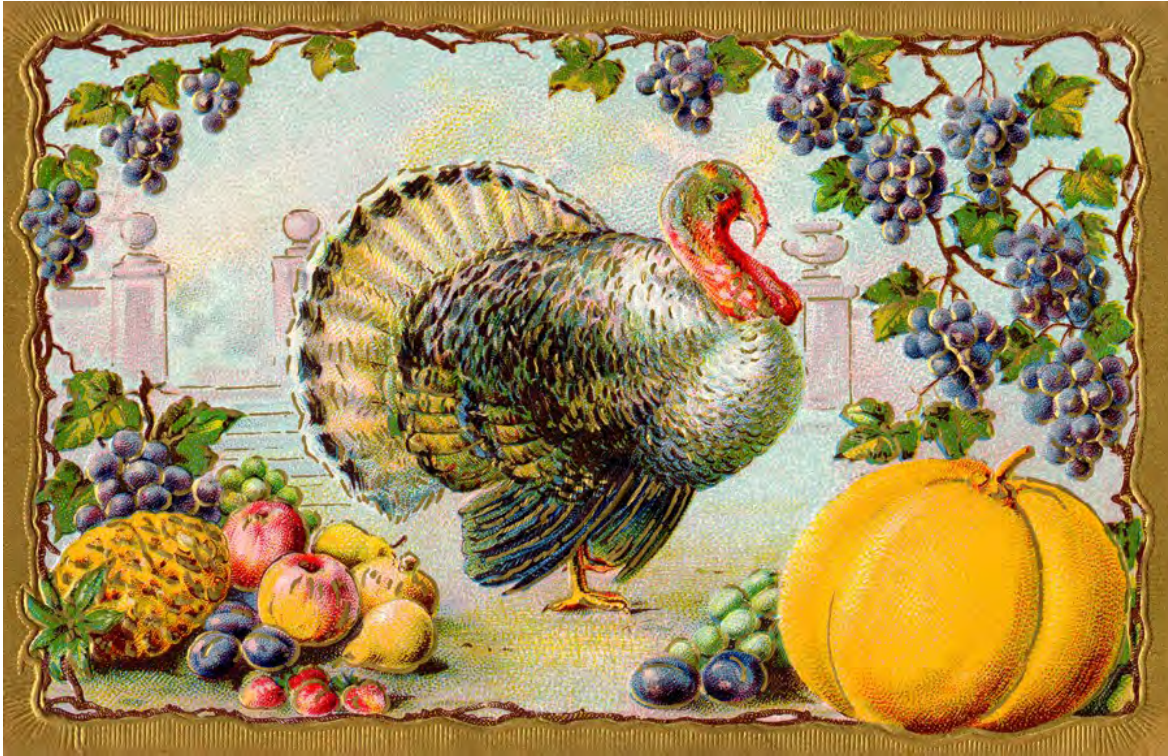


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NEW SCHOOL ZONES

63rd Avenue: 8600, 8900 Blocks

At the October Town meeting, the Town Council designated 63rd Avenue between Pontiac Street and Quebec Street, and between Seminole Street and Greenbelt Road as new school zones.

These stretches of road are used by many students walking to and from Berwyn Heights Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School, or to catch a school bus. Please note that a lower speed limit of 15 miles per hour will now apply during school hours, 7 am - 6 pm.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON
Veterans Day & Thanksgiving

Mon	11/11/13	NO PICKUP
Tue	11/12/13	Trash Collection, Entire Town
Wed	11/13/13	Recycling, Yard Waste, Entire Town
Thu	11/28/13	NO PICKUP
Fri	11/29/13	NO PICKUP
Mon	12/02/13	Normal Pickup
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Please Do **NOT** Leave Trash
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IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS



English Speaking Customers

(202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

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

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

Report Street Light Out

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

Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por

Servicio en Espanol

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR

Registration to be on Priority List

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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Worksession September 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. CM Almoguera had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper and C.P. Johnson Engineers Brian Davila and Gary Dyson.

1. Sidewalks design & engineering field trip (7:05 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.)

Mayor Calvo announced that the Council will go on a field trip with CP Johnson & Associates engineers to discuss design and engineering options for sidewalks along the following priority 1 locations:

- Berwyn Road from Indian Creek Trail to 57th Avenue, 5500 - 5600 block, south side
- 57th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street, 8600 block, east side
- Pontiac Street from 58th to 57th Avenue, 5700 block, north side
- Cunningham Drive from Pontiac Street to Quebec Place, 8600 – 8700 block, east side
- 60th Avenue from Quebec Place to Greenbelt Road, 8700 – 8900 block, east side
- NOT VISITED Pontiac Street in front of BHES, Pontiac Street at Edmonston Road, and 8900 block of 63rd Avenue

1st location, Berwyn Road at Sports Park: The construction of a sidewalk from Berwyn Road Bridge to Sports Park will be relatively simple. With exception of a fire hydrant and a trail sign, there are no obstacles. There is enough room for a grass buffer. However, the sidewalk should be lined up with the existing sidewalk on the bridge.

2nd location, Berwyn Road, 5600 block: Construction of a sidewalk between Sports Park and 57th Avenue will be complicated by trees, utility poles and driveways. There is enough Town right-of-way for a grass buffer, but the sidewalks will have to meander in and out to get around the utility poles. Additionally, it will be necessary to re-grade some areas so that sidewalks will have the required 2% slope toward the street. Runoff from the sidewalks must be directed into the curbs, not into people's yard. Permission from homeowners may be needed to remove trees growing too

close to the Town right-of-way, and prune roots. A crosswalk on Berwyn Road would probably start a little before a utility pole located on the south side, and would connect to the future sidewalk on the east side of 57th Avenue.

3rd location, 57th Avenue, 8600 block: The Council expressed a preference to bump a sidewalk out into the road along the entire length of the block. This would avoid having to work around a number of large trees and utility poles sitting in the right-of-way. As a result, parking may have to be restricted to allow buses and emergency vehicles to get through. Mr. Davila said it would cost approximately \$50 per linear foot to build a 5' wide sidewalk using existing roadway, including \$30 per foot to remove and replace the existing curbs and gutters. The total cost for the entire block, an estimated at 300 feet in length, would be approximately \$15,000.

A bumped-out sidewalk on 57th Avenue would also present the opportunity to rebuild the three-way intersection at 57th Avenue, Pontiac Street and Quebec Street to improve visibility. The crosswalk would best be located around the corner on Pontiac Street and connect to a sidewalk on the north side of Pontiac Street near the storm drain.

4th location, Pontiac Street, 5700 block: This block has no major obstacles or steep grades that require special engineering solutions.

5th location, Cunningham Drive, 8600 block: This block of Cunningham Drive has a number of design challenges, including a steeply-sloped right-of-way, a driveway that needs to be moved, several mature trees and utility poles. The homeowner at the corner of Cunningham Drive and Pontiac Street has consented to have an old driveway moved, so that a retaining wall can be built along the west side of his property. At least one mature tree will have to be removed and root systems of other trees will have to be pruned to build a sidewalk. To get around a utility pole and a fire hydrant, the sidewalk may have to be bumped out into existing roadway.

6th location, Cunningham Drive, 8700 block: The Council recently discussed sidewalk options for the Pop's Park frontage when deciding to relocate the fence. It was decided to place the fence such that a sidewalk would be far enough removed from trees to minimize impact on the roots, and allow for a green strip to be added, which would act as a safety buffer for families walking to the playground. This option requires bumping the curb out into existing roadway. At the north end of the park, this would allow for

the curb line to be straightened out and a landing to be built for a Quebec Place crosswalk. It was noted that narrowing the roadway will make it a tight fit for buses, especially if 2 buses pass each other. The possibility of installing a railing in the safety buffer was raised, especially near the gate.

7th location, 60th Avenue, 8700 block: This block has no significant slopes or obstacles, with the exception of one driveway that could no longer accommodate the property owner's car that is currently parked in the Town right-of-way.

8th location, 60th Avenue, 8800 block: This block has steep slopes, trees and driveways and the fire house. Construction of sidewalks will require significant re-grading of slopes, partial rebuilding of driveways, and/or building a retaining wall. Easements will be needed from the property owners to reconstruct their driveways so that they do not exceed the maximum permitted slope of 10%. Fire house staff expressed concern about pedestrians crossing in front of the fire house. They would prefer sidewalks to be built on the opposite side of the street. Short of that, crosshatching of the driveways would be appropriate to alert pedestrians to fire trucks exiting the station. Fire house staff expressed no objections to their marquee being moved, if the cost is borne by the Town.

9th location, 60th Avenue, 8900 block: This block has steep slopes, several trees and hedges in the right-of-way requiring removal and/or root pruning and rebuilding of stairs and driveways. A retaining wall may need to be constructed at the property where the property owner is unlikely to grant an easement. Bumping sidewalks out into the roadway is not a good solution as it would hinder fire trucks exiting the Town to respond to a call. However, a minimal bumping out of up to 2' may be possible. The sidewalk would end at the southerly property line of the Shell gas station located at the corner of 60th Avenue and Greenbelt Road.

The Council returned to the Town office and resumed the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Sidewalks discussion: Mayor Calvo asked what decisions the Council needs to make tonight so that the engineers can move forward with designing sidewalks. Mr. Davila said no decisions are needed tonight. He has received enough input to come up with design proposals for the problem locations discussed during the tour. He will attempt to incorporate green buffers where possible and include an option for bumped-out sidewalks in the 8900 block of 60th Avenue, which the Town can discuss with the fire

department. To complete the next design phase, a topographical survey first needs to be completed on which to base the designs. It will provide needed information on location of property lines, slopes and elevations. Mr. Davila asked for clarification on the plans for Pop's Park.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council decided at the August 5 worksession to place sidewalks consistent with the Option 4 proposed for Pop's Park sidewalks. This option calls for bumping curbs out into the existing roadway up to 4', while adding a green strip ranging from 3' and 10' in width along the Park frontage. The option included a storm water mitigation project at the north end of the park, which is no longer needed. The County has indicated that a storm water mitigation project at the Public Works yard would provide sufficient offset.

Mayor Calvo said he prefers to have a straight curb and sidewalk and a consistent 3' green strip at Pop's Park. He thinks it is necessary to bump the curb 3' into the roadway at the Park's south end in order not to impact the tree roots too much. CM Almoguera and MPT Wilkinson said they would also like a green strip. CM Almoguera thought it was more important to have a straight, consistent sidewalk/green strip than to be as far away from the trees as possible. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that Option 4 proposed a 4' bump-out, which would make two-way traffic on Cunningham Drive tight. Mr. Davila said that any design he will come up with will have a roadway that is at least 26' wide.

MPT Wilkinson asked whether a retaining wall is needed for a sidewalk in front of Berwyn Heights Elementary School between the entrance and exit of the school driveway. Mr. Davila said no retaining wall is proposed. However, a bump-out may be needed where the BHES sign is. Mayor Calvo noted that the pedestrian landing at Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road is bigger than he remembers. TA Murphy said that it was extended to serve as a bus stop pad and to line up with the Kenilworth Avenue crosswalk.

Announcements: CM Almoguera said that she will bring baby Matthew Antonio to the next few worksessions.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. An executive session to discuss directors' evaluations was scheduled for the October 7 worksession and the merit pay discussion for the October 21 worksession. Clerk Harper plans to attend the MML fall conference in October.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson

and second by CM Dennison, the August 19 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he attended Greenbelt's Labor Day parade and closely observed the line-up. Many politicians participated as next year is an important election year. Candidates marched mostly at the head of the parade, which worked well. He suggested the Town obtain a copy of Greenbelt's parade protocol for next year's Berwyn Heights Day parade. Mayor Calvo further reported that a burglary occurred at a vacant home on Tecumseh Street over the weekend, and copper pipes were stolen. A new scrap yard recently opened in Beltsville, which may provide additional incentive for scrap dealers to accept such metals. Residents and landlords are advised to inform the police when their homes are vacant, so the police can perform house checks during their patrols.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that Code Director Solomon resigned. Two part-time officers and a part-time clerk are working to stay on top of the work load. Their focus will be on rental properties to make sure they are licensed and properly maintained. Vacant properties, including foreclosures, are also being monitored. Residents are encouraged to report any code issues they notice to the Town office, where TA Murphy is now the acting Code Director. TA Murphy said that the hours of the part time Code staff has been increased.

MPT Wilkinson reported that the Public Works Department has installed several dog waste stations around Town in places where dog waste tends to accumulate: near Lake Artemesia parking lot, Ruatan Street at Berwyn Road, the 60th Avenue footpath and in the back of the Community Center near the flagpole.

CM Almoguera announced that Pop's Park playground is now open. The grand reopening celebration will take place on September 7 in conjunction with the annual family BBQ. All are invited to this once yearly 'block party at the playground.' She will provide a list of things Public Works can do to make the sure the park is ready for the celebration. CM Dennison announced other upcoming events.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a comment from a 3rd grader about Pop's Park having been rebuilt for little kids. He also received two comments about the variance request the Council recently supported for a shed on Charlton Avenue. They were under the mistaken impression that the shed would be erected in the front yard. He received

multiple comments about the water main break that occurred in the 5600 block of Berwyn Road last week, in which several basements were flooded. Affected residents reported that WSSC was quick to repair the damage. MPT Wilkinson received a number of positive comments about the Safe Routes to School grant Berwyn Heights was awarded to build a sidewalk in the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue and improve a pedestrian crossing at the school.

Safe Routes To School grant implementation: MPT Wilkinson said that he requested this item because the Town has to take some steps to move forward. TA Murphy said he attempted to call SHA last Friday, but SHA was closed due to furloughs. He will call again this week.

Ordinance 118 - Roads & Rights-of-Ways: Mayor Calvo asked if TA Murphy has been able to get clarification on the issues the Council raised at the last review of the Ordinance. TA Murphy said he has not yet heard back from the people he contacted. Mayor Calvo asked not to place the Ordinance on the agenda until the additional information requested has been obtained.

2. Public Works

BHES pedestrian safety: MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to request Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) to make curb cuts where the pedestrian ramp leads up from the lower parking lot to the community center, and at the end of the sidewalk adjacent to the school driveway entrance. This would make them ADA accessible and easier to use for people with strollers and bicycles. In addition, he would like to request that the Community Center marquee be moved back to improve visibility for cars exiting the lower parking lot. Principal Singer has no objections. He would like to get the Council's input before he makes a formal request. The Council had no objections.

Champion Energy electric supplier: TA Murphy explained that the Town has entered into a new 2 year contract with a new electricity supplier, Champion Energy, at a rate of 0.0899 per kWh. This is lower than the rate the Town is currently paying. The vendor requested that their name (Champion Energy Services) and the related Pepco utility account numbers (3089-2571-11, 3101-1307-34, 3101-5124-02, 3101-6154-03, 3454-0730-28, 3481-0350-16, and 3480-0680-18) be reported in the minutes. Mayor Calvo said that there are no objections to including the information in the minutes, but he questions whether the Council needed to approve this. He noted that

the Town buys its electricity on the open market, and thereby saves considerable amount of money.

3. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the Bulletin cover: Halloween theme, headlines for Trunk or Treat and Lake Artemesia concert, jumps for public hearing on 63rd Avenue school zone, Trick-or-Treat.

Nothing was reported under **4. Code Compliance**, **5. Parks & Recreation**, and **6. Public Safety**.

7. Executive session (9:17 p.m. – 10:12 p.m.)

CM Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter. With matter discussed CM Kulpa-Eddy moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting September 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper and citizens.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the August 14 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that Berwyn Heights Elementary School got off to a good start with one of the best Hello Huskies Nights he can remember. He thanked the PTA for the successful effort. The PTA, working jointly with Green Team, also deserves credit for the beautification of the school entrance area, which now looks very inviting. A student aide recently told him that she decided to complete her teacher training at Berwyn Heights Elementary School when she saw the well kept grounds. Planting and caring for the gardens has become an

integrated part of the school's curriculum and students are regularly working outside through the growing season. Mayor Calvo also thanked CM Almoguera for all her work renovating Pop's Park, which culminated in a wonderful dedication ceremony last weekend. Mayor Calvo then announced upcoming events, noting that the Town sent out a postcard featuring the fall event schedule and the public hearing on new school zones.

Mayor Calvo continued that the sidewalks project took a big step forward last month, when the County indicated its acceptance of a proposed storm water mitigation project at the Public Works Yard. The Town is required by new storm water regulations under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) to offset storm water runoff when it adds paved surfaces in Town in excess of 5,000 square feet. Another step towards the completion of sidewalks was taken when the Council and C.P. Johnson engineers took a tour of the sidewalks route starting at Sports Park and ending at 60th Avenue and Greenbelt Road last week. They discussed special design challenges and possible solutions at particular points along the route, which will serve as the basis for the next set of plans. He hopes design and engineering can be completed this fall so that sidewalks construction can be put out to bid.

The Town also made progress with adding emergency generators to the Town Administration Building and the Town Center. The Town secured State funding and settled on a contractor to design and engineer the backup generator systems. When the installation is complete, the Town will have a safe place for residents to come to during an extended power outage and for the Town to be able to continue to operate.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Council has been busy with staffing issues. Code Director Solomon resigned in August after 20 years of service with the Town. The Council wishes Ms. Solomon all the best in her future endeavors and will work on filling the vacancy after revising the job description. In the coming months, the Council will also work on finding a replacement for Town Administrator Murphy, who will retire at the end of the fiscal year and to transition Acting Public Works Director Lockley to the full director position. The turnover will present opportunities for rethinking how the Town government should function and how the different departments relate to each other.

On a positive note, in August the Town received the last disbursement of its FY

2013 income taxes from the County, bringing the total to \$415,000. Continuing a trend of recent years, this exceeded the budgeted amount of \$345,000 by \$70,000, and makes up for part of the loss in real property tax receipts the Town has to overcome. The money will help make possible the kinds of investments in infrastructure and amenities that make the Town an attractive place to live.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera thanked all those coming out for the reopening of Pop's Park. The park was filled with kids. Invitations were sent out to the PTA and Boys & Girls Club and the Town in general and she was pleased to see such a great turnout, including State delegates and Town Councilmembers. There were even a number of families from out-of-Town, as Berwyn Heights is becoming a go-to place for nice playgrounds. The playground will continue to improve as the fence is going to be rebuilt, sidewalks added and benches installed. There are also plans to add more equipment for older kids.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy said she is sorry she could not attend the reopening. She took part in a memorial stair climb and 3 Kilometer walk to remember the fire fighters that died on 9/11/2001 in the collapse of the World Trade Center. She announced that TA Murphy has been appointed acting director of the Code Department following the resignation of Code Director Solomon. The Council will be reviewing the job description and hopes to be able to advertise the position soon. She wished Ms. Solomon the best for her future.

CM Kulpa-Eddy announced that the "making homes affordable" fund will host a free event on September 17 at FedEx field that will provide home owners the opportunity to meet with their mortgage company or housing counselor to discuss options on how to avoid foreclosure. Further, applications are now accepted for Christmas in April, a program in which volunteers help seniors and disabled people make repairs to their homes for free that they cannot accomplish themselves. Repairs will be made the April 2014.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:

CM Dennison announced that Berwyn Heights Elementary School got off to a great start. Hello Huskies Night drew a record crowd. A back-to-school night for ESOL students is coming up on September 12 and for regular students on September 19. On October 5, the Recreation Council will present the 2nd annual concert at Lake Artemesia,

featuring the Susan Jones Jazz Ensemble. The Recreation Council together with the Community Center staff will again host the *Trunk or Treat* event in the lower school parking lot on October 19.

Public Health and Safety: Mayor Calvo noted that on this 12th anniversary of 9/11, Berwyn Heights police were stationed at the school to provide additional protection. Chief Antolik said that he believes the students are quite aware of the significance of 9/11 although many of them were not yet born when the attack occurred. He congratulated Officer Krouse for completing the *Drug Abuse Resistance Education* (DARE) course. This is an international education program founded by Daryl F. Gates that seeks to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs, and violent behavior.

Chief Antolik then gave the police activities report for August. There was 1 assault, 3 burglaries, and 2 thefts, for a total of 6. This is below the 5 year average of 8. The year-to-date total is 37, also considerably below the 5 year average of 57. Two of the burglaries were in vacant homes, where copper pipes were taken. The third burglary was of a residence on Pontiac Street, which has already been closed and the suspects taken into custody. Further, 69 State citations were issued and 14 parking tickets. With the recent transition to e-tickets, multiple charges can now be logged on one ticket. The Department is still working on reformatting the reporting of citations.

Chief Antolik further reported that a total of 329 speed camera tickets were issued, with 201 on Greenbelt Road, 82 in the 5900 block of Pontiac Street and 47 in the 6200 block of Pontiac Street. He is expecting a spreadsheet from the speed camera vendor to evaluate the issuance of speed camera citations in July. The department will dismiss or refund any tickets given in error.

MPT Wilkinson thanked Chief Antolik and Officer Roberson for quickly solving the burglary on Pontiac Street, which was very reassuring to his family and his neighbors.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported that he was excited to take the sidewalks tour at the last worksession, which showed the progress the Town is making on this project. He noted with concern recent newspaper articles about plans to redevelop the University of Maryland golf course. The project apparently is moving forward, despite reports to the contrary at the last Four Cities Coalition meeting. Another town house development along Route 193 will likely bring more traffic to an already congested corridor and make

it less likely that Beltway Plaza will be redeveloped.

In Public Works news, MPT Wilkinson thanked Acting Director Lockley and his crew for getting Pop's Park ready for the dedication. They brought in and spread mulch, raked and weeded, and removed concrete footers from old play equipment that had remained in the ground. Further, Public Works installed dog waste stations in several priority locations and is making plans to install bike racks at parks and playgrounds. He noted that the next electronic recycling date is on October 26, and that residents can drop off their recyclables in designated containers at the Berwyn Heights Public Works yard the week prior. Loose leaf collection begins on November 1 and residents are requested to rake leaves to the curb, but not into the street. If the leaf machine just was on a particular street to collect leaves, it will take approximately 2 weeks to come around again. Lastly, Public Works is looking forward to the next Trunk or Treat event and plans another great exhibit.

5. Committee Reports

Green Team: Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team has been making progress on a community garden, which is the centerpiece of their effort to earn the Sustainable Maryland bronze certification. Kristin Larson, the newest Green Team member, was recently appointed to an environmental management job by the City of Bowie.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP will participate in an Emergency Preparedness event in Greenbelt on September 29 and will bring its trailer. She reminded residents that September is National Preparedness month and urged everyone to put together an emergency kit. On October 19 and 20, a CERT training class will be held in Laurel. Residents can contact the NW/EP to sign up. The next NW/EP meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2.

6. Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 118 - Roads & Public Rights-of-Way: Mayor Calvo said that the Council will not take any action on this Ordinance tonight but continue discussing the Ordinance at upcoming worksessions. The Town received a letter from Pepco's Vice President for Public Relations, Jerry Pasternak, in which he made a number of constructive comments on the Ordinance. The Council may invite him to a future meeting to discuss his comments. The Town is still waiting for a tree planting plan Pepco

was asked to provide for the Town for the Edmonston Road buffer. TA Murphy was asked to follow up.

7. New Business

There was none.

8. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura of 57th Avenue asked for clarification on the recent change in school zone hours. Mayor Calvo explained that the Council approved an extension of school hours from 7 am to 6 pm in school zones when school is in session. During those times, the speed limit is 15 mph. No changes in hours were made for the school zones on Edmonston Road or Greenbelt Road. However, the Town has asked the State Highway Administration (SHA) to adjust the hours for the Greenbelt Road school zone so as to match Greenbelt Middle School hours. MPT Wilkinson added that the new hours would also apply to new school zones in the 8600 and 8900 blocks of 63rd Avenue, which the Council plans to designate at the October Town meeting.

Mr. Ventura asked what the problem was that caused Berwyn Road to be covered with mud. Mayor Calvo replied that a major water main break occurred in the 5600 block of Berwyn Road, which resulted in a disruption of water service and flooding of basements. He had the opportunity to speak with several affected residents, who said that WSSC was very responsive in repairing any damage to their homes. The Town has to follow up with WSSC regarding repairs to the road when the mud has dried.

Mr. Ventura commented that the Town should start to think about enforcing 'no parking' areas at Indian Creek Park now that a new parking area has been created next to the T-ball field. Frequently cars are parked in the intersection at 56th Avenue and Seminole Street, which could easily lead to accidents. Chief Antolik replied that in a T-intersection, like this one, parking is permitted. However, his officers will talk to the owner of any car parked in the intersection if it impedes traffic flow. He has recommended that yellow lines be painted to indicate the 'no parking' areas. Mayor Calvo added that the Council already made decisions about where cars cannot park, such as the embankment along the T-ball field. But enforcement has been postponed until the new parking area would be finished. The Council needs to revisit the issue to make sure the 'no parking' plan is implemented.

Lastly, Mr. Ventura expressed his opposition to the 'stop for pedestrians' signs that have been installed in the middle of Ber-

wyn Road at the Indian Creek trail crossing and on Pontiac Street at Edmonston Road. He said that he has difficulty getting through with his pickup truck when cars are parked on the side of the road, and he believes that emergency vehicles would also have difficulty. He thinks that the signs pose a traffic hazard and could be placed on the side rather than in the middle of the road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession September 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Calvo had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy via Skype, Clerk Harper and Dimensions Health Care Board Member Thomas Hendershot.

Announcements: CM Dennison's mother will celebrate her 88th birthday this week. MPT Wilkinson, CM Kulpa-Eddy and CM Almoguera graduated from the Academy of Excellence in Local Governance last weekend. MPT Wilkinson will attend a Safe Routes to School grant training workshop on September 18.

Calendar: The Council reviewed the calendar. The date for the legislative delegation dinner was tentatively set for December 5. Clerk Harper is to follow up with members of the District 22 delegation and County Councilmember Olson.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the September 3 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: CM Almoguera reported that the Pop's Park dedication was very well attended and that everyone had a good time. She thanked Public Works for getting the park ready for the event. CM Dennison reported that the Ice Cream Social went very well. Recreation Council member Tim Tormoen had a sample display of a Halloween decorated car out front to advertise for *Trunk or Treat*.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that, under TA Murphy's direction, the Code Department staff is keeping up with code matters as best they can. Their focus is on rental properties. MPT Wilkinson added that the new code car is being serviced under

warranty at the dealership, while the old code car is maintained in-house by Public Works.

Citizen comments: CM Almoguera received a number of comments about the new playground at the reopening ceremony. Many families are looking forward to sidewalks and a new entrance being installed in the near future. MPT Wilkinson received several emails supporting the pedestrian crosswalk signs. He also received a request from school teachers, who have received speed camera tickets, to clarify the speed limit in school zones and school hours during which the 15 mph limit is in effect. He did so, adding that the money from tickets is used to improve pedestrian facilities in the Town. The Council received many comments about the postcard to residents that announces an October 10 public hearing on school zones, as well as upcoming community events.

MPT Wilkinson noted that the curb at the intersection of Cunningham Drive/ 60th Avenue at Quebec Place across from Pop's Park has not yet been painted yellow. TA Murphy said that he still needs to notify the homeowner who will be affected by the 'no parking' zone before painting. MPT Wilkinson also asked if SHA has replied to the Town's request to extend the school hours for the Greenbelt Road school zone. TA Murphy replied that he has not received a reply yet.

Dimensions Health Care certificate of need: TA Murphy explained that Attorney Thomas Hendershot, who is a board member of the Dimension Healthcare System, was to make a presentation and request the Town's support for construction of a new hospital in Prince George's County. Dimensions Health Care is seeking support from all Prince George's municipalities for a certificate of need that must be filed with the State Health Care Commission, which reviews the application. If the Council decides to support the request, a letter of support has been prepared for MPT Wilkinson's signature.

MPT Wilkinson asked where the new hospital will be located; CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the site selected will be near the Largo Town Center and the Largo Metro station. This location is convenient to most Prince Georgians and would not take much longer for Berwyn Heights residents to reach. CM Dennison moved and CM Almoguera seconded to approve the letter of support. The motion passed 4 to 0. Clerk Harper will mail the signed letter tomorrow.

Ordinance 118 - Roads & Rights-of-Ways: TA Murphy explained that the Council wanted to know whether the

Town has the legal right to require a permit when a utility does work in the Town right-of-way, and whether it can charge a fee. The Town reached out to MML who provided a legal opinion that confirms a municipality's right to do so. However, WSSC has a legal exemption from the permit fee requirement.

MPT Wilkinson asked if the permit requirement and fee constitute an "unreasonable burden." TA Murphy replied that he believes that a permit fee of \$100 proposed in the Ordinance is not unreasonably burdensome. Further, Pepco Vice President Pasternak, who provided a written comment on the Ordinance, in effect agreed with his interpretation of a recent State law that affirms a municipality's right to regulate tree trimming work, as long as the standards are reasonable. Mr. Pasternak also suggested that a separate definition for "Vegetation" be added to *Section 3 - Definitions*, instead of including it under *Section 3G - Road or Street*; and that *Section 4H - Growth of Foliage* include "electric power lines, meters and transformers" as part of the utility infrastructure from which vegetation should be kept clear.

CM Kulpa-Eddy pointed out that Mr. Pasternak states in his letter that Pepco cannot provide the information necessary to determine permit duration because their contracts are confidential. This means that the duration of a permit and associated fees, as set forth under Section 8, cannot be determined in advance of the project. She proposed to issue a permit for the minimum duration of 3 months, if Pepco cannot divulge information on project duration, and renew it as needed. The Council agreed. The provision should be added to Section 8 of the Ordinance. MPT Wilkinson asked to add headers for the columns on construction costs and permit duration in Section 8.

TA Murphy continued that *Section 18 - Right to Appeal* was broadened based on the Council's previous comments. Not only would utilities and contractors be given the right to appeal violation notices, but could also appeal permit-related issues, including denial of a permit. He would like the Council to give additional guidance on this. CM Kulpa-Eddy and MPT Wilkinson thought that the broader right to appeal should remain. Appeals under Ordinance 118 are likely to be a rare occurrence. TA Murphy thought the number of permits issued to utilities could range from 20 to 30 per year.

TA Murphy also called attention to a point made in the MML legal opinion that

there must be a clear delegation of authority from the municipal governing body to the Town Administrator or designee to issue or deny permits and enforce the Ordinance. This is spelled out in *Section 12 - Authority of the Town Administrator, Code Department and Police Department* as well as other sections of the Ordinance. Consequently, *Section 6E* needs to be revised to read "The Town Administrator may refuse..." so as to conform to the remainder of the Ordinance.

Dimensions Healthcare System certificate of need, continued: MPT Wilkinson welcomed Attorney Tom Hendershot, who had arrived late. He said that the Council has already approved a letter of support for the proposed new hospital in Prince George's County. Mr. Hendershot thanked the Council for the support, and said he would be happy to answer any additional questions. He noted that he serves on the board of directors for Dimensions Health Care, which has entered into a partnership with the University of Maryland Medical System to build the new hospital at the Largo Town Center. The Maryland Health Care Commission requires a certificate of need before it approves any new hospital, and advised Dimensions Health Care that letters of support from communities served by the hospital would be helpful.

Responding to questions, Mr. Hendershot said, initially, 5 locations were under consideration for the hospital, but it came down to Landover Mall and Largo Town Center. The County negotiated the contract and was offered a better deal by Largo Town Center. This location is about 5 miles from the current location of the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, and accessible from the Beltway. The old hospital will be turned into medical offices, and will likely collaborate with the Prince George's Health Department still located there. Depending in part on the certificate of need review process; the new hospital could open in 2016.

2. Administration

Four Cities agenda items: MPT Wilkinson said that the next Four Cities meeting will take place on October 23 in Greenbelt. Greenbelt has invited the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Adam Ortiz to make a presentation on a proposed new animal shelter. The Council added the following agenda items: updates on the UMD golf course redevelopment, FBI relocation and Four Cities' promotional video, and the Greenbelt Station development.

63rd Avenue 8900 block sidewalk design: MPT Wilkinson explained that the sidewalk plan to be discussed tonight is for the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue, which leads to the crossing for Greenbelt Middle School. This section will be funded with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant. The plan calls for the sidewalk to be built adjacent to the curb with bump-outs for utility poles, a retaining wall where the slopes are steep, and tie-ins with existing sidewalks and driveway entrances. One of his main concerns is the traffic going in and out of the McDonald's parking lot. He has therefore asked for a railing to be funded as part of the grant. Another issue that needs to be explored is whether the Presbyterian Church will grant an easement to move a sidewalk further into their property, where the slope is less steep. Mr. Powell is the contact person at the church to talk to about the easement.

TA Murphy said that a lot of re-grading may be required to move the sidewalk further into the property. This could damage the root system of the old oak trees that grow there. Options might also be limited by the topographical survey the engineers still have to perform for this location. CM Kulpa-Eddy noted that the plan locates the sidewalk in Town right-of-way, whereas it would probably be easier to build it further into the property, where an easement is needed. MPT Wilkinson said that it would be useful for the engineers to walk the site with Mr. Powell and himself to discuss the options. He asked if there is a cost estimate available for the sidewalk. TA Murphy said there is none yet, but it will probably come with the final design.

Pop's Park rededication plaque: MPT Wilkinson said that he noticed a plaque at Pop's Park during the reopening ceremony that memorializes the 2002 renovation and rededication. He proposed to add another plaque for this year's renovation: "Pop's Park Rededicated 2013" The Council had no objections. TA Murphy said that the plaque can be funded from the Administration budget.

Employee holiday lunch date: December 13 and 20 were earmarked as possible dates, with a final decision to be made when all Councilmembers are present.

At 8:35 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Nothing was reported under 3. **Code Compliance**, and 4. **Parks & Recreation**,

5. Public Safety

Parking at Indian Creek: MPT Wilkinson asked TA Murphy to explain the 'no

parking' plan for 56th Avenue included in the agenda packet. TA Murphy said that the plan was first developed with Chief Antolik in June 2012. Implementation was postponed until the grassy area next to the T-ball field had been prepared for parking. Starting at the intersection of 56th Avenue and Seminole Street, no parking is proposed for the entire east side of 56th Avenue to Ruatan Street, marked by a yellow line on the roadway. The owner of 8807 56th Avenue has posted a small 'no parking on grass' sign on the property but is believed not to want a large 'no parking' sign on the property. On the west side, no parking is proposed all along the frontage of the T-ball field, which has a steep embankment, and between the newly prepared grassy parking area and the intersection with Ruatan Street. These, too, would be marked by yellow lines on the roadway.

MPT Wilkinson said that there should be signage that explicitly identifies the 'no parking' area along the T-ball field and directs patrons to the grassy parking area. He suggested posting a sign at each end of the T-ball field saying 'no parking between signs' with an arrow pointing to the other sign. Another sign mounted on the post nearest the bollards should say 'additional parking' with an arrow toward the parking area. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the parking area itself should have some kind of markings to tell users how to park there. She suggested installing concrete bumpers at a 45 degree angle to guide drivers into the correct slots. MPT Wilkinson said that this would make it difficult for Public Works to mow. Instead, a sign could be posted saying 'front end parking only' to help patrons park correctly.

MPT Wilkinson further suggested the following parking arrangements at the playground entrance: Create one handicapped parking space between the entrance and the stop sign at the basketball court; create a general parking area for front-end parking south of the entrance in front of bollards. CM Almoguera said that if the proposed plan, which shows 3 handicapped spots in front of the bollards, is carried out, it would eliminate prime parking close to the playground. This may reduce the number of people that want to use this park.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the stop sign north of the playground entrance could perhaps be moved further away to create more parking close to the park. However, she asked that the plan be reviewed by Chief Antolik to ensure that the parking areas conform to stop sign regulations. She also suggested that the proposed signage and road markings for the re-

vised parking plan be transposed on a Google map to make it easier to understand. The Council can then review it at the next worksession with input from the Chief before approving it.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Public Works.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



NEW SMOKE DETECTOR LAW:

Did you know that 75 % of fatal fires occur in homes without a smoke alarm or working smoke detector, according to the United States Fire Administration ?

A new Maryland law took effect July 1 that requires homeowners, builders and apartment managers to have ten-year, sealed smoke alarms installed by the year 2018. Some counties, including Prince George's, are asking builders and apartment complexes to be in compliance now.

The smoke alarms are sealed and have lithium-powered alarms and a hush function which will quiet the alarm without removing the battery. Retailers in Maryland can continue to sell standard smoke alarms until 2018, but consumers can expect to see a transition at stores as they start stocking shelves with the 10-year alarms.



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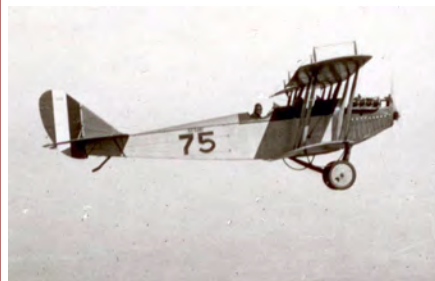


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Wine & Cheese Reception

Saturday, November 6

7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Tickets & Reservations

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BULLETIN ADVERTISING RATES

TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
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Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team



Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events. Primary concerns are the potential loss of heat, power, telephone service, and a shortage of supplies if storm conditions continue for more than a day.

Preparing for a Winter Storm

- Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.
- Have adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Put Together a Supply Kit

- Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day.
- Food—at least a 3-day supply; high energy food, such as dried fruit or candy, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration is best.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information.
- Extra medicine and baby items.
- Cell phone with chargers (extra battery, electrical outlet and car adaptors)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.

After a Winter Storm

- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power or heat during periods of extreme cold. Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: **shelter 12345**).
- Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible.

Winter storms are considered “Deceptive Killers” because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Most people die in traffic accidents on icy roads or of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold.

Stay Warm/Stay Safe



Leaf Collection

Annually, starting on November 1st, the Town provides daily leaf vacuum services. This year the service will continue through Tuesday, December 31, 2013 excluding observed holidays unless otherwise noted in future publications. During the leaf vacuum season, bagged leaves will be collected from in front of your residence on your scheduled yard waste collection day.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014: PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT PLASTIC BAGS FOR YARD WASTE DISPOSAL. PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS WILL STILL BE PERMITTED AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT YOUR LOCAL HARDWARE OR GROCERY STORE.

Reminders . . .

- Rake your leaves to the curb or to the sidewalk, if one exists. Public Works crews will not vacuum leaves from private property. Please be advised that the leaf crew cannot return until the following week if your leaves are not out in advance and in the proper format.
- Remove all cans, bottles, sticks, toys and debris from your piles of leaves. These items can cause very expensive damage to the Town's equipment.
- Please remove parked cars from the path of the leaf vacuum. It is very difficult to collect piles of leaves from between parked cars.

There will be no leaf vacuum services provided on the following holidays:

Monday, November 11, 2013	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 28, 2013	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29, 2013	Day after Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 24, 2013	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25, 2013	Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31, 2013	New Year's Eve

Questions or Comments . . .

There is no set loose leaf collection schedule due to the fact that there is only one leaf collection machine and operating crew and residents place their loose leaves at the curb for collection at varying times. Residents that would like to know which side of Town the leaf machine is operating on may contact the Department of Public Works at 301-474-6897 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or via e-mail at publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us



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



Happy Thanksgiving

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Daylight Savings is Sunday Nov. 3rd

Change your Clock, Change your batteries!

Berwyn Heights VFD encourages all residents to CHANGE the batteries in their smoke alarms when they set their clocks back one-hour on November 3rd. After replacing the old battery with a new one, CHECK your detector to ensure it is



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button. Next, COUNT the smoke alarms in your home. In Prince George's County, you are required by law to have at least one working smoke alarm in the hallway directly adjacent to sleeping areas.

Christmas Trees!

We will start our annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser sale Saturday Nov. 30th! Be sure to get yours soon because they sell fast! More info & prices will be on our December Bulletin page, as well as on our website & Facebook page.

M-F: 5pm to 9pm, Sat & Sun: 11am to 9pm

Fund Drive Still in Progress!

Just a quick reminder that it's not too late to donate to our annual Fund Drive Mailer Fundraiser! Feel free to mail them in or drop them off yourself. For residents who have already donated, **thank you**. You have directly contributed towards the new ambulance we plan to purchase this year.

Kitchen Safety on Thanksgiving

(and year round!)

Thanksgiving Day is one of our Department's busiest days of the year, as we usually respond to dozens of cooking-related emergencies. Give our volunteer firefighters a break and follow these simple fire safety tips while preparing your family's Thanksgiving meal:

- **Oven Fire? Keep the oven door closed!** This will contain the harmful smoke and help prevent the fire from spreading to the rest of the kitchen.
- Keep a small ABC Fire Extinguisher handy to help knock down stovetop fires that may ignite.
- Don't leave cooking food unattended! This is the leading cause of kitchen fires.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, or towels- away from your stovetop.
- Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Young children are at high risk of being burned by hot food and liquids. Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- Replace old or worn oven mitts to prevent burns.



Congratulations to Former Fire Chief Charles Fusco!

On September 19th BHVFD former Fire Chief Charles Fusco was inducted into the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Hall of Fame after 35 years of volunteer service to the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department and it's Community. Chief Fusco served as the Fire Chief of BHVFD for many years. In addition, he also served many years as the Volunteer Northern Division Commander whose responsibility included coordinating operations in Northern Prince George's County. Chief Fusco is still active with BHVFD as a member of the Board of Directors. We are thankful for all he has given to make BHVFD the strong, proud, respected Volunteer Department it is today.

Station 14 Call Volume: Sept. 2013

Rescue Squads:	157
Ladder Truck:	81
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	3
Ambulances:	177
Total Station Runs for September:	418

Have a question or concern? Please feel free to contact us!

Fire Chief Danny McCoy: dmccoy@bhvfd14.org

President James Hurley: jhurley@bhvfd14.org

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Come join us at our next event to learn more about the fascinating battles and chain of events that took place in Prince George's County, that ultimately led up to the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner".

A preview from our guest speaker, Mr. Patrick O'Neill:

"Seven British warships ascended the Potomac River to assist in the attack on Washington in August, 1814, but arrived after the capital was invaded and burned. . . . Upon their descent, Virginia and Maryland militia and U.S. Navy seamen engaged the warships for five days in the Battle of

the White House near Mount Vernon, in one of the longest battles of the war. The American military response caused the main fleet to alter course in the Chesapeake in a rescue effort, which had a direct effect on the attack on Baltimore and Fort McHenry less than one and a half weeks later."

The BHHC welcomes volunteers who are interested in assisting with events and projects. The BHHC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

The next BHHC meeting will be held on November 26th.

Mark your calendars! . . .

EXHIBITS

VETERANS' DAY
WEEKEND

Door
Prizes!

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

Sunday—Nov. 10th • 2:00 p.m.

at the Town Center (upstairs)



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GUEST
SPEAKER



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"Battle of the White House"

Patrick O'Neill is a professional archaeologist and historian, with over 30 years of experience on historical research projects across the nation.

This presentation stems from 12 years of personal research for the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 coming next summer in 2014.



BHHC BLOG: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

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SOLD- 6113 Ruatan St- 3BR, 1BA rambler.....\$204,900.

UNDER CONTRACT- 8720 63rd Av-3BR, 2BA rambler.....

UNDER CONTRACT- 6021 Berwyn Rd 4BR, 2.5 BA split level.....

UNDER CONTRACT- 5813 Ruatan St- 3BR, 1.5 BA rambler w/ garage.....

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- * GUTTER CLEANING
& MORE

Recreation Council Events & Updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

BERWYN HEIGHTS CLEAN-UP DAY! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

Come beautify our town and help the environment! Volunteers needed, (it's a great way for students to earn community service hours).

Event Details:

The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help clean up litter around town and at **Indian Creek on Saturday, November 9, from 10AM – 12:30PM. Registration will begin at 10AM at the Town Center.** Participants should wear pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes. We will provide instructions and distribute clean-up supplies, (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags, and pickers). ***Free pizza/drinks will be provided to all volunteers!*** Rain date is Saturday, November 16. For more information contact Tara Lewis, the event coordinator, at (301) 974-2389 or taralewis20740@live.com.

Not so sure it's for you? Here are some reasons to join.

- Your community needs you! Trash is quite visible in our small town. A not-so-fun fact, litter doesn't degrade quickly; an aluminum can takes hundreds of years to degrade and a plastic bottle more than a thousand. If we don't dispose of trash properly it will still be here for our great-great grandchildren.
- Your efforts will make a BIG difference.
- Great excuse to get some fresh air and exercise *while* doing something for our town.
- You'll feel good...picking up litter is surprisingly rewarding. It's satisfying to see a clean, rubbish free space that you've created.
- You'll help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well maintained.
- You'll see your neighbors and maybe make some new friends.

BERWYN HEIGHTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY DECEMBER 7, 2013

We hope you will join us for this wonderful winter tradition! We will be gathering to sing carols, light the town tree, and make holiday crafts. Phil Ventura will delight us with his accordion...and Santa Claus will make a special appearance! Apple cider, hot chocolate, and desserts will be served as an extra treat.

Where: Berwyn Heights Senior Center

When: 6PM-8PM

Details: Crafts from 6PM-7PM, Santa Claus is coming (to town) at 6:30PM, and the Tree Lighting will be at 7:15PM. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy for TOYS FOR TOTS. Donations also will be accepted at the Town Office before the event.

REMINDERS & UPDATES

TRAVELING GARDEN AWARD – Did you receive *The Curious Garden*, by Peter Brown, on your doorstep this summer? If so, congratulations! You are the recipient of the Traveling Garden Award! Call the Town Office to register in the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Behnke's Nursery. Recipients will be honored at a special reception in January...details to follow. All copies of books are due back at the Town Office by Nov. 1, 2013. Please drop off your copy and make sure your name and address are written on the sheet in the inside cover☺

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7PM at the Town Office. All are welcome!

Recreation Council Contacts: Trinity Tomsic-301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com, Jaime Sampson-sampson.jaime@gmail.com, Tim Tormoen-totormoen@yahoo.com

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of September 2013. 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.

09/01/2013 at 10:45 pm, Pvt. Duck responded to the 8600 block of Cunningham Drive for a report of a black male, who ran out of a cab without paying for the service.

09/02/2013 at 9:30 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5900 block of Tecumseh Street for a report of a burglary of a vacant house. Unknown person(s) entered the house through the basement door and once inside, removed copper pipes. Case is being investigated by Det. Unger.

9/05/2013 at 6:55 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8600 block of 60th Avenue for a report of vandalism to a 2006 Toyota truck.

09/05/2013 at 9:00 am, Pfc. Thompson arrested Mr. London Feliciano, a 24 y/o, b/m, New Jersey resident, who had an open warrant for a homicide in NJ. Mr. Feliciano was transported from the 5400 block of Berwyn Road to DOC awaiting his extradition back to NJ.

09/05/2013 at 4:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a theft report from the 6200 block of Ruatan Street. Case is currently being investigated by Det. Unger.

09/06/2013 at 3:45 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the BHES for a report of a child taken out of the school without

permission. Investigation revealed that it was the child's uncle. However, he refused to identify himself to the Vice Principal of the school.

09/06/2013 at 9:29 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1993 Toyota from the location of Edmonston Road and Pontiac Street. The driver, a 26 y/o, Latino male from Riverdale, MD was driving without a license.

09/11/2013 at 11:45 am, Det. Unger recovered several stolen items from various pawn stores in in Maryland.

09/14/2013 at 1:03 am, Pfc. Ignowski and Pvt. Duck responded to the 8900 block of 56th Avenue for a drunk and disorderly call. On scene, officers identified six Latino males, all residents of Berwyn Heights, College Park, and Greenbelt. All were separated and sent on way.

09/14/2013 at 12:55 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 58th Avenue for a report of a tampering of a 1997 Honda. Unknown person entered the vehicle during the night.

09/16/2013 at 8:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 59th Avenue for a report of a broken window. It is unknown how the window was broken.

09/16/2013 at 9:20 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the US Fuel located at the 5901 Greenbelt Rd. Employee of the gas station stated that someone smashed the glass on the door with an unknown object at approximately 5:15 am but did not report it at that time.

09/18/2013 at 9:15 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1998 Chevy Truck from the location of Pontiac St. and 63rd Avenue. The driver's DC license expired in 2007.

09/18/2013 at 2:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski and the Chief of Police assisted a warrant service at the location of 8400 block of Cunningham Drive. A 17 y/o, Latino male was extracted from the said location for attempted homicide.

09/19/2013 at 10:15 am, Pfc. Krouse initiated a field stop on a suspicious 18 y/o, b/m, at the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue. The male was identified and possessed marijuana on his person.

09/20/2013 at 6:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the KFC located at 6101 Greenbelt Road for a report of an internal theft. On scene, the Director of Loss Prevention advised Pfc. Roberson that his store manager have been embezzling from the restaurant totaling over \$7,000.00. Pfc. Roberson arrested Mr. Marquis Settle, a 35 y/o, b/m a Hyattsville resident and charged him with Felony Theft over \$1,000.00.

09/24/2013 at 6:06 am, Chief Antolik responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of theft from a vehicle. Unknown person broke the rear driver's side vent window and removed a book bag from the vehicle.

09/24/2013 at 6:30 am, Chief Antolik responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a theft from vehicle. Unknown person removed an in-dash radio and Air Jordan shoes from the vehicle. It is unknown if the vehicle was properly secured prior to the theft.

09/24/2013 at 7:00 am, Chief Antolik responded to the Town Hall where a 38 y/o, b/m stated that someone stole his bicycle from Osage Street. He further stated that he left his Schwinn bike secured to a pole near Sport Park overnight.

09/27/2013 at 1:00 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2012 Toyota Camry from the location of Edmonston Road at Tecumseh Place. The driver was unlicensed.





Berwyn Heights GreenTeam



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next Green Team meeting is November 20 at 7:00 pm (Town Office).

Reminder: Saturday, November 9: Berwyn Heights Clean-up Day!

Come beautify our town and help the environment!

Volunteers needed (it's a great way for students to earn community service hours).

Event Details:

The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council is looking for volunteers to help clean up litter around town and at Indian Creek on **Saturday, November 9, from 10 am – 12:30 pm.** Registration will begin at 10 am at the Town Center. Participants should wear pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes. We will provide instructions and distribute clean-up supplies, (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags, and pickers). **Free pizza/drinks will be provided to all volunteers!** Rain date is Saturday, November 16. For more information contact Tara Lewis, the event coordinator, at [\(301\) 974-2389](tel:3019742389) or taralewis20740@live.com.

Sunday, November 17 Composting Class

Composting is a great way to reduce waste and add nutrients to your soil! Come and learn how to compost in your backyard! Fall is a great time to start composting since there are plenty of dry leaves available to keep your compost balanced. You will learn what materials are compostable, the types of containers you can use, and what you can do with the finished compost. The event is free of charge and will be held at the Town Center (2nd Floor) on November 17 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



Community Design Contest:

Design a Sign to Help Promote Local Farmers' Markets

The Green Team is focusing on promoting local farmers' markets, and needs your help!

Share your artistic talent with the community! We're looking for food or farm related artwork that we can display on a sign that will have information about where to find nearby farmers' markets.

The selected design will be included on a permanent sign that will be placed on the corner of Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue. All Berwyn Heights residents are eligible to participate in the contest. We would like to have a colorful and eye-catching sign, so be creative! (Please develop your design on a standard 8.5X11 inch document; the chosen design will be resized for the sign.)

The deadline for submissions is December 9. You can email your design to bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com or drop off your drawing at the Town Center.

Reminder: Light Bulb & Battery Recycling Bins at Town Center & Elementary School

Do you have old light bulbs and batteries lying around your home? Don't trash them, recycle them!

There are recycling bins available outside of the Town Center and in the Berwyn Heights Elementary School office; come by and drop them off!

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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

November 2	Gayle Hillery
	Jean McConnell
November 4	Evelyn Manill
November 5	Marilyn Dillon
November 11	Laura Strobel
November 12	Jack Carlson
November 13	Zymie Eley
	Jeff Gourley
November 14	Ray Smith
November 19	J. David Morris
November 25	Thomas Williams
	Hannah Carlson
November 26	Judith Lee Gardner

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

November 5	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
November 6	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
November 7	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
November 9	Potluck & Movie	11:00 A.M.
November 12	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
November 13	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
November 14	Pool & Game Night	7:00 P.M.
November 19	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
November 20	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
November 21	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
November 26	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
November 27	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
November 28	THANKSGIVING	7:00 P.M.
	DAY—CENTER	

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AT 7:00 P.M.**



BULLETIN BOARD

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.

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

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

wyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at (301) 345-1746

Computer Repair: Having computer problems? Want files moved from an old computer to a new one? Flat rates cheaper than any store around. Call Jason 301-919-9980.

Pet Services: Experienced dog walker and pet sitter available. Will happily help you with your pets. Call Katelyn, 301-233-2588.

Lawn mowing and trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

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.

Berwyn Heights Cleaning: Cleaning your home like my own. Residential & commercial. References available in Berwyn Heights. Over 10 years professional experience. Providing my own materials and rational price. 240-645-5140 or angelalazo1@hotmail.com

4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent. Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or 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. 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
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

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

BH Elementary School PTA

Kristen Buker
President@BHESPTA.org



Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

November 2013

Berwyn Heights, MD

Walk-a-thon

A huge thank you to Kristen Buker for chairing this event.

We would also like to thank the chaperones for their valuable time and all of the teachers and staff members for their support of our main fundraiser.

Mark Your Calendars

Nov 5 - 7pm PTA Meeting

Nov 7 – Picture Day

Nov 11 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov 14 – Stem Fair Night

Nov 27-29 - School Closed - Thanksgiving

Special Events

Stem Fair Night – Nov 14th. Please come and join us and learn about the Stem Fair.

Box Tops = Free Money!

Clip Box Tops from participating products and shop online at your favorite store and you can earn up to 15% cash back for our school! Find out more at www.btfe.com. The next collection date is December 12th.

If you order holiday presents online, please check out the market place on www.btfe.com. The store donates a percentage of your purchase to our school!

Membership Corner

It's never too late to join! Membership is currently \$12.00/person or \$20.00/family. When the parent/guardian of the student joins the PTA the family is eligible to participate in the PTA events for free. **Receive the weekly PTA newsletter to keep up on school events.**

SCHOOLMAX FAMILY PORTAL

Parents do you know about the SchoolMax Family Portal? Monitor your child(ren)'s assignments and grades. Please visit the school's main office to receive your special letter and access code. If you don't have access to a computer, you are welcome to use the special parent computer in the school office.



Gardening

Thank you to all the volunteers that showed up for the BHES Garden Clean-Up Day.

It was truly a success and the kids and staff truly appreciate your help in helping their gardens stay beautiful.

If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org.



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

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The Bugle – November 2013

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club



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High School Students can earn community service hours helping the BHBGC!

- Help with operating the concession stand
- Help maintain grounds of the club
- Tutor students from the BHBGC

For the upcoming year, we are looking for coaches for the following sports:

Soccer	Basketball,
Baseball	Volleyball
Softball	Kickball

Please check out our website: WWW.BHBGC.LEAGUE1.ORG

Thank you to all volunteers who helped our children enjoy a wonderful year!

Our members had a blast competing at all of their games, The Annual Camp Out, 2013 Awards Ceremony, Berwyn Heights Day, Back to School Night, and our field trip to Maryland University's Soccer game!

To volunteer please see any BHBGC Board Member or call Shinita Hemby at (202) 531-6066!



Behind every Great Kid is a Great Adult, Setting a Great Example!



Prince George's County has implemented a new one-stop call center residents may call to receive assistance with **non-emergency** issues. If you need information, want to request a service or have a complaint or compliment for county officials, use this service. The 311 call center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The online service is available anytime at [CountyClick 311](#). Check it out.

<p> Arts & Cultural Affairs Arts Council, Museums, Performing Arts, Historical Societies, Public Arts, Events, Visitors</p>	<p><i>favor marque 311 durante las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m.</i></p> <p> Search the Self-Help Knowledgebase</p> <p>Question, Request, or Comment?</p> <p> Submit a service request</p> <p> Check the status of a request.</p> <p>Customer Satisfaction Survey</p> <p> 311 Customer Satisfaction Survey</p> <p>Important Links</p> <p> Trash/Recycling Schedules</p> <p> Tax Payment Instructions</p> <p> Parks & Recreation Website</p> <p> Property Information Lookup</p> <p>Smartphone Apps</p> <p></p> <p>Download the iPhone App</p> <p>Download the Android App</p>
<p> Eyesore (Blight), Code Enforcement, & Property Standards Abandoned Properties or Vehicles, Grass or Weeds, Unsafe Structures</p>	
<p> Building, Housing, & Construction Affordable Housing, Building Permits, Inspections, Property Records, Planning, Zoning, Fire Safety</p>	
<p> Business & Community Development Economic Development, Community Development Agency, Affordable Housing</p>	
<p> Community Services Voting, Volunteers, Seniors, Youth, Women, Minorities, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, Discrimination</p>	
<p> County Records Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates, Licenses, Permits</p>	
<p> Courts The Judicial Branch Of Government</p>	
<p> Education Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's Community College</p>	
<p> Environment Energy Assistance, Clean Water Act</p>	
<p> Garbage, Recycling, & Sewers Trash, Recycling, Hazardous Waste, Litter, Sewer Districts</p>	
<p> Human Resources & Employment Job Opportunities, Benefits, Administration, Performance Management</p>	
<p> Parks & Recreation Parks, Beaches, Marinas, Waterways, Golf Courses, Ice Rink, Hiking Trails, Open Space</p>	
<p> Public Safety Police, Fire/EMS, Office Of Homeland Security, Sheriff, Corrections, State's Attorney's Office</p>	
<p> Streets, Sidewalks, & Public Transportation Street & Sidewalk Repair, Streetlights & Signs, Traffic Signals, Tree Maintenance, Public Transportation</p>	
<p> Taxes & Assessment Property Assessments, Grievances, Tax Payments, Exemptions</p>	



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Weekday Play date (preschoolers and younger)

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Infants Playgroup meets periodically

(contact Rose to be added to the infant group)

Rotation of Playgrounds: 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at Indian Creek Playground and 2nd & 4th Thursdays 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 Rose Almoguera (rose.almoguera@yahoo.com) for more information and to be added to the group's listserv.

Code News

Rain Check Rebates

Prince George's County recently launched a stormwater management incentive program for property owners. Residential and commercial properties can earn tax rebates ranging from \$50 to several thousand dollars by installing cisterns, rain barrels, rain gardens, green roofs or by replacing asphalt with permeable pavers to reduce stormwater runoff. You can learn more about the program at upcoming community workshops (Nov. 5, 6:30 pm, Capitol Heights/ Oakcrest Community Center; Nov. 20, 6:30 pm, College Park/ City Hall) or by visiting the Department of Environmental Resources website at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/StormwaterManagement/RainCheck>



Code Activity for September 2013:

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 14; Yard Waste = 2; Trash/ Litter = 3; Vehicle Violations = 7; Miscellaneous Violations = 3;

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 2; Rental Investigations = 4; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 31; Building Permits = 4; POD Permits = 0; Roll-off Permits = 4;

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November 2013

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		  Yard Waste North South	  Bulk Pick-up North South	STREET SWEEPING 		
3 STREET SWEEPING WEEK 	 4  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 5 	 6 NW-EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 7  Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 8  9 TOWN CLEANUP DAY 10 AM 	
10 BHHC VETERANS' DAY RECEPTION 2:00 P.M. Town Center	11 VETERANS' DAY—TOWN OFFICES CLOSED, NO TRASH PICKUP 	 12	 13  Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 14 	 15  16	
17	 18  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 19 	 20 GREEN TEAM MEETING 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 21 	 22  23	
24	 25 	 26  BHHC MEETING 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 27	28 THANKS- GIVING DAY TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP	29 TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP 30	

PLEASE NOTE: NORMAL TRASH PICKUP WILL RESUME THE WEEK AFTER THANKSGIVING.

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 Email: 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.
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Mayor and Council

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 Mayor — Public Safety and Health
 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 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
 Councilmember — Administration
 Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 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
 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

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