

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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**October 2014**



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## Leaf Disposal

Please continue to bag your leaves until curb-side loose leaf collection begins November 1.

Use brown paper yard waste bags available at your local home improvement or grocery store, or a designated trash container. Do not include debris, large sticks and litter, and do not rake leaves into the street, storm drains and drainage swales.

### Yard Waste Pickup

- Mondays north of Pontiac Street
- Tuesdays south of Pontiac Street

## IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS



### English Speaking Customers

(202) 872-3432 TO REPORT

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

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT Power Outages

CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT Report Street Light Out

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

### Hard of Hearing Customers

TTY (202) 872-2369

### Spanish Speaking Customers

CALL (202) 872-4641 por

Servicio en Espanol

Languages other than English or Spanish

CALL (202) 833-7500

Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs

CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR Registration to be on Priority List



## Four Cities Meeting

October 30 - 7:30 pm

Greenbelt City Hall

Open to the Public

### Topics:

- Pepco/ Exelon Merger

## GET ALERTS

Local Public Safety,

Weather, Traffic

And now...

Town of Berwyn Heights

Closings & Cancellations

Sign up with

Nixle or Town Twitter mail:

[https://local\\_nixle.com/register](https://local_nixle.com/register)

And/or <https://twitter.com/>

## ELECTRONICS/ STYROFOAM RECYCLING

October 25

8am - 12pm

Buddy Attick Parking Lot  
Greenbelt Public Works Yard

tel. 240-542-2153

**Please note:** The drop-off at the Berwyn Heights Public Works Yard is no longer available.

## 2014 General Election, Maryland

### IMPORTANT DATES

Voter Registration Deadline  
Tuesday, October 13, 2014 - 9:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline  
Friday, October 31, 2014  
8 p.m. (mail) or 11:59 p.m. (fax/email)

Early Voting (College Park Community Ctr)  
October 23 - October 30, 2014  
Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Election Day (BHES)  
November 4, 2014  
Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please visit: <http://www.elections.state.md.us/> to find candidate lists and other election information:

US Congress/ District 5 Representative

Maryland Governor, Lt. Governor, Comptroller, and Attorney General

Maryland Assembly/ District 22 Delegation

Prince George's County Executive  
Prince George's County/ District 3 Representative

Judge of the Circuit Court

Or call Prince George's County Board of Elections  
301-341-7300 - Office  
301-341-7391 - Office Fax

# Worksession

August 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was TA Edward Murphy, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Mike Attick.

## 1. Mayor

**Announcements:** The Council met in executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss the Town Administrator candidates.

**Calendar:** A dedication of the community garden will take place on September 13, at 2 pm. PGCMA meeting dates were added for September 18, October 16, and November 13. The PGCMA legislative dinner will take place on December 4.

**Minutes:** On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the July 21 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The July 9 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

**Department Reports:** Mayor Calvo reported that he and TA Murphy had a meeting with the Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) about the storm water management project at the Public Works yard. DPIE agreed to reduce a fee for mitigating the runoff from the new sidewalks off-site from \$3,500 to \$1,900. However, the Town will be required to build a storm water pre-treatment facility at the yard in combination with the *Jellyfish* filter to comply with Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) design standards. With these issues resolved, DPIE promised to grant approval of the storm water management project by the end of the week. This will then allow the sediment control permit to be issued, as well as 2 fine-grading permits. The permits for the entire sidewalks projects should be in hand by the end of August, enabling the Town to go to bid in September. TA Murphy said the 63rd Avenue sidewalks project is awaiting resolution of whether the regional Presbytery or the local Presbyterian Church has approval authority.

Mayor Calvo continued that the PGCMA will hold a retreat on August 15. He further noted that he studied the Maryland State Pension plan actuarial information last weekend. He found that the municipal pool, in which Berwyn Heights is

enrolled, is financially stronger than the State's pool and the Law Enforcement Officers' Pool (LEOPS).

CM Schreiber reported that Director Lockley worked with an arborist to come up with a checklist of symptoms to indicate when a Town tree may need to be pruned or felled. The checklist is to give guidance to the Public Works Department when to call for help regarding problem trees. Public Works employees have asked they be given the option to go home early the day following an event, such as National Night Out, instead of being paid overtime. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked where the emergency generator permit process stands. TA Murphy said that he is still waiting for the revised plans showing the enclosure for the generators. He will follow up with the engineers tomorrow.

CM Rasmussen reported that Code Officer Hall is still recuperating. The Code Department may have to hire a temporary officer because Supervisor Simpson will also be out for a while and Officer Snyder will work reduced hours when the fall semester begins. Teenagers were observed playing in the car that was crushed by the tree that fell on 58th Avenue. He will meet with School Board Member Higgins next week to discuss education issues.

**Citizen comments:** CM Rasmussen received a commendation for Code Supervisor Simpson conducting rental inspections in a courteous and professional manner. Mayor Calvo received comments about bamboo and orange construction barrels at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, sought clarification about a code complaint form, the county tax bill, and approval for taking the emergency trailer to College Park. Mayor Calvo explained that the residents who have a code complaint can fill out a complaint form, but it is not a requirement. The tax bill breaks out various taxes and fees, including a recycling fee, which is levied by the Town, and a new rain tax, which is levied by the county. He has approved the request to take the trailer out of Town in an earlier email. Further, the county appears to have reduced the Town's tax differential for the police services it provides, in effect raising residents' tax bill by 3 cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

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

**Health fair:** Mike Attick explained that the Berwyn Heights Community Emer-

gency Response Team (CERT) plans to host a health and wellness day on September 6. Originally, the Prince George's County Citizen Corps Council (PGCCC) planned to hold the event, but it was canceled. The event consists of setting up stations at the Town Center and the school grounds to advise visitors about health issues and perform health screenings. In addition, emergency responders from around Prince George's County will exhibit their apparatus and give demonstrations. Town organizations will also be invited to participate. To accommodate fire trucks, emergency vehicles and buses, CERT is requesting the Council's approval to close 57th Avenue and Berwyn Road at the Town center. Advertising will be handled by the county. Approximately 200-250 visitors are expected. They will be directed to park at the school and then take a shuttle to the Town Center. CERT volunteers will operate the Town's call-a-bus as a shuttle service. CERT may need 2 officers and 3 Public Works employees to help with the event.

Mayor Calvo said that he has a concern about the short-term planning of the event, which according to Mr. Attick normally takes several months to plan. He worries about the logistics of accommodating an unknown number of people from out of Town. While he does not mind hosting the event, the status of organizing it does not inspire confidence in its success. Mr. Attick said that County offices and volunteers are likely to spring into action when the deadline gets closer. People from out of Town will be asked to park at the school and shuttled to the Town Center. CM Rasmussen expressed concern about only one person, Mr. Attick, coordinating the event. Mr. Attick replied that he has a partner in the County Executive office he can call on for help. Similar events in Capitol Heights, District Heights and Seat Pleasant drew from a few dozen to a couple of hundred visitors, which were easily accommodated at local Town offices and parking lots.

Mayor Calvo said there are too many factors the Town does not control. At a minimum, he would like to control the promotion of the event so that the Town does not get caught unprepared when a thousand people show up. Therefore, he would like Mr. Attick to provide a formal plan of operations, fixing the location and hours of road closures, shuttle routes, map of participating vendors and organizations, and names of volunteers manning the various stations. CM Rasmussen suggested that the plan should

also take into account contingencies, such as provision for calling in additional officers if needed, and diverting out-of-Town drivers to the Lake Artemesia parking lot and Ballew Avenue. Mr. Attick agreed to present a written plan at the August 25 worksession.

**Flash flood recovery assistance:** Mayor Calvo distributed a plan for distributing the \$ 6,705 in donations collected so far to assist victims of the June 10 flash flood. He said that 6 homeowners of the many more affected by the flood applied, and only 2 of those fell under the 80% average median household income threshold. Only 3 homes had experienced a power cut off, which was compensated at a level of \$800. One home on Berwyn Road is a rental where tenants living in the basement had experienced extensive damage. The assistance was awarded in the order of magnitude of the loss experienced, and averaged out to 9% of the estimated net loss. The assistance he proposes to disburse ranges from the maximum of \$3,300 for a net loss of \$24,000 and the minimum of \$267 for a net loss of \$1,300.

Mayor Calvo noted that there were several home owners, who were eligible for assistance, but chose not to apply to leave more money in the till for others that had a greater need. With no objections from the Council, CM Rasmussen moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to approve the disbursement plan. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Council priorities:** Mayor Calvo asked the Council to review the revised Town Council priorities and offer any additional changes needed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the Council had agreed to rephrase Council Priority #6 to read "Formalize and document policies." There were no objections.

The Council also reviewed the list of Town Administrator goals. The following changes were made:

Goal #1, last sentence, was revised to read: "hold senior leadership meetings and regular communication with Town staff."

Goal #3 was revised to read: "...define new roles and relationships within the unified structure of government; ...reevaluate and formalize the performance evaluation process."

Goal #4d was revised to read: "Develop a marketing plan and economic development vision."

Goal #4e was revised to read: "Formalize and document existing policies and practices."

In response to CM Rasmussen, Mayor

Calvo said that developing an economic development plan may require formulating a vision for Route 193 first. The County's review of its zoning ordinance presents an opportunity to rethink the zoning requirements for future development along the Route 193 Corridor. The redevelopment of Route 1 that is taking place now makes extensive use of the MXT (Mixed Commercial and Residential) zone, which may open new options for developing the Berwyn Heights frontage of Greenbelt Road. Mayor Calvo thought that economic development need not be included as a Town Council priority because it is covered by "Market Berwyn Heights."

CM Rasmussen moved to adopt the revised Town Administrator goals. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Dennison moved and MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded to adopt the revised Council Priorities. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Nothing was discussed under 2. **Public Works.**

### 3. Administration

**County covenants regarding Jellyfish storm water filter:** TA Murphy explained that the County requires the Town to enter into a Declaration of Covenants as part of the approval process for the Town's sidewalks storm water management plan. The covenants commit the Town to retain the services of a Maryland licensed engineer to inspect the Jellyfish storm water filter at the end of the first year of operation, and every 3 years thereafter to ensure it is functioning properly. The Town is further required to properly maintain the filter and make any needed repairs. If it fails to do so, the County is authorized to make repairs and bill the Town. The Covenants will be recorded in the County land records. The Council is asked to adopt the Declaration of Covenants at the August 13 Town meeting. The Council consented.

**Comcast agreement extension:** TA Murphy said that the previous Council extended the existing Comcast franchise agreement at the March 2014 Town meeting until such time as a new agreement has been negotiated. This was done by emergency ordinance, which is only valid for 90 days and has expired. As the negotiations with Comcast are ongoing, Ordinance No. 168 has been prepared for adoption at the next Town meeting to replace emergency Ordinance No. 164.

Mayor Calvo elaborated that the existing franchise agreements allow Comcast and Verizon to use the Town's right of

way for their cable lines. In return, the Town receives a 5% franchise tax and a 3% PEG fee, which amounts to annual revenues of approximately \$50,000. The cable TV and communications industry is currently in flux and negotiations are difficult and have taken longer than anticipated. The Council agreed to adopt the Ordinance at the next Town meeting.

**Bulletin cover:** The following items were selected for the September Bulletin cover: Lake Artemesia concert theme; announcements for Ice Cream Social and Health Fair.

### 4. Code Compliance

**Bamboo as nuisance vegetation:** Mayor Calvo said over the years the Town has received a number of complaints about bamboo spreading to neighboring properties. Last week a group of residents have submitted a petition regarding a bamboo problem around 8805 58th Avenue and asked the Council to address it. He would like the Council to discuss the issue before taking a concrete action. He explained that there is no specific reference to bamboo in the Town's ordinances, but it is technically covered by provisions prohibiting invasive species. People who already have bamboo in their yards are responsible for preventing it from spreading to adjacent properties.

TA Murphy said that the State of Maryland has not declared bamboo as an invasive species. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she believes that the Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance prohibits growing bamboo, whereas the residential Clean Lot Ordinance does not.

Mayor Calvo said he was under the impression that, on several occasions, the Town has asked property owners who have bamboo that is spreading to remove it because it is an invasive species. Personally, he would like to prohibit bamboo from being planted as it is difficult to control, and in some places destroying Town infrastructure. Where it already exists, homeowners should be held accountable for controlling it, or be fined. He would like the Council to clarify existing regulations and/or come up with a policy about bamboo, as well as other invasive species such as English ivy. However, before the discussion is continued, the questions raised today should be answered. This should be the job of the Code Supervisor, who should prepare code memoranda in the future.

**Code year-one goals:** CM Rasmussen said he met with Supervisor Simpson today and discussed the goals and department reports. But he does not yet have a revised list of year-one goals. The

discussion was postponed.

**Urban forest initiative:** CM Rasmussen explained that he would like the Town to address the problem with invasive species and nuisance vegetation that crowds out native plants, including bamboo, English Ivy, Chinese Wisteria, garlic mustard and others. Secondly, he would like the Council to develop policies to preserve the urban tree canopy, which he considers to be a community resource. This means establishing some rules and guidelines about what property owners can and should do with mature trees in their yards outside the Town's right of way. He asked the Council for feedback.

Mayor Calvo said that CM Rasmussen should contact Jim Peck at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) about urban forest ordinances in other municipalities that can serve as a template. Takoma Park and Annapolis have fairly detailed urban forest ordinances. He may want to propose something less far-reaching for Berwyn Heights. It would not be too hard to come up with some standards regarding urban trees, but defining the mechanics of dealing with problem trees will be more difficult, particularly because the Town does not have an in-house arborist to consult. It may help if the Town asks an employee to be trained in basic tree care. As for replanting trees, the Town has not done much of it. This is an area where a new approach may be useful.

CM Rasmussen asked whether the Town has used interns before to do the background work for this type of project. Inventorying Town trees and researching tree policy seem like a great project for a graduate student who studies the subject. Mayor Calvo said the Town has employed interns on a couple of occasions with mixed results. It is likely to work best if a professor offers it as a for-credit project. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that there are grants available from the county to plant street trees. This may be worth exploring. CM Rasmussen said he may attend a Green Team meeting to get their feedback.

Nothing was discussed under 5. **Parks and Recreation** and 6. **Public Safety**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

## Town Meeting August 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Dennison, Rasmussen and Schreiber. Also present

were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, David Hillman, Bob Greenberg, Eileen Horn, Gina and Buddy Robson.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. East Campus Presentation

Mayor Calvo welcomed David Hillman of Southern Management Corporation, and Bob Greenberg and Eileen Horn of Dewberry & Associates, for an informational presentation on the East Campus development at the junction of Route 1 and Paint Branch Parkway. The development is back in the news and moving forward after having been dormant for several years.

Mr. Hillman, CEO and owner of Southern Management Corporation, said his company has been in business in Maryland for 49 years and is the largest privately-owned property management company in the Baltimore-Washington area. Southern Management is also the largest owner of rental apartments in Prince George's County, and started in 1965 with Lakeside North apartments in old Greenbelt. Recently, the company entered the hotel business and opened luxury hotels in a Pennsylvania ski resort and at Arundel Mills. The hotels have quickly achieved top customer ratings and will serve as the model for the complex to be built in College Park.

Bob Greenberg spoke about the detailed plans for the East Campus hotel complex. He said that the developers began working on this project 3 years ago after presenting their plans to the University of Maryland President and Board of Regents. The 3 acres of land to be developed belongs to the University and heretofore was used for maintenance facilities and green houses. The University wants to create an innovation district at this location, which the hotel will anchor. The hotel will be built close to Route 1 right across from the UMD main entrance, but with its main entrance off the new Hotel Road South running along the south side of the complex. The approaches to the hotel will be pedestrian and bicycle friendly and include several restaurants along the Route 1 frontage. To comply with county standards, the complex will meet the 100 year flood event and include extensive bio-retention facilities to manage storm water runoff.

Mr. Greenberg continued that the 330,000 SF hotel itself will be 12 stories high, capped by a penthouse level and a rooftop terrace that can be rented for events. The hotel will have 292 guestrooms, one banquet level with a large,

reconfigurable ballroom, conference rooms and terraces for events. Another level will have a large fitness center with a pool and a spa that are open to the public. The hotel incorporates a 7 story garage with access from Greenhouse Road on the east-side of the hotel. Architecturally, the complex gets away from the traditional style dominating University buildings and adopts an innovative, contemporary look mixing brick, glass and steel.

In response to questions from the Mayor and Council, Mr. Hillman said that the reason the development of the East Campus has resumed is the presence of a new UMD President, Wallace Loh, who is a "breath of fresh air" and intent on better integrating the University with the City of College Park. Loh sees the potential for repatriating a lot of money currently spent by visitors at hotels and conference centers outside of College Park. Loh removed the former master developer and transferred the land from the State to a new University of Maryland foundation, which rents smaller parcels of the 38 acre site to different developers to develop individually. The County Executive also changed; prompting businesses to take a new look at investing in Prince George's County.

Mr. Hillman continued that the hotel can be reached by Metro, the UMD shuttle and the future Purple Line. Pedestrians and bicyclists can use an improved Greenhouse Road or the old College Park neighborhood streets to get from the Metro Station to the East Campus, and most campus destinations are in walk able distance. In terms of the approval process, the project has been placed on an expedited track by the County. The concept plans have been approved and the detailed site plan is under review. The County is also reviewing the grading permits. The hearing in front of the Planning Board is scheduled for December 18. It is hoped that construction can start next spring.

Further, the hotel will be higher than nearby buildings but will fit in with other new student apartment buildings on Route 1. It will be a boutique hotel, not connected with any other hotel chains. Negotiations with several restaurant chains are underway, including one full-service sit down restaurant. Hotel staff will not be unionized. Hotel rooms will be priced in the same range as other nearby hotels, around \$200 per night. Hiring of staff is expected to begin in January 2016 and completion of construction by September 2016.

## 2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the July 9 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

## 3. Treasurer's Report

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

## 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that Berwyn Heights hosted a recent Four Cities meeting at which the FBI headquarters relocation was discussed. The General Services Administration (GSA) announced that Greenbelt has been chosen as 1 of 3 finalists as the future site of the FBI. The Four Cities agreed to produce a promotional video that showcases the special features and advantages of this area. He is disappointed, however, that Prince George's County's US representatives, particularly Senator Mikulski, are no longer strongly behind Greenbelt Station as the exclusive site to be considered for the FBI. They still support Prince George's County but include the Landover Mall, owned by the Lerner Brothers, as another alternative. In fact, the GSA changed siting criteria to qualify Landover Mall as a possible site even though it is not near a Metro Station. The Four Cities will continue to make the case for Greenbelt Station.

Mayor Calvo said the Council hosted a well attended community meeting with County and WSSC officials to discuss the recovery efforts from the June 10 flash flood. Residents who experienced flooding in their homes had an opportunity to ask questions directly. County officials explained that the storm water system, which the County took over from WSSC in 1992, was built to handle 5" of rain over a 24 hour period, which is a 10 year event, but not 5" of rain in one hour. The County will commission a hydraulic analysis of the storm drain system to understand how recent development may have impacted the volume of storm water runoff and to pinpoint the problem areas. The June 10 flooding occurred mostly at the junctions of storm water drains spilling back out of nearby entry points. Homeowners in flood-prone areas are well advised to consider flood insurance to cover losses in case of another flood. At its last worksession, the Council approved a disbursement for the \$6,700 in donations the Town received to help those most affected by the flood.

Mayor Calvo further reported that he and TA Murphy had a meeting with the De-

partment of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) regarding the approval of a storm water management facility the Town is required to install to offset the additional runoff from the sidewalks project. After a far too difficult and expensive approval process, the Town now has a clear path to get approval of the storm water management facility at the Public Works yard and the sidewalks permits. He hopes the Town can put the sidewalks out to bid in September.

In other news, the Council is engaged in the search for a new Town Administrator and at the next worksession will narrow the field to 6 finalists it plans to interview in late August. The Council also spent considerable time identifying its top priorities for the next term. They include 1) finishing the priority 1 sidewalks projects; 2) finishing installation of the emergency generators; 3) marketing Berwyn Heights in the context of the FBI headquarters relocation and other planned developments nearby; 4) planning the next road repair project; and 5) formalizing and codifying policies and practices as part of preparing for the transition to a new Town Administrator.

## 5. Department Reports

**Administration:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the revised detailed plans for the emergency generators have been received and have been given to a permit expeditor to shepherd through the County permitting process. When the permits are received, the Town will put the project out to bid. Further, the Town was awarded a bike way grant by the Maryland Historical Trust to fund new bike racks, repair stations, bike lanes and signage.

**Code Compliance:** CM Rasmussen reported that Code Supervisor Simpson has completed his first month in office and has been in the field doing rental inspections and familiarizing himself with the Town. He was recently commended by a homeowner for his courteous and professional handling of a rental home inspection. Mr. Simpson is also researching and drafting a policy for egress windows that must be installed in any basement apartment as a secondary means of escape in case of an emergency.

CM Rasmussen also reminded homeowners that lawns must be cut to remain under 10" and carbon monoxide detectors installed on each level of a rental home, especially if there is a natural gas connection. Further, the Council has started to discuss an urban forest initiative that would address private and Town trees as a community resource for their

aesthetic and environmental benefits, and explore new regulations to protect the tree canopy. The urban forest initiative would address issues such as maintenance of mature trees, replacement of dying trees, and preventing the spread of invasive species such as English Ivy and bamboo. Lastly, CM Rasmussen noted the passing of actor and comedian Robin Williams and film star Lauren Bacall.

**Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs:** CM Dennison reported that Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club U-12 baseball team won the Prince George's County majors championship. Congratulations to the coaches Ron and Sheryl Compton and Kevin Conover. The Boys & Girls Club will hold a fall fundraiser selling mums and pumpkins at the Town Center on October 4. Schools will be opening on August 26 and Maryland retailers will offer tax free shopping for school apparel on August 23. Upcoming events include the annual Hello Huskies back to school night on September 10, the Ice Cream Social on September 12, and the Lake Artemesia concert on September 27.

**Public Health and Safety:** Mayor Calvo congratulated Chief Antolik and Officer Krouse on a fabulous National Night Out. Chief Antolik thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and participation in this nationwide crime-fighting event. It would not be possible without the participation of local businesses and community organizations, including the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness, Boys & Girls Club, Karate Club and Green Team.

Chief Antolik reported that the police will be stationed around Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) on the first day of school and will issue immediate fines for any traffic violations; there will be no warnings. Last month's police activities report shows 5 Part I offenses, which is below the 5 year average of 6.6. The year-to-date total is 41, as opposed to the 5 year average of 45.8. In addition, the officers issued 235 State and Town citations and 274 speed camera tickets, 270 of which were on Greenbelt Road.

Chief Antolik also encouraged residents to review their emergency plans in anticipation of the upcoming hurricane season. Hurricanes can cause widespread devastation in affected communities, ranging from power outages to flooding, which often overwhelm the resources of the local police and fire departments.

CM Rasmussen said he is happy to see that 7 citations were issued for talking on a cell phone while driving. He also asked



if the statistics include any turn signal violations. Chief Antolik replied he believes no citations were issued in this category but he will check. His officers are more focused on enforcing the running of stop signs.

Buddy Robson, 59th Avenue, asked if there are any speed limit signs on the south side of Greenbelt Road between 58th Avenue and the speed camera at 63rd Avenue. Mayor Calvo said there is a 35 mph sign between 62nd and 63rd Avenue marking the school zone for Greenbelt Middle School. He cannot recall, however, if there is a 40 mph sign outside the school zone. In any case, these signs are on a state highway and SHA would be responsible for posting them.

**Public Works:** CM Schreiber commended the Public Works staff for helping set up and break down for National Night Out, which makes for a long day. He also asked residents to drive more carefully when school is back in session, particularly when they try to pass trash trucks working their way from one side of the street to the other to pick up trash and recyclables.

CM Schreiber also reported that staff filled 13 pot holes on Seminole Street and on Berwyn Road, and removed tree parts from a large oak that fell during a storm. Public Works will look more closely at trees in the Town right-of-way to ensure that they are healthy and do not pose a risk of dropping branches or being toppled. Residents are encouraged to flag any trees they are concerned about. Emerson Ellis was chosen as the employee of the month for July.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Green Team:** Mayor Calvo said that the Green Team has set the date of September 13 for dedicating the Community Garden. The school gardening team has recently installed raised beds, likely to be a great addition to the gardening program.

**Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness:** Mike Attick said the Town celebrated another great National Night Out thanks to support from the Council and help from community organizations. He especially thanked MPT Kulpa-Eddy for keeping the food service line moving. He also announced that the NW/EP will participate in a mini College Park Day on August 23 and make a pitch for emergency preparedness; and that the Berwyn Heights CERT and Prince George's County Citizens Corps Council will host a health and wellness day on September

6. Vendors and health officials have been invited to distribute educational materials and give health screenings; and a variety of first responders will be present to demonstrate their rescue methods and equipment. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. September 13 is the date of a 3k run and stair walk to remember the victims of the 9/11 attacks. The next NW/EP meeting will take place on September 3.

## 7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

## 8. New Business

**Resolution 08-2014 - Adoption of PGC Declaration of Covenants regarding Storm water Filter:** Clerk Harper read the Resolution. Mayor Calvo offered corrections. CM Rasmussen moved to adopt the Resolution as corrected. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that, as part of the approval of a storm water mitigation plan, the Town must pledge to properly maintain the storm water filter to be installed at the Public Works yard. If the county finds it is not maintained according to standards, the county will perform maintenance and repairs at the Town's expense. In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Murphy explained the Covenants' reference a schedule of maintenance that calls for the facility to be inspected after the first year of operation, and every 3 years thereafter. The Covenants were approved 5 to 0.

## Ordinance No. 168 - 1st Reading & Introduction of Comcast Agreement

**Extension:** Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. Mayor Calvo sought clarification as to whether the extension of the Comcast Franchise Agreement could not be adopted by resolution. The Town usually adopts agreements by resolution. TA Murphy replied that he is acting on the advice of I-Net's legal counsel, Suellen Ferguson, who recommended adoption by ordinance, which has greater legal weight. Mayor Calvo thought that the Town already has an ordinance, Ordinance No. 106 implementing the Comcast Franchise Agreement. He does not see why this Ordinance could not simply be amended to extend its life. Instead, there are now three ordinances all relating to the same franchise agreements, if one counts the expired emergency Ordinance No. 164 extending the agreement. This question does not need to be resolved tonight. But he would like to have an answer before this Ordinance is adopted in a 2nd reading.

CM Rasmussen asked if emergency Ordinance No. 164 could be extended by resolution as it already deals with the subject of extension. TA Murphy did not think so as the emergency Ordinance is only valid for 90 days and has since expired. Ordinance No. 168 would replace the emergency Ordinance. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 168, and CM Schreiber seconded.

Mayor Calvo explained that the franchise agreement permits Comcast to use of the Town's right of way for transmitting their communication services. In return, the Town receives a 5% franchise tax and a 3% PEG fee, which pays for the Town's public access channel. The Council voted to introduce the Ordinance 5 to 0.

## 9. Citizens Discussion

Buddy Robson, 59th Avenue, submitted a letter about the June 10 flash flood for the record. In summary, the letter expresses his concern about the history of flooding on 59th Avenue. As a 34 year resident of the street, he has seen it flood before but not to the extent of the June 10 flood. He was fortunate to have only 5" of water in his basement, whereas some neighbors had up to 6' of water in the basement, their doors being pushed in by the force of the water.

Mr. Robson said he attended a meeting in College Park at which WSSC and County officials discussed their response to the flooding. WSSC said it transferred responsibility for the storm water drainage system to the County's Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPWT). However, it will review, on a case-by-case basis, instances where sewer backups occurred as a result of the flood. County representatives gave the impression that a study of the flooding problem will take an act of Congress and nothing is likely to be done soon. The Town is to be congratulated for setting up a flood recovery assistance fund that was of great help to some of his neighbors. Although eligible, his family did not apply as they have enough private resources to refurbish their basement.

Mr. Robson said that storm water drains in Berwyn Heights raise many red flags. A map of the storm drains in Town shows drains following an old creek bed along Seminole Street, while old timers say that some low-lying homes were built on fill dirt. He believes that fixing the storm drains in Berwyn Heights should be a priority to prevent similar flooding when the next hurricane or heavy down-pour strikes. Property values in town are

likely to suffer if the storm drain issues are not addressed.

Mayor Calvo commented that most of the home owners that received assistance from WSSC had sewer backup issues and live on Cunningham Drive. Further, the county plans to commission a hydraulic study, which he believes will result in improvements being made. The focus should be on fixes that are doable, such as installing larger diameter drains at critical points, such as the drain on 59th Avenue.

Gena Robson, 59th Avenue, said that her family puts up with many problems associated with living in Prince George's County because Berwyn Heights is worth it. However, if she has to worry about flooding every time it rains it may no longer be worth it. Berwyn Heights may be poised to become a very desirable place to live with new development occurring in surrounding areas and the FBI headquarters possibly relocating to Greenbelt Station. But if it is known for flooding problems this is not likely to happen. She urged the Council to work with the County to look at any and all solutions that may help this situation.

Mike Attick asked if Public Works is out of recycling bins. TA Murphy confirmed this. MPT Kulpa-Eddy informed that Public Works is trying to locate another supplier for the bins. Mr. Attick further asked if the Council still plans to build a sidewalk in front of the school. Mayor Calvo replied that it will be engineered and bid. But the Council has not yet decided whether it will be constructed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town

## Worksession August 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was TA Edward Murphy, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Code Supervisor Kevin Simpson and Mike Attick.

### 1. Mayor

**Agenda:** Mayor Calvo discussed changes to the agenda submission process. A request for agenda items will go out to the Town Council on Monday prior to a worksession. All directors should

receive a copy. Submission of agenda items should occur by Wednesday, including background materials, if needed. A draft agenda will be sent to Mayor Calvo by Wednesday afternoon and will be finalized on Friday morning.

**Calendar:** A presentation on the FBI headquarters will be scheduled for the September 10 Town meeting. A PGCMA meeting was added for November 13. The PGCMA legislative dinner was added for December 4.

**Minutes:** On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the August 11 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The August 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

**Department Reports:** CM Dennison said that school will be back in session tomorrow. New students are now required to have two shots against chicken pox and TDP. The French Immersion specialty school has moved into old Greenbelt Middle School. PGCPs CEO Kevin M. Maxwell and County Executive Rushern Baker visited several the newly-built Edward M. Felegy Elementary School in Hyattsville, which will have a creative arts focus. CM Dennison also reported on upcoming events.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the books on FY 2014 have been closed and sent to the auditor. The last income tax disbursement will be added when received. Mayor Calvo said that all department directors should have completed the performance evaluations for their employees and given them to their department heads for review. He has given his feedback to Chief Antolik. He hopes to discuss the evaluations for the directors at the 2nd worksession in September.

**Citizen comments:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy received a comment from a resident seeking confirmation that heavy trash will be picked up on Mondays for the north side and on Tuesdays for the south side come January. Mayor Calvo said that Public Works is already picking up heavy trash whenever they see it at the curb.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that the agenda packet, which was sent out as an all-in-one pdf, had pages that were upside down, but it may have been his computer that had the problem.

**Egress window policy (discussed out of order):** Mayor Calvo said that, for the last year, the Town has made an effort to bring all basement rental units into conformity with the Maryland fire prevention code regarding egress windows. Code Supervisor Kevin Simpson has been asked to draft a policy for the Council's

review and approval.

Mr. Simpson explained that egress windows have been his top concern in the rental inspections area since he started to work for the Town. The issue took on added importance when a rental owner contested the Town's enforcement of the egress window regulations. In Berwyn Heights, many basement apartments have been converted from other uses, and existing windows are too small to serve as viable emergency egress if there is a fire. This could expose the Town to greater risk of being liable if someone is burned or killed under such circumstances.

Mr. Simpson said he has consulted with the State of Maryland, Prince George's County and neighboring cities about egress window regulations. The State of Maryland adopted the *National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code* as the State's fire prevention code. NFPA 101 mandates that all basement egress windows must be 5.7 square feet in size if they are below grade, and 5 square feet if they are at or above grade. They also may not be higher than 44" above the floor, so that children can get out of the window in an emergency. Additionally, there must be a window well no less than 9 square feet in size if the egress window is below grade, and must have steps or a ladder if it is deeper than 44".

Mayor Calvo asked which regulation in the Town's code Mr. Simpson references to enforce the egress window requirement. Mr. Simpson said he relies on *Ordinance No. 120, Section 6 (G)(1) Fire Safety Regulations - Means of Egress*. Mayor Calvo further asked if there is a reference in this Ordinance that says which standard applies, be it a fire safety code or building code. TA Murphy replied that *Section 1 (A) - Purpose and Authority* and *Section 2 (D) - Definitions, Building Code* cite the Prince George's County (PGC) building code as the applicable standard. However, Ordinance 120 fails to cite a fire prevention code.

Mayor Calvo asked if the PGC building code has provisions for egress windows. Mr. Simpson said the PGC building code relies on the International Building Code and the International Residential Code for standards, both of which set requirements for egress windows similar to those set by NFPA 101. The only difference is that the International Building Code requires a larger 5.7 square foot window if the floor of the basement apartment is below grade, whereas NFPA 101 only requires the larger



egress window if any part of that window is below grade.

In the subsequent discussion, the Council sought to determine whether the Town is only bound by the International Residential Code through the PGC building code cited in Ordinance 120, by a fire code cited somewhere in the Town's charter and ordinances, or by county or state fire codes that may apply by default. It was agreed that TA Murphy check the Town's rules and regulations for references to a fire code before the Council adopts a fire code as a standard. When a fire code is adopted, the Council must further decide whether the International Residential Code or the fire safety code is primary because they have a different threshold for requiring larger egress windows.

Mayor Calvo proposed to designate the fire safety code as primary, and provisionally adopt a rule to subject *Ordinance 120, Section 6 (G) - Fire Prevention* to NFPA 101. MPT Kulpa-Eddy objected to doing so prior to checking if the Town is already subject to a fire code. She moved that the Code Department be directed to draft a regulation to adopt NFPA 101 as the Town's fire code for approval at the next worksession. CM Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:40 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

**Nuisance vegetation - bamboo:** TA Murphy explained that the Town's *Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot* has no provision that specifically deals with bamboo, although *Section 5 (I)* requires all shrubbery to be maintained so as "not to pose a danger or obstruction to an adjoining property, persons walking on designated walking areas, or visibility at an intersection or along a street." The Town's Commercial Clean Lot Ordinance prohibits growing bamboo. Neighboring communities deal with bamboo in different ways, including holding a property owner, who has bamboo, responsible when it spreads to adjoining properties. He recommends amending Ordinance 107 to allow bamboo on properties where it already exists, but hold the owner responsible for confining it to this property. It is further recommended to outlaw the planting new bamboo of any variety going forward.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town has received numerous complaints from residents who have problems with a neighbor's bamboo, including a group of residents who submitted a petition asking the Town to act on spreading bam-

boo in the 8800 block of 58th Avenue. He knows of places where bamboo has damaged driveways, curbs and other structures and supports banning bamboo and possibly some other invasive species. For these reasons, he supports TA Murphy's recommendations.

In the ensuing discussions, Councilmembers raised questions about home buyers who want to purchase a home that has bamboo; about bamboo patches where the originating lot can no longer be identified; and about cooperation among neighbors regarding the removal of bamboo.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she would be reluctant to tell private home owners what they must do about bamboo and other nuisance vegetation. Each individual home owner has some responsibility to control vegetation that comes from neighboring properties. Bamboo can be stopped with herbicides. However, she would have the Town remove bamboo when it begins to damage Town infrastructure.

CM Rasmussen said he believes there should be some level of regulation of bamboo. As with other divisive issues, such as noise or trash, the rights of individual home owners need to be balanced with the welfare of the surrounding community. When bamboo impinges on a neighbor's enjoyment of his property, it can become a cause for intervention.

Mayor Calvo said, ideally, disagreements among neighbors about bamboo can be worked out with an agreement. The Town would be in a better position to compel neighbors to work out an agreement if it had a sanction on bamboo. However, writing new regulations is better handled when the Council opens up the Clean Lot Ordinance for a review in the fall.

**Code software:** Code Supervisor Simpson reported that he has identified two code enforcement programs that would enable his office to better track and report on code activities. Mount Rainier, Hyattsville and College Park all use Comcast software and are happy with it. This software allows users to easily create and access case files for a property in the office and from the field. It would streamline the process of documenting property histories, track code violations and rental inspections and issue notices. The quote for this program was \$14,000, which includes \$8,000 for implementation and \$6,000 for annual maintenance. The other program would cost approximately \$15,000 and higher implementation costs which includes migrating exist-

ing code files into the system.

Mayor Calvo said he wants to implement such a system as soon as possible. He has no problem with paying a high upfront cost because it would increase productivity down the line. However, he would prefer a system with less than \$6,000 per year in annual maintenance costs. The Council will likely adopt a budget amendment this fall and fund the software purchase. Mr. Simpson is requested to spell out in more detail the productivity benefits in different code areas to help the Council make a decision.

Mayor Calvo asked if Mr. Simpson has an update on the vacant properties the Council wanted to condemn and have torn down. Mr. Simpson said that he had a conversation with county officials but did not get an adequate response. Mayor Calvo thought that the condemnation process was already underway as Officer Snyder had met with county officials. Earlier, the Council decided that it wanted to use the county's condemnation process and have the Town pay for the demolition. Similarly, the Council decided to use the county process for removing inoperable vehicles. TA Murphy said that he has not followed up on this yet, but will do so.

**Departmental monthly reports:** Mayor Calvo asked to discuss the monthly departmental reports drafted by directors for the Council's review, and give some feedback. Each departmental report is in a different format and has good and bad points. He prefers a one-page report that gives "dashboard"-type overview of monthly activities. It would serve as a performance measure and help the Council to make policy decisions.

The Code Department's report comes closest to the ideal using a combination of bulleted highlights and tables to convey key data and important developments. The "upcoming objectives," are useful reference points for measuring progress towards stated priorities. Suggested improvements include a statistic on how much revenue was taken in, more detail on the violations process, as well as condensing all information to one page. The Public Works and Administration reports are mostly in a narrative format and should present more information in bullets and tables for a better overview. Administration might provide a town-wide overview of sick and annual leave. Public Works could include data on volume of trash collected. This could serve as the basis for the Council to make a decision on whether to transition

to a 3-day trash collection schedule.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she was satisfied with the reports provided. She likes the narrative report because she can use it for department reports at Town meetings. CM Rasmussen said he agrees that the narrative report is useful for Town meeting reports. However, the quantitative analyses provide a better measure of performance and show how tax payers' money is spent. Mayor Calvo concluded that ultimately, he would like department reports to distill the key data points that drive Council decisions, but it may take some trial and error to arrive at that format. Once that format is established, entering the data should not be time-consuming.

## 2. Administration

**Comcast franchise agreement:** TA Murphy recalled that the Council asked

for clarification whether the extension of the Comcast franchise agreement, which was originally adopted in 1999 as Ordinance 106 and expired in March 2014, needs to be done by ordinance. He followed the advice of the Town's cable attorney, who strongly recommended extending the franchise by ordinance because it has greater legal weight. Mayor Calvo said he does not question whether it should be done by ordinance, but rather whether there need to be 3 ordinances dealing with the Comcast franchise, e.g. Ordinance 106, emergency Ordinance 164, which expired in June, and now Ordinance 168. TA Murphy said that Ordinance 168 has the same and sole purpose as Ordinance 164, which is to extend the franchise agreement until a new agreement has been negotiated, but it does not expire after 90 days. Mayor Calvo suggested reusing the number 164 because that Ordinance has expired and gone away.

TA Murphy said the Council also asked whether each budget needs to be adopted by a new ordinance. Town Attorney Shay advised that a budget is a policy document and each budget should therefore be adopted as a separate ordinance. Mayor Calvo replied that Attorney Shay in a subsequent email clarified that a budget could be adopted by resolution as long as the adoption has a number that can be cited. Mayor Calvo further explained he would like to avoid generating too many new ordinances because it makes Berwyn Heights code confusing.

For purposes of extending the Comcast franchise, the Council agreed to keep Ordinance 168 because it also a temporary ordinance that will not be used when a new agreement is in place.

**County tax differential:** TA Murphy explained that he spoke with county officials about the decrease in the tax differential municipalities have received for services they provide, such as policing and trash collection. The decrease is due to funds being moved from the County's police patrol budget to other public safety appropriations, resulting in a lower base to which these municipal tax credits are applied. Mayor Calvo said that this essentially an accounting gimmick to increase county tax revenues. It has resulted in a tax increase of 3.1 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for the Town's residents. The PGCMA will take this issue up.

## 3. Code Compliance

**Code year one goals:** CM Rasmussen distributed a new list of Code Supervisor year-one goals incorporating the Council's comments from previous worksessions. The list reduced the goals to 10 and placed deleted priorities into a list of "stretch goals." The list can be discussed in greater detail at the next worksession.

**Urban forest initiative:** CM Rasmussen said he just learned that the Town already has an Urban Tree Ordinance No. 122, adopted in 1986 and revised in 2000. However, this Ordinance is limited to protecting and maintaining trees in the Town of right of way. He proposes to amend the existing Ordinance rather than come up with a new one. To start, he will draft a statement of principles, which might extend protection of the tree canopy to include trees on private property, and add sections dealing with replanting of trees and with invasive species. He also plans to contact the Green Team to solicit their input. Mayor Calvo advised he review the Town of Chevy Chase's tree policies as a suitable model.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Parks and Recreation, 5. Public Safety and 6. Public Works.**

**Health Fair (discussed out of order):** The Council reviewed a memorandum provided by NW/EP member Mike Attick outlining the plans for a September 6 Health Fair. Logistics and participation in the event are largely set, with the exception of the role of the Prince George's County Health Department. The Council expressed reservations about the success of the event, but agreed to let it go forward.

## 7. Executive Session (10:20—10:59)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Schreiber, the Council went into executive session to discuss two personnel matters. With matters discussed, CM Dennison moved and CM Schreiber seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



## Code News August Activity

Property Maintenance Violations	
High Grass/ Vegetation	22
Refuse/ Litter	6
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	5
Vehicles	8
Miscellaneous	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>
Fines	12
Abatements	3
Rentals	
New Rentals	0
Lost Rentals	2
<b>Total Rentals</b>	<b>200</b>
Inspections	23
Re-inspections	4
Fines	3
Vacant Homes	
New Vacant Homes	6
Lost Vacant Homes	3
<b>Total Vacant Properties</b>	<b>44</b>
Permits	
Building	3
Dumpsters/ PODS	2
Violations	1

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October 2014

Dear Town Resident,

The Berwyn Heights Elementary School Walkathon will be held on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. During the Walkathon, students walk from the school to Lake Artemesia, around the lake and back to school. Students collect sponsorships for this healthy and fun fundraiser. It is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the PTA to fund many opportunities and events for students throughout the school year. These include transportation for field trips, our beautiful school gardens that serve as an outdoor classroom for our students and social events to build school community and pride, like Hello Husky Night on Wed., Sept. 10.

Your neighborhood elementary school has approximately 450 students in grades K-6, and more than 300 of our students are eligible for a free and reduced lunch. Last year, donations to our Walkathon were down by \$2,000, which really impacts what the PTA is able to provide for our students. **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE WONDERFUL RESIDENTS OF BERWYN HEIGHTS TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL. THERE IS STILL TIME TO SPONSOR THE WALKATHON!**

Please check out our Walkathon online page, where you can easily make a donation:  
<http://www.razoo.com/story/Bheswalkathon2014>

THANK YOU!

**Georgina Stark**, BHES PTA President 2014-15  
[president@bhespta.org](mailto:president@bhespta.org)

#### An Update from the BHES Gardens!

Early September brought the three 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science groups to the outdoor classrooms. Each class planted a selection of fall vegetables seeds and plants in our NEW raised beds. We shared a presentation with the students on good and bad garden pests so they would be able to recognize the pests they need to manage in their gardens.

This year there is a science experiment going on in each of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Some are using herbs to try and deter the pests, others are using coffee grounds and egg shells to deter the pests, and some have planted half of the bed with radishes planted around each of the plants and the other half of their garden is our control group with nothing planted.

They are responsible for taking care of the garden and are keeping track and tallying how many cabbage worms they will be removing! Fall gardens are notorious for cabbage worms! As always, the kids will be rewarded with a salad party after they harvest in November.

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If you prefer to donate by mail, please either mail or drop off this slip with your check made payable to "BHES PTA" to:

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Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

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# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like to 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 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Town Office).

## **Berwyn Heights Achieved SMC Certification!!**



Berwyn Heights recently was recognized as one of the ten new Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) communities! The SMC program offers a sustainability certification that is a free and voluntary program operated through the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center, and any of the state's 157 municipalities can participate. The certification program designation offers localities a way to be publicly recognized for their efforts to build green and sustainable communities. For more information about the SMC program, see <http://www.sustainablemaryland.com/>

To achieve SMC certification, the Berwyn Heights Green Team began in the fall of 2012 to implement a wide range of community actions within many different priority areas; see below for a listing of just some of the action items the town completed to gain certification:

- Energy efficiency improvements implemented in the town buildings based on municipal energy audits conducted
- Creation of a community garden with 25 resident plots, which involved conducting extensive background research on how other communities developed and implemented their gardens, identifying an appropriate site for the garden, and designing and constructing the garden with the help of many community volunteers
- Coordinating community workshops on composting and food preservation, hosting fall and spring plant exchanges, and reaching out to community members through town events, the Bulletin and Facebook
- Actively working with Berwyn Heights Elementary School to help improve the school garden, implement milk bottle recycling efforts and educate and engage students about green and sustainable practices

The Berwyn Heights Green Team will continue efforts to promote a sustainable and green community! Stay updated on our activities by liking us on Facebook, and share your feedback and ideas with us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com).

### **Free Compost Training Workshop!** **Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m. at the Town Center**

Composting is a great way to reduce waste and add nutrients to your soil! Come learn how easy it is to compost your household food scraps, and then use your homemade compost in your own yard!

Fall is a great time to start composting since there are plenty of dry leaves available to keep your compost balanced. You will learn what materials are compostable, the types of containers you can use, and what you can do with the finished compost. The event is free of charge and will be held at the Town Center on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Anyone can attend, so we hope you'll join us!!



## BERWYN HEIGHTS BOYS and GIRLS CLUB



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### CELEBRATE THE FALL HARVEST & SUPPORT THE BERWYN HEIGHTS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

OCTOBER 4, 2014 – BERWYN HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER

The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club (BHBGC) is sponsoring a fall mum and pumpkin sale beginning August 1, 2014 through October 4, 2014. We are pleased to offer beautiful 18 inch, mums for \$12.00 each or 2 for \$20.00 and pumpkins (price to be determined by weight based on market) from locally grown sources right in Prince George's County. Mums and pumpkins can be picked up at our Fall Harvest Celebration at the Berwyn Heights Town Center October 4, 2014, where we'll have hot apple cider and sample fall dishes made out of locally grown produce. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the fall harvest and fund our club activities.

BHBGC provides hundreds of youth in Berwyn Heights and the surrounding areas with competitive sports and community building opportunities. Please support the club and reserve your mums and pumpkins today!

#### BHBGC PUMPKIN AND MUM ORDER FORM

Please contact Lynn White at [lwhiteesq@gmail.com](mailto:lwhiteesq@gmail.com) or (240) 351-7813  
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Email address so that we confirm receipt of check: .....

(#) ..... of pumpkins to reserve \$ To Be Determined

(#) ..... of mums @\$12.00 /each or 2 for \$20.00 \$ .....

Total Check Amount: \$ ..... (payable to BHBGC)

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## MENS LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGNUPS



- Who** Any resident of town or any member of the Boys & Girls Club (a parent or guardian)
- What** A fun Basketball league that has been in existence for 39 years. The league is for over 30 year old players and Tuesdays and Thursdays are open for anybody over 18 years old.
- When** Sign-up dates are October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30 from 8:00-9:30 p.m.
- Where** 6200 Pontiac Street. Berwyn Heights Gym.
- Why** Why Not! This is a great way to keep in shape and have some fun doing it. The talent level is very diverse and we have players from 30-70 years old playing.
- Price:** \$60 for the whole year. You will be required to purchase a gym card, to use the facilities, from MNCPPC for the year.
- League Play** League play is on Sundays. Games are played between 3-7 p.m. Along with League play, we have drop-in basketball on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. *all year long*. Come on out, get some much needed exercise and meet some new friends. Feel free to drop in and check out the games. For further information contact Jim McGinnis at 301-651-8142. We look forward to seeing you on the court.

## Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

**M**issed the Battle of Bladensburg? There's more on the way. . . Mark your calendars for our next **Wine & Cheese Reception** coming up on Sunday, November 9th. We are excited to have as guest speaker, Maya D. Davis, who will be sharing captivating accounts of local slave escapes during the War of 1812. She will also be speaking at the **"Beyond the Battle Symposium"** on October 11 (*see calendar listing right*). Douglas McElrath, our featured speaker from our last Presidents' Day Weekend Wine & Cheese event, will also be speaking at the day-long Symposium being held at the Hornbake Library.

The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

### Our next meeting is October 28

We welcome all interested citizens to attend and participate. Volunteers needed. You don't have to be a researcher or historian to join us—just a neighbor who wants to give back to their community and have fun doing it!

### OCTOBER EVENTS

#### Women of a Forgotten War

Saturday, October 4 • 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts  
15200 Annapolis Rd Bowie, MD 20715  
Alight Dance Theater –story of five women from different walks of life during the War of 1812 with dance, music and narration. Also, live music by **Bedlam**, and a reprise of Wayles Haynes' **Dependent**. \$15 Admission (\$10 for students, seniors & military—under 12 FREE.) call (301) 821-1331, or visit: <http://www.alightdancetheater.org>

#### Prince George's Philharmonic Musical Parallels: War of 1812

Saturday, October 11 • 8:00—10:00 pm  
The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts  
15200 Annapolis Rd Bowie, MD 20715

Music from the War of 1812 period. Works from Rossini, Mozart, Wagner, Rodgers and Beethoven's rarely heard *Wellington's Victory* complete with cannon fire. Admission: \$20, Seniors: \$18. under 18 FREE.

Free parking, more info call: 301-446-3245 or visit: [www.pgphilharmonic.org](http://www.pgphilharmonic.org)

#### Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg Rediscovered

Saturday, October 11 • 8:30 am—4:30 pm  
University of Maryland College Park, MD  
Scholars, researchers, artists share work on Bladensburg in the War of 1812 era. \$15 registration fee includes lunch. Visit: <http://groupspaces.com/PGH/item/662790> or email: [dmcelrat@umd.edu](mailto:dmcelrat@umd.edu)

#### A Tribute to Pete Seeger & the Old Time Tradition

Friday, October 24 • 7:30 pm—9:30 pm  
The Old Parish House  
4711 Knox Road College Park MD 20740  
Local musicians perform songs by Pete Seeger, Gillian Welch, Woody Guthrie and more. Bring your families and your voices and be a part of this community musical happening. Call (301) 864-8666.



Visit the BHHC Website & BLOG at: <http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com>

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Quote of the Month: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on that which you don't have, you'll never have enough"

### Tips from Sharon:

Are you ready for a day trip? Visiting homes on the market can be a great way to spend an afternoon. Call me and together we can see the best homes in the area. It is a great opportunity to learn more about where you want to live and to find the best home for your family. Also a good way to see the competition! Be sure to bring your "honey do" and wish lists.

As always, If you know of someone who would appreciate the level of service I provide, please call me with their name/ email and business number, I'll be happy to follow up and take care of them. Remember I list and sell in 4 local counties- Prince Georges, Montgomery, Howard and Anne Arundel. Additionally I am licensed & listing and selling in Washington DC!

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### LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

**REDUCED-** 5712 Ruatan St- 6 BR 2.5 BA farmhouse from 1880's w/ m any original touches-upgraded elec, garage, wrap porch and much more. \$409,950.

**NEW LISTING-** 6113 Quebec Pl- 3-4 BR, 2 BA rambler. Updated Kit & BA's, all season sunrm overlooking private yard, deck, Gorgeous Hdwd flrs. \$274,950.

**NEW LISTING-** 5818 Quebec St- 3BR, 2BA rambler. Updated Kit and BA's, beautiful Hdwd flrs, lg lot. Upper \$250,000's.

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If your property is currently listed with another broker, this is not a solicitation of that listing.



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# Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 25**

**Berwyn Heights Community Center (Lower Parking Lot)**

**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Set up for cars begins at 6:00 pm)**

A new twist on an old idea. Join us for a great family activity. The kids won't be the only ones in costumes. So will Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department!

Decorate your car's trunk and bring treats to pass out. The best decorated cars will win a **FREE** car wash from the **Berwyn Heights Shell**.

Enjoy smores and cider at our community bonfire.

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

***Sponsored by the Recreation Council and  
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**Mark Your Calendar: Town-Wide Clean-Up Day  
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# Resolve to Be Ready #Prepared2014



## Berwyn Heights Community Preparedness Survey

The Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee is requesting your input. We invite you to fill out this survey to help the Committee gather information about residents' knowledge of emergency preparedness activities.

	YES	NO
Do you know how to find the emergency broadcasting channel on the radio?		
In the past 30 days, have you seen or heard any messages that encourage people to take steps to be prepared for emergency situations?		
In the last year, have you prepared an Emergency Supply Kit for your family (including any pets) with items such as water, food and medicine, kept in a designated place in your home?		
In the last year, have you made a specific plan for how you and your family would communicate in an emergency situation if you were separated?		
In the last year, have you established a specific meeting place to reunite in the event you and your family cannot return home or are evacuated?		
In the last year, have you practiced or drilled on what to do in an emergency at home?		
Do you know where your utility shut-offs are (e.g., water, gas, electric) and how to use them properly?		
In the past five years, have you taken first aid or AED/CPR training?		
Are you aware free training is available to become a member of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)?		
Is there anything else you would like the NW/EP Committee to consider?		

Your completed anonymous survey may be mailed to or dropped off at the Berwyn Heights Town Office: 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

You may also complete this short survey on-line anonymously at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2SYBFVS>

Please complete the survey by **December 1, 2014**. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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# BERWYN HEIGHTS SENIORS CLUB

## “Celebrating 30 Years in Berwyn Heights”

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
	Tom Colihan
October 3	Edward Burton
October 6	Marilyn Hayden
October 7	Robert Anyell
October 10	Delores McHale
October 12	Fong-Chew Lim
October 18	Ruth Grosskurth

### SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

October 1	Wii Bowling Season	
	Beginning	10:30 A.M.
October 2	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 7	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
October 8	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 9	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 11	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
October 14	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
October 15	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 16	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 21	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
October 22	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 23	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
October 28	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	21 Bingo	12:30 P.M.
October 29	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
October 30	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.



**Come Watch Redskins' 1:00 P.M. Games**  
**Bring a dish to share.**

**Don't forget the Three "S's"**  
**Senior Saturday Super**  
**Potluck & Movie**

# BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT



"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of August 2014. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

08/01/2014 at 10:29 am, Pfc. Krouse received a returned check that was written to pay for a parking violation from the Town Hall. A police report was submitted and forward to investigations.

08/04/2014 at 4:48 am Sgt. Moroney responded to the 6100 block for an unresponsive elderly female. Investigation revealed that the 71 y/o, w/f passed away after a long illness.

08/04/2014 at 2:30 pm, Pfc. Ignowski submitted a found property report. Car key was found by a citizen.

08/09/2014 at 3:18 am, Pfc. Duck responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of an accident. A 2003 Jeep was impounded and removed by Greenbelt Road Shell for being disabled and blocking the roadway.

08/10/2014 at 4:13 am, Pfc. Duck responded to the Greenbelt Road Shell at 6327 Greenbelt Road for a report of a commercial burglary. Unknown person(s) broke the glass to the front door. Once inside, the suspect(s) took candies and cigarettes before fleeing.

08/10/2014 at 8:15 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8400 block of 57th. Avenue for a report of an assault. Investigation revealed that a 31 y/o, Latino female assaulted her 15 y/o daughter. Investigation continues.

08/11/2014 at 7:02 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road for a found child's bicycle 'Tony Hawk'.

08/11/2014 at 7:20 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of Ballew

Avenue for a report of a storehouse break-in. Unknown person(s) climbed over the fence and into the storage yard. Once inside, three Maryland registration plates were stolen from parked vehicles.

08/11/2014 at 12:59 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6105 Greenbelt Road for a report of stolen tags taken from a parked vehicle.

08/14/2014 at 5:57 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8800 block of 58th. Avenue for a dog bite complaint. Representative of WSSC entered a private property and was bitten by a dog. The injury was minor. Owner provided the officer with all pertinent information and is cooperating with the investigation.

08/16/2014 at 12:18 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Quebec Street for a report of theft of US mail from a former resident.

08/17/2014 at 7:20 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8400 block of Ballew Avenue for a vandalism report. Unknown person spray painted the underpass bridge.

08/19/2014 at 1:20 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a report of a missing 23 y/o, a/m. The missing person left the doctor's office and was reported to the police by his father. The 23 y/o male was later located at the University of Maryland.

08/25/2014 at 11:30 pm, Sgt. Moroney and Cpl. Roberson responded to the 8900 block of 59th. Avenue for suspicious subjects. A resident reported that they observed two black males wearing ski masks in front of their house standing behind a car. When officers arrived, both subjects began to flee. One of the subjects was caught and recovered from the scene was a backpack containing two ski masks, and a pair of rubber gloves. The subject was identified and later sent on way. Case forwarded to CID as well as neighboring jurisdictions.

08/26/2014 at 3:48 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the Town Hall for an injured person report. A 56 y/o, female fell on to the curb while conducting personal business at Town Hall. She sustained minor injury.

08/28/2014 at 5:40 am, Pfc. Duck responded to the 7600 block of Charlton

Avenue for a report of vandalism. Unknown person(s) spray painted a police car belonging to the City of New Carrollton Police.

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



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



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*Dear Residents,*

The Berwyn Heights Police want you and your children to have a safe and happy Halloween. There are many simple measures you can take to avoid common accidents and injuries. Halloween falls on a Friday this year and, as is usual, trick-or-treating begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. Here are some common sense tips you can follow to stay safe.

*Chief Antolik*

- ◆ Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.
- ◆ Never trick-or-treat alone. Have at least 2 buddies with you.
- ◆ Plan your route and make sure your family knows.
- ◆ Take a cell phone and flash light with you.
- ◆ Visit only houses where the lights are on.
- ◆ Accept treats only in the doorway. Never go inside a house.
- ◆ Be sure to say thank you before you leave.
- ◆ Be cautious of strangers along the way.
- ◆ Walk on sidewalks, where present, the edge of the road and driveways.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing the street.
- ◆ Have your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- ◆ Most of all, have fun!

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**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.

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

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**BH Republican Club** meets once a month, usually on the last Monday, at the Senior Center and welcomes all residents to participate. For more information, check out the Berwyn Heights Republicans Webpage: [www.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 Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

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

**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 week-ends 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)

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Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie

Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson  
301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner:

Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen  
Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin

Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond  
301-474-2737

### Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

### Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

### Playgroup

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

### Quilter's Club

Lois Williams 301-345-6214

### Recreation Council

Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

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

### Seniors Club

Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

### Green Team

Therese Forbes 301-982-7115

### BH Elementary School PTA

Georgiana Stark  
[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

### Karate Club

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





## Berwyn Heights Playgroup

### For Preschoolers and Younger

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

**Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Playground Rotation:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month - Indian Creek Playground; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at Pop's Park; In case of rain or cold indoors at Town Center.

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



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



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## Recent Working Incidents

Aug 18<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 responded to University of Maryland Engineering Lab for a fire in the air ducts/heating systems.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14B & Chief 14A (Fabrizio) extricated a trapped driver from a car crash IL I-495/Good Luck Rd. Units arrived to find a multiple vehicle accident with 1 overturned and 1 trapped.

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>- Squad 14, Chief 14 (McCoy) & Chief 14B (Kienan) responded to SB Keniworth Ave after Pontiac St for an accident with multiple people trapped. The Squad crew (8 volunteers) quickly rescued two patients from the mangled car in a complex extrication. Chief 14B had the rescue group command during the incident.

Sep 5<sup>th</sup>- Beltsville VFD Engine 31 was dispatched to the 10700blk of Tuckerman Rd Beltsville for a commercial building Fire Alarm sounding. They arrived to find fire showing from the building and requested the building fire assignment, alerting Squad 14 w/8 volunteers to the call. Squad 14 was first arriving "Special Service" to the scene, its crew forced entry into the building and searched. Glenn Dale VFD Squad 18 was transferred to BHVFD to assist Ambulance 14 protect the community during the incident.

Sep 10<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14A responded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Apartment Fire in the 6800Blk of Riverdale Rd in Riverdale. Volunteers were able to also staff Squad 14B to protect the area while Squad 14 operated on the large scale incident. C14A had Division 2 Command.

Sep 12<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B responded to the 5400Blk of Doris Ct in Bladensburg for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Townhouse fire. Squad 14B, Ambo 14 & Chief 14 remained at the station to cover the area. C14A had Command of the incident and C14B had Charlie side Division.

Sep 12<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B were alerted to SB Laurel Bowie Rd/ Contee Rd to assist Laurel VFD units with a multi-vehicle, mass-casualty accident with three people trapped in two vehicles.

Sep 14<sup>th</sup>- Squad 14 & Chief 14A extricated a trapped patient after a crash SB I95/ Sandy Spring Rd.

\*Truck 14 has been out of service since early August as we await specialty parts to be fabricated and installed. During this time Squad 14 & Squad 14R have been busy picking up the Ladder Truck's call volume\*

BHVFD Squad 14 was named the **35<sup>th</sup> busiest Rescue Squad Company in the Nation** according to the 2013 National Run Survey with 1,648 runs in 2013. Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department as a whole was the 17<sup>th</sup> busiest Department in the Nation with 132,930 totals calls.



- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

- Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

*If you should find yourself in need to emergency assistance while Trick or Treating in Town, be sure to flag down one of the many BHPD officers in duty or call 911 and provide your exact location to help us find you quicker!*



## PGCVFRA Convention Awards:

The PG County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association (PGCVFRA) Convention was held at the Bunker Hill VFD Station 55 during the week of Sept 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, in which all PG County volunteer Departments came together for parades, dinners, tournaments, competitions and other activities throughout the week. During the Convention BHVFD and several of its members were recognized and received awards at the Awards Banquet. They Include:

-Heavy Duty Rescue Squad of the Year- BHVFD Squad 14

-EMS Excellence - Linnell Trophy - awarded to our Jaime Simpson.

-Fire Prevention - Chaney Trophy - awarded to our Kyle Snyder.

-Honorable Mention, "Squadsmen" of the Year- Capt. Ben Ross & Deputy Chief Chase Fabrizio



## Station 14 Call Volume: August

Rescue Squads:	173
Ladder Truck: (OOS since Aug)	*8
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	7
Ambulance	141
<b>Total Station Runs for August</b>	<b>329</b>





# October 2014

## Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sept. 28</b> <b>Street Sweeper</b> 	<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>NW/EP Meeting</b> <b>7:30 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Rec. Council Meeting</b> <b>7:00 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>B&amp;GC Harvest Fest</b> <b>10:00-2:00</b> <b>Town Ctr.</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Compost Workshop</b> <b>3:00 P.M.</b> <b>Town Center</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Worksession</b> <b>7:00 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b> <b>Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Town Mtg.</b> <b>8:00 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b> <b>Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> <b>Green Team Meeting</b> <b>7:00 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Worksession</b> <b>7:00 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b> <b>Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Trunk Or Treat</b> <b>7:00-9:00 P.M.</b> <b>BHES Parking Lot</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>BHHC Meeting</b> <b>7:30 P.M.</b> <b>Town Office</b>	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> <b>Four Cities Meeting</b> <b>Greenbelt</b> <b>7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Halloween</b> <b>6:00-9:00 P.M.</b>	

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



# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

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

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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

#### Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 [ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Mayor — Public Safety and Health  
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 Christopher Rasmussen (612) 432-0710 [crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Code Compliance  
 Anthony Schreiber (301) 466-1807 [aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us](mailto:aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us)  
 Councilmember — Public Works

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

#### Heavy Trash Day:

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

#### Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

#### Town Helpline

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

#### Watch Council Meetings



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

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

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