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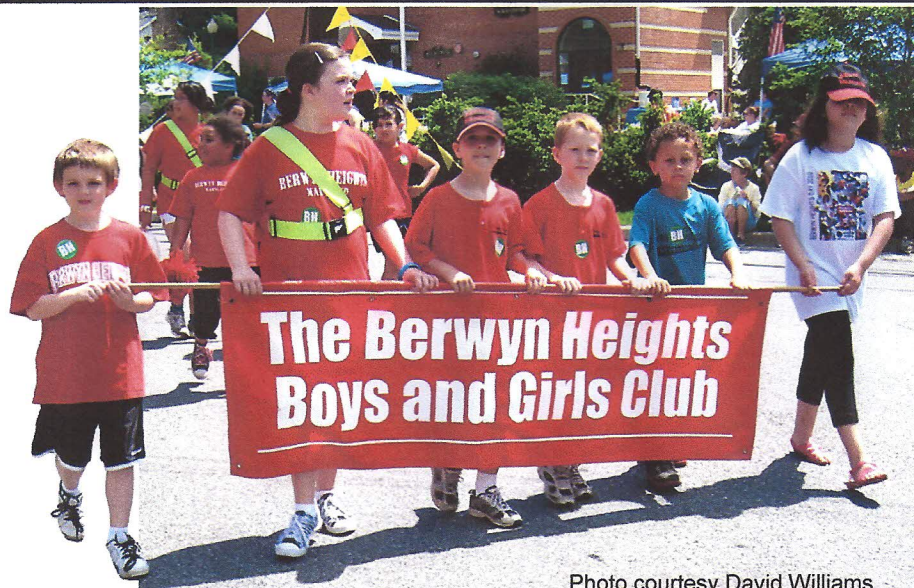


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BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

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Town Council Election



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Town Council Election Tuesday, May 1

The polling station is on the first floor of the Town Center (Senior Center) at 8603 57th Avenue, and is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. As in the previous election, the Town will be using paper ballots. Any resident who wishes to observe the tallying may remain in the polling station after closing. Results are usually available by 10 p.m. on the night of the election. If you need assistance in getting to the polls please contact the Town Office at (301) 474-5000.

SAMPLE BALLOT:

TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

(Place an "X" beside your selection)
(Select no more than five (5) candidates)

Rose Almoguera	_____
Cheyne Calvo	_____
Patricia Dennison	_____
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	_____
James Wilkinson	_____

SWEARING-IN & RECEPTION

The newly-elected Town Council will be sworn in and seated at the May 9 Town meeting. After the meeting, a reception will be held at the Senior Center, where residents can meet and speak with the Councilmembers. Refreshments will be served.



NINTH ANNUAL DAVE DALY GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 22, 2012

Bowie Golf and
Country Club

Contact Sean or Bernadette Daly for
more information
bernmwss@gmail.com
301.345.2416

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCED TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the introduced budget for the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights. The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCED SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will introduce and hold a public hearing on the introduced budget for the Special Public Safety Taxing District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at the Town Administration Building, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights. The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

COMCAST CABLE SERVICE NEEDS

Residents are requested to give input on services they would like Comcast Cable Inc. to add or perform better in the future. Public input is an important ingredient in negotiating a new franchise agreement with Comcast over the coming year. The Town of Berwyn Heights has joined Prince



George's County and other municipalities in a joint negotiating team to get the best possible agreement for users. The Town is particularly interested in what services and service improvements residents would like to see with respect to the local Channel 71, otherwise known as BHTV. Please call Clerk Harper or Town Administrator Murphy at the Town office number, 301-474-5000, or email kharp@town.berwyn-heights.md.us to share your thoughts.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ALL TOWN OFFICES
CLOSED ON MAY 28

Monday, May 28 –

NO Refuse Pick-up

Tuesday, May 29 – North & South
Side Refuse Pick-up

Wednesday, May 30 – Recycling
and North & South Side Yard Waste

Thursday, May 31 – North Side
Refuse & Bulk (regular pickup)

Friday, June 1 – South Side Refuse
& Bulk (regular pick-up)

Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash at the
Curb over the Weekend.



RECYCLING BINS

The Public Works Department has run out of the large, blue 44 gallon recycling containers due to high demand. Residents interested in obtaining one must put their name and address on a waiting list. Please call the Public Works Department at 301-474-6987 or email alockley@town.berwyn-heights.md.us to be wait-listed.

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Worksession

March 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CM Dennison said that March is women's history month.

Calendar: The date for Candidates' Night was set for April 25, 8:00 p.m. The date for the Indian Creek Playground dedication was set for April 28, 10:00 a.m.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he met with County Councilmember Olson's legislative aide Danielle Glaros, Park & Planning Supervisor Eileen Nivera, and landscape architect Brenda Iraola regarding construction of a dog park at the west side of Berwyn Heights Elementary School. The dog park would likely replace the little-used tennis court and take advantage of the existing access and parking. The model is Latrobe Point Dog Park in Baltimore, which has a mix of hard surface, artificial turf and play elements, as well as drinking water. A second entrance could be built off the 60th Avenue footpath. The dog park might become a reality relatively quickly as there is money left over from the Lake Artemesia project. However, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has to approve the plan. Mayor Calvo will also have to speak with Principal Singer about it.

Mayor Calvo further reported that he received a call from Congressman Steny Hoyer acknowledging receipt of the Town's letter of opposition to the proposed CSX transfer station in Beltsville. He agrees with the Town's position and that Jessup would be the best site for the transfer station.

MPT Wilkinson said that a large Pepco crew was working along Berwyn Road this morning trimming trees. Apparently, the Town was not given advance notice. TA Murphy will follow up. MPT Wilkinson also noted that the basketball court at BHES tends to flood when it is raining because a drain steering the water off the court is clogged. PGCPS needs to be asked to clean it.

CM Dennison said that the Talent Show will be held on April 13 at BHES and the Mock Student Council meeting on April 23. CM Ahrens reported that he had a

new neighbor move in, who plans have 3 other people live with him. He told him that he needed to get a rental license and brought him an application.

Citizen comments: CM Ahrens received a call from a resident who is concerned about the installation of a PVC pipe and drainage ditch at 5811 58th Avenue. Mayor Calvo said asked TA Murphy to check on the property to make sure that no street cut is made without permission of the Town. CM Kulpa-Eddy received a question from a resident on proper disposal procedures for yard waste. CM Dennison received a comment from a mailman regarding a disoriented, elderly resident at the post office.

Telecommunications legislation HB-563, SB-567 (discussed out of order): Mayor Calvo said that he spoke to Delegate Justin Ross, who is a sponsor, about the bills last week. Delegate Ross said that he is aware of the concerns but that the intent was to come up with a compromise solution. Mayor Calvo believes that this bill is heavily influenced by the telecommunications industry. There is opposition from counties and municipalities, who would be prevented from revising any telecommunications taxes and fees for the period of one year during which a commission reviews the taxes and fees. Greenbelt plans to oppose the legislation and College Park has already sent a letter of opposition.

Clerk Harper reported that the I-Net Coordinating Committee, of which Berwyn Heights is a member, also urges municipalities to oppose the legislation. A moratorium on taxes and fees would undercut the Comcast negotiations the I-Net Committee and Prince George's County will be leading in the next couple of years. The I-Net Committee is also concerned about the absence of municipal representation on the Telecommunications Review Commission, and that this may lead to curbing of municipal franchising authority.

Mayor Calvo recommended opposing the legislation because it threatens what is now the Town's 4th largest revenue source. MPT Wilkinson asked if the Town should follow College Park's approach and list the provisions that should be amended or deleted. Mayor Calvo said he believes outright opposition and stating the reasons for opposition would be more effective. MPT Wilkinson moved to write a letter of opposition. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy was asked to prepare a letter to be sent by March 9, the date of a hearing, with a copy to the Maryland Municipal League (MML).

Bulletin Cover (discussed out of order): The following items were approved for the April Bulletin cover: Talent Show theme; headlines for Town Council Election, Candidates' Night and budget hearing; Berwyn Heights Day banner.

At 7:40 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Town Administrator's budget presentation: TA Murphy said that the proposed FY 2013 budget is essentially another hold-the-line budget. The challenge is that important revenue streams are almost flat.

Taxes: Tax receipts are projected to increase by only 1%. The net assessable real property tax base for residential properties, as reported by the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation (MDAT), is projected to increase by a mere \$1,700, from \$1,280,300 in FY 2012 to \$1,282,000 FY 2013. For commercial properties, the picture is worse. The net assessable real property tax base is projected to decline from \$37 million in FY 2012 to \$35 million in FY 2013, or \$1,960,000, after having declined by a \$1 million in the previous year. However there is major discrepancy between the constant yield tax rates MDAT gave to the Prince George's County as opposed to the Town. At \$38,750,000, the County's figure is greater by \$3,768,000. TA Murphy has asked the person, who supplies the constant yield property tax rates to re-check the number.

TA Murphy said, on the plus side, income tax revenues are projected to go up by \$28,000 from what was budgeted in FY 2012. Personal property tax receipts are holding steady at \$261,000, as are recycling taxes at \$72,900.

Licenses & Permits: Overall revenues from licenses and permits are projected at \$123,000. Of those rental licenses constitute the largest share and are projected to increase by \$3,000 to \$57,000. The figure is based on 190 rental homes paying a yearly \$300 rental license fee. Cable TV franchise fees are expected to increase by \$2,000 to \$41,000, most of it due to Verizon subscriptions. Business licenses are projected to be flat at \$14,000. Vacancies at the Weygant building and high turnover of tenants at the Paramount building account for a decline in receipts over the last couple of years. Receipts from building, dumpster and POD permits are also projected to decline. However, these revenues only make up a small share of overall receipts.

Intergovernmental Revenues: The once significant Highway User Revenues

(HUR) and State Aid for Police Protection are going down again. HUR is projected to decline from \$32,000 in FY 2012 to \$26,000 in FY 2013, as the Transportation Trust Fund has again been cut due to State budget shortfalls. Police State Aid will be dispensed in a lump sum of \$32,000, with no separate funds available for supplemental police protection grants or municipal police grants.

Fines & Forfeitures: Overall fines and forfeitures are projected to decline by 4%. This is due largely to a decline in police fines from \$40,000 in FY 2012 to \$36,000 in FY 2013. Code fines, however, are expected to increase from \$17,700 to \$19,200, including fines paid directly to the Town and fines collected through liens. Code fines have been broken down by category for better tracking into high grass and clean lot abatements, empty lots, clean lot violations, high grass violations, refuse violations and rental violations. Fines collected through liens will be broken down in the same manner.

Miscellaneous: *Interest & dividend* income is projected to decline by 46% from \$10,000 in FY 2012 to \$5,400 in FY 2013. The Town will transfer its savings to another bank which pays 1.1% interest instead of 0.25% paid by the current institution. With the exception of recycling fees, Public Works receipts have declined overall. Receipts have been broken down into the separate categories of metal recycling (PG Scrap), paper, plastic & glass recycling (Waste Management), appliance pickup, sale of leaf bags and other receipts. Recycling has become profitable again, following the recovery of the recycling market, and is expected to bring in \$3,600 in FY 2012. In addition, recycling is projected to save the Town \$11,000 in landfill tipping fees. Revenues from Town Center rentals and Bulletin advertising are holding steady at \$5,200 and \$7,300, respectively. Cable TV PEG grant receipts are up by 29% overall, with Verizon receipts projected at \$14,100 and Comcast receipts at \$10,400. PEG grants are set aside to pay for the operation, maintenance and upgrading of the Town's public access TV channel.

TA Murphy continued with an overview of proposed FY 2013 expenditures.

General Government budget is proposed to increase by 2% overall.

Mayor & Council: The *public relations* appropriation is budgeted to increase \$2,000 to pay for upgrades to the computer center at BHES and other needs of the school.

Town Administration: *Network/software support* and *capital equipment* appropriations are proposed to have increases of \$5,500 and \$8,500, to upgrade software and install new workstations in Town offices. An IT inventory is currently underway to determine which computers need upgrades the most.

Municipal Building: An increase of \$1,200 for landscaping expenses is budgeted, including the removal of dead and unwanted shrubs and new plantings. A \$3,000 appropriation for a new council chamber furnace has also been included, if replacement becomes necessary.

Town Center: This budget is proposed to go down pre-FY 2012 levels, after \$10,000 was added in FY 2012 to pay for a new handicap accessible front door to the Senior Center and to replace a rusty back door.

Public Health & Safety budget is proposed to increase 3% overall.

Police Department: This budget is proposed to increase 2% due to salary increases and promotions. An increase of \$1,600 is budgeted in the *gasoline & oil* appropriation based on the assumption that gas prices will go up to \$4 per gallon. An increase in gasoline expenses was budgeted for all departments. The *capital outlay > 500* appropriation was increased by \$8,000 to fund the replacement of mobile data terminals in half of the cruisers. A requested \$18,000 license recognition system was not funded. One new police cruiser of two that were requested was budgeted. The expense of \$32,000, which includes outfitting and painting, will be charged to the capital expenditures portion of the operating budget.

Public Safety Miscellaneous: The contributions to the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) of \$3,000 and to the Volunteer Fire Department of \$1,000 were left at the same level as last year.

Code Compliance Department budget is essentially flat.

Code Compliance Program: Currently, the program funds a full-time director, two part-time code officers at a combined 20 hours per week, and a part-time code clerk at 15 hours per week. No further increases in part-time hours are planned after last year's increases. However, the *gas & oil* appropriation was budgeted an \$800 increase.

Public Works Department budget is proposed to increase by 1%, or \$11,100.

Public Works Building: A requested increase of \$8,000 in the *maintenance &*

repairs appropriation was reduced to \$6,000. It will fund the installation of thermal windows in upper level of the DPW building, weatherproofing the main and side entrance, and installing one wall heater in the storage building.

Streets & Sanitation: Further staffing changes are proposed after last year's shift from the use of temporary workers to two permanent 20 hours/week part-time employees. Last year temporary help was limited to 12 hours a week. In FY 2013, the department wants to use 2 seasonal employees instead at 499 hours a year each to help with loose leaf collection, grass cutting and to fill in for absent employees. It hopes to save \$6,000 in the *temporary labor* appropriation.

The *maintenance & repairs* appropriation of the department's rolling stock was reduced from \$49,000 to \$48,000. In FY 2012, the department purchased a new trash truck and dump truck which is expected to reduce maintenance and repair costs.

The *miscellaneous* appropriation was bifurcated. Abatement expenses were established as a separate line item for better tracking with a funding level of \$500.

The *gas & oil* appropriation was increased by \$6,700 to \$43,200 based on an anticipated increase in the price of diesel fuel to \$4.50 per gallon at a usage of 800 gallons per month.

The *equipment rental* appropriation increase request for the purchase of commercial lawn mowers was not funded, and the appropriation reduced by \$1,000.

Solid waste disposal fees are budgeted at \$70,000 of which \$6,000 are yard waste tipping fees. The department has collected 200 tons of recyclables so far this year. At a cost of \$59 per ton, the recycling program has saved the Town \$11,800 in landfill tipping fees. Last year's unspent recycling disposal fees are placed into a sinking fund in case of a future increase in tipping fees at the recycling facility.

Parks and Recreation budget is proposed to increase by \$7,000 or 33%. The increase is mainly for safety improvements and new playground equipment at Pop's Park. There is also a \$200 increase in the *special events* line item to pay for a new event and a \$370 increase in the *playground utilities* line item to pay for the winterizing and de-winterizing of the drinking fountains and water lines at Pop's Park and Sports Park.

Miscellaneous budget had an overall decrease of 3%.

Insurance: The Town pays 2%, or the lowest rate possible, for unemployment compensation because there have not been any claims.

Health insurance: The average age of the Town's workforce has moved up into a higher age bracket with an average age of 41.2 this year. Premiums go up by 17.5% when that happens. However, so far no changes have been made by the insurer. As of now the total cost of health benefits is \$102,500.

Pension Plan: The pension contribution for the Town went down from 10.94% to 8.99%, bringing the total cost down to \$93,000.

Debt Service budget went down to zero, with payment of the last installment on a police cruiser last year.

Capital Expenditures budget is proposed to fund the purchase of one police cruiser costing \$32,000, and sets aside \$67,000 for the vehicle replacement reserve and \$130,000 for the infrastructure reserve.

Capital Projects budget appropriates \$40,000 to purchase a new Public Works pickup truck and \$21,000 for a new Code car to be funded from surplus.

In questions and answers, Mayor Calvo said that the code fines revenues need more work. Actual revenues from FY 2010 and FY 2011 exceed the proposed budget of \$19,200 by almost \$10,000. This means that there is probably \$5,000 to \$10,000 in unaccounted for revenues from fines paid as liens. TA Murphy said that the Administration Department only began tracking liens 2 years ago but does not have a complete record of outstanding liens from prior years. Mayor Calvo said the Code Department should have a spreadsheet that tracks fines when they are sent to the County, and again when the Town receives payment. CM Dennison noted that the Town would not know if the County makes a mistake under the current system.

Regarding interest and dividend revenue, Mayor Calvo said that the Town's \$1,400,000 in cash should have been moved to a bank that pays at least 1% in interest. The Town is losing thousands of dollars by keeping large sums in an account that pays only ¼ percent interest. TA Murphy said that he already moved the funds for the vehicle replacement reserve and will move the remaining funds by next week.

Mayor Calvo highlighted the important features in the proposed budget. On the revenue side, income taxes are projected to go up by \$28,000. A 2% decline in pension plan contributions saves ap-

proximately \$20,000. The switch from temporary workers to seasonal workers in the Public Works Department is estimated to save around \$10,000. Additionally, \$40,000 the Council put into the infrastructure reserve last year for a street renovation project was not used and is available for other uses.

On the expenditure side, the projected increase in gas prices to \$4.00 per gallon will cost the Town close to \$10,000 when all departments are added together. TA Murphy also proposed some targeted investment into capital equipment, including energy efficiency improvements to the Public Works building, IT upgrades, and repairs and new equipment for Pop's Park playground. Under capital projects, \$61,000 has been budgeted for a new code car and pick-up truck to be paid from surplus, while the capital expenditures - operating budget provides for a new police car and transfers to the various reserves. Mayor Calvo noted that any money earned from recycling beyond \$10,000 in the recycling rainy day fund will go into the vehicle replacement reserve.

In sum, the Town Administrator's proposed budget has a \$15,000 surplus that can be used to supplement line items that are no longer adequately funded after years of hold-the-line budgets. Councilmembers are requested to review their budgets for items that need additional money.

TA Murphy distributed an inventory of Town facility needs and gave an overview.

Town Administration building: new roof for entire building (\$10,000), or roof for rear addition (\$6,700); oversized gutters and down spouts; Council chamber furnace, insulated emergency door; enclosure for front entrance.

Town Center 1st floor: remodel media center into meeting room (\$16,000), including replacing paneling, painting, carpeting and installing sliding partition to senior center and; air conditioner; Senior Center painting and energy efficient lighting; new refrigerator and stove;

Town Center 2nd floor: acoustic wall paneling; energy efficient lighting; insulated emergency door; floor tiles refinishing.

Municipal complex exterior: painting walls, fascia board and back stairs; new canopy (\$7,000); drylocking hose tower; new flashing on roof; repaint gold lettering; resurface parking lot; overhaul landscaping.

Public Works yard: new roofs for shed, main building and lean-to.

MPT Wilkinson asked where the speed camera is listed in the budget. TA Murphy said it is not shown because, like the Public Safety Taxing District, it requires a separate budget. However, he will add a tab for it in the budget book. CM Dennison asked why income taxes are up. TA Murphy said this may be due to a decline in vacant homes and people with higher incomes moving in. Mayor Calvo said that quarterly withholdings are up, meaning there are more residents with taxable incomes.

CM Ahrens commented that, based on his experience, more homes are rented to young professionals than to students. He anticipates that incomes will continue to go up, and with it income taxes. He asked what instructions he should give to the Code Director about tracking liens. Mayor Calvo said that fines should be tracked by category - what violation the fine pertains to - not by method of payment. The Code and Administration Departments should develop an appropriate spreadsheet.

TA Murphy distributed a spreadsheet tracking the volumes different categories of refuse and recyclables. It shows daily volumes and a weekly total. However, recycling data only goes back to last July because he had not received the receipts for individual deliveries to the recycling facility. He will try to obtain the figures going back further. Mayor Calvo requested a copy of the spreadsheet.

Mayor Calvo suggested Councilmembers review the budget with an eye to facility improvements. He would like to do a field trip at a future worksession to take a closer look at facilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession March 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, MPT Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: CSX intermodal transfer station workshops will be held on March 14 in Jessup, March 19 in Beltsville, and March 21 in Elkridge.

2. Budget

TA Murphy provided a one-page summary of the proposed FY 2013 budget. He noted that \$2,000 in FY 2011 speed camera revenues were added to the FY 2012 budget. Mayor Calvo noted that the one-page summary shows a \$15,600 surplus. He said that tonight the Council will review the proposed budget by department and major activity to identify any changes Councilmembers would like to make, either to add or subtract money from a particular line item. Motions can be made to change a line item. However, if the line item is increased it must be paid for with a decrease elsewhere.

Revenues

Taxes: Mayor Calvo said that the proposed overall increase in tax revenues is 1%. Tax receipts are based on the same tax rates as last year: real property tax rate is 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, plus a 3 cent road tax; personal property tax rate is 1.215 dollars per \$100 of assessed personal property, plus a 7.5 cents road tax; recycling tax is \$70 per home.

TA Murphy explained that the proposed tax revenues are based on prior years revenues. The exception is the real property tax, which is based on a constant yield tax rate provided by the state. This year, he is challenging the State's constant yield rate because it shows a \$5 million decline in assessed commercial real property value. The Town is requesting to be notified when a property is re-assessed.

Licenses & Permits: These revenues went up by 38% because of increases in receipts of cable franchise fees and rental license fees. The rental license fee was raised to \$300 per year in FY 2010 because non-owner-occupied properties assessments went down when properties were last re-assessed. The rental license fee also reflects the cost of running the rental licensing and inspection programs. The line-item for media resource membership fees can be deleted from the budget.

Intergovernmental: These revenues are projected to decline by 26%. The Town has no control over them.

Fines & Forfeitures: Police fines & forfeitures are proposed at \$36,000, 10% less than in FY 2012. Mayor Calvo said that he thinks that this number may still be too high. The police are focusing its attention on things other than enforcing parking violations. The previously higher receipts in this line item may reflect the fact that there is no longer is a backlog of unpaid parking fines.

Revenues from code liens is budgeted at \$7,200, or a 26% increase. However, this number may increase, when TA Murphy gets a better sense of which liens are outstanding. He has requested a list of all outstanding liens from the County. The County does not collect a lien if it is less than \$250. Mayor Calvo commented that code fines could be made subject to a penalty fee until the cumulative fine reaches \$250 and is sent to the County as a lien.

Miscellaneous: *Interests & dividends* are down by 46% because the interest rate paid by the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool, where the Town still invests some of its money, pays only a .25% interest rate. TA Murphy has sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to local banks to invest this money at an interest rate of at least 1% and maximum access to the funds. Mayor Calvo advised to put some of the money in one-year CDs if they pay more than 1%. MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to see some of this money invested into infrastructure projects rather than locked up in a CD at a low interest rate. Currently, the cost of construction is low because the economy is still weak. Mayor Calvo said that cash available for investing is mostly in reserves, which he would not want to spend. MPT Wilkinson questioned the need for the Town to sell plastic lawn bags to residents since they are available at many retailers. He proposed to stop selling them, or at least charge a price that covers the cost. CM Ahrens said that the availability of the bags, like the postal service, is a real convenience for seniors, many of whom are no longer able to drive.

Expenditures

General Government

Town Administration: The *network/software support* appropriation is slated for a \$3,500 increase to upgrade Town office computers. TA Murphy also plans to replace the Town Council office computer and the computer in the adjacent office. A \$2,000 increase in the *public relations* appropriation is for the production of a sign on the history of Berwyn Heights schools. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the money was shifted to public relations line in the Mayor & Council budget.

Municipal Building: This budget is flat with the exception of a 2% increase in wages. The planned upgrade of the audio-visual system in the Council chamber will be paid from cable TV peg grants.

Town Center: This budget has gone down to pre-FY 2012 levels, after a temporary increase last year to pay for a

\$10,000 handicap accessible door. TA Murphy noted that, this week, the two synchronized entry doors stopped working – probably because of electrical overload – but will be repaired under warranty. The *maintenance & repair* line item also pays for a number of other maintenance expenses related to the 2nd floor commercial kitchen, as well as annual inspections of the elevator, fire alarms and sprinkler system. The second phone line in the former media resource center has been disabled and is no longer funded. The *hospitality* appropriation was flagged for a possible increase.

Public Safety

Police Department: A new appropriation for *network/software support* was established at a \$3,600 funding level to pay for IT upgrades, which were previously funded under *maintenance & repair*. \$1,440 was requested for making the police website more interactive. On a motion by Mayor Calvo and second by MPT Wilkinson, \$1,440 for an interactive website was cut and set aside in the 'kitty'. The *gasoline & oil* appropriation is proposed for an increase of 10%, based on an anticipated increase in the cost of gasoline of 25 cents per gallon. The department directors believe that more money may be needed for gasoline.

At 8:10 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Mayor Calvo said that the Police Department used to fund its mobile data terminals (ruggedized laptops for police vehicles) from money received for participating in the Secret Service Task Force program. This money has dried up. Mayor Calvo would like to establish a program for replacing laptops on a rotation after getting Chief Antolik's input. The money would be appropriated in *capital projects* > \$500. MPT Wilkinson suggested raising the *National Night Out* appropriation from \$850 to \$1,000 to support one of the Town's most successful events. Mayor Calvo said that there does not seem to be a problem with raising enough money from private donors. He would prefer to bolster the police aid program, which has added a lot of value to the law enforcement work of the Police Department.

Code Compliance

Code Compliance Program: The Code Compliance Director requested a new code car to replace the surplussed police vehicles the staff is currently using. Funding for the car would come out of the Capital Projects budget. The only increase in the department's operational budget is in the gas appropriation. However, even the proposed \$600 increase may not be sufficient to cover expected increases in the price of gasoline. TA

Murphy was asked to produce projections for departmental gas & oil expenditures based on 5 cent increases in the price of gas beyond \$4.00 per gallon. The department's *postage* line item is flat. The Code Director has implemented a vigorous notification program that resulted in fewer certified letters

Public Works

Building: The *network/software support* appropriation is proposed to increase by 300% or \$1,500. This includes \$1,000 for the laptops to train staff, which should be shifted to the *capital outlays > \$500* appropriation. TA Murphy will check to make sure that a Public Works website is not included in this appropriation. The *maintenance & repairs* appropriation is budgeted for a \$1,000 increase, which is \$1,000 less than requested. TA Murphy cut the requested funding for wall heaters because he did not consider them a priority. MPT Wilkinson marked the appropriation for funding at the requested level.

Streets & Sanitation: The biggest change in this budget is the zeroing out of all funding in the *temporary labor* appropriation at the request of the department. \$10,000 was shifted to *part-time wages* to pay for the hiring of seasonal laborers, and \$4,000 was shifted to *overtime*. The use of seasonal labor instead of temporary personnel saves \$5,000. The *equipment rental* line item is slated for a \$2,500 increase to rent equipment for crack sealing. MPT Wilkinson is pushing the department to get this done. The *snow & ice removal* appropriation is proposed to go up by \$2,500 because calculation of a 5-year average of snow removal costs revealed that the line item is underfunded. Director Coleman recently negotiated an agreement with the State Highway Administration (SHA) that allows the Town to purchase road salt when needed. This will make the Town's salt supply much more secure than in previous years. The recycling program expenditures were integrated into the Streets & Sanitation budget. The *recycling gasoline & oil* appropriation of \$2,000 was kept at last year's level and should be sufficient to cover expenses.

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Pop' Park *supplies* and *equipment* appropriations were increased substantially to pay for mulch and new equipment. The increase is not sufficient to purchase new equipment this year. More money may be added to the appropriation when a capital improvement plan has been developed. The *media resource center* appropriation was zeroed out because the Council plans to turn the space into a meeting room. The cost of a partition and mainte-

nance of the remaining computer stations should be charged to the Town Center budget in the future.

Miscellaneous

Employee Benefits: The *health insurance* appropriation is proposed to remain at last year's level of \$112,100 because actual expenditures for FY 2012 are projected to be below budget. However, the Town will be moved into a higher premium bracket for FY 2013 because the average age of Town staff has gone up. If the insurer also raises insurance rates, more money may have to be added to the appropriation. The *Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)* appropriation is proposed to go up by \$6,600 to keep the total amount in the account at \$32,000. The HRA generates substantial savings in health insurance costs because it qualifies the Town for lower premiums. Usage of the HRA accounts by employees has been minimal. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that health insurance rates for federal employees have been stable, which may bode well for the Town's insurance rates, since they use the same carrier.

The *Maryland State Pension Plan* appropriation is slated for a 13% decline due to a lowering of the Town's contributions, which would save \$14,000. The *employee merit increases* appropriation is proposed to remain at last year's level. Mayor Calvo marked the appropriation for a possible increase because it has remained at virtually the same level for a number of years. Also, the Town has not given a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), while the cost of living for the Washington area has continued to go up. However, this is true for most levels of government. MPT Wilkinson said that Public Works employees are not happy with merit increases because they feel that performance evaluations, on which merit increases are based, do not adequately reflect actual performance.

At the next budget worksession, the Council plans to look at the Town's facilities to get a better understanding of needed upgrades and repairs.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Ahrens, and Kulpa-

Eddy. CM Dennison had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, as well as 7-Eleven representatives Rachel Fikre, Earl Winterling, Mona Joyce, Jim Boone, Josh Bazis, and residents Kirk and Kay Weems.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the February 8 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Ahrens and second by MPT Wilkinson, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo wished his wife Trinity a Happy Birthday. He then reported on TA Murphy's FY 2013 proposed budget, which was presented to the Council on March 5. Revenues are projected at \$2.5 million, up from \$2.49 million last year. The small increase of 1% is due to real property taxes, the Town's principle revenue source, remaining flat. The real property tax rate was kept at 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, with a 3 cent road tax added on top that the Council enacted last year to help finance road repairs. Income taxes, on the other hand, saw an increase of 11%, which may be attributable to vacant homes being purchased by young people with incomes.

Mayor Calvo said that expenditures are also proposed to be essentially flat. In terms of employee salaries, there is only a merit increase of \$15,000 planned, but no Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Expenditures are helped by \$40,000 that were set aside last year for the event the budget became tight. Further, the Town benefits from a 1% decline in pension contributions, which saves approximately \$15,000 and a cushion in the health insurance appropriation due to a less than expected increase in premiums last year.

The FY 2012 budget also proposes several capital purchases, including a new pickup truck for the Public Works Department and new car for the Code Department to replace the surplussed police vehicles that is currently being used. Capital improvements will be the focus of the upcoming budget discussions. This includes devising plans for financing future road renovations as well as Town building repairs and upgrades. The Council will also continue to discuss

how to appropriate the speed camera revenues between construction of new sidewalks, and other public safety improvements. In sum, the Town will enter the next fiscal year in good shape. However, the impending re-assessment is likely to reflect a further decline in real property values and bring about a further decline in Town revenues.

Mayor Calvo reported on new legislative developments. County Executive Rushern Baker is pushing for a referendum that would permit gaming at selected locations in Prince George's County, which he opposed as a State delegate. He is a proponent of adding a gaming venue to the National Harbor development. Mayor Calvo is worried that Greenbelt Station might become a gaming location if the Town does not pay attention. He encouraged residents to communicate their opinions on the issue to the Town's State delegates. Another important issue discussed in the Maryland Assembly is the Governor's proposal to shift half of the cost of teachers' pensions to the counties. Currently, the State pays for all of the teachers' pensions, while the counties pay for social security benefits. There is disagreement in the Assembly over how to raise income taxes, with the Governor having proposed limiting deductions for incomes over \$100,000 and the House favoring raising the income tax rate by a 1/4 % point. An increase in the gas tax may be tabled because of the recent increase in the market price of gas.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Council recently took a stand opposing legislation that would set up a State Commission to review telecommunications taxes and fees. This could have important implications for the Town, as municipal franchise taxes and fees are included in the review. If the Commission recommends a state-wide franchise fee, the Town would lose what is now its 5th largest source of revenue.

Mayor Calvo announced that there has been progress in talks with Park & Planning and County Councilmember Olson's office to identify a suitable location for a dog park. The latest site to be considered is the tennis court on Berwyn Heights Elementary School grounds. If the school system approves the location, the project could move forward quickly as there is some funding left over in the Park & Planning budget. Lastly, County Councilmember Olson will host a Town Hall meeting on March 29, 6:30 p.m. at Parkdale High School. County Executive Baker and a number of agency directors will be in attendance.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Administration Department is focused on the budget and preparing information the Council needs to make budget decisions. The Department is also busy with the election process and preparing next month's big Bulletin issue.

Code Compliance: CM Ahrens said that this is season for yard cleanups. Homeowners are raking up remaining leaves, picking up branches and pulling weeds. Yard waste is picked up on Mondays on the north side and on Tuesdays on the south side of Berwyn Heights. Code activity in the last month focused on trash and litter violations, for which 24 citations were written.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: Mayor Calvo reported for CM Dennison that there was an unexpected development regarding the new Talented & Gifted (TAG) program at Greenbelt Middle School. Berwyn Heights had been given assurances in January that BHES 5th graders, who are currently in the TAG program, would be automatically admitted to the GMS TAG program. However, parents recently received a letter telling them that they must apply for a slot through a lottery. Thanks to the efforts of MPT Wilkinson and CM Dennison, Berwyn Heights' school board representative Peggy Higgins quickly fixed the problem. To discuss the issue, a meeting of the Education Advisory Committee has been set for March 22, 7 p.m. at the Town office.

Mayor Calvo also announced that the annual Talent Show will be held on April 13 and the Indian Creek playground dedication on April 28. The Recreation Council will put the finishing touches on Berwyn Heights Day plans at its next meeting on April 5.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik gave the police activities report for February. There were 5 Part I offenses, of which 3 were breaking and enterings and 2 larcenies. The 5 year average for February was 6.2 and the year to date total 13.8. The officers also wrote 87 State citations and 47 Town citations. Further, the Town issued a total of 70 speed camera citations, with 65 for Greenbelt Road and 5 for Edmonston Road. The speed cameras were moved back to the old locations at Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue and on Pontiac Street in front of the school. Chief Antolik is expecting to report more citations next month.

Chief Antolik said that the Police Department received a very nice thank you

letter from a resident, whose home was broken into. Berwyn Heights Police came to the home quickly after being called by a neighbor, secured the scene and looked after the resident. Public Works boarded up the broken patio door. Chief Antolik read the letter. Lastly, Chief Antolik reported that Berwyn Heights is conducting *Operation Clean Street* to serve outstanding warrants concerning Berwyn Heights and has apprehended 4 persons.

Mayor Calvo said that the resident really was overwhelmed by the response she had from the Town in the wake of the break-in.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that Pepco contractor Asplundh will be in Town for the next 2 - 3 weeks trimming trees around the power lines. TA Murphy added that larger tree parts left behind from the trimming will be removed later with different equipment. MPT Wilkinson continued that, within the next few months, cables will be laid for the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN), starting at Greenbelt Road and going up 63rd Avenue to Berwyn Heights Elementary School [and going up 60th Avenue to the Volunteer Fire Department].

MPT Wilkinson further reported that, because of the mild winter, Public Works saved a lot of money that would otherwise have been spent for clearing snow. On the flip side, the mild winter will likely result in more mosquitoes, ticks and other pests. He has walked the streets with Director Coleman to update the street survey, while Public Works employees have been busy repainting lines on Edmonston Road and Seminole Street, and put a new gravel surface on the 58th Avenue footpath. Public Works will work with Comcast to clean up loose cables hanging from poles or lying in peoples' yards. Lastly, MPT Wilkinson announced that electronic recycling will begin on April 28 at the Greenbelt Public Works yard, and then recur on a quarterly basis. He reminded residents that yard waste should be put into brown paper bags or clear plastic bags when set out for collection, and set apart from regular trash. He also urged residents to break down cardboard boxes before putting them out for recycling.

5. Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy announced that the next meeting is on April 4 and that an emergency drill will take place on April 7, 9:00 a.m. at the Town Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

7-Eleven Site Plan: Mayor Calvo explained that the Town learned that 7-Eleven has leased space at 5815 Greenbelt Road to open a corporate store about one month ago, when a permit was filed with the Town office. He was disappointed that neither 7-Eleven nor the owner of the property, Bill Guiliano, had contacted the Town about the plans. A couple of years ago, the Town had sponsored negotiations to bring about a larger development, involving Mr. Guiliano's property, the BP gas station and the 59th Avenue intersection. However, the plans did not materialize and Mr. Guiliano began to look for new tenants. The Town has concerns about another 7-Eleven store at this site, but has no authority to affect the decision. The store is an allowed use of the property, zoned for commercial shopping, and has already received permits from the County and the Town.

Mayor Calvo invited the 7-Eleven representatives to present the plans. Mr. Guiliano, who owns the property, said that he is still looking for a tenant of the vacant former video store that would be a good fit with 7-Eleven.

7-Eleven Real Estate Representative Rahel Fire introduced the 7-Eleven team in attendance: Asset Protection Specialist Earl Winterling, Franchise Manager Mona Joyce, Market Manager Jim Boone and Manager Josh Basis. Mr. Basis briefly explained the building plans, which have been approved by Prince George's County, Town of Berwyn Heights and Mr. Guiliano's architects. The plan calls for the insertion of a new dividing wall with the adjacent store to create approximately 2,600 square feet floor space. The store will have a relatively small sales floor of 1,200 square feet but will be equipped with the latest finishes. 7-Eleven will be responsible for all interior renovations and Mr. Guiliano for exterior improvements. Exterior improvements include a new roof, new HVAC units, resurfacing of the parking lot and installation of a large dumpster pad. Mr. Guiliano added that, by the end of next week, a new 10' x 28' dumpster pad will be installed to accommodate a larger dumpster. It will be surrounded by a fence that matches the fence separating the property from the adjacent homes.

Ms. Fikre gave an overview of 7-Eleven operations and branding, noting that 7-Eleven is the oldest convenience store chain in the United States and now owns

44,000 franchises around the world. The store is open around the clock and offers standard convenience foods. Recently, emphasis has shifted towards food service in response to consumer demand. 7-Eleven does careful research before a new franchise is opened to ensure that there is a large enough customer base for each store. Locating stores in relatively close vicinity has become part of a successful business strategy. 7-Eleven stores serve and sell fresh food delivered daily from a local commissary usually at night. 7-Eleven has a good neighbor policy and encourages involvement in the community and local charities. It recently introduced *Operation Chill*, in which the stores provide coupons to local police so they can reward kids for doing good deeds and acting responsibly. In 2006, 7-Eleven introduced a business conversion program, which offers already existing convenience stores the option to become 7-Eleven franchisees while retaining control of their store.

Mayor Calvo posed a number of questions. Ms. Fikre responded. She explained that, while this will be a corporate store, a franchisee is being sought. Opening day is expected to be in mid-May. This location was chosen because it is on a busy main road used for commuting, despite two other 7-Eleven stores being less than a mile away. The organization's guideline for locating stores is at least 1/2 mile distance and a customer base of at least 5,000, which applies here. Stores in a similar position have about 1,000 customers a day, including at night. Deliveries will be made in small box trucks to the front of the store mostly at night.

Mayor Calvo asked what the store will do to prevent littering and rat infestations associated with a fast food store. Mr. Boone said that 7-Eleven will put up two large trash containers at the store entrance as well as inside the store. All 7-Eleven stores follow Health Department regulations, have regular pest treatments, and undergo quarterly inspections by the County or municipality. Grounds will be kept as clean as possible. The emptying of the dumpster is currently the owner's responsibility and will likely occur twice a week or more often if volume demands it. If there is a problem with trash around the dumpster leading to clean lot violations, 7-Eleven may take over responsibility for the dumpsters. It will also put up additional trash containers at the perimeter of the property if needed. Mr. Guiliano said that he will put up a new fence behind the dumpster to screen the adjacent residential property.

Mr. Winterling assured the Council that 7-Eleven has a 'no loitering' policy and posts signs to that effect outside its stores. There are no benches or tables outside the stores to invite hanging out. However, the store generally takes no action for up to 15 minutes while customers eat a snack. The stores will work with the community to enforce any additional local loitering rules and standards. This particular store will have a state-of-the-art digital security camera system that covers the store, the counters and the doors separately. Digital recordings of at least 50 images per minute will be made. All lighting will be installed to comply with existing regulations. There are 2 lights illuminating the back alley. However, the back door is for emergency exit only. Staff does not use the back door, even for taking out trash. Mr. Guiliano added that he will help enforce the new one-way traffic flow in the back alley and post 'do-not-enter' signs on 59th Avenue.

MPT Wilkinson expressed concerns about night-time trash disposal, recycling of beverage containers and security. 7-Elevens are known to attract crime and another store would take up more police time. Mr. Boone said that there is no schedule yet for the emptying of the dumpsters. TA Murphy noted that the Town's noise ordinance forbids loud emptying of dumpsters before 7 a.m. Mr. Boone continued that 7-Eleven stores have a recycling program for cardboard boxes, and will work with the Town on a solution to recycle beverage containers. 7-Eleven recognizes that it is a target for crime and is serious about crime prevention. Stores have a good security system and keep minimal amounts of cash in cash registers. Management also works closely with the Prince George's County police on effective crime prevention plans.

MPT Wilkinson was also concerned about the new store undercutting the existing 7-Eleven on Edmonston Road that has served the community for a long time. CM Ahrens commented that the Edmonston Road store is a social gathering place where older men get together over coffee and cigarettes to talk. Ms. Fikre replied that 7-Eleven is careful not to cannibalize other 7-Eleven stores. The new store will be more commuter-oriented with its prominent Greenbelt Road location, while the Edmonston Road store will probably continue to draw most customers from the community. Existing franchises are usually informed and involved in the process of opening a nearby 7-Eleven store.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked whether 7-Eleven sells any age-restricted products, such

as alcohol, cigarettes or adult magazines. She was assured that no alcohol or adult magazines will be sold. Tobacco products will be available but not sold to minors. CM Kulpa-Eddy also urged the store to think about ways to make crossing Greenbelt Road safer for customers likely to come from the other side of the busy road.

TA Murphy said that it would be better if the dumpster was the responsibility of the tenant and that each tenant have its own dumpster. This would avoid arguments when the Town enforces clean lot violations. He also asked what the store does about litter on the property. Ms. Fikre replied that the lease allows the store to take on the responsibility for the dumpster if the landlord does not offer a satisfactory service. The litter on the property will be picked up by staff. Mr. Guiliano added that the dumpster pad is big enough for 2 standard dumpsters. Mayor Calvo said that the Town will not hesitate to fine the business for trash and litter violations.

Kurt Weems of 59th Avenue said that he recommended the Town of Berwyn Heights to a relative as a nice place to live. The relative lost interest in buying a home when told about the businesses located in close proximity. He believes the new 7-Eleven will become another problem that will make the Town less attractive. In fact, he may consider moving away if the store becomes a reality.

Mayor Calvo summed up that he is not happy about another 7-Eleven locating here. The community has many concerns but no say in the matter. Litter, noise and increased traffic will impact the neighboring property owners. The Town may take up the closing of 59th Avenue to protect the residents from through traffic. He hopes that 7-Eleven follows through on its promises. The Town certainly plans to hold them accountable. As Mayor, he would like to have the name and telephone number of the person in charge of the store so that he can communicate the concerns and complaints he feels sure to receive from residents.

Ms. Fikre said that 7-Eleven wants to be part of the community and would welcome anybody from the community to apply for the franchise as well as for sales positions. That is why Franchise Manager Joyce is here tonight. It is her responsibility to recruit the franchisee. In addition, Regional Market Manager Jim Boone will leave his contact information so that Mayor Calvo can call him about any problems that may come up. The franchisees in this area report to him.

Resolution 03-2012 – Memorandum of Understanding with SHA Regarding Road Salt:

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Wilkinson moved to adopt it. CM Ahrens seconded. Mayor Calvo said that this memorandum of understanding (MOU) will ensure that the Town has a dependable source of road salt in winter. He credits Public Works Director Coleman, MPT Wilkinson and TA Murphy for seizing the opportunity to get an agreement with the State Highway Administration (SHA) to supply the salt, which would be dispensed from the salt dome at Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane. Trying to get salt from neighboring municipalities during a storm has not always been possible.

MPT Wilkinson said that it was important to get this agreement in writing. A verbal agreement already in place this winter was not sufficient for the contractor who works at the salt dome to dispense it to Berwyn Heights employees without first getting approval from his superior. After the big snow storms of 2010, the Town was considering building its own salt storage facility, but that would have been difficult and expensive. This agreement spares the Town that expense.

CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the MOU has some blanks that need to be filled and a fax number to be corrected. Mayor Calvo said that these corrections will be made before the agreement is signed. The vote only authorizes the signing of the document. The Council voted 4 to 0 to approve the Resolution.

8. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



Note" Due to space limitations in this issue, the Minutes of the Worksession held on March 19, 2012, will appear in the June issue of the Bulletin.



Pepco

Smart Meter Installation

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

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

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



IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

English Speaking

Customers

CALL (202) 872-3432

TO REPORT

Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck Poles or Life Threatening Electrical System Situations

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Report Street Light Out

(Need Pepco Pole Number and house number of nearest house)

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por

Servicio en Espanol

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR

Registration to be on Priority List

Fun Run



**Berwyn Heights Day
Walk/Run for Fun!!!
Saturday, May 5th**

Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Registration 7:30 a.m.



Come out and join the fun. Bring the whole family for a fun 5k run or walk around Lake Artemesia. **Registration is \$10.00 per adult, \$2.00 under 18 (strollers free) and includes a custom-designed T-Shirt by resident David Williams.** Post-race refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council. These are non-competitive races.

Course: The run walk will begin at the Town Center and will proceed to Lake Artemesia and nearby paths.



Please bring your completed form and race fee to the Fun Run Registration on Berwyn Heights Day. Forms may also be returned prior to Berwyn Heights Day at the Town Center. Make check payable to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council. Additional forms will be available on Berwyn Heights Day.

Name _____ Age _____ (only if under 18)

Phone _____

Circle T-Shirt Size

Child: 8-10 14-16
Adult: S M L XL XXL

WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

I know that running a race is a potentially hazardous 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 road track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants, or employees and event sponsors for all claims or liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature if under 18 _____

RECREATION COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS



Next Meeting: Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Town Center. All are welcome!

Recreation Council Contacts:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Berwyn Heights Day – Saturday, May 5th (See Map for additional details)

- ❖ Fun Run 8:00 am (7:30 am registration, Town Center) – All participants get a t-shirt designed by resident David Williams! Registration fee: \$10.00 adults, \$2.00 under 18 (strollers free)
- ❖ Seniors' Bake Sale 8:30 am – late afternoon at Senior Center
- ❖ Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Town Center, 2nd Floor (\$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children under 12)
- ❖ Free Blood Pressure Checks from Express Healthcare, Urgent Care – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Town Center
- ❖ Craft Vendors and Informational Booths 11:00 am – 4:00 pm at Sports Park
- ❖ Vegetable Gardening Presentation from UMD Grow-It, Eat-It Program (learn simple steps for starting a vegetable garden) 3 pm at Senior Center; Visit information booth from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm at Sports Park to get answers to your gardening questions
- ❖ Parade, Performances, and Awards 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
- ❖ Food and Drinks 12:00 pm at Sports Park
- ❖ Games and More Games 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm at Sports Park
- ❖ Afternoon Concert and much more!

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

Town-Wide Yard Sale – Saturday, June 16th at 8:00 am (Rain or Shine)

\$3.00 to have your name printed on the map, copies will be available June 15th at the Town Office and June 16th at the Community Center parking lot. The map will display location of the yard sales as well as key items for sale. Advertisements for the Yard Sale will be placed in the Penny Saver, Gazette, and the Washington Post. For additional information, please contact Trinity Tomsic at trinity.tomsic@gmail.com or 301-474-6350.

Yard Sale Registration Form

Please return this form and \$3.00 (checks payable to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) to the Town Office no later than June 8, 2012.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Items Being Sold That Day (Please Circle):

Children's Clothes

Adult Clothes

Toys

Furniture

Books

Kitchen Items

Knick Knacks

Other – Please list

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

SATURDAY MAY 5, 2012

• • • • • **PARADE ROUTE**
(starts at BH Elementary)

- - - **TRAIN ROUTE** (rides are FREE)

ROAD BLOCKS

11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

(during parade only)



BHVFD – FIRST AID STATION

PARADE, Performances, Awards & Presentations

- ♦ LIVE DJ at Grandstand
- ♦ **12:00 noon – PARADE begins**
- ♦ "Citizen of the Year" Awards
- ♦ BHHC Historic Street Marker Dedication
- ♦ **ZUMBA** Dance Demo — 1:30 p.m. at GRANDSTAND

ATTRACTIONS

- ♦ **CRAFT VENDORS** 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **BHNW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Trailer**
- ♦ **BHHC** The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee
- ♦ **VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION Booths** — 2 locations
- ♦ **FREE Blood Pressure Check-Ups** Express Healthcare — 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at TOWN CENTER
- ♦ **GARDENING EXPERTS** UMD Grow-It, Eat-It Program — 3:00 pm PRESENTATION at SENIOR CENTER

CONCERTS 3 LIVE BANDS (starts at 1:30 p.m.)

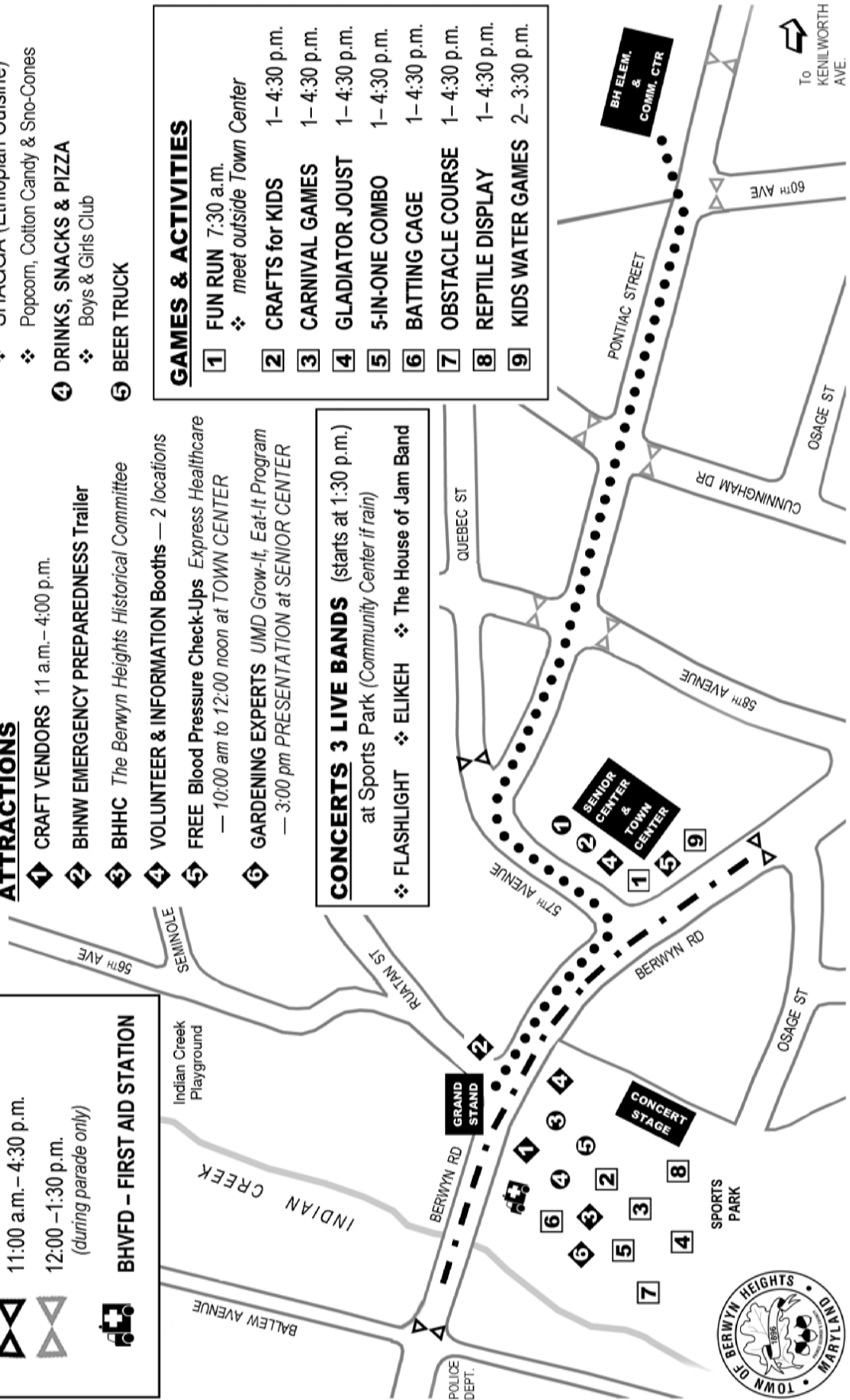
at Sports Park (Community Center if rain)
♦ FLASHLIGHT ♦ ELIKEH ♦ The House of Jam Band

FOOD & DRINKS

- ❶ **Senior's BAKE SALE** 8:30 a.m.
♦ Senior Center
- ❷ **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 9–11:00 a.m.
♦ Town Center - Upper Level
- ❸ **FOOD VENDORS** 12:00 noon
♦ GRILLING by the Karate Club
- ♦ SHAGGA (Ethiopian Cuisine)
- ♦ Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Sno-Cones
- ❹ **DRINKS, SNACKS & PIZZA**
♦ Boys & Girls Club
- ❺ **BEER TRUCK**

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- ❶ **FUN RUN** 7:30 a.m.
♦ meet outside Town Center
- ❷ **CRAFTS for KIDS** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❸ **CARNIVAL GAMES** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❹ **GLADIATOR JOUST** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❺ **5-IN-ONE COMBO** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❻ **BATTING CAGE** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❼ **OBSTACLE COURSE** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❽ **REPTILE DISPLAY** 1–4:30 p.m.
- ❾ **KIDS WATER GAMES** 2–3:30 p.m.



who will receive the
Traveling Garden Award?

This summer, dozens of unique awards will be bestowed upon those residents who have created the loveliest gardens & yards in Town. And the award itself, comes in the form of a book!

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown is an inspirational, and beautifully illustrated, tale about making a real, tangible difference in your world.

"While out exploring one day, a little boy named Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it. As time passes, the garden and many new gardeners spread throughout the dark, gray city, transforming it into a lush, green world."



If you receive a copy of this book, that means someone has chosen your garden as their favorite in all the Town. As the recipient, it's now your turn to pass the "award" along to the Berwyn Heights resident whose garden (whether grand or small) has been an inspiration to you . . . from neighbor-to-neighbor, and so on, and so on.

At summer's end, the books will be collected for donation to the Berwyn Heights Elementary School library for use by our schoolchildren.

In the fall, the Recreation Council will host a special event to honor the lucky winners of the "Traveling Garden Award"

Call 301-474-5000 for more information

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This transportation service is especially designed for senior citizens and handicapped persons to get to medical appointments, grocery and personal shopping, etc. The service is available to locations within 5 miles of Town, Monday—Friday, 9 am – 3 pm. Please schedule an appointment 24 hours in advance by calling 301-474-5000. Cost is \$3.00 each way.



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It identifies the

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Please try not to park in the street wherever possible when the street sweeper comes to Berwyn Heights.

Clean streets ensure better storm water drainage and prevent freezing of dammed water. And they make the Town look better!



- Are you a good organizer?
- Like planning events and working with new people?
- Do you want to become more involved in the community?

The Berwyn Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needs you! We are looking for people - whether they have children at the school or not - who have the time and passion to volunteer for the children of Berwyn Heights Elementary. The BHES PTA keeps abreast of important educational issues affecting the students as well as plans social events to involved families and the community in the school.

Together we can create the synergy needed to provide the best opportunities for our children. Please contact BHPTAhuskies@gmail.com with any questions you may have!

- BUDGET MESSAGE -

Dear Town Resident:

The Town budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, was introduced at the April 11 Town Meeting and is scheduled to be adopted at the May 9 Town Meeting, as required by the Town Charter.

The Town Council is very pleased to report that the 5600-5700 blocks Ruatan-Seminole Street project is done. The project was fully funded by the Dedicated Infrastructure Improvement Fund established by Town Council in 2006 because, due to the bad economy, the project cost \$480,000 rather than the Town Engineer's engineering estimate of \$700,000.

The introduced FY 2013 budget has several aspects. First, the budget continues the current real property tax rate of 48.6 cents and the personal property tax rate at \$1.215, both per \$100 of assessed value. Secondly, the budget continues the 3-cent real property tax rate and the 7.5 personal property tax rate for the dedicated road repair fund. The Town Council has started work on a road improvement master plan. Revenues from nearly all sources are flat. However, the state did cut Highway User Revenues 34% and police aid 23%. The Town is also expecting a 4% drop in fines and forfeitures and a 46% drop in interest income. In fact, the only bright spot in revenues is the projected increase in income tax receipts, a 16% increase in cable TV fees, and a small increase in revenues from licenses and permits.

In order to maintain the current real property tax rate of 48.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value and the business personal property tax rate of \$1.215, and still balance the budget, the budget proposes a merit increase to employees with good performance but no cost-of-living increase and freezes non-salaried expenditures at 2012 budget levels. The Town Council appropriated \$106,900 out of surplus to put a new roof on the DPW garage and Town Hall, purchase a new Code car and Public Works pick-up truck, and convert the former Media Resource Center into a meeting room. Overall, the proposed operating budget projects a revenue increase of \$14,949 or 1%.

The proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget is up \$8,978 from the current fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2012. The majority of the increase is in anticipation of higher gasoline prices. Although the budget proposes no cost-of-living increase for employees, it does provide for merit increases for employees with good performance. The FY 2013 operating expenditures budget does not use any funds from surplus to fund the operating budget. The FY 2013 budget again funds the outright purchase of a new police cruiser rather than relying on lease purchasing, appropriates the transfer of \$26,377 of Highway User Revenues to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, appropriates the \$104,086 from the 3-cent real property-7.5 personal property road tax to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, and appropriates \$66,900 to the Vehicle Replacement Fund.

The following are departmental expenditure highlights:

Administration – Budget funds the Office of Town Administration and the maintenance, repair, and operation of the municipal building, Town Center and Senior Center.

Code Compliance & Transportation – Budget funds Town Council's continued commitment to fund a Director, 2 part time code officers, and a part time clerk to assist residents' compliance with community standards and to provide low cost transportation service for the elderly and disabled, upon request.

Police Department – Budget funds Town Council's continued commitment to provide 24/7 police protection 365 days a year. Department will consist of the Chief, five patrol officers, a detective and a police clerk. The budget includes the purchase of one new police cruiser. The Town Council also utilizes the Public Safety Taxing District to fund 1 additional patrol officer.

Public Health and Safety – Budget proposes making a \$1,000 contribution to support the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and \$3,000 for Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch.

Public Works Department - Budget proposes to continue to provide refuse, trash, bulk refuse, metals, and yard waste collection service and once-a-week pick-up of recyclables.

Parks Recreation – Budget proposes continuing to fund special events such as Berwyn Heights Day plus resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park. Budget also proposes to purchase one new piece of playground equipment for Pop's Park.

Insurance and Employee Benefits – Budget anticipates a 24% increase in health insurance premiums, 17% of which is due an older work force, no increase in workers compensation premiums, no increase for general liability, and no increase in the unemployment insurance rate. The budget also includes an appropriation for the Town's match for the Maryland pension system, which dropped from 10.94% to 8.99% of payroll due to an improved return on investments (employees contribute 5% of their base pay).

Debt Service – With the paying of the 2006 police car lease payment in 2012, the Town is now totally debt-free

Residents should contact the Town Council with questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the budget and to participate in the budget adoption process at the public hearings on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Mayor and Town Council

INTRODUCED FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 09 ACTUAL	FY 10 ACTUAL	FY 11 ACTUAL	FY 12 ESTIMATED	FY 12 BUDGET	FY 13 PROPOSED	FY 13 COUNCIL CHANGES	FY 13 INTRODUCED	% VARIATION
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	\$ 1,376,393	\$ 1,570,262	\$ 1,436,720	\$ 1,551,568	\$ 1,549,963	\$ 1,551,568	\$ -	\$ 1,551,568	0%
PENALTIES ON TAXES	\$ 7,100	\$ 5,334	\$ 6,434	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	50%
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 290,521	\$ 267,051	\$ 259,574	\$ 274,849	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ -	\$ 280,000	0%
INCOME TAX	\$ 245,076	\$ 257,718	\$ 318,688	\$ 280,000	\$ 257,000	\$ 285,000	\$ -	\$ 285,000	11%
RECYCLING TAX	\$ 54,691	\$ 61,260	\$ 71,470	\$ 71,470	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,870	\$ -	\$ 72,870	1%
HIGHWAY USER REVENUE	\$ 154,773	\$ 18,247	\$ 11,111	\$ 40,075	\$ 39,966	\$ 26,377	\$ -	\$ 26,377	-34%
POLICE AID	\$ 36,180	\$ 49,377	\$ 38,505	\$ 38,500	\$ 41,710	\$ 31,955	\$ -	\$ 31,955	-23%
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$ 90,849	\$ 102,777	\$ 117,130	\$ 121,302	\$ 112,748	\$ 122,836	\$ -	\$ 122,836	9%
SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 1,783	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,770	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ 2,700	0%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 14,832	\$ 42,396	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	\$ -	\$ 8,232	0%
FINES AND FORFEITURES	\$ 58,222	\$ 70,365	\$ 59,887	\$ 60,219	\$ 57,800	\$ 55,200	\$ -	\$ 55,200	-4%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 56,205	\$ 44,103	\$ 70,864	\$ 55,553	\$ 62,980	\$ 62,980	\$ -	\$ 62,980	0%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 2,386,625	\$ 2,490,925	\$ 2,401,385	\$ 2,505,504	\$ 2,486,269	\$ 2,501,218	\$ -	\$ 2,501,218	1%
TRANSFERS FROM SURPLUS FOR OPERATING BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 558,149	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ 106,900	\$ 106,900	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,386,625	\$ 2,490,925	\$ 2,401,385	\$ 3,063,653	\$ 2,684,269	\$ 2,501,218	\$ 106,900	\$ 2,608,118	-3%
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	\$ 15,002	\$ 14,898	\$ 15,974	\$ 16,585	\$ 19,081	\$ 21,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 23,000	21%
TOWN ADMINISTRATION	\$ 270,327	\$ 271,876	\$ 261,791	\$ 296,249	\$ 295,577	\$ 312,025	\$ (2,000)	\$ 310,025	5%
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$ 26,436	\$ 29,781	\$ 23,684	\$ 26,937	\$ 30,691	\$ 30,913	\$ -	\$ 30,913	1%
TOWN CENTER	\$ 26,671	\$ 25,260	\$ 28,144	\$ 40,367	\$ 42,291	\$ 32,913	\$ -	\$ 32,913	-22%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 569,573	\$ 551,415	\$ 595,116	\$ 608,008	\$ 618,215	\$ 632,961	\$ 660	\$ 633,621	2%
MISC. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 4,199	\$ 2,168	\$ 3,266	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	0%
CODE COMPLIANCE & VAN	\$ 96,144	\$ 103,927	\$ 103,929	\$ 109,770	\$ 112,361	\$ 115,316	\$ 150	\$ 115,466	3%
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 609,565	\$ 688,987	\$ 704,443	\$ 662,863	\$ 668,696	\$ 685,694	\$ 8,498	\$ 694,192	4%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 16,621	\$ 22,179	\$ 15,289	\$ 24,219	\$ 21,108	\$ 28,150	\$ -	\$ 28,150	33%
CABLE	\$ 16,706	\$ 6,442	\$ 3,147	\$ 10,052	\$ 15,476	\$ 15,476	\$ -	\$ 15,476	0%
INSURANCE	\$ 125,419	\$ 108,551	\$ 92,735	\$ 92,460	\$ 112,301	\$ 112,886	\$ -	\$ 112,886	1%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 319,793	\$ 196,368	\$ 199,863	\$ 234,470	\$ 252,258	\$ 244,968	\$ 402	\$ 245,370	-3%
4-CITIES STREET SWEEPER	\$ 24,695	\$ 7,857	\$ 16,940	\$ 18,213	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	0%
TRAFFIC ENGINEER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 100,978	\$ 92,827	\$ 90,807	\$ 4,621	\$ 4,609	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-100%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 25,776	\$ 36,387	\$ 22,232	\$ 29,277	\$ 29,284	\$ 31,870	\$ -	\$ 31,870	9%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	\$ 99,800	\$ 124,245	\$ 81,300	\$ 239,291	\$ 240,319	\$ 197,363	\$ -	\$ 197,363	-18%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,347,705	\$ 2,283,168	\$ 2,258,660	\$ 2,417,382	\$ 2,486,267	\$ 2,485,535	\$ 9,710	\$ 2,495,245	0%
CAPITAL PROJECTS/EQUIP	\$ -	\$ 102,151	\$ 118,020	\$ 646,271	\$ 198,000	\$ -	\$ 106,900	\$ 106,900	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,347,705	\$ 2,385,319	\$ 2,376,680	\$ 3,063,653	\$ 2,684,267	\$ 2,485,535	\$ 116,610	\$ 2,602,145	-3%
Difference - Receipts & Expenses	\$ 38,920	\$ 105,606	\$ 24,705	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 15,683	\$ (9,710)	\$ 5,973	100%
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,323,800	\$ 1,462,520	\$ 1,692,371	\$ 1,798,376	\$ 1,798,376	\$ 1,391,396	\$ -	\$ 1,391,396	
Less Leave Balances	\$ 61,739	\$ 64,450	\$ 64,450	\$ 60,212	\$ 60,212	\$ 60,212	\$ -	\$ 60,212	
ADJ. BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,262,061	\$ 1,398,070	\$ 1,627,921	\$ 1,738,164	\$ 1,738,164	\$ 1,331,184	\$ -	\$ 1,331,184	
RESERVES									
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ -	\$ 442,000	
Cable TV - Capital Outlay Reserve	31,481	40,515	52,843	52,843	40,515	52,843	\$ -	\$ 52,843	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	284,472	347,019	347,019	41,139	525,438	171,602	\$ -	\$ 171,602	
Supplemental to Trash Truck Reserve*	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	
NWEP Trailer Reserve	-	1,832	2,565	2,565	2,565	2,565	\$ -	\$ 2,565	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	106,200	157,032	238,332	160,232	160,232	227,132	\$ -	\$ 227,132	
TOTAL of RESERVES *	\$ 864,153	\$ 988,398	\$ 1,082,759	\$ 698,779	\$ 1,170,750	\$ 896,142	\$ -	\$ 896,142	
Fund Balance less Reserves	397,908	409,672	545,162	1,039,385	567,414	435,042	\$ -	\$ 435,042	
Transfers to Reserves	99,800	124,245	109,145	239,291	240,319	197,363	\$ -	\$ 197,363	
Surplus Added or (Used)	38,920	105,606	1,098	(646,271)	(18,000)	-	\$ (106,900)	\$ (106,900)	
Less: Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Less: Capital Budget Purchases	-	-	-	-	(180,000)	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Surplus Available	536,628	639,523	655,405	632,405	609,733	632,405	\$ (106,900)	\$ 525,505	

- BUDGET MESSAGE -

SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT

Dear Town Resident:

In 2005, Berwyn Heights became the first municipality in the State of Maryland to exercise the new authority granted to towns and cities by Governor Ehrlich and the General Assembly to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Town passed the ordinance creating the Public Safety Taxing District encompassing the commercial and industrial properties on Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, Branchville Road, Greenbelt Road and 55th Avenue. The special taxing district provides the Town additional resources to finance the capital and operating costs for an eighth police officer to enhance police protection in the commercial district and the Town at-large. The eighth officer enhances the current public safety efforts by providing the Berwyn Heights Police Department increased flexibility and coverage and allows for a second on-duty officer during the evening and midnight shifts.

In order to mitigate the effect of the new Public Safety Taxing District on Town businesses, the Town Council elected to phase in the financing and equipping of the eighth police officer over three years. In fiscal year 2006, the first year, the Town established a real property tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 of business and industrial property assessed value to purchase a fully equipped police patrol car at a cost of \$24,000. In fiscal year 2007, the Town added a personal property tax rate of 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value permitting the Town to hire the eighth officer in January 2007.

In fiscal year 2008, another 5 cents was added to the personal property tax rate for a total of 10 cents per \$100 of personal property assessed value to fully fund the 8th police officer. In fiscal year 2009, the personal property tax rate was increased from 10 cents to 15 cents per \$100 of assessed value to further reduce dependence on the General Fund for the eighth officer's pay, benefits and other costs.

In fiscal year 2012, the Town Council increased the tax rate on real property 3 cents and 7.5 cents on business personal property per \$100 of assessed value, all to be placed in a dedicated road repair improvement fund.

The Town Council is very pleased to report that the Town has saved enough money in the Public Safety Taxing District fund during the past six years to purchase a new police cruiser to be used by the detective who spends the bulk of his time investigating crime in the Town's commercial district. The 2013 budget proposes no increase in Public Safety Taxing District taxes and no increase in taxes in the dedicated road repair improvement fund.

Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County and last year crime went down again. The Town Council envisions continuing to use the Special Public Safety Taxing District funds to make the Town safer for our residents and businesses.

Respectfully,

Mayor and Town Council

PUBLIC SAFETY TAXING DISTRICT INTRODUCED FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET SUMMARY

	FY 11 ACTUAL	FY 12 ESTIMATED	FY 12 BUDGET	FY 13 PROPOSED	Council Changes	FY 13 INTRODUCED	% VARIATION
REVENUES							
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	\$ 38,791	\$ 38,899	\$ 36,944	\$ 38,899	\$ -	\$ 38,899	5.3%
REAL ESTATE PRIOR YEARS	\$ 244	\$ 244	\$ -	\$ 244	\$ -	\$ 244	-
P & I ON PROPERTY ON TAXES	\$ 1,912	\$ 1,913	\$ -	\$ 1,913	\$ -	\$ 1,913	-
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 30,394	\$ 30,944	\$ 32,085	\$ 30,944	\$ -	\$ 30,944	-3.6%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 71,341	\$ 72,000	\$ 69,029	\$ 72,000	\$ -	\$ 72,000	4.3%
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,196	\$ -	\$ 23,739	\$ 23,739	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 71,341	\$ 72,000	\$ 70,225	\$ 72,000	\$ 23,739	\$ 95,739	36.3%
EXPENDITURES							
POLICE SERVICES	\$ 58,166	\$ 65,263	\$ 65,263	\$ 64,662	\$ -	\$ 64,662	-0.9%
INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 4,601	\$ 4,962	\$ 4,962	\$ 4,962	\$ -	\$ 4,962	0.0%
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 62,767	\$ 70,225	\$ 70,225	\$ 69,624	\$ -	\$ 69,624	-0.9%
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,739	\$ 23,739	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 62,767	\$ 70,225	\$ 70,225	\$ 69,624	\$ 23,739	\$ 93,363	32.9%
BALANCE	\$ 8,574	\$ 1,775	\$ -	\$ 2,376	\$ -	\$ 2,376	-



The Bugle

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

May 2012

Registration

Many people have already signed up for this year, however, if you haven't yet and are interested in any of our summer-winter sports, you may contact Kathy Schuster at 301-441-2263 or email her at kathyschuster@verizon.net. Check out our website at www.bhbgc.org where forms are also available.

Spring Sports

Tee-Ball

The T-ball team will be playing against other towns and groups this year with their home games being played at the Indian Creek Field. First practices were started in the middle of April.

Baseball

Our U10 baseball team consists of 17 members strong. Games started the weekend of April 21 and we are looking forward to a successful season. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Home games will be played at Sports Park.

Softball

We have 3 Girls Softball teams: (U14, U12 and U10). Practices are as follows: U10 from 5:30-6:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, U12 from 6:30-7:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and U14 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. All practices and upcoming home games will be at Sports Park. For more information please contact our Softball Commissioner, Dave Carter at dcarter8505@verizon.net or 301-441-2263.

Soccer

There are two teams this year for our Spring Soccer season. A clinic is also being held for U11's at the school field. For information, please contact our Soccer Commissioner Tino Menjivar at (301)614-8933

Track

We will be having track again this year. We are looking to compete in track meets on Fridays and possible other meets. Practices are currently on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 at Sports Park and Sundays, 5-6pm at Roosevelt HS. For information, please contact our Track Commissioner, Jeff Osmond, at Jeffersonianjeff@juno.com

Berwyn Heights Day (May 5)

- March in the Parade under the club banner, meet at the School parking lot at 11:45 - **wear your BHBGC shirts/uniforms**
- Hit a Ball in the Batting Cage at Sports Park
- Stop by the Concession Stand at Sports Park for a refreshing drink/snack or pizza
- Find out how to sign up and/or support the club from our Information Table

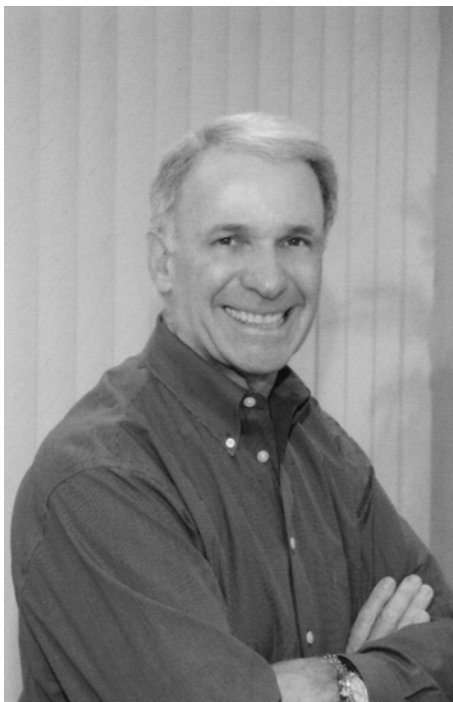
Concession Stand

Visit the Sports Park concession stand for drinks and snacks during any of our Home Games. Volunteers are also needed to help out during games and Berwyn Heights Day. Please contact Debby Snyder at dstelesny@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Check out our website at www.bhbgc.org for more information.

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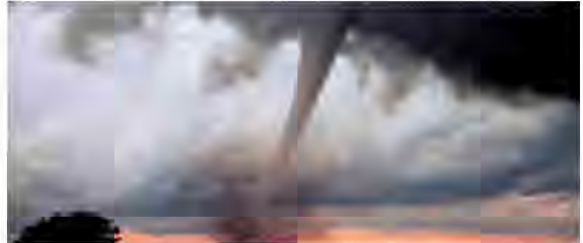
Neighborhood Watch & Emergency Preparedness

May is Tornado Season

Tornados may strike quickly, with little or no warning. Know how to prepare.

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to radio or TV weather channels. Look for the following danger signs:

- ⚡ Dark, often greenish sky
- ⚡ Large hail
- ⚡ A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
- ⚡ Loud roar, similar to a freight train.
- ⚡ If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.



Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Seek shelter immediately!

If you are:	Then:
Inside a structure (home, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚡ Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. ⚡ Do not open windows.
Outside with no shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚡ Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. ⚡ If your vehicle is hit by flying debris, stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible. ⚡ Without a car, get to lowest ground and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands



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- Find out more about the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee
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Housing Market Sees Upward Trends!

The Maryland suburbs of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan real estate market—including **Charles, Frederick, Montgomery and Prince George's counties**—experienced some positive trends compared to February of last year, according to The Long & Foster Market Minute® reports. Throughout suburban Maryland, houses are selling in less than three months, on average, and inventory has tightened compared to year-ago data.

The **Long & Foster Market Minute®** reports are compiled from data from residential real estate transactions within specific geographic regions, not just Long & Foster sales.

Homes continued to sell quickly in the suburban Maryland region, with houses selling in less than three months, on average. In Charles County, days on market (DOM) remained low at 70 days. Frederick County's DOM was 89 days, Prince George's County's was 81 days, and Montgomery County reported 79 days. Lower DOM averages can indicate signs of a strong market. Long & Foster agents point out that many homes priced competitively in the region sell in just a few weeks, sometimes with multiple offers, a reflection of continued demand and the relative lack of supply in some local areas.

If you would like to receive "market minute" reports on our community, or others...please email me. I can set it up for you with your email address.

Maryland Suburbs of Washington, D.C. - Data as of February 2012

	Units Sold		Median Sale Price			Inventory		New Listings	List Vs. Sale Price	Days on Market
	Current Month	Vs. Year Ago	Current Month	One Year Ago	Vs. Year Ago	Current Month	Vs. Year Ago	Current Month	Current Month	Current Month
Charles County	91	-29%	\$210,000	\$218,995	-4%	762	-33%	220	97.1%	70
Frederick County	173	5%	\$214,000	\$211,000	1%	873	-35%	285	96.4%	89
Montgomery County	517	-7%	\$315,000	\$298,450	6%	2,434	-30%	1,075	97.1%	79
Prince George's County	565	-6%	\$154,100	\$157,500	-2%	2,935	-50%	1,006	97.4%	81

Source: The Long & Foster Companies

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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

So much will be going on in May! Be sure to drop by and visit us at our booth on Berwyn Heights Day and find out more about these and other exciting events and projects.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. **Our next meeting is on May 22nd.**

FIRST ANNUAL

Bostwick May Festival

Sunday May 6, 1–4:00 pm

FREE admission

Take a step back in time to the eve of the War of 1812 with 1800s music and more!

Caribbean drums, gospel choir and classical songs – tours, children's games, farm animals, 1800s trade and craft demonstrations, heirloom plants & crafts and plenty of food (featuring barbeque and Native American specialties)

For more information, call: **301-887-0777** or visit: **www.battleofbladensburg1812.com**

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ACTIVITIES

7th Annual Bike Rally

"Rivers to Rockets"

May 19, 2012 • 8:30 am–1:00 pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Join Maryland Milestones as we explore historic, cultural, and natural places and sites around the Heritage Area. We will leave from the historic Port of Bladensburg and arrive at Old Greenbelt and home to the NASA Goddard—spanning over 200 years of history in a 17-mile bike ride.



You don't even need a bike! We will have bikes for rent from "Bike and Roll" **Please reserve online—**no rentals will be available the day of the ride.

Local bike shop techs will also be on site.

**Visit : <http://www.anacostiatrails.org/bike-rally>
or call: 301-887-0777**

Ticket includes free breakfast, lunch, and a "Rivers to Rockets" T-shirt

On the same day starting at **12:00 noon**, The Bladensburg Waterfront Park will be hosting . .

"A-May-Zing Animals"

— a family event with puppet show, food, arts & crafts, farm animals, reptiles and birds of prey.

The Waterfront Park is easily accessible by bike, car and Metro Bus, and has playgrounds with restrooms and water.

VISIT THESE LINKS: Berwyn Heights Historical Committee: www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/

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Men's League

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Playgroup

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Berwyn Heights Republicans invite you to join us! If you are interested in getting together with us or if you would like more information, please contact Lorraine by email at gotv12@yahoo.com.

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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

May 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

May 1st - 7pm PTA Elections
May 7th-11th – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 28th - No School - Memorial Day
June 1st – Pool Party
June 8th – Last Day of School

Special Events

Teacher Appreciation Week – Show your teachers how much they are appreciated. We believe that teachers play a key role in each child's development and evolution. An idea would be to say thank-you with a home-made card or flowers. Look for more information to come home soon.

Talent Showcase – Thank you to all the talented performers and the friends and family who came out to watch them.

Dinner Fundraiser – Thank you to Silver Diner for hosting our final fundraising dinner for the BHES Field Trip Transportation Fund and a heartfelt thank you to all the families who participated in this fundraiser.

End of Year Party!

June 1st – Watch your newsletter and fliers from school for more information. The pool party will be held at the Ellen Linson Pool.

Needed: Chairperson for pool party. Does the word Chairperson scare you? Don't let it. Do you like to delegate, to organize tasks? The chairperson is the hub for all the assistants doing the actual work! To volunteer for the pool party (as chairperson or just a helper) please send in a note, including contact information, with your child to be put in PTA Mailbox and someone will contact you.

Box Tops = Free Money!

Final Collection for the 2011-2012 school year - June 1st! Please keep up the good work! Our goal this year is for \$1000.00.

Please contact fundraising@BHESpta.org if you would like to make donations to the school gardens or if you are interested in participating in future events.

BHES PTA Officer Elections Elections to be held in May

Open Positions: President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

1st Vice President: Kristen Buker (nominated)

- Are you a good organizer?
- Like planning events and working with new people?
- Do you want to become more involved in the community?
- Are you interested in serving on the PTA board or as a PTA officer?

The Berwyn Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) needs you! We are looking for people - whether they have children at the school or not - who have the time and passion to volunteer for the children of Berwyn Heights Elementary. The BHES PTA keeps abreast of important educational issues affecting the students as well as plans social events to involved families and the community in the school.

Together we can create the synergy needed to provide the best opportunities for our children. Please contact BHPTAhuskies@gmail.com with any questions you may have! Officer nomination forms will be coming home soon.

Gardening

Classes from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade took part in BHES first Garden Salad Project!

Various greens, baby carrots, watermelon radishes, bok choy and nasturtiums have all been planted by our new enthusiastic gardeners. In May, the children will be able to harvest and have their very own Salad party. They are so excited to be a part of their own garden and we hope their enthusiasm spreads through the school and into their own homes and community.

A special thanks to Trinity Tomsic, Therese Forbes, Wendy Moore, Chris Cummings and Suzanna Baldwin-Bott for their volunteer hours on this project.

Check out our BHES PTA Website! BHESPTA.org Contact us at: Officers@BHESPTA.org



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

May 3	Anna Cordone
May 4	Marie LaRue
May 9	Joseph Hudak
	Howard Johnson
May 12	Jean KoKo Gyi
May 14	Rachele Schulz
May 23	Herman Seeger
May 27	Calvin Foster

MAY ACTIVITIES

May 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
May 2	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 3	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
May 5	Berwyn Heights Day	
May 8	Meeting	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
May 9	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 10	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
May 12	Potluck Dinner & Movie	5:00 P.M.
May 15	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
May 16	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 17	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
May 22	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
May 23	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 24	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
May 29	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
May 30	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
May 31	Game Night	7:00 P.M.

SENIORS TRIPS

MAY 3 —

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Margritt Vause (301-356-5566)



BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of March 2012. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

03/01/12 at 7:00 Am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6000 block of Berwyn Road for a report of vandalism to a 2003 Ford Explorer. Unknown person smashed the driver's side window.

03/02/12 at 9:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 1999 Mercedes from the corner of Seminole Street and 63rd Avenue. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

03/05/12 at 3:30 am, Pfc. Krouse arrested Ms. Dolka Roca a 20 Y/O, W/F, from Springfield, VA for driving while under the influence. Ms. Roca was observed speeding East Bound on Greenbelt Road over the posted speed limit.

03/07/12 at 4:33 pm, Pfc. Thompson conducted a traffic stop at the 8900 block of 60th Avenue and cited the driver for driving on a suspended registration.

03/09/12 at 8:15 am, Pfc. Roberson apprehended Ms. Iqbal Hussain a 48 Y/O, A/F from the 7600 block of Charlton Avenue. Ms. Hussain had an outstanding warrant for her arrest through the Prince George's County Sheriff.

03/09/12 at 9:00 am, Cpl. Bennett apprehended Ms. Fatima Ali a 29 Y/O, B/F, from the 8900 block of 56th Avenue. Ms. Ali had an outstanding warrant for her arrest through the Prince George's County Sheriff.

03/09/12 at 9:30 am, Pfc. Roberson apprehended Mr. Hobert White a 46 Y/O, W/M from the 5800 block of Ruatan Street. Mr. White had an outstanding warrant for his arrest through the Prince George's County Sheriff.

03/11/12 at 2:11 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8800 block of 58th Avenue for a report of a domestic between a teenage female and her parents.

03/12/12 at 10:25 am, Pfc. Roberson apprehended Patrice Smith a 34 Y/O, W/F of Clinton, MD for an outstanding warrant issued from Charles County, MD. She was found loitering in the 8900 Block of 62nd Avenue and transported to the Prince George's County DOC without incident.

03/12/12 at 5:10 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 57th Avenue and submitted a report for an alleged sexual assault that occurred in or about October of 2007. The initial location of the incident occurred in Bowie, MD and the report was submitted at the request of the Prince George's County Police.

03/15/12 at 3:46 pm, Pfc. Thompson apprehended Ryan Parish a 21 Y/O, W/M of Berwyn Heights for an outstanding warrant issued from Prince George's County, MD. He was located in the area of Ruatan Street and 56th. Avenue. He was transported to the Prince George's County DOC without incident.

03/15/12 at 10:10 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2010 Chevy Impala at the location of 60th Avenue and Greenbelt Road for suspended tags and compulsory insurance violation.

03/16/12 at 7:30 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Ruatan Street for a report of theft from a vehicle. Unknown person(s) smashed the driver's side window of a 2010 Honda and removed a GPS device.

03/16/12 at 4:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Osage Street for a report of theft from a 2008 Jeep. Unknown person(s) removed an in-dash GPS Radio from the vehicle.

03/20/12 at 2:00 pm, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road., Suite M-17, for a fraud report. Investigation revealed that a former patient of the doctor at the location stated passed a fraudulent prescription in Centerville, MD.

03/21/12 at 5:20 pm, Pfc. Thompson and Chief Antolik responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a report of an indecent exposure complaint. On scene, a 22 Y/O while male was identified as the suspect. Investigation revealed that the suspect fail to use proper judgment and decided to urinate in the public.

03/23/12 at 5:10 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2002 Jaguar from the location of Edmonston Road and Pontiac Street. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

03/23/12 at 7:00 am Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5900 block of Osage Street for a report of theft from vehicle. Unknown person smashed the driver's side window of a 96 Pontiac Firebird and removed the aftermarket radio from the vehicle.

03/24/12 at 4:20 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Natasha

Drive for a report of a theft from a 1998 Honda Civic. The after-market radio was taken.

03/26/12 at 12:15 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 1999 Linc Tk from the 8900 block of 57th Avenue. The vehicle was displaying a suspended registration.

03/27/12 at 11:44 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2004 Honda CRV from the 6300 block of Seminole Street. The vehicle was displaying a suspended insurance.

03/27-28/12 between 8:00pm and 7:00am, a burglary occurred in the 5700 block of Berwyn Rd., Berwyn Heights, MD. Unknown person pried through a rear basement door and entered the domicile. Once inside, the suspect removed a TV and various tools. No one was at home during the aforementioned incident and the house is under construction.



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

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

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



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

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

Where: Indian Creek Park

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community! This playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area. Weekly play dates are held at the town's two local parks – Pop's Park and Indian Creek Park unless there is rain in which case we meet in the Town Center (above the Senior Citizen's Center) on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12:00pm. During the month of May we'll meet at the Indian Creek Park. After the children have broken in the new park we'll begin rotating between Pop's Park and the Indian Creek Park. Hope to see you there!

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May 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Street Sweeping Week 		1 S TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION Town Center 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.	2 NW/EP Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	3 N Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	4 S	5 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY
6 *Street Sweeping Week 	7 N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FIOS 12	8 S	9 Town Meeting Adopt Town & PSTD Budgets Swear-in new Town Council 7:30 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FIOS 12	10 N	11 S	12
13 MOTHERS' DAY	14 N	15 S	16	17 N	18 S	19
20	21 N	22 S BHHC Meeting Town Office 7:30 P.M.	23	24 N BHEAC Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	25 S	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY Town Offices Closed No trash pickup	29 N	30 S	31 N		

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Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:

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Recycling Schedule:

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