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**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 121
EXECUTIVE POWERS & DUTIES
MAY 14, 2014**

The Berwyn Heights Town Council will hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 121 - Executive Powers & Duties, that clarifies the policy and operational authority of the Town Council, the Town Administrator and the individual Council Members under the Town Charter. The Ordinance will make clear that the Town Council serves as the Town's chief executive officer with the authority to set policy and supervise, direct, and override Town staff, including the Town Administrator and department directors. The Town Administrator is clarified as the Town's chief administrative and financial officer responsible for the operational unity and efficiency of the Town government. The intent is to move the Town towards a more unified organizational structure in which the Town Administrator supervises daily operations while the Mayor and Council, individually and collectively focus on policy-setting and oversight. The Town Administrator will report and be accountable to the Town Council for Town government operations and for implementation of Town Council policies and priorities.

The Public Hearing is open to the public and public testimony or comments are encouraged. For more information about this hearing please call (301) 474-5000.

SWEARING IN AND RECEPTION

The newly-elected Town Council will be sworn-in and seated at the May 14 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.

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**TOWN COUNCIL
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

- CHRISTOPHER RASMUSSEN
- ANTHONY SCHREIBER

Have stepped forward and officially registered with the Town as write-in candidates. However, their names will not appear on the ballots. If you want to vote for any or all of these candidates you must write them in on the ballot issued to you. For your reference their names will be posted on a Specimen Ballot posted in the polling station on election day.

Please contact Clerk Harper or Town Administrator Murphy if you have questions at 301-474-5000, or by email kharper@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

**TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON MAY 26
MEMORIAL DAY**

Mon	05/26/14	NO PICKUP
Tue	05/27/14	Trash Pickup, Town-wide
Wed	05/28/14	Recycling & Yard Waste, Town-wide
Thu	05/29/14	Trash & Bulk Trash, Northside
FRI	05/30/14	Trash & Bulk Trash, Southside

**Please Do NOT Leave Trash
at the Curb over Holiday**



SATURDAY, MAY 3 — 9 A.M. — 12 P.M.

Greenbelt Public Works Yard

Buddy Attick Parking Lot —555 Crescent Road

Greenbelt, Maryland

Telephone 240-542-2153

Worksession

March 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo and Councilmembers (CM) Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) James Wilkinson had an excused absence. CM Almoguera arrived 20 minutes late for family reasons. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Mayor Calvo gave an update on snow clearing operations. The Public Works Department has plowed all streets following the Sunday/Monday snow storm, going curb to curb where possible. They are running low on road salt and will only be able to treat priority streets tomorrow morning. Residents should expect icy conditions. Trash will be picked up town wide tomorrow. CM Dennison's children Sarah and Christopher will celebrate their 24th birthday on March 4.

Calendar: No changes were made.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the February 18 worksession minutes were approved 3 to 0.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the Town received the first disbursement of \$42,000 from Greenbelt Station developers. The first set of building permits has been filed. A portion of the \$1 million in Greenbelt Station impact compensation funds will likely be used for building sidewalks. Mayor Calvo further reported that the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) Adam Ortiz has called him about a planned animal shelter for Route 1 corridor communities, which was discussed at a previous Four Cities meeting. Director Ortiz has applied for a grant from Prince George's County to study the feasibility of building a 2nd shelter but has been told that the County will not fund the entire request. It was suggested that communities served by the shelter contribute to funding the study. Mayor Calvo thought this is a reasonable request. He would be inclined for Berwyn Heights to contribute up to \$10,000. Last Friday, Mayor Calvo went to visit Berwyn Heights Elementary School fourth graders to kick off this year's "If I Were Mayor" contest.

CM Almoguera reported that the Playgroup's regular meetings take place on Mondays at 10:30 am in the Town Center. When the weather gets warmer more play dates will be added outside. Inter-

ested parents can join the Playgroup's Facebook page at *PGCountyConsignment* to find out about impromptu play dates. Moderator of the Facebook page, Jamie Samson, has agreed to be the future Playgroup coordinator. CM Dennison announced upcoming events.

Mayor Calvo added that the response to the opening of the community garden was terrific. Since applications for plots became available on March 1, 13 forms have been turned in. There are only a few plots left, which will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Further, he had another conversation with James Hurley, President of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD), who updated him on BHVFD finances and long term plans.

Citizen comments: CM Kulpa-Eddy received another comment about an overfilled dumpster that belongs to the new Domino's Pizza. The restaurant has been warned not to let their trash spill out of the dumpster and is now subject to a fine if there is another violation. The difficulty is in catching a violation in progress before the dumpsters are emptied. TA Murphy said that another pizza restaurant, Little Caesars, is opening at 5815 Greenbelt Road, next to the new 7 Eleven.

Mayor Calvo received a comment about whether a formal process could be instituted for announcing storm-related changes in the trash schedule. Mayor Calvo said this would be difficult because the changes in trash schedule depend on the timing of the storm. CM Dennison had an addendum to her department report regarding proposed federal legislation to eliminate the historic preservation tax credits.

Town Administrator proposed budget:

TA Murphy presented the proposed FY 2015 budget. He said that the revenue picture is concerning. Overall revenues are almost flat, largely because the Town's principal revenue source, real property taxes, showed only a negligible increase of \$6,700. This reflects the lower property values since the December 2013 triennial reassessment. The exceptions are income tax receipts, which continued to rise. This year, they are likely to come in \$30,000 over budget at \$375,000, and are budgeted at \$380,000 for FY 2015. Highway User Revenues (HUR) are also projected for a modest \$5,000 increase. Based on the governor's budget, \$64,000 in receipts is projected for FY 2015; and there may be an additional \$28,000 in traditional HUR transfers. Police aid is expected to rise slightly to \$51,000, as are police fines and forfeitures, interest and dividend

income and Verizon cable fees and PEG grant.

TA Murphy continued that the lack of overall revenue growth makes it impossible to fund the Council's priority to restore the 8th police officer, add an 8th full time Public Works employee and pay for the roll-up costs of last year's Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) and merit pay. Therefore, his budget proposes to raise the real property tax rate from 48.6 to 50 cents per \$100 of assessed personal property value, which would raise an additional \$36,700. The corresponding personal property tax rate would be increased from \$1.215 to \$1.25 per \$100 of personal property value, which would generate an additional \$7,000. The 3 cents road repair tax per \$100 of assessed real property value will remain in place unchanged. It will generate \$90,000 in revenue, all of which will go into the infrastructure reserve. In addition, it is proposed to take \$50,000 from the surplus to balance the budget.

On the expenditure side of the budget, almost all increases are in the non-departmental (miscellaneous) portion of the budget, apart from the salary lines in the departmental budgets. He has budgeted a \$9,000 increase in the health insurance budget, which includes a cushion to account for the unknown dynamics of implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA). While the Town will keep its current health insurance managed care plan from *Care First Blue Cross/Blue Shield*, there is a major difference in how the premiums will be calculated. Whereas before premiums were based on the average age of the Town's insured employees, they will now be based on the age of each employee and his or her dependents. Employees will now have to pay their premiums based on their family status (individual, parent & child, husband & wife, or family) and the age of each family member. For example, an individual plan for a 64 year old will be much more expensive than the individual plan of 35 year old. The price of insurance has been individualized and generally results in much higher premiums for older employees over 54 years of age.

The Town's dental insurance plan went up by 3 1/2%, 2 1/2 % of which are due to ACA. Vision and life insurance are also increasing. The Maryland State Pension Plan contribution rate has declined slightly from 10% to 9.73%, but the contributions are based on a higher salary base. Therefore this appropriation is slated to go up by \$5,700 to \$98,100. There were no increases in the workers compensation, general liability and un-

employment insurance rates. TA Murphy further noted that the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) was increased from \$20,000 to \$37,500. The increase was made necessary by the higher deductibles for the Town's health insurance plan required under the ACA. However, to date the utilization of the fund by employees has been very moderate. He does not expect that the HRA funds will be used up.

In the Public Works budget, TA Murphy said he did not fund the requested 8th full time employee. But there is money for an administrative assistant at 20 hours/week, and extra money for the leaf season when more manpower is needed. In the police budget, he funded Chief Antolik's request for new firearms, a promotion to corporal, and a 30 cent increase in the shift differential. The corporal and shift differential were paid by reducing the overtime appropriation. In the Code Department, the salary range for a proposed code supervisor was reduced. The hours of the part-time officer have been increased to 20 hours/week and those of the part-time clerk to 12 hours/week to administer the rental licensing program. Rental homes in Town number 210 at the moment. In the Parks & Recreation Department, \$500 was shifted into the equipment line item to pay for improvements to the merry-go-round fall zone. The Cable TV expense budget is \$4,100 or 1/3 of the Town's PEG fees. Verizon's share of the cable market has continued to climb resulting in an approximately \$5,000 increase in franchise fees revenues.

The Capital Projects budget has \$35,000 for a new police car. Money is also set aside in the Town's reserves: \$155,000 in the infrastructure reserve, funded from HUR and the Town's 3 cents road tax, and \$66,900 in the vehicle replacement reserve. TA Murphy recommended purchasing a new small dump truck to replace one of two older Public Works vehicles that have been fully depreciated. Overall the reserves are in good shape and give the Council the opportunity to make some significant capital investments.

Mayor Calvo summarized the headlines for the FY 2015 budget, noting that the main revenue driver is the income tax. On the expenditure side, the big cost driver is the salary roll up cost resulting from this year's COLA and merit increases. In the Police Department, a full-time 8th police officer and a promotion to corporal drive expenses; in the Public Works Department it is the creation of a full-time director position and the addition of a part-time clerk; in the Administration

Department it is an increase in the part-time clerk hours from 28 to 32 hours/week; and in the Code Department it is the increase in the hours of the part-time code officer and code clerk, while also providing for lower-paid, full-time code supervisor position.

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

Mayor Calvo invited comments on the proposed budget from the other councilmembers. CM Almoguera sought confirmation on transfers from surplus. TA Murphy said \$40,000 was budgeted to be transferred from surplus last year and \$50,000 this year. CM Kulpa-Eddy wondered why the income taxes have gone up so much and asked if it includes a lot of back taxes. TA Murphy said he believes it is mostly new revenue. But he can't be sure because the State's Comptroller no longer provides an explanation of the composition of income tax disbursements. The increase in this revenue is probably due to a shift in demographics with the numbers of younger, working people going up and those of retirees going down. The Town also experienced a decline in vacant homes. Mayor Calvo added that he thinks higher income taxes are also generated by a larger portion of young professionals and graduate students renting in Town as opposed to undergraduates, which is reflected in an increase in car registrations.

CM Kulpa-Eddy posed several questions. She asked if there are other jurisdictions in the State or Prince George's County whose real property tax assessments have started to go up. TA Murphy said he does not have this information but will try to find out. Further, he does not believe that too much tax money from Berwyn Heights is going to College Park because of the shared zip code. The State seems to have a fairly accurate list of Berwyn Heights addresses. Revenues from police fines appear to be going up after the Council raised ticket prices but final numbers will not be at hand until the end of this fiscal year. CM Dennison asked what the silver rating of the Town's health insurance plan means. TA Murphy said it is rating assigned by the insurer and is based on the level of benefits and amount of deductible prescribed by the plan.

Mayor Calvo commented on the one-page summary of the budget. He asked that a column for FY 2014 estimates be added and discussed the reasons for the swings in total revenues since FY 2010 as well as the surplus portion of the budget. After reviewing the various reserve positions, and likely expenditures,

he concluded that the available surplus will end up being closer to \$650,000 than the \$588,000 projected. He said this budget is in good shape with regard to one time expenditures, but the operating budget is tight. The proposed 1.4 cents increase in the real property tax rate will pay for the 8th police officer, COLA and merit pay roll up costs and other salary related expenses. Without the tax increase serious cuts of between \$30,000 - \$40,000 will have to be made.

CM Almoguera said that the operating budget feels very tight given that taxes are being raised to pay for what is an essentially flat budget. She would consider raising the property tax more than is proposed to pay for all the improvements that make the Town an attractive place to live. While there is enough money in the reserves to make the capital investments, staff hours are ultimately needed to plan and execute the improvements. She is also worried that the changes in the health insurance market will cost the Town more than it budgeted for in that area. TA Murphy said he is more worried about the lack of growth in revenues. But that comes out to the same thing. On the other hand, the Council is to be congratulated for having set aside money in the reserves over the last decade to purchase needed equipment and make needed repairs to infrastructure and facilities.

Mayor Calvo said that TA Murphy has pretty much flat-lined expenditure, but left around \$4,000 for the Council to appropriate were it deems necessary. Next worksession, the Council will go through the budget line by line and can make those changes.

Science & Technology District letter of support:

TA Murphy said that the County Council has introduced legislation to establish a science and technology district to provide incentives to businesses with a science and technology focus to locate in the County. The legislation lists the communities to be included in the district but omits Berwyn Heights, although it is technically included under the 20740 zip code. TA Murphy asked that Berwyn Heights be named in the legislation because of long-standing plans to develop its industrial area. He was told that the Town should send a letter of support requesting that Berwyn Heights be listed by name. CM Dennison so moved. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked whether a provision establishing a tax credit for such businesses would affect Berwyn Heights taxes. Mayor Calvo said it would not. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Administration

Comcast franchise agreement extension: TA Murphy explained that Comcast's franchise agreement with Prince George's County and most of its municipalities is expiring this spring. Negotiations between Prince George's County and Comcast to renew the agreement are underway but are not likely to conclude until fall 2014 at the earliest. For the interim, the I-Net negotiating team is recommending that municipalities extend the existing agreements before they expire. Comcast has been requested to provide an ordinance template for extending the agreements but has not yet done so. TA Murphy recommended that the Council adopt an agreement by emergency ordinance if the template is received by the March Town meeting.

Mayor Calvo said he is less concerned about a formal extension of the agreement if Comcast continues to pay its fees. If the fees are not paid, Comcast forfeits its right to use the Town right-of-way to deliver its service. Clerk Harper said there is no indication that Comcast would not pay the franchise fees but has not been very responsive in the negotiations. Mayor Calvo and the other Councilmembers said they have no objections to passing an emergency ordinance.

3. Code Compliance

Emergency generator update: TA Murphy said that he went to the Prince George's County Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) last week to talk to them about the permits for the emergency generators the Town plans to install. The building permits are being processed but he was told to come back next week for a review of the electrical plans. Once that review has occurred he can go out to bid for electricians. Also, Pepco has not yet provided a cost estimate for shutting down the electricity when the generators are being installed.

Mayor Calvo asked if TA Murphy has any news on the storm water management permit required as part of the sidewalks project. The Town needs to find out if DPIE has the authority to adjust the quantitative requirements in exchange for building the storm water mitigation system in a more environmentally sensitive area. TA Murphy said that he plans to follow up on this tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession March 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Chye Calvo, MPT James Wilkinson, CMs Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Mike Attick.

1. Mayor

Announcements: This week's Gazette had an article about the Berwyn Heights Karate Club, including pictures.

2. Budget

Mayor Calvo said tonight Councilmembers will go the proposed budget line by line to flag items they might like to change. Motions can be made to either add or subtract money from a line item. There is \$4,000 in un-budgeted money that can be used to supplement line items. But he would prefer to do this in a comprehensive manner after everything has been reviewed. Mayor Calvo noted that TA Murphy provided an updated *one-page summary* of the budget, which provides a corrected surplus figure of \$797,500. It is based on the FY 2014 estimated figures rather than the budgeted figures.

Revenues

Taxes: Real property taxes are up by 4% due to the proposed tax rate increase of 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Income taxes have continued to go up, this year by \$35,000 or 10%. Mayor Calvo suspects this may be due to an influx of young professionals and families as opposed to seniors, who are generally not earning income. Between real property taxes and income taxes, taxes are proposed to go up by \$78,600.

Licenses & Permits: These revenues are projected to go up by \$7,500 or 6% overall. The main increase comes from an increase in business license receipts of \$1,000 or 7%.

Intergovernmental: These revenues are proposed to go up by \$4,500 or 4% in FY 2014, mainly due to an increase in Highway User Revenues of \$4,800 or 8%. State police aid at present does not show an increase. However, if the full-time 8th officer is implemented before this fiscal year ends, police aid would go up by \$1,500 because it is based on the number of full-time officers employed. CM Dennison moved to implement the full-time 8th officer for the last week of June. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Fines & Forfeitures: Police fines & forfeitures are proposed at \$40,000, an in-

crease of \$4,000 or 11% over last year. The increase is mostly due to the fact that the Council raised many police fines and fees last year. Mayor Calvo said that if the goal is not reached he would subtract the difference from other line items in the Police Department budget. Code fines are projected to go down. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that projections should not be based on this year's actuals because the Code Department did not have enough manpower to monitor violations.

Miscellaneous: *Interests & dividends* are proposed to go up by \$5,400 or 82%. TA Murphy informed that this year's estimated receipts are based on 6 months estimates. He will have better numbers by the time the budget is adopted. Receipts from the sale of *yard waste bags* were zeroed out because the Town no longer sells plastic yard waste bags. *Town Center rental* fees are proposed to come in at last year's level. Most of this revenue is collected in spring and summer. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that an appropriation labeled *other* is proposed to go down from \$5,000 to \$250, or 95%. TA Murphy explained that this line item, among other things, contains receipts from the sale of surplus vehicles. Last year, the Town sold 2 old police vehicles and an old trash truck. Mayor Calvo suggested creating a *surplus vehicle* line item to account for this revenue.

Expenditures

Mayor & Council: Although *conferences & training* expenditures have gone down in recent years, they are proposed to be funded at current levels in anticipation of new Councilmembers taking training in municipal governance. Mayor Calvo suggested giving consideration to raising the *council stipends* appropriation. For this year's Town Council election only 4 candidates signed up. He suspects the stipends, which are \$1,800 per year per councilmember, are a factor. Berwyn Heights' stipends are lower than those of most other municipalities. While councilmembers do not serve for the sake of the stipends, they should at least be compensated for expenses associated with it.

CM Almoguera said last year she had to hire babysitters to attend Council meetings, which cost her more than the money she received from the stipend. MPT Wilkinson agreed. He thought that Councilmembers are underpaid for the time and effort this position requires and would raise stipends to \$200 - \$300/month. Mayor Calvo said that any increase in stipends adopted by this Council would not become effective until the next Council is elected, as mandated by

Ordinance 108. He would prefer to adopt such an increase during the summer, not in the budget season. The Council earmarked this appropriation for a possible increase. TA Murphy was asked to provide a memo that shows the budget impact of different stipend levels.

Town Administration: Mayor Calvo noted that the *miscellaneous* line item, which contains the money for the Town Administrator and Code Supervisor search, may require additional funds for travel expenses. The Council may want to ask candidates to come in for an interview or two.

Mayor Calvo said he is always concerned whether the funding for IT upgrades, contained in the *network support* and *capital outlays > 500* line items, is adequate. He would like TA Murphy to provide a memo outlining an IT plan and the expected expenses for planned upgrades. He would like the Town move toward a single platform, as for example with the email system used by Town staff. In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, TA Murphy noted that the Police and Public Works Departments have their own IT budgets.

Municipal Building: TA Murphy explained that the funding for *maintenance & repairs* is proposed to go up because the furnace should be replaced. However, this could probably be done in this fiscal year if a little additional money is shifted into the account. Mayor Calvo said that if no major expenditure is planned in FY 2015, such as new roof, the *maintenance & repair* appropriation can probably be reduced from the proposed \$8,900 to \$6,000, which has been the average actual expenditure for recent years. He noted that unexpected capital expenditures can always be funded from surplus, which is in good shape.

Town Center: TA Murphy said that the budget has money to purchase new furniture for the Town Center, including more comfortable chairs for the Senior Center, conference furniture for the new meeting room and round event tables for the 2nd floor. Cost estimates for these items are in the Capital Projects section of the budget. Mayor Calvo said he would like to schedule a conversation about furnishing the Town Center. He believes upgrading the upstairs Town Center will make it possible to have more different types of events. Further, better use should be made of the stairs leading to the second floor. This probably requires replacing the doors, which are difficult to open. It may also require better lighting and signs pointing to the stairs.

Police Department: Mayor Calvo said that main changes in the Town Administrator's proposed budget were funding a

full-time 8th officer and a promotion to corporal in the *salary* line item; an increase in the *shift differential* from \$1.00 to \$1.35/ hour; and funding to replace the firearms in the *capital outlays > 500* and *ammunition* accounts. The new police car is in the Capital Expenses section. MPT Wilkinson proposed the Police get another speed monitor to give drivers feedback on how fast they are going. It could be set up along Pontiac Street or other locations where people tend to go too fast. TA Murphy said he will get some price estimates. In response to Mayor Calvo, TA Murphy said that he broke the *copier rental & maintenance* costs out of the *miscellaneous* line item. Mayor Calvo said that the *miscellaneous* line item did not go down.

Public Safety/Miscellaneous: Mayor Calvo said this budget has the Town's contribution to the Volunteer Fire Department (BHVFD). The Council already agreed to earmark this appropriation for an increase but did not set a specific amount. He would consider raising the contribution to \$10,000, using some of the speed camera revenues, which must be spent on public safety-related items. However, this would be a temporary funding arrangement until the Council figures out a long-term plan for supporting the BHVFD. Ideally, the contribution would come from a County tax differential for this service, which the Four Cities Coalition has begun to examine.

MPT Wilkinson said that he agrees with increasing the Town's support to the BHVFD but would like to know how much money is in the public safety reserve and how much is expected at the end of FY 2014. He would like to make sure that there is enough money to complete sidewalks project, which is nearly ready to go to bid. TA Murphy advised to go to bid this fall after the construction season has ended, when prices are usually lower. The County first has to sign off on the storm water mitigation project first. Mayor Calvo said that the Council will have a separate conversation on the subject later.

At 8:20 p.m., the Council took a 5 minutes break.

Code Compliance: Mayor Calvo said that the *salary* line item is proposed to go down because the Council plans to hire a lower paid code supervisor instead of a director. On the other hand, the part-time salary is going up, in part to pay for assistance of a new supervisor, who still needs to learn what the job entails.

Public Works Building: The only change in this budget was a shift of \$500 from the *equipment* to the *communications* line item.

Public Works Sanitation: TA Murphy explained that he informed Acting Director Lockley about the changes made to his requested budget in the proposed budget. The FY 2015 proposed budget does not fund a full-time 8th employee. However, provides money for upgrading the assistant director position to a full director in the *salary* appropriation. It also provides for a 1/2 time clerk position and for additional hours for the part time workers during leaf season. He also advised Mr. Lockley that the *recycling* effort needs to be stepped up to keep the *solid waste disposal* appropriation at this year's level. And they have discussed how to go about it. Otherwise, the budget is flat. The buildings have undergone extensive improvements in recent years and are in good shape.

The only building-related expense may be an additional \$1,300 to pay for a new gutter system to mitigate enough storm water runoff to satisfy the County's offset requirement for the paved surfaces added by the sidewalks project. Unfortunately, he has not yet received an answer from C.P. Johnson or the County as whether the County can waive the additional storm water mitigation surface area to offset the full amount of paved surfaces added with the sidewalks. He will next contact the Town Attorney for advice and consult again with the engineers.

CM Almoguera noted that the *miscellaneous* line item is high, considering the special events expenses were taken out. The Council agreed to reduce the appropriation by \$1,000, unless there is a specific reason to keep it at this year's level. In response to CM Kulpa-Eddy, TA Murphy said that the *tree service* appropriation needed to go up because the Town has to take down more trees in the right of way. The Town's tree contractor just took down another tree today at the corner of Berwyn Road and Cunningham Drive, which was interfering with the power lines.

Parks & Recreation: TA Murphy explained that he increased the *equipment* line item by \$1,500 over the requested amount by taking money out of the *tree service* and *community garden* appropriations. The Historical Committee appropriation was increased by \$150 because the Committee needed more money to pay for supplies.

MPT Wilkinson said he recalls that the Boys & Girls Club intended to request funds for equipment to drag the baseball infield at Sports Park. Mayor Calvo said he believes that Park & Planning agreed to do this, at least at the beginning of the season. Previously, a Boys & Girls softball coach dragged the infield when it

was not up to standards. TA Murphy was asked to check with Park & Planning and ask them to resume the routine.

Cable TV: Mayor Calvo noted that the *capital outlay* > 500 went down slightly from the FY 2014 budget despite the fact that a number of purchases were made. He asked if this would be reflected in a budget amendment. TA Murphy said the expenditures are accounted for in the Capital Projects budget because they come from the cable reserves.

Miscellaneous: Mayor Calvo said that *employee benefits* are up 2% over the FY 2014 budget, which reflects the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and merit increases given to employees last year. TA Murphy said that the payroll in FY 2015 is projected at \$1,000,020 in the general fund, whereas it was below 1 million in FY 2014.

TA Murphy explained that the *Health Reimbursement Account* (HRA) has gone up from \$34,800 to \$37,500, which reflects the higher deductibles in the CareFirst plan resulting from the Affordable Care Act. However, the usage of the account generally has not exceeded \$16,000. It may go up to \$20,000 in FY 2015 but there are enough reserves in the account to cover usage.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked what the *insurance recovery proceeds* line item denotes. TA Murphy said that this new General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirement and shows claims money reimbursed by insurance companies. During this fiscal year, the Town received reimbursement for a car and several other items for a total of \$28,300. CM Kulpa-Eddy also asked how much in unclaimed 401-a retirement funds the Town has. TA Murphy said approximately \$30,000 kept in a separate account. However, some of it belongs to former employees, who are eligible to receive it by virtue of being vested, but he does not know how much. Mayor Calvo said it should not be hard to figure it out by going through old personnel files. TA Murphy said he will look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Budget Worksession

March 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, MPT James Wilkinson, CMs Rose Almoguera, Patricia Dennison and Jodie Kulpa-Eddy. Also present

were Town Administrator (TA) Edward Murphy, and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements:

2. Budget

Mayor Calvo said tonight he would like the Council to take inventory of the budget items flagged for a possible increase or decrease in funding and make a decision.

Police aid: At the March 10 budget work-session, the Council voted to make the 8th police officer a full-time position at the end of June, so that the Town's share of State police aid would include this officer. Since then, the Town received notice that its share of State police aid will go down from \$51,789 to \$50,384 or \$1,325 less than initially announced. The addition of the 8th police officer will thus net the Town a mere \$175.

Municipal building: At the last work-session, the Council flagged the *maintenance & repair* line item for a \$2,900 decrease to bring it in line with actual expenditures in recent years. A decision to cut the funds still has to be made.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Calvo said that TA Murphy cut the Town's contribution from \$3,000 to \$2,500 in his proposed budget. He thinks the money should be returned. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the NW/EP requested \$3,000 but this appropriation was budgeted at the \$2,500 level last year. She believes that \$2,500 is sufficient to cover the committees expenses, based on the estimates for this year. Mayor Calvo said that the Council will review the committee's request for a trailer under capital expenditures. This may be more important to NW/EP than additional operating funds.

Public Works miscellaneous: TA Murphy informed that most of \$1,500 in this appropriation is used for employee rewards. Mayor Calvo said he would prefer this money be put into separate line item, such as *employee incentives* or a line item funding employees, such as *temporary help*.

Police miscellaneous: TA Murphy said that this \$3,000 appropriation funds mostly public relations related expenses, such as give aways for National Night Out or for community outreach at BHES. Mayor Calvo said that these expenses should be budgeted in the public relations line item. MPT Wilkinson said that this money should not be cut because it creates good will and improves relations with the community.

Health insurance: TA Murphy informed

that there was a minor increase of \$500 in the June 1 health insurance quotes, bringing the total to \$108,200. This expense is covered by the budgeted amount.

Highway User Revenue: TA Murphy informed that the Town received \$28,000 in HUR funds in addition to the \$59,900 it was told to expect. The \$59,900 is a one-time distribution and the \$28,000 is from the traditional annual contribution. Both sums will be set aside in the infrastructure reserve fund, with \$10,000 of it going to the Public Works street repair appropriation.

Allocation of undesignated funds

Mayor Calvo stated, so far, the Council has found \$3,075 to add to \$4,117 of unallocated funds in the FY 2015 budget, for a total of \$7,192. These funds can be used to increase other line items the Council considers important and become part of the FY 2015 introduced budget.

Code Compliance telephone: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Code Department will likely require an additional \$250 in the telephone line item, based on this year's estimated expenditures. Mayor Calvo asked why this cost is going up. TA Murphy said that the Code Department is billed a share of the Town's Verizon telephone bill. Part of the cost increase is due to Verizon's rate increases.

Mayor Calvo said that in as much as the increase in expenditures is due to long distance calls that Code Compliance makes with landlords that do not live nearby, it may be better to have the staff use cell phones. Cell phone bills are based on a monthly allotment of minutes, independent of the distance of the calls made, with unused minutes rolling over to the next month. Mayor Calvo further suggested looking into using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) instead of Verizon land lines. As the Town uses the I-Net for internet access, this may save a lot of money.

MPT Wilkinson cautioned that the technology may not be good enough to get clear call quality. Mayor Calvo said that the telephones themselves used for internet calls may be more expensive. That would be considered capital cost opposed to operating cost. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town should keep land lines for the fax machine and for emergencies.

BHVFDD contribution: CM Dennison asked if the Council still wants to raise its annual contribution to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department to \$10,000. Mayor Calvo said, while this is an option, he would prefer to do this separately through the public safety re-

serve.

MPT Wilkinson sought clarification on several Public Works appropriations, including special events, Geraldine Love Room repairs, and Senior Center chairs. TA Murphy explained that \$1,800 was placed into a new Public Works *special events* line item to fund annual replacement of grills and canopies as well as Trunk or Treat purchases. The repairs to the Love conference room were charged to the Town Center *maintenance & repair* appropriation and the replacement of Senior Center chairs will be funded from the *capital projects* budget.

Pop's Park funds: MPT Wilkinson asked what the *Pop's Park equipment* appropriation is intended to cover and whether it includes funding for a play structure for older children. TA Murphy said that this appropriation was increased by the Council to improve the fall zone for the merry-go-round. CM Almoguera said that she recommends applying for another grant to pay for another play structure. The equipment for older children tends to be more expensive because it requires more safety features. She suggested increasing the *Pop's Park maintenance & repair* line item to pay for regular tilling of the mulch recommended by the vendor. MPT Wilkinson further recommended restoring \$500 to the NW/EP budget and \$1,000 to the *community garden* appropriation. It was cut to increase the *Pop's Park equipment* line item.

Council stipends: Mayor Calvo said that the Council discussed raising *Council stipends* in light of only 3 people running in the upcoming Town Council election. TA Murphy provided a spreadsheet showing the budget impact for raising the stipend in \$25/ month/ Councilmember increments. The yearly cost for a \$25 raise is \$1,500, for a \$50 raise \$3,000, and for a \$100 raise \$6,000. He recommended a \$100/ month increase because such raises are only enacted every 15 years or so. Further, Berwyn Heights pays one of the lowest stipends in the County. However, if an increase is adopted the Council must also amend Ordinance 108 - Council Compensation. TA Murphy advised that the Ordinance, if adopted in this fiscal year, could be made effective January 2015 to spread the budget impact out over 2 years.

CM Almoguera said a larger stipend would be an inducement for her to run again, if she were to remain on the Council, as it would cover her babysitting costs. MPT Wilkinson agreed that an increase in the stipend is needed. CM Dennison thought that a \$50 increase per month would be sufficient.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said it would not make a difference to her because she regards serving on the Council as giving back to the community. But she was not opposed to a raise if it makes a difference for others.

At 8:08 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

The Council deliberated whether to raise Town Council stipends from \$150 to \$250/ month/ councilmember, and whether to phase in the increase by making it effective January 1, 2015, which would cost \$3,000 in FY 2015. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she would support the increase and prefers to phase it in over two years. MPT Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera and Dennison also supported the stepped increase.

Mayor Calvo summed up that so far the Council allocated \$4,750 of the \$7,192 in un-designated funds:

\$3,000 for stipends, \$1,000 for community garden, \$500 for NW/EP, and \$200 for code telephone. MPT Wilkinson moved, and CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve increasing all of the above line items. The motion passed 5 to 0. The *community garden* line item was shifted to the *Mayor & Council* budget.

TA Murphy said that the reduction of \$2,900 in the municipal building line item has not yet been voted on. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Capital Budget

Mayor Calvo said that the FY 2015 proposed budget has \$50,000 in surplus money that can be spent on capital items. He would like the Council to decide which capital items to fund.

Vehicles: TA Murphy said there are two Public Works vehicles scheduled for replacement, truck 3 and truck 4. He and Acting Director Lockley recommend replacing only truck 3, an 11 year old 1-ton crew cab dump truck. There is \$40,000 in the vehicle replacement reserve to pay for it. But it does not include a needed snow plow, which could be paid from surplus. The other 8 year old dump truck is in good enough shape to run for another year.

The Council discussed the spreadsheet for the vehicle replacement reserve. Mayor Calvo noted that it lists annual contributions for two police vehicles at a cost of \$5,000 each. This contradicts Council policy, which calls for funding police vehicles from the operating budget. They should be taken out. Mayor Calvo proposed to buy one police vehicle from the operating budget, as customary, and use some of the freed

up reserves to purchase truck 3, outfitted, and with plow. Any remaining funds should be added to the reserve for the replacement of truck 4 next year, including inflation and outfitting.

The Council agreed to purchase truck 3 and the plow. It was also agreed to start setting aside money for replacing truck 3 in the year following the purchase, and to fully fund the replacement of truck 4. Further, yearly contributions to the vehicle reserve in the future should be calculated to include inflation. TA Murphy was asked to provide a better cost estimate for replacing truck 3 and 4, in order to ascertain the amount of money that may need to be taken from surplus, or become available for the operating budget.

Town Center furniture: Mayor Calvo said the Council agreed to purchase new furniture for the Town Center, including more comfortable chairs for the Senior Center, and round tables for the 2nd floor of the Town Center. These would be funded from surplus. Director Lockley obtained quotes of \$1,800 for stacking chairs, and \$2,400 for a set of 12 round event tables, including storage cart and accompanying chairs. Mayor Calvo proposed to budget \$8,000 for new furniture. MPT Wilkinson so moved, CM Almoguera seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Dump truck purchase: Mayor Calvo asked if there is a motion to purchase the 1 ton crew cab dump truck using money set aside in the vehicle replacement reserve, with the balance coming from surplus. MPT Wilkinson so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the purchase of dump trucks should be staggered so as to spread out the time between purchases. TA Murphy clarified that the 2012 purchase was of a 5 ton dump truck, whereas this purchase will be a 1 tonner. TA Murphy was asked to provide a revised vehicle replacement reserve.

Speed monitor purchase: MPT Wilkinson proposed to purchase a new speed monitor. TA Murphy said that Chief Antolik specified a fixed monitor, and TA Murphy specified a mobile monitor mounted on a trailer. Both monitors are solar powered, allowing for longer operating periods without recharging, and can collect data on traffic volume. The mobile monitor would cost approximately \$9,500. MPT Wilkinson moved to appropriate \$10,000 from surplus to buy the mobile speed monitor. CM Almoguera seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked to check if the mobile monitor has the solar panel. MPT Wilkinson said it is an option included in the quoted price. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the purchase.

TA Murphy noted that the Town's telephone system will no longer qualify for technical support, starting this May, and needs to be upgraded. The upgrade will cost \$3,500. The Council asked TA Murphy to look into options for upgrading/replacing the Town's telephone system.

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



Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

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1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
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1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

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## Code News

### Noise Restrictions

As we start to throw open windows and spend time outdoors after a long winter, everyone is reminded that Berwyn Heights has noise restrictions (Ordinance No. 153), mostly at night and in the early morning hours between 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM. This includes sound amplifiers, chainsaws and lawnmowers - anything that creates frequent or sustained noise. Higher decibel levels for these activities are allowed during the day time.

If you have a concern about a noisy situation, please try first to reach out to the person making the noise, who may be unaware that he is creating a disturbance. If that is not possible, please contact the Town Office during the weekdays (301-474-5000) or the non-emergency police number evenings and weekends (301-352-1200) and request that a Berwyn Heights police officer respond to your call.

### Code Activity for March 2013:

**Top code violations:** Animal Complaints = 2; High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 0; Miscellaneous Violations = 9; Refuse = 4; Trash/ Litter = 18; Vehicle Violations = 7; Yard Waste = 8; Abatements = 0.

**Other activities:** New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections = 16; Re-inspections = 4; Rental Investigations = 4; Building Permits = 4; POD Permits = 0; Roll-off Permits = 1; Permit Violations = 2; Vacant Property Checks = 32.



# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

**T**he BHHC will dedicate another Historic Marker on Berwyn Heights Day. It describes in brief the eventful history of a streetcar that came to our Town between 1912 and 1921 called the Washington, Spa Spring & Gretna Railroad (WSSGRR). Descendants of former Congressman Samuel S. Yoder, who lived in Berwyn Heights and was the principal financier of the streetcar company, are planning to be here for the dedication.

The BHHC will also host the dedication of the new Geraldine "Jerry" Love conference room on Berwyn Heights Day, before the parade at 11:00 a.m., in the Senior Center next to the Town Offices. Former Town Mayor Thomas Love and family will be in attendance.

We hope you can join us on Berwyn Heights Day for these special celebrations, and don't forget to visit our booth!



Was this house the ticket office for the WSSGRR? Join the BHHC and help uncover the answer . . .



ESTABLISHED 2003

The BHHC welcomes volunteers who are interested in assisting with events and projects. The BHHC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town Office at 7:30 p.m. **The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.**

<http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

## **Bostwick House & Garden Festival**

**SUNDAY • MAY 4**

**1- 4:00 pm**

**FREE admission**

Call: **301-887-0777** or visit:  
[www.battleofbladensburg1812.com](http://www.battleofbladensburg1812.com)



## **Free Karate Training!!!!**

**Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, five-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and member of Shihan John Roseberry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization. Open to all ages/all levels.**

**Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm**

**For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829  
([beck\\_theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:beck_theresa@yahoo.com)) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881**





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



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
In Case of Emergency Call 911!

## Recent Working Incidents:

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>**- Rescue Squad 14 responded to Rt 50 in the area of Church Road in Bowie to assist Kentland VFD Rescue Engine 33 with a tanker truck on its side into the jersey wall with the driver trapped. Squad 14 assisted in stabilizing the truck while Squad 33 extricated the driver.

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**- Rescue Squad 14 responded to the area of Baltimore Ave & Ammendale Rd for a train accident. CSX reported that the train had struck a vehicle, whose location was unknown. Squad 14 and units from Beltsville VFD searched the several miles of tracks in the dark before vehicle was located near a CSX access point and it was determined to be unoccupied.

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**- Rescue Squad 14, Technical Support 14, Chief 14, and Chief 14A responded to the area of Governors Bridge Rd & Patuxent Overlook Dr in Bowie for a vehicle in the water. Technical Support 14 provided generators and lighting as well as upstream and downstream spotters, with Chief 14A as the Rescue Group Leader. The vehicle was determined to be unoccupied and Company 14 was ready for service at 2038 hours. During the incident Ambulance 14 remained staffed at the station.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**- Truck 14 responded to the 4000 Blk Beltsville Rd with gas meter on fire at the end of the group townhome.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**- Rescue Squad 14 and Chief 14B responded to Cherry Hill Rd and Sellman Rd in Beltsville for the PIA with one trapped at 5am. Rescue Squad 14 arrived, stabilized the vehicle and removed 2 doors and a "B-post" to extricate the trapped patient.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**- Rescue Squad 14 responded to the area of Kenilworth Ave & River Rd for the personal injury accident with entrapment at 4:30pm. Units from Riverdale arrived to find a 2 vehicle accident with 1 trapped. Rescue Squad 14 stabilized the vehicle and removed 2 doors and a "B-Post" to extricate the patient.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**- At 6pm Rescue Squad 14 responded to the Inner-loop of the Capital Beltway in the area of Kenilworth Ave for the personal injury accident. Units arrived to find 1 trapped. Rescue Squad 14 stabilized the vehicle and removed 2 doors and a "B-post" to extricate the patient, making this the third extrication the all-volunteer crews had performed that day.

**Pictures and additional info about these incidents and others on our website: [www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org)**

## Paramedic Ambulance 14 Now in service!

On Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7am Volunteer Paramedic Ambulance 14 was placed in service, marking the newest addition in our efforts to provide the best possible emergency care to the residents of Berwyn Heights. The unit was staffed by FF/ Medic Jaime Simpson and



FF/EMT Matt Attick. PA-14's first call was with Truck 14 for a reported house fire in the 5600blk of Goucher Dr in BH. Throughout the rest of the day the PA responded to several calls within the Town as well as surrounding communities, while the Truck, Rescue Squads, and Chief 14 were staffed with an additional 12 volunteers.

## BH Playgroup Visits the Firehouse

On Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, volunteers staffing the firehouse received a special scheduled visit from kids and parents of the Berwyn Heights Playgroup. Volunteers gave a quick introduction to the Department and answered questions as the kids climbed into the Fire Trucks and Ambulances. When it was all over, the kids left with bags full of coloring books, crayons, fire prevention activity books, and emergency preparedness information for the parents. Any Town community group that wishes to tour your

Volunteer Fire Department please give us a call at (301) 474-7866 or email Fire Chief Danny McCoy at [dmccoy@bhvfd14.org](mailto:dmccoy@bhvfd14.org)



## Hoarding Conditions and Fire Safety

Over the past few months, our volunteer firefighters have responded to several house fires with hoarding conditions inside. Hoarding is a dangerous fire hazard. Many occupants die in fires in these homes, which was the case in College Park a few months ago when the crew of Rescue Squad 14 fought a fatal house fire with severe hoarding conditions. Often, blocked exits prevent escape from the home. In addition, many people who are hoarding are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them. Responding firefighters can be put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects, and excessive combustible material loading that can lead to collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult and dangerous. Those living adjacent to a house with hoarding conditions can be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and heavy fire conditions.

### Station 14 Call Volume: March 2014

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Rescue Squads:                      | 118        |
| Ladder Truck:                       | 56         |
| Technical Rescue Support Unit:      | 2          |
| Ambulances:                         | 121        |
| <b>Total Station Runs for March</b> | <b>297</b> |



**REMEMBER: BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY! SATURDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2014**

**SEE US IN THE PARADE AND STOP BY OUR BOOTH FOR FREE FIRE SAFETY ACTIVITIES.**

**JOINING US WILL BE THE MARYLAND FORESTRY SERVICE & SMOKEY THE BEAR!**





# Profiles of Candidates for Town Council



## ***Cheye Calvo***

Berwyn Heights is a special place with a proud history, a strong sense of community, and a Town government that adds value to our quality of life. It has been my privilege to serve as your mayor for the last decade, and I promise to keep working hard to lead Berwyn Heights forward.

The Town met economic uncertainty proactively and with fiscal responsibility – and now stands debt-free and financially stronger than before the downturn began. Crime and taxes remain low. Community engagement is up, and new families infuse vitality into town activities. We are upgrading our playgrounds and amenities, enhancing activities, supporting our schools and seniors, promoting high standards, and making important investments.

Yet, I continue to take the greatest pride in leading a Town Council that builds consensus around shared priorities, proactively confronts challenges, and moves the Town forward to achieve results.

I grew up in this area – attending Greenbelt M.S. and graduating from Parkdale H.S. I earned my B.A. and M.A. degrees in American history. I have experience in county and state government and now work for a national education nonprofit. I live on Edmonston Road with my wife, Trinity, and black Labrador rescues, Marshall and Xander.

The Town's financial strength, sense of community, and other diverse assets provide a robust platform to thrive. To succeed, we must ensure that the Town has the senior leadership and operational structure to perform and improve. We must offer amenities – good schools, parks, sidewalks, community gardens, dog park, transit options, and smart development – that make Berwyn Heights an attractive place to live and raise a family. We must invest in our infrastructure, develop staff, build our tax-base, and plan for the long-term. We also must innovate, make the most of opportunities (like perhaps the FBI in Greenbelt) and engage with state and local leaders to enhance the services we provide.

We have made great progress in recent years but have more to achieve. Working together, I believe in an even brighter future for our Town. **ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON MAY 6<sup>th</sup>!**



## ***Patricia "Patti" Dennison***

My name is Patti Dennison. My family and I moved to Berwyn Heights in 1983. We participated in Town organizations from the beginning, such as the Boys and Girls Club, the Recreation Council and the Men's League. My four children, James, Joey, and twins, Sarah and Christopher enjoyed playing on Boys and Girls Club teams and taking part in Town events. I also served on the Traffic Committee and Sidewalks Committee and attended Town Council meetings on a regular basis.

Professionally, I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1994 with a BS in Family Sciences. I was Assistant Director of Potomac Village School. More recently, I worked as a Special Education Aide at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, and I am now helping my mother, who lives with me.

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# Profiles of Candidates for Town Council

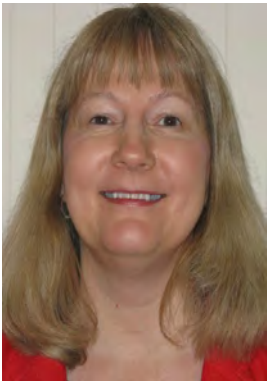
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I have been a Councilmember since May 2002, starting as Department Head for Public Health and Safety. Now I am Department Head for Parks, Recreation and Civic Affairs and greatly enjoy working with all the Town committees and clubs. As Councilmember, I have represented the Town on the Prince George's County Municipal Association, and I am a member of the Prince Georges Elected Municipal women and the Women in Elected Government Service.

My accomplishments include helping with reopening the Berwyn Heights Elementary School, building a concession stand at Sports Park and renovating the Indian Creek and Pops Park playgrounds. I have supported the establishment of the Historical Committee and the Town museum. With the Recreation Council's help, I have supported many successful Berwyn Heights Days and other Town events. I have also worked with the Boys and Girls Club, the Seniors and the elementary school to improve their facilities and programs, and I have participated in several Community Emergency Response Team drills including the Maryland Pandemic Drill.

My goals for the future of Berwyn Heights are friendly community policing, a safe and crime free neighborhood, improving pedestrian safety, maintaining community standards in a friendly and educational way, excellent town services at the lowest tax dollar and communication with town residents

Thank you, once again, Berwyn Heights for giving me an opportunity to serve our residents and our community. Vote for Patricia "Patti" Dennison on Tuesday, May 6, 2012.



## **Jodie Kulpa-Eddy**

### **Hello again fellow residents of Berwyn Heights!**

My name is Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, and I am running for my third term on the Town Council. I have lived on Ruatan Street for fourteen years, ever since I moved here from Wisconsin for a job promotion. I am a veterinarian and I work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I have been on the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee since 2002 and with our Community Emergency Response Team since 2004. My proudest accomplishment in serving Berwyn Heights so far has been locating and helping to secure matching funding from the State in order to install emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center. This will ensure not only ensure continued government services to our residents in the event of an electrical outage, but will also allow the Town Center to serve as a heating or cooling center, as it did after the derecho in 2012.

On a personal note, I completed the coursework and graduated as a Fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland in September 2013. I found the knowledge valuable as I headed the Administration Department during my first term, and the Code Department my second term. It will be even more so as the Town will be hiring new managers for both of these departments in 2014, and it is imperative we select the right people. When I ran for the Town Council in 2010, I wanted to ensure Berwyn Heights retains the qualities and characteristics I appreciated when I chose to live here. I still do.

I hope you agree. Please vote on May 6!

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# Fun Run



**Berwyn Heights Day  
Walk/Run for Fun!!!**

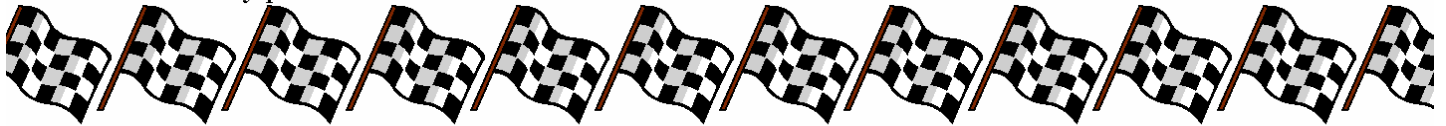
**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**Start Time: 8:30AM    Registration: 8AM(at Town Center)**



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, \$5.00 13-17 yrs., \$2.00 12 and under (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 \_\_\_\_\_



## BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

**SATURDAY • MAY 3, 2014**

● ● ● **PARADE ROUTE**

(starts at Berwyn Hts Elementary)

— — — **TRAIN ROUTE**

(rides are FREE all day)

### ROAD BLOCKS

▲ ▲ 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

▲ ▲ 12–1:30 pm (during parade only)



**BHVED FIRST AID Station & FIRE PREVENTION Activities!**

## CONCERTS 3 LIVE BANDS! (starts at 2:00 pm)

at Sports Park (Community Center if rain)

Akoma Drummers ♦ The House of Jam Band ♦ Jan Knudson

## ATTRACTIONS

➊ MARKETPLACE 11 am – 4:00 pm

➋ BHNW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Trailer

➌ BHHHC The Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

➍ VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION Booths — 2 locations

➎ CHA CHA the CLOWN—Balloon Twisting Sculpting

## PARADE, Performances, Awards & Presentations

♦ LIVE DJ at Grandstand

♦ 12:00 noon – **PARADE begins**

♦ Berwyn Heights Citizen of the Year Awards

♦ BHHHC Historic Marker Dedication

## FOOD & DRINKS

➊ Senior's BAKE SALE opening at — 8:30 am  
♦ Senior Center (open until sold out)

➋ PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00 am—11:00 am  
♦ Town Center - upper level

➌ FOOD VENDORS opening at —11:30 am  
♦ GRILLING by the Karate Club

♦ SHAGGA (Ethiopian Cuisine)

♦ Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Sno-Cones

➍ DRINKS, SNACKS & PIZZA

♦ Boys & Girls Club

➎ BEER TRUCK

## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

➊ FUN RUN registration open: 8:00 am  
at Town Center—run starts at: 8:30 am

➋ CRAFTS for KIDS 1–4:30 pm

➌ CARNIVAL GAMES 1–4:30 pm

➍ MOUNTAIN CLIMB 1–4:30 pm

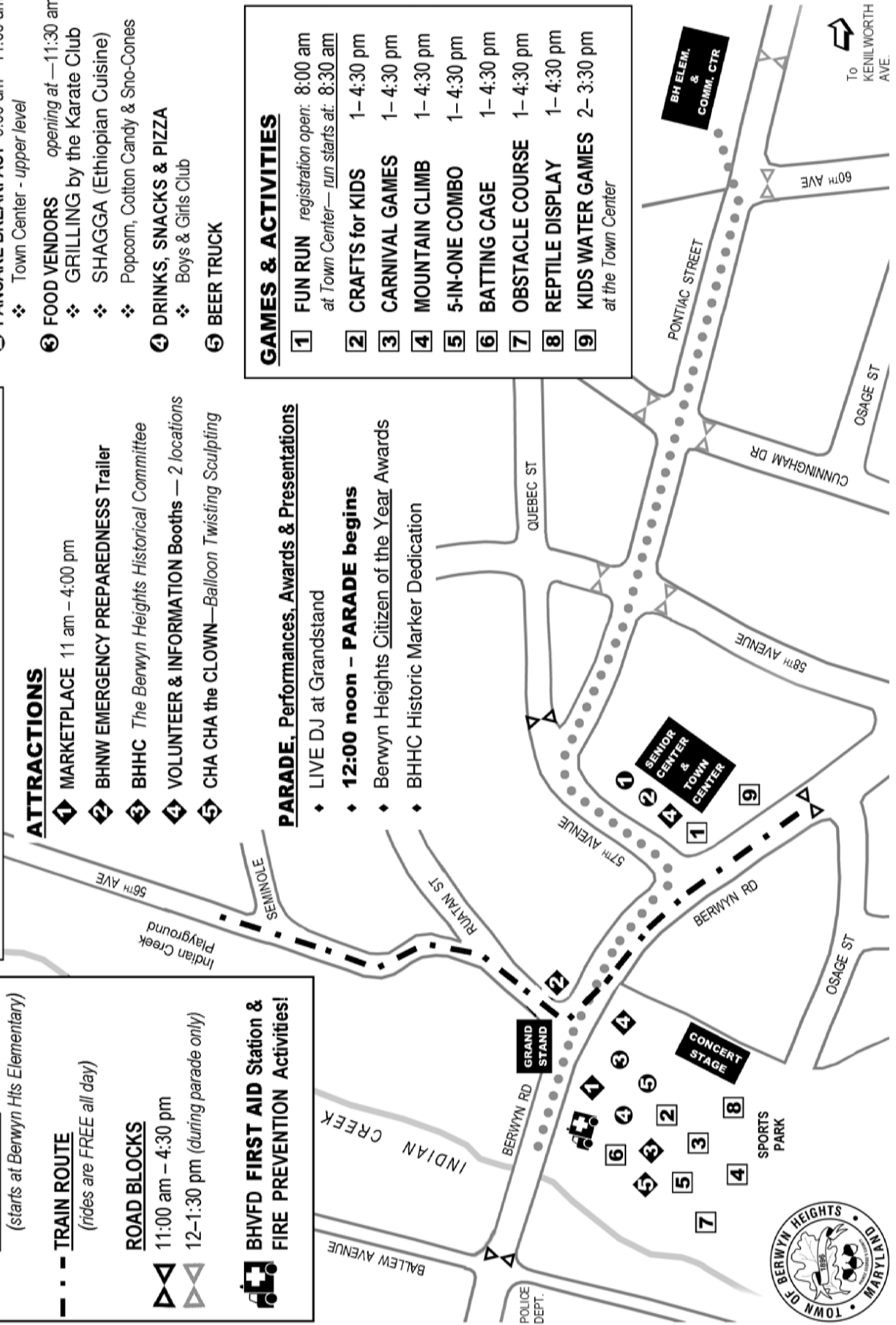
➎ 5-IN-ONE COMBO 1–4:30 pm

➏ BATTING CAGE 1–4:30 pm

➐ OBSTACLE COURSE 1–4:30 pm

➑ REPTILE DISPLAY 1–4:30 pm

➒ KIDS WATER GAMES 2–3:30 pm  
at the Town Center



## - BUDGET MESSAGE -

Dear Resident:

The Town budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, was introduced at the April 11 Town Meeting and is scheduled to be adopted at the May 14 Town Meeting, as required by the Town Charter.

The triennial property reassessment completed in January, 2013, reduced the Town's largest source of revenue, real property taxes, by 16% or \$231,098 in the FY 2014 budget. The impact of the reduced 2013 triennial assessment continues in the FY 2015 budget. The Town, at the current tax rate, will see an additional decrease of \$1,074 in real property tax revenues.

The introduced FY 2015 budget proposes to increase the current operating real property tax rate of \$0.48.6 cents to \$0.50 cents, to increase the business personal property tax rate of \$1.215 to \$1.25, and to continue the real property tax rate and the business personal property tax rate for the dedicated road repair fund at 3 cents and 7.5 cents (all tax rates are per \$100 of assessed value). The 1.4 cent tax rate increase will generate an additional \$43,349 of real property taxes, an average annual increase per household of \$30 a year or \$2.50 a month. Revenues from most other sources are flat. The one bright spot in revenues is income tax receipts, which is expected to increase 10%. The Town also received an unexpected additional \$28,953 in Highway User Revenues. The Town Council agreed to pull \$50,000 from surplus to balance the budget and \$29,251 for one time capital purchases.

Overall, the operating budget represents an increase of 4% or \$111,897 from the 2014 budget. While the budget proposes to freeze non-salaried expenditures essentially at 2013 levels, the budget does set aside a salary pool of \$15,500 or about 1.5% of payroll that may be used for merit increases or cost-of-living adjustments, will restore eighth police officer position, which was cut last year, and public works positions, both Town Council high priorities.

The FY 2015 introduced budget again funds the outright purchase of a new police cruiser rather than relying on lease purchasing, appropriates the transfer of \$83,467 of Highway User Revenues to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, appropriates \$51,251 for a new DPW dump truck using \$40,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund, appropriates the \$90,541 generated by the 3-cent real property-7.5 business personal property road tax to the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, appropriates \$66,900 to the Vehicle Replacement Fund, and, using speed camera receipts, appropriates \$10,000 for the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department operating budget.

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 Code Supervisor, 2 part time code officers, and a part time code 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. The introduced budget will fill the current eighth police officer vacancy so that the department will consist of the Chief, five patrol officers, a detective and a police clerk. Town Council also utilizes the Public Safety Taxing District to fund 1 additional patrol officer.

**Public Health and Safety** – Budget appropriates an additional \$9,000 to make it a total contribution of \$10,000 to support the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and \$3,000 for Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch.

**Public Works Department** - Budget continues to provide refuse, trash, bulk refuse, metals, and yard waste collection service and once-a-week pick-up of recyclables. The budget adds salary for a permanent department director and a part-time clerk.

**Parks Recreation** – Budget continues to fund special events such as Berwyn Heights Day plus resources to maintain Pontiac Street Field and Pop's Park.

**Insurance and Employee Benefits** – Budget anticipates a 9% increase in health insurance premiums, no increase in workers compensation premiums, no increase for general liability, and no increase in the unemployment insurance rate. The Town's match for the Maryland pension system decreased from 10% to 9.73% of payroll (employees contribute 7% of their base pay). The budget includes no debt service as the Town remains totally debt-free.

Residents should contact the Town Council with questions, suggestions, comments, or concerns regarding the introduced budget and to participate in the budget adoption process at the public hearing on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Best regards,

Mayor Cheye Calvo and the Berwyn Heights Town Council

**ONE PAGE SUMMARY  
AMENDED INTRODUCED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET**

|                                       | FY 10<br>ACTUAL | FY 12<br>ACTUAL | FY 13<br>ACTUAL | FY 14<br>ESTIMATED | FY 14<br>BUDGET | FY 15<br>PROPOSED | COUNCIL<br>CHANGES | FY 15<br>AMENDED<br>INTRODUCED | %<br>VARIATION |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX              | \$ 1,570,262    | \$ 1,430,689    | \$ 1,461,218    | \$ 1,229,990       | \$ 1,230,120    | \$ 1,273,469      | \$ -               | \$ 1,273,469                   | 4%             |
| PENALTIES ON TAXES                    | \$ 5,334        | \$ 1,269        | \$ 4,458        | \$ 268             | \$ 1,000        | \$ 1,800          | \$ -               | \$ 1,800                       | 80%            |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX                 | \$ 267,051      | \$ 302,459      | \$ 235,035      | \$ 242,889         | \$ 266,000      | \$ 249,900        | \$ -               | \$ 249,900                     | -6%            |
| ROAD FUND TAX                         | \$ -            | \$ 109,195      | \$ 109,096      | \$ 90,672          | \$ 91,969       | \$ 90,541         | \$ -               | \$ 90,541                      | -2%            |
| INCOME TAX                            | \$ 257,718      | \$ 367,454      | \$ 421,066      | \$ 375,000         | \$ 345,000      | \$ 380,000        | \$ -               | \$ 380,000                     | 10%            |
| RECYCLING TAX                         | \$ 61,260       | \$ 71,470       | \$ 72,030       | \$ 72,170          | \$ 72,170       | \$ 72,170         | \$ -               | \$ 72,170                      | 0%             |
| HIGHWAY USER REVENUE                  | \$ 18,247       | \$ 42,336       | \$ 24,930       | \$ 86,780          | \$ 59,689       | \$ 64,514         | \$ 28,953          | \$ 93,467                      | 57%            |
| POLICE AID                            | \$ 49,377       | \$ 38,505       | \$ 38,505       | \$ 51,709          | \$ 51,709       | \$ 51,709         | \$ 175             | \$ 51,884                      | 0%             |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS                  | \$ 102,777      | \$ 130,491      | \$ 132,731      | \$ 134,678         | \$ 128,136      | \$ 135,600        | \$ -               | \$ 135,600                     | 6%             |
| SERVICE CHARGES                       | \$ 2,034        | \$ 4,068        | \$ 2,701        | \$ 2,982           | \$ 2,700        | \$ 2,700          | \$ -               | \$ 2,700                       | 0%             |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL                     | \$ 42,396       | \$ 25,232       | \$ 99,232       | \$ 8,232           | \$ 8,232        | \$ 8,232          | \$ -               | \$ 8,232                       | 0%             |
| FINES AND FORFEITURES                 | \$ 70,365       | \$ 56,800       | \$ 50,983       | \$ 55,896          | \$ 57,200       | \$ 61,200         | \$ 29,000          | \$ 90,200                      | 58%            |
| MISCELLANEOUS                         | \$ 44,103       | \$ 80,678       | \$ 60,858       | \$ 84,630          | \$ 60,792       | \$ 64,000         | \$ -               | \$ 64,000                      | 5%             |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                        | \$ 2,490,925    | \$ 2,660,646    | \$ 2,712,843    | \$ 2,435,896       | \$ 2,374,717    | \$ 2,455,835      | \$ 58,128          | \$ 2,513,963                   | 6%             |
| TRANSFERS FROM SURPLUS                |                 |                 |                 |                    |                 |                   |                    |                                |                |
| FOR OPERATING BUDGET                  | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -               | \$ 65,000       | \$ 50,000         | \$ -               | \$ 50,000                      | -23%           |
| FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS                  | \$ -            | \$ 466,044      | \$ -            | \$ -               | \$ 81,600       | \$ -              | \$ 69,251          | \$ 69,251                      | -15%           |
| TOTAL REVENUES                        | \$ 2,490,925    | \$ 3,126,690    | \$ 2,712,843    | \$ 2,435,896       | \$ 2,521,317    | \$ 2,505,835      | \$ 127,379         | \$ 2,633,214                   | 4%             |
| MAYOR AND COUNCIL                     | \$ 14,898       | \$ 17,176       | \$ 16,385       | \$ 16,900          | \$ 23,000       | \$ 23,000         | \$ 3,000           | \$ 26,000                      | 13%            |
| TOWN ADMINISTRATION                   | \$ 271,876      | \$ 300,945      | \$ 314,152      | \$ 323,135         | \$ 334,497      | \$ 322,777        | \$ -               | \$ 322,777                     | -4%            |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDING                    | \$ 29,781       | \$ 23,606       | \$ 30,035       | \$ 23,922          | \$ 30,141       | \$ 30,521         | \$ (2,900)         | \$ 27,621                      | -8%            |
| POLICE CENTER                         | \$ 25,260       | \$ 52,419       | \$ 41,826       | \$ 31,197          | \$ 33,141       | \$ 33,521         | \$ -               | \$ 33,521                      | 1%             |
| TOWN DEPARTMENT                       | \$ 551,415      | \$ 600,471      | \$ 606,504      | \$ 575,611         | \$ 595,677      | \$ 632,870        | \$ 20,000          | \$ 652,870                     | 10%            |
| MISC. PUBLIC SAFETY                   | \$ 2,168        | \$ 3,022        | \$ 2,380        | \$ 3,500           | \$ 3,500        | \$ 3,500          | \$ 9,500           | \$ 13,000                      | 271%           |
| CODE COMPLIANCE & VAN                 | \$ 103,927      | \$ 101,013      | \$ 103,567      | \$ 77,180          | \$ 106,274      | \$ 98,143         | \$ 200             | \$ 98,343                      | -7%            |
| PUBLIC WORKS                          | \$ 724,333      | \$ 681,964      | \$ 706,615      | \$ 613,532         | \$ 640,529      | \$ 673,506        | \$ -               | \$ 673,506                     | 5%             |
| PARKS & RECREATION                    | \$ 22,177       | \$ 24,400       | \$ 14,746       | \$ 22,332          | \$ 25,000       | \$ 25,000         | \$ 1,000           | \$ 26,000                      | 4%             |
| CABLE                                 | \$ 6,442        | \$ 6,496        | \$ 4,851        | \$ 11,732          | \$ 15,476       | \$ 15,476         | \$ -               | \$ 15,476                      | 0%             |
| INSURANCE                             | \$ 108,551      | \$ 86,309       | \$ 92,259       | \$ 100,091         | \$ 113,519      | \$ 113,519        | \$ -               | \$ 113,519                     | 0%             |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS                     | \$ 196,368      | \$ 206,466      | \$ 230,628      | \$ 255,362         | \$ 257,736      | \$ 263,978        | \$ -               | \$ 263,978                     | 2%             |
| 4-CITIES STREET SWEEPER               | \$ 7,857        | \$ 18,348       | \$ 14,424       | \$ 16,405          | \$ 19,000       | \$ 19,000         | \$ -               | \$ 19,000                      | 0%             |
| TRAFFIC ENGINEER                      | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -                           | -              |
| DEBT SERVICE                          | \$ 92,827       | \$ 4,621        | \$ -            | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -                           | -              |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES                  | \$ 36,387       | \$ 29,277       | \$ 122,746      | \$ 35,315          | \$ 33,869       | \$ 35,152         | \$ 1,000           | \$ 36,152                      | 7%             |
| TRANSFERS TO RESERVES                 | \$ 124,245      | \$ 282,499      | \$ 224,774      | \$ 234,352         | \$ 208,358      | \$ 211,755        | \$ 28,953          | \$ 240,708                     | 16%            |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET                | \$ 2,318,513    | \$ 2,439,032    | \$ 2,525,892    | \$ 2,340,566       | \$ 2,439,717    | \$ 2,501,718      | \$ 60,763          | \$ 2,562,471                   | 5%             |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS                      | \$ 66,804       | \$ 686,929      | \$ 186,097      | \$ 94,487          | \$ 81,600       | \$ -              | \$ 69,251          | \$ 69,251                      | -15%           |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                    | \$ 2,385,317    | \$ 3,125,961    | \$ 2,711,989    | \$ 2,435,053       | \$ 2,521,317    | \$ 2,501,718      | \$ 130,004         | \$ 2,631,722                   | 4%             |
| Difference - Receipts & Expenses      | \$ 105,608      | \$ 729          | \$ 854          | \$ 843             | \$ -            | \$ 4,117          | \$ (2,626)         | \$ 1,492                       | -              |
| BEGINNING FUND BALANCE                | \$ 1,462,520    | \$ 1,798,376    | \$ 1,614,752    | \$ 1,840,380       | \$ 1,840,380    | \$ 2,084,165      | \$ -               | \$ 2,084,165                   |                |
| Less Leave Balances                   | \$ 64,450       | \$ 60,212       | \$ 60,312       | \$ 66,352          | \$ 66,352       | \$ 66,352         | \$ -               | \$ 66,352                      |                |
| ADJ. BEGINNING FUND BALANCE           | \$ 1,398,070    | \$ 1,738,164    | \$ 1,554,440    | \$ 1,774,028       | \$ 1,774,028    | \$ 2,017,813      | \$ -               | \$ 2,017,813                   |                |
| RESERVES                              |                 |                 |                 |                    |                 |                   |                    |                                |                |
| Operating Reserve                     | \$ 442,000      | \$ 442,000      | \$ 442,000      | \$ 442,000         | \$ 442,000      | \$ 442,000        | \$ -               | \$ 442,000                     |                |
| Cable TV - Capital Outlay Reserve     | 40,515          | 55,609          | 35,294          | 35,294             | 35,294          | 35,294            | \$ -               | \$ 35,294                      |                |
| Infrastructure Improvement Reserve    | 347,019         | 69,989          | 204,015         | 371,467            | 345,473         | 516,322           | \$ 28,953          | \$ 545,275                     |                |
| Supplemental to Trash Truck Reserve*  | -               | -               | -               | -                  | -               | -                 | \$ -               | \$ -                           |                |
| NWEP Trailer Reserve                  | 1,832           | 3,543           | 5,163           | 5,163              | 5,163           | 5,163             | \$ -               | \$ 5,163                       |                |
| Recycling Tipping Fee Restricted Fund | -               | 10,163          | 10,163          | 10,163             | 10,163          | 10,163            | \$ -               | \$ 10,163                      |                |
| Vehicle Replacement Reserve           | 157,032         | 162,956         | 230,769         | 297,669            | 297,669         | 364,569           | \$ (40,000)        | \$ 324,569                     |                |
| Non-Spendable (Prepaid Expenses)      | -               | 7,983           | 8,590           | 8,590              | -               | 8,590             | \$ -               | \$ 8,590                       |                |
| TOTAL of RESERVES *                   | \$ 988,398      | \$ 752,243      | \$ 935,994      | \$ 1,170,346       | \$ 1,135,762    | \$ 1,382,101      | \$ (11,047)        | \$ 1,371,054                   |                |
| Fund Balance less Reserves            | 409,672         | 985,921         | 618,446         | 603,682            | 638,266         | 635,712           | \$ -               | \$ 646,759                     |                |
| Transfers to Reserves                 | 124,245         | 282,499         | 224,774         | 234,352            | 208,358         | 211,755           | \$ 28,953          | \$ 240,708                     |                |
| Reserves Used                         | -               | (432,976)       | -               | -                  | -               | -                 | \$ (40,000)        | \$ (40,000)                    |                |
| Surplus Added or (Used)               | 105,606         | \$ (41,130)     | \$ (13,776)     | 843                | \$ (146,600)    | \$ (50,000)       | \$ -               | \$ (50,000)                    |                |
| Less: Capital Surplus Purchases       | -               | -               | -               | -                  | -               | -                 | \$ (69,251)        | \$ (69,251)                    |                |
| Non-spendable (Prepaid Expenses)      | -               | 3,362           | 607             | 8,590              | -               | 8,590             | \$ -               | \$ 8,590                       |                |
| Surplus Available                     | 639,523         | 797,676         | 830,051         | 847,467            | 700,024         | 806,057           | \$ (80,298)        | \$ 725,759                     |                |

## - 2015 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 Ballev 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 a police officer to enhance police protection in the commercial district and the Town at-large. This additional 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.

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 this additional 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 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 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 police 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, both per \$100 of assessed value, all to be placed in a dedicated road repair improvement fund.

Over the previous six years, the Town was able to set aside enough funds to purchase in fiscal year 2013 a new police patrol car used by the officer to replace the patrol car purchased in 2006.

The fiscal year 2015 Public Safety Taxing District budget proposes no increase in the Public Safety Taxing District's real property tax rate of 10 cents or the business personal property tax rate of 15 cents, both per \$100 of valuation. Also the Dedicated Road Repair Improvement Fund real property and the personal property tax rates will remain unchanged at 3 cents and 7.5 cents respectively.

However, commercial and industrial properties in the Public Safety Taxing District will see an increase in their real property and business personal property tax rate of 1.4 cents and 3.5 cents respectively, both per \$100 of assessed valuation, to fund the Town's operating budget. This will be the first increase in the tax rates that funds the Town's operating budget in 10 years.

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.

Best regards,

Mayor Cheye Calvo and the Berwyn Heights Town Council

| REVENUES                                    | FY10<br>ACTUAL   | FY11<br>ACTUAL   | FY12<br>ACTUAL   | FY13<br>ACTUAL   | FY14<br>ESTIMATED | FY14<br>BUDGET    | FY15<br>PROPOSED  | Council<br>Changes | FY15<br>INTRODUCED | %<br>VARIATION |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| REAL ESTATE TAX-CURRENT YEAR                | \$ 37,149        | \$ 38,791        | \$ 31,871        | \$ 38,390        | \$ 38,049         | \$ 34,986         | \$ 39,119         | \$ -               | \$ 39,119          | 12%            |
| REAL ESTATE TAX-PRIOR YEARS                 | \$ 820           | \$ 244           | \$ 614           | \$ 57            | \$ 368            | \$ 244            | \$ 368            | \$ -               | \$ 368             | 51%            |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX                       | \$ 31,549        | \$ 31,615        | \$ 34,703        | \$ 28,944        | \$ 30,980         | \$ 31,949         | \$ 30,944         | \$ -               | \$ 30,944          | -3%            |
| PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES               | \$ 33            | \$ 692           | \$ 1,324         | \$ 314           | \$ 314            | \$ 1,007          | \$ 1,035          | \$ -               | \$ 1,035           | 3%             |
| MISCELLANEOUS                               | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ 2,691         | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | -              |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                       | <b>\$ 69,551</b> | <b>\$ 71,342</b> | <b>\$ 68,512</b> | <b>\$ 70,396</b> | <b>\$ 69,711</b>  | <b>\$ 68,186</b>  | <b>\$ 71,466</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 71,466</b>   | <b>5%</b>      |
| TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS                       | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ 19,529        | \$ -              | \$ 3,425          | \$ 1,327          | \$ -               | \$ 1,327           | -61%           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                       | <b>\$ 69,551</b> | <b>\$ 71,342</b> | <b>\$ 68,512</b> | <b>\$ 89,925</b> | <b>\$ 69,711</b>  | <b>\$ 71,611</b>  | <b>\$ 72,793</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 72,793</b>   | <b>2%</b>      |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                         |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |                    |                    |                |
| POLICE SERVICES                             | \$ 46,434        | \$ 58,166        | \$ 59,668        | \$ 57,074        | \$ 63,541         | \$ 66,691         | \$ 68,047         | \$ -               | \$ 68,047          | 2%             |
| INSURANCE                                   | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | -              |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS                           | \$ -             | \$ 4,601         | \$ 1,558         | \$ 4,240         | \$ 4,782          | \$ 4,920          | \$ 4,746          | \$ -               | \$ 4,746           | -4%            |
| OPERATING BUDGET                            | \$ 46,434        | \$ 62,767        | \$ 61,226        | \$ 61,314        | \$ 68,323         | \$ 71,611         | \$ 72,793         | \$ -               | \$ 72,793          | 2%             |
| CAPITAL BUDGET-POLICE CRUISER               | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ 28,611        | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | -              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                   | <b>\$ 46,434</b> | <b>\$ 62,767</b> | <b>\$ 61,226</b> | <b>\$ 89,925</b> | <b>\$ 68,323</b>  | <b>\$ 71,611</b>  | <b>\$ 72,793</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 72,793</b>   | <b>2%</b>      |
| <b>Difference - Receipts &amp; Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 23,117</b> | <b>\$ 8,575</b>  | <b>\$ 7,286</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ 1,388</b>   | <b>\$ (3,425)</b> | <b>\$ (1,327)</b> | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ (1,327)</b>  | <b>-61%</b>    |
| <b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>               | <b>\$ 18,982</b> | <b>\$ 42,098</b> | <b>\$ 50,672</b> | <b>\$ 57,958</b> | <b>\$ 37,429</b>  | <b>\$ 37,429</b>  | <b>\$ 38,817</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 38,817</b>   | <b>4%</b>      |
| Surplus Added or (Used)                     | \$ 23,116        | \$ 8,574         | \$ 7,286         | \$ -             | \$ 1,388          | \$ (3,425)        | \$ (1,327)        | \$ -               | \$ (1,327)         | -61%           |
| Less: Capital Budget Purchases              | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ -             | \$ 20,529        | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -              | \$ -               | \$ -               | -              |
| <b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>                  | <b>\$ 42,098</b> | <b>\$ 50,672</b> | <b>\$ 57,958</b> | <b>\$ 37,429</b> | <b>\$ 38,817</b>  | <b>\$ 34,004</b>  | <b>\$ 37,490</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 37,490</b>   | <b>10%</b>     |





## Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team



### EVACUATION

Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood. Use your Family Emergency Plan to decide these locations before a disaster. Select an evacuation destination that is nearest to your home, preferably in the same county, or at least minimize the distance over which you must travel in order to reach your intended shelter location.

If you have a car, keep a full tank of gas in it if an evacuation seems likely. Keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay. Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

**If ordered to evacuate, do not wait or delay your departure.**

If possible, leave before local officials issue an evacuation order for your area (Prince George's County Evacuation Zone #43 includes Berwyn Heights, Westchester Park, parts of College Park and Greenbelt). Even a slight delay in starting your evacuation will result in significantly longer travel times as traffic congestion worsens. Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area. If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency.

**If you decide to evacuate to another county or region, be prepared to wait in traffic.**

Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts; they may be blocked. Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.

**If a hotel or motel is your final intended destination during an evacuation, make reservations before you leave.**

Most hotels and motels will fill quickly once evacuations begin. The longer you wait to make reservations, even if an official evacuation order has not been issued for your area or county, the less likely you are to find hotel/motel room vacancies, especially along interstate highways and in major metropolitan areas.

**If you are unable to stay with friends or family and no hotels/motels rooms are available, then as a last resort go to a shelter.**

Understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan ahead how you will care for your pets in an emergency.



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The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors. Also check the boards for special activities. Drop in to the Center, or attend the meeting, and find out what's going on. There is always something to do even if it is just getting together.

### 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 Schultz |
| May 15 | Leon Swain      |
| May 16 | Deb Hutchison   |
| May 23 | Herman Seeger   |
| May 27 | Calvin Foster   |

### MAY ACTIVITIES

|        |                    |            |
|--------|--------------------|------------|
| May 1  | Pool Night         | 7:00 P.M.  |
| May 3  | Berwyn Heights Day |            |
| May 6  | Bingo              | 12:30 P.M. |
| May 7  | Wii Bowling        | 10:30 A.M. |
| May 8  | Board Games        | 5:00 P.M.  |
|        | Pool Night         | 7:00 P.M.  |
| May 10 | Potluck & Movie    | 5:00 P.M.  |
| May 13 | Meeting            | 11:00 A.M. |
|        | Bingo              | 1:00 P.M.  |
| May 14 | Wii Bowling        | 10:30 A.M. |
| May 15 | Pool Night         | 7:00 P.M.  |
| May 20 | Bingo              | 12:30 P.M. |
| May 21 | Wii Bowling        | 10:30 A.M. |
| May 22 | Board Games        | 5:00 P.M.  |
|        | Pool Night         | 7:00 P.M.  |
| May 27 | Meeting & Potluck  | 11:00 A.M. |
|        | Bingo              | 1:00 P.M.. |
| May 28 | Wii Bowling        | 10:30 A.M. |
| May 29 | Pool Night         | 7:00 P.M.  |

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

May 2014

Berwyn Heights, MD

## Mark Your Calendars

May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week  
May 29<sup>th</sup> - No School - Memorial Day

## Box Tops = Free Money!

**Final Collection for the 2013-2014 school year - June 2nd!** Please keep up the good work!

## 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. We need two parent volunteers per class for a clean-up night. Please contact [Officers@BHESPTA.org](mailto:Officers@BHESPTA.org) to volunteer. A half sheet for teacher appreciation week will be coming home, please fit it out and return to school with your student. Look for more information to come home soon.

**Congratulations** to violinists Julia Groen and Kalani Lucas, violist Christian Kelly, cellist Peter Roberts, clarinetist Elias Guzman, and baritone player Alexander Swisdak for their participation the PGCPs Solo & Ensemble Festival this past Saturday. All of the students received a Number One, Superior Rating from the judges.  
- Darelynn Fung

**THANK YOU** - The BHES PTA would like to thank Beth Brittan-Powell for her more than 10 years of dedicated service to the BHES PTA, Staff and Students. Over the years Beth has chaired many events, has been President, has held other positions and has written and secured Target Grants for our school for several years. These grants help provide our children with free books throughout the school year. Beth has been an invaluable part of not only our PTA but our community. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in our community.

## Volunteers Needed

You have been invited by Kristen Buker to sign up for "Open Positions and Volunteers needed for 2014 PTA." Please type in the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D49AFA923A7FC1-open](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D49AFA923A7FC1-open)



## Gardening

Ms. Halpern, Ms. Harrell and Ms. Levine's classes all headed out to the garden in April. The kids planted their flower and vegetable plants they grew from seeds which consisted of Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cosmos and Zinnias. They also planted other plants to beautify the garden which were Pansies and Violas. The seeds they sowed directly into the soil were Sugar Snap Peas, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Kale and Nasturtiums. They also learned why and how to use the rain barrel and which plants were weeds so they can keep their garden weed free! All three classes will get to harvest and have a Pasta Salad Party at the end of the school year!

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

# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of March 2014. 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.

03/01/2014 at 11:25 am, a 36 y/o, L/m came into the BHPD and reported to Pfc. Ignowski that someone put a burnt cigarette and matches on the driver's seat of his 2005 Ford truck. This incident alleged to occur in the 8700 block of 57th. Avenue. Investigation by PFC Ignowski revealed that there were no burnt cigarette or matches were lighted when deposited onto the seat.

03/01/2014 at 11:02 pm, Pfc. Duck responded to the Comprehensive Primary Care located at 6201 Greenbelt Road Suite U-12 for a report of a break in. The perpetrator(s) did not take any items and fled prior to the arrival of BHPD officers.

03/05/2014 at 8:28 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Shell Gas Station located at the 6001 Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft of a purse from a vehicle.

03/06/2014 at 6:30 am, Det. Unger, members of the BHPD, US Secret Service Task Force along with the PG County Detectives conducted a Search Warrant at 2300 block of Woodberry Street. Hyattsville, MD on a credit card fraud case originated in Berwyn Heights. A Greenbelt Target employee, Ms. Dyan Din-Gabisi, a 23, y/o, b/f, was charged with possession of a payment device number, theft, and credit fraud.

03/06/2014 at 10:30 am, Pfc. Krouse investigated a suspicious subject sitting in a 2001 Nissan Van in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza Mall in front of Target Store. The van is part of a search warrant and was involved in an ongoing fraud investigation. A 22 y/o, b/m, resident of Oxon Hill, MD was identified and sent on way. The van was searched and 6 grams of marijuana was recovered

belonging to Ms. Dyan Din-Gabisi. Charges are pending his involvement in the fraud case.

03/11/2014 at 11:31 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6200 block of Tecumseh Place for a report of vandalism. Victim stated that her glass window to the basement door was damaged by three black females.

On 03/17/2014 at 9:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2001 Chevrolet from the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue. The vehicle was left abandoned in the roadway.

On 03/17/2014 at 10:25 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8400 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of vandalism. Victim stated that her former boyfriend came to her house and broke her door after an argument. She was advised to contact the Commissioner's office.

On 03/18/2014 at 6:18 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 1999 Infinity from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for suspended registration.

On 03/19/2014 at 9:04 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2009 Honda from the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road for driver driving without a license.

03/25/2014 at 12:19 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6300 block of Tecumseh Place for a report of an animal complaint. Complainant stated that a neighbor's pit-bull dog chased his cat. The pit-bull's owner was identified and the Prince George's Animal Management was contacted for additional follow up.

On 03/28/2014 at 8:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Vernon Terrace for a property damage report. A dent was found on the rear fender of a 1998 Ford Escort.

On 03/29/2014 at 10:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue for a fraud report. Victim stated that her bank contacted her and informed her that her credit card was compromised and used at a Safeway store in Greenbelt.

On 03/31/2014 at 9:40 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8900 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 2010 Hyundai SUV. Victim stated that someone had cut his tires.

## NON-EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER (301-352-1200)



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 you want the on-duty Berwyn Heights police officer to respond.
4. In an emergency, Call 911.



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

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**Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger)  
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**Rotation of Playgrounds: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Indian Creek Playground and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at Pop's Park, unless it is raining or too cold in which case we meet indoors at the Town Center.**

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.

Please contact Jaime Sampson ([Sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:Sampson.jaime@gmail.com)) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

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**Rooms for Rent:** \$450.00 - \$500.00. Please call (301) 237-2829.

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

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

**Need Computer help?** Call RJ 240-602-0815. Microsoft A+ Certified.

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

**2 Men's Full Size Leather Golf Bags:** \$50 each. Canning jars pint & quart size: \$5 mix & match a dozen. Call Jeff after 4 PM at 301-474-5803. Cash only.

**Discounted tickets to Capitals' games:** Dream seats are in Sec.107, Row U. Caps shoot twice. This is the handicapped row next to the Monumental box. Easy access with no seats in front or behind you. All tickets are discounted — with no add ons. Contact Jody at [jwg21248@yahoo.com](mailto:jwg21248@yahoo.com).

**College dorm room items for sale:** 3 like-new appliances. Black 4-cup Mr. Coffee Model DRX5 with brew and set delay; small Emerson 2009 Microwave oven Model MW7305B; small Sanyo 2009 refrigerator Model SR-A2480M [301-646-6938](tel:301-646-6938).

**BH Republican Club** meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. For more information, check out the Berwyn Heights Republicans Webpage: [www.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html](http://www.npgcra.com/pages/BHR.html)

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**Dog Walking:** 30 minutes, \$15.00 per walk. Special offers for multiple pets. Local trustworthy neighbor. Pet first aid and CPR certified. Call 240-605-2745.

**Meals-on-Wheels** needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

**Need Yard Help?** Shawn (17) and Jeremy (16) can help with mowing, raking, mulching, and more. Call 301-474-2002.

**Attention Seniors:** Kind, compassionate Berwyn Heights resident available to go grocery shopping, run errands, etc. Please call Mary Ann at (301) 982-9295.

**Childcare:** Miss Debbie, the Mary Poppins childcare provider of 29 years in B.H. is ISO another family. Will play, read, color, do puzzles but no heavy housework as your child is more important. Will also watch children on weekends and evenings. Call (301)345-7622.

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**4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent.** Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or [jmfaruki@yahoo.com](mailto:jmfaruki@yahoo.com).

**Tutor:** Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002, [kathybrosh@gmail.com](mailto:kathybrosh@gmail.com). References available.

**Do you need an affordable daycare?** Hi, my name is Carol and I would like to help you. I'm CPR certified and I have three children on my own. Give me a call if I'm the one you need. (301) 474-0963.

**Jimmy Taylor** will cut grass. To schedule, please call 301-982-1137.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

### Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

### Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

### Playgroup

Jaime Sampson  
[sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:sampson.jaime@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

### Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Jaime Sampson  
[sampson.jaime@gmail.com](mailto:sampson.jaime@gmail.com)

### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

### BH Elementary School PTA


Kristen Buker  
[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-237-2829  
Theresa Beck 301-728-2881  
[Beck-Theresa@yahoo.com](mailto:Beck-Theresa@yahoo.com)





The Bugle – May 2014 

## The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club



**Berwyn Heights Day** is Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! If you would like your child to participate in the annual parade, please have them at the school's lower parking lot by 11:40am. Please remember to let your child wear his or her uniform to represent their Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club team sport.

This year our Boys & Girls Club concession stand will feature many different items including Delicious Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza's, World Class Funnel Cakes, and the kids favorite Fried Oreos Cookies!



**Exciting news!!!** If you've always wanted to go camping and enjoy the great outdoors, this is an event you do not want to miss!!! All BHBGC members are welcome to the camp out! There will be great food, fun, and games for the entire family



**Volunteer** If you have a little time in your schedule to volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club, we would be happy to meet you! Our next meeting will be held on Friday, May 2nd, 2014 at 7:00PM at the Berwyn Heights Town Center. If you would like to help out and want to speak with someone, please contact Shinita Hemby at (202) 531-6066 or by email at [hembygirl@yahoo.com](mailto:hembygirl@yahoo.com).



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**FOR RENT-5609 Goucher DR-4BR,2BA cape,granite kit,2vlrs,FP,sep DR,deck.....\$1800 mo.**

**NEW LISTING/UNDER CONTRACT-6302 Tecumseh PI 4BR 2BA brick bungalow FP, open kit DR,deck.....\$290's.**

**NEW LISTING/UNDER CONTRACT- 8510 60<sup>th</sup> PL 3BR,2BA rambler hdwd flrs, updt'd kit, 3 season addtn...\$260's.**

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# May 2014

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

| Sun                                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                          | Tue                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                                            | Thu                                                            | Fri                    | Sat                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <p>PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET IF POSSIBLE DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.</p> |                                                                                                              |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                |                        |                             |
|                                                                                                         |                                                                                                              | Recycling Collection<br>Yard Waste<br>North South                        | Refuse Collection<br>North South<br>Bulk Pick-up<br>North South                                                                                                | 1  N<br>Recreation Council Meeting<br>7:00 P.M.<br>Town Office | 2  S<br>Street Sweeper | 3<br>BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY<br> |
| 4                                                                                                       | 5  N                                                                                                         | 6  S<br>TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION<br>Polls Open<br>7:00 A.M. to<br>7:00 P.M. | 7                                                                                                                                                              | 8  N                                                           | 9  S                   | 10                          |
| 11<br>                                                                                                  | 12  N<br>Regular Worksession & Budget Worksession<br>7:00 P.M.<br>Town Office<br>Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12 | 13  S                                                                    | 14<br>Town Mtg.<br>7:30 P.M.<br>Town Council Swearing In<br>FY 2015 Budget Approval<br>FY 2014 Budget Amendments<br>Town Office<br>Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12 | 15  N<br>Green Team Meeting<br>7:00 P.M.<br>Town Office        | 16  S                  | 17                          |
| 18                                                                                                      | 19  N                                                                                                        | 20  S                                                                    | 21                                                                                                                                                             | 22  N                                                          | 23  S                  | 24                          |
| 25                                                                                                      | 26<br>Memorial Day<br>Town Offices Closed<br>No Trash Collection                                             | 27  S<br>BHHC Meeting<br>7:30 P.M.<br>Town Office                        | 28  N                                                                                                                                                          | 29  N                                                          | 30  S                  | 31                          |



# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
**5700 Berwyn Road**  
**Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799**

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue ..... 9-1-1  
 Police (Non-Emergency) ..... (301) 352-1200  
 Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554  
 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
 Email: [code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
 Email: [publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7866  
 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
 Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Call-A-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 474-5000

#### Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 [ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health  
 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 [jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Mayor Pro Tem — Department of Public Works (please call before 8:30 p.m.)  
 Rose Almoguera (301) 974-1777 [ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:ralmoguera@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Administration  
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 [pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs  
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Heavy Trash Day:

Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac  
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwyn-heights.com>**  
**Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.**  
**Or email: [emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)**  
**Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!**  
**Helen Van Doren, Design & Layout**