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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Parking Restrictions on 58th & 60th Avenue, 8900 Blocks

March 13, 7:00 pm

Council Chambers

In response to feedback from the Quality of Life Commission, the Town Council is considering parking restrictions on 58th Avenue and 60th Avenue before the intersection with Greenbelt Road. Two options are being considered. The Council wants to hear your opinion on the two options:

Option #1: No parking during rush hours, e.g. 8:00 - 10:00 am and 4:00 - 6:00 pm on either side of 58th Avenue and 60th Avenue. This restriction would be in effect for the last half of the 8900 block before the intersection with Greenbelt Road.

Option #2: No parking along the northbound lanes of 58th Avenue and 60th Avenue on the last block before Greenbelt Road. Vehicles may park along the southbound lanes of the streets.

Written comments may be sent via email to kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov. Emails must be received by March 13 for consideration. For information please contact Town Manager Broadbent at mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov.

Beltway Plaza Update

**March 4 | 7:00 pm
Town Office**

Representatives of Quantum Co., which manages Beltway Plaza Mall and the Berwyn Heights Staples property, will brief the Town Council on the concept plan for the redevelopment of the Mall.

The plan has been filed with the Prince George's County Planning Department for review. A public hearing on [CSP no. 18010](#) is scheduled for **March 14 at 10:00 am** at the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr., Upper Marlboro.

To testify call (301) 952-4584 or email pgcpb@mncppc.org.

Budget Workshop

**March 23
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Town Office**

On Saturday, March 23 an all-day budget workshop will be held at which the Town Council and senior staff will review the proposed FY 2020 budget. Representatives of Town organizations are invited to present budget requests during the afternoon session. The meeting will be live-streamed and is open to the public to attend.

Contact Town Manager Broadbent for more information mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov.

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LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Actions Taken at Feb. 13 Town Meeting

- **ORD 125—Small Cell Facilities—Introduction**
This Ordinance establishes permit requirements for installing infrastructure for 5G wireless networks in the municipal right of way. Adoption is scheduled at the March 13 Town meeting.
- **Resolution 02-2019—Code Compliance Staffing Changes**
The Resolution replaces 2 part-time Code positions with 1 full-time Code officer position, and authorizes the purchase of another Code software module to enable the processing of business licenses and taxes by the Code Department.
- **Resolution 03-2019—Clarifying that the Word ‘Check(s)’ in the Town Charter and Ordinances Includes Electronic Funds Transfers**
The Resolution facilitates the transition to greater use of electronic payments by including electronic funds transfers in the definition of the term ‘checks’.
- **Resolution 04-2019—Amending ORD 104 Building & Inspections Fee & Fine Schedule**
The Resolution establishes new permits for commercial buildings, new homes, fences, decks, razing a structure and working under a ‘stop work’ order and sets associated fees and fines.
- **Resolution 05-2019—Establishing an ORD 118 Roads & Public Rights-of-Ways Fee & Fine Schedule**
The Resolution establishes fees and fines for permits and permit applications to undertake construction in the municipal rights-of-ways.

For Additional Information

Please contact Town Manager Broadbent at mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov or Town Clerk Kerstin Harper kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov



Leaves & Yard Waste Disposal

Please place all leaves, weeds, and plant clippings into brown paper yard waste bags or a designated trash container marked ‘yard waste’. Branches should be tied into bundles not exceeding 4’ in length and 2 1/2 feet in diameter and not weighing more than 50 lbs. Yard waste will be picked up on Mondays north of Pontiac Street and Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street.

Next Street Sweeping April 1-5

Please help us clean the roads by moving your vehicles out of the roadway, where possible, or temporarily to the other side of the street, if you notice the street sweeper go by.

Do You Care About Our Schools ?



The Education Advisory Cmtee. Wants You!

The BHEAC is a Town Committee dedicated to supporting and strengthening the schools that serve the residents of Berwyn Heights by:

- Informing residents and the Town Council about educational issues and opportunities;
- Cultivating links with PGCPs administrators and the School Board;
- Liaising with neighboring cities’ Education Advisory Committees; and
- Promoting community involvement in local schools.

All Residents Are Welcome to Join.

Please contact Amanda Dewey, Councilmember for Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs for more information, at 443-646-3529 or adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY VENDOR / INFORMATION BOOTH APPLICATION SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2019

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

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

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

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

- Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, 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 22, 2019**. (Mail to: Recreation Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740). For additional information, contact

Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

AMOUNT PAID _____

Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

Join us for these GREAT events!:



**Sat. Mar. 16th, 6-8pm—the Senior Center
“Pot O’ Gold” Pot Luck Dinner**

Bring your favorite dish to share! (or \$5/person)
Enjoy dinner with friends & neighbors. Music by Phil Ventura.
Sodas/ Beverages provided by the Rec Council.



**Fri. Apr. 5th, 7-9pm—Upstairs at the Town Center
Berwyn Heights Team Trivia Night**

Co-Sponsored by the Berwyn Heights Historical
Committee. Details on the BHHC Page in this
Month’s Bulletin.

**Sat. Apr. 20th, TBD—BH Community Center
Easter Egg Hunt & Roller Skating Party -**

The Rec Council will be partnering with Park & Planning
once again for this fun holiday themed event. Details in the
April Bulletin.



**Sat. May. 4th, ALL DAY—Sports Park / Town Center
Berwyn Heights Day!!!**

Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Senior Bake Sale,
Kids Rides / Activities, Vendors, Games, Food, Music &
More!

CALLING ALL TOWN GROUPS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

**Want to be in our BH Day Parade? Enter your group’s Float (or presentation)
for a chance at a CASH PRIZE! Contact Susan for more details!**

Next Recreation Council Meetings will be Tues. Mar 5 & Tues. Apr 2
at 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room. All are Welcome!!
All are welcome!

Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

March PTA Meeting: Budget and Testing

Tuesday, March 12, 6:45 pm
Cafeteria

Budget Our principal, Ms. Alerich, will present information about the school budget and solicit input from parents.

Testing All students in grades 3-6 will take the PARCC test in April and May. Ms. Bastio, an instructional lead teacher, will present information about standardized testing including resources for parents.

Ice Skating Party

Friday, March 29, 6:45 to 8:45
Herbert Wells Ice Rink
5211 Campus Drive, College
Park

\$2 per person, including skate rental. Parents must sign a waiver and children must be accompanied by an adult. 6th graders will sell pizza to raise funds for their class party.

Invite friends and family to come along. This event is one of the highlights of the year! Don't miss it!

Facebook: Berwyn Heights ES PTA

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



Upcoming Events

March 1, Friday

Dr. Seuss celebration

March 12, Tuesday

PTA Meeting

Note: The PTA meeting has been moved to the 2nd week this month

March 29, Friday

Early dismissal
Ice Skating Party

April (date TBA)

PTA Meeting
STEM Night for families

April

Kindergarten Registration opens.

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Worksession Minutes January 7, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Code Supervisor Freddie Glass, Men's League representatives Jim McGinnis, Harold Whitaker, Steve Becker and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler read a statement regarding the passing of Code Compliance Officer Adrien Forbes on January 5, 2019 after a brief illness.

2. Variance Request

Variance 37-15 - 6216 Quebec Street driveway expansion: Mayor Isler said this item was placed on the agenda to give the applicants a chance to present their case in the variance request. Since the applicants are not present, the Council will discuss the item later.

3. Discussion Items

Men's League Community Center Use Agreement (discussed out of order): Mayor Isler welcomed Jim McGinnis and other members of the Men's League. He said the Town and the Men's League have met with representatives of the Maryland-National Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) over the last month to renew an agreement for the use of the Berwyn Heights Community Center gymnasium by the Men's Basketball League for games and practices. TM Broadbent now has a presumed final version of the agreement approved by M-NCPPC's Legal Department.

TM Broadbent explained that the Town has had an agreement with Park & Planning for the use of the gym for many years. The last agreement dates from March 2014 and expired in December 2018 but was never fully executed. The new agreement is very similar to the last agreement; however, the hours of usage have been adjusted to align more closely with the hours of the Community Center's staffing, since the Men's League normally plays when the Center is closed. Additionally, Park & Planning has asked that cash flow be demonstrated for the use of

the gym and a certificate of insurance filed with the agreement. There are 3 options for insuring the Men's League, with the first being the easiest:

- Designation of the Men's League as a Town organization, which makes it eligible to be covered by the Town's insurance;
- A donation from the Town to the Men's League for the purchase of insurance that names both the
- Town and Park & Planning as insured;
- The Men's League purchasing its own insurance that names the Town and Park & Planning as additionally insured.

Lastly, the new agreement would be for a 3-year term, with options to renew for additional years. Previously, agreements were valid for 5 years.

In discussion, members of the Men's League said one of their concerns is the adjustment in hours of use on Sundays, which could be a problem if league games go into overtime. The change in hours from 8 – 10 pm to 7 – 9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays might interfere with other scheduled programs at the Center and make it more difficult for members to participate after work. The League would consider paying for keeping the Center open until 10 pm. TM Broadbent advised that hours might be worked out with the facility director, however, Park & Planning will not amend the agreement.

Mayor Isler said the Community Center is concerned about a budget deficit due to staffing the Center during hours when it is closed, and no revenue is received. An offer to pay for the additional hours may change their calculus. The Men's League said its 55 members could make a point of purchasing their yearly passes at the Berwyn Height Community Center, which would provide considerable revenue that would not otherwise flow through the Community Center.

Mr. McGinnis asked whether there are any requirements or obligations resulting from being designated an official Town organization in order to qualify for Town insurance coverage. Mayor Isler said there would be none except to comply with the agreement and to work through the Town to re-

solve any issues regarding use of the gym. TM Broadbent and the Councilmember heading the Town's Parks & Recreation Department would be intermediaries in dealing with Park & Planning. CM Dewey noted that the Council plans to resume working on a Town organizations policy, when the vacant Council seat has been filled. Currently, there are no formal parameters defining a Town organization.

Mr. McGinnis thanked the Council and TM Broadbent for helping with renewing the agreement.

Variance 37-15 - 6216 Quebec Street driveway expansion (discussed out of order):

Code Supervisor Glass explained the resident first applied for a variance to widen his driveway in 2015 and discussed it with the Council at a worksession. The construction requires a variance because Prince George's County zoning code prohibits the construction of a driveway directly in front of a dwelling.

The Town Council at that time opposed the variance, unless a set of conditions were met. The resident eventually submitted a revised variance request, which was reviewed by the County's Board of Zoning Appeals and forwarded to the Town for comment in October 2018. The variance was on the agenda for the November 19 worksession, but the applicant did not appear. The Council postponed a decision on the variance to give the applicant another opportunity to explain the reasons for requesting the variance. The applicant has not appeared this evening.

Mayor Isler read the conditions the Town previously required:

- The driveway and any connecting walkways shall be constructed of pervious pavers.
- The additional 4' of width shall be permitted in the area between the existing driveway and the dominant tree in the front yard of 6216 Quebec Street. The driveway shall not encroach towards the property line shared with 6214 Quebec Street.
- The new driveway shall utilize the existing curb cuts on Quebec Street and the existing curb cuts shall not be enlarged.

- The dominant tree in the front yard of 6216 Quebec Street shall be protected from harm during driveway construction and preserved to the best of the homeowners' ability after driveway construction.
- A maximum of one commercial vehicle and trailer may be parked in the driveway at any given time. Any commercial vehicle and trailer parked in the driveway shall be in compliance with all Town ordinances.

The Council agreed that these conditions should remain in place for approving the variance. A decision on the variance will be made at the January 9 Town meeting, at which time the applicants may offer any comments they may have.

Charter Amendment on Mayor Pro Tem Authority: Mayor Isler said the Council postponed adoption of the Charter Amendment defining when the Mayor is absent and the Mayor Pro Tem assumes the duties of the office due to citizen concerns expressed at the December Town meeting. A couple of changes to the Charter Amendment were made at the following worksession to refine Section C. Mayor Isler asked if the Council had any additional comments or changes to Section C. None were offered but CM Dewey requested Chapter III 'The Council' of the Charter be included in the packet for context.

Code staffing changes: TM Broadbent explained, with the passing of Code Officer Forbes and the retirement of Code Administrative Assistant Bell, both of whom worked part-time, there is an opportunity to create one full-time Code Officer position. Additionally, she plans to make changes to the property maintenance code, utilize the Department's code software to perform business licensing as well as personal property tax collection functions, and switch the scheduling of inspections to an Interactive Voice Recording system. Inspection routines may also change to discontinue after-hours inspections, especially if they happen after sunset. TM Broadbent plans to have a position description for the full-time officer available soon and the Council approving the change by resolution

at a Town meeting.

Mid-month e-newsletter: Mayor Isler provided a draft of the first mid-month e-newsletter. He said he envisions the newsletter to be a standard agenda item for the first worksession of the month. Councilmembers would submit departmental news by the date of the Town meeting, with any breaking news added before finalization and release the Monday after the Town meeting. In terms of format, the first page of the newsletter would have a feature article, list upcoming events, important announcements, and reminders. The second and third page would contain highlights on employees and departmental news. Mayor Isler said he will assume responsibility for coordinating and finalizing the content and send the final version to Clerk Harper for posting on the Town website. The Council had no objections to the format and added a few items for the first issue.

Loose leaf collection: The Council discussed an email from a resident containing several complaints about the Public Works Department. The resident suggested that fines should be issued for raking leaf piles into the street since it is prohibited in Town code. Further, street sweeping dates should be announced if residents are expected not to park in the street.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- There is no fine set forth in the code for raking loose leaves into the street;
- The Town has not issued and does not plan to issue fines for improper disposal of leaves;
- The Town plans to send out a postcard with reminders on how to dispose of leaves and other refuse.

Rain garden revitalization: CM Dewey said the Green Team has scheduled a rain garden renewal event for March 30 in coordination with the Anacostia Watershed Society. The goal is to beautify it, make it work better, and at the same time educate residents. As Chair of the Green Team, she attended a 2018 worksession and requested some funds for this undertaking, since it relates to the upkeep of Town property. The Green Team budget is intended for education and events. It is

hoped plants will be purchased by the Town or the County, which originally installed the rain garden, or with grant money. TM Broadbent said the Town can finance plant and landscaping expenses related to the project.

Holiday decorating contest: Mayor Isler said Councilmembers have been looking at holiday decorations around Town in order to award a prize to the best ones and asked for nominations. The following homes were chosen: 5804 Ruatan Street, best decorated house, 5820 Quebec Street best decorated yard, and 3 homes in the 5900 block of Pontiac Street designated as 'Cheer Central'. The winners and exact addresses will be formally announced at the Town meeting.

4. Minutes

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by MPT Papanikolas, the December 3 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The December 12 Town meeting minutes were reviewed for adoption at the January 9 Town meeting. On a motion by CM Dewey and second by CM Sweep, the December 17 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

5. Department Reports

Mayor Isler said the holidays weeks were quiet. He received a citizen comment regarding the assignment of departmental responsibilities of Councilmembers. An announcement on that will be made once the vacant Council seat has been filled. MPT Papanikolas said he discussed Code Department staffing changes with Supervisor Glass and TM Broadbent. CM Dewey thanked BHPD for patrolling the Town over the holidays. She reminded residents to be prepared for snow the coming weekend and to watch out for neighbors and their pets. She also asked residents fishing at Lake Artemesia not to leave their lines and hooks in the Lake as birds and other animals living in the water can get entangled and hurt.

6. Town Council Schedule

The 2nd work session in January was moved from January 19 to January 14 due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The second work session in February was moved from February 18 to 19 due to Presidents' Day. An all-day budget workshop was scheduled for

Saturday, March 23. Department directors and Town organizations will present their budget requests. The next electronics recycling date is January 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

7. Citizens Discussion

The Council continued discussing the resident's email begun under 'Leaf Collection'. Regarding the supposed lack of announcements of street sweeping times, it was noted that the street sweeping schedule is published in the Bulletin. Additionally, a yearly Four Cities street sweeping schedule could be made available on the Town website and yard signs could be posted on street corners before an upcoming street sweeping week. For monitoring whether all streets in Town are swept, the sweeper may have a GPS system to track its movements.

As to the question whether the Town plans to reduce taxes if it implements once-a-week trash collection, it was noted there are no plans to go to once-a-week trash collection in the near future. This Council is focused on increasing recycling output and acquiring the equipment needed to do so.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented he thinks the driver of the street sweeper does not sweep up to the intersections with Greenbelt Road or Greenbelt Road proper, and that the Town is swept fairly thoroughly on the first couple of days of street sweeping week, but less so on subsequent days. He said when the driver finishes sweeping early, he sometimes spends the remaining time at 7 Eleven. The Council asked Mr. Ventura to report to the Town when this happens so they can follow up.

Mr. Ventura also commented on the electric vehicle charging station the Town had installed in December and issues with street marking on the newly resurfaced 60th Avenue cul-de-sac.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Town Meeting Minutes January 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT)

Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Ethan Sweep. Also Present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger, Public Works Director Hall, Code Officer Hollyce Goodwin and citizens.

1. Approval of Agenda

MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Proclamation in Memory of Adrien Forbes

Mayor Isler read a proclamation to remember long-serving Code Officer Forbes who died unexpectedly in December after a brief illness. CM Dewey and TM Broadbent attended the memorial service and CM Dewey read the proclamation, which was much appreciated.

3. Hearing on Charter Amendment re Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Isler explained that this Charter Amendment seeks to clarify when the Mayor is absent and the Mayor Pro Tem assumes the duties of the office, as it pertains to signing of documents. The Council plans to adopt this Amendment, which was first introduced at the November 14, 2018 Town meeting, later in this meeting.

Mayor Isler opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Susan Jones, Pontiac Street, asked if this Amendment allows the Council to sign documents even if the Mayor is not absent. Mayor Isler replied it does. Section C of the Amendment authorizes a supermajority of the Council to declare that a Mayor has failed to perform his or her duties in public vote and proceed with the signing of documents or taking actions, on which the Council as a whole agrees. With no further questions, Mayor Isler closed the hearing at 7:09 p.m.

4. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by CM Sweep, the minutes of the December 12 Town meeting minutes were approved 4 to 0.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler said most Councilmembers and many staff enjoyed time off over the holidays. Councilmembers

took time to look at all the holiday decorations around Town to select the best decorated house, best decorated yard and 'Best Christmas Spirit.' The winners are: 5804 Ruatan Street – best decorated house; 5820 Quebec Street – best decorated yard; and a group of homes in 5900 block of Ruatan Street – best Christmas Spirit.

6. Department Reports

Town Manager's Report: TM Broadbent reported she has worked on finalizing the agreement for the Men's Basketball League to use the Community Center gymnasium up for adoption tonight; drafting a resolution to formally define the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness' (NW/EP) relationship with the Town; and transferring the Quality of Life Commission recommendations to a spreadsheet for tracking implementation. She has also started to prepare for the FY 2020 budget season and scheduled the Directors to attend upcoming work sessions to discuss their budget requests.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the report for December. The Town received its income and real estate tax disbursements. On the expenditure side, the Maryland State Retirement contribution was paid, and a new hybrid vehicle for Administration Department purchased, partially covered by a Maryland Energy Administration grant. The total expense for the street renovation project now stands at \$776,600. TM Broadbent said the project is almost complete, with the exception of some minor work to be done in the spring.

Code Compliance: Code Officer Hollyce Goodwin reported for Supervisor Glass. She reminded residents to store firewood 6" above the ground, to cover all inoperable vehicles with fitted car covers; and to bag all leaves for disposal, as curbside collection season has ended. If residents wish to dispose of appliances and tires they must schedule the pickup through the Town office and pay special pickup fees of \$25 and \$5, respectively. Bulk refuse pickups can also be scheduled through the Administration Department. All regular household trash should be placed

at the curb in a container with a tightly-fitting lid by 7:30 a.m. Ms. Goodwin said the Code Department will miss Adrien Forbes and asked residents to keep him in their thoughts.

Parks & Recreation: There was no report.

Public Works: CM Sweep said that there was some confusion about the refuse collection dates during New Year's week. Many residents put their trash out on the wrong days. Public Works will make an effort to publicize the schedule better next year.

Public Works Director Hall reported that the last work on the street project will be the installation of a new stormwater drain and inlet on Berwyn Road. Public Works employees did a great job painting of the Town Center walls and ceiling. Residents are requested to park in driveways where possible when the street sweeper is in Town and during the snow storm predicted for this weekend.

Public Safety: CM Dewey thanked the Police for keeping the Town safe over the holidays. Chief Antolik said BPD officers are saddened by the passing of Code Officer Forbes and will miss him.

Detective Unger reported there were 8 Part I offenses in December, which included 5 more airbag thefts. The good news is that a search warrant carried out in Montgomery County resulted in the recovery of a trove of airbags and the arrest of several suspects. It is hoped this will end the wave of airbag thefts in this area. Year to date, there were 61 Part I offenses, better than the 68.8 5-year average. A 10-year retrospective shows a continued downward trend in serious crimes. Larcenies and burglaries are the most prevalent crimes and Berwyn Heights remains one of the safest places in Prince George's County.

In response to questions, Detective Unger said no airbags were reported stolen since the search warrant was executed around December 23, 2018. He does not know to whom the airbags might have been resold but that may be uncovered by the ongoing

investigation. Detective Unger also explained the difference between robbery, burglary and larceny.

Lastly, Detective Unger reported, in late December, BHPD conducted a traffic survey during rush hours in the 8900 block of 58th and 60th Avenues before the intersection with Greenbelt Road. The purpose was to understand whether cars parked in the roadway contribute to traffic backups on these streets. Based on the survey, BHPD recommends that signs with 'no parking between the hours of 8 – 10 am and 4 – 6 pm be posted either along both sides of 58th and 60th Avenue, or just along the north-bound lanes. The parking prohibition would affect that half of these blocks nearest to Greenbelt Road.

7. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: Mayor Isler reported that he and MPT Papanikolas attended the Parkdale High School holiday party, which was very well attended. Their presence was appreciated. Councilmembers plan to attend other local school events.

Green Team: CM Dewey announced that the Green Team and Shade Tree Board will meet tomorrow and welcomed anyone to attend. The monthly Town cleanups will continue through winter, with the next one taking place next Saturday at 10 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring children, friends and dogs. Supplies will be provided. Residents should mark their calendars for a raingarden event on March 30.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that 2 new members appointed by the Town Council in December attended the last meeting and contributed interesting information to the conversation. Several BHHC members attended holiday parties of the Prince George's Historical Society and Maryland Milestones.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: No report.

Recreation Council: Chair Susan Jones announced a Regifting Party taking place the coming Sunday at 2 p.m. People can bring a wrapped,

unused, and unwanted gift to exchange in a fun game, or just drop in to chat over wine and cheese. Ms. Jones also announced a Valentine's craft event on February 9, and a Pot 'o Gold potluck dinner on March 16. For Berwyn Heights Day, the Recreation Council would like to do something different and invites families and community groups to make a float for the parade. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best ones. If residents have any other ideas for Berwyn Heights Day they can propose them at a meeting or send an email to Ms. Jones.

8. Unfinished Business

Resolution 13-2018 – 3rd Reading & Adoption of Charter Amendment Clarifying Mayor Pro Tem Authority: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. There being no other comments, CM Sweep moved, and CM Dewey seconded to adopt the Charter Amendment. The motion passed 4 to 0.

9. New Business

Variance 37-15 – Driveway Expansion at 6216 Quebec Street: TM Broadbent explained that this variance had come before the Council once before in a slightly different form. In the most recent application the property owner requests a variance to widen their driveway to a 15' by 35' pad in contravention of the zoning requirement that no driveway shall be located directly in front of a dwelling between the front street line and sides of the dwelling. The applicant owns a construction business and likely would park trucks in the driveway.

When the variance was discussed at previous work sessions, staff recommended, and the Council agreed to impose conditions on its support for the variance, which are outlined in a memorandum. When the County receives notice from a municipality that it supports a variance with conditions, the County denies the variance and asks the petitioner to resubmit an application that complies with the conditions. It is possible that the Council will see a revised application on which it is asked to give input in the future.

Mayor Isler added that the Council had 3 major concerns about the pro-

posed driveway:

- it would abut the front steps of the house and a vehicle could drive into them;
- it would be very close to the neighbor's yard and not leave much of a buffer;
- it may impact the tree growing in the front yard.

CM Dewey added that this property has no unusual circumstance that would cause a hardship if a variance is not granted.

MPT Papanikolas moved to approve the variance with the conditions outlined in a memorandum. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Resolution 1-2019 – Adoption of Community Center Use Agreement: TM Broadbent explained the documents to be approved tonight comprise a Resolution designating the Men's League as a Town organization and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Maryland-National Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for the use of the Berwyn Heights Community Center and the agreement itself. She inquired about extending the hours allotted the League in this agreement and was informed it would cost \$75 an hour to keep the Community Center open to extend play times.

CM Dewey said the Council would have liked Park & Planning to be more accommodating about extending the hours but believes this is the best deal to be had. Mayor Isler said he is proud to sign the agreement, which continues to give the Men's League access to the Community Center gym and recognizes the League as an official Town organization. The League is an example of what a community organization should be. Men's League president Jim McGinnis said that the League has been operating for over 40 years. He thanked the Council and TM Broadbent for their efforts in renewing the agreement and making it possible to continue to play.

CM Dewey moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to adopt the Resolution and approve the agreement. The motion passed 4 to 0.

10. Citizen Comments

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Worksession Minutes January 14, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler commended Public Works and Police for a job well done in responding to the snow storm over the weekend.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda item 'code compliance staffing changes' was deleted and 'review of mid-month newsletter' was added.

3. Discussion Items

Town Council priorities review & Quality of Life Commission recommendations: TM Broadbent distributed a spreadsheet on which the Quality of Life Commission's (QoL) recommendations are tracked. Different recommendations have been assigned to the departments best equipped to address them, and a few have already been implemented. The Council reviewed the QoL recommendations to identify those already covered by the priorities of the Council and those requiring additional action.

Street lights: adding street lights for dark areas is in progress; reporting of street light outages needs additional publicity.

Speeding: recommendation for adding speed humps ruled out. Public Works to recommend other traffic calming options based on the where speeding is a problem. Speed monitoring and new parking regulations can be part of solution.

More officers during peak hours: already in effect.

Kenilworth Ave & Pontiac Street traffic backups: Review any SHA traffic studies and recommendations

to request longer light for outgoing traffic. Request meeting with SHA district engineer.

Police and DPW videos: Police have made videos. Public Information Aide might assist with video production.

Rental Housing Ordinance changes: TM Broadbent will propose amendments in the area of enforcement of code violations to make them municipal infractions appealable to the District Court. Definitions of family will become irrelevant with adoption of International Property Maintenance code using square footage as basis for number of tenants a rental house may have. Contrary to QoL recommendation, it is recommended to continue to perform annual inspections for all types of rental homes.

Code compliance complaints: reportable through website/ contact us.

Prioritization of clearly defined violations: Canopy/ carport issues will be addressed through amendment of Ordinance 104 – Building.

Clear marking of Code vehicle: completed.

Reduce trash & litter in and near business district: Code Department regularly issues clean lot violations. Green Team could work with business owners to contribute more trash containers and apply for Chesapeake Conservation Corps volunteers to engage businesses in green initiatives. TM Broadbent suggests considering making business licenses contingent on conformance with maintenance standards. Additionally, the Town might request to give input on the County's issuance of use and occupancy permits before they open.

Installation of addition refuse containers: Green Team proposes installing containers for recyclables rather than generic trash.

Install bi-lingual 'do not litter' signs: Agreed to implement.

Authorize Green Team to make recommendations on trash can installations: Already done.

Install traditional welcome signs at Town entrances with landscaping: Needs further discussion. Signs for announcing events wanted. Options include sliding letter signs, signs hung from larger welcome signs, or welcome signs.

Produce new welcome packet: Project for Public Information Aide.

Produce new telephone directory: Telephone numbers often not publicly available. Next Door app has directory.

Hire contractor for snow clearing: Resident's suggestion needs clarification.

Add picnic areas and parklets on Town property: Resident's recommendation accepted for further study of options.

Council agreed to receive quarterly progress reports on QoL recommendations as well as on Council priorities. Some recommendations may require funding decisions for the FY 2020 budget.

FY 2020 budget schedule: TM Broadbent explained her plans for the budget process. In February, department directors will attend worksessions to inform the Council about potential budget enhancements they are requesting and the Treasurer to explain the chart of accounts. In March, TM Broadbent has scheduled a visit from representatives of Old-Line Bank to talk about options for moving money into different accounts to earn more interest. For the March 23 special budget worksession, all directors will discuss their budgets and Town organizations will be invited to discuss budget requests. TM Broadbent also plans to change the year end budget amendment process with which the Town has traditionally reconciled its budgets.

Four Cities Agenda items: Mayor Isler said he had a discussion with Greenbelt's Mayor Emmett Jordan about changing the format of the Four Cities meeting. The topic of a spay/ neuter grant came up, for which the Four Cities had jointly applied a couple of years ago to fund cost-free spay/ neuter procedures for residents. Possible reapplication for the grant is to be placed on the next Four Cities agenda if the funds have run out. The Council also added the Beltway Plaza redevelopment and how to help furloughed employees affected by the government shut-down to the Four Cities agenda.

There ensued an extended discussion about whether a joint Four Cities response to the government shut down is useful and how the Town itself can help furloughed employees. It was agreed that the Town should publicize resources made available by Prince George's County and the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, and work through the Church for making donations. The church has a food pantry which is open to everyone affected by the shut-down.

Government shut down letter: Mayor Isler said that TM Broadbent has drafted a letter for the Council to call on the President and the leaders of the U.S. House and Senate to end the shut-down. The focuses on the hardships faced by federal employees and contractors and the negative impact on the regional economy as reasons for ending the shut-down. The Council approved the letter to be mailed.

Mid-month e-newsletter: Mayor Isler provided a completed mid-month e-newsletter and asked for further corrections or comments before it is published tomorrow. It was agreed to add information about government shut-down resources to the e-newsletter.

4. Minutes

There were none.

5. Department Reports

Mayor Isler commended Public Works and the Police for their response to the recent snow storm and said they are getting ready for another snow event tomorrow. Schools and Town offices could open late. Residents should check the County website or listen to WTOP for the latest updates. MPT Papanikolas agreed that snow clearing operations went well. He advised residents to watch out for icy roads as a hard freeze is predicted for tonight. CM Sweep encouraged everyone to move their cars into a driveway, where possible, to facilitate plowing. He also advised having a winter survival kit in one's car and gave other tips for traveling safely in winter conditions. CM Dewey added her appreciation for Police and Public Works employees for spending the night in Town to clear the roads and keeping everyone safe.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. The second worksession in February was confirmed for Tuesday, February 19.

7. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented on the replacement of new rain barrels around the Town Center. He was informed that County staff replaced them by mistake when they were working on the rain garden last spring. Mr. Ventura further suggested the Town save up money for a new police station instead of spending money on a study for reconfiguring the Town Center to accommodate the police. He believes there would not be enough parking space to have a police station at this location. He also suggested placing duct board around the electric vehicle charging station to prevent the charging cables from being grounded and tracking the cost of electricity used by the charging stations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

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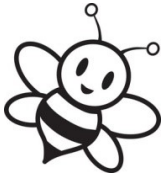
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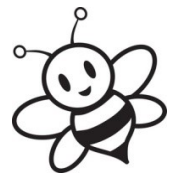
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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

Rain Garden Planting Picnic

Date: Saturday March 30th

Time: Noon

Location: Town Office Parking Lot
(5700 Berwyn Road)

Learn about how to start a rain garden and get hands-on experience planting native plants to revive the Town's rain garden! Rain gardens collect and clean rainwater runoff.

The event will also feature kids crafts, plant giveaway and refreshments.

Town Clean-up

Saturday March 16th

10am – 12pm

Meeting point at the Town Center

Special Guests: Anacostia Watershed Society

Register on Eventbrite by March 27

<http://bit.ly/BHRGPP>



Berwyn Heights Community Garden 2019 Application

The Berwyn Heights Community Garden is getting ready for its 6th season!

Existing members and those interested in becoming new members must **submit the 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. The garden is located at the 8900 blocks of 58th and 59th avenue.

Garden rules and regulations will be posted at the Town Office and on the town website. Water, tools, and other resources will be provided.

For questions, please contact Diana Agonoy at 301-672-6670 or dagonoy72@yahoo.com.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The lease period is March 2019 – February 2020. **Plot fee \$30.** Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to: **Berwyn Heights Recreation Council.**

I/we agree to abide by the 2019 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

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE TREES ?

**The Town will plant
Trees this spring!**

If you have a suggested location that you would like us to consider (including at your home), let us know at:

bit.ly/BHTrees.



REMEMBER:

English ivy is an invasive species that kills trees. Use the winter season to remove any ivy that may have climbed your trees this year. Simply snip the vine near the ground, wait a while for the vine to die, and tug it off your tree!

The Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board is appointed by the Mayor and Council and works to protect and maintain our urban forest. **Next meeting: March 12th, 2019 at 7 pm.**

Contact: Amanda Dewey, adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov



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

Historical Committee and Recreation Council Present:



Friday, April 5 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Town Center | 2nd Floor

The BHHC and Recreation Council will bring back the popular Team Trivia Night. This time, the focus will be expanded to Prince George's County. Topics will vary (geography, sports, science) but the spotlight is on "History".

It's free to play. Teams (up to six people) compete for a first place cash prize of \$50 and a second place prize of \$20 in Domino's Gift Cards. Refreshments (drinks and snacks) will be available.

Contact Jodie Kulpa-Eddy at (301) 345-1516 or mdmarmot@yahoo.com to register your team name and number of team players. Singles are welcome. Let us know if you'd like us to find you a team. Everyone is invited to come and watch (though it's more fun to play)!

NEXT MEETING – MARCH 27 – 7:30 PM — G. Love Room

Contact Richard Ahrens for information dicka247@gmail.com

Visit our website at www.berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com

CODE COMPLIANCE

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

Please note the Town Council revised the Fee & Fine Schedule for Ordinance 104 - Building & Inspection. Several new permits and associated fees were established. See table. →

To review the entire Fee & Fine Schedule visit the Town [website/ charter & ordinances page](#)

Fence Permit	\$25
Deck Permit	\$25
New Home Permit	\$250 per unit
Raze Permit	\$100
Working Under Stop Work Order	\$1,000 per calendar day
Commercial Bldg. Permit	\$25 + \$3 per \$1,000 of value of construction up to \$1,500 max.
Commercial Bldg. Permit Late Fee	\$100 per calendar day



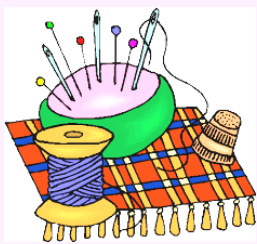
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Neighborhood Watch needs YOU to volunteer. Please come to our Meeting on March 6th Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Love room to see what's up!

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch

There are obvious benefits Neighborhood Watch volunteers and their communities have experienced throughout the years such as:

- A reduction in crime
- A better quality of life.
- A greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control.
- Building community pride and unity.
- Preparing for helping others and ourselves in our community.
- Providing law enforcement agencies with volunteer support year round.
- Becoming the extra "eyes and ears" of law enforcement personnel and therefore reduce law enforcement's burden.



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 Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Velma Hamilton

Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton

Vice President: Angela Wolfinger

angela.wolfinger@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas

240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary: Leslie Wolfinger

Athletic Director: Vacant

Soccer Commissioner: Vacant

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Katie Curtis

[windowdoll@gmail.com](mailto>windowdoll@gmail.com)

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey

amandamdewey@gmail.com

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes

therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder

dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich

mweinrich2@verizon.net

Co-Chair Michael Attick

mikeattick@verizon.net

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881

Brett Bentley 240-678-9103

Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Playgroup

Coordinator: Rachel Cicero

rachelcicero55@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

To be determined

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones

violindreams@verizon.net

Secretary: Theresa Beck

beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



JANUARY INCIDENTS

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Pvt. C. Rufino and Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 59th Avenue for a theft from vehicle. Victim stated that her wallet was stolen from inside her vehicle the night of 12/31/18 to 1/1/19. The victim received several fraud alerts from her credit card companies about purchases made. Inside the victim's wallet were \$200.00 in US currency, driver's license, credit cards from Amazon, Discovery, Capitol One, Ally and HSA.

Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 2:47 pm, 'FRAUD [ARREST]'

Pvt. C. Rufino and Det. Unger responded to the SECU for a report of fraud in progress. The bank representative stated that a customer applied for a US \$32,000.00 loan to purchase a new car using fraudulent documents and Social Security Card that belonged to another person. Officers approached the suspect and asked for his name, which the suspect refused to provide. Upon investigation, officers determined that the suspect's identification documents were not verifiable. Sgt. Unger placed him under arrest and took him to the Hyattsville Station for processing. **Arrested: Lumumba Toure GILLESPIE, 47 Y/O, B/M of Silver Spring, MD.**

Thursday, January 4, 2019 at 11:57 am, 'STOLEN AUTO'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue for a report of a stolen vehicle. Victim indicated that he parked his 2006 Nissan Murano in his driveway last night. On the morning of 1/4/2019 he found the vehicle was missing. The vehicle did not have a license plate assigned from any state, but the victim had the title to the vehicle in his possession. The victim had no idea who would have stolen the vehicle.

Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 3:38 am, 'VANDALISM'

Officers responded to 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism to a window. The front window panel was shattered by an unknown suspect.

Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 7:05 am, 'VANDALISM'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a

window smashed with a hammer. The attendant at Greenbelt Road Shell stated that an unknown suspect damaged a lower panel of glass on a garage bay door with a hammer. The hammer was found embedded in the glass. There was indication of an alarm set off at 2:24 am, 1/6/2019 without motion activity. Currently, there are no leads. Berwyn Heights CID is following up.

Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 11:00 am, 'SENIORS MEETING'

BHPD attended the monthly seniors meeting.

Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 3:37 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

A resident from the 6000 block of Ruatan Street came into the BHPD station and reported that someone removed items from her vehicle.

Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 12:57 pm, 'DISORDERLY'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a report of a disorderly person.

Thursday January 10, 2019 at 10:41 am, 'HIT AND RUN'

Pvt. C. Rufino responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a report of a hit and run. Victim stated that his Toyota Camry sustained damages from a hit and run vehicle.

Saturday January 12, 2019 at 3:26 pm, 'TRAFFIC COMPLANT'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5900 block of Tecumseh Street for an unregistered vehicle. The vehicle was impounded.

Thursday January 17, 2019 at 7:30 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Pvt. C. Rufino responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a report of a theft of an airbag. Victim stated he parked his Honda Civic at approximately 4:00 pm 1/16/2019. The following morning, at approximately 7:00 am, he noticed that his vehicle had been vandalized. The airbag was stolen from the vehicle.

Monday January 21, 2019 at 3:15 pm, 'WARRANT SERVICE'

Barry Dean Smyers, 53 Y/O, W/M of Berwyn Heights, MD was reported to have been observed walking around various parts of the Town in the late and early morning hours walking on different dates. A check via PGC County's Sherriff Department revealed that he has an open warrant for FTA driving while suspended, dated 7/31/2014 warrant #

D140626054. The subject was arrested and transported to Hyattsville D.O.C without incident.

January 22,-23, 2019 'TRAINING AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY'

Pvt. C. Rufino attended training in 'trafficking children' at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from a vehicle. Victim reported that an unknown suspect entered his mother's 2006 Ford Explorer SUV parked in her driveway through an unlocked door and removed the contents of the glove compartment and the center console and dumped the contents onto the floor. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of 1/23/2019.

Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 7:39 pm, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from a vehicle. Victim stated that overnight an unknown suspect entered his Hummer SUV parked in his driveway by unknown means. He removed all items from the glove compartment and the center console, including 10 compact music disks, and dumped the items onto the floor of the vehicle.

Monday January 28, 2019 at 3:06 pm, 'THEFT'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 5900 block of Seminole Street for a burglary call. Victim stated that someone entered his house and removed his laptop and games. He is one of several tenants in the domicile. Investigation continues.

Tuesday January 29, 2019 at 1:45 pm, 'FRAUD'

Victim came into the BHPD station and reported that an unknown person had accessed his business checking account on 1/15/2019 and cashed business check 766512 in the amount of \$1,450.00. He cashed two more business checks no. 766508 in the amount of \$1,450.00 and no. 766518 in the amount of \$1,950.00. Total amount of funds stolen equal \$4,850.00. This crime could be committed by knowing the account's routing number.

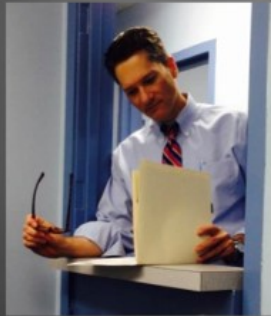
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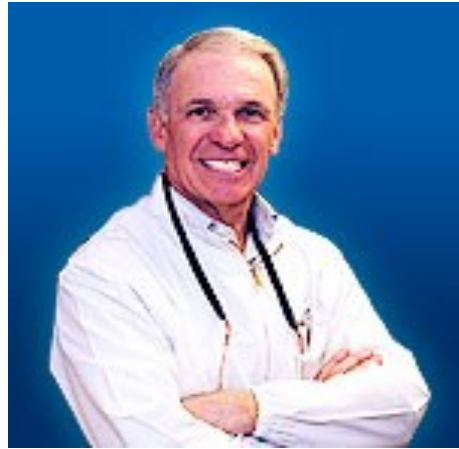
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

March 2	William Payne
March 6	Tom Louie
March 13	Theodore Erickson
March 14	Marilyn Pula
March 15	Frances Day
March 16	Susan Huber
	Grace O'Connor
March 20	Victoria Padua
March 21	Therese Forbes
March 22	Pat Agee

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 9 — Trip to the Botanical Gardens In D.C., followed by lunch.

BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER
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BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M..

WII BOWLING — Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

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

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

POTLUCK & MOVIE — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS — 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M.
The 4th Tuesday is a Pot Luck!



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4. Modernize-dated appliances, door knobs, lighting. Use nickel, chrome or brushed silver and stainless steel.
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Under Contract- 6207 Seminole St 4BR 2 BA rambler.

Under Contract-5814 Seminole St 3 BR 2 BA rambler.

New Listing- 8721 63rd Av 3BR 2.5 BA bungalow w/gar \$379K.

New Listing 8503 Cunningham Dr 4BR 2BA Lg addtn,FP \$345K.

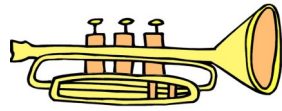
Pending- 6610 Patterson St 3BR 1.5 BA Cape cod \$260's.

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





Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle

Welcome to Spring Soccer & Track Season!

Practices will start as weather permits.
For more info, please contact your team's coach,
or [email info@berwynheightsbgc.org](mailto:info@berwynheightsbgc.org)

Get involved, Support the Club!

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit made possible through donations and sponsorships alike. If you or your business would like to make a contribution or are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Angie at angela.wolfinger@gmail.com.

Interested in donating your time or ideas instead?
We would love to have you! Join the BHBGC Family! We are always looking for coaches, "team parents", volunteers, committee and board members.

Contact us at info@berwynheightsbgc.org or stop by our Monthly Club meeting, at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month in the G. Love Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center.

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Registration begins at 8:00 am at the Town Center

Cost \$10.00 per adult | \$5.00 per child 13-17 | \$2.00 12 and under | Strollers FREE.

Please make checks out to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



NAME _____ AGE (if under 18) _____

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SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE) CHILD: 8-10 14-16
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*All registrants receive a commemorative T-Shirt (while supplies last)
Quantities are limited and distribution is on a first come, first serve basis.*

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 to 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 _____



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Co. 14



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Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents:

Jan 14— Truck 14 operated on a Working House Fire in the 5900Blk of Caters Lane in Riverdale, fire on the first floor.

Jan 21— At 3am Rescue Squad 14B & Ambulance 14 responded to I-495 IL near Annapolis Rd for the personal injury accident. While enroute, PSCC reported a box truck into a wall with the driver trapped and upgraded the assignment. BHVFD arrived to find a single box truck into a wall with the driver pinned. Rescue Squad 14B stabilized the vehicle before removing the driver side door, cutting the "A-post," and lifting the dash to extricate the driver.

Jan 21— 7pm Rescue Squad 14B responded to the area of Riverdale Rd and Martins Ln for the personal injury accident with entrapment. Units arrived to find the driver trapped. BHVFD volunteers staffing Squad 14B stabilized the vehicle before removing 4 doors, 2 "B-Posts", the roof, and lifting the dash to extricate the driver.

Jan 26— Truck 14 & Chief 14A were alerted to the 5600 blk Columbia Park Rd in Cheverly on the 2nd Alarm to assist units on scene with a recycling processing facility on fire. BHVFD volunteers operated for several hours until the fire was brought under control.

Jan 31— Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to the 8600Blk of Locust Grove Drive in Laurel for a House on Fire. Units arrived to find fire in a one story residential structure.

Feb 12— Rescue Squad 14 responded to the 700 block of Chilum Rd in Adelphi for an accident. First arriving units found a two vehicle "T-bone" collision with one driver trapped and pinned. Rescue Squad 14 arrived and stabilized the vehicle before removing 3 of the doors, a "B-post" and the roof. Due to the amount of intrusion, the Rescue Squad had to lift the dash and remove both seat backs to complete the delicate extrication.



BHVFD Call Volume: January 2019	
Rescue Squads:	143
Ladder Truck:	131
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	5
Ambulance:	207
Total Runs Jan 2019:	486

BHVFD Busiest Ladder Truck & Rescue Squad in County

For the second year in a row, the Berwyn Heights VFD has operated the two busiest Special Service units in the County. Our Ladder Truck responded to 1,138 calls in 2018, and our Heavy Duty Rescue Squad responded 1,871 calls in 2018. In 2018 the Department ran a total of 5,465 calls for service, including operating on 58 working structure fires and over 26 vehicle extrications.

Many thanks to our volunteer members for ensuring the station was fully staffed 24/7 to respond to 100% of calls we were dispatched on.



Have an Escape Plan and Practice It

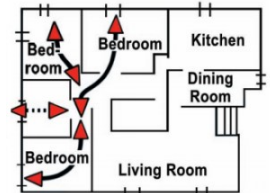
Beyond having smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, it's also essential to have an escape plan in case of an emergency. Everyone in your household should help make the plan and practice it regularly. As part of your escape planning process, find out if you live in a fire proof building. Knowing if a structure is fire proof or not will help you determine if you should stay or go depending on the circumstances of the fire in your building.

Plan: Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits. Be sure all escape routes and hallways are clear of clutter and storage. Consider drawing a floor plan of your home and mapping two ways out for each sleeping area. If you live in an apartment building with three or more units, review its fire safety plan.

- Teach everyone in your home how to unlock and open windows & doors
- Remind everyone to close doors behind them as they exit.
- Designate family members responsible for waking children or older adults.
- Agree on a meeting place outside your home.
- Stress importance of calling 911 once in a safe location.






















Practice: Make household drills realistic. Since most fires happen overnight, start drills in sleeping areas and darken your home as if it is smoke filled.

- Begin the drill with the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Practice escaping through smoke by crawling low on hands and knees.
- Follow your escape plan from the beginning all the way through to a your assigned meeting place outside your home.





March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 7:00 PM Worksession 	5 7:30 PM Rec. Council Mtg. 	6 7:00 PM NWEP Mtg. 	7 	8	9
10 Spring Forward	11 	12 6:45 PM PTA Mtg. 7:00 PM Green Team Mtg. 	13 7:00 PM Town Meeting 	14 	15	16 10:00 AM Town Cleanup 6:00 PM Pot o' Gold Potluck
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 7:00 PM Worksession 	19 	20 	21 	22	23 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Budget Workshop
24	25 	26 	27 7:30 PM BHHC Mtg. 	28 	29 6:30 PM Ice Skating Party	30 12:00 PM Raingarden Planting Picnic
31 Street Sweeper 	1 	2 	3 	4 	5 7:00 PM Team Trivia Nite	6



Please do NOT park on the street when the street sweeper is in town to ensure the street sweeper can clean everywhere along the curbs.

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Fire Department (301) 474-7866
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:
Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town

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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.

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