

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**New School Zones**  
**October 9 Town Meeting**  
**8:00 pm**  
**Town Administration Bldg.**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will hold a public hearing on the designation of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between Pontiac Street and Quebec Street, and between Seminole Street and Greenbelt Road as new school zones. A speed limit of 15 miles per hour will apply during school hours, 7 am - 6 pm.

The Public Hearing is open to the public, and public testimony and comments are encouraged. You may also e-mail your comments to [contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:contact@town.berwyn-heights.md.us). Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call (301) 474-5000 for further information.

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**ELECTRONICS/  
STYROFOAM RECYCLING**  
**October 26, 9 AM to 12 noon**



Recycle your old electronics and Styrofoam in the designated container at the BH DPW Yard at 8514 Ballew Avenue, or at the Greenbelt Public Works Yard, located at Buddy Attick parking lot, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt.

# Leaf Disposal

## Bag 'em Up!



The Department of Public Works asks that you continue to bag your leaves until curb-side collection begins on November 1.

Please use clear, biodegradable plastic bags available at the Town Office, or brown paper yard waste bags available at your local home improvement or grocery store. Do not include debris, large sticks and litter, and do not rake leaves into the street, storm drains and drainage swales.



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- Mondays — north of Pontiac Street
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## Worksession August 5, 2013

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

### 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** There were none.

**Calendar:** No corrections were made.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the July 15 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The July 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that he recently had a conversation with Adam Ortiz, the former Mayor of Edmonston, who heads the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER). Ortiz will attend the next Four Cities Coalition meeting to discuss the County's animal control program. Ortiz acknowledged problems at the County shelter in the past but said that the data shows significant recent improvements. He expressed interest in a partnership with municipalities in northern Prince George's County to open a joint shelter because the new County shelter was built in a location not convenient for residents most likely to adopt a shelter animal.

Mayor Calvo also spoke with Mr. Ortiz about Berwyn Heights plans to offset the increase in storm water runoff from newly constructed sidewalks with a storm water mitigation project for the industrial area on Ballew Avenue. Mr. Ortiz was supportive of the idea of making the streets more pedestrian friendly while offsetting runoff elsewhere in Town, and promised to help moving the project forward.

Mayor Calvo said that Delegate Gaines spoke with the chief district engineer from the State Highway Administration (SHA) about repairing a section of Pontiac Street at Kenilworth Avenue that is SHA property. Mayor Calvo followed up with SHA District Engineer Brian Young. Mayor Calvo said he is trying to meet with Principal Singer and PGCPs facilities staff about an arrangement for the grounds around the tennis and basketball courts as well as about leaving the mowing of BHES fields to the Town. Lastly, Mayor Calvo noted the recent passing of Rich Myers and Peggy Smith,

both of whom volunteered actively for the community and will be missed. MPT Wilkinson added that he became friendly with the Myers family when he and his wife first moved into Berwyn Heights and rented a house from them.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that she received an invitation from Greenbelt Councilmember Konrad Herling to put together a promotional video to support the relocation of the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt Metro Station. She asked if the Town has someone on staff that could help with that. Mayor Calvo said that there is no one who could do that. However, he has an interest in participating in this effort. CM Kulpa-Eddy offered to include him in the conversation.

CM Almoguera reported that the installation of the new playground equipment has been pushed back to August 12 because of rain delays. The installation will likely take between 5 -10 days. The ribbon cutting ceremony remains scheduled for September 7 and is open to the entire community. Invitations have gone out to the Boys & Girls Club, PTA and other organizations. CM Dennison announced upcoming events.

**Citizen comments:** There were none.

**Pop's Park sidewalk options:** Mayor Calvo welcomed Brian Davila, Public Sector Division Manager for CP Johnson Associates. TA Murphy explained that he has met with Mr. Davila to discuss different options for sidewalks along the east side of Cunningham Drive at Pop's Park. The initial plan to build a 5' sidewalk with a 6' green way between the curb and the sidewalk was dropped because of grading issues and the adverse impact on tree roots systems. Other options have since been identified, including building the sidewalk:

- adjacent to the existing curb without any green way;
- with a 3' green way between curb and sidewalk from the corner of Quebec Street to the future entrance in the middle of park and then with a wider 6' green way to Quebec Place;
- with a 3' green way the length of the park; and
- with curbs bumped out 4' into the existing roadway, a 3' green way half of the length of the park, and a 10' green way for the remaining half of the park.

Mr. Davila said that the last option would be least intrusive on the roots of the existing maple trees, and leave room in the

10' foot green way to build a storm water management demonstration project. This option would reduce the width of Cunningham Drive along the park from 30' to 26'.

In response to Councilmembers' questions, Mr. Davila said that mandatory 5' sidewalks can be pinched where certain obstacles are present, such as utility poles or large 'specimen' trees, but not usually for trees of this size. The cost of option 4 is approximately \$60,000, which breaks down into \$20,000 for construction of sidewalks and bumping out of the curb, and \$40,000 for the storm water demonstration project. The sidewalk construction cost is based on the use of regular concrete. The cost is lessened because the sidewalks would be built on the existing sub-base of Cunningham Drive. However, this also makes adding under drains impractical. Moving the curbs into the street should not impact the existing water mains, but WSSC will have to review the plans.

Mr. Davila further explained that this storm water mitigation project is sized to offset approximately 10,000 of the 20,000 square feet of impervious surface area new sidewalks would add to the Town. Therefore, this project would not in itself be sufficient to satisfy the new storm water management regulations. If the Town were to construct sidewalks in 5,000 square feet increments, the offset requirement would not apply. Mayor Calvo replied this would mean building sidewalks one block at a time, which he does not consider to be a viable option. The Council proposed a few other locations that could accommodate storm water management structures to reach the required offset, including the swale that runs on the back side of Pop's Park, the right-of-way of the 8700 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Seminole Street.

**Storm water mitigation project – Ballew Avenue:** Mr. Davila informed Town Council that he has tried to schedule a meeting with County officials who have the authority to approve storm water management projects. As these agencies were in the process of being restructured, it took time to identify the right persons. Ray Guzman, with whom the Town had started to talk about its storm water mitigation plans, was transferred to a new Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) on July 1, but he is still in charge of approving storm water management projects. Steve Snyder, District 3 engineer at the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), also reviews the plans. Mr. Snyder expressed

support for a storm water mitigation project on Ballew Avenue and thought that Mr. Guzman would approve it. Mayor Calvo added that he spoke with Adam Ortiz, the new Director of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), who thought that his Department has jurisdiction evaluating the environmental impacts of these types of projects. He was supportive of the proposed project, too.

Mr. Davila explained that he has come up with a couple of preliminary designs for storm water mitigation projects on Ballew Avenue. Two of them focus on filtering the runoff from the Public Works yard before it flows into Indian Creek. As space is at a premium inside the yard, the structures would be built just outside the gate.

- Option 1 calls for installation of a manufactured vault containing filtration media and plants that would capture the first flush of rainwater from the yard and clean it before it enters the ditch that runs along the front of the industrial properties. This type of structure is frequently used in urban settings because it does not take up much room. The proposed vault measures 12' x 6' and costs approximately \$40,000.
- Option 2 calls for installation of aqua filters in the existing ditch on both sides of the yard entrance, and would clean the water that collects in the ditch. The filtration is provided by layers of rocks, gravel and mulch in the ditch and would cost around \$60,000.

Neither option provides 100% of the required 20,000 square feet offset, as the Public Works yard only has a surface area of 18,500 square feet. Another, smaller storm water mitigation project may be required somewhere else in the Town as a supplement. Councilmembers proposed storm water mitigation structures at Pop's Park, Sir Walter Raleigh's parking lot; the roof of Public Works yard's neighboring property and the Lake Artemesia access road as possible add-on projects.

Mr. Davila said that a storm water structure filtering the runoff from all the industrial properties at the corner of Ballew Avenue and Berwyn Road could probably meet the County's offset requirements. Mayor Calvo replied that the engineers should have started with a design for that project if it meets the requirements. He expressed disappointment that the engineers wasted time and

money on project designs that are inadequate. Mr. Davila replied that he assumed the Town wanted to mitigate runoff from Town property and therefore did not include private properties in their plans. Furthermore, the County might well be open to negotiating the amount of the required offset if it is especially meaningful. A project at the Public Works yard is meaningful because it is a 'hot spot' where runoff carries more pollutants than on Town streets. The preliminary designs he produced are intended to get a conversation with the County started. Once a meeting has occurred, his engineers will be better able to design a project that meets the County requirements.

TA Murphy advised that the Council needs to decide tonight where the fence for Pop's Park should be placed so the playground can be used again once the equipment has been installed. Mayor Calvo said that the fence should probably be located consistent with option 4, which places sidewalks as far away from the trees and equipment as possible. MPT Wilkinson said he prefers a location consistent with option 2, which has 5' sidewalks with a 3' green way. This would be the least expensive option and would leave money to build more sidewalks. Mayor Calvo said this option would have a greater impact on the trees than option 4. The additional \$20,000 option 4 would cost is marginal in the context of the entire project. Mayor Calvo asked for a motion to place the fence consistent for option 4. CM Dennison so moved and CM Almoguera seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:48 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

**Emergency generators engineering proposal.** TA Murphy said that he has solicited a second proposal to design and engineer emergency generators at the Town Center and Town Administration Building. Timothy Smidt, electrical engineer for Telegent Engineering Inc. has been to Berwyn Heights for a site visit and discussion of the project. Telegent has submitted a proposal of \$5,000 to prepare bid plans and specifications, and an additional \$3,000 for detailed site plans. Prince George's County may require as part of the permit process. The first engineering proposal the Town received was \$16,000.

Mr. Smidt said that Telegent is a full service plumbing and electrical engineering company with experience in installing backup generators. He has looked at the site and evaluated locations for the proposed natural gas-powered generators with the objective to minimize costs to

the Town. The Town administration building will likely require a 40 KW generator and the Town Center an 80 KW generator. The Town Center elevator generates the largest electric load when it starts up and will determine the size of generator needed. One option is to install a transfer switch to allow for separate operation of either the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Center. This would reduce the size of the generator needed, but may add costs for installing a transfer switch and new electric lines.

Mayor Calvo commented that the elevator is not the primary concern during a power outage and should probably be optional add-on. He wondered if it is a problem, legally, not to run the elevator during an outage. Mr. Smidt did not think it was a problem since the proposed stand-by generators would not power any life saving equipment. Fortunately, the Town Center already has emergency lighting that is powered by a backup battery and does not have to be factored into the generator's size. MPT Wilkinson asked if there is an internal staircase that can be used instead of the elevator. TA Murphy said there is.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if Mr. Smidt has thought about attenuating the noise the generators would make. Mr. Smidt said that he can come up with options for an enclosure to muffle the noise. Enclosures are recommended because the generators require a regular exercise program to ensure reliable operation. He would suggest placing both generators in the back of the buildings so as to minimize impact on people that use the buildings. Mr. Smidt further stated that his company would be able to begin next week to produce layout options for the Council to consider, and complete a site plan and bid specs in 3 to 5 weeks.

Mayor Calvo asked for a motion to accept the proposal. CM Kulpa-Eddy so moved. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Solar panels:** TA Murphy said that he was requested to look into the feasibility of using solar panels for emergency power. He met with a representative from Dow Solar and another contractor to discuss setup and get an analysis of how much electricity could be generated and how much money saved. He learned that the solar panels are either directly tied into the electric grid or linked to a storage battery. If they are linked to the grid, then they would also be shut down during a power outage because they are designed not to send electricity into a grid that is under repair. If the solar energy is going to a battery, it is unlikely to save the Town money because the batteries



are very expensive and need to be replaced every 5 years. The State of Maryland does have a loan program to help purchase solar panels. At this time, he is waiting for an analysis of how much money solar panels may, or may not save the Town before he will look into financing.

Mayor Calvo said that he remains interested in solar power, but thinks it is outside the scope of this project. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested asking Telegent engineers what type of electric circuitry may be needed to interface with solar panels. It may be possible to cut the feed into the grid during a power outage and utilize the energy just for the Town buildings. MPT Wilkinson said that his son recently attended a science camp and did a project on solar energy. They learned that current solar technology is not cost efficient. Mayor Calvo said that University Park undertook the installation of solar panels and was able to earn money by selling energy credits to power companies that need them to meet the 5% minimum in renewable energy generation required by the State of Maryland.

**County building code violation:** Mayor Calvo explained that Mr. and Mrs. Lieuwens, the owners of the property at 8504 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, have asked the Town Council to support their appeal of a building code violation before the County's Board of Administrative Appeals on August 21. The Lieuwens could not be here tonight, but would be able to attend the next worksession if needed. The violation for which they were cited in April this year relates to a 2 story shed that was erected without the proper County and Town permits by a previous owner of the property. To correct the violation, they are required to have the shed's foundation, framing, insulation and electric system inspected to obtain permits, or tear the structure down. The violation was triggered by a complaint of someone who thought that someone was living in the shed.

Mayor Calvo said that the Lieuwens assert and the Town and County confirmed that no one is living in the shed. The Lieuwens have no plans to upgrade or use the shed, but want to leave it as it is. They do not want to be held to account for a violation that predates their ownership. Mayor Calvo asked the Council to support their appeal. CM Kulpa-Eddy asked why they couldn't bring the shed into compliance. Mayor Calvo said that it violates setback and height restrictions that are virtually impossible to remedy. MPT Wilkinson expressed concern about an electric service wire that goes to the shed, which may pose a fire hazard.

Mayor Calvo said that this could be checked out by an electrical contractor independently. However, he would not want to include this in a letter to the County supporting the appeal.

CM Dennison moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to support the appeal with the provision to have the owner have the wire checked out for safety purposes only. The motion passed 5 to 0. TA Murphy was asked to write a letter.

**Ordinance 118 – Roads & Public Rights of Way:** TA Murphy explained the most recent changes to the Ordinance. He said that some sections were rearranged to make the Ordinance flow better. *Section 3 - Definitions* was expanded to avoid repetitions throughout the document. *Section 18 – Right to Appeal* was added and needs the Council's input on whether the areas of appeal should include administrative provisions. The Council's direction is also needed on whether to require a permit application fee as opposed to a permit fee, a cash deposit for street openings, and bonding to guarantee the quality of workmanship. Further, the Council needs to set a number of fees and fines.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks the Ordinance is now in good enough shape to distill policy issues and to be introduced at the next Town meeting. Adoption may not occur until later in the fall. He would ask TA Murphy to produce a draft that shows the original Ordinance through strike-through and new language through underlining. In the current version, very few things appear to have been changed if one goes by the underlining, redlining and strike-through. He wants a reader to be able to understand what has been added and deleted. The Council agreed.

**Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing:** Mayor Calvo said a former Councilmember raised the issue at the last candidate's forum that the Town was violating County zoning rules when issuing multiple rental licenses for a single family home. While he was aware of the practice, he had no clear concept how to deal with it. Recently, he was shown a rental home where a tenant had a complaint about mold in a basement apartment. This rental was issued one license for a regular 3-room apartment on the top level and for a couple of basement rooms. The basement rooms had a shared utility room, which functioned as a kind of kitchen, and were normally only accessible through the basement door. The door that led to the upstairs had a deadbolt on it that could not be opened from the basement side. This qualifies the dwelling as a multifamily home.

Since then Mayor Calvo has learned that, of the 212 rental licenses the Town issued, 48 licenses belong to 22 homes. One of them is legally a multifamily home because it is located in the commercial district. The other 21 rental homes are functionally in violation of the R-55 single family home zoning rule. He wants to understand better how it comes about that multiple licenses are sometimes issued to a single family rental home, which would seem to be on its face an R-55 zoning violation, and how it is enforced. Mayor Calvo does not like to see tenants being stuffed into rental homes in sub-standard conditions so the landlord can collect more rent. He considers the single family home character of Berwyn Heights to be a value that should be preserved. Therefore, it may be useful for the Council to review the Rental Housing Ordinance with respect to multifamily issues.

CM Kulpa-Eddy agreed. She would like to examine how the Code Department applies the Ordinance. She noted that the check list for rental inspections does not appear to be comprehensive. MPT Wilkinson thought the check list should be routinely given to landlords so they can make sure that their homes are in compliance prior to an inspection.

**Indian Creek playground rental:** TA Murphy explained that he was contacted by a College Park resident, who wanted to rent the Indian Creek Playground for a children's birthday party, including use of the grill. He told her that she could use the park but that he could not guarantee exclusivity. He also asked if she was referred to the Town by Park & Planning about renting the park, as others have been. It appears that Park & Planning thinks the Town has jurisdiction over the park. As the Town has no protocol for renting playground, the Council may want to take the matter up.

Mayor Calvo said that Park & Planning, as matter of policy, only rents parks that have bathrooms. Other parks can be used on a first come, first serve basis. If TA Murphy was told by Park & Planning that the Town has the authority to rent their park, they are wrong and are violating their own rules. However, anyone may use the park and have a birthday party if they so choose.

**Variance appeal – 5801 Bucknell Terrace:** TA Murphy explained that the owners of the property, Jacobus and Margarita Schols, applied for a variance to replace an existing 6' privacy fence that separates their property from that of their neighbors. While not part of the variance request, they also want to replace the wooden deck in the rear of the house

because it is worn and splintered. As part of the review, the County took note of a number of other zoning violations relating to lot coverage, as well as side and rear yard setbacks.

TA Murphy said that the owners have lived in their well-maintained home for twenty years and simply wish to replace the fence and deck without changing the footprint, size or style. He recommended the Council approve their request and all existing variances. CM Dennison so moved. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were approved for the September Bulletin cover: theme – Labor Day; announcements – Pop's Park re-opening, Ice Cream Social; jump – Lake Artemesia concert. It was noted that the 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue school zone designation will not take place until the October Town meeting.

**Council chamber visitor chairs:** Clerk Harper said that the Council originally intended to get new guest chairs as part of the Council chamber upgrade. She asked if this is still the case and, if so, what types of chairs they would like. Mayor Calvo said that he would recommend nicer, more comfortable chairs than are in use now. Possibly they should have casters so that they can be pulled up easily to the table for larger meetings. For most Council meetings only a few chairs set up in one row are needed. A set of stacked or nested chairs could be held in reserve. CM Kulpa-Eddy thought that some chairs should have arms for people who have trouble getting up. Others should come without arms for those who find them restricting. Clerk Harper was asked to put together a proposal with chair options that fit the above criteria.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting August 14, 2013

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

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Hearing, Ordinance No. 118 - Roads & Public Rights-of-Way

Mayor Calvo said that, later in the meeting, the Council will introduce a revised Ordinance No. 118, which will likely not be adopted until later this year. However, residents are invited to comment on the substantially revised draft. The hearing was opened at 8:01 p.m., and with no comments, closed at 8:02 p.m.

### 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the July 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the minutes were adopted 5 to 0.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lape gave the Treasurer's report for the month of July. Ms. Lape noted an error in the transcription of July receipts. She said that the total receipts for FY 2014 should read \$43,210.

### 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that last week residents received their County tax bill and most saw a decline of several hundreds of dollars in their property taxes. This is largely due to the re-assessment that took place at the beginning of this year. The savings for residents are the dividends of sound fiscal management. The Town was able to absorb a 17% decline in property tax receipts without raising property tax rates. Not many other municipalities managed to do this. However, County taxes continued to go up. There was an increase of 2.7% in the County tax rate due to a decline in the home-stead tax credit and the tax differential, as well as a new storm water management tax of \$42 per year.

Mayor Calvo continued with an update of the Council's summer agenda. The Council received a presentation on the design and engineering of sidewalks at its last worksession, and the associated storm water mitigation project the Town is required to implement to offset the increase in paved surfaces. The proposed options for storm water mitigation projects focus on the Public Works yard and Ballew Avenue, to which the County appears to be receptive. The Town may be able to move forward with sidewalk construction within the next 6 months. Progress was also made with the design and engineering of emergency generators for the Town Center and Town administration building. It is hoped that the plans and funding can be finalized this fall.

Mayor Calvo further noted that the renovation of the heavily used section of Pontiac Street before the Kenilworth Avenue traffic light is going to take place as part of the wholesale resurfacing of

Kenilworth Avenue. As this stretch of road is not in the Town of Berwyn Heights and is the property of the State Highway Administration (SHA), he is scheduled to have a meeting with SHA's district engineer about bringing it up to grade, as well as the possibility of annexing it. He would prefer to annex the entire Kenilworth Avenue/ Pontiac Street intersection so that Berwyn Heights police can operate with full police powers.

Mayor Calvo said the Council is also working on a new rental housing issue that came up recently. It relates to rental homes that have multiple apartments, and in several instances have been issued multiple licenses. This technically makes them multi-family homes, which are not allowed in an R-55 zone that applies to most of Berwyn Heights. The Council wants to better understand how this is dealt with in the Town's Rental Housing Ordinance and enforced by the Code Compliance Department. Amendments to the Ordinance may follow.

Further, Mayor Calvo noted that the public schools are reopening next week and that residents are urged to drive carefully. National Night Out again drew large crowds and continued to be a top attraction under new direction by Officer Krouse. Upcoming events include Hello Huskies Night, Movie at the Park, the reopening of Pop's Park and the Ice Cream Social. This year, residents attending the Ice Cream Social are asked to bring in canned goods that will be donated to local food pantries. On October 5, the Town will host its second concert at Lake Artemesia.

### 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** CM Almoguera reported that TA Murphy met with engineers to discuss the emergency generators. It is hoped that a preliminary design and cost estimate will be in hand at the next work-session for the Council approve. The installation of the new playground equipment at Pop's Park was scheduled to start today but was delayed by last night's storm. The grand reopening of Pop's Park is planned for September 7, 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Code Compliance:** CM Kulpa-Eddy welcomed new students that have moved in for the start of the next school year and other residents that may have settled in Town. She advised that a new smoke detector law has gone into effect on July 1 that requires all rentals to be equipped with a 10-year smoke alarm by 2018. These alarms have sealed batteries designed to last 10 years and a hush function to quiet the alarm in case of smoke

associated with a non-emergency situation. All rentals must install the alarms on every level of a house now if the existing alarms are more than 10 years old or not proper working order.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison announced that school will be back in session next Monday and urged residents to watch out for students walking. She thanked everyone who helped make National Night Out such a great success, including Police officers, Public Works crew, Neighborhood Watch and many other volunteers. She also thanked the volunteers who helped clean up the school gardens last weekend. The gardens look beautiful now. Further, the book "The Curious Garden" is starting to make the rounds. The book is passed around to recognize homeowners with a beautiful garden. Other upcoming events include Hello Huskies Night, Movies at the Park, Pop's Park reopening and the Ice Cream Social.

**Public Health and Safety:** Mayor Calvo welcomed Chief Antolik back from vacation. On behalf of Officer Krouse and the entire Police Department, Chief Antolik thanked everyone who helped with National Night Out or supported it with a donation. Then he gave the police activities report for July. There were 5 Part I offenses, including 1 burglary, one robbery and 3 larcenies. The burglary was a failed attempt. This total is below the 5 year average for July of 7. The year to date total was 31. The Police also issued 37 State citations, 51 Town citations and 32 warnings. A total of 321 speed camera citations were issued.

Mayor Calvo said that he received an email from a resident saying that a speed camera citation he was issued in July for going between 25 and 30 mph should not have been a violation. When school is not in session the speed limit in front of the school is 25 miles per hour and the speed camera does not ticket unless a driver goes 12 mph over the speed limit. He is concerned that other tickets may have issued in error. Chief Antolik said that he will review them and rescind any that should not have been given. He also noted that, when school resumes next week, the police will not issue any warnings but will ticket anyone exceeding the 15 mph speed limit.

MPT Wilkinson asked if there will be police presence at the school entrance. Chief Antolik confirmed that the police will be stationed at the school and on Pontiac Street to make sure people are not speeding. MPT Wilkinson further asked if Berwyn Heights police have implemented the security measures that

were discussed with Principal Singer and other school officials in the wake of the Newtown shooting. Chief Antolik replied that he is ready to proceed but Principal Singer first has to get approval from the school board, which can take a while.

**Public Works:** MPT Wilkinson reminded residents to look out for kids next week. Drivers should slow down and give students wide berth, as they are not always watching out for traffic.

In Public Works news, this is the first year in which an employee of the month was tracked throughout. Based on the top score, foreman Bruce Hockman was named employee of the year and received a well-deserved bonus. Public Works also prepared the school grounds for a return of the students and helped the Boys & Girls Club pour the foundation for a new shed.

At the last Four Cities Coalition meeting, the Council received an interesting briefing on the Purple Line, a new streetcar that will run from Bethesda to New Carrollton. The projected opening date is 2020 and the line will be serviced by a private operator. Some noteworthy things learned are that the Purple Line will be built at grade level, and that stations will not have parking lots, unless they already exist. At the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and East-West Highway, the tracks and a station will be built on a flyover, and at the BWI Parkway a third lane will be added in each direction between Route 410 and Route 450 to accommodate the streetcar. This will cause major traffic disruptions for years to come as BWI Parkway traffic will be moved to temporary bridges while permanent third lanes are constructed.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that, despite assurances from Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), the sidewalk through the Greenbelt school bus parking lot has not yet been built. But the Town received notice today that the \$62,000 Safe Routes to School grant has been approved. It will be used for building a sidewalk on the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue, where most Berwyn Heights students attending Greenbelt Middle School walk to reach the Greenbelt Road crossing. The grant also funds improvements to the Pontiac Street crossing at 60th Avenue.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Green Team:** Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team had a table at National Night Out, which was a big hit. Among the activities people could do were quiz-

zes on recycling, and writing environmental messages on a white board, pictures of which were then posted on the Green Team's Facebook page. The Green Team also organized another cleanup of the school gardens last weekend, getting ready for the new school year. Principal Singer sent an email thanking the Green Team's help in transforming the gardens into an outdoor classroom and a ceremonial space. Lastly, the Green Team, with assistance from Acting Director Lockley, made progress on identifying possible sites for a community garden. The list included some land in the 58th Avenue right-of-way he did not know the Town owned.

**Historical Committee:** No report.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** CM Kulpa-Eddy thanked Berwyn Heights police for all their work to ensure a successful National Night Out. The NW/EP volunteers appreciated the availability of pizza as an alternative to the hamburgers and hot dogs, which made the work at the grills less hurried. On Monday, when school will be back in session, the NW/EP plans to help police patrol the streets to make sure people drive carefully. CM Kulpa-Eddy further announced that September will be National Preparedness Month. Three members of the Berwyn Heights CERT were recently honored by the State. Gerald Shields, Ron Shane and Mike Attick received a Community Preparedness Heroes Certificate of Recognition.

**Recreation Council:** No report.

## 7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

## 8. New Business

**Revised Ordinance No. 118 - Roads & Public Rights-of-Way: 1st Reading & Introduction:** As there was no resolution for introducing the Ordinance, CM Dennison moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to dispense with the reading. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Dennison then moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded to introduce the Ordinance. Mayor Calvo explained that this Ordinance governs what utilities and private contractors may and may not do on the Town's roads and in the public rights-of-way when servicing, repairing or building new pieces of infrastructure. The old Ordinance was very short and simple and did not cover the multitude of activities undertaken on Town property. It also did not provide for a permit mechanism that allows a measure of control over what happens on its property.

Town Administrator Murphy with help from CM Kulpa-Eddy then set about cre-

ating a new framework for all types of work performed on roads and rights-of-way, using existing models in other municipalities. The revised Ordinance has a permit requirement and a process for monitoring and accepting such work, while making sure it conforms to Town standards. However, the Ordinance requires further work and several important policy decisions. He anticipates adoption at the end of the year.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that residents should take a look at Section 4 to familiarize themselves with the new standards and what they can and cannot do when doing work that impacts the Town's right-of-way. Mayor Calvo asked that the Ordinance be posted at the Town's website for comment. The Council then voted 5 to 0 to introduce the revised Ordinance No. 118.

### 9. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Worksession

### August 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. CM Almoguera had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Acting Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley, Clerk Harper, and citizens

### 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** CM Almoguera gave birth to her third son, Matthew, this morning.

**Calendar:** The Council reviewed the calendar. A town-wide notice of a public hearing on the new 63rd Avenue school zones was ordered go out with a notice on the early date for the *Trunk or Treat* event. The Town will follow up with the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA) about promised support for the Lake Artemesia concert. An inquiry about a date for the annual legislative dinner should be sent to the District 22 delegation.

**Minutes:** On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Wilkinson, the August 5 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

**Department reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that the number of speed camera tickets issued on Pontiac Street during

the month of July seems too high for the school being out. He will look into whether tickets were issued in error. MPT Wilkinson said that the Public Works Department was busy getting the Town ready for the start of the new school year. They trimmed trees, cleared the area around the backstop of the school field, leveled the ground for the new Boys & Girls Club shed and sprayed for weeds on sidewalks. CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that Code Director Sonjia Solomon will be out longer than initially thought. Those needing assistance with a code matter should contact Town administration staff. CM Dennison announced upcoming events.

**Citizen comments:** Mayor Calvo received an inquiry about getting permission for raising hens, and a complaint about a white moving van parked at the Staples parking lot. When the police checked on the van, they found that it was stolen. MPT Wilkinson received a comment from a resident that the schedule for the UMD shuttle serving Berwyn Heights was not posted on the UMD website. He suspects that the reason is a gap in shuttle service before the new school year starts. Mayor Calvo looked the website up on his computer and said that a map for the Berwyn Heights Shuttle No. 129 is posted. However, the schedule only indicates times for key stops on the route, which does not include stops in the Town.

Mike Attick of 62nd Avenue commented on the stop light pattern for the traffic light at Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue that was changed a couple of years ago without consulting with the Town. The result was that cars began to back up on Pontiac Street and Edmonston Road because they did not have enough time to get through the light. He asked if the Town looked into having it changed back. Mayor Calvo replied that the Town did follow up. But SHA did not take action.

Mr. Attick also commented that the sound quality of BHTV broadcasts deteriorates markedly when the air conditioning is on. Clerk Harper said that the Town is in the process of getting a proposal for sound proofing the closet where the AC is located. It is hoped that this will fix the problem.

### Recycling container replacement:

Mayor Calvo welcomed Acting Director of Public Works Adrian Lockley for a demonstration of recycling containers. Mr. Lockley said that the blue 32 gallon recycling containers the Town is currently using are no longer available because the manufacturer has stopped making the model. This necessitates

finding a replacement. He has brought several models for the Council to look over and decide which would best meet the Town's needs.

Mr. Lockley continued that he has taken into account the complaints and comments about the current containers when choosing possible replacements. The proposed new containers include a model with an attached lid that cannot easily fly away or get broken. It also has wheels that help elderly residents to move it to the curb. Options include:

- Rubbermaid 45 Gallon can with wheels and attached lid - bulk price \$21.15 (Home Depot)
- Carlisle 32 gallon commercial grade can, lids extra - bulk price \$27.67 (Home Depot)
- Carlisle 20 gallon commercial grade can, no lids available - bulk price \$20.03 (Home Depot)

The heavy-duty 20 and 32 gallon models are more expensive. But their heavy duty construction allows for drain holes to be drilled into the bottom, which make lids unnecessary. He recommends getting the smaller 20 gallon, commercial grade can, plus a small amount of wheeled containers for residents that have trouble lifting cans.

Councilmembers expressed concern about the light construction of the wheeled can, which may cause the hinges to not hold up. Concerns were also expressed about using cans without lids because any paper contents would get wet and heavy if it rains. This would make the containers harder for the crew to lift. Mr. Lockley replied that he has not seen any hinges break on other wheeled trash cans residents use, although lids sometimes get twisted and do not fit properly. He did not think that lifting cans with wet paper poses a problem for the crew, especially if the smaller 20 gallon cans are used.

Mr. Lockley said he has \$5,200 left in the budget to purchase trash cans. The bulk prices he quoted are contingent on buying at least 500 cans. If less than 500 cans are purchased, a 5% bulk discount applies. There is not enough money in the budget to purchase 500 units of any proposed model. But he thinks 250 bins are sufficient to meet next year's demand and he still has 60 bins in storage. Recycling cans are given first to any residents who don't have a blue bin yet, and then to homes that need 2 or more containers to fit their recyclables. Simply requesting a new bin will not necessarily result in one being issued. The department tracks



which residents were already given cans and will not give additional ones, unless needed.

Mayor Calvo said that the bins should be marked as Town property. Residents that move away and take the bins with them should be charged. He also wants Mr. Lockley to make sure that any new model will not be discontinued soon. He thinks the department should get 50 to 100 bins of different types. This would help finding out what works best. MPT Wilkinson was worried that everyone may want a wheeled container, which would cost the Town a lot of money long term, but he agreed to a pilot project.

**Waste receptacle inventory (discussed out of order):** The Council reviewed a map of bus stop locations in the Town, where trash cans are mounted, or still need to be mounted. The Council agreed with the proposed list for mounting trash cans, noting that they can be moved if need be.

**Meeting room furniture (discussed out of order):** Mr. Lockley said that he met with the Seniors to discuss their use of the new meeting room. His proposals for furnishing the room are based on this conversation. Previously, the room had a computer lab with a dozen computers. The new setup would feature 4 workstations, plus a storage cabinet for a printer and computer supplies in the corner of the room nearest to the door to the Senior Center. Training tables to serve as desks for the computers, and task chairs would need to be purchased for each of the workstations.

The main part of the room would be occupied by a new conference table and chairs from the Council chamber. A wall-mounted white board would replace bulky easels. The total cost of the new furnishings is \$3,585. Also specified are replacement banquet chairs for the Senior Center, of which 30 to 40 are needed. The cost is approximately \$20 per chair, or \$800 for 40 chairs.

Mayor Calvo noted that there was no money set aside for these expenses. At this point, he would just want to make the room functional and wait for the next budget season to appropriate money for additional furniture. TA Murphy said that there is approximately \$2,000 left in the Town Center budget that could be used for furnishing the room. The Council agreed to purchase the tables and chairs for the computer station, a storage cabinet and a simple white board. Purchase of the other items will be postponed to the next budget cycle.

At 8:25 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

**Pop's Park sidewalks:** TA Murphy said that construction of the new playground at Pop's Park is under way and should be finished by next Wednesday. Before the grand reopening of the park on September 7, the fence will have to be moved and a new central entrance built on Cunningham Drive. If families are to use this entrance, it would be good to have sidewalks in place along Cunningham Drive. He would like to know if the Council is ready to move forward and make a decision on the sidewalk options.

Mayor Calvo said that it would probably be more expensive to build this stretch of sidewalk as a stand-alone project than as part of the Town-wide sidewalk project. While it would be nice for a sidewalk to be in place for the reopening, the moving and repairing of the fence can wait until the entire sidewalks project is ready to start. The question then is when the whole project can start. TA Murphy said he has no answer on that as yet and is waiting to hear back from C. P. Johnson about the County's response to the storm water mitigation project. He hopes to have C. P. Johnson's 30% design plan in hand for discussion at the September 3 worksession.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Town could put up cones and temporary fencing to prevent people from using the new entrance, and direct them to the existing entrances on Quebec Street and Quebec Place. MPT Wilkinson asked if TA Murphy has spoken with the Safe Routes to School grant coordinator about the next steps in building the sidewalks on the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue. The Town will need to talk with the Berwyn Presbyterian Church about getting an easement for sidewalks, and with C. P. Johnson about engineering them.

**Ordinance 118 – Roads & Public Rights of Way:** TA Murphy provided a resolution for adopting Ordinance 118, which the Council requested at the last Town meeting. CM Kulpa-Eddy highlighted the issues on which the Council's input is still needed, including *Section 1 - Purpose and Authority*, *Section 2 - Applicability*, and *Section 4 - Standards*. A decision also needs to be made on whether to charge a permit fee or a permit application fee, on whether to require a deposit for utility work and in what amount, and on the right to appeal permit decisions.

With respect to Section 1, the Council agreed to delete "contractors" as one of the parties required to obtain permits, as they are to be included under "persons" as defined by in Section 3.F. Section 3-F needs to be revised to include contrac-

tors in addition to sub-contractors.

In *Section 5 - Permits, Subsection C*, "utilities" are proposed to be made subject to a separate permit from that required of "persons" as defined in Section 3. The Council needs clarification of who is subject to what, in terms of the law. Also, different utilities may have different legal standing. For example, WSSC, as a quasi public entity, is exempt from permit fees. Further, a recent State law restricts local governments from imposing extra-ordinary requirements on Pepco when they service their wires. The implications of this law are not yet clear.

TA Murphy explained that the Ordinance will have 3 types of permits: for road work, vegetation management (tree trimming) and curb cuts for driveway aprons. Permits for curb cuts are already in use. Section 3.G imposes a new requirement that a cash deposit of up to \$1,000 must accompany all permit applications. The Council wondered whether such a deposit constitutes an extraordinary burden for undertaking tree trimming operations. This may depend on what other municipalities do in this regard.

With respect to the question of whether a permit fee or permit application fee should be charged, the Council agreed to charge a permit fee only. The Council had no objection to basing the duration of a permit on the estimated cost of the project, as proposed in *Section 8 - Permit Duration*. If the work takes longer than expected, the contractor can apply for a permit extension. TA Murphy added that contractors are aware of the cost and the duration of a project from the outset and would not be surprised by this provision. The amount of a bond, if one is required, will be based on the cost of the project as well.

The Council agreed that the Town Administrator or his designee should be charged with administering and enforcing the Ordinance, as provided in Section 12. The Town Administrator will thus have the authority to review construction and engineering plans, issue permits and stop work orders. Town police officers and code officers will be authorized to enforce standards defined in Sections 4.D - 4.H.

TA Murphy explained that *Section 13 - Bonds, Letters of Credit or Three-Party Bank Deposit Agreements* will apply only to utility companies and their contractors performing work in the public right-of-way. Greenbelt makes a distinction between repairing existing facilities and new construction, and, as an example, is requiring bonds for the replacement of all

utility poles in the city. The Council expressed concern that the threshold and authority for requiring a bond are not clear. Replacement of utility poles or water mains could be interpreted as maintenance work. WSSC again may be exempted from such a requirement as a quasi-public entity. TA Murphy was instructed to find out what the Town may legally require utilities to do: from getting a permit to posting a bond to paying fines. The Maryland Municipal League's (MML) research department should be able to assist in the matter.

Regarding *Section 18 - Right to Appeal*, the Council agreed that it should include the right to appeal permit issues, in addition to the right to appeal violations. TA Murphy was asked to include it in the Ordinance. On the other hand, violations of the National Environmental Water Pollution Standards (NEWPS) resulting from work in roads and public rights-of-way should not be included in the Ordinance. Such violations probably should be brought to the attention of the county or state agencies that are charged with upholding them. TA Murphy will seek clarification.

**Rental Housing Ordinance review:** Mayor Calvo said that this issue requires the presence of the Code Director as well as a Prince George's County representative because the single family home violation he is concerned with relates to county code. In the meantime, it would be useful to map existing rental homes, differentiating between owner-occupied and non-owner occupied ones, and highlighting those with multiple rental licenses.

## 2. Public Safety

## 3. Public Works

**NW/EP trailer:** TA Murphy explained that the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP) plans to take the trailer to an event in Greenbelt on Sunday, September 29. As there is a question about who should drive the truck towing it and the driver's coverage by the Town's insurance, the Council is asked to approve the trip. Mayor replied that he has no problem with the trailer going to Greenbelt. The logistics can be worked out between Public Works and NW/EP. The Council agreed.

## 4. Administration

**Variance appeal – 7602 Charlton Avenue:** TA Murphy explained that the owners of the property are seeking a variance to build a shed in the back yard, which will exceed the 30% lot coverage

limit prescribed by County zoning law, by 2.8%. The back yard slopes down and the shed will sit 12' below the main level of the house. It is not likely to neither obstruct views by neighbors nor generate additional storm water runoff into the street. While the owner did not request the support of the Town, the County Zoning Board prefers a formal letter from the municipality indicating the position taken. MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to support the variance. The motion passed 4 to 0.

**Town Center rental extension request (added item):** Mayor Calvo added this item, which was not on the approved agenda. He explained that a family, which has reserved the Town Center for a baby shower on September 1, is seeking an extension from 10 p.m. to midnight. He is not inclined to reverse the precedent on denying extensions past the 10:00 p.m. deadline. This party is planned for 100 persons with alcohol served. MPT Wilkinson said that he supports the extension. In his opinion, this would not lead to flood of new extension requests. He moved to allow the family to stay until 11:00 p.m. CM Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion failed 2 to 2, with Mayor Calvo and CM Dennison opposed.

## 5. Code Compliance

**Call-a-bus purchase:** TA Murphy explained that the County has offered the Town to purchase the 1999 call-a-bus it currently leases. Under the terms of the lease the Town is responsible for maintenance and repair of the bus, as well as

insurance. The only additional expense might result from the annual renewal of license plates. Not buying this bus does not make the Town ineligible from getting a new bus. However, the Town uses the bus much less than it used to. For the most part, Seniors use it for group outings.

Mayor Calvo said he sees no purpose in owning the bus if the Town has the full use of it. The Town would save the additional cost of renewing license plates. MPT Wilkinson said that the County could take the bus back at any time if the Town does not own it. He suspects that the County is thinking of changing the call-a-bus program to save money. Mayor Calvo said that this was unlikely as the bus comes with the obligation to serve seniors or disabled people within a 5 mile radius, which the Town does now using the code car. The Council took no action.

## 6. Parks and Recreation

## 7. Executive session (9:52 p.m. – 10:35 p.m.)

On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the Council went into executive session on a personnel matter. With matter discussed, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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The Karate Club will be selling refreshments. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Town Center (above the Senior Center) at 5700 Berwyn Road.

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## Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team

### PROTECTING PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS: PREPAREDNESS FOR OWNERS

Most of us consider our pets and service animals as extended members of our family. We depend on them for companionship and service. In turn, they depend on us to be prepared to protect their safety and well being during a disaster. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency depends largely on emergency planning done today.

The steps below can help keep animals safe and a loving part of the family if disaster strikes:

- **Identify Potential Shelters.** Never evacuate without the animal because they rarely survive on their own. Contact your local emergency management office, animal shelter, or animal control office to get advice on where pets/service animals can go during a disaster. If you are going to a shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Make a list of hotels or kennels that would allow you to bring your types of pets. Make sure to research hotels in areas outside your immediate neighborhood. Check with friends and relatives to see if they would be willing to provide shelter to your pets/animals.
- **Develop a Pet/Animal Disaster Kit.** Include emergency food, water, travel bowls, safety harnesses/leashes, carriers/cages, first aid items, medicines, sanitary supplies (cat litter, trash bags, etc.), toys/blankets/bedding, etc. Add a copy of veterinary records including immunization cards.
- **Ensuring Proper Identification.** Make sure that each pet/service animal has a current identification tag. Have a current photo of your pet/service animal in your personal emergency kit. Photos will help reunite you in case you become separated. Have your pet tattooed or implanted with a microchip to enable identification if lost.
- **Practicing Your Evacuation Plan.** Look for pets during severe weather to see where they may hide. Knowing their hiding places inside and outside the home will speed up your evacuation process. Get a flashing collar to help locate your pet in case of darkness. Use a trip to the veterinarian or other event to practice securing your pets/service animals. Time how long it takes to secure them. Figure it will take longer during a crisis. Plan with neighbors, friends or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so.
- **Sheltering in Place.** If you are unable to evacuate, make sure to get your pets/service animals to the safest point in the home. Some pets do better if they are in their crates, away from windows, or with covers on cages. Think through what would be most comforting. Place pet rescue decals on windows and doors to alert rescue teams. To get a free emergency pet alert sticker for your home from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, fill out the online order form at: <https://www.asPCA.org/form/free-pet-safety-pack>. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery. Your local pet supply store may also sell similar stickers.
- **Reducing Hazards After a Disaster.** Understand that following a disaster, pets/animals may become defensive or fearful. Keep pets/service animals in control or confined until you know they will be safe. Be aware of hazards such as debris, chemicals, and other substances that could harm them.

**REMEMBER:** Pets are unlikely to survive on their own. Preparing for your animals makes sense.

Ready  
Pet  
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# Trunk or Treat

**WHAT:** An automobile community for trick or treating.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 19 (rain date, October 26)  
7–8:30pm (Set up for cars begins at 6:00pm)

**WHERE:** Berwyn Heights Community Center (lower parking lot).

Join us for some great family fun! Walk car to car  
for some sweet treats!

Dress your vehicle and yourself (if you wish) in a  
Halloween or fall disguise and bring treats to  
pass out. The three best decorated vehicles will  
win a FREE car wash from the Berwyn Heights  
Shell Station.

The kids won't be the only ones in costumes. The  
Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments will  
be joining in on the festivities.

Also enjoy s'mores and cider at our community  
bonfire.

Don't miss out on what is sure to be a  
"Spooktacular" evening.



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# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of August 2013. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are

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

On 08/01/13 at 6:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson and Det. Unger responded to the 6200 block of Pontiac Street for a report of a residential burglary. On scene, the officers discovered that between 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, an unknown person(s) entered through a rear window of the aforementioned address and once inside, the suspect(s) removed items of value. No one was at home during the time. Investigation continues.

On 08/02/13 at 9:00 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a Ryder Truck from the location of the 8904 62nd Avenue (Staples parking lot). The truck was reported stolen.

08/05/2013 at 9:17 pm, Pfc. Thompson impounded a 2006 Honda from the 5800 Block of Greenbelt Road. The driver was reckless driving and suspected of being under the influence.

08/07/2013 at 7:05 pm, Sgt. Moroney impounded a 2011 Nissan from the location of 8700 Block of Edmonston Road due to an accident.

08/08/2013 at 1:00 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 6200 Block of Seminole Place for a report of a burglary of a vacant house. Suspect(s) entered through the rear door and once inside, they removed copper pipes. Investigation continues.

08/10/2013 at 2:17 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 56th Avenue for a report of an assault. On scene he was advised by a 23 y/o, b/m that he was arguing with a friend. At some point, his friend became angry and used a cigarette to burn his face. The suspect is known to the complainant and he was referred to the District Court Commissioner.

08/11/2013 at 4:50 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 2000 Dodge Stratus from

the location of the 8800 block of 58th Avenue. The driver, a 35 y/o, b/m, a resident of Berwyn Heights was driving while suspended.

08/13/2013 at 5:15 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6000 Block of Westchester Park Drive for a report of a possible identity theft. A 61 y/o, w/f, a former Berwyn Heights resident stated that credit cards were compromised and used. Although, the crime is outside the Town's limit, due to Federal Law, a police report was submitted. Case will be investigated by the Berwyn Heights Investigative Services and the US Secret Service Task Force.

08/15/2013 at 8:27 am, Pfc. Krouse arrested Mr. Lorenzo Rhode, a 33 y/o, b/m from Washington DC for an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff. The incident occurred in the 8800 block of Edmonston Road. The warrant was for failing to appear. He was taken to District 1 without incident.

08/16/2013 at 7:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8400 block of 57th Avenue for a report of a stolen wallet. The wallet was on the victim's front porch when it was taken.

08/18/2013 at 8:00 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6100 block of Seminole Street for a report of a found wallet. A letter was sent to the owner of the found property.

08/18/2013 at 9:00 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road suite U9 for a report of a broken window.

08/20/2013 at 9:58 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5600 block of Berwyn

Road for a domestic dispute complaint. Investigation revealed that one half of the complaint was intoxicated.

08/21/2013 at 8:57 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5919 Greenbelt Road Xtra Fuel for a report of a customer driving off with the gas pump attached to her car.

08/21/2013 at 11:00 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8900 block of 56th Avenue to assist the City of Greenbelt Police and the Prince George's County Police on an armed robberies investigation that occurred in the City of Greenbelt.

08/22/2013 at 7:50 am, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5815 Greenbelt Road for a report of a damaged 2007 Toyota. The owner of the said vehicle stated that someone hit the rear bumper of her vehicle while it was parked.

08/24/2013 at 1:25 pm, Roberson impounded a Kawasaki motorcycle from the parking lot of Lake Artemisia. The said vehicle identification number was removed and displaying an expired tag from another State.

08/26/2013 at 7:10 am, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 57th Avenue for a report of theft from a 2011 Chrysler. Various items were taken from the vehicle.

08/26/2013 at 6:55 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the T-Mobile on Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of cellular phones. Four black males came into the store and removed the said items from the display area before fleeing.

## Code News

### Dog Waste Stations Installed

Dog owners, please take note of the new dog waste stations that were placed in key locations around Town: (1) school grounds/lower parking lot; (2) 60th Avenue footpath; (3) Berwyn Road at Ruatan Street; and (4) near Lake Artemesia parking lot.

Dog waste in the public right of way, public parks and on private property is a nuisance and a health hazard for pedestrians and homeowners alike. It is also a violation of Town Ordinance No. 101, Section 7 and can be fined.

### Code Activity for August 2013:

**Top code violations:** High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 27; Yard Waste = 1; Trash/ Litter = 3, Vehicle Violations = 2; Miscellaneous Violations = 1;

**Other activities:** New Rental Properties = 1; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 28; Rental Investigations = 6; Building Permits = 1; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 3; Abatelements 3.



# Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

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Clang . . .**



Last month, we visited the National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville, MD. We were glad to have great weather for the 2 rides we took around the expansive train yard—given that one trolley was crafted like an open boat! The museum has a terrific model train display, a small theatre to watch vintage Harold Lloyd movies, and an exhibit that chronicles the development of our communities along the trolley routes coming out of Washington, D.C. Berwyn Heights had service from 2 different trolley lines back in the 1920s. Visit our “Blog” to learn more.

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in helping out with events and projects that highlight our Town’s unique history.

The BHHC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. **The BHHC will hold its next meeting on October 22nd at the Town Office.**

**VISIT THESE LINKS: “BHHC BLOG”** <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>  
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA / Maryland Milestones) [www.anacostiatrials.org](http://www.anacostiatrials.org)  
The Prince George’s County Historical Society (PGCHS) [www.pghistory.org](http://www.pghistory.org)

## LOCAL HISTORIC EVENTS CALENDAR

### October 19 & 26 **Survive a Zombie Apocalypse**

3:00 pm—4:30 pm

Fort Washington Park  
13551 Fort Washington Rd  
Ft Washington, MD 20744

The time has come when the dead walk the earth—What will you do to survive? Come and explore the 19th century fort that defended Washington, D.C. and see how to survive within its walls. Ages 12-adult, FREE. Call 301-763-4600, or visit: <http://www.nps.gov/fowa>

### October 25 **Campfire & Night Walk**

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park  
4601 Annapolis Road  
Bladensburg, MD 20710

Bring the family for a Creepy

Campfire and Walk in the Dark along the Anacostia River trail. Listen to haunted ghost tales of sailors, soldiers, and duelers of the Anacostia River. Roast Marshmallows and sip hot cocoa. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Resident \$5. Call: 301-779-0371 for more info.

### October 28 **Twilight Tour**

8:00 pm (DUSK)—9:00 pm

Fort Washington Park,  
Ft Washington, MD 20744

While night creeps up, Ranger Trey will lead you through the historic 19th century fort on a haunting tour of the first masonry fort to protect our Capitol from Naval attack, Flashlights not included (BYOF). Ages: 18 and older. Please provide your own flashlight.. FREE  
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### October 30 **Ghosts of Dueling Grounds Boat Tour**

6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park  
4601 Annapolis Road  
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Take a pontoon boat tour at night on the Anacostia River to experience the famous Dueling Grounds, War of 1812 Battle Grounds, & Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Drink Hot Cider & Cocoa as you listen to tales in the dark. Registration is required. Resident \$2; Non-Resident \$3. Space is limited— Call: 301-779-0371, or, register via SMARTlink. #1270016

### November 2 **Ships Ahoy!**

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park  
4601 Annapolis Road  
Bladensburg 20710

Explore the world of ships, sailors, pirates, rope making, and more. Learn all about the life of the pirate from the bygone days of the Chesapeake Bay. Take a ride on a pontoon boat—*weather permitting*. Make a Craft—Light refreshments available. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Resident \$2; Non-Resident \$3. Call: 301-779-0371 for details and more information.

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★ *Mark your calendar . . . Details in next month's Bulletin* ★  
★ **VETERANS' DAY** ★  
★ **WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION** ★  
★ Sunday—Nov. 10th • 2 p.m. ★  
★ *at the Town Center (upstairs)* ★  
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### A few things to do in October in the Md area:

- \*Pumpkin Festival(Gaithersburg)
- \*Md Renaissance Festival(Crownsville)
- \*Sugarloaf Crafts Festival(Timonium)
- \*Autumn Wine Festival(Salisbury)
- \*Octoberfest(Clarksbburg)
- \*Wilson Bridge half marathon(National harbor)
- \*Boo at the Zoo(Washington DC)
- \*Autumn Tea (Montpelier mansion)
- \*Haunted Hangar(College Park airport)

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REDUCED-6021 Berwyn Rd 4BR/2.5BA split lvl...\$279,900.

REDUCED-8720 63<sup>rd</sup> Av 3BR/2BA rambler...\$219,900.

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# *Recreation Council Events & Updates*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Trunk or Treat.** Saturday, October 19, 2013 (details on page 13)

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- You'll see your neighbors and maybe make some new friends.

### **Annual Holiday Party and Tree-Lighting Ceremony. December 7, 2013.**

Santa Claus will be making a special appearance! Stay tuned for further details.

## UPDATES

TRAVELING GARDEN AWARD – Did you receive *The Curious Garden*, by Peter Brown, on your doorstep this summer? If so, congratulations! You are the recipient of the Traveling Garden Award. Call the Town Office to register in the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Behnke's Nursery. We will be honoring the recipients at a special reception in January...details to follow.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7PM at the Town Office. All are welcome!

#### **Recreation Council Contacts:**

Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, [trinity.tomsic@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.tomsic@gmail.com)

Kristen Buker – 443-623-0013, [KristenBuker@aol.com](mailto:KristenBuker@aol.com)

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

Tim Tormoen – [totormoen@yahoo.com](mailto:totormoen@yahoo.com)



## BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

wyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

**Child Care:** Loving, licensed child care in BH, Monday thru Friday, 6:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Call 301 (313) 9131.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tutor:** Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002,

[kathybrosh@gmail.com](mailto:kathybrosh@gmail.com). References available.

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

**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.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066  
Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas  
Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661  
Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052  
Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055  
Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055  
Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569  
Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022  
Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

### Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

### Men's League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

### Playgroup

Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

### Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

### BH Elementary School PTA

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





# Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

October 2013

Berwyn Heights, MD

## Mark Your Calendars

- Oct 1 - 6pm PTA Executive Meeting  
Volunteers Welcome!
- Oct 10 - 6:30pm Anti-Bullying Night and  
Peace Garden Dedication
- Oct 18 - School Closed - MSEA Convention
- Oct 25 - End of First Quarter
- Oct 25 - Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser
- Oct 26 - Plant Exchange/Garden Clean Up
- Oct 28 - No School - Grading/Planning Day

## Special Events

**Walk-a-Thon** – October 25<sup>th</sup> – 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!

**Jeans Day** – Thank you for those who participated in Jeans Days on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Funds raised went to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field trips to North Bay and Camp Schmidt.

## 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.

**The PTA would like to thank the following companies who have donated gift cards/certificates this year:**

Giant  
Marathon Deli in College Park  
Krazy Kabob in College Park

## Box Tops = Free Money!

**First Collection October 15th!** 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 the class will 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.

### **Peace Garden Dedication**

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Peace Garden possible.

Please come to our Peace Garden Dedication ceremony on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



### **Plant Exchange & BHES Garden Clean Up!**

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**\*\*Bring your extra plants and bulbs to share with your neighbors!\*\***

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*Please bring your favorite tool if you want!*

Service hours available for students!

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult, please.

A big thank you to Home Depot in Hyattsville for all the wonderful gifts to our student garden projects. You have made it possible for more students to have a hands on experience in our gardening projects which gives so much more to their learning experience.

# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

## “Celebrating 30 Years in

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

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

### OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

October 1	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
October 2	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 3	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 8	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
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OCTOBER 2, 2013

FALL-WINTER

OCTOBER 2, 2013  
WII BOWLING BEGINS!

EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP  
TO BOWL, COME, WATCH AND  
ENJOY THE FUN







# Berwyn Heights GreenTeam



The GreenBee is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like share your ideas, please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com), or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next Green Team meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Town Office). Below are some upcoming events—we hope to see you there!

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## **Save the Date! Sunday, November 17 Composting Class**

Join the Green Team on the afternoon of Sunday, November 17, to learn about building a compost bin.

Look for more details in the November GreenBee!

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*Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 n.*

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## THE BUGLE – OCTOBER 2013

### THE BERWYN HEIGHTS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Please join us on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Sports Park for our Annual Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club Banquet. Awards will be given to Man and Woman of the year, Boy and Girl of the year, and all players who participated with the club. The Banquet starts at 3:30 and will end at 6:30pm. The cost per each guest is \$5.00 per person which includes dinner. If it should rain, please meet at the Town Hall upstairs banquet room. We are very proud of our children, thankful to our coaches and grateful for the parents who brought your kids to play.

We would like to keep our Club open as it is a safe place for our kids to learn sportsmanship, compete in different sports and also make new friends. We need more volunteers who are willing to coach, mentor, assist, and guide our young players. If you are interested, we would love to meet you. Please contact Shinita Hemby at (202) 531-6066 or by email at [hembygirl@yahoo.com](mailto:hembygirl@yahoo.com).



**New Club Activities!!!!!!** Please contact Leslie Wolfinger @ [leswolfinger@gmail.com](mailto:leswolfinger@gmail.com) if you are interested in signing up for the new Berwyn Heights adult kickball league or starting a new double dutch team.



*Motivation is what gets you started; Determination is what keeps you going*



## Pop's Park Re-Opened

The Berwyn Heights Playgroup is happy to report that the Pop's Park Playground dedication and family BBQ turned out to be wonderful thanks to fine weather and the many families who came out and celebrated with us.

Playgroup would like to thank all those who helped bring us this point, in particular the Public Works crew, who worked hard to remove old playground equipment and clean up the park for the dedication. We also appreciate Town Administrator Murphy for helping with the grant application and supervising the transformation of the park.

Although children and their parents were out testing the new play equipment even before the formal re-opening, many improvements are still to come, including a renovated fence and new entrance gate, sidewalks along Cunningham Drive and handicap accessible paths inside the park.

### Join Playgroup for our weekly Playdates

**Preschoolers Playgroup** meets Thursdays, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> THU of month at Indian Creek Playground;  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> THU of month at Pop's Park

**Infants Playgroup** meets periodically.  
Please contact [Rose.Almoguera@yahoo.com](mailto:Rose.Almoguera@yahoo.com)  
about meeting times



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# Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department



Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. • 8811 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue •

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 -- Station Telephone: (301) 474-7866

*In Case of Emergency Call 911!*

## Recent Working Incidents:

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14 & Chief 14B responded to the 9000 Blk Brightlea Ct. in Lanham for the House Fire.

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14, Squad 14 & Chief 14A were alerted to the 5800 Blk of Seminole St. in BH for smoke coming from a house. The crews contained a small kitchen fire, and removed a resident from the basement for evaluation.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14 responded to Piney Branch Rd in Montgomery County for the 3 Alarm Apartment Fire. During the incident a 2<sup>nd</sup> crew staffed Squad 14B, Truck 14 & Ambulance 14B back at the station.

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>- Squad 14, Chief 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B responded to 11400 Blk of Cherry Hill Rd in Beltsville for the multi-victim accident with one trapped.

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 responded to NB BW Parkway in the area of Powder Mill Rd for a car accident with people trapped.

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>- Truck 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B were alerted to the 11200 Blk of Westport Dr in Glenn Dale for the Townhouse Fire, which escalated into a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm incident.

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>- Squad/Technical Rescue 14 & Chief 14B responded to the Bladensburg Marina for a Water Rescue. The crew worked with PGFD & DCFD rescue divers, boat, and helicopter crews to search the Anacostia River for a drowned victim.

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>- Squad/Technical Rescue 14 responded to the Outer Loop of the Beltway near 195 for a car over the bank onto a creek bed.

**Wondering where our fire trucks are going? Follow us on Twitter @BHVFD14 for up-to-date information on working incidents!**

**Reminder:** Our Annual Fund Drive mailer is in progress. Thank you to those who have already donated! Feel free to drop off your donation at the station in person and get a tour! Didn't receive a mailer by mid-October? Let us know!

## Volunteer Today!

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new members to help keep our busy station staffed 24/7. We need Volunteers for both emergency (Firefighters & EMTs) and non-emergency (Administrative) positions.

In high school? You can join at age 16! We offer a structured, drug free environment for students to earn service hours, though underage members are limited in what emergency services they can provide until they turn 18. Training is free, provided by the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, and can count as college credit.

In addition to riding firefighters & EMTs we also rely on a large number of administrative members who keep up the nonprofit side of the Department and ensure the riding members have the necessary equipment and apparatus to protect the community.

**Intrested? Stop by for a tour or "Ride Along!"**

For more information and to contact us visit our website at:

[www.BHVFD14.org](http://www.BHVFD14.org)

### Basic Membership Requirements:

- At least 16 years of age (No previous training required!)
- Criminal background check conducted by PGFD
- Completion of medical physical conducted by PGFD contracted representative (*except Administrative members*)
- Completion of Volunteer Recruit School, includes CPR and Infectious Control. (*except Administrative members*)
- Completion of Firefighter I or Maryland EMT-B within 18 months (*except Administrative members*)
- Participation in the duty shift program (minimum of two shifts per month) to ensure station staffing.
- Participation in Annual Spring Clean Up & two shifts during Christmas Tree Sales.



## Fire Safety Week! Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>

The National Fire Protection Agency's Fire Safety Week theme is Kitchen Safety. The leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking, and happens most often on the stovetop. The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Firefighters would like to remind residents of these simple steps they could help save resident's lives in case of an emergency:

- Have a working smoke alarm outside all bedrooms and one on each floor!
- Make sure you have at least two ways out of each bedroom in case one is blocked.
- Does your basement have enough ways out? You may need to install bigger windows.
- Have an escape plan! Don't have one? Come to Truck or Treat on the 19<sup>th</sup> and visit our booth's coloring station, where our volunteers can help you and your children draw and develop a plan and answer questions. Be sure to practice it regularly!



**Out Trick or Treating on Halloween? Stop by the Firehouse for candy and a tour!**



**Also come join us for Rec Council's "Trunk or Treat" event!  
October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Community Center parking lot.**



## **Berwyn Heights Men's League**

# ***Basketball Signups 2013***

**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 1, 3, 8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31  
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 30-60 years old playing.

**Price:** \$60 for the whole year. You will be required to purchase a gym card, to use the facilities, from M-NCPPC 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.














































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# October 2013

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 <b>1</b> 	 <b>2</b> NW-EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 <b>3</b>  Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	 <b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> LAKE ARTEMESIA CONCERT 2:00 P.M. 
<b>6</b>	 <b>7</b>  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>8</b> 	 <b>9</b> Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>10</b>  PEACE GARDEN DEDICATION BHES 6:30 P.M.	 <b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	 <b>14</b> 	 <b>15</b> 	 <b>16</b>	 <b>17</b>  Green Team 7:00 P.M. Town Center	 <b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> TRUNK OR TREAT 7:00 P.M. Community Center
<b>20</b>	 <b>21</b>  Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	 <b>22</b>  BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	 <b>23</b>	 <b>24</b> 	 <b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> BHES Garden Cleanup/Plant Exchange 9 AM — Electronics Recycling 9:00—noon
<b>27</b> Street Sweeping This week 	 <b>28</b> 	 <b>29</b> 	 <b>30</b>	 <b>31</b>  HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT 6 to 9 P.M. 		



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON  
THE STREET IF POSSIBLE  
DURING THE WEEK WHEN  
THE STREET SWEEPER IS  
IN TOWN.



Recycling  
Collection

Refuse Collection



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North South

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 Police (Non-Emergency) ..... (301) 352-1200  
 Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554  
 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
 Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
 Email: [publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7866  
 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
 Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Call-A-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Maryland Relay Service (TTY)..... 1(800) 735-2258

#### Mayor and Council

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

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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

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