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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Proposed Adoption of Charter Amendment**

**May 10, 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers**

An amendment to the Berwyn Heights Charter updating Section 202 – Corporate Boundaries is proposed to be adopted at the May 10 Town meeting. It is proposed to delete the recitation of metes and bounds, and instead reference the documents on file at all times with the Prince George's County Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission and the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, which show the most recent courses and distances of the Town's boundaries. This avoids the necessity of amending the Charter each time a change to the Town's boundaries occurs.

For more information and comments, please contact  
Town Administrator Cowles at [jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov)

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

### **Proposed Adoption of Amendments to ORD 120 – Rental Housing**

**March 8, 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers**

A revised and updated Ordinance 120 - Rental Housing is proposed to be adopted at the March 8 Town meeting. Important changes include adopting the Prince George's County Fire Code; referencing selected County Codes and Town Ordinances as standards with which rental properties must comply; requiring a rental license for all rental properties, exempting only renting to immediate family members; and revising timelines for rental license application and inspection.

For more information and comments, please contact  
Code Compliance Supervisor Glass at  
301-513-9331 or [fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:fglass@berwynheightsmd.gov)

## **Budget Workshop**

**Saturday, March 25 | 9am - 3pm**

### **Town Office**



This year, the Town Council and Town Administrator are implementing a new budget process. Bi-weekly Monday budget worksessions in March and April will be replaced by one all-day budget workshop. The Town Council and senior staff will be present and together review the entire FY 2018 budget. The meeting is open to the public. Initial presentation of the proposed Town Administrator's FY18 budget is scheduled for the March 6 worksession.

Please contact Town Administrator Cowles about more information [jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov).

## **ATTENTION !**

### **Town Meetings**

**Now start at 7:00 pm**

The starting time for Town meetings will change from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm beginning in March. Town meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month and are open to the public. They provide an opportunity for you to bring to the attention of the Town Council any matter of concern, and serve as a venue for formal Town Council actions as well as reporting on Town government activities. Please join us on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.



## Recreation Council News & Updates



### ***Pot o' Gold Pot Luck***

**Saturday, March 18th, 5-7pm**

Continue the Celebration of St. Paddy's Day by joining us for our "Pot of Gold" Pot Luck Dinner upstairs in the party room at the Town Center. This is a great opportunity to mingle with neighbors over dinner. Families are welcome! Soft drinks will be

provided (if you prefer wine and are of age, you can bring your own!)

**Please bring a dish (main course, side or dessert) that serves 8 or more people OR pay \$5 per person.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **Berwyn Heights Day - Saturday, May 6th**

If you would like to help out with some part of the day's festivities: Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Games, Entertainment & More, Please contact Susan Jones, at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).

Next Recreation Council Meeting is  
Tuesday, March 7th, 7:30pm in the G Love Room.  
For more information on any of our activities or to join,  
please contact Susan at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).

**Are you a Vendor/Crafter interested in renting space at Berwyn Heights Day 2017? See our Full Page Ad/Registration Form in this Bulletin!**

**Registration for the Fun Run is also in this month's bulletin!**



## Berwyn Heights Historical Committee



**Spring Reception**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Town Center**

Join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres and help us remember the post-War era in Berwyn Heights. We will host a discussion about what our Town was like in the 1950s, 60s and 70s. We have so many questions:

- \* Which clubs did you belong to?
- \* What was school like?
- \* What stores and restaurants did you go to?
- \* Who ran the Berwyn Heights Citizen Association?
- \* What was the Town government doing?



**Next Meeting**  
**March 28,**  
**7:30 pm**  
**G. Love Room.**

For information contact Kerstin Harper at 301-474-5000

## **GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY**

**Saturday, April 1, 9:00 am**



Join with UMD students in removing invasive plants at Lake Artemesia during College Park's Good Neighbor Day. Meet up at 9:00 am at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue. Sign up online at:

<https://vpaf.umd.edu/current-projects/good-neighbor-day>

**W**orksession

January 9, 2017

**Executive Session (6:16 p.m. – 6:56 p.m.)**

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen the Council went into executive session to discuss the Town Administrator's performance evaluation. With the matter discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Rasmussen seconded to end the executive session.

**Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. CM Shields arrived at 7:35 p.m., having attended a presentation on mitigating the Purple Line's impact in the Indian Creek valley. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Representatives of the Branchville Road Shell station David Lynch, Jonathan Jollis and Arman Gurbian.

**1. Announcements**

This year's ATHA/ Maryland Milestone calendar contains a photo by Town resident and former Councilmember James Wilkinson. The free calendars are available in the Town office.

**2. Minutes**

On a motion by CM Dennison, seconded by CM Rasmussen, the December 19 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The December 14 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

**3. Presentation**

**Branchville Road Shell facility improvements:** Mayor Jewitt welcomed Shell representatives Dan Lynch (Attorney), Arman Gurbian (Petroleum Marketing Group), and Jonathan Jollis (Engineer), for a discussion of the plans to raze and rebuild the Branchville Road Shell gas station. Mr. Lynch explained that this gas station was last upgraded some 30 years ago and needs a complete overhaul. Shell plans to replace the gas station and add a 24-hour convenience store and car wash. The owners would like to get Berwyn Heights' input on the layout of the redeveloped site before a detailed site plan is drafted. The new Shell station would maintain access from both Greenbelt Road and Branchville Road, and come into compliance with the latest requirements for storm-

water management, tree canopy and landscaping.

In response to questions, the Shell representatives said that a modern and inviting gas station would attract more customers and compete better with other gas stations in the vicinity. Any landscape plan will call for new trees to be planted so as to comply with the Prince George's County tree coverage ordinance. The operators of the new, larger convenience store will implement their own safety protocols for employees, including security cameras and panic buttons, to deal with possible robberies. The new car wash will recycle up to 95% of the water used, and not dispense any water into nearby Indian Creek. New landscaping will absorb more stormwater runoff from the site than it currently does. The developers were not planning to build a sidewalk on the Branchville Road frontage of their property; however, they will take into account the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists that will be using the East Coast Greenway, when the trail to Greenbelt Station opens.

In terms of a timeline for the renovation, the developers will seek to obtain approval for a stormwater management plan first, and then produce a detailed site plan, which they hope to be able to present to the Town in late spring. Depending upon approval of the site plan by the County, construction of the new buildings is expected to take around 4 months. In response to Mike Attick, Mr. Gurbian said the existing gas tanks were installed 4-5 years ago and have a product life of around 40 years. The Shell station sits on 2 lots owned by Ali Murtaza. The lots in question currently do not have trees, but trees will be planted as part of the redevelopment of the site. Mayor Jewitt thanked the developers for their presentation.

**4. Department Reports**

Mayor Jewitt thanked the Berwyn Heights officers for patrolling over the New Year's holiday. During that week there were no incidents to report. MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced that State legislators will hold their annual legislative reception, which is open to the public, on January 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Senate Office Building. She also requested and the Council agreed to add scheduling the all-day Budget meeting and Four Cities items to the agenda. CM Rasmussen said he is sorry to have missed Santa riding through Town on the fire truck on Christmas Eve. Later this week, he will accompany Code Supervi-

sor Glass on a ride-along.

CM Shields announced the winners of the holiday decorating contest: best yard – 8711 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue; best house – 8627 Cunningham Drive; best overall – 5723 Nevada Street. He then reported on the Purple Line meeting, attended by some 25 guests, including Delegate Gaines. He said that the impacts from construction of the Purple Line on the Paint Branch creek will be offset with improvements on a 1: 5.6 ratio, including stream bed restoration and stabilization near the College Park airport. Tree removals to access the mitigation area will be limited to the minimum necessary and replanting of trees will take place after construction.

**5. Citizen comments**

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, said that CM Rasmussen could not be understood on the cable television broadcast when he participated in the last worksession via telephone. Mr. Attick further requested that the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP), which he co-chairs, be included in the budget process.

**6. Action Items**

There were none.

**7. Discussion Items**

**Ordinance 120 proposed amendments:** CM Rasmussen explained that TA Cowles provided a memorandum summarizing the changes the Council made to the Rental Housing Ordinance during the last worksession, and recommendations for further changes made by the Town attorney, including: 1) to clarify the purpose of the Ordinance; 2) to make definitions in the Ordinance consistent with those found in the International Property Maintenance Code and the Prince George's County Housing Code; and 3) to delete Section 13 B, which authorizes the Council to waive provisions of the Ordinance at its discretion. It was thought that this conflicts with the goal of the Ordinance to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of tenants and the public.

The Council reviewed the Town Attorney's recommendations; MPT Kulpa-Eddy disagreed with the proposal to eliminate the Council's waiver authority in Section 13 B. She said there are non-health and safety related provisions in the Ordinance in regard to which the Council may want to retain flexibility, such as the requirement for a landlord to have a local agent if he lives more than



50 miles from the rental home. It was agreed to ask the Town attorney suggest language that allows the Council to retain such flexibility.

The Council reviewed the new *Property Owner and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Form*. It was agreed to remove the term "Rights" from the title, as well as the list of tenant rights in the document itself. Instead, reference will be made to the State's Attorney and Prince George's County websites for detailed explanations of landlord-tenant issues.

The Council reviewed the *Rental Housing Fee & Fine Schedule*. It was agreed to add the rental license fee of \$300 to the schedule and to clarify what are "remedial violations" as opposed to "other violations" by giving examples. Mr. Attick suggested raising the rental license fee since renting is a business activity.

The Council reviewed the new *Application for a Rental Housing License*. It was agreed to add "Number of Bedrooms" and "Number of Levels" to the rental property description field and to strike the term "prevent" in connection with requiring 10-days' notice for an inspection to resolve an emergency.

At 8:53 p.m., the Council took a 10-minute break.

The Council reviewed the revised Rental Housing Ordinance. The following changes were made:

**Section 2 BB:** siblings were added to the definition of "immediate family."

**Section 2 YY:** "payment" was clarified as a monetary payment in a business transaction.

**Section 4 I:** the word "correct" was replaced by "remediate" in connection with violations uncovered during a rental inspection to correspond with language in the Fee & Fine Schedule.

**Section 4 N:** the period for renewing a rental license in the event of a sale of a rental property was extended from 5 to 10 days.

**Section 5 A, C:** taking photos was added to the actions a code officer may perform when inspecting the interior and exterior of a rental property.

**Section 6 – Adoption of Selected Prince George's County Codes:** this section should state the purpose for which the codes are adopted as is done in *Section 7 - Standards*.

**Section 7 C:** a provision stating that

"documentation of compliance with State law pertaining to lead paint" is required was added.

**Section 7 K (c), (d) – Fire Protection Services:** specifics about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were replaced with language stating that rental units "shall comply with all required fire detection systems."

**Section 8 E:** title of sub-section was changed to "Condemnation Service on Occupant."

**Section 9 B – Waiving Application of Ordinance:** deleted.

**Section 14 – Validity:** section renamed "Severability."

Revised and Effective dates are to be added to the end of the Ordinance.

**State of the Town agenda format:** It was agreed that the Mayor will give a State of the Town address, Councilmembers a State of their Department report, and directors their monthly reports. Committee chairs will be invited to report on their accomplishments from the past year.

**Town committee members:** Mayor Jewitt said she received a question whether Town Councilmembers can serve on Town committees and requested input from the Council. There are no formal rules prohibiting Councilmembers from serving on Town committees, but they generally do not serve in leadership positions or participate in voting because of a potential for conflicts of interest.

In discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she resigned as chair of Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness (NW/ EP) committee when elected to the Council, and abstained from voting because she did not want to influence the outcome of a vote. In the event of an emergency, a Councilmember who serves on the NW/EP committee would likely focus on Council duties, although he or she may engage in CERT activities before arriving at the Town office, which would serve as the command center. CERT members usually do not deploy on their own, but are called upon to deploy. In the field, they are subject to the incident command system.

The Council further discussed what constitutes membership on a Town committee. In some committees, members are formally appointed by the Town Council and in others they simply join. Where they exist, committee bylaws may define membership and the privileges associat-

ed with it. Most Town committees were at some point established by the Town Council for a particular reason, and may receive Town funds or administer Town property, such as the emergency trailer and the museum. CM Shields was asked to look into these issues in an attempt to develop a policy for Town committees.

**Ordinance 122 – Urban Forest:** CM Rasmussen asked if the Town Council is inclined to open up the Urban Forest Ordinance for revision this fiscal year, as initially planned. The Ordinance sets forth the establishment of a 5-member Shade Tree Board appointed by the Council to study and inventory Town trees and develop a plan for their care, including removals and replanting. He had approached the Green Team about serving as the Shade Tree Board, but they declined to take on any regulatory responsibilities, such as issuing permits for tree removals. On the other hand, many residents were interested in preserving trees when Pepco carried out its tree removals along Edmonston Road. The Council agreed to advise the formation of a new Shade Trade Board, and call for volunteers to join.

**Charter amendment on Town boundaries:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that unfortunately the Charter amendment updating the Town's boundaries will not be ready for introduction at the January 11 Town meeting. The engineers will not have completed the metes and bounds until January 13, which will delay introduction to February.

**Four Cities agenda items:** The following agenda items were proposed for the January 25 Four Cities meeting in College Park: discussion of Pepco's tree removals along Edmonston Road, and presentation by M-NCPPC Planner Chad Williams on Module 3 of the Prince George's zoning rewrite.

**Budget worksession date:** March 25, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm was set as the date for a budget retreat, at which all Councilmembers and department directors will discuss the proposed FY 2018 budget. This replaces 4 - 5 budget worksessions that were usually held in March and April to review the budget.

## 8. Town Council Schedule

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting January 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, and Chris Rasmussen. CM Gerald Shields had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Stevie Cox, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Public Hearing, Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing

CM Rasmussen gave an overview of the key changes made to Ordinance 120 and thanked TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass for their work in researching and preparing the proposed changes. The amended Ordinance includes the following changes:

- Adopts selected divisions of the Prince George's County Housing Code, the International Property Maintenance Code and the NFPA Fire Code to ensure that its provisions comply with the latest laws and regulations;
- Requires that all rental properties have a rental license, including short-term rentals;
- Ends the exemption from a license requirement for owner-occupied homes that have only 1 rental unit;
- Continues the exemption from a license requirement for homeowners renting to immediate family members;
- Replaces the right of at least 3 home owners within 500' of a rental property to petition the Council about code violations at the property with the right of any resident or Town business to file such complaints with the Code Compliance Department;
- Requires an agent, who lives within 50 miles of the rental property, if the owner lives more than 50 miles

away;

- Clarifies that a code official is authorized to inspect the entire rental property, including all interior and exterior areas.

CM Rasmussen further noted that the Council had extensive discussion about the immediate family and "owner-plus-one renter" exemptions and about what constitutes renting. Citizen feedback on these issues is particularly welcome. The Council also raised a number of fines associated with the licensing process in areas where the Code Department regularly experiences a high number of violations and non-compliance with regulations. A revised Fee & Fine Resolution has been made available for comment.

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Jewitt opened the public hearing. Connie Cunningham, 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, spoke in opposition of instituting a license requirement for owner-occupied homes in which just one room is rented. She said she is a member of a church that occasionally refers people who need a place to stay for a few weeks or months. She has offered a room in her home as an accommodation on several occasions. She has not charged rent but has accepted payments to help cover utility expenses. In addition, she feels having another person live in her home has a safety benefit and discourages break-ins and thefts when she is away from home. Ms. Cunningham submitted proposed written text for insertion in the Ordinance.

Theresa Beck, Cunningham Drive, spoke in opposition of instituting a rental license requirement for renting to family members, and for renting to just one tenant in an owner-occupied home. She said offering a family member a place to stay is often motivated by wanting to help and not by profit. This can also be the case when allowing a friend to stay at one's home. These types of arrangements should not be subject to a licensing requirement. Similarly, the case of renting to just one tenant is not necessarily a business proposition. Any earnings are often not worth the trouble of obtaining a rental license and the inconvenience of sharing one's home. Lastly, she believes that State law does not require a lead paint inspection in an owner-occupied rental. Therefore, the amended Ordinance need not require it either.

CM Rasmussen responded that the Council changed the language regarding

lead paint in the Ordinance to be more generic and to require only proof of compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment lead paint regulations. He is not aware, however, that owner-occupied rentals are exempt from lead paint certification. He will ask the Code Supervisor to look into it. At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Jewitt closed the hearing.

### 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the December 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved, with amendments, 4 to 0.

### 3. Mayor's Report – State of the Town

Mayor Jewitt noted that the Council held an executive session on January 9, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding a personnel matter. She then gave the state of the Town address. She said that, while some concerns that came before the 47<sup>th</sup> Council last year could not be resolved to everyone's satisfaction, this Council is committed to place the interests of the Town and its residents first in the context of a recently adopted mission and vision for the Town. The vision and mission statements were developed at a strategic planning workshop the Council and senior staff held last fall to identify long range goals on which to focus the activities of the Town government.

Mayor Jewitt highlighted the major accomplishments of the past year which include: a new position classification and pay plan that brings staff salaries up to the D.C. area's prevailing market rate, and a new employee handbook replacing an outdated personnel manual. She also noted that the Town continues to manage its finances responsibly and remains debt free. As a result, it can afford to make investments in upgrading its communication systems – a new telephone system and video streaming are coming soon – and to deliver essential services through the Town's own Police, Public Works, Code Compliance and Administration Departments.

Mayor Jewitt noted some of the challenges the Town faces. Despite communicating with residents in a number of ways through the Town Bulletin, cable TV, website, and Twitter, residents say they still do not receive the information they need. A survey is being planned to find out how to best reach everyone. Other problems the Council plans to address is the relocation of the sub-par police station, which will require a big investment

and long term planning; repairing Town streets, for which TA Cowles and Public Works Director Cox have begun to develop a plan; and strengthening community engagement. Town organizations host a full lineup of events throughout the year, but many are in need of new volunteers to help plan and hold these events.

Mayor Jewitt continued that the 47<sup>th</sup> Council held 24 meetings since May 2016 and in two instances drew enough interest to fill the chamber with guests: the promotion ceremonies of 3 police officers, and a meeting to discuss tree removals on Edmonston Road with Pepco and SHA representatives. The meeting made apparent a strong interest among residents to preserve the tree canopy. The Council will work to obtain and share better information from Pepco on their vegetation management program so that it can act more pro-actively in the future. It is hoped that residents who advocated for protecting trees will help with the re-planting program to occur this spring.

In conclusion, Mayor Jewitt thanked her fellow Councilmembers for being engaged in various Town and County initiatives and working together productively.

#### 4. Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave a report on the state of the Administration Department. She highlighted the main accomplishments, which include the installation of emergency generators and a new air conditioning system at the Town Center, which leverage State funds for big savings, as well as the important human resources reforms. The FY 2016 audit was completed on time for the first time in years, a Town Council election was managed smoothly, and the department made a couple of personnel changes without disruptions.

For the coming year, the Administration Department will spearhead the implementation of the goals and objectives identified in the strategic planning exercise, and prepare the FY 2018 budget while following a new budget process. The information about upcoming insurance rates and potential merit increases will be available earlier than in previous years, making a more streamlined budget process possible. MPT Kulpa-Eddy commended the Administration Department's staff for all they have done and continue to do.

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the treasurer's report for December. The current

general fund balance is \$2,974,000, with FY 2017 receipts totaling \$1,725,000 and expenditures totaling \$1,260,000. In response to questions, she added that the pension contribution of \$81,000 to the Maryland State Retirement Fund is regularly paid in December and has not varied much since last year. The current balance in the \$1 million Metroland reserve fund is \$440,000 after applying \$120,000 towards the sidewalks project in FY 2015.

Town Administrator Cowles gave the Administration Department report for December. She said that she has been busy meeting with senior staff preparing the FY 2018 budget. The budget process will be different this year. Multiple budget worksessions will be condensed into a one-day budget retreat on March 25, at which the Council and department directors will work through the entire proposed budget. This gives residents the opportunity to attend on a Saturday. She also worked with the Code Department on revising the Rental Housing Ordinance, and with the Town attorney on preparing a Charter amendment on the Town's boundaries.

**Code Compliance:** CM Rasmussen gave an overview of the state of affairs in the Code Department. The revision of the Rental Housing Ordinance has taken up much of the Council's and staff time and is nearing completion. The number of vacant homes in Berwyn Heights has gone down steadily, while building and remodeling activity is up. A few homes that have long been vacant are now for sale, including the site of one of two homes that were condemned and demolished last year. Ensuring the upkeep of private properties is one of the Code Department's main responsibilities and helps to ensure public health and well-being and maintain property values.

CM Rasmussen said he is pleased that Code Supervisor Glass is providing some stability to the Department, after a short tenure of the previous code supervisor, and has the support of experienced employees Adrian Forbes, Zelda Bell and Keelah Allen Smith. CM Rasmussen noted that the Department is currently addressing the issues of unlicensed and inoperable cars, commercial vehicles parked in the street, and problems with accessory structures. After the removal of a large number of mature trees last year, which were dead, diseased or obstructing utility wires, CM Rasmussen is happy to announce that the Council has decided to reconstitute the Shade Tree Board to help maintain

the Town's urban forest. He hopes that some of the residents who came to protest the removal of Edmonston Road trees will decide to join.

Lastly, CM Rasmussen performed another weigh-in which showed a loss of 37 lbs. since last year. He had vowed to lose 40 lbs. as part of the University of Maryland and Prince George's County "lose it to win it" campaign.

Code Supervisor Glass gave his monthly report. He said that he took CM Rasmussen on a 2-hour ride-along through the Town, who noticed a number of different things, particularly issues relating to trees. Last month the Code Department issued 12 clean lot violations and is focusing on the commercial district, where a couple of businesses have a persistent trash problem.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** Mayor Jewitt announced the winners of the holiday decorating contest: best house - 8627 Cunningham Drive; best yard - 8711 58th Avenue; best overall - 5723 Nevada Street.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for December. There were only 2 Part I offenses, both larcenies, as compared to the 5-year average of 4.6. Total 2016 Part I offenses numbered 73, which is above the 5-year average of 69.4, but below the 10-year average of 90.5. The police issued 176 state and municipal citations and 183 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik commented that, of all the serious crimes reported to the FBI as Part I offenses, the most prevalent crime in Berwyn Heights is of the least violent kind, larcenies. By comparison, there were 21 murders, 37 rapes and 317 robberies in Northern Prince George's County in 2016. His 9 experienced officers continue to be proactive in suppressing crime by being visible and encouraging residents to help protect their community.

Looking back over the last year, Chief Antolik noted that 5 officers were promoted; that \$3,000 in Secret Service funds was received and \$2,000 from LGIT for equipping officers with body cameras; that the Department had all-hands-on deck during the first day of school, Halloween and National Night Out; that all seniors living alone in exigent circumstances were checked upon during the holidays; and that the MOU with the Town of Edmonston was invoked to carry out a high-visibility traffic check in Berwyn Heights. Chief Antolik also briefly recapped the emergencies during which



the police kept the Town safe in the last 15 years, and encouraged seniors who may need special assistance to register with BHPD for regular checks.

**Public Works:** Public Works Director Cox reported that many changes have been made since his appointment as the new Public Works director in August 2016, and many new employees have been added, most of whom have worked for the Town less than a year. The exceptions are Dan Woodard, who had his 10<sup>th</sup> work anniversary, and Gary Stanton, who completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

Director Cox summarized December's activities. Two new employees were selected from 129 applicants and are undergoing background checks. Senior staff held a hazardous weather preparedness meeting to plan how to respond to severe weather. He also noted that he attended an inter-municipal bikeways meeting in Greenbelt and advised residents to call WSSC directly if there is a water or sewer line break. The fastest way to report such a break is by using a WSSC app on a smart phone.

In response to CM Rasmussen, Director Cox said that recycling rates are usually higher than the 29% recorded for December. The trash to recycling ratio is higher during the holidays. The Town has not set a waste diversion goal.

## 5. Committee Reports

**Green Team:** Diana Agonoy reported that the Green Team meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend. The next meeting is on January 19. An energy efficiency workshop is scheduled for February 11, 10:00 a.m. and a dog meet and greet is planned for March. A community garden planning meeting will be held on January 18. Sign-up for garden plots usually occurs in February, but there may not be plots available this year, due to many renewals. Ms. Agonoy also reported for the Recreation Council, which will host a Re-gifting Party on January 21, a Valentine's Party on February 11, and a Potluck Dinner on March 18. She thanked Boys & Girls Club Registrar Angela Wolfinger for all her help with Recreation Council events.

**Historical Committee:** Chanel Kopecky reported on the Historical Committee's (BHHC) oral history project. She said phase I of the project was completed with the production and showing of a highlights reel of oral histories that were taped more than 10 years ago. She

thanked everyone who attended the showing at the BHHC fall reception. The Committee is considering installing a video player in the Town museum so that the oral histories can be viewed by visitors. In phase II, the Committee plans to interview a new set of residents about the Town's past. To do this, she and those working on the project plan to take training in how to operate a camera and edit footage, as well as recruit long-time residents to be interviewed. Former Councilmember Richard Ahrens and his wife will lead the way. Anyone interested in sharing their memories of an earlier Berwyn Heights may contact her at (301) 841-5000 or another member of the BHHC.

Clerk Harper added that the Historical Committee this year plans to forgo production of a historic street marker and instead spend its funds on improvements in the museum, such as a video player mentioned by Ms. Kopecky. In addition, the Committee is looking into additional storage and display solutions for its growing collection of documents and artifacts.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** Co-chair of the NW-EP Committee, Mike Attick announced a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 2-day training class on February 4 and 5. This is an opportunity for residents to get readiness training and develop a disaster plan for their family. A CERT kit of emergency supplies will be provided to all attendees. Mr. Attick encouraged residents to consider joining the NW/EP and to mark their calendars for the Wine Festival fundraiser on April 29.

**Recreation Council:** Reported under Green Team.

## 6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

## 7. New Business

**Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Introduction of Amendments:** Mayor Jewitt noted that a lengthy explanation of the purpose and scope of the amendments was given during the public hearing earlier in the meeting. CM Dennison moved to introduce the amended Ordinance 120, and CM Rasmussen seconded. Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. CM Rasmussen asked if the accompanying Fee & Fine Resolution will be introduced tonight. Mayor Jewitt said, since it was not posted for public view-

ing, it will not be introduced. With no further comments, Ordinance 120 was introduced in a 4 to 0 roll call vote.

## 8. Citizens Discussion

Nathan Kight commented that many valuable trees were felled during Pepco's recent tree pruning and removals. The wood of white oaks, maples and cherry trees could be processed for resale as lumber or firewood. He has a small sawmill and asked the tree contractor Asplundh to leave some trunks in his yard. However, this has resulted in the Code Department issuing him clean lot violations. He asked if the Town could make special provisions to allow for processing the wood or designate a place where it could be stored. Mr. Kight further asked if there are any plans for undergrounding utilities so that trees would not have to be felled to clear around power lines in the future.

Mayor Jewitt replied that the Town had no jurisdiction over the trees cut down along Edmonston Road as they are not on Town property. Pepco did allow residents to take some of the tree trunks left by the wayside, but she does not know if they can be used in a profit making enterprise.

CM Rasmussen said that, ideally, utilities would be laid underground but it is a very expensive undertaking. In addition, it can lead to more tree removals as root systems are disturbed by the digging. He does not think undergrounding will happen in Berwyn Heights anytime soon. Further, the Town received complaints about scavengers taking the wood left by the side of the road. He asked TA Cowles for clarification on what may be done with remaining tree trunks.

TA Cowles said that Pepco plans to complete the cleanup of trunks and other debris early this year. She also reported that Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, called to ask when the new phone system will be installed and what the process is for adopting Ordinance 120. She told her that residents can send in their comments to the Town at any time, and that the Ordinance will probably be adopted either at the February or March Town meeting after being posted on the website for public inspection.

Katherine Hunter, Seminole Place, brought a complaint about health code violations at the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, located at Greenbelt Road and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She and several other people have monitored activities at

the clinic for 2 years, while offering crisis pregnancy aid to people frequenting the clinic. The clinic was cited for a number of health code violations in 2013, and it is unclear if they have been addressed. The biggest concern is the public dumpster, its contents and the proper disposal of the contents, as well as a family living next to the clinic in close proximity to the dumpster. She urged the Town to monitor the clinic and ensure that it conforms to community standards.

TA Cowles, who has been looking into the health code violations, said that the adjacent rental home belongs to the owners of the clinic and is in the process of being demolished. In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Cowles said that the owners of the clinic are subject to Town business and rental licensing.

Karen Handy said that she filed an official complaint about health code violations with Prince George's County in October 2016 and expects to hear back by January 14. She noted that her organization can provide model legislation to municipalities to help regulate this type of clinic. Annie Boyle said a family with children lives in rental home that is attached to the clinic, not in the home that is going to be demolished. The Mayor and Council said that they will look into the matter to verify the alleged violations.

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, asked what concerns the Town has about stake body dump trucks, a type of commercial vehicle. CM Rasmussen said that County code does not allow them to be parked in the street but requires them to be in a garage. He would like the Council to further discuss the issue of commercial vehicles.

Theresa Beck, Cunningham Drive, thanked the Town for all the support they have given to the Karate Club, which started exactly 8 years ago. CM Dennison was their first student. The Club plans to offer a women's self-defense class in the near future.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy received a comment from John Biddle, Berwyn Road, expressing disagreement with the State Comptrollers Office asking municipalities to pay back excess income tax revenue they were mistakenly provided. The Town should push for a forgiveness program. Mayor Jewitt received a comment about fire trucks being parked in the Staples parking lot overnight.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Worksession January 23, 2017

### Executive Session (6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields the Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. With the matter discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Shields seconded to end the executive session.

### Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Stevie Cox, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

#### 1. Announcements

Mayor Jewitt will attend her first Mayor's conference on February 2 – 4 and will give a full report at the following worksession. A Four Cities Coalition meeting will take place in College Park on January 25 and is open to the public.

#### 2. Minutes

There were none.

#### 3. Department Reports

Mayor Jewitt thanked Chief Antolik for his timely updates on Part I offenses. MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced a February 1 community meeting in Riverdale hosted by County Councilwoman Glaros in Riverdale to connect refugees and recent immigrants with resettlement and social service organizations. She had attended a January 19 PGCMA meeting in Forestville held in their administration building that is undergoing remodeling. Forestville managed to obtain grant funds for the remodeling and to build a new police/public works department nearby. PGCMA members discussed House bill HB 418-17 that would give municipalities the authority to regulate fences. The Council may want to consider if it wants to support the bill.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy also noted that she has located information about how the Council should interact with Town organizations, a topic the Council discussed at the last worksession. Guidelines for Council Conduct are set forth in Ordinance 124, which includes a section on interacting with committees.

CM Rasmussen reported that two people testified at the last Town meeting in favor of continuing to allow the renting of rooms to just one tenant in an owner-occupied home without requiring a rental license. It is a way for residents to earn a little extra income while helping out friends who, by their presence, provide additional security in this living arrangement.

CM Rasmussen said he received an email from a resident asking if the adoption of Ordinance 120 amendments would affect a rental license that has just been renewed. TA Cowles advised that regulations in the Ordinance normally become effective 3 months after adoption and must be complied with on the effective date. The same resident also asked if the rental license fee might be reduced because more homes would fall under the definition of a rental home in the revised Ordinance, and thus generate more revenue.

CM Rasmussen further reported that Public Works foreman Luis Cardenas attended the last Green Team meeting for the first time and was very helpful. DPW has installed two new dog waste stations and will begin landscaping around the Town Center in 4 to 6 weeks. The Green Team is looking into setting up a used clothing recycling station as a fundraiser and is checking out possible locations. CM Rasmussen informed the Green Team that the Shade Tree Board is being reconstituted and invited them to join. He also asked the Green Team to think about ways to educate residents about the value of the urban forest and tree maintenance.

CM Shields reported that he sent out a brief questionnaire to Town organizations asking them about their structure and funding sources. His purpose was to gain an understanding of how the Town might work together better with Town organizations and how organizations may support each other. The Education Advisory Committee said that it would be willing to help review educational grant requests, but as yet there are no procedures. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Council has wanted to adopt standard operating procedures for handling a broad range of

grant requests that may be received from residents, community organizations, and school groups. CM Shields further stated that he continues to work on a survey of residents and will gladly accept the pro-bono help offered by a resident who works on survey design professionally.

#### 4. Citizen comments

Mayor Jewitt received comments in support of the "owner plus one" exemption from rental licensing, a thank you for installing additional pet waste stations, and a commendation of the Public Works Department for engaging with a resident on leaf collection.

Mike Attick commented on misuse of pet waste stations; a Prince George's County grant program for inside-the-Beltway communities, which funded the Forestville Town Hall; on Ordinance 124 – Code of Conduct being disregarded by former Councils; how the Town gets its weather reports; DPW employees opining about being called up on a Saturday for snow removal duties; and a PTA fundraiser for College Park Academy, a public charter school that is supported by the University of Maryland.

#### 5. Action Items

There were none.

#### 6. Discussion Items

**Strategic plan action items:** TA Cowles explained that some of the long range goals identified during a strategic planning workshop last fall still require action plans to implement them. She has prepared a worksheet for the Council to flesh out the remaining strategic issues, which include Town aesthetics, economic development, and some aspects of community engagement. First, however, Chief Antolik, Code Supervisor Glass and Public Works Director Cox have been asked to help brief the Council on steps already taken to achieve the goals for which action plans were developed.

**Strategic Issue 1 – Acquire Improved Facilities for Departments – Improve Facility Adequacy:** Short of adding to or remodeling the Town's current buildings, good progress has been made to implement stopgap measures to improve facility adequacy by using existing space more efficiently. To that end, storage areas have been cleaned out and space created for Town organizations to store supplies, and some files have been purged, while electronic archiving for the remaining files will be explored.

**Improve Facility Security:** Senior staff has explored stopgap measures to improve facility security through better security systems and procedures. Public Works Director Cox reported that he and Chief Antolik have worked together to inventory the security needs at Town buildings. They recommend the following stop-gap improvements:

- New security cameras and recording systems that can store more video footage and allow for remote monitoring. This is especially useful at the Town Center to monitor the activities associated with party rentals, community events and meetings;
- Higher fencing and an electronic gate at the Public Works yard;
- Electronic keycards for all Town buildings. These keycards can store information about keycard usage and limit access to specified buildings and rooms;
- Shared schedule of community events, meetings, and party rentals. This would help DPW staff with set-up and cleanup of events, and allow the police to check on events.

Other short-term security measures include:

- Trimming of trees and shrubs around the Town Center to improve visibility (completed);
- New office access system (in progress);
- Employee training for de-escalating confrontational customers and responding to active shooter situations offered through LGIT and State agencies (added).

The long-term goal of relocating the Town's police station into a Town-owned facility will require an architectural and engineering study of the Town Hall and Town Center, as one option. TA Cowles and Director Cox are researching the cost of such a study for the purpose of funding it in the FY 2018 budget. Local and state representatives have been consulted about available grants and bond bills, without much success.

**Strategic Issue 2 – Create System to Bring Roads up to Standard:** The first objective is to conduct a needs assessment for the Town's roads. TA Cowles and Director Cox are working on a cost estimate for the purpose of funding a road analysis in FY 2018. The drafting of an RFP for the study is in progress.

Once the Council approves it, a vendor should be selected by the end of May, and the study completed by end of December 2017. The roads analysis will serve as the basis for a plan to repair all Town streets. This plan should be useful in coordinating street repairs with utilities' maintenance schedules of water, sewer and gas lines, and avoid having newly-paved streets re-opened. While utilities do not appear to have a multi-year plan for upgrading their infrastructure, the Town has identified contacts they can work with on coordination.

In response to Councilmembers, TA Cowles said that MML is working on finding ways to improve communication between municipalities and utilities regarding road work, but she is not aware of a bill in the General Assembly to mandate it. WSSC has agreed to resurface the entire width of those streets where they have replaced water mains. Further, full-breadth resurfacing will be a permit condition for any future underground utility work in the Town. The Town commissioned a road analysis a couple of years ago, but with a vendor who also performs road repairs. It is deemed advisable to obtain a roads assessment from a vendor not invested in making repairs.

**Strategic Issue 3 - Community Building - Improve Communications:** TA Cowles will work with CM Shields and staff to research best practices in other communities on how to communicate with and engage constituents. A survey to better understand the communication preferences of Berwyn Heights residents and businesses will be completed by mid-February 2017, with findings presented in April.

**Increase Resident Participation in Town Activities:** CM Shields has begun to work with Town organizations to identify best practices on how to engage residents. A formal survey on residents' and businesses' main concerns about governmental programs and community activities will be drafted and presented to the Council for input and possible funding by the end of March. Strategic issues identified by the Council during the workshop should be covered in the survey. A resident has offered his expertise in survey design to assist. The survey is expected to be carried out by the end of June 2017.

Other ideas for improving community engagement include: recruiting multicultural, multi-generational ambassadors; publishing promotional materials in



Spanish and possibly other non-English languages frequently spoken; and expanding the Town's presence at local schools.

**Strategic Issue 4 – Town Aesthetics – Increase tree canopy and maintain species diversity:** This is an issue for which no implantation plans have yet been made. It is proposed that the Green Team and Public Works coordinate with Pepco on a replanting plan around utility lines planned this spring. The Green Team, and the Shade Tree Board, if re-constituted, might be asked to help draft a mailer educating residents about tree maintenance for fall 2017. Public Works and the Shade Tree Board might be asked to develop a maintenance plan for Town trees based on SavATree's recommendations by spring 2018. Once a plan is at hand, an RFP should be issued to perform related tree pruning and removals. The possibility of hiring a Town ar-

borist, perhaps on a shared basis with another municipality, or training a Public Works employee as an arborist should be explored.

**Beautification efforts:** Other ways to improve the aesthetics of the Town were discussed. These include signage, landscaping, and memorial trees. As there is funding for signage in the FY 2017 budget, Public Works has begun to replace the old "Welcome to Berwyn Heights" signs, which should be completed by May 2017. Re-installing welcome banners along Greenbelt Road might be explored as well utilizing events signs more frequently. New landscape beds could be installed in high-visibility public areas, as well as a grove of trees with a citizen of the year marker.

**Strategic Issue 5 – Economic Development – Implement Greenbelt Metro and MD 193 Sector Plan:** The 2013 Sector Plan was considered a good starting point for beautifying the Greenbelt Road commercial corridor and making it more pedestrian friendly. The following ideas for implementing improvements were proposed:

- Work with Greenbelt on advocacy for funding Greenbelt Road improvements with legislators;
- Explore availability of funding, possibly under a "main street" designation;
- Apply the Sector plan as the standard for planned improvements and redevelopment of commercial properties along Greenbelt Road;
- Explore the availability of grants for façade and signage improvements for businesses;
- Consider providing tax incentives to businesses for improvements;
- Consider joining with Route 1 communities and the University of Maryland on economic development efforts.

**Hire Economic Development Consultant:** Once the FBI headquarters location is decided, expected in March 2017, TA Cowles plans to consider options for hiring an economic development consultant in the summer of 2017. Funding could be allocated in the FY 2018 budget, and an RFP developed in early 2018.

TA Cowles asked the Council to set priorities for the 4 planned RFPs associated with the strategic plans. The following priorities were agreed to: 1) roads assessment; 2) architectural and engineer-

ing study for a Town Hall complex; 3) economic development consultant, moved up to 2), if FBI relocation to Greenbelt Station is announced; 4) tree maintenance. TA Cowles will adjust the timelines for implementing strategic goals in accordance with these priorities.

**Charter amendment on boundaries:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council wished to amend the Charter to include the 2005 annexation of Branchville Road properties and to cede a boundary overlap area in the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road to the City of Greenbelt. While the annexations are on file with the required State and County agencies, the Charter should be updated to avoid potential jurisdictional conflicts if the FBI headquarters are relocated to Greenbelt Station. The Council was provided a draft Charter Resolution with the revised Town Charter. It deletes Section 202 and leaves boundaries to be defined by Section 201, which references the documentation on file with State and local agencies as the legal description of the Town's limits.

TA Cowles described the boundary overlap area to be ceded, which is mostly SHA right-of-way and has not been maintained by either Berwyn Heights or Greenbelt. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification as to whether any commercial property is impacted by the boundary re-alignment which might result in the loss of tax revenues. TA Cowles was asked to provide an aerial map of the area with the new boundary overlaid on top, and to check with the Town attorney on which publication may serve as a paper of general circulation in which the Charter amendment must be advertised.

**College Park Good Neighbor Day:** CM Rasmussen said that the City of College Park, in partnership with the University of Maryland and M-NCCPC, holds a Good Neighbor Day each year, an opportunity for students and residents to participate in a community service project. Last year, participants removed invasive species at Lake Artemesia. He proposed to announce the date in the Bulletin and invite Berwyn Heights residents to join in. The Council agreed.

#### Town Council Schedule

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



# BHEAC

## EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets March 16

At 7:00 P.M.

Town Center 2nd Floor

All are invited.

The BHEAC organizes the community to improve educational options for all Berwyn Heights Students

# CODE

## January Activities

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	3
Clean Lot	10
Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	7
Non-Hazardous	26
Vehicles	11
Premise Identification	5
Commercial	3
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>65</b>
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	3
Dumpster/ PODs	2
Total Permits issued	5
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	1
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>191</b>
Inspections	8
Re-inspections	1
Fines	3
Rental Licenses Issued	13
<b>Vacant Homes</b>	<b>6</b>



## JOIN THE SHADE TREE BOARD!

The Town Council is reconstituting the Shade Tree Board, which advises the Town Council on planning and maintenance of trees and shrubs in public areas, including in Town parks and right-of-ways.

Significant replanting will occur this spring to replace trees removed due to Pepco's vegetation management program. The Shade Tree Board will provide input on location and species diversity of trees to support the resilience of the Town's urban forest.

The Shade Tree Board will meet monthly in the near-term, but may move to a quarterly meeting in the future.

Interested residents are requested to submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at [kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov) or in person at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road. The Mayor and Town Council will review the letters and make appointments to the Shade Tree Board.

### BHES Spring Garden Clean Up!



Volunteers needed  
to "spruce up" the  
school gardens!

**March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
Berwyn Heights Elementary School

**Rain Date: March 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Please bring your favorite tool if you want!*

**Service hours available for students!**

Children are welcome but must be  
accompanied by an adult, please.

## Storm Drain Cleaning



Help prevent flooding during spring rains and check on storm drains that may be on your property, or in the street in front of it. If they are clogged with debris, please remove it and dispose with yard waste or trash.

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## Recent Working Incidents:

Dec 21– Truck 14 & Chief 14B (Kiernan) operated in the 4400Blk of Samar St in Beltsville for a working Apartment Fire.

Jan 24– Truck 14 & Ambo 14 operated in the 11300Blk of Big Horn Ct in Beltsville for the Townhouse Fire, fire in the dryer.

Jan 26– Squad 14 & Ambo 14 extricated a trapped driver from a truck after it crashed into the woods SB Kenilworth Ave before Old Calvert Rd in College Park.

Jan 29– Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a trapped driver from a 4-vehicle crash NB Balt/Wash Pkway at Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville.

Jan 29– Chief 14B (Kiernan) & Branchville VFD responded to the 9500Blk Edmonston Rd in Greenbelt to removed a driver from a vehicle entangled in power lines after a crash.

Jan 29– Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated a trapped driver from a fatal crash SB I-95 at Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville.

Jan 30– Truck 14 responded to the 7900Blk of Riggs Rd in Adelphi for a working Apartment Fire.

Jan 30– Truck 14 responded to the 13000Blk of Annapolis Rd in Bowie to assist units on scene of a working vacant House Fire.

Feb 4– Squad 14 & Chief 14B (Kiernan) extricated a trapped driver from an overturned vehicle SB Balt/Wash Pkway at Riverdale Rd.

Feb 4– Truck 14 responded to the UMD Xfinity Center to assist CP VFD on scene with a working electrical fire. Due to the large amount of smoke in the building, a Vol. Marine Rescue Air Boat was brought in to vent out the smoke with its large fan propeller.



<— Members drill on new roof operations prop built by BHVFD members this past month.

### BHVFD Call Volume: January 2017

Rescue Squads:	122
Ladder Truck:	70
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	4
Ambulance:	186
<b>Total Runs Jan 2017:</b>	<b>372</b>

## 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](http://www.BHVFD14.org).



*BHVFD Volunteers Accepting some of the many awards BHVFD received at County Fire Convention.*

## New County Recruiting Website!



BHVFD has joined with other Vol. Fire Departments in the County to have a County-Wide recruitment website created. The website features profiles, videos, interviews, and profiles that feature many BHVFD members. Check it out today! Website below:

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### MARCH HAPPENINGS:

- Mar 8 Intl Womens Day
- Mar 12 Daylight Savings time
- Mar 17 St Patricks day
- Mar 18 BH Garden Clean up
- Mar 20 Spring Begins
- Mar 20 Cherry Blossom festival begins.

- FREE MARKET ANALYSIS
- NATIONWIDE WEBSITE/ADVERTISING
- HELP WITH STAGING
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#### LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

**SOLD- 3294 Robt Clifton Weaver Wy NE Wash DC \$520K**

**SOLD- 4 Greentree Pl Greenbelt. 4BR 3 BA.....\$365K.**

**NEW LISTING- 6103 Quebec Pl- 4 BR 2 BA rambler w/ updt kit and baths....\$320K.**

**NEW LISTING- 12401 Braxfield Ct Rkvl..2BR condo 1 BA near metro ..\$180K.**

**UNDER CONTRACT- 7409 Wellesley Dr 4 BR split lvl.**

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# Berwyn Heights GreenBee

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

Email us your ideas at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com). Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!



## Community Garden Orientation

March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the  
Town Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

The purpose of the orientation is to go over the rules and regulations for the 2017 season and to share tips and best practices with your fellow gardeners. **Community garden members are strongly encouraged to attend.** All residents are welcome!



## PLANT & SEED EXCHANGE

### Let's Share!!

The Berwyn Heights Green Team would like to invite you to a Plant and Seed Exchange

**When: March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Where: Berwyn Heights Elementary School**

**Rain Date: March 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

If you have plants and/or seeds to share, please bring them.

Anyone is welcome to items they may need to enhance their garden.

**\*\*You do not have to bring something in order to receive something.\*\***



## Dog Meet & Greet in April!

Learn about the importance of proper pet waste disposal while walking around the town with your four-legged friends. More details to come in the April bulletin.



## Tips from the Energy Efficiency Workshop in February

1. One of the most cost-effective ways to make your home more comfortable year-round is to add insulation to your attic.
2. An average household dedicates about 5% of its energy budget to lighting. Switching to energy-efficient lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bills.
3. Use a door snake or draft stopper at the bottom crack of your doors or windows to eliminate cold drafts and slow heat loss.

*Thank you to Ecobeco, Home Depot, Einstein Bagels, Honey Glow and the Agonoy Family for contributions for this event!*





## BULLETIN BOARD

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**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](https://twitter.com/BHeightsGOP) and Like Us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP](https://www.facebook.com/BHMDGOP).

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**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](mailto:kathybrosh@gmail.com). References available.

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**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.

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

-- March 2017 --

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HERBERT WELLS ICE RINK  
FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

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



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, March 7**

PTA Meeting @ 6:45 in the library

**Wednesday, March 15**

Second Cup of Coffee @ 9:15am in the library

**Friday, March 17**

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

**Saturday, March 18**

School Garden Clean-Up 9am-12pm in front of the school

**Monday, March 27 – Monday, April 4**

No School – Professional Day for Teachers

### Be a part of the PTA Executive Board

The nominating committee is searching for volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year. Please help us to help our children!



*everychild.one voice.*

### School Garden Clean Up!

Volunteers needed to "spruce up" the school gardens!

March 18<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12pm  
Berwyn Heights Elementary School  
Rain Date: March 25<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12pm

Service hours available for students!

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult, please.

### 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 to be sowed directly into their raised beds in March!

Join us for a ...

**2nd Cup of Coffee**  
**March 15<sup>th</sup> 9:15am**  
**School Library**

This month's topic is:

*THE PARCC TEST AND HOW  
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## Neighborhood Watch & Emergency Preparedness

*You can't Predict, but you can Prepare*

- Know what to do before, during, and after severe weather.
- Create a communications plan with your family before severe weather hits.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Check your insurance policies to ensure you have enough coverage.
- Listen to local officials.
- Evacuate if advised by local authorities.

### Tornadoes, Lightning, Floods, Rip Currents and Unexpected Heat

Spring is three months of danger that can imperil the unprepared. It roars in like a lion, rampaging across the land throughout March, April and May. No one knows the hazards of this dynamic season better than NOAA's *National Weather Service* (NWS). So...

- Check [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) every morning. It is a simple action that will ensure that you're ready for the day's weather. Don't leave home without knowing the forecast.
- Assemble an [emergency supplies kit](#) with 72 hours worth of food and water. In an emergency (as after a tornado or some other destructive storm), you may be stuck at home without electricity for days. Make sure that you're prepared.
- Ensure that everyone in your life knows how to stay in touch with you. Make an [emergency communication plan](#) listing meeting places and alternate ways of communicating in case of emergency.

You are not powerless in the face of extreme weather and water events. Learn about the hazards most common to spring - and some that are threats year-round - and what you can do about them. Join us for our meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 pm, Senior Center, G. Love Room**

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Next to the Town Office on 57th Avenue — Open Monday thru Friday, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. — Phone 301-474-0018

Spring is coming! Come to the Center, get a hot cup of coffee, a soda, or a bottle of water and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 15	Frances Day
March 16	Susan Huber
	Grace O'Connor
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Norma Wines
March 22	Pat Agee

## MARCH ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M.

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

POOL — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

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

MEETINGS— Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00  
A.M. On the Fourth Tuesday, March 28,  
the Club is providing PIZZA

## Upcoming Events

### March 6...

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

### March 23...

Trip to Flowers High School for the Matinee of "MoTown and Me."

**BREAKFAST** at the Silver Diner is also on tap. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

- DID YOU KNOW? The Berwyn Heights Police Department maintains a list of seniors who live alone. To add your name, call the Department at 301-474-6554.
- Do you just "sit home"? Why not visit the Senior Center instead?



Happy Saint  
Patrick's Day  
to all who are  
Irish, or wish  
they could  
be!!!







## POLICE BEAT

Includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of **January**

**2017.** It is not a complete listing of every crimes and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month, starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

**Friday, 01/06/2017 at 1:00 pm,** Pfc. Hollowell responded to the 5900 block of Osage Street for a report of a lost or stolen tag from a trailer.

**Monday, 01/09/2017 at 5:10 pm,** Cpl. Roberson responded to the T-Mobile located at 8904 62nd. Avenue for a report of theft of cell phones from the display. Two black males entered the store and removed the said items from the display prior to fleeing.

**Tuesday, 01/10/2017 at 9:10 am,** Cpl. Krouse impounded a Toyota from the 5700 block of Berwyn Road.

**Wednesday, 01/11/2017 at 4:45 pm,** Cpl. Ignowski responded to the McDonalds on Greenbelt Road for a report of a suspect attempting to purchase goods with a counterfeit bill.

**Friday, 01/13/2017 at 9:42 pm,** Cpl. Ignowski impounded a 1995 Honda Civic from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The tags were suspended.

**Wednesday, 01/18/2017 at 6:50 am,** Pfc. Ramirez responded to the BHVFD for a report of a found back pack.

**Wednesday, 01/18/2017 at 10:10 am,** Pfc. Ramirez and the Chief of Police responded to the Twins Pharmacy & Medical Supplies located at 6201 Greenbelt Road, for an armed robbery in progress. On scene, victim advised that a suspect walked into the store, approached her at the pharmacy counter, displayed a handgun and demanded Oxycodone. She then gave an unknown amount of Oxycodone and he fled in an unknown direction. A short time later, the identity of the suspect was developed. Chief Antolik along with PG Officers responded to an address in College Park and subsequently detained the suspect as he walked outside. The

PG County Robbery Unit took command of the scene and the suspect was transported to the Criminal Investigation Division /Robbery Unit for questioning. The suspect was read his Miranda rights and chose to provide verbal statement admitting to his involvement in the robbery. An arrest warrant was obtained charging the suspect with the robbery. A Search and Seizure Warrant was obtained for and executed. Multiple items of evidentiary value were recovered from the house. Mr. SOLIS, Genaro Sabino a 30 Y/O, Asian male of College Park was positively identified by the victim and charged.

**Wednesday, 01/18/2017 at 8:35 pm,** Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Seminole Street for sound of shots fired. Investigation later revealed that a resident at the said location was discharging fireworks and refuses to cooperate during the investigation. Charges are pending.

**Wednesday, 01/18/2017 at 12:15 pm,** Pfc. Ramirez impounded a Dodge Dakota from the 8300 block of 55th. Avenue. The vehicle was left abandoned.

**Wednesday, 01/18/2017 at 2:14 pm,** Pfc. Ramirez along with the Chief of Police responded to the 6000 block of Quebec Street for a report of a adult male exposing his penis in the public behind the BHES on Quebec St. On scene, the male was identified as a 41 y/o, b/m of Berwyn Heights. He was arrested and taken to PGH for evaluation.

**Thursday, 01/19/2017 at 3:03 pm,** Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a black male stealing merchandise from the 7-11. Suspect fled prior to the arrival of BHPD.

**Saturday 01/21/2017 at 12:45 pm.** **'VANDALISM'**

Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a report of vandalism to a 2008 Infinity. The owner of the vehicle noticed several scratches on her vehicle.

**Sunday 01/22/2017 at 10:18 am.** **'THEFT FROM AUTO'**

Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the Shell Gas Station on Greenbelt Road for a report of an unknown person who manipulated a secured 2008 Ford and removed a towing light bar.

**Sunday 01/22/2017 at 12:04 pm.** **'OVERDOSE'**

Private First Class T. Hollowell responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of an unresponsive male and female lying on the floor of a rental dwelling. On scene, Berwyn Heights Medics administered Narcan and immediately transported the two to Washington Adventist Hospital. Both victims were incoherent and unable to communicate.

**Tuesday 01/24/2017 at 10:45 pm.** **'BURGLARY'**

Sergeant T. Moroney responded to the 6200 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a burglary. On scene, he was advised by the property owner that someone entered his garage and removed a generator and a jack-hammer. Furthermore, surveillance footage shows no activity inside the garage.

**Wednesday 01/25/2017 at 1:50 pm.** **'THEFT'**

Corporal Krouse responded to the Staples Store located at 8904 62<sup>nd</sup>. Avenue for a report of a theft that occurred on 01/24/2017. Unknown person removed a computer tablet and a computer monitor from the stockroom.

**1/30/2015 at 8:05 pm.** **'IMPOUND VEHICLE'**

Corporal J. Ignowski located an abandoned 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse in the 8500 block of 63rd. Avenue. Further investigation revealed that the registration plates are suspended through MVA. Citations were issued, and the vehicle was impounded.

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## Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



### Bugle—March 2017

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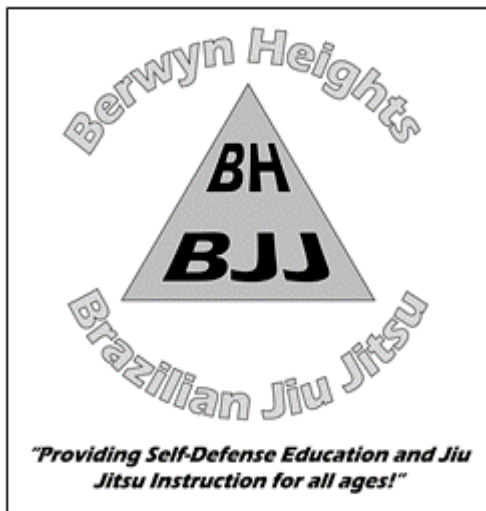
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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month - Pop's Park

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Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 57<sup>th</sup> Ave and Berwyn Road).

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

**EVENT TIME: 11 am – 4 pm.**

**Check ONE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if payment received by 4/1/2017)

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 is limited): YES NO

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 24, 2017**. (Mail to: Recreation Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740)

For additional information, contact Susan Jones at [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

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**WAIVER – MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**

I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability and safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 \_\_\_\_\_



# March 2017

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1 7:00 PM NW-EP Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 7:00 PM Worksession Budget Presen- tation, Council Chamber	7 6:45 PM PTA Mtg. BHES Library 7:30 PM Rec. Council Meeting G. Love Room	8 7:00 PM Town Meeting Council Chamber	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM EAC Meeting Town Ctr. 2nd Floor 7:00 PM Green Team G. Love Rm.	17	18 9:00 AM BHES Garden Cleanup 1:30 PM Commu- nity Garden Orientation 5:00 PM Potluck Dinner
19	20 7:00 PM Worksession Council Chamber	21	22	23	24	25 9:00 AM Budget Work Session Town Offices
26 2:00 PM BHHC Spring Reception Town Center Street Sweeper	27	28 7:30 PM BHHC Mtg. G. Love Rm	29	30	31	Apr 1

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



# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue .....	9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency) .....	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office .....	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department .....	(301) 513-9331
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov">code@berwynheightsmd.gov</a></b>	
Public Works Department .....	(301) 474-6897
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov">publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov</a></b>	
Fire Department .....	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center .....	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) .....	(301) 345-2808
Town Office .....	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations .....	(301) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	<a href="mailto:cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov">cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	<a href="mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov">jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 474-5000	<a href="mailto:pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov">pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Public Works		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 940-8510	<a href="mailto:crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov">crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Gerald Shields	(504) 250-2040	<a href="mailto:gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov">gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac  
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?  
Email Town at  
[contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

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

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

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

Or email: [yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov)

Submission deadline is the 15th of the month

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