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Budget Workshop

March 23 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Town Office



The Town Council and all senior staff will meet for a special worksession to review the entire FY 2019 budget proposed by the Town Administrator. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments can be submitted in writing at any time, or in person at the April 11 Town meeting. Initial presentation of the Town Administrator's proposed FY19 budget will take place at the March 5 worksession.

Please contact Town Administrator Cowles for more information jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov.

Public Hearing Notice

Animal Ordinance Introduction of Amendments

March 14, 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council plans to introduce an amended ORD 101 - Animals. It adopts the Prince George's County code as a minimum standard for keeping domestic animals, adds references to the Town's Noise and Clean Lot Ordinances, and incorporates basic animal welfare standards from Maryland's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

Public comments are welcome. The existing Ordinance can be viewed on the Town website at https://berwynheightsmd.gov/charter_and_ordinances

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 7am - 7pm

FILING DEADLINE - TUESDAY, MARCH 6

To run for Town Council you must:

- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Be duly registered to vote in Prince George's County;
- Be a Town resident for at least 6 months prior to the election;
- File a Nomination Petition with at least 5 signatures of eligible voters and a financial disclosure form.

Forms and information are available at the Town office, 5700 Berwyn Road, Tel. 301-474-5000, or go to our website: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council-elections>.

Registration Information

Voter Registration: Contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301-341-7300) to request an application; or download an application from their website: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Elections/VoterInformation/Information/Pages/default.aspx>

Supplementary Registration: The Town of Berwyn Heights carries out supplementary registrations valid only for voting in Town elections. You can register with the Town up to April 2, 2018 at the Town office during office hours 9 am - 5 pm.

For more information, please contact Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk at (301) 474-5000; or send an e-mail to: kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

Groups.io Notice:

The Berwyn Heights Discussion Group has been moved from Yahoo Groups to the Groups.io platform. To learn more about this Berwyn Heights listserver go to <https://groups.io/g/BerwynHeights> and start sending messages to the group by emailing BerwynHeights@groups.io.



The Town of Berwyn Heights each year selects an outstanding community volunteer as Citizen of the Year. Their names are now posted on a plaque recently erected at Pop's Park. If you would like the Council to consider a particular volunteer for this honor, please send your nomination to:

kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Join us at these upcoming events:



Saturday, March 3rd, 6-8pm

Pot O' Gold Pot Luck Dinner

Upstairs Party Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center

Bring a dish to share, or \$5 per person to join in. Family friendly event (but there may be wine for the adults!)



Saturday, March 31st—Noon-2pm

Easter Egg Hunt & Decorating Party

Berwyn Heights Community Center, 6200 Pontiac Street

Bring your own basket! Prizes for best decorated eggs & baskets!



Sunday, April 8th—5-7pm

Mariachi de los Compadres Concert

Upstairs Party Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center

Come & enjoy a free concert / fiesta!



Saturday, May 5th—All Day

Berwyn Heights Day

Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast, Senior Bake Sale, Kids Rides & Games, Food, Music, and MORE! Fun for the WHOLE family!

Interested in helping plan Berwyn Heights Day or volunteering?

Have any ideas or suggestions?

Contact Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net.

Are you a vendor, local business, or community group interested in table space at Berwyn Heights Day? See application (page 26) in this month's bulletin

Next Rec Council Meetings: Tuesday March 6th & Tuesday April 3rd

At 7:30 PM in the G. Love Room

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness



Sign Up for CERT Training !

March 10, 11 | 8:30 am—5:00 pm
Town Center 2nd Floor

Contact Mike Attick at mikeattick@verizon.net; or
Merrill Weinrich at mweinrich2@verizon.net

Don't forget to sign up for the CERT Training Class.

WE ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY. Over 1/2 the people signed up already.
We will supply backpacks with tools to use in an emergency, book of program, food for lunch, drinks and snacks.



50th Anniversary of First 9-1-1 Call

On February 16, 1968, 35 days after AT&T implemented the emergency call number, Alabama Speaker of the House Rankin Fite picked up a telephone at 2 PM in the Haleyville, Alabama Police station, and dialed 9-1-1. Moments later, Alabama Congressman Tom Bevill answered a phone elsewhere in the station – reportedly with a simple “Hello?” – and thus was the United States’ 9-1-1 system officially inaugurated.

You Are the Help Until Help Arrives

The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) *You Are the Help Until Help Arrives* program identifies calling 9-1-1 as first of five actions to help someone until professional help arrives. To honor the 50 year anniversary of this important national service, take time to learn the five steps below and take the [Until Help Arrives](#) training online:

- Call 9-1-1 and provide your specific location.
- Stay safe by protecting the injured from harm and moving them away from any ongoing danger.
- Stop the bleeding with firm, direct pressure, or a tourniquet.
- Position the injured: Let someone who is conscious position themselves; put an unconscious person into the recovery position.
- Provide comfort to the injured while keeping them warm and offering encouragement.

For more information on the history of 9-1-1, visit the [National Emergency Number Association](#).

NW/EP Meetings held: 1st Wednesday of month in G. Love Room | 7:00 PM

Worksession

January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Gerald Shields. CM Christopher Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Clerk Kerstin Harper, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Public Works Administrative Assistant Ayneka Benjamin, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass and citizens. Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles had an excused absence.

1. Action Items

Code Appeal – 6108 Quebec Place:

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Robert Cofske, owner of the rental property at 6108 Quebec Place, who was present to appeal a \$100 fine for a building code violation. Code Supervisor Glass gave an overview of the case. During a patrol, Officer Forbes noticed that front steps were being replaced at Mr. Cofske's Quebec Place house. The owner had a permit for waterproofing the basement but not for replacing the front steps. Officer Forbes on November 6 sent a notice of violation of Ordinance 104 – Building to Mr. Cofske by email and by regular mail. In addition, he notified Prince George's County that construction was taking place at the property without a County (or Town) building permit.

Mr. Cofske replied promptly to the email explaining he was in the process of obtaining a building permit from the County, and requested an extension because his building plans were still being drawn. This was agreed to but Mr. Cofske was advised that he needed to provide documentation showing he had applied for a County building permit. After 20 days without receiving the requested documentation, the Code Department issued a \$100 fine. On November 30, Mr. Cofske emailed the Code Department stating his intent to appeal the fine as his County building permit was still being processed. The County building permit was issued on December 5 and Mr. Cofske applied for a Town building permit on December 6.

Mr. Cofske stated his case. He said he was unaware the permit to repair the foundation of his home did not include a permit for rebuilding the steps. When Mr. Forbes informed him that he needed a building permit from the County and the Town, he applied to the County the next

day. However, for the County to process the application building plans site plans must be submitted as well, which he did not have at the time. He said Mr. Forbes told him the Town did not expect him to have the permits within a week, but did expect him to show documentation that an application had been made. He thinks the Town should not have issued a fine because he told the Town he intended to apply for a County building permit.

The Council deliberated. They asked if Mr. Cofske has proof he communicated to the Town that he had applied for the County building permit between November 7 and 30. Mr. Cofske maintained he kept Officer Forbes informed about the process. CM Shields looked through a string of emails supplied by Mr. Cofske, but could not find an email from Mr. Cofske to the Town during the period in question. The Council also had questions about notices being sent by certified mail; about code violation notices not being signed by code officials; and about a recommendation on whether to waive or uphold the fine.

After further discussion, the Council concluded that Mr. Cofske could not show proof that he kept the Town informed about his building permit application. CM Dennison moved, and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to uphold the \$100 fine to be paid within 3 days. The motion passed 4 to 0. Mr. Cofske asked to be issued a municipal citation to appeal the fine in Prince George's County District Court.

2. Discussion Items

Public Works security improvements:

Public Works Director Hall and Administrative Assistant Benjamin were present to provide additional information the Council had requested on security improvements at the Public Works facility. Red Hawk Fire & Security furnished a revised quote of \$3,639 limited to replacing outdated security cameras at the Public Works facility. Long Fence submitted a revised quote of \$11,875 to replace 30' of existing fence and barbed wire. Arrow Electric Services quoted \$957 for electrical services for a motorized gate. This brings the sum total for security improvements to \$16,801.

In response to questions, Director Hall and Ms. Benjamin explained that the quote does not include a fence replacement for the north side of property because it is bordered by a building belonging to the neighboring property. A short 6' tall section near the Metro tracks is an unlikely place for a breach. The motorized gate is opened by a remote control that truck drivers will carry with them.

Anyone, other than employees, wishing to enter the yard would first call the Public Works number posted at the gate. Staff could let a visitor enter by remote control once they identified him on the security camera. Operation of the gate can be switched from motorized to manual via a gate controller box if the motor fails or the power is out. The project can be completed in the winter if temperatures are above freezing. The lighting in the yard does not require upgrading.

Mayor Jewitt moved and CM Shields seconded to approve an expenditure of \$16,801 for the Public Works security improvements. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Road assessment study: Ms. Benjamin explained Director Hall surveyed Berwyn Heights' roads and walks from October through December 2017 as a consultant, assisted by Foreman Cardenas and Ms. Benjamin. The results of the survey were provided to the Council in the agenda packet. Director Hall explained that this survey is a block-by-block inventory of the condition of the Town's streets, including curbs, gutters and sidewalks. They are rated from poor (red) requiring replacement in 1 to 3 years, to fair (yellow) requiring replacement in 3 to 7 years, to good (green) requiring replacement in 7 or more years. The ratings can change depending on the severity of winter weather. Repairs of the roadway do not necessarily equate with replacement of curbs and gutters, which can be limited to replacing only bad sections.

In response to questions, Director Hall said renovating one block of roads takes approximately 2 weeks if curbs and gutters are replaced. The off-ramp from Greenbelt Road to Edmonston Road, which was recently ceded to the City of Greenbelt, is not currently included in the survey, but can easily be added. The cost estimate of \$1,152,000 is for renovating the 17 blocks of streets in poor condition, the sum approximately available in the Town's infrastructure reserve. This estimate assumes that the Town would piggy-back onto the County's contract, and is not likely to change depending on which sections of road are renovated.

He expressed the opinion it would be cheaper in the long run to use bond funds to repair all streets as one big project because the cost of materials and labor will go up over time. This option will be considered by the Council as part of the FY 2019 budget process.

Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel: Clerk Harper said, at the

December 18 worksession, the Council considered a draft scope of work for an Urban Land Institute technical assistance panel (ULI-TAP) that will provide recommendations to Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt for improvements along the Route 193 corridor. The Council is requested to consent to the proposed study area, the Town's share of the cost (\$2,500), as well as the topics the TAP will be asked to address. The study area was originally comprised of an area along Route 193 between Kenilworth Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue, but is requested to be extended to Route 1 by the City of College Park.

In discussion, the Council expressed the desire that the TAP have a Berwyn Heights representative, come up with actionable recommendations, and incorporate the development standards of the new Prince George's County zoning ordinance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy then moved that the Council approve the \$2,500 contribution for the ULI-TAP covering the proposed area along Route 193 up to Route 1, provided that Berwyn Heights has representation on the panel. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Campus-community project list: Clerk Harper said this topic was previously discussed at the December 18 worksession. Andrew Fellows, University of Maryland (UMD) Community & Outreach Program Manager, was present then to seek approval for a finalized list of projects Berwyn Heights submitted for collaboration with the University. The Council did not make any changes to the list, but postponed approval to the next worksession to give Mayor Jewitt a chance to weigh in. No changes were proposed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that this is a 10-year project list and that a \$6,500 contribution has already been paid to start the process. CM Dennison moved and CM Shields seconded to approve the projects list as is. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Animal Ordinance revision: MPT Kulpa-Eddy, who is taking the lead on revising this Ordinance, asked for the Council's feedback on how to proceed. She suggested adopting the Prince George's County (PGC) Animal Ordinance as a baseline, since many sections in the Berwyn Heights Ordinance already incorporate provisions from the County Ordinance. That said, the Berwyn Heights Ordinance could add further restrictions if deemed useful. For example, Berwyn Heights has a more objective decibel standard than the County for noise disturbances that could be used

for designating a barking dog a 'nuisance animal.' Similarly, standards from the Town's recently-revised Clean Lot Ordinance regarding animal droppings could be folded into an updated Animal Ordinance. In addition, adoption of the County's animal welfare standards for providing adequate food and shelter to outdoor animals might be considered. Finally, the Town's Code Compliance and Police Departments might be granted enforcement authority for certain violations, such as animal welfare standards.

Councilmembers were requested to send their comments to TA Cowles or Clerk Harper. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will provide a clean draft of an amended Ordinance at the next worksession for discussion of the particulars. A representative from the County's Animal Services Division will be invited to an upcoming worksession to advise on County regulations.

Ethics Ordinance updates: Clerk Harper said the State Ethics Commission mandated certain changes in local ethics laws as a result of legislation adopted by the General Assembly in 2017. For Berwyn Heights, there would be 2 changes that must be adopted and 1 that may be adopted, which have been preliminarily approved by the State Ethics Commission. Those changes have been redlined in the Town's current Ethics Ordinance as follows:

Page 5 - Prohibition of elected officials and designated staff to lobby the Town for 1 year after leaving office (must adopt);

Page 9 - Non-disclosure of the home address on a financial disclosure (must adopt);

Page 10 - Exclusion of exchange traded funds, such as mutual funds, from financial disclosure requirements (may adopt).

In discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that the new language on lobbying does not explain what lobbying is, unlike the current version. The Council agreed to add the current definition of lobbying to the new provision on lobbying, and to introduce the revised Ethics Ordinance at the January 10 Town meeting.

Town Council election calendar: Clerk Harper said that she provided an informational memo highlighting important deadlines for the upcoming Town Council election season. MPT Kulpa-Eddy sought confirmation as to whether 21 is the minimum age for being a candidate. Clerk Harper said she will check. Mayor

Jewitt read the deadlines for the record.

3. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the December 18 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

4. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that Prince George's and Montgomery Counties have experienced over 100 water main breaks during the ongoing deep freeze. A possible problem has been reported in Berwyn Heights on the 5600 block of Ruatan Street. She has received many comments on the Town's salting and snow-plowing process and has requested that a fact sheet be published in the February Bulletin. She also received a question about the Town's donation to Greenbelt's Community Animal Response Team (CART). Residents should have received a mailer detailing refuse disposal and recycling rules.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported an extant large patch of ice on 60th Avenue at Greenbelt Road poses a hazard for fire trucks and ambulances and asked the Town to follow up with WSSC, as it may be yet another water main break. Another ice pile is at Cunningham Drive and Greenbelt Road that should be looked into. MPT Kulpa-Eddy also announced an upcoming briefing on school funding hosted by School Board Member Grady and Senator Pinsky.

CM Shields reported he received a comment about the ice pile on Cunningham Drive, which was forwarded to the Public Works Department. He continues to receive comments on the Town organizations policy and is working on the Banner City award. Winners of the holiday decorating contest will be announced at the Town meeting, a Regifting Party will be held on January 13, and electronics recycling on January 27.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule of events and activities. No changes were made.

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

Town Meeting
January 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt,

Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Denison, and Gerald Shields. CM Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Cpl. Scott Krouse, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Officer-in-Training Christiane Rufino, PRECA aide Stephen Isler and citizens. Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles and Chief Antolik had an excused absence.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the December 13 Town meeting minutes. The minutes were approved in a 4 to 0 vote.

Guest Presentation (added item)

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Judge Tom Love, a former Mayor of Berwyn Heights. Judge Love said he came here tonight because he wants to thank the Council and the Town in person for erecting a bench with a plaque honoring his mother, the late Geraldine Love. The Town generously paid for the bench and plaque that surrounds a Linden tree planted in memory of Mrs. Love. This is in addition to naming the conference room after her, where she used to run a small library on a volunteer basis. He complimented the Town for memorializing the people who contributed significantly to its civic life around the Town Center.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt stated for the record that the Council held an executive session prior to its November 6 and December 4 worksessions regarding a personnel matter. She then gave a State of the Town address.

The Police Department continues to ensure that the Town remains one of the safest places in Prince George's County. They did a great job communicating with residents when a body was discovered on the Nevada Street trail, and worked seamlessly with County Police to arrest the suspects in short order. The effort to secure an emergency vehicle at low cost failed when many residents objected to the police having possession of a Humvee, a vehicle designed for military use. However, the Town will look into other vehicles that could serve the Town during an emergency. The Police also hired a new police officer to replace Officer Ramirez, who will be introduced later tonight.

The Administration Department engaged the business community to obtain approval for an increase in the special public safety tax levied on the commercial district, and led the amendment process of the Town Charter to reflect the 2005 annexation of several properties along Branchville Road, as well as the rewriting of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

The Code Compliance Department spearheaded the revision of the Rental Housing Ordinance to ensure it conforms with current State and County property maintenance regulations and to tighten rental rules for owner-occupied rental units. The Code Department continues its collaborative approach to get residents to comply with Town ordinances. Two code appeals were adjudicated by the Town Council in 2017; these demonstrated the importance for home owners to communicate with the Code Department when cited for a code violation.

The Public Works Department underwent a change of directors, with TA Cowles and Foreman Cardenas managing the Department in the interim. Kenneth Hall, who was engaged as a consultant to perform an in-depth study of the condition of Town streets, was hired as the new director in December. He will supervise the upcoming road project the Council set as a top strategic priority. The Department also conducted two citizen surveys to determine residents' preferences for refuse and recycling bins. Before undertaking the purchase of new bins, the Town launched an educational campaign to improve residents' refuse disposal habits.

The financial condition of the Town remains healthy, with revenues exceeding expenditures, and reserves continuing to grow. Berwyn Heights was one of the Maryland municipalities approached by the State in 2017 for reimbursement of an overpayment in income tax disbursements, which would have cost the Town \$159,000. However, since the overpayment was not the fault of municipalities, reimbursement was cancelled by legislation enacted by the Maryland Assembly.

Mayor Jewitt concluded by thanking volunteers for their contributions to the civic life of the Town, noting that the Shade Tree Board is the latest body among the variety of volunteer-staffed organizations operating in the community. Lastly, she encouraged residents to consider running in the upcoming Town Council election and wished all a happy new year.

Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported on the State of the Administration Department. The Department was busy revising the Charter to reflect changes in the Town boundaries, helping update the Rental Housing Ordinance, implementing live streaming of Council meetings over the internet, and acquiring new VOIP telephone system with conference phones in the Council chamber and the G. Love Room. The Department, with assistance from a UMD summer intern, completed a *Sustainable Communities* designation application, which will qualify the Town for a variety of State grant programs ranging from economic development to historic preservation. In September, the Department organized a successful emergency management workshop and completed the rewrite of the Emergency Operations Plan.

For the remainder of the year, the Administration Department is preparing a State-mandated update of the Ethics Ordinance, as well as a comprehensive revision of the Animal Ordinance, the FY 2019 budget process and the upcoming Town Council election. MPT Kulpa-Eddy concluded by announcing that she will not seek re-election this year. She is planning to retire from her day job, which will require wrapping up a number of projects that do not leave enough time for the commitments of a Councilmember. She encouraged residents to consider running for Town Council. The filing deadline is on March 6.

Mayor Jewitt said she is surprised by MPT Kulpa-Eddy's announcement and hopes she can be convinced to run again.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of TA Cowles, Treasurer Rodriguez gave a brief report for the Administration Department. Performance evaluations for all employees have been completed, a new Town attorney has been hired and the recruitment of a new Public Works director completed. The Department has begun preparations for the FY 2019 budget, is drafting changes to the Ethics Ordinance and is finalizing the scope of work for an Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel that will review and propose improvements along the Route 193 corridor.

Ms. Rodriguez continued with the Treasurer's report for December, noting that a large payment of \$99,300 was made to the Maryland State Retirement System, representing the Town's contribution to employee pensions. In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, Treasurer Rodriguez said that the NW/EP trailer reserve does not

reflect the transfers of any unspent FY 2017 funds.

Code Compliance: Supervisor Glass gave the Code Compliance report for December. A total of 26 code violations were issued, as well as 4 building permits, 2 dumpster permits and 16 rental licenses. No new rental properties were registered and vacant properties numbered 12. In response to questions, he said in 2018 he plans to focus on responding to complaints and streamlining internal operations to reduce paperwork. The violations categorized under Grass/ Invasive Species/ Tree parts in the December report are probably not tall grass violations, but likely have to do with tree limbs and other vegetation issues.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields said that he will miss MPT Kulpa-Eddy when she retires. She carried a heavy load of commitments and was a source of inspiration to him. For the record, he noted that Dr. Kulpa-Eddy has been cited as an authority in Veterinary Medicine in her position as Veterinary Medical Scientist with the Federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

CM Shields reported that he continues to accept comments on a Town organizations policy he is in the process of drafting. The Town's parks are well maintained and contribute to its charm. Berwyn Heights Elementary School is in good hands under the new principal Amanda Alerich. The Recreation Council is starting to gear up for Berwyn Heights Day and works with County agencies when needed. The following homes were selected as winners of the holiday decorating contest: 3rd place 8800 58th Avenue, 2nd place 5811 Seminole Street, and 1st place 8500 60th Avenue.

Stephen Isler, Parks & Recreation aide, reported that he attended the meetings of the NW/EP, Historical Committee and the Recreation Council in December, and gave a run-down of upcoming community events. He also commended the director of the Berwyn Heights Community Center, who wishes to encourage Town organizations to utilize the resources available there. She fully supports Berwyn Heights Day planning efforts, and will host the first planning meeting on January 16 at the Community Center, located at 6200 Pontiac Street. Lastly, Mr. Isler announced he can now be reached under a Town email address at sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov.

Public Works: Director Hall thanked

residents for cooperating with Public Works on improving refuse and recycling collections, and for being patient with loose leaf collection, which suffered repeated delays due to vehicle breakdowns. Public Works completed a street assessment study, which will serve as the basis for planned street renovations in the summer of 2018. The Department is also preparing for possible snow events, and is requesting residents' assistance by keeping vehicles off the roads when snow clearing operations are underway. Director Hall concluded with a report of refuse collection statistics.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, he said the Police put up tape at the intersection of Ruatan Street and 63rd Avenue last weekend because a patch of black ice had formed there before the crew could apply a salt treatment.

Public Health and Safety: Cpl. Krouse gave the police activities report for December. He introduced Christiane Rufino, who was hired as the new police officer. She was chosen as the top candidate among 200 applicants. Her first day on the job will be February 5 and, starting in April, she will attend the Prince George's County Police Academy. Ms. Rufino greeted the Council and audience, saying she is honored and excited to start working for Berwyn Heights.

Cpl. Krouse reported the Department ramped up its patrols during the holidays to deter crime. There were 6 Part I offenses in December, slightly above the 5-year average of 5.2. The year-to-date number was 63, as opposed to the 5-year average of 62.9. The Police also issued 150 state and municipal citations, exceeding last year's numbers despite operating with one less officer for 7 months.

Looking back over 2017, Part I offenses included 1 homicide, 0 rapes, 11 assaults, 4 robberies, 13 burglaries, 32 larcenies and 2 stolen autos. This continues an ongoing trend of lower crime rates since 2010 when Chief Antolik became Chief of Police. Cpl. Krouse also reviewed last year's accomplishments and goals for the coming year. Goals include updating the Police General Orders to include body cameras, re-establishing midnight patrols, holding another Coffee with Cops event, producing a public safety video for BHTV and a training video for new recruits, and continuing to collaborate with the community on public safety programs.

The Council went into recess from 8:11

p.m. to 8:22 p.m. due to CM Dennison requiring medical attention and subsequently leaving the meeting. Following the recess, Cpl. Krouse continued with the police report. He said the Department has hired a new bi-lingual police clerk, Mercy Murales, and purchased an AED device to be installed in the Senior Center. He continues to work with the Defense Logistics Agency on getting the Humvee transferred out of Town, but this requires another eligible agency to apply for the vehicle through the 1033 program.

In response to questions, Treasurer Rodriguez said she believes that no insurance is being paid on the Humvee because it is not being moved. Cpl. Krouse explained that the INLET conference attended by several BHPD officers each year is an FBI-sponsored counter-terrorism training, where law enforcement, defense and intelligence professionals are being informed about the latest threats and how to deal with them. Lastly, Cpl. Krouse thanked MPT Kulpa-Eddy for her support of the Police Department, and her assistance with grants and other matters.

Committee Reports

Green Team: No report.

Historical Committee: Chair Debby Steele-Snyder reported that the BHHC continues to interview many long-time residents for its oral history program and is narrowing down options for a larger museum storage cabinet. For its March 18 spring reception, the Committee was able to secure Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA), for a lecture and book signing. His history of US Route 1 between D.C. and Baltimore will be released in March, just a few days prior to the event.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Co-chair Mike Attick reported that NW/EP will hold a CERT training class on March 10 and 11. Interested residents should contact him at mikeattick@verizon.net to sign up. NW/EP participated in the search for a missing man from Beltsville. Unfortunately, he was found dead from exposure near BWI airport. All are welcome to attend NW/EP monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Recreation Council: Reported under Parks & Recreation Department Report.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Ordinance 110 – Ethics - 1st Reading & Introduction of Amendments:

Mayor Jewitt explained that the Maryland Assembly during the 2017 legislative session passed revisions to the State Ethics Law, some of which apply to local governments. The changes that must and may be adopted were outlined in a letter by the State Ethics Commission to the Town. The changes to Ordinance 110 introduced tonight are as follows:

Prohibiting elected officials and designated staff from lobbying the Town on legislative matters for 1 year after leaving office;

Redacting home addresses in financial disclosures;

Removing exchange traded funds, such as mutual funds, from financial disclosure.

Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that, during the Council's review of the Ordinance, the meaning of lobbying was clarified as "assisting or representing another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action." CM Shields moved, and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to introduce the amended Ordinance. The motion passed 3 to 0.

Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented on trash bags being left at the side of the road, the Council's decisions regarding 2 code appeals heard at the December 18 worksession, signing up to speak at the Council's budget worksession, expenses charged to the NW/EP budget, plans to move Berwyn Heights Day activities to BHES grounds, and procedures and problems regarding the salting of streets.

Mr. Attick also returned to the subject of citizens being allowed to comment at all public meetings, as addressed in Section 304 of the Town Charter. Mayor Jewitt said, according to the Charter, a Town meeting is the only public meeting at which citizen comments are formally a part of the agenda. She checked with the Town Administrator and Town Attorney about the issue, and was assured that the Council need not permit citizen comments at worksessions. Mr. Attick said that this appears to conflict with the practice of approving purchases above \$10,000 at worksessions, which according to Section 609 of the Town Charter must be approved at a Public Meeting. Clerk Harper said Council Rules provide the details on how Town meetings and worksessions are to be conducted. The provisions of the Charter are to some extent open to interpretation, and the

Council asked for the Town Attorney's interpretation.

Mr. Attick maintained the way meetings are conducted now is not transparent. A resident would not know about the Council's recent approval of a \$16,000 expenditure for security improvements unless he watched the last worksession. Mayor Jewitt said the security improvements were discussed at 2 worksessions, the recordings of which are available online. In addition, they were appropriated in this year's budget.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, asked for an update on recycling bins with wheels and the survey results. Mayor Jewitt replied the purchase of recycling bins with wheels is on hold while the Town is engaged in an educational campaign on recycling. The matter will again be taken up during the budget worksession with input from Public Works Director Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Worksession

January 22, 2018

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

1. Action Items

BHES funding request: TA Cowles said that Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) Principal Amanda Alerich submitted a request to help fund a hands-on learning opportunity for students. The school plans to hire the Maryland ZOO-mobile for a 3-day visit in April to teach students of different grade levels about animals and their environment. The total cost is \$1,352 and could be paid from the education budget, which currently contains \$4,500. The Town Council previously funded this activity, and has regularly contributed to other enrichment activities at BHES, as well as Greenbelt Middle and Parkdale High Schools.

In discussion, Councilmembers said it would be preferable if they had all such funding requests by a specific date so they can make decisions more equitably for an entire portfolio of applications. CM Rasmussen wondered if this activity fits into a larger curriculum. At one point the Council had plans to draft a comprehen-

sive policy for making grants, and reached out to the Educational Advisory Committee about reviewing and making recommendations on educational grants. However, this did not come to pass. TA Cowles was asked to invite Principal Alerich to a Council meeting to discuss educational needs of the school. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the Council voted 4 to 0 to approve the \$1,352 funding request.

2. Discussion Items

Animal Ordinance: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said at the last worksession, the Council agreed broadly on how to approach the revision of the Animal Ordinance; that is, to adopt the Prince George's County Animal Ordinance as the minimum standard and to reference certain provisions of the Town's Noise and Clean Lot Ordinances. It was also agreed to invite the Director of the County's Animal Management Division, Rodney Taylor, for a discussion of County regulations, preferably for one of the February worksessions.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy provided a 'clean' version (no strike-throughs or underlined additions) of the amended Ordinance to facilitate the review process. She then highlighted the important changes:

Sections 1 and 2: Purpose and authority were separated into different sections.

Section 5 – Adoption of Codes: Adopts Prince George's County (PGC) Code, Subtitle 3, Divisions 1-7 as minimum standard, and PGC Zoning Code, Subtitle 27 regarding breeding of animals. Designates PGC Animal Management Division and the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) as agencies for licensing and enforcement actions.

Section 6 – Standards: Adopts the Prince George's County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PGSPCA) guidelines as standards for the humane treatment of animals, including provision of food, water and shelter. Includes standards for maintaining sanitary conditions based on provisions from Ordinance 107. Retains standards for restraining domestic animals based on the current Ordinance 101. Adopts standards for noise set forth in Ordinance 153.

Section 7 – Enforcement: Adopts enforcement provisions from Ordinance 107 pertaining to notices of violations. Thought needs to be given as to who should be served a violation notice (property owner, animal owner, or custodian) and whether the Town should retain the authority to impound animals.

- In discussion, the following concerns were raised: Should there be provisions pertaining to handling animals in an emergency or should this be addressed in the Emergency Operations Plan? Should noise disturbances by animals be regulated on the basis of being annoying or preventing the peaceable enjoyment of one's property? Should there be other considerations, besides decibel level, to identify noise violations?
- Does the prohibition against animals being at large apply to cats and feral cat colonies?
- Is it humane to keep a dog outside at all times?
- Should a current enforcement provision requiring a sworn statement from 2 or more neighbors attesting to a violation be retained in the revised Ordinance? Is an animal-related incident/ violation occurring on a public street, such a dog biting a passerby, covered by this Ordinance, or other civil code? Who would be liable?
- Should complaints about animals filed anonymously be investigated?
- Should the Town retain impoundment authority, in the absence of trained staff and appropriate transportation to confiscate and transfer an animal to a shelter?
- Should problems with wild animals, apart from prohibiting animal cruel-

ty, be addressed in this Ordinance?

MPT Kulpa-Eddy will make some changes to the Ordinance based on tonight's discussion. Unanswered questions could be posed to the representative from the County's Animal Management Division when he attends a meeting.

Four Cities agenda items: No items were identified. The date for the Four Cities meeting in Berwyn Heights was set for July 25.

MML attendance: MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended using a different hotel than in previous years. Five reservations will be made at the La Quinta Inn.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the January 8 Town meeting were distributed for adoption at the February Town meeting.

4. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported she received comments on Public Works doing a good job clearing snow during the last storm, as well as questions on how and when roads are plowed and salted. The February Bulletin will have a detailed explanation of the snow removal process. Further, the Council received a letter from the Seniors' Club commenting on the Town organizations policy.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported a downed speed limit street sign on 63rd Avenue and another "Coffee with Cops" event scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m. –

11 a.m. She asked if WSSC has been notified to check on a water leak on 60th Avenue at Greenbelt Road that she reported on at the last worksession. TA Cowles said she will look into it.

CM Rasmussen reported that he had a wonderful trip to Israel and Palestine and requested an update on the decisions made during the last worksession, including plans for road repairs. TA Cowles informed that no decisions were made. The Council will be asked whether to proceed with road repairs in phases, with each phase financed by savings in the infrastructure reserve, or by issuing bonds. She noted that the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development has a low-cost bond program that municipalities can tap into and that she plans to inquire about. She confirmed that streets can also be funded through a special assessment or tax increase, which must follow a strict process of notices.

CM Rasmussen also said he regrets MPT Kulpa-Eddy's decision not to run for re-election to the Council and will miss her as a colleague.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule of events and activities. Tuesday, February 20 was set as the date for the 2nd worksession of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

BHES Spring Garden Clean Up!



Volunteers needed to "spruce up" the school gardens!

March 17

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

BHES Gardens

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Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board
Next meeting: March 8th, 2018

Contact: Amanda Dewey,
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Berwyn Heights Community Garden

2018 Application

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Existing members and those interested in becoming new members must submit a completed application to the Town Office. Plots will be assigned on a **first come, first served** basis. Only one plot per applicant/household. Garden plots are 4x8 - raised beds. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided.

Garden rules and regulations will be posted at the Town Office and on the Town website. A community garden orientation/training will be held in March, date to be determined. Participation is strongly encouraged.

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

Signature(s)

Date

Signature(s)

Date

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

Office of Town Administrator

5700 Berwyn Road

Berwyn Heights MD, 20740

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

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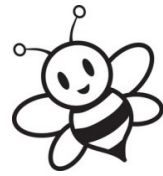
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Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

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Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Recycling Tip of the Month

Please **DO NOT** put plastic bags in your recycling bin. They are not accepted by Berwyn Heights.



Unacceptable items:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic bags tied up in another plastic bag
- Plastic film or wrap
- Garbage bags to hold your recyclables (put your recyclables right into your receptacle, no bag necessary)

Take your plastic bags to select retailers that recycle them like MOM's Organic Market.

Reuse your plastic bags:

- grocery store trip
- small trash bin liners
- picking up pet waste
- Packing material for fragile items
- Pack in purses and boots to help the keep their shape

To avoid accumulating plastic bags, remember your reusable bags!



BHES Fall Garden Clean Up

Saturday, March 17th, 9am – 12pm

Volunteers needed to "spruce-up" the school gardens!



Service hours available for students! Please bring your favorite tool. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Upcoming Opportunities!

More details in April Bulletin

- Event: Recycling facility field trip in April.
- Volunteering: We'll be recruiting volunteers to serve as recycling monitors and monitor supervisors for Berwyn Heights Day.



A huge "thank you" goes out to everyone that completed our Feedback Survey last month! We are thrilled with the number of entries and will be using your input to guide our events and activities in the coming year.

Thank you again to the Greenbelt Silver Diner for their raffle prize contribution.

CODE

JANUARY Activities

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

Property Maintenance	Violations
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Clean Lot	17
Trash/ Litter/ Tree Parts	1
Animals	0
Vehicles	0
Non-Hazardous	1
Commercial	0
TOTAL	39
Permits Issued	
Building	2
Dumpster/ PODs	0
TOTAL	2
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	1
TOTAL	216
Rental Licenses Issued	15
Rental Inspections	11
Rental Re-inspections	7
Vacant Properties	12

Storm Drain Cleaning

Help prevent flooding during spring rains. Please check on any 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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Historical Committee Book Signing

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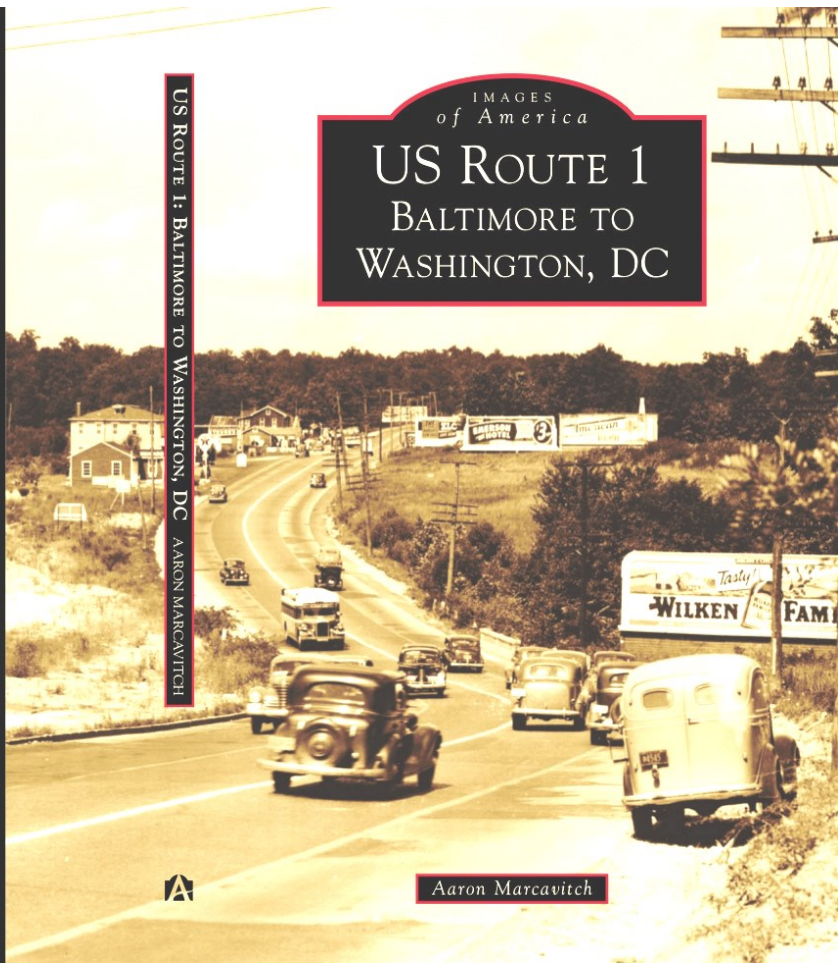
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Join Us for our Spring Reception: March 18, 2 pm

Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Maryland Milestones, will present his history of *US Route 1* published by Arcadia Publishers. This always changing stretch of road between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, also known as America's Mainstreet, spans 3 centuries of transportation history, and has been a vital connection between the two cities and many communities along the way.

NEXT MEETING: March 27 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room.

Contact Debby Steele-Snyder dsteelesny@yahoo.com for information.

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



JANUARY Police Beat

Wednesday 01/03/2018 at 7:32 pm, 'BURGLARY'

Cpl. Krouse responded to the 6215 Greenbelt Road for a report of a burglary at the Igles De la Profecia Union Del Ponder De Dio religious organization. Upon arrival the officer met with the pastor who stated that between 5:00 pm on 12/31/2017 and 6:50 pm on 01/03/2018 an unknown person entered the LOI and stole musical equipment from the Church. The suspect stole 2 electric piano keyboards, 2 speakers and a bass guitar. The Pastor was advised to try to locate any nomenclature on the listed items so they could be placed in NCIC. Furthermore, the investigation revealed no evidence of forced entry.

Friday 01/05/2018 at 11:31 am, 'THEFT'

Cpl. Ignowski responded to the T-Mobile on Greenbelt Road for a report of theft. On scene, the reporting person reported that Suspect 1 and Suspect 2 entered the front door wearing black coats with hoods and black pants. The hoods were tied so that only part of their faces were visible. S-1 ripped two cellular telephones from their display cords. S-2 ripped one cellular telephone from the display cord. Suspect 2 reached for his waistband as if to pull a gun. A witness reported to County Communications that the suspects got into a blue color Chevrolet Malibu. Suspects: B/M in their 20's.

Sunday 01/07/2018 at 1:53 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'

Cpl. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a damage to a parked car. Victim reported that he

parked his Toyota Camry in the parking lot in front of 6323 Greenbelt Road at 10:45 A.M. When he returned, he discovered that the car had damage on the left rear bumper on the left corner.

Wednesday 01/09/2018 at 3:00 am, 'ATTEMPTED SUICIDE'

Officers responded to the 5600 block of Berwyn Road for a person exhibiting behavior that warranted medical evaluation. Subject was transported to a hospital without incident.

Friday 01/12/2018 at 12:04 am, 'CDS ARREST'

Cpl. Krouse conducted a traffic stop at the area of Seminole Street and 62nd Avenue because of a stop sign violation. Investigation revealed that the driver had on his person an illegal amount of suspected marijuana. The 22 Y/O, W/M was cited for the traffic violation as well as a citation for the CDS in lieu of arrest.

Wednesday 01/17/2018 at 9:41 pm, 'ATTEMPTED SUICIDE'

Cpl. Krouse responded to the 8600 block of Cunningham Drive for an attempted suicide by hanging. A 22 Y/O, W/M was cut down by his stepfather still conscious and breathing. The "stepfather" stated that he was upstairs in the living room and heard a loud bang and a rustling noise coming from the basement. He went downstairs to look and found his son hanging from the ceiling with an extension cord tied around his neck. Fire Department arrived on scene, as well as back up PGPD units. Subject was depressed because he had an argument with his girlfriend, and tried to hang himself. He was taken into custody and transported to Prince Georges Hospital where he was committed for EPS.

Thursday 01/18/2018 at 8:42 pm, 'ATTEMPTED SUICIDE'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 8500 block

of 58th., Avenue for an attempted suicide. A 31 Y/O W/F was found overdosed on prescription medication and alcohol. She was taken into custody and transported to Prince Georges County Hospital for EPS.

Thursday 01/18/2018 at 8:30 pm, 'ASSISTED OUTSIDE AGENCY'

Cpl. S. Krouse heard a New Carrollton Police Officer on the radio reporting a possible stolen auto. Shortly after the first report, the New Carrollton Unit reported that the driver of the stolen vehicle was fleeing and crashing into multiple police cars and was headed toward Berwyn Heights. The stolen vehicle turned onto Old Calvert Road and then onto Edmonston Road, at which time the stolen vehicle was blocked by a New Carrollton Police Car preventing an escape. The flight ended in the 7500 block of Edmonston Road just outside Berwyn Heights city limits. Cpl. Krouse exited his police cruiser, ran to the passenger side of the vehicle, and removed the suspect/ passenger from the front of vehicle. The suspect was guided to the ground and taken into custody.

Thursday 01/25/2018 at 3:35 pm, 'SUSPICIOUS PERSON'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 6200 block of Pontiac Street for a suspicious person complaint. Investigation revealed that a Town resident called BHPD and reported suspicious activity that occurred at approximately 3:35 pm on Paxton Court. She stated that two girls came running up to her door knocking and scared. The girls said that they were being followed from school by a man in a car. The resident approached the suspect's vehicle, which was parked in front of her house, took pictures of the suspect's vehicle, and immediately notified BHPD. Further investigation revealed that the incident originally occurred in the area of BHES. The Asian Male suspect was later identified and investigation continues.



Upcoming Events at Parkdale High School

- ✓ Parent Community Fair, March 7, 2018 at 5:30, Multi-Purpose Room
- ✓ Robotics Team Practice Competition, March 9-11, Alexandria, VA (see school calendar for more details)
- ✓ PTSA Meeting, March 27, 2018 at 6:30, Multi-Purpose Room
- ✓ March 28, 2018 Third Quarter Ends

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Recent Working Incidents:

Jan 15— Truck 14 operated on a Working House Fire in the 900Blk of Ray Road in Hyattsville.

Jan 18— Truck 14 operated on a working House Fire Ager Rd/Riggs Rd in Chillum, fire showing from the 1st floor.

Jan 20— Squad 14 extricated a driver from a box truck crash NB I-95 at Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville.

Jan 20— Squad 14 & Chief 14 responded mutual-aid to Montgomery County for a Working Apartment Fire. Chief 14 was assigned interior supervisor as Squad 14 operated as Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)

Jan 21— Squad 14 & Tech Rescue 14 responded to the 5200Blk of Flintridge Dr in Lanham for an Ice Water Rescue in progress, 1 Police Officer and 3 civilians into an icy lake.

Jan 21— Squad 14 operated as the Rescue/Search company on a Working Apartment Fire in the 5600Blk of 56th Ave in Riverdale.

Jan 26— Truck 14 operated on a Working House Fire in the 4400Blk of Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville.

Jan 28— Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a vehicle accident SB I-95 at Cherry Hill Rd in Beltsville.

Feb 2— Truck 14 was transferred to Howard County Fire Station 10 while crews battled a large fire in Howard County. Squad 14 & Ambo 14 remained fully staffed covering Berwyn Heights.

Feb 2— Truck 14, Squad 14, and Chief 14B operated on a Working House Fire in the 2600Blk of Falling Brook Ter in Adelphi. Fire in the 1st and 2nd floors.

Feb 11— Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a vehicle accident on the OL of I-495 at Baltimore Ave in College Park.

Feb 13— Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a vehicle crash on Glenn Dale Blvd and Annapolis Rd in Glenn Dale.

Feb 13— Truck 14 operated in the 1700Blk of East West Hwy in Hyattsville for a working House Fire.

Feb 18— Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated two trapped patients from an overturned vehicle on the IL of I-495 at the Balt/Wash Parkway.



BHVFDF Call Volume: January 2018	
Rescue Squads:	139
Ladder Truck:	128
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	0
Ambulance:	234
Total Runs Jan 2018:	501

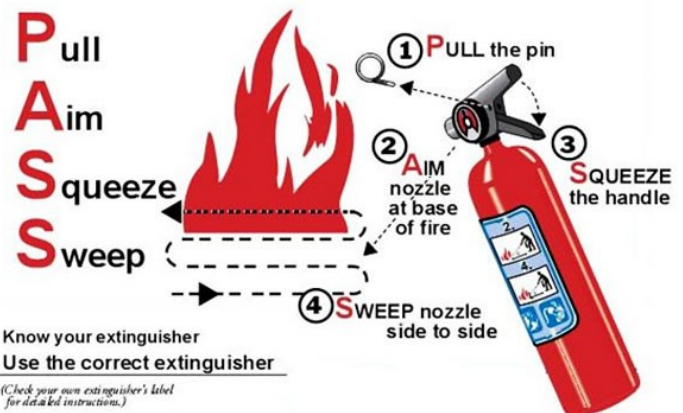
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BHVFD is seeking interested Town residents to volunteer as Firefighters, Emergency Medical Techs, and Administrative members. No experience required and training is free! Not sure? Try a ride along! As BHVFD was awarded a \$300,000 FEMA Grant for Recruitment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



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Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club

Bugle—March 2018

**Registration is NOW OPEN for
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Register online at www.BerwynHeightsBGC.org



Spring Soccer 2018—(Ages 4-15)

\$70 per Season/per Player*

**Practices start beginning of March (weather permitting) and will
take place at either Berwyn Heights Sports Park or Berwyn
Heights Elementary School.**



Spring Track 2018—(Ages 5-18)

\$70 per Season/per Participant*

**Practices start in April (weather permitting) and will take place at
Eleanor Roosevelt High School.**

***All new athletes must submit a photo and copy of birth certificate by end of
first week of practices.**

**Calling all local businesses! Interested in sponsoring the Berwyn Heights Boys
& Girls Club? Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities ranging from Single
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*The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club is always looking for coaches,
“team parents”, volunteers, committee members, and executive board members.*

Beyond sports, the BHBGC hosts fundraisers, our annual Fall Festival, as well as seasonal campouts, and other family-friendly activities for our club family. Visit us at our Monthly Club meeting, held the first Thursday of each month in the

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Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

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

Now that Winter is here, come to the Center, get a 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 2	William Payne
March 6	Tom Louie
March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 15	Frances Day
March 16	Jafari Freidoun
	Susan Huber
	Grace O'Connor
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Therese Forbes
March 22	Pat Agee

MARCH ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

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

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

MEETINGS — Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is a Pot Luck!

LIBRARY VISIT — Library staff will make Jewelry on Monday, March 12 at 12 Noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 12...

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

MARCH 23 or 24...

Trip to Baltimore to tour the Bromo Seltzer Clock Tower, followed by lunch. Date to be determined.

BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER...

is also on tap. Date to be determined.
Call the Senior Center for times and more
information.

A festive St. Patrick's Day greeting card. The background is a light green gradient. At the top, the words "Happy St. Patrick's Day!" are written in a large, bold, dark green font. The word "Happy" is flanked by two green shamrocks. Below the main text, the phrase "To all who are Irish, or wish they could be!" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a green leprechaun hat with a gold buckle and a green shamrock on the side. The hat is surrounded by green vine-like swirls and small green leaves. At the bottom, there are several small green shamrocks scattered across the surface.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

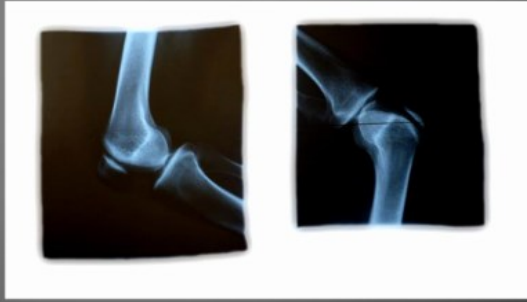
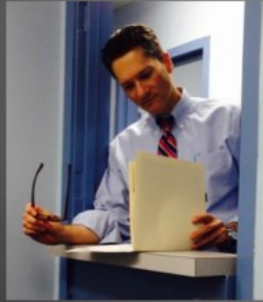
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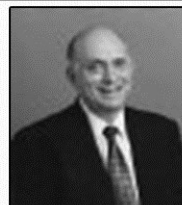
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Berwyn Heights Playgroup

For Preschoolers and Younger



Mondays 10:30a - 12:00p

**In Town Center if Cold or Rainy,
Otherwise**

1st & 3rd Monday of month - Indian Crk.

2nd & 4th Monday of month - Pop's Park

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

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

March 2018

PARCC Information Night

Tuesday, March, 6:45 pm @ BHES Cafeteria
All students in grades 3-6 will take the standardized PARCC test in April and May. Come to the PTA meeting for a presentation and a guided exploration of online resources available for parents.

Ice Skating Party

Friday, March 16, 6:45 to 8:45
@ Herbert Wells Ice Rink

Everyone is invited! Admission is \$3 and includes skate rental. Proceeds will help fund the field trips to Bladensburg Waterfront Park in May. The 6th grade will sell pizza to raise money for their class party.



www.BHESPTA.org

Mailing list: www.remind.com/classes/bhespta/

Email: president@bhespta.org



Upcoming Events

March 6, Tuesday

PTA meeting and PARCC Information Night, 6:45

March 16, Friday

Ice Skating Party

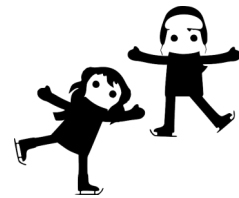
March 29, Thursday

Early dismissal

March 30, Friday

No School

Start of spring break



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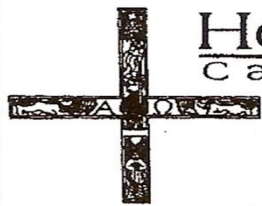
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Important March Dates

March 11th- Daylight Savings Time begins.

March 17th -St Patrick's Day

March 20th- 1st Day of Spring

DID YOU KNOW.....(useful Hacks)

Wrap Aluminum foil or plastic wrap around the stem of a bunch of bananas, keeps them fresher for up to 5 days!

A ball of Aluminum Foil can act as a dryer sheet in a pinch, no static!

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Broken plastic clothes hanger with clips?

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SOLD-4200 Briggs Chaney Rd 4BR 3BA colonial\$400K.

NEW LISTING-5915 Natasha Dr 3BR 2.5 BA Rambler\$339,900.

NEW LISTING-6008 Quebec St 5BR rambler lwr lvl apt\$315K.

NEW LISTING-5912 Osage St 3BR 2BA 1 fl rambler\$295K

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



BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

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

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BHEAC

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets

March 15 | 7:00 pm

G. Love Room

All are invited.

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

Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Old Parish House in College Park at 4711 Knox Road.

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



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Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

- Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, bread loaves, etc are acceptable. Individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.)
- Silly String
- Colored Hair Spray

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

SET-UP TIME: 10 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 received by 4/1/2018)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table ___YES ___NO Chairs? (Supply is limited to 1 or 2)

Canopies (\$15 per canopy): Will you need a canopy? ___YES ___NO (Supply is limited)

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 24, 2018**. (Mail to: Recreation Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740). For additional information, contact

Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net.









































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

AMOUNT PAID _____



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  	2	3 6:00 pm Community Potluck (Town Center)
4	5   	6   	7 	8  	9	10  8:30 am CERT Training (Town Center)
11 8:30 am CERT Training (Town Center)	12   	13   	14  7:00 pm Town Meeting	15  	16	17 9:00 am BHES Garden Cleanup
18 2:00 pm BHHC Spring Reception 	19   	20   	21 	22  	23 9:00 am--3:00 pm Special Budget Worksession	24
25	26   	27    7:30 pm BHHC Meeting	28 	29  	30	31 12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt (Community Ctr.)



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

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection	  
Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection	  
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Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 474-5000	pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 940-8510	crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov
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Gerald Shields	(504) 250-2040	gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov
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
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 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
 3rd most recent mtg:
 Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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