

Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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2012 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

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2012 ELECTION TOWN VOTER REGISTRATION

From March 1 to April 2, the Town offers supplemental voter registration for any residents who are not currently registered with the State of Maryland or Prince George's County. Frequently, those residents are military personnel or students, but also includes residents who recently moved to Berwyn Heights and are not yet on State and County voter rolls. Any resident who is on State and County voter rolls is automatically eligible to vote in Town elections.

Supplemental voter registration is available at the Town office during normal office hours, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. You will need to fill out a simple application form recording your name and address and show a valid photo ID. For more information contact Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at 301-474-5000 or kerstin.harper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us.



► CALL FOR CANDIDATES ◀ TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Any Town resident who wishes to run for a position on the five-member Town Council must file a **Petition of Candidacy** (signed by at least 5 duly registered voters in Town) and a new **Financial Disclosure Form**. Both are due at the Town Office by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012. The new financial disclosure filing requirements became effective following the adoption of State of Maryland-mandated Ethics Ordinance by the Town Council in January 2012.

The Financial Disclosure Form and the Petition of Candidacy are available at the Town Office during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or can be downloaded from www.berwyn-heights.com. If you have any questions, please contact Town Clerk Kerstin Harper or Town Administrator Ed Murphy at (301) 474-5000.

According to the Town Charter, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Have resided in the Town at least 6 months prior to the election;
- Attained the age of 21 prior to the election;
- Be a registered voter at the time of nomination;
- Reside in the Town during the term in office; and
- Not hold any other paid office or position in the service of the Town or any other municipality in the State of Maryland during the term in office.

2012 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION SCHEDULE

Mar. 06	Candidates filing deadline. Certificates of nomination and financial disclosures due at Town office by 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 15	Candidate profiles due to Town office by 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 21	Deadline for withdrawing candidacy for Town Council
Mar. 29	Town Office open from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for supplemental voter registration
Apr. 02	Last day to register with Town to vote in May 1 election
Apr. 02	First day to request absentee ballot
Apr. 10	Candidates can begin putting up campaign signs and posters
Apr. 24	Last day to request absentee ballot
May 01	Election Day – Poll hours 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by close of polls
May 03	Certified election results due by 7:00 p.m. Campaign signs and posters must be down by end of day
May 11	Swearing-in of new Town Council at Town meeting



TAX TIME IS COMING!

REMEMBER YOUR TOWN

TAX TIME IS COMING! Please remember to specify Berwyn Heights as your municipality on your State income tax return. Each year Berwyn Heights loses out on income tax revenues when residents put down the wrong municipality or do not put down any municipality. Income tax revenues that should come to Berwyn Heights frequently go to College Park because we share the same zip code. To prevent your income taxes going to College Park, or another town, or the County, mark **BERWYN HEIGHTS** as your municipality on your State income tax return.

Worksession

January 9, 2012

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

1. Mayor

Agenda: The following items were added to the agenda: energy efficiency grant for space heaters in the Public Works Building, and Public Safety Reserve projects.

Announcements: The District 22 Delegation of Senator Pinsky, Delegates Gaines, Healey and Ross will hold their annual Martin Luther King Day reception at the Senate Office Building on January 16, 6:00 p.m. Also on January 16, the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP) will host a meeting of County CERTs, whose members will distribute information on emergency preparedness to the residents.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the December 19 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the audit of last year's budget has been completed. CM Dennison announced the winners of the holiday decorating contest. Best overall house and yard went to 8912 56th Avenue; Best yard was awarded to 8911 59th Avenue; and best house to 8918 57th Avenue.

MPT Wilkinson reported that the Public Works crew completed the loose leaf collection with 1377 cubic yards of leaves collected. Public Works did not use any temporary labor to get this job done this year. Instead, the work was accomplished with the new part time employees. The Department spent a total of \$7,600 on leaf collection, which represents a saving of \$5,000 over last year. On the other hand, the cut-back in use of temporary staff resulted in longer waits for residents before their leaves were picked up.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that new high visibility stop signs were installed around the Pop's Park and Indian Creek playgrounds. Some stop signs received a reflective strip for the post and some

worn out stop signs were replaced. In the Senior Center, the carpet was cleaned and a new thermostat was installed in the Media Resource Center. In the upstairs Town Center, the kitchen was commercially cleaned. Berwyn Heights' and College Park's Public Work Departments cleaned the sidewalks and curbs on the railroad bridge along Route 193. Public Works is also taking stock of all any loose cables hanging from poles since the last hurricane in order to repair them. Residents, who have loose cables in their yard should report them to Public Works.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison said that Citizens to Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) emailed the Council to express their support for using pervious pavers for the Public Works yard. They have arranged for a demonstration of the pavers on January 11, 8:00 a.m. at the Public Works yard. MPT Wilkinson and CM Kulpa-Eddy plan to attend. The Council received an email from a resident opposing the building of sidewalks in Town.

Ethics Ordinance amendment: TA Murphy said that neither he nor the Town Attorney have been able to reach the attorney who heads the State Ethics Commission to find out whether the Town must submit the long version of the amended Town Ethics Ordinance, or may send an abbreviated version, which would contain only those sections where changes were made. He recommended that the Council pass the short version at the Town meeting, but send a copy of both to the State Ethics Commission and let them choose.

MPT Wilkinson explained that, last fall, the Council adopted a new State-mandated Ethics Ordinance, which imposed tighter ethics regulations on all municipal governments in Maryland. The Town later learned that Berwyn Heights had a prior exemption to the lobbying registration provisions. The Council proceeded to repeal all provisions pertaining to lobbying so as not to create obstacles for developers and zoning attorneys to meet with the Town Council and share their plans about new developments or new construction. Repeal of the lobbying registration provisions is up for adoption at the January Town meeting.

TA Murphy highlighted the affected provisions. He explained that the bolded language represent his recommendations to the Town Attorney as to which provisions can be stricken. However, the Town Attorney did not yet confirm some of those deletions with strike-throughs. The Council agreed to delete all bolded language and to delete in part Section 4 (h) (2)

"...from an individual regulated lobbyist."

IWIF new death dependency law: TA Murphy explained that in 2011 the Maryland Legislature made substantive changes to the workers compensation death and dependency law. First, it increased benefits to dependents of uniformed personnel upon a death due to work-related reasons. Covered uniformed personnel include police, fire fighters and ambulance professionals. The duration of death benefits to dependents was extended to 5 years with a maximum limit of \$65,000. Secondly, benefits to dependents with a physical or mental disability were extended until the disability ends. Thirdly, coverage for work-related illnesses of uniformed personnel were expanded.

TA Murphy said that the law leaves it up to local governments whether to opt in. He recommended not to opt in because it would expose the Town to unpredictable increases in expenditure. Since he started working for the Town the workers' compensation budget has tripled from approximately \$26,000 to approximately \$85,000 despite the Town's minimal usage of the program. The Town provides a term life insurance policy for all full time employees, which has death benefits up to age 65. In addition, the employee pension plan provides disability benefits to dependents in case of an employee's death. He suggested the Council consider increasing the coverage of the Town's life insurance policy instead of opting into the State's new program.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, TA Murphy said that the current workers compensation law continues to apply if the Town does not opt in to the new program. Current benefits amount to 16.7% of the average daily wage in Maryland for a duration of up to 250 days. Benefits are paid only for injuries or death incurred on the job. The new program would be limited to the Town's police officers. Fire fighters and ambulance personnel are covered by the County.

In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, TA Murphy said that he does not have an estimate of how much greater the Town's expenses would be if it did opt into the program. He assumes workers compensation premiums would go up whenever there is a claim. TA Murphy was asked to prepare cost comparisons between 1) extending workers compensation benefits for the Town's police force; 2) increasing life insurance benefits to all employees, and 3) increasing life insurance benefits only for police officers.

MML convention hotel: Five standard rooms will be reserved at the Princess

Bayside. Changes will be made after the Town Council election in May if needed.

Four Cities agenda: MPT Wilkinson said that the next Four Cities meeting held in College Park will be attended by University of Maryland President Wallace Loh. He will address the issue of collaboration between the University and surrounding communities, particularly in the areas of transportation, housing and development, public safety, education and sustainability. Attending cities have been asked to keep other agenda items to a minimum.

Councilmembers proposed discussing the Purple Line, UMD shuttle non-student riders, and Four Cities street sweeper if there is time.

BHES interpretative sign: Clerk Harper explained that the Council had planned to install a sign on the history of Berwyn Heights schools to honor Ann Harris Davidson's role in getting the elementary school re-opened. Clerk Harper has worked with Ms. Davidson and others to come up with an illustrated narrative for the sign. The Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA) has assisted in producing a preliminary layout and cost estimate. The quote was for \$1,750, inclusive of steel frame and posts, and two copies of the poster with the narrative. Installation is not included. The quote is considerably higher than the approximately \$500 that was appropriated in the FY 2012 budget.

MPT Wilkinson said he would like to know the exact amount budgeted so that the Council can appropriate the remainder tonight. Clerk Harper said she will look up the budgeted amount during the break and provide an answer afterward.

Clerk Harper provided copies of the proposed illustrated narrative and alternative images to the Council. The text has undergone some changes when images were added and some information incorporated into captions. Depending on which images are ultimately chosen for the sign, further changes in the text may occur. Still needed is a good image of the newly-opened elementary school in 1958 or thereafter. The proposed location of the sign is one of the beds at the front entrance of the school. Principal Singer has been informed and has no objections. MPT Wilkinson proposed the bed next to the main doors as a possible location. The sign would not be exposed to full sun all day there.

Clerk Harper said that she will look at the site again to identify the best locations and continue to look for a photo of the elementary school in 1958. Then she would resubmit it for Ms. Davidson's and

the Council's approval.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance.**

3. Parks and Recreation

Pop's Park equipment plan: MPT Wilkinson explained that the new merry-go-round at Pop's Park is finally operational after a controversy with the installer and a rain delay. CM Dennison had approved the purchase of a new merry-go-round for Pop's Park at a cost of \$2,500 because the old one had a broken platform. The Town contracted with Maryland Materials who installed the merry-go-round very high off the ground. When MPT Wilkinson and Public Works complained about the installation, the contractor said that they are complying with ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards, which requires enough room under the equipment to put down a 24" layer of mulch. MPT Wilkinson communicated to Maryland Materials that they should have informed the Town when and how they were going to install the equipment.

The contractor offered to provide the needed 18 cubic feet of mulch at half price to fill in the space under and around the equipment. Re-installation at a lower height was not a viable option because the whirl is cemented deep into the ground. Removal of the merry-go-round was also rejected because it is a popular piece of play equipment. The Town then agreed to have the vendor put down a thick layer of mulch so that children can use the whirl without the risk of falling under it.

CM Dennison said that this issue could have been worked out behind the scenes. She recalled that Maryland Materials had been used by the Town in the past to inventory play equipment that is outdated and potentially unsafe. MPT Wilkinson said that the Town should probably come up with a plan for replacing the old equipment on a set schedule, possibly with input from the Playgroup.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Public Safety, or 5. Public Works.**

6. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the February Bulletin cover: Presidents' Day theme, announcements for the Town Council candidates filing deadline and the Historical Committee's Presidents Day reception.

Seminole/Ruatan Street update: TA Murphy said the paving of Seminole and Ruatan Streets, scheduled for Thursday, may have to be called off. The rolling of asphalt requires temperatures of 50° Fahrenheit or above and no rain. The

weather forecast for Thursday calls for rain and temperatures dropping below 50° into Friday. However, signs have already been posted saying: "Weather permitting, paving will take place this Thursday and Friday." If paving does not occur residents may park on the streets. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested fliers might be handed out informing residents of the change in plans and notices posted on the Town website and BHTV.

At 8:25 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

BHES interpretative sign, continued: Clerk Harper reported that \$581 were set aside for the sign in FY 2012. MPT Wilkinson said that leaves \$1169 to be appropriated. MPT Wilkinson asked TA Murphy if there are funds to cover the difference in this year's budget. TA Murphy said all he needs is for the Council to appropriate \$1,750 for the sign. CM Ahrens so moved, and MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Energy Efficiency Grant (added item): TA Murphy explained that the Town received a US Department of Energy (DOE) grant to upgrade the space heaters in the Public Works building. After the DOE performed an energy audit, the space heaters were identified as one of the items the replacement of which will yield a high return on the investment, approximately \$700 per year per heater. The Town sent out Requests for Proposals (RFP) to 13 vendors. Only two vendors turned in proposals. One vendor did not give enough information to be considered. The remaining vendor had two proposals: one for installing an 80% efficient space heater for \$8,500 and another 93% efficient heater for \$11,000. The DOE grants only cover appliances with energy efficiency of 90% or above, which rules out the \$8,500 heater. There may be additional electric installation costs if a new line needs to be installed to connect the heaters to the breaker box.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, TA Murphy said that the heaters will be suspended from the ceiling of the garage and powered by natural gas. Since a good faith effort was made to solicit multiple bids, the bidding process will not be subject to the 3 bid minimum requirement. MPT Wilkinson asked for a motion to approve the installation of the 93% efficient space heater at a cost of \$11,000. CM Kulpa-Eddy so moved. CM Ahrens seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Public Safety reserve projects (added item): MPT Wilkinson said that the Council received updated priority lists for the projects eligible for funding from the

Public Safety reserve. The only eligible items not yet rated for priority were street lights in dark areas. He said that CM Kulpa-Eddy is working on identifying the areas where additional street lights might be needed.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she is working with the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP) to identify dark areas in Town, locations where additional street lights are needed and locations where street lights are broken. The survey is approximately 2/3 done and its findings will be presented at the next NW/EP meeting. The Committee will then prioritize locations that need new lights and make its recommendations to the Town Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting January 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, as well as Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) committee Ron Shane, and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the December 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of December.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the state of the Town. During his 8-year tenure as Mayor, he has tried to keep Berwyn Heights focused on the three core functions of local government: 1) promoting a safe, strong and healthy community; 2) providing services that improve residents' quality of life; and 3) demonstrating financial responsibility, that is making financial decisions with the long term goals in mind.

Reflecting on the important developments of the last year, Mayor Calvo said that homes in Berwyn Heights continue

to sell well, showing that people want to live here. With young people moving in, the Town's Playgroup experienced a revival, and played a big role in getting the Indian Creek playground renovated. Playgrounds, parks and above all the elementary school, now in its 10th year after reopening, are a big draw for families and a boost to home values. Further, Greenbelt Middle School has seen many improvements under the strong leadership of Principal Tweedy. Talented & Gifted (TAG) programs are being implemented and, as more families send their children there, the PTA is getting stronger. The Council took steps to support economic development in the Town's commercial district. It worked with the owner of the ReMax property and Sir Walter Raleigh's Inn to improve the financial standing of the restaurant and to bring in a Dollar General store, and to green the parking lot.

Mayor Calvo highlighted other milestones of the previous year. Chief Antolik completed his first year as chief marked by a significant drop in the crime rate. He believes it to be in part attributable to several new initiatives Chief Antolik launched, such as the public safety aide program. Another accomplishment that has long been in the making was the completion of the Seminole/Ruatan Street project. Without the 3 cent road tax increase the Council enacted last spring, the renovation would have taken place years later and cost much more. The road repair tax is being set aside in the infrastructure reserve and provides a reliable new revenue stream, apart from Highway User Revenues (HUR), which remain at greatly reduced levels.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council also made a push for more effective enforcement of refuse disposal violations. Now, the Administration, Public Works and Code Departments have started working together to effect better compliance, initially by educating residents on what the rules are; but, ultimately, by fining those who remain non-compliant. The short-term purpose of this initiative is to eliminate or reduce messy and sometimes hazardous trash piles that delay pickup. In the long term, if residents recycle more and throw away less household trash, Public Works eventually will be able to complete the second weekly pickup in one day, thus freeing up Fridays for other jobs.

Last fall, the Council initiated a public conversation about sidewalks, which has been the basis of an effort to identify locations in Town where sidewalks are most needed. Sidewalks have been a top concern among previous generations of

parents, but mostly there has been not enough money to build them. With new revenue from speed camera fines, there are now dedicated funds available to begin a sidewalk construction program. However, other public safety investments, such as bus stop shelters and benches, and backup generators to turn the Town Center into an emergency station during power outages, will be considered as well.

Mayor Calvo continued that the deliberations on how to best spend the speed camera revenues are an example of the Town's thoughtful approach to spending. Berwyn Heights has a tradition of conservative financial planning. This tradition continues with the setting aside of money in reserves for future purchases of heavy equipment and trucks and to make infrastructure improvements. In addition, the Town still carries a substantial surplus, which adds up to approximately 20% of its budget. Town employees are competitively paid and continue to receive modest salary increases. They now have a secure pension benefit within the Maryland State Retirement System. The Town's financial position has remained strong even though falling home values have reduced the main source of revenue from real property taxes. However, the next re-assessment due at the end of this year may bring a new fiscal challenge if home values are flat or continue to fall.

Mayor Calvo concluded saying that it was real pleasure serving with this Council and that each Councilmember brought unique strengths to the table. Berwyn Heights is lucky to have dedicated, competent people step up to serve on the Council and guide affairs of the Town. He invited residents to attend the upcoming February budget presentations as a great opportunity to learn about Town government. Lastly, he reported that the Council had an executive session on December 19 regarding a personnel matter.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Town has collected \$1.6 million in revenues for FY 2012, which represents 64% of total projected revenues. The FY 2011 audit has been completed and is in the process of being reviewed. The Administration Department is working with department directors to finish their budget requests for the next fiscal year.

Code Compliance: CM Ahrens said that the relatively warm weather Maryland has enjoyed this winter has saved local

governments a lot of money so far. Snow and ice removal can take a big bite out of their budget. However, winter is not over and people can take measures to keep their homes warm and save energy. CM Ahrens gave a number of tips on winterizing homes, from sealing windows and doors to reversing ceiling fans. He then reported on monthly Code activities, noting that 23 refuse violations had been issued and \$785 in Code fines collected.

Parks & Recreation: CM Dennison announced that an education forum will be held tomorrow night at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES), attended by PGCPD Deputy Superintendent Duane Arborgast and School Board Representative Peggy Higgins. Neighboring cities College Park and Greenbelt have been invited. The main topic of discussion is likely to be the proposed Talented & Gifted (TAG) program at Greenbelt Middle School. CM Dennison also announced the winners of the Holiday Decorating contest.

CM Dennison reported that the Boys & Girls Club will hold registrations in February and that the Historical Committee will host a Presidents' Day reception at the Town Center on February 19. The Recreation Council has begun planning for Berwyn Heights Day and is seeking volunteers to help plan and come up with new ideas. One new idea that will be tried was proposed by Playgroup coordinator Rose Almoguerra. It calls for passing along a children's book, "The Curious Garden," among owners of gardens as way to appreciate gardens.

CM Dennison further reported that a new merry-go-round has been installed at Pop's Park and is now operational after Public Works added additional mulch under and around it because its platform was too high above the ground. She thanked MPT Wilkinson for talking with the installers and having Public Works mitigate the problem. The Indian Creek Playground, which will be nominated for an award, is projected to be completed by mid-March. Delays were caused by weather and the fact that this playground has a lot of custom-made equipment.

Public Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for the last month. He was proud to report that, in December, there were only 3 Part I offenses (larcenies), which are below the 5 year average of 10 and one of the lowest totals for December on record. He attributed it in part to aggressive patrols Sergeant Mulrone implemented over the holidays. Total Part I offenses for 2011 added up to 86, which is also substantially below the 5 year average of 111.8

and represents a 39% drop in the crime rate over last year. Mayor Calvo congratulated Chief Antolik and his officers on this accomplishment, which beats the so far lowest Part I totals of 10 years ago.

Chief Antolik further reported that 52 speed camera citations were issued on Pontiac Street in December, with 8 paid and 44 outstanding and 47 citations were issued on Greenbelt Road, with 14 paid and 33 outstanding. Mayor Calvo asked if he has statistics that show whether the on-time payment of tickets has improved after the Council implemented escalated fines for unpaid tickets. Chief Antolik said that he does not have any figures on hand. However, he confirmed that, out of a total of 5083 speed camera violations in 2011, 874 tickets remain outstanding. Mayor Calvo said that this amounts to about 20% and seems to be an improvement over the previous year, when about 50% of tickets were not paid. Chief Antolik continued his report with tips for driving in winter weather.

In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, Chief Antolik said that, over the holidays, the speed camera on Pontiac Street was moved to Edmonston Road but will be returned shortly. The decision where to position the speed camera is coordinated with TA Murphy and the speed camera vendor. In response to MPT Wilkinson's question about a woman being attacked at Greenbelt Metro station, Chief Antolik said his best advice for metro riders is to remain in well lit areas at night and to have a cell phone handy. In this case, three suspects have been apprehended and are being questioned.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works finished the leaf season with 1,377 cubic yards of leaves collected, which is an average amount, but spent only \$7,700 out of \$12,000 budgeted for leaf collection. Unlike last year, when this line item exceeded its budget, no temporary labor was used. That meant, however, it took Public Works longer to get around Town to every leaf pile. After receiving complaints from residents, the leaf crew postponed cleaning streets and gutters and instead focused on removing leaf piles.

Public Works also installed new high-visibility "children at play" signs around Pop's Park and Indian Creek playground, replaced broken or faded stop signs and removed signs that no longer served a purpose. They also installed reflecting strips on some stop signs to make them more visible at night and cleared away brush and branches around traffic signs. Further, the Senior Center carpet was cleaned, a new thermostat was installed in the former Media Center, and cables

dangling from poles were secured. In conjunction with the City of College Park, Berwyn Heights Public Works crews cleaned up the sidewalks along Greenbelt Road going up to the railroad overpass.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dennison said that a new Chair is being sought. Anyone interested should contact her.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Newly-elected Co-Chair Ron Shane reported that the organization is celebrating the 10th anniversary of acquiring and outfitting its emergency trailer. Those who started the program are now older and are looking for new volunteers to step into their shoes. He invited residents to attend the monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month to find out more about what the Committee is doing. Mr. Shane said that NW/EP will join the Red Cross and other public safety volunteers on Martin Luther King Day in a day of service. They will meet at the Town Center and walk through Town to distribute information on emergency preparedness and public safety to residents.

Recreation Council: No report.

7. Unfinished Business

Ethics Ordinance No. 110 – 2nd Reading and Adoption of Repeal of Lobbying Registration Provisions: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the amended Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Ahrens seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the Town last fall adopted a new ethics ordinance, as mandated by the State, which essentially applied existing State law to local governments. This has made local ethics ordinances unnecessarily complex and burdensome. Subsequent to adopting the State-mandated ethics ordinance, Berwyn Heights and a score of other Maryland municipalities learned that they had a pre-existing exemption to lobbying registration provisions contained in the new ordinance. The Council decided to take advantage of the exemption and repeal the lobbying registration regulations. The revisions were introduced at the December Town meeting and are up for adoption tonight. With no further comments, the amended Ethics Ordinance No. 110 was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

8. New Business

There was none.

9. Citizen Comments

Ron Shane had an addendum to the NW/EP report. He said that the Committee

elected a new board at its last meeting. He and Joan Hayden were elected as Co-chairs, Merrill Weinrich as Secretary and Shirley Attick as Treasurer.

CM Ahrens said that he received a citizen's comment, complimenting Public Works on a job well done with the newly cleared sidewalks on Greenbelt Road that lead up to the railway overpass. Mayor Calvo added that this is actually the State Highway Administration's (SHA) responsibility. But they have ceased to do this type of work when their budget was cut.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession

January 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CMs) Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Calvo arrived 10 minutes late. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the January 9 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the Council was informed by Code Director Solomon that 7-Eleven applied for a permit to open another store in Berwyn Heights at 8515 Greenbelt Road, which previously housed Nikki's Bridal Shop. He was surprised and disappointed that the owner of the property, with whom he had regularly discussed plans for the development of the property, did not inform him about this. In speaking to the owner just now, he learned that the new 7-Eleven would be a corporate store, not a franchise, that the video store currently housed in the same building will close, and that a new tenant is being sought. Further, the cut-through behind the building will become one-way going east, the front parking lot will be repaved, and a new fence will be built in the back to shield adjoining properties. One of the adjoining properties purchased by the owner with the intent to develop a larger business complex, reverted back to R15 zoning after the Commerce Bank proposal fell through. Mayor

Calvo told the owner that he would like 7-Eleven to make a presentation to the Council about this store.

Mayor Calvo also reported that the BP gas station was robbed at gunpoint around 9 p.m. last night. The perpetrator stole \$100 and fled on foot into Berwyn Heights. Officer Roberson responded but was unable to track down the fugitive. Unfortunately, the gas station's surveillance cameras are only props and will be of no use in identifying the perpetrator.

Mayor Calvo attended a meeting of the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) last week at the County's Fire Department headquarters. County Executive Rushern Baker was scheduled to speak on the Fire Commission reforms. Instead there was a presentation from Penn National on gaming at Rosecroft Racecourse. Mayor Calvo also spoke to several Town residents about serving on the Ethics Commission, whose 3 members will have to review more complicated financial disclosures this year. He will soon present the Council with the names of the proposed members.

MPT Wilkinson asked why the cut-through behind 8515 Greenbelt Road has been made one-way going east, since residents use it going west to get to the traffic light on 58th Avenue. Mayor Calvo said because they want to discourage cut-through traffic on private property. MPT Wilkinson further asked where the Fire Commission legislation stands. Mayor Calvo replied that the original version failed but a scaled back version was passed. Fire Chief Marc Bashoor explained that the intent of the proposed restructuring the all-Volunteer Fire Commission, was to create a forum where volunteer and professional fire fighters can interact. The \$12 million appropriation for the Fire Commission not only pays for needs of the volunteer station but also for the professional stations. However, the Fire Commission legislation is now entangled with proposed ambulance billing reforms, which will be beneficial to the volunteer companies.

CM Ahrens reported that, as Department Head of the Code Compliance Department, he was given the permits for the new 7-Eleven to sign. However, he would like direction as to whether he should approve the permits, given the reservations the Council about the project. He noted that the existing 7-Eleven on Edmonston Road is not happy about it. In fact, corporate 7-Eleven out-bid the original applicant, who wanted to open a Subway Sandwich Shop in that location.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town does not have the authority to withhold approval of the permits, since the business is an allowed use of the property. However, he expects 7-Eleven to come in for a presentation and explain their plans.

CM Dennison reported that she and CM Kulpa-Eddy took part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service organized by the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP). They also attended a forum of the Prince George's Municipal Elected Women, where they were briefed on the legislative agenda by State delegates. Further, the Berwyn Heights education forum on January 12 went very well, with many guests attending from surrounding municipalities. The Board of Education recently voted to transfer 6 graders at Hollywood and Greenbelt Elementary School to Greenbelt Middle School, for which a Talented & Gifted (TAG) magnet was approved. BHES needs volunteers to help staff the library for two days a week. She is working with Playgroup parents Rose Almoquera and Georgina Stark to develop an equipment replacement plan for Pop's Park playground. The renovation of Indian Creek playground will continue when the next shipment of play equipment is delivered.

MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works worked through last Friday night to treat the streets during the snowfall. There was not enough accumulation to plow. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended another Greenbelt Sector Plan meeting on January 12, where traffic planning was discussed. One noteworthy piece of news shared was that SHA plans to look at the timing of traffic lights on Greenbelt Road to improve the flow. She also reported that the NW/EP Day of Service was very well attended, including County officials, ham radio operators and others. Participants walked around Town to distribute information on fire safety and emergency preparedness, while polling residents on their use of smoke detectors.

Citizen comments: There were none.

ReMax property: Mayor Calvo welcomed Larry Jarboe, owner of the ReMax property in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road. In December, the Town Council was briefed on the outlines of an agreement with Mr. Jarboe regarding the rezoning of his property to open a Dollar General Store. In exchange for the Town's support of a zoning change, Mr. Jarboe agreed to make certain improvements to the property, such as screening fences, lighting upgrades, as well as a limited contribution of \$30,000 towards "greening" the property. Having asked

for environmental improvements to the property, the Town would have the responsibility for planning them. During the previous discussion of the issue, the Council had asked what environmental improvements \$30,000 would buy. TA Murphy has since made some inquiries and has some proposals for the Council and Mr. Jarboe to consider.

Mr. Jarboe said he agrees with Mayor Calvo's explanation of the agreement. However, there is a need on his part to have a time line for the project. He began to negotiate a 10 year lease with Dollar General a year and half ago on the assumption that the store could be opened in fall 2011. Dollar General is anxious to open their store and was hoping for an April 1 date. While there is too little time to get the needed approvals by April 1, he hopes to be able to give Dollar General a date certain by the end of February. That would also help him get the financing for improvements to the building that would house the store and the parking lot. Tonight, he hopes to get assurance from the Town that they would support the Dollar General Store.

Mayor Calvo replied that Council previously agreed that Dollar General is an acceptable use of the property. However, the goal is to make the entire property more attractive and environmentally friendly by shielding the dumpsters, upgrading signs and adding some landscaping to the parking lot. He asked TA Murphy to explain the landscaping plans he had prepared.

TA Murphy said a Park & Planning landscape architect helped prepare a scaled-down version of an initially very expensive proposal, costing \$29,500. The scaled-down version would place 5 landscaped islands into the parking lot, using 10 parking spaces while leaving 115 spaces, a sufficient number to comply with the minimum required to serve the businesses. The islands would be planted with trees, shrubs and flowers appropriate for the site costing \$8,500. Most of the expense would be for digging the holes, preparing the soil and placing curbs and gutters around the islands.

Mr. Jarboe commented on the site plan. He had reservations about 2 islands proposed behind the bank building. They may obscure the ReMax/Raleigh Inn building and make it more difficult for Dollar General trucks to deliver from Greenbelt Road. He suggested the money might be better spent with landscaping at the back wall of the 7-Eleven and behind the Raleigh Inn facing Seminole Street.

Mayor Calvo commented that, while he

thinks that islands would bring the parking lot closer to modern standards, he is disappointed with how little in improvements \$30,000 buys. He wondered if it wouldn't be more cost effective to use the money for environmental improvements elsewhere. TA Murphy said that some environmental benefit can be had by cleaning out an existing catch basin and and two swales adjacent to the Verizon building that feed into it. Mayor Calvo agreed that slowing down storm water runoff is the main benefit he hoped would be addressed by the landscaping plan for the parking lot. However, this plan does not do that. He said that the erosion at Indian Creek is likely due to water rushing into it all at once whenever there is a heavy down pour. Creating structures that let the ground absorb rainwater, such as catch basins and rain gardens, for example, would help reduce erosion of creeks. The Town needs to find someone who can produce a plan that maximizes this environmental benefit.

CM Kulpa-Eddy proposed to create a landscaped area at the back side of the Raleigh Inn because the parking lot slopes down in that direction. This would also make the Inn look more attractive. In addition, installing a strip of pervious paving at the back entrance may slow runoff and allow more water to seep into the ground. She favored retaining a couple of green islands in the back parking lot to prevent cars from speeding through the property.

Mayor Calvo said the question of how to get the most out of Mr. Jarboe's landscaping contribution can be answered later. Tonight he would like to get an answer as to whether the Council accepts the framework of the agreement, which is that the Town supports the rezoning of the ReMax property in exchange for a \$30,000 environmental contribution. MPT Wilkinson said the Council may also want to consider whether to contribute some money of its own to get a greater environmental benefit. Mayor Calvo suggested that the \$30,000 might be leveraged with a grant.

At 8:30 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Councilmembers gave their input on the ReMax agreement. They agreed that \$30,000 is a fair contribution from Mr. Jarboe, and that the money should be spent on storm water management at this property, not another project in Town. In addition, they expressed the desire to 1) improve pedestrian access to the property from Seminole Street, possibly with new sidewalks along Semi-

nole Street and/or yellow demarcation lines on the asphalt of the parking lot; 2) add landscaping to make the Raleigh Inn setting more attractive by screening dumpsters and the Shell gas station; 3) clean out and replant the existing catch basin; 4) install uniform signage with a name for the property; and 5) install better lighting for dark areas.

Mayor Calvo summed up that this constitutes an agreement in principle, which will be turned into an agreement in terms. TA Murphy will provide Mr. Jarboe with a list of the terms discussed tonight so that Mr. Jarboe's attorney can write up an agreement. The Town will also provide a letter of support for the rezoning application, which will facilitate the approval process with the Park & Planning Commission, County Councilmember Olson's office and the District Council. If needed, the Town will send representatives to testify at hearings. However, it is up to Mr. Jarboe to push the application through the appropriate channels.

Budget priorities: Mayor Calvo said that before the department directors come in to make their budget requests, he would like the Council to identify their budget priorities that will provide the framework for the 2013 budget process. Mayor Calvo gave an overview of the upcoming budget based on trends of the last couple of years. With respect to revenues, real estate taxes are likely to be flat in FY 2013, while income taxes will likely see a strong increase as the economy continues to recover. In the current budget, \$40,000 of general revenues was put into the infrastructure reserve. Constrained by low overall increases in revenues, the operating budget may increase by a modest 2%-3%. However, at the end of FY 2011 there was a healthy surplus of \$605,000, which lends itself to one-time capital expenditures.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council has paid close attention to its vehicles and roads, but has largely flat-lined the facilities budget. This has taken its toll. This year, the Town had to spend a substantial sum on repairing the hose tower and other smaller repairs to buildings that were not budgeted. When he looks at the surplus he sees an opportunity to make needed capital investments. He asked Councilmembers to state what their priorities are for the next budget, excluding the issue of sidewalks and how to spend the public safety reserve.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that she, too, wants to make sure that Town facilities are maintained and stay safe to use. She wants to finish repairs to the hose tower and maintain the Town Center stairwells,

making sure a fire escape is available. The municipal center roof needs to be looked at because there are recurring leaks in the rear addition.

MPT Wilkinson said that he would focus on building sidewalks. Apart from the public safety reserve, he would also pull money from the surplus and the infrastructure reserve. At the October public hearing on sidewalks, most of those who testified advocated for sidewalks. He believes that this is an important quality of life issue for many residents. Mayor Calvo commented that he would oppose using money from the infrastructure fund for sidewalks. There is not enough money as it is to fix the Town's crumbling roads over the long-term. The road repair tax the Council adopted in FY 2012 is a small down payment towards that. MPT Wilkinson said that he regards sidewalks as infrastructure eligible for funding from the infrastructure reserve. He said that people are demanding sidewalks, not resurfaced roads and would prefer batching road repairs under a bond issue. Mayor Calvo said that the road repair tax was sold to residents as a tax dedicated to road repairs. He would not want to use it for anything else.

CM Dennison agreed that facility maintenance should be a priority. It is sad to find buckets sitting in an office to catch water dripping through the ceiling. Roofs need fixing before problems get worse. She also supports moving forward on sidewalks, in particular the first tier locations the Council identified. With regard to Parks & Recreation, she would like to set up a program for evaluating and replacing play equipment at Pop's park. There are safety concerns with some equipment, such as the chain bridge. She plans to work with Public Works and the Playgroup to come up with a CIP.

CM Ahrens said that he would like the Code Department to have a new dependable car, not a cast-off from another department. This would give staff greater mobility to deal with an increase in field work. MPT Wilkinson asked if the Code Department would consider a Segway. CM Ahrens said he is always open to new ideas.

Mayor Calvo said that there seems to be consensus that facilities need attention. He would focus on structural repairs first, such as roofs and (hose tower) walls. Town staff, accustomed to being frugal, should be encouraged to identify things that require repair or replacement. Beyond the items already mentioned, he would like to make the Town Center stairs more usable by replacing the canopy, adding lighting and perhaps install

a better door at the top. The current media center is underutilized as it is no longer used as a computer center. The room could be turned into a nice meeting space for Town groups. Some computer stations would remain for the Seniors to use.

As an aside, Mayor Calvo noted that Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) is currently talking with the Community Center director about making the school's computer lab available to the Community Center. He thinks sharing this facility is a great idea because the Community Center can provide the staff to supervise and train users. If the Town contributes some money, perhaps \$2,000, the computers could be upgraded and the lab turned into a real resource for the Town.

Mayor Calvo continued that he agrees with most of what Councilmembers have proposed including setting up a CIP for Pop's Park to start replacing outdated equipment, and perhaps it is time to consider buying a new car for the Code Department. Refurbishing police cars for the Code Department is not very cost effective. In sum, fixing the Town's facilities is an appropriate theme for this year's budget. The surplus, which is the result of conservative budgeting, can now be used to finance these needs as vehicle replacement and road repair reserves are now fully up and running.

CM Kulpa-Eddy added that the Town's computer and other IT equipment may need an upgrade. MPT Wilkinson said it may worth considering getting an electronic document management system set up, too.

Town Council election preparations:

Clerk Harper briefed the Council on election preparations. She provided a list of election judges, who agreed to serve this year: Sharmila Bhatia as chief judge, and Cheryl Jewitt, Jeff Knutson, Paul McNulty, Debby Steele-Snyder and Shirley Sorenson as judges. With the exception of Mr. Knutson, all members served in prior elections. This lineup provides for one additional judge beyond the number required by Charter, and gives everyone the opportunity to take a break. As there were no objections from the Council, the proposed members will be sworn in at the February Town meeting.

Council was provided with an election schedule, that lists most of the important dates and deadlines relating to the election. Most of them are mandated by Town Charter or the Election Ordinance. The Council normally sets the date for Candidates Night and may move a deadline that falls on a weekend. No changes

were made to the schedule. MPT Wilkinson asked what can be done to make voting more convenient and increase participation. He suggested the Town adopt a system of early voting or move election day to a Saturday. Mayor Calvo said turnout depends on whether the election is contested or controversial. In an uncontested election voter turnout usually is around 15%, which is higher than that of most surrounding municipalities, and reaches up to 30% in a contested election. Further, absentee ballots can be used for early voting, as one can vote absentee for any reason.

The Council further decided to continue to use paper ballots instead of voting machines. Mayor Calvo said that it is substantially cheaper and facilitates recounting if there is a need. MPT Wilkinson expressed a preference for using voting machines because it would be much faster.

Sidewalk/Public Safety program:

Mayor Calvo asked Councilmembers to confirm that the list of priority locations for sidewalks provided to Council is what was agreed to so that the program can be moved into the surveying phase. MPT Wilkinson commented that he thought the surveying is already underway since the Council confirmed the list at the January 9 worksession, which he chaired. TA Murphy said that no vote was taken to authorize surveying.

Mayor Calvo said he was not informed about what was decided at that worksession. He would like to do this now, and asked for a motion to put the surveying out to bid with cost estimates for 3 options: Option 1) top priority locations only; Option 2) first and second priority locations; and Option 3) first, second and third priority locations. In addition, he would like to get estimates on the cost estimates for the bus stops and the emergency generators at the Town Center. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that, under the second priority locations, the Charlton Avenue sidewalk has been omitted. Council agreed that sidewalks for the entire length of Charlton Avenue should be included. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Parks and Recreation**, and **3. Public Safety**.

4. Public Works

Road maintenance/preservation:

Mayor Calvo said that he has paid very close attention to the conditions of roads in Berwyn Heights. He has noticed a considerable increase in asphalt cracking in the last couple of years. He would like Public Works Director Coleman to

address how the life of Town roads can be extended by crack sealing or other methods. He believes that should be part of the Public Works budget request. He also would like the Director bring with him a street renovation schedule. Having completed the Seminole/Ruatan Street project, he would like to know which roads are next. Thanks to the road repair tax, the Town will be able to set aside approximately \$120,000 per year in the infrastructure reserve, plus any Highway User Revenues the State will dispense. After 3 to 4 years, there will be enough in the reserve to do another road project.

MPT Wilkinson said that Director Coleman has a color-coded map of the Town showing streets and the years in which they have been renovated. Mayor Calvo said that he would like to have a priority list of streets by block as well. MPT Wilkinson will inform Director Coleman. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if any of the Four Cities members has crack sealing equipment the Town could borrow. Mayor Calvo said that the equipment can be rented and there is money appropriated for it. If there isn't enough man-power, hiring additional labor should be considered.

5. Administration

FY 2011 audit: TA Murphy said that the Town is in the black. The most important result may be that the Town did not use money from the surplus, which remains at last year's level. This due to the fact that the road repair project cost less than estimated and no additional money was needed to supplement the vehicle replacement reserve. The audit also shows that \$10,100 was set aside for recycling fees in case of a downturn in the recycling market, and \$2,500 accumulated in the NW/EP trailer reserve. The finished audit has been sent to the State, as required by law.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Town's financial assets went up by \$370,000 to reach a total of \$2.8 million. This continues the rebuilding of the Town's financial position, which he attributes mainly to conservative budgeting. The result is especially noteworthy because FY 2011 was the year when the Town absorbed the decline in real estate taxes and the loss in Highway User Revenues.

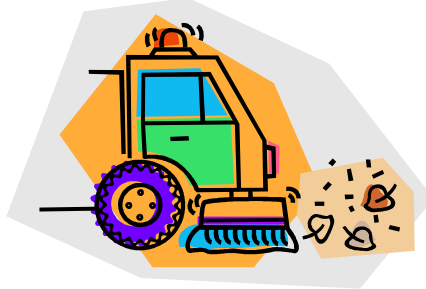
MPT Wilkinson asked where the speed camera revenues are tabulated. TA Murphy said they are shown on page 12 as part of the Public Safety Reserve.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.



Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Look for the Street Sweeper Logo in the Sunday column Of the B.H. Calendar on Page 27



The Street Sweeper logo identifies the week(s) in which our streets will be swept during the month.

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Show off your talent at the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council Annual Hollywood Talent Showcase



Friday, April 13, 2012

Show Starts at 7:00 pm

Berwyn Heights Elementary School – Multipurpose Room

BHES Music Department will be selling drinks/snacks to raise money for upcoming events.

A dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 pm

Interested in performing? Fill out the form below and return it to the Berwyn Heights Community Center, Town Center, or Elementary School or contact Kristen Buker (KristenBuker@aol.com, 443-623-0013) for more information.

Permission slips are due by Thursday, April 5. If your performance will be accompanied by music, a copy of that music is due with your permission slip.

Performer's Name: _____ Age: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Talent: _____ Group Name, if applicable: _____

Will you be performing to music? _____ Do you have any special requirements for your performance (for example, a table or chair)? _____

I give permission for my child _____

to participate in the Berwyn Heights Talent Show.

Date: _____

Performer's Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____ E-mail Address: _____



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DATES

General Election November 6

Primary Election April 3:

Voter Registration Deadline—March 13
Early Voting

March 24 - March 29—10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday Hours—Noon – 6:00 pm

Absentee Ballot Application Deadline

March 27 4:30 pm – 11:59 pm

Late Absentee Ballot Application Begins March 28



Now you can vote on six additional days prior to Election Day. Early voting centers will be open 10am to 8pm, including Sundays, Noon to 6:00 pm.

The early voting center closest to Berwyn Heights is the **College Park Community Center** at 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, Telephone: 301-441-2647

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Smart Meter Installation



Pepco sub-contractor Scope Services, Inc. is installing smart meters in Berwyn Heights through the end of 2012. This is part of a long-term investment to upgrade the power grid. Scope Services workers wear blue shirts, khaki pants and photo ID, and drive white vans marked with Pepco and Scope Services logos.

During the meter exchange, there may be a brief power interruption of 5 minutes or less. If you or a member of your household is currently registered in Pepco's Emergency Medical Program for customers with special medical needs, the meter installer will make personal contact prior to exchanging the meter. Or you can call Scope Services at (888) 226-8761 to make an appointment. If you wish to register for the program, call Pepco at (202) 833-7500.

If you have general questions about the installation, please call Pepco's customer care center at (202) 833-7500, or visit the "Smart Grid" section on Pepco.com under "Our Energy Future."

LENT: Spiritual Services & Charitable Works

Ash Wednesday Masses: Feb. 22nd,
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:30 PM

Ashes distributed after the homily at Mass.

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Weekend Masses: Every Sat.. 5:00 PM; Sun.,
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

Daily Mass: Weekdays 7:30 AM, Sat. 8:30 AM

Individual Reconciliation: Sat-3:30-4:30 PM;
and Wednesdays, March 7 thru April 4:
6:30-8:00 PM;

Evening Prayer: Every Wednesday-7:30 PM

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College Park, MD 20740-2196

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BIBLE STUDY:

Passion Narratives, Thursdays:

7:30—9:30 PM: Maria Goretti

Room: Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

STATIONS of the CROSS, Fridays:

**in Church: 7:30 PM, Mar. 9, 16,
23,30, Apr. 6 (at 12 N)**

**MASS for PEACE, 1st Fridays:
7:30 PM: 2 Mar.**

SAFE HAVEN, Weeks of Mar. 4-18

Tel: 301-474-3920

Email: parish@holy-redeemer.org

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Our Presidents' Day Wine & Cheese Reception and Book Signing on February 19th was a smashing success! There was a lovely buffet, music and six fabulous door prizes that included copies of our book "Berwyn Heights: Then & Now" plus a pair of local theatre tickets (*see ad to right* ☺).

Don Lynch and Melissa Avery of the Historical Association of Riverdale Park (HARP) signed copies of their recently published book "Images of America: Riverdale Park". They also showed a short film about the history of Riverdale Park that was very informative. ATHA Executive Director Aaron Marcavitch was also there with giveaways and information about War of 1812 & Civil War presentations and activities throughout the county. Town residents, along with local and Federal preservationists with a great interest in our communities, put the number of those in attendance to over 40 people.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. **Our next meeting will be on March 27th.**

The New Old Theatre presents:

**THE PERILOUS
FIGHT:**
the War of 1812
as told in ballad and anthem

Friday, March 9
7:30 pm

Old Parish House – 4711 Knox Road, College Park

World premier with patriotic songs, tableaux, and excerpts from poetry and plays all relating to the War of 1812. The iconic bombardment of Fort McHenry is depicted in miniature in the thrilling finale!

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

ATHA • ACTIVITIES



7th Annual Bike Rally

Check back in mid-spring 2012 for more information on our annual bike rally!

“Rivers to Rockets Rally”

May 19, 2012 • 8:30 am–1:00 pm
Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Come and experience the War of 1812 and the Port of Bladensburg, ride past the oldest operating airfield in the United States, and head on to the home of Goddard – the city of Greenbelt.

We will host 3 different types of routes!

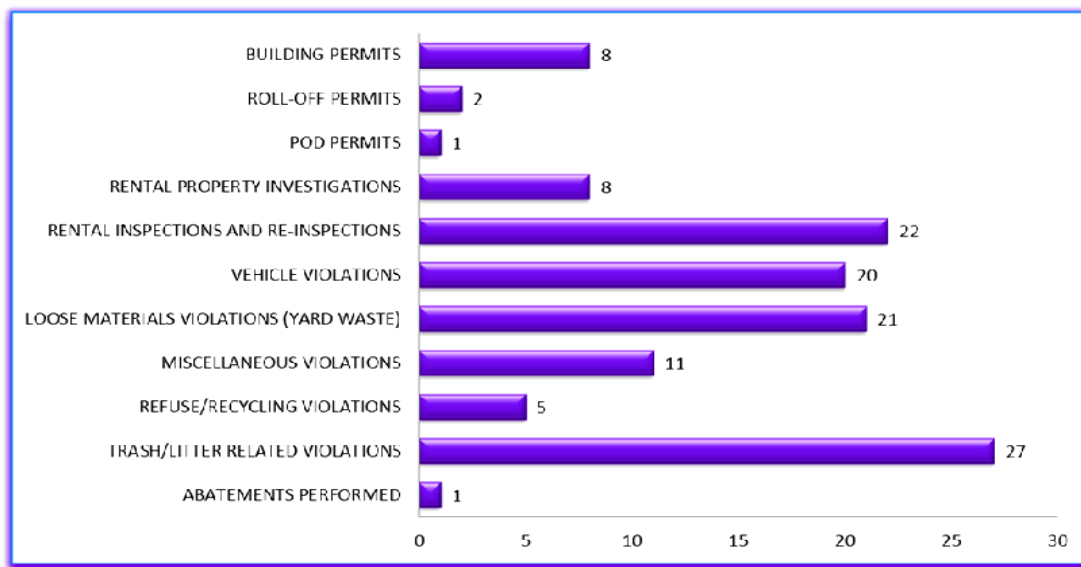
a 10 mile, local route around the Arts District; a 20 mile route via Berwyn Heights to Greenbelt to see them on their 75th Anniversary; and a 30 mile loop to Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Greenbelt Nation-

al Park. All routes are well suited to a variety of skill levels, although the 30 mile loop may have a few more hills involved. We will use the Anacostia Tributary Trail System for our routes, but we will have to cross some major roads at a few points. We encourage families to participate. Registration and bike rental options will be posted on or about April 1. Food will be provided as well as a T-shirt as part of the registration costs (\$25 for single, other rates TBD.)

CODE COMPLIANCE

Hoarding is the excessive collection and retention of things or animals until they interfere with day-to-day functions such as home, health, family, work and social life. The accumulation of combustible material, trash, food, and/or animals creates serious personal safety, fire and health hazards and can cause disease, vermin, and/or insect infestations. These life-safety and health issues affect the occupants and then affect neighbors, public safety personnel and the general public. While large amounts of combustible material create a fire hazard, in many cases the material also blocks or seriously obstructs egress paths. This not only limits an occupant's means of escape during an emergency, it also limits the ability of public safety personnel to get inside the home. If you know of any exterior hoarding conditions, please contact us at (301) 513-9331. Community safety through compliance is always our first priority.

Code Activity Recap for the month of January 2012 – The Code Compliance Department handled these new violations, which are included but not limited to at least one violation per property:



REVENUE: building permits - \$3,100.00; roll-off permits - \$50.00; POD permits - \$50.00; total fines and late fees issued - \$1,150.00; liens to be collected as Town taxes - \$275.00; code fines/clean-outs/abatement money including liens mailed to the County - \$115.00

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- **Mondays 5-7 pm Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.**
- **Tuesdays 6-8 pm Berwyn Heights Elementary-6200 Pontiac Street**
- **Fridays 5-7 pm Berwyn Heights Town Center**

For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829 (beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881.



RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS & EVENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center. We will be planning Berwyn Heights Day. Whether you have ideas for the day or a few hours to volunteer, we need your help! Come to our next meeting or contact us for more information.

Recreation Council Contacts:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Annual Hollywood Talent Showcase – Calling all Singers, Dancers, and Performers! (See Page 11)

Friday, April 13th at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (see registration form in this month's bulletin).

Berwyn Heights Day Preview – Saturday, May 5th

(more details in next month's bulletin):

- ❖ Fun Run 8:00 a.m. (7:30 a.m. registration, Town Center) – All participants get a free t-shirt designed by resident David Williams!
- ❖ Seniors' Bake Sale 8:30 a.m. – late afternoon at Senior Center
- ❖ Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Town Center, 2nd Floor (\$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children under 12)
- ❖ Craft Vendors 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Sports Park (See Application Below)
- ❖ Parade, Performances, and Award Presentation – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ Food and Drinks – 12:00 p.m. at Sports Park
- ❖ Games and More Games – 1:00 pm – 4:30 p.m. at Sports Park
- ❖ Afternoon Concert and much more!

Be Part of Berwyn Heights Day! The Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help with the pancake breakfast, games, ticket sales, and Fun Run. Students can earn community service hours.

Craft Vendor/Information Booth Application

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Items for Sale/Distribution: _____

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for sale. Please do not sell or provide food/drinks, silly string, or colored hair spray. All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57th Ave and Berwyn Road).

Set-Up Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am; Event time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Amount (circle one): \$10 Residents/Information Booths \$15 Non-Residents

Canopy (canopies available for \$15; supply limited): Yes/No

Drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check
(made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 19, 2012.**

For additional information, contact Kristen Buker at 443-623-0013,
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Please note, if you have an unpaid speed camera ticket from the last 6 months, you are subject to an additional late fee and having your vehicle registration flagged.

- **\$40.00** late fee applies if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 45 days from the date of issuance;
- **\$40.00** flagging fee to re-register a flagged vehicle if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 60 days from the date of issuance.
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The Bugle

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

March 2012

Boys and Girls Club 2011 Special Recognition Awards

Boy of the Year: Brandon Wolfinger -- Brandon has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club for multiple years with his most active sport being soccer. In the Boys and Girls Club soccer program, he has stepped up to assist with coaching and lead soccer players in their practices and training. In the past years he has been active in soccer, baseball and basketball.

Girl of the Year: Sara Conover -- Sara is currently a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the Science and Technology Program. She participates in the Pep Band and Flute Choir and belongs to the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Science Technology Engineering Mentors Program. She has been with the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club since 2001 and has participated in softball, soccer, ball hockey and track. Her future plans include attending the University of Maryland in College Park and majoring in architecture.

Man of the Year: Dave Wolfinger – Dave is a previous club coach who recently returned to help coach the U10 Girls Softball Team. He has also helped out in coaching the U14 Boys Soccer Team.

Woman of the Year: Beth Brittan-Powell – Beth has been a supportive club mom for over 10 years, but has recently stepped up and became assistant coach in soccer for the past 2 years. She has also helped in the concession stand and with many other club events. She has been a community leader including President of the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA.

Spring Sports

Soccer

We will be having Soccer for ages 4 through 14 and we are also trying to have a 16 & under team if we can get enough players. We also will need coaches for some of our age groups. For information, please contact our Soccer Commissioner Tino Menjivar at (301)614-8933.

Tee-Ball and Baseball

We will have a Tee-Ball league for kid's ages roughly 4 to 7. For Baseball, we are trying to form multiple baseball teams, ages 8-16, to play within the County. Baseball will run from March until June/July. For more information, please call our Baseball Commissioner, Ronnie Compton at (301) 345-2661. We are looking for coaches for both t-ball and baseball.

Softball

We plan on having several Girls Softball teams: (14 and under, 12 and under, and 10 and under). Practices will start in March. Games will end approximately the end of June. For more information please contact our Softball Commissioner, Dave Carter at (301) 441-2263.

REMEMBER! It's not too late to sign up for the Club and we have new pricing this year. If interested, please contact Kathy Schuster at (301)441-2263 or by email at: Kathyschuster@verizon.net

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 7:00pm the Town Center.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Spring officially arrives this month, so...time to tidy up, get out from some of the winter "clutter". Check out my top 10 list of how to turn off a buyer. If you aren't planning a move ...don't "turn off" your family members & guests. More important, just tackling a couple of these items will make a huge difference and you will be happy with the results!

10 HOME SALE KILLERS

1. Dirt
2. Odors
3. Old fixtures
4. Wallpaper
5. Popcorn acoustic ceilings
6. Too many personal items
7. Snoopy "too helpful" sellers
8. Misrepresenting your home
9. Poor curb appeal
10. Clutter



TOP 5:

1. Hands down nothing turns off buyers quicker than a dirty house!
2. Buyers buy with their eyes, emotions and their nose! Pet odors the biggest culprit!
3. Want the buyers to roll their eyes...leave up old fixtures, cabinet hardware, dated ceiling fans.
4. Your grandmother probably had floral wallpaper in every bedroom...today wall paper is a definite no-no.
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Available- 5701 Berwyn Rd....4Br, 2 BA rambler, OSP, HDWD flrs, close to lake.	\$219,900.
Available- 8901 59th Av....4BR, 2BA rambler covered deck, lg family room with kitchenette.	\$209,900.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 6	Thomas Louie
March 12	Libera (Libby) Hand
March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 15	Frances Day
March 16	Grace O'Connor
March 19	Mia Rojas
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Norma Wines
March 22	Pat Agee
	Nae-Shiang Chiou
March 25	Peggy Gannon
	Peggy Smith
March 26	Gail Anzulovic
March 27	Roland Heath
March 30	Joan Shotland

MARCH ACTIVITIES

March 1	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
March 3	Potluck and Movie	5:00 P.M.
March 6	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 7	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 8	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
March 13	Meeting	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
March 14	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 15	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
March 20	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
March 21	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 22	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
March 27	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
March 28	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
March 29	Game Night	7:00 P.M.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/CERT

THUNDERSTORMS & LIGHTNING

In the United States, lightning kills 300 people and injures 80 on average, each year. All thunderstorms produce lightning and all have the potential for danger. Those dangers can include tornadoes, strong winds, hail, wildfires and flash flooding.

Lightning is difficult to predict but often strikes before a heavy rain and as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall. Most lightning deaths and injuries occur outdoors. Therefore you should seek shelter inside a building, or hard top automobile, when a storm approaches. If you cannot get indoors know how to be as safe as possible outdoors.

Lightning Safety when outdoors	
In a forest	Seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees.
In an open area	Go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods.
On open water	Get to land and find shelter immediately.
Anywhere you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike)	Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. DO NOT lie flat on the ground.

Prepare Your Family

- Get an Emergency Supply Kit, which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries
- Make a Family Emergency Plan
- Inform babysitters and caregivers of your plan.
- Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class from your local Citizen Corps chapter. Keep your training current.
- Remember the **30/30 Lightning Safety Rule**: Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

Be Informed and familiar with the terms used to identify a thunderstorm hazard

- A **thunderstorm watch** means there is a possibility of a thunderstorm in your area.
- A **thunderstorm warning** means a thunderstorm is occurring or will likely occur soon. If you are advised to take shelter, do so immediately.

Prepare Your Home

- Remove rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a thunderstorm.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Close window shutters, blinds or curtains and secure outside doors.
- **Unplug any electronic equipment.**
- Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting www.FoodSafety.gov.

Listen to Local Officials

Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.

For further information on how to plan and prepare for thunderstorms and lightning as well as what to do during and after a thunderstorm, visit: Federal Emergency Management Agency, NOAA Watch, or American Red Cross.



Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

March 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

ANNUAL PTA SKATE NIGHT COME ICESKATING WITH US!

WHEN: Friday, March 23, 2012

WHERE: Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740

TIME: 6:45-8:30

Come early and get dinner for the night as the 6th graders will be selling pizza to help fund their trip to North Bay.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar 23 - Skate Party - Wells Ice Rink
Mar 26 - Potbelly Sandwich Shop Fundraiser 5-9pm
Mar 29 - End of Third Quarter
Mar 30 - No School - Teacher Planning

Special Events

Dinner Fundraiser - Join us for dinner at Potbelly Sandwich Shop from 5-9pm. A percentage of your dinner purchase will be given to the BHES Field Trip Transportation Fund.

Ledo's Transportation Fundraiser – Thank you to Ledo's in College Park for hosting our fourth dinner. We appreciate all the families and staff that came out to support the Transportation Fund.

Book Club – Thank you to the staff, parents and students who attended our first book club meeting of the school year.

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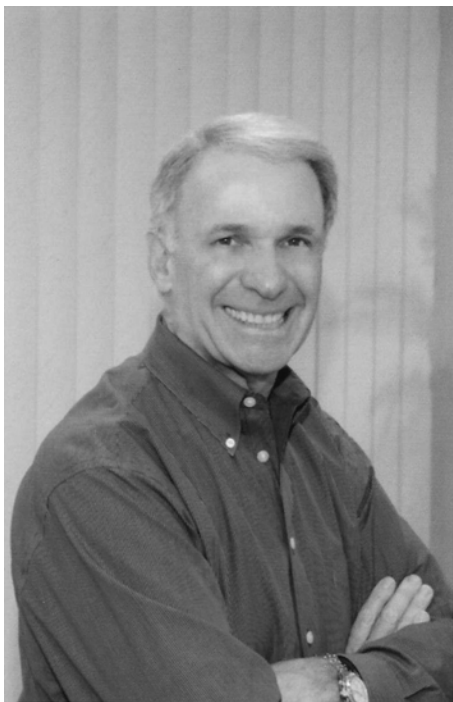
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Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines: Go to www.tawannagaines.org, click Scholarship Information, and download Scholarship Application. Complete application. Mail application and a 300 word essay to Delegate Gaines **by April 1, 2012.**

Delegate Anne Healey: Go to www.delegatehealey.com, click Scholarship Information, and download Scholarship Applica-

tion. Complete application, and mail completed application to Delegate Anne Healey, Maryland House of Delegates, 6 Bladen Street, Room 350, Annapolis, MD 21401, ATTN: Scholarship **by April 15, 2012.**

Delegate Justin D. Ross: Go to www.justinross.us download Scholarship Application, Scholarship Application Checklist, and eligibility requirements. Complete application. Mail application and a 300 word essay to Delegate Ross **by April 27, 2012.**

For all scholarships, you must:

- Live in District 22 (which includes Berwyn Heights)
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Prince George's County Municipal Association, representing the County's 27 Municipalities, offers scholarships to students preparing for a career in government or public service. Students must be a resident of one of Prince George's County municipalities, such as Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt and New Carrollton and be student in good

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Go to www.cityoflaurel.org, enter PGCMA scholarship into search box and download PGCMA Scholarship Application. Complete the application, write a statement of your educational objectives and career goals, and write an essay on the importance of municipal government in the community.

Each applicant's application must indicate or include:

- A commitment to public service, e.g., past or current involvement with civic organizations
- An educational program in local government or public service
- Applicant's statement of educational objectives and career goals
- Two letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member of the current educational institution; the other should be from a municipal official)
- An essay on the importance of municipal government in the community
- Completion of the scholarship application

Mail application, statement of educational objectives, essay on importance of municipal government and two letters of recommendation to PGCMA Scholarship Committee, c/o Council Member Michael Leszcz, City of Laurel, 8103 Sandy Spring Road, Laurel, MD 20707. Direct all question to Council Member Leszcz at (301) 725-5300. All application material is due **by April 30, 2012.**

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BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of January 2012. 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.

01/01/12 at 7:35 am, Pvt. Krouse impounded a 2005 Nissan at the location of 5400 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver of the vehicle was driving without a license.

01/07/12 at 6:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8700 block of 62nd Avenue for a report of theft from 2011 Ford Truck. Unknown person broke the passenger's side window and removed a power-point projector from the vehicle.

01/09/12 at 1:36 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the BHPD HQ for a warrant service. Gregory Smith jr., of Lanham, MD turned himself in at the police HQ for an open warrant. He was transported to District 1 Hyattsville, DOC.

01/11/12 at 10:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of theft of a Maryland tag from a 2006 motorcycle.

01/16/12 at 4:31 pm, Pfc. Thompson stopped a 46 Y/O, B/M a College Park resident, who was knocking on people's door asking for a ride. The location of the said incident was the 8800 block of Cunningham Drive.

01/16/12 at 7:14 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2007 Ford truck for a traffic violation in the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue.

01/17/12 at 3:46 pm, Pfc. Ignowski served an outstanding warrant on Mr. Delante Lamar Ellis. Ellis is a 27 Y/O, B/M, a resident of Oxon Hill, MD. Mr. Ellis was apprehended in the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue.

01/19/12 at 2:29 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1995 Toyota for a traffic violation in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road.

01/19/12 at 3:25 pm, Pfc. Ignowski served an outstanding warrant on Mr. William Bryant Wilson. Wilson is a 69 Y/O,

W/M, a resident of Washington DC. Wilson was apprehended in the 5400 block of Berwyn Road.

On 01/20/12 at 2:00 pm, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a wallet.

On 01/20/12 at 9:30 pm Pfc. Roberson responded to the 7-11 on Edmonston Road for a report of a suspicious person. Pfc. Roberson located a 34 Y/O, B/M a University Park resident, loitering between the 7-11 and Greenbelt Road Shell. The subject was wearing all black and appears to be hiding. Due to the suspicious behavior, Pfc. Roberson conducted a 'Terry vs. Ohio' stop and a frisk was conducted. A flashlight, a pair of gloves and a change of clothes were found on the suspicious person. He was identified through his Maryland ID. He was checked for outstanding warrants and sent on way.

On 01/22/12 at 12:35 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2002 Chevy Truck from the location of 8900 block of Edmonston Road for driver driving without a license.

On 01/22/12 at 9:25 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the Beltway Gas Station on Greenbelt Road for a report of an armed robbery. When patrol officers arrived, they learned that a black male suspect ran inside the store pointing a handgun at the employee. The suspect was wearing dark clothing and fled towards 58th Ave. No one was hurt and around \$100.00 was taken.

On 01/24/12 at 6:40 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6300 block of Tecumseh Street for a report of a theft from a vehicle. Unknown person smashed the window out of a 2007 Toyota and removed a GPS.

On 01/26/12 at 11:00 am Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of vandalism to a 2004 Ford Focus. Unknown person smashed the rear window out.

On 01/20/12 at 2:46 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the Staple Office Store for a report of a theft of 'copier toners'. The suspect is described as a B/M, 5'06", 150 Lbs. wearing a long dark coat. The suspect removed items from the store and fled out to an awaiting silver minivan.

On 01/21/12 at 6:44 am, Pfc. Krouse recovered a stolen 1996 Nissan Sentra at the location of 63rd Avenue and Rua-

tan Street.

On 01/22/12 at 12:08 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the Maryland Oral Surgery located at 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of a prescription fraud and theft. The aforementioned case is being investigated by Pfc. Krouse.

01/28/12 at 8:21 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1995 Toyota at the location of 6300 block of Tecumseh Place. The driver of the said vehicle was driving without a license.

01/31/12 at 7:43 pm, Pfc. Ignowski initiated a traffic stop of a 2005 Chevy Truck in the location of 6200 Pontiac Street, for driving without using proper headlights, or taillights illuminated. Further investigation revealed that the driver, Mr. Donald Evans a 54 Y/O, W/M, was suspended for noncompliance with the interlock system. He was arrested and taken to DOC.



**NON-EMERGENCY
POLICE DISPATCH
PHONE NUMBER
301-352-1200**

Here is the Procedure for getting Berwyn Heights police officer response for non-emergency police service or assistance.

1. Call 301-352-1200 (P.G. County Police).
2. Give dispatcher your name, address where you are, a phone number where you can be reached, and explain why you need a police officer.
3. **Critically Important:** Tell the dispatcher that you want the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to contact you or to respond.
4. **In an emergency, Call 911.**



Berwyn Heights Playgroup


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

When: Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Where: Town Center during the winter months

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting 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. Weekly play dates are held at the Town Center during the winter months unless there is a nice sunny warm day in which case we meet at Pop's Park on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:00pm.

Please contact Rose Almoguera (rose.almoguera@yahoo.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.



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

































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March 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Recycling Collection  Street Sweeping  Yard Waste North South	  Refuse Collection North South   Bulk Pick-up North South		 1  Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M	 2 	3	
4 *Street Sweeping Week: 	 5  Worksession & Budget Presentation 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 6  Deadline for Filing as Candidate In Town Council Election	 7 NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	 8 	 9 	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins *Street Sweeping Week: 	 12  Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M.	 13 	 14 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 15 	 16 	17 
18	 19  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 20 	 21	 22 	 23 	24
25	 26  Budget Worksession 7:00 P.M.	 27  BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	 28	 29 	 30 	31
*Please try not to park in the street wherever possible when the street sweeper comes to B.H.						

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 Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
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 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Fire Department (301) 474-7866
 Senior Center (301) 474-0018
 Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
 Town Office (301) 474-5000
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 474-5000
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health
 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)
 Richard Ahrens (301) 474-3328 rahrens@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Councilmember — Administration

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Fridays
Heavy Trash Day:
 Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac
Recycling Schedule:
 Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at
contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
 at 11:30 a.m.
 or call the Town Office
 to request a play time.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>
Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.
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