that they would like to be informed.

Code Supervisor Glass raised the issue of multi-family homes. He said that Berwyn Heights administers its own program of rental licensing and inspections. Most rental homes in town are converted single family homes, where rooms are rented to up to five unrelated tenants. There are a few houses, however, that likely qualify as multi-family homes and may exist in violation of the zoning code.

Ms. Blasio and Mr. Edelen said that multi-family homes have a separate entrance to each apartment. They require a Use of Occupancy Permit to certify that the apartment house meets local zoning and safety requirements and operates legally. DPIE has Use of Occupancy permits on file, some going back to the 1950s. He can check to see if any of the Berwyn Heights homes in question have one. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy thanked Mr. Edelen and Ms. Blasio for explaining the County's zoning enforcement process.

Four Cities agenda: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy noted that Chad Williams will give a presentation on the Prince George's County zoning regulations rewrite, which is likely to take up the entire meeting. She suggested, and the Council agreed, to add approval of the FBI promotional

video to the agenda.

2. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the February Bulletin cover: theme Town Council Elections; announcements of candidate filing deadline, family arts & crafts event; Boys & Girls Club registration.

MML convention hotel reservations: Hotel reservations at the Princess Bay-side for 5 councilmembers and one staff were confirmed.

Guidance on the FY 2017 budget: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that reassessments of real property are coming in between 9%-10% higher than in previous years. In recent years, department directors have been asked to provide budget options for level funding of programs and 5% and/ or 10% funding reductions because of low real estate tax revenues. This year, directors might be asked to provide alternative budgets reflecting a 4% and 7% increase, in addition to a hold-the-line option, based on a more positive revenue picture.

TA Cowles said she has not gained the impression that the directors are planning major new initiatives. She recommended keeping the budget requests simple and asking for only one alternative to a flat-line budget, such as a 5% increase. The Council agreed.

In discussions, the following points were made: The police department is looking into purchasing body cameras for its officers and related IT upgrades. Directors will be asked to look for grants to help pay for new initiatives. An alternative to increasing spending is to lower the real property tax rate--to keep it at a constant yield rate--which would maintain resident's property tax bills at their current amount. Apart from funding department level initiatives, competitive salary increases, a Town-owned public safety building and road repairs were mentioned as possible budget goals.

At 8:41 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Citizen comments, continued: MPT Rasmussen said he received a complaint from a resident about unusually high water bills and asked who the owners might contact to seek redress. TA Cowles and CM Dennison said they also heard complaints from residents who have received very high WSSC bills. TA Cowles will contact the WSSC municipal liaison and try to find out how to appeal such bills.

FBI Headquarters letter: Mayor Kulpa-

Eddy explained that she has written a letter to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for the future FBI Headquarters locations released by the General Services Department (GSA) in December. She came to the conclusion that it would be best to focus on the impact the FBI Headquarters would have on Berwyn Heights, rather than point out all the advantages of Greenbelt Station over the other locations (as the developer, the media and other municipalities have already done so). Referencing Berwyn Heights' EIS scoping letter, she confined her comments to impacts on three areas.

- 1) Water Resources: Berwyn Heights agrees with the finding that impacts would be positive as the new headquarters would be built on the existing Metro parking lot, and new stormwater mitigation installations added to reduce runoff into Indian Creek and Narragansett Run.
- 2) Hazardous Materials/ Public Health & Safety: Berwyn Heights does not object to the finding that a projected increase in bicycle volumes would have no measurable long-term impact on the areas bicycle network.
- 3) Transportation, Traffic & Parking: Berwyn Heights appreciates that likely negative traffic impacts on the intersections of Greenbelt Road at 60th and 62nd Avenues have been brought to our attention. To address possible difficulties of accessing Greenbelt Road, a dedicated left turn lane has been proposed within the northbound 60th Avenue road space.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that the draft BH letter also suggests the EIS incorporate the likely positive impact of the Purple Line and disagrees that the FBI headquarters would have an adverse visual impact due to building height. Berwyn Heights does not expect a dramatic change to the visual landscape if 8 or 17 story buildings are added to already existing 18 story buildings in the vicinity. The issue of inadequate natural gas supply to the area, cited in the EIS as an adverse impact, is not mentioned in this letter, as Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Station developers are more knowledgeable about the matter and in a better position to address it.

The Council had no objections to the letter. TA Cowles was asked to finalize it

and send it out by the deadline, copying the cities of Greenbelt and College Park.

Nothing was discussed under, **3. Code Compliance, 4. Parks and Recreation, 5. Public Safety and 6. Public Works.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting January 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Patricia Dennison and Lynn White. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen and CM Maria Robles had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the December 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM White and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 3 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2015.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy gave a State of the Town address. She said that 2015 saw many changes on the Town Council and in staff. Former Mayor Calvo and CM Schreiber resigned to pursue job and educational opportunities that did not leave time for service on the Town Council. Luckily, their seats were filled by two residents, CMs Robles and White, who learned the job quickly. In addition, there was turnover in the leadership of the Code Compliance and Public Works Departments, but both are now under competent direction from Code Supervisor Freddie Glass and DPW Acting Director Kenneth Hall.

Despite the turnover, the Town Council and staff were able to finish several big projects. Five years in the making, the sidewalks project was finally completed and people appreciate them and the new bus stops and benches that came with it. The bikeways project is nearly done, with all bike racks and repair stations installed and construction on the emergency gen-

erators project has begun and should be finished by spring. On the legislative side, the Council was able to revise the Election Ordinance in time for the next election in May 2016. By the end of the term, she hopes to have all the priorities of the 46th Town Council checked off.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said the recent real property reassessments are showing an increase in home values of around 9.5% for residential properties and around 16% for commercial properties after a drop of 27% in 2010 and another 17% in 2013. This will generate more real property tax revenues, unless the Council decides to adjust the tax rate to yield the same amount of revenue as this year. With the upcoming FY 2017 budget process, directors have been asked to submit both, a hold-the-line budget option and a budget with a 5% increase in spending. Residents are welcome to give input.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy further noted that there are further delays in repairing the pedestrian bridge, which was damaged by a construction crane last April, and may not re-open until April 2016. Other projects scheduled for this spring include a personnel manual update and continued IT improvements. Residents are requested to keep the storm water drains clear so as to facilitate runoff from melting snow and spring rains. Problems with a storm water drain can be reported to the County's Office of Highway Maintenance at 301 499 8523.

Among the big projects the next Town Council will have to tackle is the renovation of Town streets in the wake of the WSSC water main replacement project, scheduled to conclude in 2017. Coming up with a plan and options for financing the resurfacing is likely to take up a good deal of time. They will also need to monitor the impact of the Greenbelt Station development on Berwyn Heights, particularly in terms of traffic, public safety and public schools. Lastly, Mayor Kulpa-Eddy thanked her fellow councilmembers and Town staff for solving problems and working together in a positive, cooperative fashion.

4. Department Reports

Administration: TA Cowles gave the Administration Department report as MPT Rasmussen was absent. She said that the Department is finishing up a couple of capital projects, which are the Safe Routes to School sidewalks and the emergency generators. The generators should be operational in late February. The Department has also released a request for proposals for the Urban Forest Initiative and expects to receive pro-

posals by the end of next week. She and Treasurer Rodriguez are working on wrapping up the 2015 audit and working with the directors on preparing the FY 2017 budget. By the end of February, the Department expects to receive a real property tax and an income tax disbursement, the two largest sources of revenue for the Town, as well as a Highway User Revenue payment.

Code Compliance: TA Cowles gave the Code Department report, as CM Robles was absent. She said that the Code Department has worked closely with the County's Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) in processing two condemned properties. The owners of the 58th Avenue property have contacted the Town about rehabilitating the house and are making progress in returning it to habitable condition. The Cunningham Drive property has been reviewed by the County's Office of Law and approved for demolition, which is expected to occur in the next few weeks. The Code Department is also reviewing the Rental Housing Ordinance and creating a version with proposed changes, as well as working with the County to improve service delivery of the call-a-bus.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison said that the Recreation Council has started planning for Berwyn Heights Day and is putting out the word for volunteers. The Education Advisory Committee has been reconstituted and will next meet on January 14. Upcoming events include a Regifting Party on January 23, and a bat-themed craft event on February 6. She then announced the winners of the holiday decorating contest: 5804 Ruatan Street was chosen as best decorated house, 8502 Paxton Court as best decorated yard, and 8708 60th Avenue as best overall.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the monthly report on behalf of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVPD). Ladder Truck Company 14 was named busiest in the County with 1,117 runs in 2015 while the BHVPD rescue squad handled a total of 6,110 runs overall. At the January meeting, President Hurley appointed a Rescue Squad Committee, which will design and develop specifications for a new Heavy Rescue Squad. They will be ready when the Department is notified about a grant award that will help pay for the vehicle.

Chief Antolik continued with the monthly police activities report for December. There were 5 Part I offenses, 2 burglar-

ies and 3 larcenies, as opposed to the 5 year average of 4.8. Year to date, Part I offenses numbered 78, which is somewhat higher than the 5 year average of 72. The police also issued 171 state and municipal citations and 234 speed camera tickets. The police are in the process of solving a December 23, 2015 burglary on Berwyn Road, where several musical instruments were stolen. Some of the instruments were recovered from a Guitar Center in Virginia, where they had been pawned.

Chief Antolik also highlighted developments in the last 10 year period. Serious crimes declined significantly after 2010, when they hit a high with 139 Part I offenses, and are holding steady with annual rates ranging between 60-80. Last year, Iris Cruz was hired as new police clerk, and Thomas Hollowell and Yomira Ramirez as police officers. Officers attended training and conferences to maintain their certifications. Looking forward, the Department is working on a policy for body cameras and plans to continue regular meetings with community groups, i.e. NW/EP, Seniors, and Berwyn Heights Elementary School, as well as with affiliated agencies.

Public Works: CM White reported that 2015 saw many changes in the Public Works Department. A new interim director, Kenneth Hall, was hired as well as several new employees. Several vehicles were surplus to make room for a new trash truck and dump truck. Last month, the crew patched potholes, installed a radio in the new trash truck and emergency lighting in the trucks designated for snow plowing. The Department is now working on its FY 2017 budget and is planning improving service delivery and possibly launching a beautification initiative.

5. Committee Reports

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper, who chairs the Historical Committee, said that the Committee is planning an event that will feature a series of oral histories with Town residents, which will take place sometime later in spring. The Committee is also working on its next street marker, which will feature the Berwyn Heights Association. In the course of researching the topic, a few interesting photos from 1920 were found and published in the January Bulletin and on the BHHC website.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP Committee elected new officers at its last meeting. Merrill Weinrich and Mike Attick were elected co

-chairs, Helen Weinrich Secretary and Shirley Attick Treasurer. On February 6 and 7, a CERT training course will be held at the Landover Public Safety Complex through the Prince George's Office on Homeland Security. People may call Mike Attick for more information and to register. The next meeting will be on February 3.

Recreation Council: CM Dennison said that the President of the Recreation Council, Tim Tormoen, will attend the next worksession and discuss Berwyn Heights Day plans. There is a need for volunteers to help with planning and organizing the event, as some long-serving members have retired. Residents are welcome to attend the worksession and share their ideas.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

There was none.

8. Citizens Discussion

TA Cowles noted that Administration Department will have a party for Darlene Erickson on January 28, to honor her 25 years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Draft Minutes — Worksession January 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Chris Rasmussen, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Maria Robles and Lynn White. MPT Rasmussen arrived 15 minutes late due to work-related reasons. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and resident Cody Lieuwen.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Dennison's son James was married today. Long-time employee Darlene Erickson will be retiring at the end of January.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: There were none.

Department reports: CM Robles reported that Code Supervisor has made an effort to count the number of commercial vehicles that may be in violation of the zoning code. Mayor Kulpa Eddy suggested the Department compare week-

days and weekends and monitor properties for a period of time to determine if it is an ongoing situation. CM Robles said a stop work order was issued for the historic Sportland property, because the contractor had started to work without a permit. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy asked if there are plans to hire a new part-time officer before spring, when code activity tends to pick up. CM Robles replied that Code Supervisor Glass and TA Cowles are discussing the options. CM Dennison reported that the Recreation Council canceled the re-gifting party due to the forecast snow storm. The Education Advisory Council will meet on February 11. It has been proposed to survey the student population in Berwyn Heights to determine which schools they attend.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said that a major snowstorm is forecast for the coming weekend. Police will be on duty and be able to check on people. CM White said that the Public Works Department is also preparing for the snow. They have road salt on hand and are devising a staffing plan. CM Robles noted that residents are requested to keep their cars off the road where possible to facilitate snow plowing. Cars may be parked on unpaved surfaces in the yard when snow falls.

MPT Rasmussen said that with Ms. Erickson leaving Town service, the Administration Department is thinking about how to carry out those responsibilities. Cleaning contractors and private caterers are being considered as options.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison received a comment opposing a possible permit requirement for felling trees. CM Robles received a comment about whether a particular tree on her property is in the Town right of way and therefore the Town's responsibility to cut down. She told the resident to contact the Town to make the determination. CM White received comments on unusually high water bills. TA Cowles recommended contacting the manager for the WSSC water main replacement project about it, as it may be related. She will follow up with the WSSC government relations manager. MPT Rasmussen received a comment that Town staff are paid well enough and don't need a raise in compensation.

2. Code Compliance

Variance request 8504 60th Avenue: TA Cowles explained that the owners of the property at 8504 60th Avenue are requesting a variance for lot coverage and setback of a 2-story shed, which

does not meet Prince George's County zoning regulations. Zoning rules require that not more than 30% of a lot may be covered by impervious surfaces, including homes, accessory structures and driveways, and that a structure must be set back at least 2 feet from the property line. The County Board of Appeals asks municipalities to make recommendations on variances before issuing a ruling.

The shed, presumed to have been built in the 1980s by a previous owner of the property, was cited by the County in 2013 for not having a permit. The current owner appealed, and the matter came before the Town Council, which recommended to the Board of Appeals that an investigative fee and certification from a structural engineer as to the soundness of the structure be waived because the shed was not built by the current owner.

Property owner Cody Lieuwen explained that he bought the property with his wife in 2009 with the shed in its present condition. In 2013 he received a violation from the County. He was surprised because he had made no changes to the shed. The County insisted on the appropriate permits, which he is now trying to obtain. Before permits can be issued, the required variances must be approved, including one for height of the shed not mentioned in the appeal.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. Lieuwen said that he has talked to the neighbor whose property abuts his and is nearest to the shed. The neighbor has no problems with the setback. The shed serves as a garage and also contains gardening supplies. His property has no installations to slow rainwater runoff, except a rain barrel, that could serve as an offset for the 42% of impervious surfaces on his lot. He noted that rainwater does not runoff into the street but tends to pool in his back yard and soak into the ground. The electric wiring in the shed also needs a permit, which he intends to get once the zoning variances are approved. The County's zoning inspector has looked at the shed and the electric wiring and found no cause for concern.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Rasmussen seconded to support approval of the variances. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Cowles will send a letter to the Board of Appeals informing them of the Council's decision.

3. Parks and Recreation

Berwyn Heights Day plans (discussed out of order): Mayor Kulpa-Eddy welcomed Tim Tormoen, President of the

Recreation Council for a discussion of Berwyn Heights Day plans. Mr. Tormoen said that the Recreation Council lost several active members and at this point has only 3-4 members who are available to plan Berwyn Heights Day. They are stretched very thin to carry out all the different responsibilities associated with Berwyn Heights Day preparations. Mr. Tormoen will be responsible for overall coordination and soliciting sponsors, and is sharing responsibilities for games and vendors. Fun Run, pancake breakfast, bake sale, concert and vendors are covered by volunteers from the Recreation Council and various clubs. However, at this point there is no one to take on the parade.

MPT Rasmussen said the Town may want to re-evaluate the Berwyn Heights Day program to decide if it wants to run the full slate of activities and utilize Town staff to fill in the gaps, or reconfigure the event to be managed by a smaller group of volunteers. In discussions, the following suggestions were made:

- Approach Town organizations and ask if they would organize a particular activity;
- Ask the police department for assistance with the parade, as they have organized it in the past;
- Scale down the parade to make organization less time consuming;
- Replace parade with another activity, such as a block party;
- Ask all Town employees to help and compensate with comp time;
- Appropriate more money to hire entertainers;
- Invite additional food trucks;
- Identify additional craft vendors and invite them.

It was agreed to check with the Police Department, other Town staff and Town committees for assistance with Berwyn Heights Day.

PGC zoning rewrite: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy said she reviewed Module 1 of the Prince George's County zoning rewrite for potential impacts on Berwyn Heights. Module 1 redefines the land uses permitted for each planning zone. The current single family residential zone, R-55, that applies for most of Berwyn Heights, will become S-6.7. The current commercial shopping zone will become one of 3 proposed categories: commercial neighborhood, commercial service, and commercial office, while the current light industrial zone will become industrial

employment, or I-E.

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy continued that most proposed zones are compatible with uses in current zones, with some exceptions: 1) beekeeping is considered agricultural production and is prohibited; 2) poultry is allowed on a minimum ½ acre lot; 3) multi-family dwellings are allowed in commercial and industrial zones; 4) nightclubs, indoor shooting ranges, pawn shops and tattoo parlors are allowed in commercial and industrial zones; and 5) vehicle storage and salvage yards are only allowed in H-I, heavy industrial zones.

If Berwyn Heights disagrees with any proposed use, it needs to weigh in now and request the definition of the new zones be modified. Once the new zoning code is adopted, there will not be an opportunity to appeal. Another issue that may come up is that currently allowed uses in an R-55 zone, such as beekeeping, will not be allowed under the new zoning rules. It is unclear if this type of activity would be grandfathered in. Either way, the Council should communicate whether it has a preference for uses in zones proposed for Berwyn Heights.

MPT Rasmussen said it would be useful to have a more detailed definition of some of the proposed uses. For example, he would like to know if the R-55 successor allows in-law suites and other types of accessory structures that accommodate extended families living together. He also suggested that M-NCPPC Planner Chad Williams be asked to provide revised zoning maps when he gives a presentation at the next Four Cities meeting. TA Cowles said she will ask for a map but does not think it will be ready at this stage.

2. Code Compliance, continued

Call-a-bus agreement: TA Cowles explained that the Town operates a 16-seat call-a-bus that is intended for transporting seniors and people with disabilities, who cannot use regular buses, to nearby destinations. It is also used by community organizations for special events. The bus is provided by the County, while the Town pays for operating expenses. The Town has had an agreement with the County going back to the 1980s, and must renew the agreement to remain eligible for the program. There is no additional expense associated with renewing the agreement and insurance will be through LGIT's general liability insurance. The agreement would also make the Town eligible for a new bus provided by the County. Should this require a contribution from the Town, the

appropriation would have to come from the Council. CM Dennison moved and CM Robles seconded to sign the new call-a-bus agreement. The motion passed 5 to 0.

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

6. Administration

Candidates' packet: Clerk Harper explained the contents of a candidates' packet each Councilmember was given in the event they run for Town Council. The packet contains a petition of candidacy and financial disclosure form, which candidates have to file with the Town by March 1. As background an election schedule, Election Ordinance and Town Charter are also included. In response to questions, Clerk Harper said that a Candidates' Night will be held in April, and that there are no guidelines on campaign financing. However, the Ethics Ordinance sets forth guidelines for ethical conduct of elected officials, including financial disclosures.

It was agreed that ordinances and charter sections relevant to the election process will be referenced on an election fact sheet. Candidacies will be made public on the day of the filing deadline. Those wanting information about the election or a candidate packet should contact Clerk Harper at the Town office.

Student Mock Town Council Meeting: Mayor Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Berwyn Heights Elementary School guidance counselor has asked if the Council would consider engaging students with a different type program, as the preparations for this event are very labor intensive.

Clerk Harper said she has looked into possible alternatives. The Maryland Municipal League (MML) has developed a well-defined shadowing program for municipalities that can be viewed at the MML website. Greenbelt has a student quiz about its city government, and some cities are using scavenger hunts to familiarize students with their town. Clerk Harper was asked to consult with teachers and students at the elementary school and find out their preferences.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk





Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee



Severe Weather Preparedness



<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml>

Make sure that you and your family are prepared for severe weather. This includes creating a disaster supplies kit and making sure that you can receive emergency messages.

What you can do:

- Obtain a NOAA Weather Radio:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>
- Learn about Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA):
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/wea.htm#.VMbuRy63HQo> What are WEA messages?
Emergency messages sent by authorized government authorities through your mobile carrier.
- Create a disaster supplies kit: <http://www.ready.gov/kit>

Just for kids!

Have little ones at home? Teach them about the weather with Owlie Skywarn (<http://weather.gov/owlie>). Play a free, online game where you go on a severe weather preparedness adventure and earn a Young Meteorologists Certificate.



FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS

Flash floods can strike any time and any place with little or no warning. City streets can become rivers in seconds. Observe these flash flood safety rules. They could save your life.

- Keep alert for signs of heavy rain (thunder and lightning). Watch for rising water levels.
- Know where high ground is and get there quickly if you see or hear rapidly rising water.
- Be especially cautious at night. It's harder to recognize the danger then.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing water which may be more than knee deep. If you have doubts, don't cross.
- Don't try to drive through flooded areas.
- If your vehicle stalls, abandon it and seek higher ground immediately.
- During threatening weather listen to commercial radio or TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for Watch and Warning Bulletins.

Flash Flood Watch means it is possible that rains will cause flash flooding in the specified area. Be alert and prepared for a flood emergency.

Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is occurring or is imminent in the specified area. Move to safe ground immediately.

SAVE THE DATE! Wine tasting is back!

The Community Emergency Response Team wine tasting fundraiser will be

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 -- 5-9pm

Watch for more details in the April bulletin...

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

Get ready to vote for your Town government!

Voter Registration, County

If you are registered to vote in Prince George's County you are automatically eligible to vote in Town Council elections. If you are not registered, you may contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections (301) 341-7300 to request a voter registration application that will be mailed to you. You can also download an application from their website, or fill out an online application at:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>



Voter Registration, Town

The Town of Berwyn Heights carries out supplementary registrations for US citizens who maintain a domicile in a state other than Maryland. The supplementary registration is valid only for voting in Town elections. You can register with the Town up to April 1, 2016 at the Town office during office hours 9 am - 5 pm. Please bring a valid ID.

For more information, contact Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk at (301) 474-5000; or send an e-mail to kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

Voter Qualifications

- ✕ U.S. Citizen
- ✕ At least 18 years of age at the time of the election;
- ✕ Town resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election;
- ✕ Registered to vote in Prince George's County, MD or the Town of Berwyn Heights

Town Council Candidates

Those running for a seat on the Town Council are reminded of several important dates:

- ✕ March 1 – Filing Deadline
 - ✕ March 15 – Deadline for submitting candidate profile (250-300 words) in Bulletin
 - ✕ March 16 – Deadline for withdrawing candidacy
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March is here and a lot is happening! Mar 13 DST turn clocks ahead, Mar 15 begins Mar madness & Training camps, Mar 17 St Patty's Day, Mar 20- 1st official day of spring, Mar 27 Easter Bunny, All month- time to get the house ready to list!

TOP Makeovers for Small Bathrooms:

- Remove wallpaper & replace w/tile.
- Replace old vanity with updated one.
- Replace old medicine cabinet w/ decorative mirror.
- Replace old out dated lighting.
- Replace that shower curtain w/full glass shower doors.
- Update old faucets and shower head.
- Paint and replace old grout.

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- HELP WITH STAGING
- 18 YR+ R.E. EXPERIENCE.
- LICENSED IN MD & DC
- TOWN RESIDENT

LISTED or SOLD by SHARON THIS MONTH

NEW LISTING- 5714 Nevada St 4BR 3BA split foyer numerous upgrades, in-law suite and addition...\$350's.

SOLD- 6030 Westchester Park Dr 2BR 1 BA\$125,000.

SOLD- 6036 Westchester Park Dr 2BR 1 BA.....\$118,500.

NEW LISTING- 4106 Nottaway Pl 3BR 1.5 BA rambler, short sale, needs TLC ..\$225,000.

COMING SOON- 1940's bungalow 3BR 1BA updt kit....\$240's.

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



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Mobile
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Danny 301-535-4594

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The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council Presents:

GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

5:00 – 7:00 PM

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DrLinchuck.com**



Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club



Has your family
Registered
To participate in
The 2016 activities
Of
BH B&GC?

REGISTRATION

Registration for the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club will begin on February 1, 2016. To register please log on to our website: <http://bhbgc.org.leag1.com/>

Please make our registrar's job easier by applying online as soon as possible. The cost will be \$60.00 per sport which includes the County fee for each child.

We will be offering the following sports: Spring Soccer, Girls Softball, Baseball, Tee Ball, Track, Sports are open to children from 4 to 16 years old.

You may also contact our Membership Chairperson: Leslie Wolfinger at: leswolfinger@gmail.com or (301) 345-5121 if you have any questions regarding registration.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE!

Please consider sharing your talents with the BHBGC. We need volunteers to help chair the following committees: Fundraising, Sponsorships, Communication/Planning, and Coaches and Assistant Coaches! We would love to have you on board with us to help our community.

We gladly welcome your thoughts, ideas, and concerns!

Shinita Hemby - President
(202) 531-6066





Shauna Aurich
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Direct: 301-343-7370

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don’t have to”**

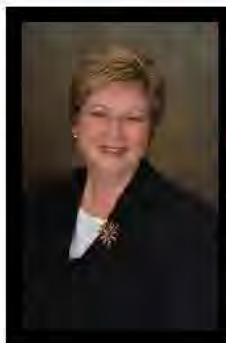
Did you know...

The four leaves of the clover represent faith, love, hope and of course luck. In the olden days in Ireland, the shamrock was seen as sacred. Due to its green color and overall shape, many believed it to represent rebirth and life. Because of this, the shamrock has continued to be very popular in the Irish culture. When the Irish were under control of the English, many silent protests were held, and each person would wear a shamrock pinned to their shirt.

Did you also know...

While the number 13 is considered an unlucky number in some countries, in Italy, 13 is considered a luck number. The expression “fare tredici” (to do 13) means hit the jackpot! This year marks my 13th year in real estate and it’s going to be a lucky year for me and I want to share that luck with YOU!!!

I can help you buy a new home or sell your current home, provide a free market analysis, have a team of vendors to help with repairs, marketing and advertising, home staging options and more. Please call me, I can help you with all your real estate needs.



Current Listings:

7316 Edmonston Rd, College Park

Under Contract:

- 9403 48th Place, College Park

Sold:

- 8405 58th Ave Berwyn Heights



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



BERWYN HEIGHTS HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

ORAL HISTORIES RESUME

The BHHC has resumed work on its oral history program and is producing a highlights video of the interviews conducted with a number of long-time residents of Berwyn Heights. A few of those interviewed have since passed away, including most recently Bettie Prosise. Her memories about growing up in Berwyn Heights, supplemented by her children's recollections, are summarized here and give a flavor of the time.



Bettie Prosise was born and raised in one of the Victorian houses (see drawing attached) that were built by the Charlton Heights Improvement Company during the late 19th century. The house was heated by two coal stoves on the main floor. There was no heat upstairs and, of course, no air conditioning.

Bettie and her two sisters Ruth Ellsworth and Leah Harcourt grew up helping tend the half acre family farm, one of many scattered across the Town. The family had a large chicken coop, raised pigs and goats, and grew their own fruits and vegetables. To the left of the house was the largest strawberry field in the Town, and to the right and the rear a huge garden of corn, beans, squash, different types of melons, apple and pear trees. The garden also yielded many Indian artifacts every time it was plowed.

The sisters attended the two-room school house on Ruatan Street when it had some 20 - 28 students enrolled in grades 1-7, then went to Greenbelt High School, before it became Greenbelt Junior High School and later Greenbelt Middle School. In summer, Berwyn Heights' children would often spend time at, and in Indian Creek. Then, the stream was deep and clear and had fish in it. For entertainment, Bettie and her friends would sometimes walk to the newly opened movie theater in (old) Greenbelt and watch news reels of World War II battles.

During World War I Bettie's father served as a soldier, and during World War II her mother was a Civil Defense Air Raid Warden for their block of Ruatan Street, which took her on nightly patrols to enforce the black-out laws. The family always flew the American flag at the front door. Like her parents, Bettie was a patriot and loved Independence Day. She also participated in Berwyn Heights Day parades as long as she was able. During a family reunion, Bettie recalled the day when President Roosevelt drove up Pontiac Street, the roof down on his convertible, and waved to them with a big smile...

NEXT BHHC MEETING March 22 - 7:30 p.m.



Visit the BHHC website & BLOG at: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

ATHA (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area/ Maryland Milestones): www.anacostiatrials.org





Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger)

Mondays 10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Rotation of Playgrounds: 1st & 3rd Monday

Of the month at Indian Creek Playground

And 2nd & 4th Monday at Pop's Park,

Unless it is raining or too cold, in which case

We meet indoors at the Town Center.

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

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

ESCUELA DE ALIMENTACION CORRECTA



Unete a nosotros y aprende a:

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y despues del curso
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MARZO 3 2016

CUPO LIMITADO

Informacion y Registracion
240-4622792

Clean Lot Violations	JAN. 2016
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Clean Lot	2
Animals	1
Trash/ Litter	0
Non-Hazardous	1
Vehicles	4
Premise Identification	2
Commercial	3
Total Violations	10
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	1
Dumpster/ PODs	8
Total Permits issued	9
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	2
Total Rentals	194
Inspections	10
Re-inspections	0
Fines	5
Rental Licenses Issued	13
Vacant Homes	11

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STORM DRAIN CLEANING

Residents, please check on storm drains that may be on your property, or in the street in front of it and remove any debris that might be obstructing them. This will ensure better drainage of storm water and help prevent flooding during spring rains.

If you are unable to remove an obstruction yourself, you may contact Prince George's County online through [Click311](#) or by calling (301) 883-4748.

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

THE BEST THERAPY IN THE WORLD IS TIME OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

Now that spring is on the way, come to the Center, meet your friends, get a cup of coffee or tea and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 4	Bruce Hockman
March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 15	Frances Day
March 16	Susan Huber
	Grace O'Conner
March 19	Maria Rojas
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Norma Wines
March 22	Pat Agee

MARCH ACTIVITIES

March 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 2	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 8	Meeting & Bingo	11:00 A.M.
March 9	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 10	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 12	Pot Luck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
March 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 16	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 17	Pool Night	7:30 P.M.
March 22	Meeting, Potluck	10:30 A.M.
	Bingo	
March 23	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 24	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
March 29	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 30	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.

Happenings

Nothing scheduled yet, but there could be a play or concert. What would you like to do?

Ray Smith

MISCELLANY

Where is the Seniors Center?

**Next to the Town Office at 57th Avenue
and Berwyn Road**

**What is the Senior Center Telephone
Number?**

301-474-0018



BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

STRESSED!!! Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Childcare: Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 30 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on weekends and evenings. Call (301)345-7622.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason

Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond
301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich

mweinrich2@verizon.net

Co-Chair Michael Attick

michaelattick@verizon.net

Historical Committee

Kerstin Harper 301-474-5000

Kerstin.harper59@gmail.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Playgroup

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Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

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Seniors Club

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Green Team

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therese@celticlans.com

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room—all residents are welcome to attend!

Greenbelt's Free Rain Garden Clinic: March 19, 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Have you thought about planting a rain garden but felt like you needed some help? There is a **Rain Garden Clinic on March 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** that is free of charge and being offered at the Greenbelt Public Works office, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. You can get real-time help with your rain garden design and Rain Check Rebate application.

To register, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain>



Berwyn Heights **Community Garden 2016 Application**

The Berwyn Heights Community Garden has a few openings for new members! Submit your application today! The garden is located at the 8900 blocks of 58th and 59th Avenues. Anyone who is a resident of Berwyn Heights can submit an application. Gardening classes will be provided to teach you about gardening. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to grow fresh fruits and vegetables and get to know your neighbors!

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

The lease period is March 2016 – February 2017. Plot fee is \$30.

New members do not need to submit payment until you receive confirmation for a plot. Current garden members should have received an application already, but can also use this one to renew their participation.

Garden rules and regulations are at the Town Center and on the town website. **The community garden orientation/training will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 1:30 pm (Town Center, 2nd floor). Participation strongly encouraged.** For questions, please contact Trinity Tomsic at 301-474-6350 or trinity.tomsic@gmail.com.

Plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. All other applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Only one plot per applicant/household. Garden plots are 4x8 - raised beds. Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to: **Berwyn Heights Recreation Council.**

I/we agree to abide by the 2016 rules and regulations governing the use of the Berwyn Heights Community Garden. I/we hereby release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, contractors, and employees from any and all actions, claims and damages for losses, personal injuries, and disabilities that I/we may sustain as a result of my/our participation in the Community Garden program.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Please return this application/fee in person or by mail to:

Office of Town Administrator

5700 Berwyn Road; Berwyn Heights MD, 20740

Applications can be left in the drop box if office is closed.

APPLICATION 2016

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Plot # _____ Payment # _____



POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **January 2016**. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

01/01/2016 at 5:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson impounded a 2003 Toyota Truck from the location of Seminole Street at Edmonston Road. The driver's license was suspended.

01/02/2016 at 11:34 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a domestic dispute, and a protect order was served.

01/03/2016 at 10:05 pm, Cpl. Roberson and Pvt. Ramirez responded to the 8700 block of 60th. Avenue for a report of a robbery. Investigation revealed that three Latino males contacted a "Transportes El Barrio Fino", for a ride at Adelphi and Riggs Road. The sus-

pects asked to be taken to an address in Berwyn Heights which was a dead end at the 8700 block of 60th. Avenue. At which time one of the suspects displayed a handgun and demanded money from the driver of the aforementioned cab before fleeing from the cab. Suspects fled with approximately \$100 in cash.

01/04/2016 at 9:01 pm, Pvt. Ramirez arrested Mr. Jeffry Zinga Jimenez, a 31 y/o, H/M, of Berwyn Heights, MD for an outstanding warrant. He was arrested in the area of Kenilworth Avenue near Pontiac Street.

01/05/2016 at 5:20 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the McDonald's Restaurant on Greenbelt Road for a report of damage to property.

01/05/2016 at 5:55 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8700 block of 62nd. Avenue for a report of a laptop stolen from a vehicle. The theft allegedly occurred on 12/21/2015.

01/08/2016 at 4:00 pm, Cpl. Roberson submitted a police incident report regarding property damage to the police station on 12/30/2015. Police office sustained significant water damage from a leak above the ceiling.

01/09/2016 at 10:00 pm, Pfc. Duck recovered a stolen 2009 Scion from the 8500 block of 60th. Avenue. The owner of the vehicle reported that her car was stolen from Montgomery County. Unbeknownst to her, her husband had the vehicle.

01/19/2016 at 9:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of theft of a stereo system from a 2003 Ford SUV.

01/27/2016 at 5:03 pm, Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a missing 14 y/o, female. On scene, the mother of the missing juvenile told the police that she let her 14 y/o daughter go to a slumber party located in Greenbelt. However, she could not provide the address or telephone number of the resident holding the slumber party. The missing juvenile was described as a 14 y/o, w/f. PG County telecommunication was notified and data entered into the missing person file.

01/29/2016 at 8:12 am, the missing juvenile was located and returned home.

01/29/2016 at 4:45 pm, Pvt. Ramirez impounded a 1995 Honda from the location of Branchville Road at Ballew Avenue. The vehicle had been abandoned.

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING TO OUR LOCAL POLICE!



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**Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.
Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**

**For more information, contact Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103
(Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



-- March 2016 --

Sharpen your skates and practice your triple-toe loops! The **ANNUAL PTA-SPONSORED ICE SKATING PARTY** is coming soon!

Join us at:

**HERBERT WELLS ICE RINK
FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH**

**** 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM ****



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 1

PTA Meeting @ 6:45 in the library
followed by North Bay meeting for
6th Grade Parents

Friday, March 11

Ice Skating Party @ Herbert Wells
Ice Rink 6:45-8:45

Thursday, March 24

No School – Grading/Teacher
Planning

Friday, March 25 – Monday, April 4

No School – Spring Vacation

NORTH BAY MEETING FOR SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

Tuesday, March 1st 6:45 pm in the library

Please join the 6th grade teachers for an informational meeting about the students' upcoming trip to North Bay following the [very brief] **March PTA meeting**.



SCHOOL GARDEN



The 5th grade science classes got off to a great start in February with their spring garden by planting a fun variety of vegetables, such as: Cloud Cauliflower, Orange Burst Cauliflower, Purple Peacock Broccoli, Arcadia Broccoli, Sugar Peas, Purple Carrots and Red Samurai Carrots to be sowed directly into their raised beds in March!

This year the kids will have a taste test to see if they can tell which veggies came fresh from their garden or from the store!

Town residents are invited to meet P.G. County Board of Education representative, **LUPI QUINTEROS-GRADY**, at the **Berwyn Heights Town Council Work Session Monday, March 21st at 7pm**. Please attend and hear what she has to say about our schools!

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Senator Paul G. Pinsky: Go to www.senatorpinsky.org, click Scholarship Application and complete and submit application on-line **by April 4, 2016.**

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines: Go to www.tawannagaines.org, click Scholarship Information, and download Scholarship Application. Complete application. Email application and a 500 word essay to ppowers@house.state.md.us **by April 1, 2016.**

Delegate Anne Healey: Go to www.delegatehealey.com, click Scholarship Information, and download Scholarship Application. Complete application, and mail completed application to Delegate Anne Healey, Maryland House of Delegates, 6 Bladen Street, Room 361, Annapolis, MD 21401, ATTN: Scholarship by **April 15, 2016.**

Eligibility requirements:

-  Live in District 22 (which includes Berwyn Heights)
-  Be a full or part time degree-seeking student
-  Be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, vocational or professional studies program
-  Attend an eligible Maryland institution of higher education or private career school during 2016-2017 academic year
-  Submit a copy of academic transcript, essay (Del. Gaines), and/ or Free Application for Federal Student Aid (see www.fafsa.ed.gov) by **March 1, 2016.**



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Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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



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Recent Working Incidents:

Jan 13th- Squad 14 extricated a driver from an overturned SUV on OL I495 prior to the split with 95

Jan 19th- Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from his crashed vehicle, NB BW Pway at Greenbelt Rd.

Jan 19th- Truck 14, Rescue Squad 14, Chief 14, and Chief 14B were alerted to Lakeview Circle in Greenbelt for the house on fire. Squad 14 was first arriving unit to find fire showing from the 2nd floor.

Jan 29th- Squad 14 & Chief 14B (Kerinan) operated mutual aid to Montgomery County for the basement fire in the 7400 Blk of Garland Ave in Silver Spring.

Feb 3rd- Rescue Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver whose vehicle had struck a pole in the 11600Blk of Baltimore Ave (Rt.1) in Beltsville.

Feb 5th- Truck 14, Chief 14 (McCoy), and Chief 14B (Kerinan) were alerted to the 6400Blk of Auburn Ave in Riverdale for a house fire with reports of both a child & dog trapped. Truck 14 was one of the first arriving units to find fire showing from mutiple floors, and crews quickly began a rapid search of the house. The child was located safely outside, and a BHVFD volunteer was able to locate and rescue the trapped dog from the burning house.

Feb 13th- Truck 14 & Chief 14B (Keirnan) were alerted on the 2nd Alarm to assist units onscene in the 4900Blk of Taylor Rd in Riverdale with a house fire. This fire was especially challenging due to both hoarding conditions and below freezing temperatures which froze hose lines and equipment. Montgomery County Rescue Squad 15 (Burtonsville VFD) was transferred to BHVFD to cover the area.

Feb 13th- Truck 14 & Chief 14B operated on Hillside Dr in Greenbelt for solar panels on fire on the roof.

SEEKING TOWN RESIDENTS!!

BHVFD is seeking interested Town residents to volunteer as Firefighters, Emergency Medical Techs, and Administrative members. No experience required and training is free! Not sure? Try a ride along! Info below. As BHVFD was awarded a \$300,000 FEMA Grant for Recruitment & Retention, there are now additional incentives to volunteer! Interested? Give the Station a call, stop by, or fill out the "Contact Us" page on our website: www.BHVFD14.org.



BHVFD Volunteers Accepting some of the many awards BHVFD received at the 2015 County Fire Convention in September.

BHVFD Ride-Along Observer Program

Have you ever wanted to see what it was like to ride a fire truck to a call? Well you can! BHVFD and PGFD have a program in which residents who are considering joining can sign up to ride along with BHVFD volunteers to fire calls. Residents ages 18 & up just need to call ahead to schedual a date, fill out a waiver form and they can ride. When you come to ride along you can get a tour of the station and apperatus, an overview of what we do and how BHVFD operates, and ride our Ladder Truck & Rescue Squads to emergency calls. Station Phone number: 301-474-7866 (Call after 3pm M-F)

Workplace Fire Safety

No matter type of business you conduct at your workplace, fire safety should always be a main concern. Here are a few fire safety tips you can distribute to your staff. Keep your work area free of waste paper, trash and other items that can easily catch fire. Check on your electrical cords. Try not to lay cords in places where they can be stepped on. In the event of a fire NEVER use elevators, and be sure to close as many doors as you can to limit the spread of smoke and fire. Follow the escape plan and meet at a pre-determined place outside of your building and away from danger. Do a headcount to ensure everyone has evacuated.

Station 14 Call Volume: Jan 2015

Rescue Squads:	146
Ladder Truck:	78
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	3
Ambulance:	135
Total Station Runs for Dec 2015:	362

Volunteer Today! Ages 16 & up, no experience needed. Free Training!

Berwyn Heights Day Vendor/Information Booth Application – Saturday, May 7, 2016

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Items for Sale/Distribution (Please be specific as no more than 2 craft vendors selling similar items will be approved):

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution. Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors.

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, loaves of bread, etc are acceptable – individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.)

Silly String

Colored Hair Spray

All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57th Ave and Berwyn Road).

Set-Up Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Please drop off items no later than 10:15 am to begin your set up.

Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Check ONE:

_____ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

_____ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2015/2015)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table YES NO Chairs? (Supply is limited): 1 or 2

Will you need a canopy? (Canopies available for \$15; supply limited): YES NO

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 27, 2016**. Address is 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

For additional information, contact Tim Tormoen at 612/239-4686 or at emprisetraveler@yahoo.com



OFFICE USE ONLY: SELECT ONE: Cash _____ Check _____ (put check # in space)

AMOUNT PAID _____



March 2016



Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb. 28	Feb. 29	Mar. 1 Town Council Candidate Filing Deadline 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	3 7:30 PM NW/EP Mtg. G. Love Room	4	5	6 5:00—8:00 PM Town Center
6	7 7:00 PM Worksession TA Budget Presentation	8 	9 7:30 PM Town Meeting Election Judges Swearing-in	10 7:00 PM Educational Advisory Committee G. Love Room	11	12
13	14 7:00 PM Budget Worksession	15 Candidates' Profiles Due	16 Deadline for Withdrawing Candidacy 8:00 PM Town Meeting	17 7:00 PM Green Team Meeting G. Love Room	18	19 1:30 PM Community Garden Workshop Town Center
20	21 7:00 PM Worksession	22 7:30 PM BHHC Meeting G. Love Room	23	24	25 Good Friday Town Offices Close at 12:30 PM	26
27 Easter Day	28 7:00 PM Budget Worksession 7:00-9:00 PM Special Supplemental Voter Registration	29 	30	Apr. 1 Supple- mental Voter Registration Ends	 Yard Waste North South	 Bulk Pick-up North South Refuse Collection

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Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-A-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 432-0710	crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 404-2759	pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs		
Maria Robles	(301) 455-9299	mrobles@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Lynn White	(240) 351-7813	lwhite@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Public Works		

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@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

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2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
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Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.

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

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