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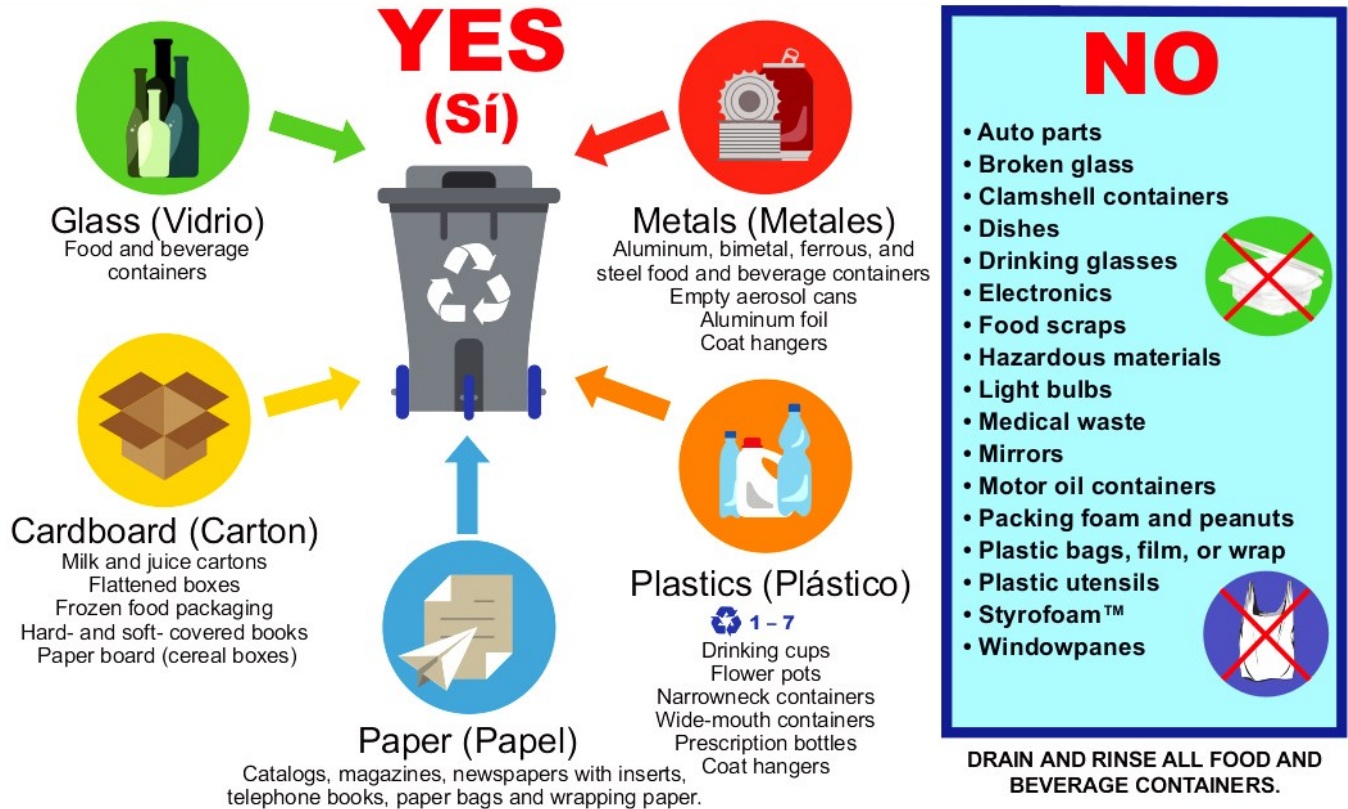
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Town of Berwyn Heights, Public Works Department, 301-474-6897, [publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov)

## BERWYN HEIGHTS REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday NORTH Side	Tuesday SOUTH Side	Wednesday ENTIRE Town	Thursday Entire Town	Friday
Household Trash	Household Trash	Recycling	Household Trash	► NONE
Bulk Trash	Bulk Trash			
Yard Waste	Yard Waste			

## **Friendly Reminder: Refuse and Recycling Collection Rules**

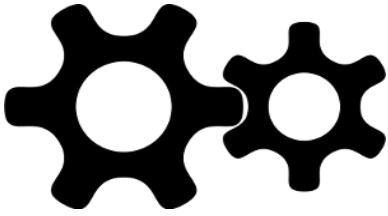
- ✓ Public Works only collects refuse (trash) if it is set out in a container with a tight-fitting lid. Public Works DOES NOT collect refuse if it is set out in a bag alone at the curb.
- ✓ Refuse and recycling must be ready for collection by 6:00 a.m.
- ✓ Any materials such as broken glass, nails, or other sharp objects must be placed in a durable container before being placed in the collection container to protect the employee's health and safety.
- ✓ Bamboo is considered refuse, not yard waste, and must be cut in 4-foot lengths then tied in bundles and placed next to the refuse container.
- ✓ Town residents can dispose of electronic items through the City of Greenbelt's quarterly drop-off event.
- ✓ Leaves are collected from the curb in November and December. During all other months, leaves and other yard waste must be bagged for collection in appropriate containers such as paper yard waste bags available for purchase at local hardware stores, or tied in bundles.
- ✓ Public Works will collect the following items only after making a request to the Town Office and paying the applicable fee:
  - Appliances
  - Bulk waste, such as furniture and rugs
  - Items left behind from the previous tenant or occupant
  - Motor vehicle parts and accessories up to 50 pounds and free of any hazardous materials
  - Tires
- ✓ Public Works DOES NOT collect building, construction, flooring or remodeling materials, or any hazardous materials.

**Contact Public Works at 301-474-6897 or [PublicWorks@BerwynHeightsMD.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@BerwynHeightsMD.gov)  
with any questions about refuse and recycling collection**

## **Recordatorio: Reglas de Recolección de Basura y Reciclaje**

- ✓ Obras Públicas sólo recolecta basura si se encuentra en un contenedor con una tapa ajustada. Obras Públicas NO recoge la basura si se encuentra en una bolsa sola en la acera.
- ✓ Los desperdicios y el reciclaje deben estar listos para su recolección antes de las 6:00 am.
- ✓ Cualquier material como vidrio roto, clavos u otros objetos afilados deben colocarse en un contenedor duradero antes de ser colocados en el recipiente de recolección para proteger la salud y la seguridad del empleado.
- ✓ El bambú se considera basura, no el desperdicio de yarda, y se debe cortar en longitudes de 4 pies después atado en paquetes y colocada al lado del contenedor de basura.
- ✓ Los residentes de la ciudad pueden disponer de artículos electrónicos a través del evento trimestral de la Ciudad de Greenbelt (City of Greenbelt).
- ✓ Las hojas se recogen de la acera en Noviembre y Diciembre. Durante los otros meses, las hojas y otros desechos del jardín para su recolección deben estar en recipientes apropiados, tales como bolsas de papel, disponibles en tiendas de ferretería locales o amarrados en paquetes.
- ✓ Obras Públicas recogerá los siguientes artículos solamente después de hacer una solicitud a la Oficina de la Ciudad y pagar la tarifa aplicable:
  - Electrodomésticos o Accesorios
  - Residuos a granel, como muebles y alfombras
  - Elementos dejados por el inquilino o ocupante anterior
  - Partes y accesorios de vehículos de motor de hasta 50 libras y libres de cualquier material peligroso
  - Llantas
- ✓ Obras Públicas NO recoge materiales de construcción, pisos o remodelaciones, ni materiales peligrosos.

**Comuníquese con Obras Públicas al 301-474-6897 o con [PublicWorks@BerwynHeightsMD.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@BerwynHeightsMD.gov)  
con cualquier pregunta sobre recolección de basura y reciclaje**



## Public Works News



Curbside leaf collection begins Wednesday, November 1 and ends Friday, December 29, holidays excluded

The leaf collection program is one of the biggest challenges for your Public Works Department. It means staying ahead of Mother Nature's blend of continuously falling leaves, rain and wind scattering the leaves, and possible blankets of snow covering leaf rows.

Residents who prefer to bag their leaves for pickup may do so using brown paper lawn bags only. Bagged leaves will be picked on yard waste collection days.

### Leaf Collection Reminders

- ✓ Please rake your leaves to the curb or to an existing sidewalk, but NOT into the street.
- ✓ Do not mix loose leaves with sticks, rocks, trash or debris, as they can damage the leaf machine.
- ✓ Do not mix loose leaves with tree trunks or thick branches. They are collected separately.
- ✓ Do not park cars in front of leaf piles, as this hampers access by the leaf vacuum machine.
- ✓ Be advised that it takes approximately 2 weeks to complete a round of leaf collection in Town.

### Interim Public Works Director

Following the resignation of Stevie Cox, Town Administrator Cowles is the Acting Public Works Director. She is working with Kenneth Hall, Public Works Consultant, and Foreman Luis Cardenas to manage day-to-day operations of the Department until a new director is hired.

### Thanksgiving Week Trash Collection

Town offices will be closed on November 23 and 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Below is the revised schedule.

Date	Collection Type	Side of Town
November 20, 2017	Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste	North Side
November 21, 2017	Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste	South Side
November 22, 2017	Recycling	Entire Town
November 23, 2017	Thanksgiving	No Pickup
November 24, 2017	Town Offices Closed	No Pickup



## Internet Exchange Safe Zone

**5411 Berwyn Road  
8:00 am to 7:00 pm**

Berwyn Heights Police has established a safe zone for conducting legal Internet purchases and transactions in the parking lot in front of the police station. The safe zone is under continuous video surveillance.

Many people have been the victims of a crime when buying or selling goods to persons they meet through the Internet. Go to the safe zone to conduct your Facebook, LetGo, CraigsList, Close5, 5Miles, OfferUp, Pinterest, Etsy, or other face to face transactions.

BHPD does not assume any liability for the persons conducting these transactions.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**November 8, 7:00 pm**

**Town Office**

**Emergency Operations Plan**

The Town Council will hold a public hearing prior to voting on the adoption of a revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the Town.

Comments are welcome.

For information please contact Town Administrator Cowles at

[icowles@town.berwynheights.md.gov](mailto:icowles@town.berwynheights.md.gov)



**Location: Berwyn Heights Town Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
5700 Berwyn Road**

**Berwyn Heights, MD 20740**

**Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

**Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.**

The Town of Berwyn Heights is partnering with CVS Pharmacy in hosting an On-Site Vaccine Clinic. Help us stop the spread of influenza. Getting your vaccine is an important step in staying healthy and keeping others healthy as well.

Please verify your coverage with your insurance provider. You must bring your insurance card and Identification to the event. The out of pocket cost for flu shot is **\$ 40.99**, payable at time of service, for those without insurance coverage.

Advertising Rates For the

BH Bulletin

TERM	NON-	
	RESIDENT	RESIDENT
<b>EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
<b>QUARTER (1/4) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
<b>HALF (1/2) PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
<b>FULL PAGE</b>		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

## Berwyn Heights Town Attorney

Longtime Town Attorney John Shay passed away this summer. At this time, the Town of Berwyn Heights continues to employ the Greenbelt law firm of *Brennan, McKenna, Mitchell & Shay, Chtd.* as legal counsel.





## Worksession

September 11, 2017

### Executive Session (6:15 – 7:08 p.m.)

Personnel matter

### Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs), Christopher Rasmussen, and Gerald Shields. CM Patricia Dennison had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles and Clerk Kerstin Harper.

#### 1. Action Items

There were none.

#### 2. Discussion Items

**Sustainable Communities designation:** TA Cowles provided the Council with the latest draft of an action plan that is required for the *Sustainable Communities* application, as well as a draft resolution of the Town Council supporting the designation of the Town of Berwyn Heights as a *Sustainable Community*, to be adopted at the September Town meeting. *Sustainable Communities* designation opens the door to a range of grants for revitalizing the designated area. Members of the Green Team, Shade Tree Board and Historical Committee have provided input and submitted letters of support for the designation. TA Cowles asked the Council if they had any remaining questions or comments about the application or the action plan.

In response to questions, TA Cowles said that the action plan is informed by the Council's priorities enshrined in the 2016 strategic plan, but it adds new information in the areas of Housing, and Local Planning & Land Use. Berwyn Heights is one of the last communities to seek Sustainable Communities designation in Prince George's County. The designation is due for renewal every 5 years.

**Emergency Operations Plan:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that she and TA Cowles have continued to work on incorporating comments from committees and residents into the draft Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This overhaul of an existing plan dating from 2003 is based on a new template adopted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after Hurricane Katrina. The Council was requested to submit comments on the plan and Mayor Jewitt provided her comments in a separate document included in tonight's packet.

Mayor Jewitt explained her comments, and the Council discussed and made changes to the EOP based on her comments as follows:

- Delete emergency response specifics that could change, such as number of police, Spanish speaking staff, and type of alert systems. This information can be listed in addendums.
- Add essential staff list and clarification of duties;
- Clarify police reporting duties relating to the elementary school;
- Clarify authority for activating CERT volunteers;
- Delete CERT limitations;
- Clarify BHVFD emergency response responsibilities;
- Notify CDMA, Presbyterian Church, BHES and Community Center that they may be asked for assistance in an emergency, but are not under the Town Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) direction.
- Clarify the role of the Mayor as spokesperson/ PIO;
- Clarify that Councilmembers are not under the command of the EOC or Chief of Police in an emergency;
- Clarify that the NW/EP maintains the trailer in a state of readiness;
- Add occupancy limits for facilities that could serve as shelters, and a list of County-designated shelter locations;
- Add provision for EOC check-in/ check-out station for volunteers, staff and Councilmembers;
- Delete specific reference to local clergy as contact for coordinating recovery;
- Add provision for supplying 'go-bags' to essential employees; and
- Add list of essential emergency preparedness training courses in the appendix.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy and TA Cowles will incorporate the changes into a revised draft that will be available to the public for comment at the upcoming Town meeting.

**Acquisition of new refuse and recycling bins:** Mayor Jewitt said that the Council recently received citizen complaints about rats and refuse collection that have led to consideration of purchasing new recycling and trash bins for residents. TA Cowles explained that Public Works Director Cox researched available bins. He recommends the *Toter* brand, which is used by city governments throughout the United States, and is available under a national contract price.

The *Toter* bins have wheels, an attached lid and are very durable. They come in

32, 48 and 64 gallon sizes, costing \$34, \$38 and \$39 per unit, or \$37,200, \$41,700 and \$43,300, if 1,100 units are purchased. If both recycling and trash cans are purchased the price would double. The *Toter* bins are heavier than those currently in use, which may require installation of an automatic lift on the Town's 2 trash trucks, costing an additional \$10,000 each. In all, the Town may need to spend around \$100,000 to provide new bins to all households and outfit trucks with lifts. Bin sizes could be mixed in one order, and different-sized bins can be serviced by the same lift.

Councilmembers discussed the advantages and drawbacks of purchasing new recycling (and trash) bins for all households. There was disagreement on how many bins to purchase at which time, how to pay for them, and whether residents would be comfortable with once-a-week pickup that would likely result from transitioning to automatic lifts. It was agreed that a citizen survey may help decide some of these issues.

TA Cowles was requested to provide information on whether 16 gallon *Toter* bins are available, whether there are clips for lids, and whether all bins can be serviced by the same lift.

**Performance evaluation process:** TA Cowles reviewed the performance evaluation timetable, which begins with a review of employee goals from the prior evaluation period in August and September 2017 and ends with completed evaluations submitted to the Human Resource Manager in February 2018, prior to the FY 2019 budget process. Any salary and merit increases would take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

In discussion, TA Cowles said that she discusses all staff evaluations with their supervisors/ department directors, including rating standards to ensure that evaluations are fair across departments. Senior staff evaluations follow the same process, but they are evaluated by the Town Administrator based on a list of core competencies. October 2 was set as the date for an executive session to discuss the Town Administrator's evaluation.

#### 3. Minutes

On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Shields, the August 21 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

#### 4. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt summarized a letter from the Maryland Department of Transportation explaining its decision not to commission a noise study the Town had requested for Kenilworth Avenue between Greenbelt Road and Pontiac Street. She and TA Cowles attended a meeting of the Prince George's County Office of Management & Budget, at which a standardized chart for tax differentials was distributed. This newly developed chart will provide clarity, and facilitate municipalities' requests for reimbursements of services they provide, such as police protection and refuse collection. Police Clerk Iris Cruz has accepted a position with the federal government and will leave Berwyn Heights by the week's end.

Mayor Jewitt summarized two emails she received regarding the Humvee acquisition, one in favor and one opposed. She also received comments regarding the parking of cars other than the owners in front of his or her home. She explained that Berwyn Heights has no reserved parking and allows anyone to park anywhere on Town streets, unless there is a parking violation.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that County Executive Baker is seeking to bring the headquarters of online merchant Amazon.com to Prince George's County. Amazon is planning to open a second headquarters and the Washington area meets their criteria. A "Sound the Alarm" smoke detector installation drive was postponed to spring 2018 because the sponsor, the American Red Cross, has deployed its staff and resources to responding to hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

CM Rasmussen sought clarification on when the Council plans to vote on the Humvee acquisition. The Council agreed to place it on the agenda for the October 2 worksession. At the September 18 worksession, the Council will discuss the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and recycling bin purchase.

CM Rasmussen referred Councilmembers to a newspaper article giving background on the U.S. government program that allows municipalities to acquire certain military surplus equipment. Public Works quickly removed a tree that fell in front of a long-vacant, bank-owned property on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Neighbors of vacant homes are advised that the Town cannot force the owners to sell or rent the home, but does enforce any violations of the Town's ordinances.

CM Shields reported that he received 2 comments on the Humvee acquisition, both opposed, and announced upcoming events. CM Shields reached out to Town organizations to get feedback on a citizen survey of Town services, and updated the survey. He suggested to extract the questions relating to recycling bins for publication in the next Bulletin. The Council agreed. CM Rasmussen offered to assist.

#### 6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. No changes were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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### Town Meeting September 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Denison, Chris Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. CM Shields arrived at 7:19 p.m. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Pepco Representatives Ivan Lanier, Olaf Pederson and Andrea Hayden, Green Team member Diana Agony, Recreation Council President Susan Jones, NW/EP Co-Chair Mike Attick, and citizens Phil Ventura and Jared Golub.

Mayor Jewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1. Pepco Presentation

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Pepco State Affairs Manager Ivan Lanier, and Emergency Preparedness & Emergency Services Coordinator Olaf Pederson for a presentation on Pepco's severe weather preparedness program. Mr. Lanier said that he spends much of his time representing Pepco in Annapolis but also visits cities and towns to explain Pepco initiatives. He brought a 38-year veteran and emergency expert, Mr. Pederson, to explain Pepco's severe weather preparedness program.

Mr. Pederson said that Pepco's emergency response follows a 6-step power restoration process ordered by priority. The top priority for restoring power is addressing life safety situations, such as power outages at a hospital, followed by repairing those parts of the power grid that impact the greatest number of people. This starts with transmission lines

from a generating facility to substations, the substations themselves, distribution lines into communities, secondary lines within neighborhoods and, lastly, individual homes.

Mr. Pederson said that Pepco follows strict safety protocols when restoring power in order not to endanger the lives of its electricians. No corners are cut to restore power faster because mistakes are deadly when working on power lines. For the same reason, only thoroughly trained staff are allowed to work on the power lines. When there is a major power outage, multiple crews are dispatched to work on different parts of the grid, and staff are working 16-hour shifts with 8-hour breaks until all customers are back online.

Pepco is in regular contact with other first responders to improve coordination in responding to emergencies. After an event, Pepco holds thorough debriefs, which serve to improve the process going forward. Much has been learned in the wake of the 2012 derecho and several winter snow storms, and wide-spread outages have been reduced in recent years.

Mayor Jewitt asked what possible reason there might be for a power outage affecting approximately 20 homes on clear, windless day, such as occurred in Berwyn Heights recently and whether the affected homes might be moved to a different feeder. Mr. Pederson replied that Pepco can certainly research what the likely causes of this outage were. Usually such outages are caused by falling branches, animals, or overload due to the use of appliances and devices that require an electrical upgrade. Most causes of an outage can be addressed by minor changes to the equipment on the poles, rather than moving homes onto a different feeder.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said her home was one of those affected by this outage. She wonders if the age of the Pepco equipment may have had something to do with it. Mr. Pederson replied it is unlikely, since the equipment is engineered to last for a very long time. Further, there has not been a significant increase in electricity demand from the relatively small homes one finds in this town. MPT Kulpa-Eddy commented that Pepco has greatly improved its communications and is now able to inform customers when power will be restored with some precision. She asked if Pepco could also publicize the causes for particular outages. Mr. Pederson replied that the cause of an

outage is usually posted on Pepco's website, although there may be a delay. The Pepco mobile app has received very favorable reviews from customers for the ease of reporting and receiving information about outages.

Susan Jones, Pontiac Street, asked what reason there might be for very brief power outages that cause lights to flicker and appliances to reset. Mr. Pederson said it is the system's protective response to a power surge through the opening and closing of the affected circuit. Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue asked questions about the Branchville substation, a Pepco show and tell trailer, and filing claims for damaged equipment. Mr. Pederson replied that Branchville is likely a distribution substation with transformers that step the current up or down. Pepco continues to operate a mobile simulation trailer to give demonstrations about how its power grid works. Mr. Attick will be furnished with a telephone number for Pepco's claims department where he can file request for reimbursement for equipment damaged by a power outage.

CM Shields said he received a comment about Pepco being slow to respond to an outage but that service was restored quickly after contacting the Town. Mr. Pederson said that the most effective way to address power outages during a natural disaster is to work through the Town. Municipalities should contact Ronald Gill, Director of the Prince George's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) about power issues. Pepco has staff in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Pepco is in continuous contact with Mr. Gill during emergencies.

## 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the August 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 4 – 0 – 1, with CM Rasmussen abstaining.

## 3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Jewitt reported that the Council held an executive session regarding personnel matters at the September 11 worksession. She also highlighted a parking concern brought to her attention. Homeowners do not have a claim to the parking spaces in front of their home, as Berwyn Heights does not have reserved parking on public streets and cannot enforce it, unless there is a violation. Mayor Jewitt received a letter from the Maryland Department of Transportation

(MDOT) declining the Town's request for a noise study on Kenilworth Avenue between Greenbelt Road and Pontiac Street.

## 4. Department Reports

**Code Compliance (discussed out of order):** Supervisor Glass gave the code statistics for the month of August. The department issued 59 code violations, most related to grass and vegetation, as well as 3 building permits, 5 dumpster permits, 24 rental licenses, and collected total revenues of \$23,250.

In response to Mayor Jewitt, Supervisor Glass said that residents who need to dispose of large amounts of bulk trash, should contact the Code Department as soon as possible. The Code Officer will come out to inspect and assess a fee for removal. During daily patrols, Code Officers and Public Works staff will take note of homes that have a large amount of refuse at the curb, then check to see if it may be a rental cleanout or an eviction, and decide how best to remove it. In response to Mr. Attick, Supervisor Glass said that the call-a-bus is currently out of service in Greenbelt. For taxi service, the Code car is used.

CM Rasmussen reported that there are 207 rental homes this year as opposed to 193 last year in August. This may be due to the Town's revised rental regulations, which require rental licenses for owner-occupied homes where only one room is rented (owner plus one). Evictions are sometimes the endpoint of a series of problems associated with a rental home, such as health and safety violations or conflicts among tenants that require Police intervention.

CM Rasmussen said he received inquiries about what the Town can do about long vacant homes. Unfortunately, the Town has no authority to force the owner to sell the home but it can and does enforce violations of Town ordinances, particularly relating to maintenance of the exterior of the property. The Town maintains a list of vacant properties and communicates with the owners about any problems. Residents have also asked about the revocation of a rental license in response to repeated problems at a rental property. Again, the Code Department maintains a record of problem rentals, and responds with escalating fines, but views the revocation of the license as a penalty of last resort. Lastly, CM Rasmussen noted that the Town responds to complaints about neighbors when there are Code violations but does not mediate conflicts be-

tween neighbors.

**Administration:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town is considering hosting a vaccination clinic in October to administer flu, tetanus and hepatitis B shots. Interested residents are requested to call the Town office and indicate which vaccines they need. The cost depends on the co-pay of a person's insurance carrier. Secondly, online merchant Amazon.com is looking into opening a 2<sup>nd</sup> headquarters, and the D.C. area. The University of Maryland in cooperation with the City of College Park and Prince George's County are planning to submit a proposal. Lastly, Prince George's County provided new tax differential guidelines, which will facilitate municipalities receiving reimbursement for the services they provide. The guidelines were developed by a task force set up following a County Executive's budget meeting with municipalities in February.

Treasurer Rodriguez gave the Treasurer's report for August.

TA Cowles said the tax differential task force also succeeded in giving municipalities credit for purchases of Police and Public Works vehicles, regardless of whether there are financed by loans or paid in cash. This is an important win, as such vehicle purchases are a significant expense in Berwyn Heights' budget.

TA Cowles announced that on September 20 the Town will host an emergency response workshop which will be attended by some 60 high-level municipal and County officials, including those with direct responsibility for emergency management. The workshop facilitators will come here from Texas, where they are currently involved in the Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Shields reported that he has revised a citizen survey on Town services to make it shorter, and has shared it with the Council. He also announced the upcoming community garden party.

**Public Works (discussed out of order):** CM Dennison announced that Public Works Director Cox resigned.

TA Cowles gave the report. Public Works removed a dead tree at the corner of Ruatan Street and Berwyn Road, installed a stop bar at Pontiac Street and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue and delivered mulch to the school garden. A service request form has been developed, which Town organizations will be asked to use to request services from the Department. In coming



weeks, 25 new crosswalks will be installed at key intersections in Town. The Department expects to hear from SHA, which is in the process of performing a traffic analysis of 58<sup>th</sup> and Branchville Avenues at Greenbelt Road for the purpose of determining whether to add a left turn arrow to the traffic light. TA Cowles concluded with a report on the refuse collection percentages for August.

**Public Health and Safety:** Chief Antolik said Berwyn Heights Police will miss Clerk Iris Cruz, who has done good work for the Department. She is leaving to take a federal government position. Police had extra officers, plus Neighborhood Watch volunteers patrolling around the school when school reopened last week.

Chief Antolik asked for a moment of silence to remember 9/11 and all who died in the attacks. He then gave the police activities report for August. There were 4 Part I offenses, as opposed to the 5-year average of 5.2. The year-to-date total was 32, as opposed to the 5-year average of 41. Officers issued 276 municipal and state citations and 37 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik cautioned residents to be on the lookout for false donation requests in connection with relief for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and not use forms of payment that cannot be traced.

## 5. Committee Reports

**Green Team:** Green Team member Diana Agonoy announced that the Green Team led the BHES garden cleanup, and thanked Public Works for delivering mulch and removing the waste. She announced the upcoming community garden picnic. All are welcome to attend and bring a dish to share.

**Historical Committee:** Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee will elect next year's officers at its September 26 meeting.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** NW/EP Co-chair Mike Attick announced the next meeting on October 4, and a *Sip 'n Paint* fundraiser on October 13, with musical accompaniment provided by Phil Ventura. In response to CM Shields, he confirmed that the emergency trailer will be displayed at an upcoming CERT conference.

**Recreation Council:** Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced a September 19 Ice Cream Social. There will be games for children, and community service hours are available for volunteers.

## 6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

## 7. New Business

### **Resolution 07-2017 - Sustainable Community Designation Application:**

TA Cowles explained that the State of Maryland has a *Sustainable Communities* program that provides development grants and technical assistance for designated communities. Once Berwyn Heights is designated as a *Sustainable Community*, the Town's government, businesses and residents become eligible for these resources. Over the summer, a University of Maryland intern worked to put together the application, with input from a work group that had representatives from the Town Council, the business community and Town organizations. The Resolution to be adopted expresses the Town Council's support for the *Sustainable Communities* designation.

Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy clarified that the term "sustainable" is not synonymous with "renewable," and does not only apply to the environment but to other aspects of development. The program is the successor to the former *Community Legacy* program. CM Dennison moved to adopt the Resolution and CM Shields seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### **Resolution 08-2017 – Emergency Operations Plan:**

MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that this Resolution introduces an extensively overhauled Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the Town, replacing the original plan dating from 2003. It is based on FEMA's 2010 comprehensive preparedness guide that incorporates the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and other disasters. The draft is going to be used for a drill during the upcoming emergency preparedness workshop, and the results will in turn be used to further refine the document.

Residents are encouraged to comment on the plan, which is posted on the Town website and is available in the Town office. In particular, people may want to review the priorities for recovery listed under "Planning Facts & Assumptions." The Council plans to adopt the Plan at the October or November Town meeting, depending on the feedback received. Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to introduce it. CM Dennison seconded. CM Shields thanked MPT Kulpa-Eddy and the entire Council for their work on the much-needed revision of the EOP. The

motion passed 5 to 0.

## 8. Citizens Discussion

Mayor Jewitt said she received additional comments on the Humvee acquisition, including one just before this meeting opposed to the acquisition. CM Shields said he received 3 more comments on the Humvee, all opposed to the acquisition.

Phil Ventura, 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that he would support Chief Antolik having the Humvee because he trusts him to use it responsibly. He said the Town might do well to "grow" its own Public Works director and held up long-serving Director Joe Coleman as an example of an excellent home-grown director. He suggested giving Foreman Cardenas the opportunity to rise to the position of Public Works director, and offered his services to help run the Department in the transition.

Mike Attick, 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, commented that he has noticed rats again since the elementary school property's grass has not been cut in a while. He clarified that he is opposed to outfitting the trash trucks with automatic lifts. He inquired when the Police Chief received his last raise, suggesting he should have received a salary increase when a new pay plan was adopted. He asked if SHA has any plans to address the Pontiac Street - Kenilworth Avenue intersection traffic backups, and whether non-employees will be allowed to drive the Town vehicles during emergencies. Further, he said NW/EP should have been notified of the upcoming emergency preparedness workshop since it is their mission to prepare and respond to emergencies. Lastly, he expressed his support for obtaining the Humvee as a free utility vehicle, noting that it is not currently equipped for military use.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, commented by telephone that she agrees with Mr. Ventura about the Public Works Department having performed better when it was staffed with men who lived in Berwyn Heights and cared about the Town. She also expressed her opposition to spending up to \$20,000 to outfit the trash trucks with automatic lifts. Residents are only asking for recycling bins on wheels. Lastly, she agreed with Mr. Attick that the NW/EP should have been notified and invited to participate in the emergency preparedness workshop.

Casey Blelock, Goucher Avenue, commented by telephone that he is opposed to the acquisition of the Humvee because it may alienate minorities.

Mr. Ventura and Ms. Jones addressed the Kenilworth Avenue/ Pontiac Street traffic issue again, saying the traffic light does not give enough time for all lined-up vehicles to exit the Town and is causing traffic backups, particularly on Edmonston Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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## Worksession

September 18, 2017

### Executive Session (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Personnel Matter

### Regular Meeting

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

#### 1. Action Items

##### **Refuse and recycling bins purchase:**

TA Cowles provided additional information about Toter refuse and recycling bins that Councilmembers had requested during the previous discussion of the matter:

- Unit price per bin may increase up to \$1.00 per unit, if less than 1,100 bins are ordered;
- Latches for lids cost \$3.00 per unit, or \$6,600 for 1,100 bins;
- 16 gallon bins are not available;
- Bins must be square and have a "lip" to be lifted with an automatic lift.

The Council discussed the cost aspects of switching to Toter recycling and refuse bins. The following concerns were raised:

- spending between \$50,000 to \$100,000 for new bins mid-year, which would require a budget amendment, versus planning for the expense during the budget cycle;
- whether the bin upgrade furthers the strategic plan;
- what the overall cost of the Town's recycling program is;
- how the cost of in-house recycling would compare to using a recycling contractor;
- what the cost/ benefit of adding lid latches is;
- whether providing refuse bins would prevent animals from getting at the refuse, or whether the presence of rats is addressed more effectively by enforcement of refuse regulations;
- whether switching to automatic lifts would slow the collection process and lead to once-a-week pickup;

- whether residents should be charged for recycling bins through a one-time increase of the recycling fee or a fee charged when a bin is requested.

The Council agreed to send out an English/ Spanish postcard educating residents on refuse disposal regulations set forth in Ordinance 117 – Refuse Collection. After the educational efforts, the Public Works and Code Departments will be asked to enforce these rules by recording trash disposal violations, leaving notices, and not picking up of refuse that violates the disposal regulations. It was further agreed that residents be asked about recycling preferences in a citizen survey.

#### 2. Discussion Items

**Community survey:** CM Shields explained an updated version of the citizen survey he put together and could be pared down to refuse and recycling questions. The Council discussed which questions should be asked in the survey and agreed to the following:

- "What would make you recycle more?" followed by a menu of options; and
- "The Town is considering purchasing quality recycling bins on wheels with an attached lid, which cost up to \$50 per bin. Would you be willing to pay for them through a one-time increase in the recycling fee?" followed by "Yes" and "No" check boxes.

The survey would be published in both English and Spanish in the Bulletin, on the website and social media, and would be handed out during special events. Responses are due by October 27, 2017.

Councilmembers explained their position on the acquisition of new bins. Mayor Jewitt said that she would like to get both new trash and recycling bins with wheels and an attached lid as soon as possible, but ask people to pay for them. At this time, she is opposed to equipping trucks with automatic lifts. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she agrees with getting recycling bins but would address litter and rat problems through education and enforcement. Neighboring municipalities do not provide refuse bins, which may place Berwyn Heights at risk of having them stolen. The Town would then have to replace them on an ongoing basis. CM Shields said that he is currently opposed to adding lifts to the trucks and would support getting both recycling and refuse bins on wheels. However, he sees a need to be very up front about charging a \$50 fee for the bins because most residents would probably not expect to pay that much. CM Rasmussen ex-

pressed interest in a cost estimate of the Town's recycling and refuse collection program.

**Legislative Dinner date:** The Council was requested to set a date for the annual legislative dinner to which the Town invites its State, County and School Board representatives to discuss the next legislative session and any legislative items for which the Town may need their assistance.

Mayor Jewitt said, based on last year's experience, she is not sure if the expense for the dinner is justified, unless there is something specific the Town wants to pursue. She believes she could have learned what was discussed last year by speaking with individual legislators one on one. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council learned about the possibility of financing emergency generators at a legislative dinner but conceded that it would be more productive if there were specific concerns to be addressed. For example, she would like to find out why WSSC cannot set separate rates for commercial and residential customers. After further discussion, the Council set November 28 as the date for the legislative dinner.

#### 3. Minutes

There were none.

#### 4. Announcements, Department Reports, Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported that the U.S. Air Force celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary over the weekend; that Washington D.C. is attempting to solve its rat problems by allowing feral cats to roam, and that Berwyn Heights' Comcast Channel 71 has experienced technical difficulties, which have been fixed. Lastly, she read a citizen comment in favor of the Humvee acquisition.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that her "Councilmember" slide was missing on the BHTV slide show. She also said she would still like to have information about the cost of a tow package for the Humvee when the Council makes a decision on the acquisition. Further, Prince George's County will host a series of "snow summits" to coordinate response to winter snow storms with municipalities, and the Maryland Department of Transportation will hold a series of meetings across the state about SHA capital projects, at which the Town could bring attention to needed street improvements.

CM Rasmussen said he would like an update from TA Cowles on how the amended Clean Lot Ordinance is working with regard to invasive species, accessory structures and debris. He noted that the grass on the school property along Quebec Street is overgrown and should be brought to PGCPs' attention. TA Cowles said that the Town has talked with the school about it on several occasions. CM Rasmussen also received a comment about revoking a rental license for a nuisance rental property, and suggested the Council establish some parameters for doing so. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification on how Code Supervisor Glass defines "vacant property," because she believes there are more vacant properties than the number he mentioned at the last Town meeting.

CM Shields announced upcoming events and reported that he received a comment in favor of the Humvee acquisition and a suggestion to get an NW/EP volunteer certified and insured to drive the Humvee to tow the emergency trailer.

#### 5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. No changes were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

## It's Time for Fall Tree Care!

- English ivy can harm and kill trees! Remove ivy by cutting the vine at the base of the tree. The ivy on the tree will die. Check regularly for regrowth.
- Make use of fallen leaves. Leaves can be used in landscaping and garden beds to protect plants from the cold, mulched directly into your yard, or composted to make rich soil.

**The Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board is appointed by the Mayor and Council and works to protect and maintain our urban forest.**

**The Shade Tree Board meets bi-monthly in the G. Love Room.  
Next meeting: TBD**



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**G. Love Room**

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**Executive Club (Senior Citizens): Thursdays | 12 – 2 pm**

**For more information please contact:**

Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103 [Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com), or

Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/EMERGENCY PREPARENESS COMMITTEE

You've packed up your suitcase and booked your itinerary, but before you leave, take the time to protect your home while you're on vacation. Here is a short security checklist to help keep your home safe when you are away.

- ✓ Request Berwyn Heights Police to check on your home while you are away. A house check request form is posted on the Town website at <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>.
- ✓ Tell a neighbor that you will be on vacation and ask him to keep an eye on your property.
- ✓ If you have a home security system, notify your alarm company. Make sure the alarm is set properly when you leave.
- ✓ Lock all doors and windows, and don't leave hidden spare keys outside the home.
- ✓ Don't allow your house to appear as if no one is home. Install motion detecting lights on exterior of your house, and set any timers for interior lights to go on at night.
- ✓ Stop newspapers and mail deliveries.
- ✓ Don't broadcast your status on Facebook or Twitter
- ✓ Secure all valuables in a safe deposit box.

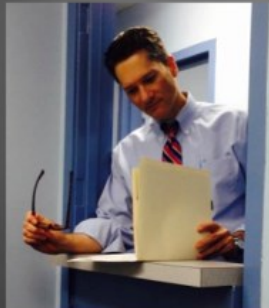
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# Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

*Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!*



## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Saturday, November 4th, 10 a.m. to Noon - Town Wide Clean Up**

#### **Starting at the Berwyn Heights Town Center**

Come and help keep Berwyn Heights Beautiful! Join us in cooperation with the Green Team to pick up litter throughout our Community. Rubber gloves, pinchers and trash bags provided. Great opportunity for students needing Community Service Hours.



### **Saturday, December 2nd, 6 to 8 p.m. - Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party**

#### **Berwyn Heights Senior Center**

Kick off the holiday season at this free, family-friendly event. Craft making, treats, caroling with Phil on the accordion, and a visit from St. Nick himself. Even the U.S. Marines will be there as we collect for Toys for Tots!



**We will again be participating in the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots drive.**

**Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Tree Lighting Party on December 2nd, or drop off at the Town Office anytime from November 1st-December 15th.**

Our goal is to have a fun event happening in our community each month.

Other events that we'd like to continue include our **Re-gifting Party** in January, **Valentine's Day Cookie & Card Decorating Party** in February, the **Pot o' Gold Pot Luck** in March, and our **Summer Concerts**.

The Rec Council also plans the annual **Berwyn Heights Day** festivities.

Want to be involved? Have suggestions? The Berwyn Heights Rec Council wants to hear from you!

We meet the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room, in the Senior Center. New members, or even drop in members, are always welcome. If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question but can't make it to our meetings, your emails can be sent to [violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net).

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the G. Love Room**





# Berwyn Heights GreenBee

The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!

Email us your ideas at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com).

Website: [www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam](http://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)



Our next meeting will be **Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. All residents are welcome to attend!

## Town Clean Up Day!

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

10am – 12pm

Registration starts 10am at the town center



Take action as a proud Berwyn Heights resident and let's work together to keep our town beautiful and litter-free! Community service hours available.

- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes
- We will provide instructions and clean-up supplies (safety vests, rubber gloves, trash bags and pickers)

### Reasons to volunteer

- Your community needs you! Trash is quite visible in our small town.
- Help discourage further littering. Studies show people are less likely to litter in areas that are well-kept
- Our town is right along Indian Creek. During heavy rains, trash in our neighborhood gets swept up and washes down into the creek and our storm drains. This trash can end up in the Chesapeake Bay, further adding to the pollution this precious resource.
- Make waterways safer, healthier place for wildlife and people.

## BHES Fall Garden Clean Up

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

9am – 12pm

Volunteers needed to “spruce-up” the school gardens!



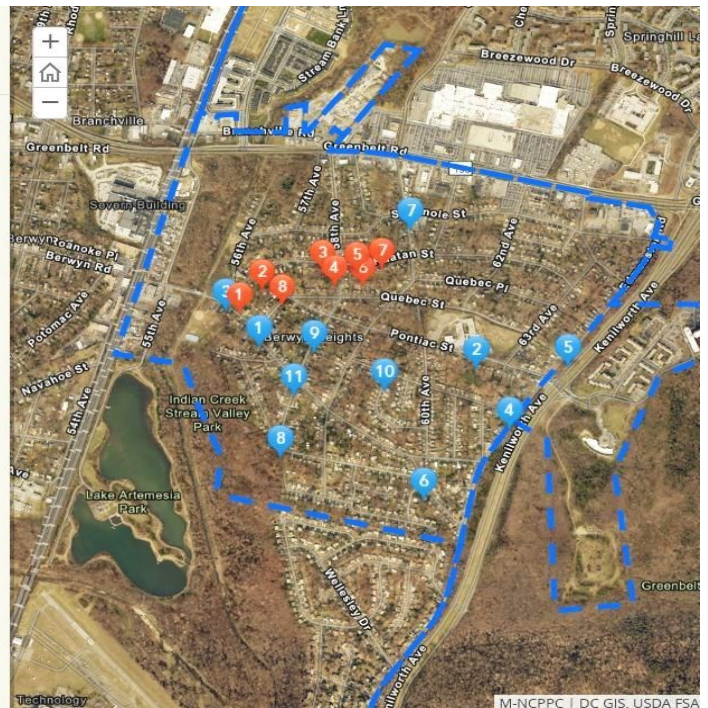
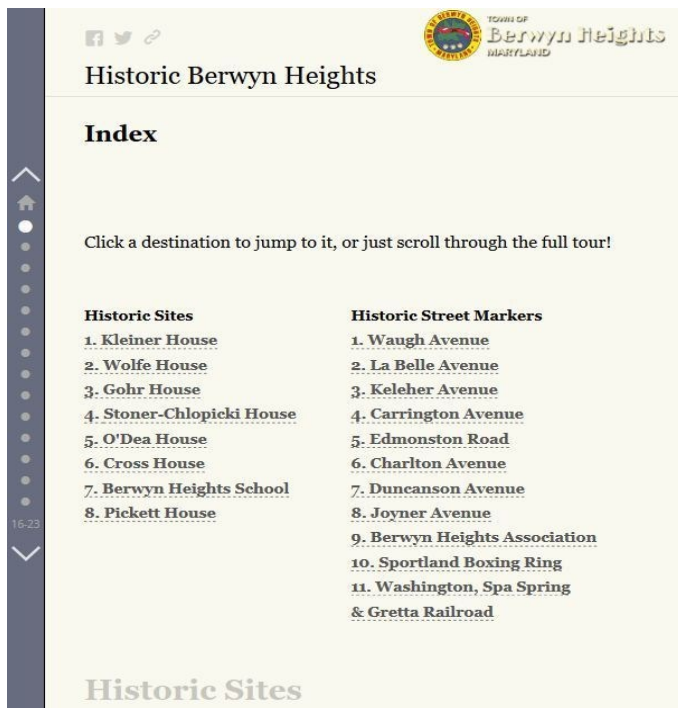
Service hours available for students! Please bring your favorite tool. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.



# Historical Committee

Fall Wine & Cheese Reception Features:

## Historic Walking Tour App Unveiling



- ◆ Get a first look at the BHHC's Historic Walking Tour App, a digital version of our current Walking Tour Brochure.
- ◆ M-NCPPC's GIS Specialist Mussie Tewolde will give an overview of the program and demonstrate how it works.
- ◆ Bring your smart phone or other device to try it.
- ◆ Enjoy socializing over our customary wine & cheese offerings.

**Next Meeting: November 28, 7:30 pm in the G. Love Room.**

For information contact Debby Steele-Snyder at [dsteelesny@yahoo.com](mailto:dsteelesny@yahoo.com)

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



## SEP. Police Beat

**Saturday 09/01/2017 at 10:43 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the parking lot of the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) to report a hit and run damage to property. Victim has a 2008 Toyota SUV and report-

ed that she stopped her SUV in the parking lot along a curb on the west side of the building. A lawn care crew was working next to her SUV. A rock was propelled by a lawn mower and struck the right rear window of the SUV, shattering the window in place.

**Friday 09/08/2017 at 11:32 am, 'MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENT'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a report of a possible fraud case. The reporting person received a check for a room to rent over the internet. The check was in the amount of \$5,200.00 and later was canceled by stop payment.

**Friday 09/08/2017 at 8:00 pm, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

Pfc. W. Duck responded to the 5800 block of Seminole Street for a reported damaged vehicle that was parked in front of her house. However, she drove her vehicle to work and later called the police.

**Friday 09/08/2017 at 10:23 pm, 'THEFT'**

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 5800 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a stolen laptop from his home.

**Saturday 09/09/2017 at 9:05 am, 'THEFT'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski received a call from a resident in the 5900 block of Berwyn Road to report that her bicycles were removed from her backyard.

**Sunday 09/10/2017 at 10:40 am, 'PROPERTY DAMAGE'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Branchville Road for a report of damaged property at the SunTrust Bank. Unknown person drove through the drive-through and damaged the canopy.

**Tuesday 09/12/2017 at 1:55 pm, 'THEFT'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5700 Block of Nevada Street for a report of unauthorized transferred of money from the victim's credit card.

**Wednesday 09/13/2017 at 1:31 pm, 'THEFT'**

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the T-Mobile on 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for a report of theft of a phone from the display.

**September 30, 2017 at 10:00 pm, 'WARRANT SERVICE'**

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the McDonalds for a disorderly subject inside the restaurant. Subject was identified as Mr. Robert Smith, a 40 Y/O, W/M of DC. He was arrested and transported to DOC.

**Friday 09/25/2017 at 10:30 am**

Cpl. J. Ignowski and Pfc. W. Duck received a call for service for a car parked unattended in the drive-through lane of the restaurant with a suspicious person inside of the refuse dumpster enclosure at the rear of the restaurant. In addition to an Infiniti car parked unattended blocking the exit lane for all traffic next to the drive-through lane at the rear of the restaurant. The owner of the car was standing in front of the dining room at the front of the restaurant appears to be overdosed on CDS and could not answer questions. He began hallucinating and EMS responded and assessed and later transported the subject to the Doctor's Community Hospital in Lanham, MD.

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## CODE

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[code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Clean Lot Violations	
High Grass/ Invasive Species	8
Clean Lot	7
Animals	0
Trash/ Litter	4
Non-Hazardous	13
Vehicles	7
Premise Identification	5
Commercial	2
<b>Total Violations</b>	<b>59</b>
Abatements	0
Permits	
Building	5
Dumpster/ PODs	5
<b>Total Permits issued</b>	<b>10</b>
Rentals	
New Rentals	7
Lost Rentals	2
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>212</b>
Rental Licenses Issued	7
Rental Inspections	19
Rental Re-inspections	1
<b>Vacant Homes</b>	<b>12</b>





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



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## Recent Working Incidents

Sept 11: Truck 14 was alerted to assist units with a working House Fire in the 1100Blk Gondar Ave in Chapel Oaks.

Sept 14: Truck 14 & Chief 14B responded to a gas leak in a house in the 6200Blk Seminole PI in Berwyn Heights

Sept 18: Squad 14 & Ambo 14B extricated a trapped driver from an accident on the IL of I-495 at Balt/Wash Pkway in Lanham.

Sept 22: Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a vehicle on the IL of I-495 at Baltimore Ave in College Park after a crash.

Sept 25: Truck 14 was transferred to Anne Arundel FD Station 30 (Pasadena) to cover the area as AAFD and Baltimore City crews fought a 4-Alarm warehouse fire in the City. Squad 14 & Ambo 14 remained staffed at Station 14 to cover the Town.

Sept 26: Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from a accident SB Balt/Wash Pkway at Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville.

Oct 1: Squad 14 extinguished a small outside fire at Seminole St/ Cunningham Dr in Berwyn Heights.

Oct 2: Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver from an accident at Briarcroft Ln & Laurel Bowie Rd in Laurel.

Oct 4: Truck 14 responded to Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt for a large gas leak. Units remained on scene for several hours to ventilate the building.

Oct 4: Truck 14 operated in the area of University Blvd at 23rd Ave in Adelphi for a Working Building fire in the Dollar Tree store.

Oct 10: Truck 14 was alerted to assist units with a Working House fire in the 4800Blk Sheridan St in Riverdale.

BHVFD Call Volume: September 2017	
Rescue Squads:	128
Ladder Truck:	72
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	2
Ambulance:	206
<b>Total Runs Sept 2017:</b>	<b>408</b>

## Christmas Tree Sale!

It's almost that time of year! BHVFD will be selling Christmas Trees from late November until Christmas Eve (or sold out!) again this year at the Firehouse. BHVFD has ordered 300 Frasier Furs ranging from 5-8 feet high. **Prices will be in the December Bulletin page.** All proceeds benefit BHVFD. Thanks to sale's popularity we have sold out early five years in a row!



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## Thanksgiving Safety Tips:



For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. So keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people are at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

-Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

-Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.

-Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.

-Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

-Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocket-books or bags.

-Keep knives out of the reach of children.

-Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

-Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children up high in a locked cabinet.



# Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

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

Now that Fall is here, come to the Center, get a cup of coffee, a soda, or a bottle of water and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

November 2	Gayle Hillery
November 8	Kurt Hessinger
November 9	Sealani Weiner
November 13	Zyrkie Eley
November 14	Ray Smith Don Trice
November 26	Judith Gardiner

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday  
at 5:00 pm.

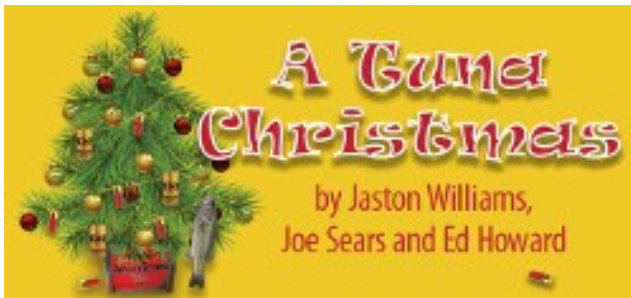
MEETINGS— Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11 am.  
The Fourth Tuesday is a Pot Luck!

SELF DEFENSE COURSE— Every Thursday  
At 12 noon. Upstairs in the Senior Center  
LIBRARY VISIT— Library staff will make Jewelry  
On Monday, November 13, at 12 Noon.

## HAPPENINGS

**NOVEMBER** brings the resumption of Redskin football. Come watch the 1 pm Sunday games and share a potluck late lunch.

**MEAL & Play:** November 10 features meal at a local restaurant followed by the play “A Tuna Christmas” at the Bowie Playhouse. Meet at 5:15 pm.



Breakfast at the Silver Diner is also on tap.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

## HAPPY TURKEY DAY

## MISCELLANEOUS

**FLU SHOT CLINIC** The Town is sponsoring a clinic on Wednesday, November 8, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, 2nd floor of the Senior Center.

**CLOSING** The Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day.

**FUTURE** A Trip to Brookside Gardens on Monday, December 4.

**MEMBERSHIP** — You must be at least 50 years young.





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### November Happenings:

- Nov 12 - Wine and cheese reception, BH Historical committee, 2pm.
- Nov 4 - Blues Festival UMD Ritchie Col.
- Nov 4 - BH Town-wide clean up.
- Nov 17-19 - Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, Montgomery County Fairgrounds.
- Nov Sat (am)- Farmers Market, MOM's mkt parking lot, Hollywood.
- Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day.
- Nov 30 - Natl. Christmas Tree Lighting

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SOLD- 8503 60<sup>th</sup> Ave- 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/gar...\$420K.  
SOLD- 6910 Lyle St 4 BR split foyer, Lanham..... \$325K.  
CONTRACT-17 B Ridge Rd (GHI) 3 BR 1.5 BA..... \$170's.  
CONTRACT- 50 D Ridge Rd (GHI) 2 BR w/addtn... \$150's.  
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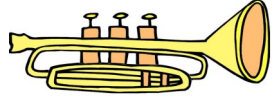
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### Bugle—November 2017

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**Get involved!** The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club is always looking for coaches, “team parents”, volunteers, committee members, and executive board members.

Beyond sports, the BHBGC hosts fundraisers, our annual Fall Festival, as well as seasonal campouts, and other family-friendly activities for our club family.

Like party / event planning? Have any suggestions for new events or program offerings? Email Angie at [angela.wolfinger@gmail.com](mailto:angela.wolfinger@gmail.com)

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# Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

*November 2017*

## PTA Meeting

On November 14 at 6:45 pm, the PTA will host guest speaker Dr. Marc DiFazio from Children's National Medical Center. He will talk about concussion. This will be especially pertinent to parents who have children in sports.



There will also be food for sale at the PTA meetings this year, so come hungry!

## Potomac Pizza Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who came on October 11 to support the PTA! We have another fundraiser evening at Potomac Pizza on November 20. Dine in or take out, mention the fundraiser, and 20% of what you spend will be donated to BHES PTA.

## Walkathon

Thanks to everyone who came and everyone who supported the Walkathon! It was a great day and a successful fundraiser.



## Upcoming Events

### **November 3, Friday**

Early dismissal

### **November 10, Friday**

No school

Veteran's Day (Observed)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

### **November 13, Monday**

Early dismissal

### **November 14, Tuesday**

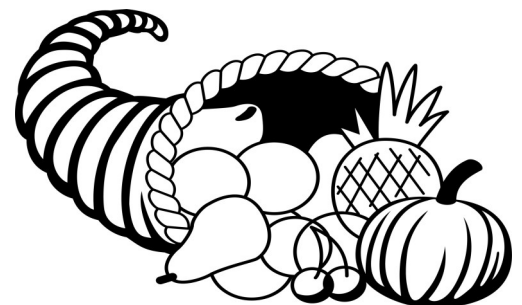
PTA meeting @ 6:45 pm

### **November 20, Monday**

Potomac Pizza fundraiser

### **November 22-24, Wednesday to Friday**

Thanksgiving holiday



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James Johnson  
Basketball Commissioner:  
Kristen Buker 240-965-7055  
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Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

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Co-Chair Michael Attick  
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### Historical Committee

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### Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey  
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### Men's Basketball League

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### Playgroup

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### Quilter's Club

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### BH Elementary School PTA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm: NW/EP Meeting	2	3	4 10 am: Town Clean-up Day	
5	6 7 pm: Town Council Worksession	7 7:30 pm: Rec. Council Meeting	8 7 pm: Town Meeting	9 7 pm: Green Team Meeting	10	11
12 2 pm: BHHC Fall Reception	13 7 pm: Town Council Worksession	14 6:45 pm: BHES PTA Meeting	15	16 7 pm: BHEAC Meeting	17	18
19 Street Sweeping	20 7 pm: Town Council Worksession	21	22	23 Thanksgiving: Town Offices Closed	24 Town Offices Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



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