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Notice of Public Hearing Proposed Sidewalk Routes

October 10, 8:00 pm

The Town Council will hold a public hearing at the October Town meeting to consider installing new sidewalks on specific priority locations in Berwyn Heights. The priority locations form a route that connects Town facilities, schools and parks, which carries most of the pedestrian traffic:

- Berwyn Road from Indian Creek Trail to 57th Avenue, 5500 - 5600 block;
- 57th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street, 8600 block;
- Pontiac Street from 58th to 57th Avenue, 5700 block.
- Cunningham Drive from Pontiac Street to Quebec Place, 8600 - 8700 block;
- 60th Avenue from Quebec Place to Greenbelt Road, 8700 - 8900 blocks.
- Pontiac Street in front of BHES and Community Center, 6200 block.

The Town Council is also considering installing a new sidewalk platform on the southwest corner of Pontiac Street at Edmonston Road to help connect the sidewalk on Pontiac Street to the Kenilworth Avenue crosswalk.

The proposed sidewalk plan only proposes installing new sidewalks on one side of the street, not both sides, but the Town Council has not determined which side of the street. Cost estimates vary considerably for each block due to obstacles, such as utility poles and trees, and the type of terrain.

Although the Town Council will not determine a means to finance sidewalk construction until the route and scope of the project has been determined, possible funding sources include but are not limited to speed camera revenues. Residents are urged to think of the specific locations under consideration and share ideas on other options, other locations and ways to finance the project. Residents opposed to the building of new sidewalks are also encouraged to speak. Please come out and voice your opinion.

Election Information



Who?

In the upcoming general election on **Tuesday November 6**, eligible voters have the opportunity to choose a US President, Vice President, US Congressman (District 5), and US Senator, as well as several members of the Prince George's Board of Education (District 2). In addition, a number of important questions will be on the ballot in Maryland. The names and contact information of the candidates standing for election and the ballot questions can be reviewed on the websites of the Maryland State Board of Election (<http://www.elections.state.md.us/>) and the Prince George's Board of Election (<http://www.co.pg.md.us/government/agencyindex/elections/index.asp>.)

Where?

Voting on November 6 will take place at the **Berwyn Heights Elementary School cafeteria**.

Early voting will take place from October 27 – November 1, between 10 am - 8 pm (Sunday 12 pm – 6 pm) at 5 locations throughout Prince George's County. The closest one to Berwyn Heights is at the **College Park Community Center**, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park (Lakeland).

How?

Registration is open until **October 16**. The Maryland State Board of Election (Phone 410-269-2840) and the local boards (Prince George's BoE Phone 301-430-8020) have implemented an easy and convenient online voting registration process on their websites; or you can pick up a paper registration form at the Berwyn Heights Town Office.

Absentee ballots can be requested from the Maryland State or Prince George's Board of Election or downloaded from their websites (see above website addresses). Absentee ballots must be received by the Board of Election by October 30, 8 pm.

ELECTRONICS/ STYROFOAM RECYCLING

OCTOBER 27



Berwyn Heights residents can recycle their electronics and styrofoam at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at **Buddy Attick parking lot off 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt**.

Accepted electronics: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries (taped on one end).

Accepted styrofoam: Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6), which is the white, block Styrofoam used as packaging. **NO** cups, food containers, egg cartons, or peanuts accepted.

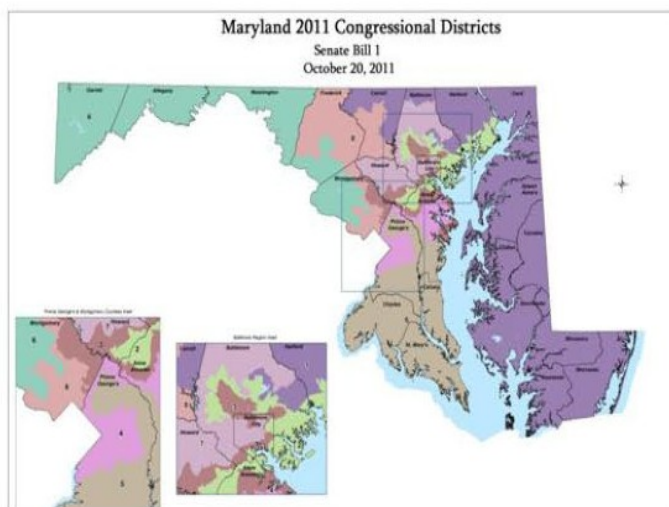
For more information go to:

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Electronics_Recycling.php

or call: Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153

Maryland Redistricting Plan Placed on November 6 Ballot

In the upcoming General Election, Maryland voters will be able to vote on the proposed Congressional Redistricting Plan (Question 5). The plan was petitioned to referendum by opponents who maintain that the districts have been gerrymandered at the expense of proper representation. Other important issues petitioned to referendum include:



View larger map and maps for each district at <http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/2010/cong>

Question 4 - Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates

Establishes that individuals, including undocumented immigrants, are eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at community colleges in Maryland, provided the student meets certain conditions relating to attendance and graduation from a Maryland high school, filing of income taxes, intent to apply for permanent residency, and registration with the selective service system (if required); makes such students eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at a four-year public college or university if the student has first completed 60 credit hours or graduated from a community college in Maryland; provides that students qualifying for in-state tuition rates by this method will not be counted as in-state students for purposes of counting undergraduate enrollment; and extends the time in which honorably discharged veterans may qualify for in-state tuition rates.

Question 5 - Congressional Districting Plan

Establishes the boundaries for the State's eight United States Congressional Districts based on recent census figures, as required by the United States Constitution.

Question 6 - Civil Marriage Protection Act

Establishes that Maryland's civil marriage laws allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license, provided they are not otherwise prohibited from marrying; protects clergy from having to perform any particular marriage ceremony in violation of their religious beliefs; affirms that each religious faith has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine regarding who may marry within that faith; and provides that religious organizations and certain related entities are not required to provide goods, services, or benefits to an individual related to the celebration or promotion of marriage in violation of their religious beliefs.

Question 7 - Gaming Expansion

Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education to authorize video lottery operation licensees to operate "table games" as defined by law; to increase from 15,000 to 16,500 the maximum number of video lottery terminals that may be operated in the State; and to increase from 5 to 6 the maximum number of video lottery operation licenses that may be awarded in the State and allow a video lottery facility to operate in Prince George's County?

Worksession

August 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, and Councilmembers Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper, Town Engineer Vernon Kelly and Associates.

1. Sidewalk Survey & Field Trip (7:10 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.)

Mayor Calvo announced that the Council will go on a field trip to look at proposed sidewalk locations. They will be accompanied by Town Engineer Vernon Kelly and his team.

Mr. Kelley introduced the AB Consultants team, Sanjay and Harshad Patel and Landscape Architect David Dows. He said that AB Consultants have completed a survey of the Town right-of-way on the streets where sidewalks are a top priority, including:

- Berwyn Road from Indian Creek Trail to 57th Avenue, 5500 - 5600 block
- 57th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street, 8600 block
- Pontiac Street from 58th to 57th Avenue, 5700 block
- Pontiac Street in front of BHES and Community Center, 6200 block
- Cunningham Drive from Pontiac Street to Quebec Place, 8600 – 8700 block
- 60th Avenue from Quebec Place to Greenbelt Road, 8700 – 8900 blocks

Mr. Dows explained that AB Consultants' survey and alignment study covers the main traffic arteries in Berwyn Heights, i.e. Pontiac Street with an extension to Sports Park and Cunningham Drive/60th Avenue. Virtually all important Town facilities are located along these arteries, including the Town office, fire station, school and parks. The alignment study designates a preferred side of a street for building a sidewalk. The preferred side (marked in red on the map) generally has more right-of-way, flatter terrain and fewer obstacles, such as telephone poles, fire hydrants and mature trees. Also shown are the alternatives (marked in green) and upgrades of existing sidewalks (marked in blue). Mr. Dows recommended discussing the specifics of a proposed location on site.

At 7:10 p.m., the Council left for the field trip.

First stop, Berwyn Road & Ruatan Street. Mr. Dows explained that the proposed sidewalk would start at Indian Creek trail and run along the south side of Berwyn Road to Ruatan Street; then cross over to the north side and run along the north side to 57th Avenue. The 5600 block of Berwyn Road has less right-of-way, 3 utility poles and more trees, which would make it more difficult to construct a sidewalk. MPT Wilkinson said that the Berwyn Road-Ruatan Street intersection is very busy. Having pedestrians cross over to the other side defeats the purpose of creating a safer route to Sports Park and Indian Creek trail. Mayor Calvo said that the utility poles on the south side could possibly be avoided if part of the roadway was incorporated into a new sidewalk.

On 57th Avenue, the sidewalk is proposed to run along the west side from Berwyn Road past the Town Center, and then switch to the east side. This avoids the greater number of mature trees located on the west side. However, both sides are difficult to build on. Standard 5' wide sidewalks could be "pinched" to 3' to accommodate an obstacle.

On Pontiac Street and 57th Avenue, the sidewalk would switch to the north side and run along that side to align with the existing sidewalks beginning at 58th Avenue.

2nd Stop: Cunningham Drive and Pontiac Street. On Cunningham Drive between Pontiac Street and Quebec Place, sidewalks are proposed to run along the west side of the street. The east side has utility poles, more trees and a steep slope along Pop's Park. Councilmembers thought that the east side makes more sense because Pop's Park is Town property and pedestrians should get to the park without having to cross the road at busy intersections. The fence at the park will have to be moved if a sidewalk is installed in its right-of-way.

On 60th Avenue between Quebec Place and Ruatan Street, the sidewalk is proposed to run on the east side because the Town has more right-of-way and the terrain is flat. Then the sidewalk is proposed to switch to the west side up to the XTRA gas station. The terrain on the east side has steeper slopes, more driveways and the fire station, which could become a pedestrian safety issue. When sidewalk construction requires grading of the property beyond the Town right-of-way, the Town needs an easement and approval from the property owner, which can make implementation difficult.

A resident, whose home is on the east side of 8800 block of 60th Avenue, commented that she would prefer the sidewalk to be on the west side but would not oppose it if it were constructed in front of her home. However, she believes the fire house would pose a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially for mothers with small children and carriages, who may not be able to get out of the way quickly when the fire trucks or ambulances are dispatched.

MPT Wilkinson suggested that a sidewalk could be created in the roadway by marking off the required space on one side of the road and building a pole barrier or concrete curb to separate it from the traffic. This would avoid having to build sidewalks into the steep slopes on the east side of the 8900 block of 60th Avenue and negotiating with residents about easements. AB Consultants said that, while this is possible, it may pose problems with street sweeping, snow plowing and leaf collection. Further, storm water drainage issues may need to be addressed if a false curb is installed. Mayor Calvo said that this solution might also be a problem for the fire trucks that go down this road for most calls.

CM Almoguera commented that the proposed sidewalk route on Cunningham Drive/60th Avenue is not very practical. Pedestrians are not likely to use sidewalks that switch from one side of the street to the other with every block. Mayor Calvo added that switching sidewalks pose their own safety issues as pedestrians have to cross one of the busiest roads in Berwyn Heights.

3rd Stop, Pontiac Street school entrance. AB Consultants advised that improvements to the existing sidewalk between 63rd Avenue and the school entrance would require installation of a guardrail to conform to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines. This would be quite expensive. Mayor Calvo said that the Town is not planning a comprehensive upgrade for this stretch of sidewalk.

The construction of sidewalks for the remainder of the 6200 block of Pontiac Street in front of the school and community center would be difficult and would require building a tall retaining wall into a steep slope. The community center frontage is especially difficult and retaining walls might have to be 5' in height to make a sidewalk possible. MPT Wilkinson said, on this stretch of road, building sidewalks into the roadway with false curbs may be an option as well.

The Council concluded the field trip at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Sidewalk survey discussion: Mayor

Calvo summarized that AB Consultants' survey was intended to locate the Town right-of-way and identify the most cost-effective way to construct sidewalks. He asked what it would cost to build the sidewalks in accordance with the proposed route. Town Engineer Kelly said that the survey identified the least intrusive routes, which are likely to be the least expensive. The cost for the proposed route is roughly \$564,000 and includes a 20% contingency to deal with unexpected complications. This figure does not include design costs.

The cost of the main components of the project are:

- \$164,480 – installation of pervious concrete sidewalks;
- \$36,000 – driveway entrances;
- \$33,000 – retaining walls;
- \$75,000 – relocating 3 utility poles at a cost of \$25,000 per pole;
- \$35,000 – tree removal;
- \$42,000 – remove and replace existing sidewalks with 5' ADA compliant sidewalks

In response to questions, Mr. Kelly said that regular concrete sidewalks would cost \$82,000, but compliance with new storm water management regulations would increase the cost. On the other hand, the life expectancy of pervious sidewalks is around 20 years, as opposed to 30 years for regular concrete. Other cost savings could be obtained, as Mayor Calvo suggested, from making no improvements to existing sidewalks on Pontiac Street and not building new sidewalks in front of the school, which require high retaining walls. Leaving existing sidewalks as they are would save approximately \$60,000. Building no new sidewalks in front of the school would save an additional \$30,000, for a total savings of \$90,000. An additional \$75,000 could be saved if no utility poles have to be moved.

Mayor Calvo said he would like to have a breakdown of construction costs on a block by block basis to get a clearer picture of the cost of alternative options. In particular, he would like to know the cost for building sidewalks exclusively on the east side of Cunningham Drive and 60th Avenue and on the south side of Berwyn Road, which would include the more difficult locations. Further, he would like to know what it would cost to build sidewalks in a segregated part of the roadway.

Mr. Kelly said that the block by block cost breakdown would still be priced on the basis of the entire proposed project. The

estimated added cost would be \$5,000, as his team will have to make more on-site visits and re-analyze the sidewalk route. In response to MPT Wilkinson, Mr. Kelly said that the cost savings from using regular concrete, plus storm water mitigation costs, would not be great. It may actually cost more because storm water regulations have become much more stringent recently. However, mitigation can be done anywhere in Town, including at an existing storm water management pond. MPT Wilkinson calculated that project costs exclusive of the proposed improvements around the school would be approximately \$446,000. He believes that, between the infrastructure reserve, speed camera money and undesignated surplus, the Town has enough money to pay for this project now.

CM Almoguera said that the sidewalk route as proposed defeats the purpose of making the Town more pedestrian friendly. Most pedestrians will not cross back and forth from one side of the street to the other to get to their destination. They will continue to walk in the street.

With no further comments, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded, to authorize spending an additional \$5,000 for a block by block breakdown of construction costs, for a total survey cost of \$38,000. The motion passed 4 to 1, with CM Kulpa-Eddy opposed.

Mayor

Announcements: There were none.

Calendar: MPT Wilkinson will not be present at the August 8 Town meeting.

Minutes: Approval of the July 2 and 16 worksession minutes were postponed to the next worksession.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he received a lot of feedback on the homicide that occurred recently. Many comments dealt with the question of how to prevent such cases of domestic violence. In this case, the victim was taking many of the right steps: she moved the boyfriend out of their apartment, and later placed a restraining on him. He is undertaking a review of procedures with Chief Antolik to find out what else the police can do to protect women who are in this situation. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that there will be a booth dealing with the issue on National Night Out. MPT Wilkinson suggested circulating a card at National Night Out for residents to send their condolences to the family.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Code Department is handling the removal of graffiti in Town. CM Dennison said that the

Recreation Council is putting together fliers to advertise the jazz concert at Lake Artemesia.

Citizen comments: None were reported.

Stop sign/line survey: TA Murphy said that Chief Antolik provided a list of intersections where the stop sign and/or stop line is too far back, making it difficult for drivers to see cars entering the intersection from the cross street. He has added the Cunningham Drive and Quebec Place intersection the Council discussed during the field trip tonight. To improve visibility, the Chief recommends moving the stop signs and lines closer to the intersection, repainting lines that have been worn away, or trimming trees and shrubs that obstruct the sight lines. CM Dennison and MPT Wilkinson added the Seminole Street at 56th Avenue and Charlton Avenue at Berwyn Road to the list.

Mayor Calvo suggested adding more crosswalks at points of heavy pedestrian traffic, such as at Pop's Park, the school, and on Edmonston Road at Pontiac Street. The crosswalks he has in mind are marked with bright yellow stripes and a sign in the middle of the roadway saying "stop for pedestrians in crosswalk." He has seen many of these appearing in neighboring communities. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that this sign might not work on Edmonston Road at Pontiac Street because of the buses that turn there. Rumble strips might be a better solution. TA Murphy said that Chief Antolik proposed rumble strips on Pontiac Street to prevent drivers from speeding up to make a green light on Kenilworth Avenue. Mayor Calvo commented that people generally don't want them in front of their homes because they are noisy. The Council agreed to have Chief Antolik review the Council's additional pedestrian safety suggestions and revise the list for Council approval at a future worksession.

No parking in intersections: Mayor Calvo asked Councilmembers to identify any "no parking in intersection" locations they want to add to the list of traffic safety issues for Chief Antolik to review. He added 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive at Quebec Place. When cars approach the intersection in the southbound lane, it is difficult for them to see pedestrians or other traffic coming around the bend if cars are parked in that intersection.

MPT Wilkinson said that he would like to look at the Pontiac Street/Edmonston Road intersection with Chief Antolik to review the options. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the stop sign posts on Edmonston Road should have an additional sign

saying “cross traffic does not stop.” CM Almoguera put forth a number of suggestions from Playgroup parents. Their main concern was Berwyn Road at Charlton Avenue. Families that live there suggest that one side of Berwyn Road be made no parking. Other problematic locations are Berwyn Road at 60th Avenue and 60th Place, where the intersections should be “boxed off” with yellow curbs. She also heard from a resident of 59th Avenue who deliberately parks at the blind corner of 59th and Tecumseh Street to slow down traffic. Mayor Calvo recalled that the fire department was going to provide input on which sections of 59th Avenue, Tecumseh and Seminole Streets should be no parking and asked TA Murphy to follow up.

TA Murphy proposed “no parking” at the blind curve of Berwyn Road at Charlton Avenue when traveling downhill (west bound). Mayor Calvo said he wanted to review if there should be a stop sign on Berwyn Road at Charlton Avenue traveling east. He noted that there is a shortage of on-street parking in that area. It may not be possible to mark off a lot of space for “no parking.” He also asked that residents who are directly impacted by the proposed changes be notified before any action is taken and allowed to give their input.

MML fall conference attendance: CMs Almoguera and Kulpa-Eddy may attend.

4. Public Works

Pickup truck purchase: Public Works Director of Operations Adrian Lockley explained that the Council appropriated \$40,000 in FY 2013 to purchase a new pickup truck. It will replace a 1987 Ford pickup that has traveled almost 200,000 miles. He has obtained 3 bids for a 3/4 to 1 ton pickup with crew cab and short bed, 4-wheel drive, power windows, locks and mirrors, tow package and snow plow frame. A Diesel motor is optional. However, Public Works recommends not getting a Diesel motor because the fuel is more expensive. The goal is to take delivery of a vehicle that is outfitted with amber warning lights, communications system and spray bed liner to protect it from road salt.

The two quotes within the budget were a 2012 Ford F350 4WD Crew Cab from Apple Ford, Columbia and a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4WD Crew Cab from Sport Chevrolet, Silver Spring. Mr. Lockley recommended purchasing the Ford, which costs \$37,400 with add-ons, or \$2,000 less than the Chevrolet with add-ons. The Ford would also cost less to maintain because the Public Works Department is familiar with the Ford model and proposes to perform preven-

tative maintenance in-house. MPT Wilkinson moved to purchase the Ford pickup. CM Dennison seconded. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if this truck can tow the emergency trailer. Mr. Lockley said it can. She also asked what the gas mileage is and if this vehicle would be taken home by staff. Mr. Lockley said that the mileage is 23 mpg on the highway and 16 mpg around Town. The truck is not a take-home vehicle. The Council voted 5 to 0 to approve the purchase.

Indian Creek playground barrier: MPT Wilkinson said that the Town received confirmation that a barrier of 6”x 6” poles spaced 3’ on center would slow down and prevent a vehicle from driving straight into the park. Mr. Lockley has calculated that the cost of installing such barrier in the playground frontage would cost \$1,144. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked what kind of maintenance is planned to prevent the wood from rotting. Mr. Lockley said that the poles would be equipped with post caps and periodically water-proofed. TA Murphy was asked to check with Park & Planning if they consent to the installation. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Almoguera seconded to authorize purchase and installation of the barrier. The motion passed 5-0.

DPW Mutual Aid Agreement: TA Murphy explained the Council approved resolutions in 2007 and in 2008 to participate in a Mutual Aid Agreement with neighboring municipalities. However, the agreement was never adopted. Later that year, the Maryland Public Works Officials Association revised the agreement to open it up to any municipality with a public works department. Each participating municipality was supposed to sign a master page to execute the agreement. However, this agreement was not implemented either, apparently because of a lack of communication. In 2011, the agreement was taken up again and revised to address concerns of the Maryland Municipal Attorneys’ Association. The Maryland Municipal Public Works Officials Association approved the revised agreement at the 2011 MML convention. Berwyn Heights was not informed and did not learn about this until the Town received a request for emergency assistance from Bladensburg and Cheverly this spring.

TA Murphy continued that, under a new protocol, the MML is charged with maintaining the list of current signatories. Other important changes are that a town or city has the option of accepting or declining an aid request, and that the requesting municipality is responsible for submitting all state and federal emergency aid reimbursement requests. A

municipality that responds to an aid request will not be reimbursed unless it is a signatory to the agreement. It is not clear whether Emergency Preparedness volunteers are covered by the agreement.

Mayor Calvo said that volunteers are not covered under the agreement, only the equipment that is lent to another municipality for an emergency. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the emergency trailer and its content are considered Public Works equipment. Mayor Calvo replied that it is. The Town owns the trailer and NW/EP manages it. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the Town has a list of the municipalities who have signed on to the agreement, so that the Town and NW/EP know if equipment should be loaned to a requesting municipality in case of an emergency. TA Murphy said that upon the request of MML’s new president, Mayor Davis of Greenbelt, all town administrators/managers will be informed who the current signatories are. With no further questions, the Council agreed to adopt the revised Public Works Mutual Aid agreement at the next the Town meeting.

5. Administration

AV upgrade: Mayor Calvo asked for an update on the audio-visual system’s upgrade. Clerk Harper said that installation began last Saturday and will continue through Wednesday. Charles Happ of Moffet and Associates is coordinating the different aspects of the installation. It is unlikely that the Council chamber will be ready for broadcasting at the upcoming August meetings. The microphones, which have been back-ordered by the vendor, have not yet arrived, and she and TA Murphy have to be trained on the new equipment.

Hose tower dry-locking: TA Murphy said Mr. Lockley has confirmed that RHA Masonry’s quote of \$4,200 for dry locking the Town Center hose tower still stands. He advised that the \$7,000 appropriated for the replacement of the Town Center canopy is sufficient to cover most of the cost of dry locking. The shortfall of \$400 can be taken from other line items in the Town Center budget. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to authorize the dry locking expenditure. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the September Bulletin cover: Theme and headline Lake Artemesia concert; announcements for Ice Cream Social and Family BBQ.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Code Compliance.**

7. Parks and Recreation

Pop’s Park grant: CM Almoguera reported that she is in the process of ham-

mering out designs with several playground vendors. Adrian Lockley has been very helpful in filling in details on labor and materials the Town would contribute. She hopes to have a grant proposal ready for Council review at the next worksession.

Good of the Order: MPT Wilkinson said that Mr. Lockley has checked with the County on repairing the asphalt bulging up around the storm drain at the north entrance of Pop's Park. They said that it is not their issue. TA Murphy said that the problem has something to do with the leak in the WSSC lines on Quebec Street last year. He will continue to research the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, CMs Almoguera and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson and Treasurer Lape had an excused absence. CM Denison was absent. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Clerk Harper and citizens. Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the July 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Almoguera and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the edited minutes were approved 3 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

TA Murphy gave the Treasurer's report for the month of July. He noted that \$100,000 has been invested in a new account at Old Line Bank.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that National Night Out was again a huge success. He commended Officer Krouse for coordinating the event this year, and thanked the employees and volunteers who helped. There were many young volunteers this time. National Night Out has become a big annual event with a lot of turnout. He invited everyone to come again next year. The Town agreed to send a letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission regarding Pepco's response to the June 28 storm and regional power outages, widely considered inadequate. In some places it took a week to restore power. The Town was particularly disap-

pointed about the lack of meaningful communication and coordination with municipalities. Pepco is currently clearing out a lot of trees on Edmonston Road and removing this buffer zone to Kenilworth Avenue. There appears to be an unwillingness to coordinate with the Town on this project. The work product would probably be better if Pepco were more responsive to the Town's concerns on this matter.

Mayor Calvo said that there were a lot of comments following the murder of Amber Shinault, 57th Avenue on July 22. Shinault was killed by her ex-boy friend, who had moved out of the house she was renting after a previous altercation. The perpetrator has been arrested and is in custody. While Berwyn Heights police reacted quickly and compassionately to the first homicide in 21 years, the Town has been asking itself what more can be done to prevent such a crime in the future. Many thoughtful ideas were put forth by residents on how to support victims of domestic violence and the police department is reviewing its policies on how to better protect them.

At the August 6 worksession, the Council went on a field trip to look at the sites for future sidewalks. They were accompanied by Town engineer Vernon Kelly and his team, which recently completed a survey of the streets for which sidewalks are deemed a top priority. After the survey, the team must still do design and engineering before undertaking the construction. The trip was sobering because the route proposed by the engineers switches from one side of a street to the other to avoid utility poles, trees and difficult terrain to keep costs down. As Councilmembers have since pointed out, sidewalks that too often switch back and forth cause safety problems and are not likely to be used by pedestrians. The Council needs to do more work to identify the best routes and needs input from residents. A public hearing will probably be scheduled for October.

Mayor Calvo continued that last month's public hearing on limiting access to 59th Avenue at Greenbelt Road was inconclusive. Most residents did not object to limiting access but a number preferred to do nothing or close the street entirely. The people who live on the street are encouraged to come to consensus amongst themselves and then come back to the Council. At that time, the Council will take the matter up again and move forward.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Maryland Assembly concluded a special session to pass legislation that expands gambling in the State, subject to voter approval in the

November election. Supported by County Executive Baker, the bill allows for a sixth casino to open in Prince George's County at National Harbor, while also permitting table games. Mayor Calvo thinks that the legislation will further widen the influence of gambling interests in Maryland, as lawmakers will come to depend on the revenue generated by the casinos.

At the last Four Cities Coalition meeting, which took place in Berwyn Heights, representatives from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) were in attendance and reported on service and safety issues at the area's Metro stations. Crime at Greenbelt and New Carrollton stations has gone down but nuisances, such as trash and availability of bathrooms remain to be addressed. The Four Cities Coalition also decided to refurbish a previous street sweeper to replace the current model, which has been plagued by frequent breakdowns.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo reported that the Council chamber is currently a construction zone as contractors are installing new audio-video equipment. The new equipment, financed through cable franchise fees saved over a number of years, should provide a better viewing experience of Council meetings and Town news.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the installation of new BHTV audio-visual equipment in the Council chamber is almost complete. However, the Town is waiting for a shipment of microphones which are on back-order.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that students are moving back into Town. The Code director would like to remind owners of rental homes that they must have a valid rental license if they are renting more than one room. Landlords must also file updated tenants rights and responsibility forms each year. The licensing and inspection of rental homes ensures that they are safe, well maintained and provide adequate living space. The Code Department can be contacted at code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us with questions or concerns.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: There was no report

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik thanked all volunteers and employees who helped organize and staff National Night Out. He then gave the police activities report for July. There were 5 Part I offenses, including one murder, which is below the 5-year average of 9.4. The

year-to-date total is 39, which is well below the 5-year average of 54. Chief Antolik attributes the decline in serious crimes to conscientious patrolling and support from the community. Speed camera citations for July number 259, with 18 issued on the 5900 block of Pontiac Street, 40 on the 6200 block of Pontiac Street and 201 on Greenbelt Road. Total citations issued in FY 2012 number 2883 and resulted in receipt of approximately \$50,000 in fines. However, some payments are still outstanding.

Chief Antolik said that Berwyn Heights police discovered the murdered Ms. Shinault when checking on her and then handed the investigation over to Prince George's County police. The perpetrator was apprehended the following day. Berwyn Heights police handled the case professionally and sent its condolences to the family of the victim.

Public Works: There was no report.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that 3 residents attended the CERT class last Saturday and approximately 35 people participated in the July 21 CPR/First Aid training. CM Kulpa-Eddy thanked all volunteers who made National Night Out a big success, particularly the many students who helped this time. The next NW/EP meeting will be held on September 5.

Recreation Council: CM Almoguera announced that a second annual Family BBQ Potluck will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 29 at Pop's Park. All families are welcome. Further, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is making plans to form a separate group for "parents with infants."

6. Unfinished Business

Resolution 07-2012 – Adoption of MMPWOA Mutual Aid Agreement: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Resolution. CM Kulpa-Eddy moved to adopt it. CM Almoguera seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the Council approved an earlier version of a Public Works Mutual Aid agreement in 2007 and 2008, which committed a number of municipalities of Northern Prince George's County to assist each other in an emergency. In the summer of 2008, the Maryland Municipal Public Works Officials Association (MMPWOA) came out with a revised mutual aid agreement that opened it up to any Maryland municipality with a public works department. How-

ever, the agreement was never implemented, mainly because word did not get out.

At the June 2011 MML Conference, the Maryland Municipal Attorneys Association made further changes to the agreement and signed off on a revised agreement. The Public Works Association approved the agreement, which provides for the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to keep track of the participating municipalities and to keep all informed of current membership. The revised agreement also gives municipalities the option of declining aid requests and obliges the cities and towns that request aid to file all federal state of emergency reimbursement applications. A municipality must be a signatory in order to receive emergency aid. With no comments, the Council approved Resolution 07-2012 in a 3 to 0 vote.

7. New Business

There was none.

8. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession August 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief Antolik, Code Compliance Director Sonjia Solomon, and Public Works Acting Director Adrian Lockley.

1. Mayor

Announcements: PGCPSS has confirmed that a connector sidewalk through the bus parking lot to the new Greenbelt Middle School will be built. A countdown timer to cross Greenbelt Road at 63rd Avenue has been installed but requires someone to push the traffic light button to activate it.

Calendar: Director evaluations will be reviewed at the September 10 worksession. A merit increase discussion is scheduled for the September 24 worksession.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the July 2 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the July 16 worksession minutes were approved 5 to

0. On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the August 6 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Code Department is working on repairing the air conditioning in the Call-a-Bus. CM Dennison reported that the new Greenbelt Middle School opened this term. MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works is cleaning up around Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES).

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received a complaint that Pepco trucks are trimming trees excessively, especially on Edmonston Road near the 7-Eleven. Decisions on how much to trim seems to be made on a crew-by-crew basis, as some crews are more careful than others. Residents are concerned that the noise barrier to Kenilworth is being lost. Mayor Calvo noted that Pepco will be removing a dead tree on 57th Avenue. The Town will not have to pay for it.

Other citizen comments dealt with high grass violations and a problem with bamboo spreading into a neighbor's yard, which was resolved by trimming back the spreading bamboo.

Department directors' discussion: Mayor Calvo said that the Council would like to meet with the directors on a regular basis throughout the year, not just for budget presentations or when there are problems. Tonight he would like to hear from the directors what the priorities of each department are and how they align with Council priorities. He would also like the directors to share ideas about improving collaboration between the departments.

Chief Antolik stated that the Police Department is responsible for the Town's health and safety. It operates according to the motto "COPS," which stands for Communication, Ownership, Proactive (and follow-up), Service. With consistent application of these guidelines, crime has gone down. Another priority is to educate residents about how they can avoid receiving citations and fines, such as parking cars with out-of-state licenses in the street for extended periods.

Chief Antolik said that the Police Department is already working with other departments and committees in addressing Council priorities. For example, it recently worked with NW/EP on a street light survey to identify dark areas in Town that may require additional lighting. The department is also making a sustained effort to stay in touch with senior citizens to better protect them. Berwyn Heights officers take things that happen in the Town personally, such as

the recent graffiti incident, and make sure that problems get solved.

Acting Public Works Director Adrian Lockley distributed a handout that outlined the department's responsibilities in the areas of refuse collection, facility, fleet and street maintenance, grounds keeping, community events, abatements and utility repairs. The handout also indicates the areas where the Public Works Department works with other departments to enforce refuse violations, maintain Town buildings, right-of-ways, parks and streets, inform residents about services, and pay bills.

Mr. Lockley said that one of the Department's priorities is improving communicating with Spanish-speaking residents to help them better understand the refuse/recycling rules. The department utilizes a police aide for Spanish translation services. The police also help with apprehending out-of-town metal scavengers. The Code Department points out pothole and schedules abatements working within the PW schedule.

Code Director Sonjia Solomon provided a handout outlining the Code Compliance Department's responsibilities. Code is charged with helping to preserve the Town's quality of life and property values. To that end, it enforces Town ordinances dealing with clean lot violations, rental properties and trash collection. Frequently these responsibilities involve resolving conflicts between neighbors, processing code appeals, and inspecting rental homes. Ms. Solomon said that her department is focusing on being proactive. For example, vacant properties are monitored regularly to ensure that grass and shrubs are cut, and doors and windows secured to prevent break-ins and vandalism. The department recognizes the need for assistance and has a good working relationship with the other departments.

7:34 pm. TA Murphy left due to illness.

Mayor Calvo commented that cooperation seems to be good, but informal. Cooperation might be easier if there were more information sharing. A better integrated Town website could help with cross-departmental communication and information sharing.

Chief Antolik said that cooperation and information sharing by the Police Department, while informal, requires his approval. However, any observations or reports to other Departments are done only when police work is caught up. On average, requests are received 1-2 times per week. Mr. Lockley said that Public Works handles requests in the same manner. Ms. Solomon stated that the

Code Department has no problem communicating with other Departments, and does so on a constant basis. Mayor Calvo noted that employees generally react well when prompted. However, he would like to see them take the initiative more often and be proactive.

At 8:03 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Mayor Calvo said he believes there is a need for a formal system of cross-departmental communications, such as exists for performance evaluations and award of merit pay. The evaluations/merit pay system can be used to encourage behavior the Town would like to see in its employees. Mayor Calvo asked what the directors think about the evaluations/merit pay system. The directors stated that they did not think the evaluation process was open for review. To evaluate Berwyn Heights' evaluations process, examples from other municipalities might be instructive. A human resources consultant might also be able to give useful advice. Evaluations might be improved if they were more specific to the type of work done.

Directors further stated they did not perceive any significant barriers to communication between the departments. To reward good work directors thank employees (Code Department) or give a day off (Police Department). Mayor Calvo suggested setting aside some money to purchase gift cards to reward employees for good service. He also reminded directors that they have an "employee of the year" award to recognize employees. He then asked directors to think about what they like and don't like about current interactions with other departments, especially the Administration Department. It was agreed that directors would hold at least one monthly meeting, which will be added to the Council calendar.

Sidewalk survey, block-by-block costs: Town engineers AB Consultants provided 2 sets of estimates of the block-by-block cost of constructing sidewalks where they are deemed a top priority:

- 1) The first set of cost estimates totals \$460,000 based on a route that seeks to minimize construction costs by avoiding obstacles and difficult terrain, as proposed by AB Consultants;
- 2) The second set of cost estimates totals \$520,000 based on a route that seeks to maximize convenience for pedestrians and likelihood of usage, as proposed by the Council.

After the Council reviewed and discussed the estimates, Mayor Calvo suggested to break the project down into 3 sections and consider the cost of each section separately:

- 1) Cunningham Drive from Pontiac Street to Quebec Place, 8600 – 8700 block; 60th Avenue from Quebec Place to Greenbelt Road, 8700 – 8900 blocks.
- 2) Berwyn Road from Indian Creek Trail to 57th Avenue, 5500 - 5600 block; 57th Avenue from Berwyn Road to Pontiac Street, 8600 block (d e l e t e d) ; Pontiac Street from 58th to 57th Avenue, 5700 block.
- 3) Pontiac Street in front of BHES and Community Center, 6200 b l o c k .

The cost for section 1 sidewalks along the east side of Cunningham Drive/60th Avenue preferred by the Council is \$227,000. The cost for section 2 sidewalks, minus the 8600 block of 57th Avenue (costing \$60,600), ranges between \$110,000 and 119,000, depending on whether sidewalks are built on the north side or south side of Berwyn Road. The cost for section 3, Pontiac Street in front of Berwyn Heights Elementary School is \$113,500. However, the Council will request a further breakdown of the cost to separate the area between the entrance and exit of the school driveway from the area in front of the community center, which has very steep slopes and would require building high retaining walls. Thus the total cost of the entire project is either \$450,000 if sidewalks are built on the north side of Berwyn Road, or \$540,000 if sidewalks are built on the south side. To further reduce costs, the Council may eliminate sidewalks on Pontiac Street in front of the Community Center.

MPT Wilkinson noted that new sidewalks must be 5' wide to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. He asked Councilmembers to look at existing 4' wide sidewalks on Pontiac Street approaching the school entrance from 63rd for comparison. He also stated that, currently, it is not safe for students to walk to school. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested improving existing footpaths in Town right-of-ways. For example, the footpath along the west side of BHES, which continues along the east side of Pops Park as a drainage ditch, could connect the school with north end of the Town. This would likely be less expensive than building new sidewalks along

the east side of Cunningham Drive, even if additional lighting and new surfacing has to be installed.

Mayor Calvo said that he does not want to use money set aside in the infrastructure reserve to finance sidewalk construction because this money comes from a 3 cents tax specifically set aside for road repairs. To move forward with sidewalk construction more public input is needed, especially from property owners along the affected areas: the east side of 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive between Greenbelt Road and Pontiac Street; the north side of Pontiac Street between 58th and 57th Avenue; both sides of Berwyn Road between 57th Avenue and Ruatan Street. The Council agreed to send letters of notification to residents directly affected by sidewalk plans, as well as Town residents generally. The letter will also announce the date for next sidewalk hearing, tentatively scheduled for October.

In further discussion, the need for driveway easements and alternative revenue sources for the project, including a municipal bond issue, were raised.

No parking in intersections: Postponed to future meeting.

Greenbelt Four Cities meeting: Postponed to future meeting.

2. Administration

5806 Quebec Place driveway change: Postponed to future meeting.

Audio-Visual system, fine-tuning: Postponed to future meeting.

Nothing was discussed under **3. Code Compliance**

4. Parks & Recreation

Pop's Park grant proposal: CM Almoguera provided Council with copies of a grant proposal to renovate Pop's Park, which was submitted today. She thanked the Administration Department for helping with the grant application. An announcement about grant awards will be made in April 2013. The grant application requests \$98,454 (including \$7500 from the Town) from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to replace the existing playground equipment with new equipment that complies with current safety guidelines and ADA regulations. CM Almoguera is hoping for Little Tykes equipment.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Public Health & Safety** and **6. Public Works**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of August 2012. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town.

Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

08/03/12 at 10:55 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8500 block of 58th Avenue for a report of a burglary. Two white males claim to be a 'City Water' employee and told the resident that there was a water leak. One of the males entered the house and removed a wallet without the victim's knowledge.

08/05/12 at 2:10 am, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2000 Ford from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was driving the said vehicle without a license.

08/06/12 at 6:00 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5800 block of Vernon Terrace for a report of vandalism to a 2003 Mazda.

08/10/12 at 1:06 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 59th Avenue for a report of a telephone misuse. The resident a 71 Y/O, W/F, called 911 to report that her husband is threatening to commit suicide. Investigation later revealed that the call was false.

08/10/12 at 1:44 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of vandalism of plant holders.

08/13/12 at 4:45 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2007 Chevy and a 2008 Honda due to an accident located on Greenbelt Rd at 62nd Ave.

08/21/12 at 4:20 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue for a report of theft over \$1,000.00. Victim stated that she works for a check cashing business and claims that a 61 y/o, Asian male cashed paychecks for his employees and later file bankruptcy. Victim alleging that her company suffered approximately \$10,927.90 of loss. Case is being investigated by Det. Unger of the USS Task Force.

08/21/12 at 10:06 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8600 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of a disorderly subject. Investigation revealed that a 23 y/o, b/m attempted to start a fight with his neighbor.

08/22/12 at 2:40 pm, Cpl. Bennett, Det. Unger and the Chief of Police responded

to the 8500 block of 60th Place for a report of a domestic dispute. Victim claims that her husband a 37 y/o, b/m jumped in front of her vehicle preventing her from leaving. Victim was taken to the BHPD and given the domestic violence lethality screening.

08/22/12 at 9:40 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the US Fuel formerly the Beltway Gas at 5901 Greenbelt Road for a report of a disorderly subject. Investigation revealed that the same 23 y/o, b/m from a disorderly call on 08/21/12 Bucknell Terrace was disrupting the normal flow of business at the said location. The suspect was identified by the CCTV however departed the scene prior to the arrival of the BHPD officers.

08/23/12 at 12:00 pm, Cpl. Bennett recovered a Georgia dealer's tag from the location of 8500 block of 58th Avenue. Person who had the possession of the said tag was using it improperly.

08/24/12 at 10:46 am, Det. Unger responded the parking lot of McDonald's for a property damage report. Unknown person cause a motorcycle to fall to the ground.

08/24/12 at 3:52 pm, Pfc. Ignowski, Pfc. Thompson and PSA. Rodriguez responded to the 5600 block of Seminole Street for a report of two siblings arguing.

08/26/12 at 2:00 am Pfc. Roberson impounded a 1997 Jeep from the location of Greenbelt Road at 62nd Avenue due to an accident.

08/24/12 at 7:00 am Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5700 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a stolen 2006 Mini Cooper. At approximately 7:30 the vehicle was recovered by Pfc. Krouse at the location of 8800 block of 58th Avenue.

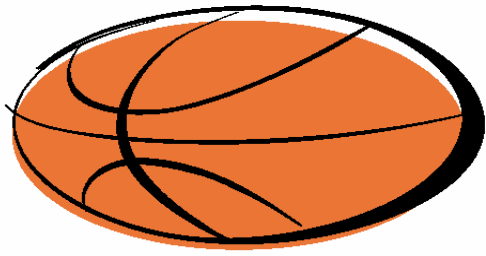
NON-EMERGENCY POLICE

DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER

301-352-1200

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

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



2012 BERWYN HEIGHTS MENS LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

Who: Any resident of town or any member of the Boys & Girls Club (a parent or guardian)

What: A fun Basketball league that has been in existence for 36 years. The league is for over 30 year old players and Tuesdays and Thursdays are open for anybody over 17 years old.

When: Sign-up dates are October 2, 4, 9,11,16,18,23,25,30.
From 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Where: 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.

Why: Why Not! This is a great way to keep in shape and have some fun doing it. The talent level is very diverse and we have players from 30-70 years old playing.

Price: \$50 for the whole year. You will be required to purchase a gym card, to use the facilities, from MNCPPC for the year.

League Play: League play is on Sundays. Games are played between 3-7 p.m. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. *all year long*. Come on out, get some much needed exercise and meet some new friends. Feel free to drop in and check out the games. For further information contact Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142. We look forward to seeing you on the court.

Trick or Treat

Wednesday,
October 31, 6 - 9 pm



Keep your porch lights on to welcome trick-or-treaters and drive carefully. The Berwyn Heights Police and Neighborhood Watch will be patrolling the streets to make sure everyone is safe.

PUBLIC HEARING

GREENBELT METRO AREA SECTOR PLAN

OCTOBER 2, 7:00 pm

County Administration Building,
Rm. 2170

Upper Marlboro, MD

The Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is in the process of adopting a new master plan for the Greenbelt Metro Area and Route 193 Corridor, affecting the municipalities of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt. Residents and businesses are invited to comment on the preliminary plan, which will define type, amount, character and location of future development. If you wish to speak at the hearing you may register with the M-NCPPC Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584.

Copies of the preliminary plan are available online at <http://www.mnccppcapps.org/planning/GMA.pdf> or

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- **\$40.00** late fee applies if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 45 days from the date of issuance;
- **\$40.00** flagging fee to re-register a flagged vehicle if a speed camera ticket remains unpaid for more than 60 days from the date of issuance.
- **Late fee and Flagging fee** are in addition to any processing fees charged by the MVA.

Pepco

Smart Meter Installation



Pepco sub-contractor Scope Services, Inc. is installing smart meters in Berwyn Heights through the end of 2012.

This is part of a long-term investment to upgrade the power grid. Scope Services workers wear blue shirts, khaki pants and photo ID, and drive white vans marked with Pepco and Scope Services logos.

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

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

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council – News and Events

Halloween Event Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 20

Berwyn Heights Community Center (Lower Parking Lot)

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Join us for a great family activity. The kids won't be the only ones in costumes. Decorate your car's trunk and bring treats to pass out as kids walk by. The best decorated car will win a free oil change from the **Berwyn Heights Shell**. The runner up will get a free car wash. Enjoy Halloween activities and smores and cider at our community bonfire. Don't miss what is sure to be a "Spooktacular" evening.

Sponsored by the Recreation Council and the Berwyn Heights Community Center

Tips for Decorating your Vehicle - The Vehicle: If you have a minivan, you could lay the seats down and choose items that hang from the ceiling, with a truck you could build up with your decorations and with a car you could make it dark and scary. Decorations: Next, think about how you want to decorate inside and around your vehicle. The easiest way to decide on decorations is to choose a theme. Such as a sports theme where you place photos, Souvenirs, and equipment in and around your vehicle... you can make your vehicle as spooky as possible with spider webs, spiders and skeletons...or you could consider a harvest theme with bales of hay, pumpkins, and a friendly scarecrow. Costumes: While it's not mandatory, it would make a nice backdrop if the people passing out the candy match the theme of their vehicle.

Coming in November: Berwyn Heights Clean-Up Day

Beautify Our Town and Help the Environment

Free pizza for all participants. Details in November bulletin.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 pm (Town Office). All are welcome!

Recreation Council Contacts:

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

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

October Code News

New Scooter/Moped Law to Take Effect October 1, 2012:

College students should take note that new Maryland scooter/moped regulations require all scooters and mopeds to be titled and insured starting October 1, and display a title decal in the rear. All operators and passengers must also wear a helmet and eye protection.



Code Activity for August::

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 116; Trash/ Litter = 11; Vehicle Violations = 15; Yard Waste = 15; Miscellaneous Violations = 16.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 3; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 27; Rental Investigations = 2; Building Permits = 4; POD Permits = 2; Roll-off Permits = 3.

Receipts: Fines and Late Fees = \$1,725; Liens to be collected = \$1,250; Code Fines, Clean-outs, Abatement Receipts, including liens mailed to the County = \$700.



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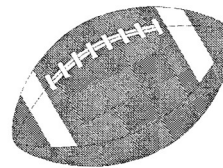


★ REDSKINS ★

DATE	OPPONENT
9/09	@ New Orleans
9/16	@ St. Louis
9/23	CINCINNATI
9/30	@ Tampa Bay
10/07	ATLANTA
10/14	MINNESOTA
10/21	@ NY Giants
10/28	@ Pittsburgh
11/04	CAROLINA
11/11	OPEN
11/18	PHILADELPHIA
11/22	@ Dallas
12/03	NY GIANTS
12/09	BALTIMORE
12/16	@ Cleveland
12/23	@ Philadelphia
12/30	DALLAS

★ RAVENS ★

DATE	OPPONENT
9/10	CINCINNATI
9/16	@ Philadelphia
9/23	NEW ENGLAND
9/27	CLEVELAND
10/07	@ Kansas City
10/14	DALLAS
10/21	@ Houston
10/28	OPEN
11/04	@ Cleveland
11/11	OAKLAND
11/18	@ Pittsburgh
11/25	@ San Diego
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12/09	@ Washington
12/16	DENVER
12/23	NY GIANTS
12/30	@ Cincinnati



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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

October 2012

Berwyn Heights, MD

Mark Your Calendars

Oct 2 - 6pm PTA Meeting
Oct 19 - School Closed - MSEA Convention
Oct 26 - End of First Quarter
Oct 26 - Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser
Oct 29 - No School - Grading/Planning Day

Special Events

Walk-a-Thon – October 26th – We will be walking from the school to and around Lake Artemesia and while there, having lunch. Start collecting donations today as your PTA has planned another exciting year! We need at least 3 chaperones per class to make this a success

PTA Book Club is Coming Soon! - We are pleased to announce that once again our school was awarded a Reading/Literacy grant from Target! We are looking forward to beginning our book club program in November! Stay tuned for more information!

Back to School Night - On Back to School Night, the PTA helped feed the hungry teachers dinner before the event.

Jeans Day – Will we have another Jeans Day? The answer will be in the October newsletter sent home with the students.

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.

Volunteers Wanted

Who would like to help with the Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser? We need volunteers to help mark the route on Thursday October 25th. We can also use help at the water stand in the mid-morning. Contact Kristen Buker at Officers@BHESPTA.org to volunteer!

Box Tops = Free Money!

First Collection October 10th! Our goal this year is for \$1000.00. Don't forget to send in your box tops!

The class with the most Box Tops in October will receive the traveling trophy and each student in that class, will also receive a special award! Look for specially marked packages that contain extra Box Tops– up to 5 extra box tops that add up to 50 cents!

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.

Membership is currently at 166 members. This is the highest membership so early in the year. Keep up the good work and we'll see you on the 2nd!

Gardening

Thank you to all who helped with the garden clean up.

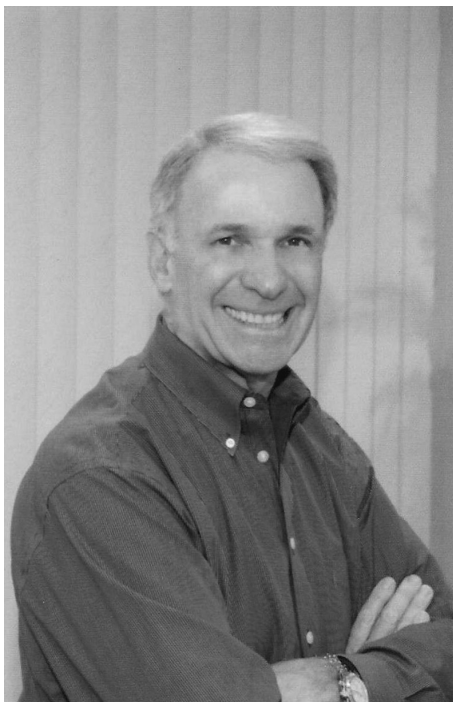
Come be a part of the gardening team. All ages are welcome. No garden experience needed! Sign up at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BHESgardens/>. If you have any questions, please email Therese Forbes at fundraising@bhespta.org.



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 Carter 301-441-2263
 Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie
 Compton 301-345-2661
 Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson
 301-982-2052
 Basketball Commissioner (acting):
 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

M. David Williams 301-345-6214

Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

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Seniors Club

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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.

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 Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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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
 Or email: gotv12@yahoo.com

Berwyn Heights published author seeks part time service of computer-savvy person/student to help to add Paypal account to his website, mail marketing, etc. Please contact suvomoi-tro@gmail.com

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.

BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

“Celebrating 25 Years in Town”

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

Oct. 1	Aruna Nadasha
Oct. 2	Thomas Colihan
Oct. 3	Edward Burton
Oct. 6	Marilyn Hayden
Oct. 7	Robert Angell
Oct. 10	Dolores McHale
Oct. 12	Fong-Chew Lim
Oct. 18	Ruth Grosskurth
Oct. 31	Bernard Harvey

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Oct. 2	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Oct. 3	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Oct. 4	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 9	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
Oct. 10	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Oct. 11	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 13	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
Oct. 16	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Oct. 17	Wii Bowling	10.30 A.M.
Oct. 20	Games	2:00 P.M.
Oct. 23	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
Oct. 24	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Oct. 25	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 27	Movie	2:00 P.M.
Oct. 30	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Oct. 31	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.



SENIORS TRIPS

Saturday, October 6 — Crab Feast — Whitehaven

Sunday, December 9 — Mystery Trip

For more information, call Margritt Vause, 301-356-5566



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Open to All Ages/ All Levels:

Berwyn Heights Town Center-5700 Berwyn Rd-2nd Fl.

Year-Round: Mondays and Fridays 5-7 pm

SPECIAL SEMINAR: October 5 & 6th, 2012

Sensei Marcus Davila and Sensei Brian Gorman, who are senior, long-time students of Shihan John Roseberry will be coming from out of state to our dojo and conducting a special seminar for us. Both each bring over 30 plus years of karate experience! Sensei Davila is an 8th degree black belt and Sensei Gorman is a 6th degree black belt in Okinawan Goju-Ryu.

Town Center	Oct. 5	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	All ages / All levels
	Oct. 6	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	All ages/ All levels
	Oct. 6	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Pot Luck Party

For more information, contact Theresa Beck at 301-237-2829 (beck_theresa@yahoo.com) or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881

Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

There are some great FREE events happening all around the area this October that make for wonderful family outings.

At this month's meeting, we will be making final plans for our annual Veteran's Day Observance, and discussing ideas for events and field trips for 2013. If you'd like to participate or exhibit, please call us at 301-345-4663. We would also like to hear from you about what kind of tours or field trips you might be interested in attending with us.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's history. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office **Our next meeting will be on October 23rd.**

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

Sunday, November 11th • 2 p.m.
at the Town Center (upstairs)

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

There will be exhibits,
music, refreshments
and camaraderie!



Local Historic Events Calendar

October 7

Bostwick House Harvest Festival

1:00—4:00 pm

Bostwick House & Gardens
3301 48th St Bladensburg,
MD 301-887-0777

Bring the family to see and
learn what life was like
here in the early 1800s.

⊛ Historic Artisan Demonstra-
tions (including: BRICK MAK-
ING, QUILL WRITING, SPIN-
NING, AND MORE!)

⊛ Craft & Food Vendors / MU-
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⊛ Native American Dancers
(MARYLAND'S PISCA-
TAWAY TRIBE)

⊛ 1800s Children's Games &
Activities

⊛ Heritage Breed Farm Animals

⊛ 1812 Re-enactors & Walking
Tours

October 7

Artillery Firing

1:00—3:00 pm

Fort Washington Park Rd
Ft Washington MD
301-763-4600

Learn how Civil War cannons
were fired The Fort Washing-
ton Guard demonstrate in
period uniforms. \$5 per car.

October 13

War of 1812

Walking Tour

12:30—1:30 pm

Oxon Cove Park
Bald Eagle Rd
Ft Washington, MD

301-839-1176

An educational, guided walk-
ing tour that investigates how
local families coped during the
War of 1812. See indoor and
outdoor exhibits. Appropriate
for ages 10 and up. Wear
comfortable shoes.

October 19

Hands-On History: A Day in the Federal City

10:00 am—12:00 pm

Riversdale House Museum,
4811 Riverdale Rd
Riverdale Park, MD
(301) 864-0420

What it would have been like
to travel into Washington DC,
in 1812? How would you get
there? Where would you go?

What would you see? Resi-
dents \$15; Non-Resident \$18,
Advance payment required by
October 5th.

October 20

Ships Company Chanteymen

*"Big Guns & Rockets
& Pumpkin Shell
Bombs—*

Music of the War of 1812"

2:30—4:00 pm

Hyattsville Public Library
6530 Adelphi Rd Hyatts-
ville, MD 301-887-0777

Free, musical performances
that demonstrate how music
acted as a major source for
news during the War of 1812.



Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Where: Pop's Park & Indian Creek Playground (Rotates on Weekly Basis)

On Rainy/Cold Days: 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.

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The Bugle

Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club
October 2012



Annual Awards Banquet **Sunday, October 7, 3:00 pm** **Sports Park**

Join us in celebrating the achievements of OUR children during this past year! enjoy the food and atmosphere. Awards will be given to all kids who participated in any club activities.
Cost: \$5 per person

Fall Soccer

Fall soccer has started. We are still looking for some volunteers to help coach. Please contact Tino Menjivar at (301) 614-8933 to sign up.

Basketball

Basketball will be starting the first week in December. We still need some coaches. Look for more info soon.

Cheerleading

Cheerleading will be held at the Town Center on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. For information contact Kristen Buker at (443)623-0013.

Night at the Movies

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club would like to thank Dr. Rad for sponsoring the movie "Lorax" and thank everyone that came out to watch and support the concession stand.

Club Campout

Thank you to everyone who came out. We had a great time. Thank you, Debby, for all of your hard work!

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 2 at 7:00 PM at the Town Center.



Parents, We Need You!

- ✓ Do your children play for the Boys & Girls Club Soccer, Basketball, Softball, or T-Ball team?
- ✓ Are they a member of the Cheer-Leading Squad, or Ball Hockey team?
- ✓ Do they like Movies at the Park and Family Camp-Outs?

All these activities are organized and staffed by parents. So please consider getting involved and becoming a coach, referee or helper of the Club. Come join us for the

General Meeting

November 2, 7 pm

Town Center 2nd Floor

To review the budget and nominate officers for the next year. There are many vacancies that need to be filled, starting 1/1/ 2013, including:

President & Vice President

Registrar & Secretary

Commissioner for Soccer

Commissioner for Softball

Commissioner for Basketball

There is a chance the Club will have to close if no volunteers step up to fill these positions.



Check out our website at www.bhbgc.org for more information.



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1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00
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12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
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1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
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6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

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SAFETY TIPS

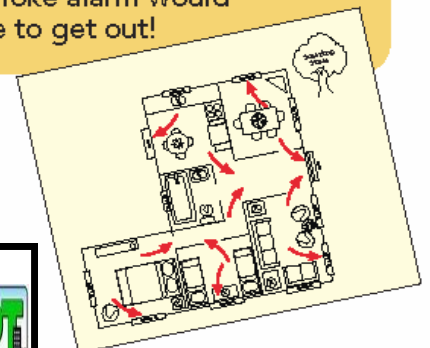
- » MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » PRACTICE using different ways out.
- » TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- » If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- » CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **45%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Brought to you by the Berwyn Heights NW/EP and CERT. Contact Co-Chairs Ron Shane (240-965-7022) and Joan Hayden (301-474-5037) or email Berwyn-Heights.CERTS@hotmail.com for more information.



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NEW SOLICITOR'S PERMIT

The Town Council has issued a solicitor's permit to Mike Smith of Hauling and Junk Removal. For your protection, please ask to see permit and photo ID.



Town of Berwyn Heights Seeks

BHTV Operator for Town (Council) meetings

The Town recently completed an upgrade of the broadcasting equipment for its local access channel (Comcast Channel 71, FiOS Channel 12), which broadcasts Council meetings and a community information slide show. We are looking for a volunteer to operate the cameras and other production controls during Town meetings, which take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

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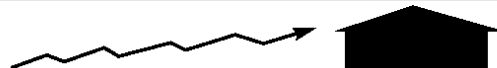
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My last 5 listings have averaged 2-10 contracts per home and most went above full price, in days with less seller concessions! Now is a great time to **SELL**, even going into fall...we don't have a crystal ball and can't predict the future. With a presidential election coming, no one can be sure...CALL me today, to get you home **SOLD** in record time and possibly the luxury of multiple buyers wanting your home!

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

SOLD- 6207 Ruatan St...3BRs, 2Bas brick rambler with fam room addtnabove asking/4 days on mkt!...\$228,900.
SOLD- 8503 60th Av...4Br, 2.5Bas new construction 2 story w/ front porch, garage, open kit\$322,500.
UNDER CONTRACT- 6201 Seminole St...4Br, 2 Bas brick rambler with FP, 3 season sun room....Above asking/6 days on mkt!...\$229,900.
NEW LISTING/CONTRACT- 7614 Edmonston Rd...4BRs, 2Bas brick rambler, lg kitchen, deck, new carpet...4 days on mkt!\$260,000s
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October 2012

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	2	3 NW/EP 7:30 P.M. Town Office	4	5	6
7 B&GC Sports Banquet 3:00 P.M. See Page 23	8	9	10 Town Meeting Sidewalk Hearing 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	11	12	13
14 	15 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	16	17	18	19	20 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT 6:30 P.M. See Page 13
21 	22	23 BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	24	25	26	27 Electronic Recycling Greenbelt DPW See Page 2
28	29	30	31 TRICK OR TREAT 6:00—9:00 P.M. 	Recycling Collection Street Sweeping Yard Waste North South	Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South	

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 Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
 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.
 Call-A-Bus Reservations (301) 474-5000
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

Mayor and Council

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 James Wilkinson (301) 982-5152 jwilkinson@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
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 Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Fridays
Heavy Trash Day:
 Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac
 Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac
Recycling Schedule:
 Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at
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 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



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