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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ALL TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Mon., Sep. 3 — NO Trash Pick-Up

Tues., Sep. 4 —North & South Side Refuse Pick-Up

Wed., Sep. 5 — Recycling and North & South Side Yard Waste

PUBLIC HEARING

GREENBELT METRO AREA SECTOR PLAN

OCTOBER 2, 7:00 pm

County Administration Building,

Rm. 2170

Upper Marlboro, MD

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

Copies of the preliminary plan are available online at http://www.mncppcapps.org/planning/GMA.pdf
or
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NEW SOLICITOR'S PERMIT

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

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Open House

The M-NCPPC Parks & Recreation Department is in the process of drafting a new Master Plan, ***Formula 2040***, to guide the future of parks, recreation and open space in Prince George's County for the next 30 years. Residents are invited to attend the upcoming open houses for a presentation about the draft plan and to give input. All open houses are scheduled for 5:30 – 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 12, 2012
PG Sports & Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover

Wednesday, September 19, 2012
The Show Place Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Upper Marlboro

Thursday, September 20, 2012
Deerfield Run Community Center
13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel

For more information please contact: John Henderson, Project Manager at 301-446-6851, or email john.henderson@pgparks.com

Or go to: http://www.pgparks.com/formula2040

Sounding a call for adult volunteers to fill vacancies as officers, commissioners and coaches for the Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club. If you are interested in getting more involved, be sure to read The Bugle on page 23 of this issue, and plan to attend the open meeting on Friday, September 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Center.

OBITUARY

James L. (J.L.) Houser of Oxford, PA, a former Berwyn Heights resident and Town Commissioner from 1968-72, passed away on July 20, 2012, from complications with diabetes. He is survived by his wife Harriette, and their four children (Leslie, Jackie, Jim, and Karl).

A graduate of McKinley Tech High School in Washington DC and Duke University, he served 8 years in the US Navy and Reserves at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, and went on to become Director of Marketing and Research in the gypsum industry. His career highlights include three patents, a stint at the US Bureau of Standards (NIST).

As Town Commissioner, he took a special interest in recreation. He was part of a team that was instrumental in converting the old firehouse on 57th Avenue to a community center where, as a jack of all trades, he worked the projector on Saturday mornings, showing movies and cartoons to children. He also helped in the development of the George C. "Pop" Hudgins Park. An artist at heart, he was the winner of a design competition for the Town seal, which was adopted in 1967 and is still in use today. He loved Christmas time and helped judge Christmas Home Decorating contests. The Houser house at 8700 63rd Avenue was noted for the huge "NOEL" that Jim spelled out in lights on the roof. Jim and Harriette were active in the PTA, Community Theater, Cub Scout Pack 714 and Boy Scout Troop 714 (at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church), Camp Fire Girls, the Berwyn Heights Majorettes, American Heart Association, and numerous other civic groups.

After a private service, his remains will be interred in a memorial garden in Hickory, NC. Those wishing to remember Jim can do so through a page on the Hickory Daily Record or at www.griecocares.com.

Worksession

July 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper, Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness (NW-EP) Co-Chair Ron Shane and Mike Attick.

1. Mayor

Announcements: All residents had their power restored as of today after a violent thunderstorm last Friday caused power outages throughout the metropolitan area, including 1/3 of Berwyn Heights homes. Traffic lights are still out at Greenbelt Road and 62nd Avenue, and at Kenilworth Avenue and Pontiac Street. The Berwyn Heights U-10 baseball team won the championship against South Bowie. The Berwyn Heights U-14 soccer team lost to Beltsville in the championship game. The Zsak family on Seminole Street welcomed their new baby girl, Violetta Sassafras.

Calendar: The Berwyn Heights Playgroup plans to hold its second annual family BBQ in September.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the June 11 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The June 9 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo gave a recap of a very busy weekend in the aftermath of Friday's destructive thunderstorm. He commended residents for their understanding and cooperation. He thanked NW/EP members for staffing the cooling center throughout the weekend, particularly CM Kulpa-Eddy who arrived at 7 am Saturday morning to set up. The police had secured all dangerous areas with downed electric wires and fallen trees by Saturday morning. Officer Roberson was monitoring Edmonston Road where 2 big trees had fallen and knocked power out in College Park Estates and parts of Berwyn Heights. He obtained permission to call in help from Berwyn Heights' Public Works to move the trees out of the roadway with the front-end loader, which made it possible for Pepco repair crews to come in and restore power. Public Works also worked overtime to clean up debris in town. All around, it was a great cooperative effort between Town staff, volunteers and the Council.

CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Code Department is revising the door hangers to read more like the courtesy notices they are meant to be, and not violation notices. Some residents mistake them for warnings of a fine. MPT Wilkinson reported that Public Works was painting curbs and pruning shrubs around traffic signs to improve visibility. After the storm, they were busy picking up debris. CM Dennison thanked the Seniors for making the Senior Center available as a cooling center as well as the volunteers and Councilmembers who helped staff it. The start of summer school scheduled for today was postponed. Some schools are being used as cooling centers.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Code Department received a $5,900 check from the County for code liens today. Further, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) CEO Hite announced that he will leave to head the Philadelphia school system at the end of the summer. Hite's departure puts Prince George's school officials in a difficult position. The deputy superintendent Bonita Coleman-Porter also resigned in June. She is headed to Mississippi to be the superintendent of a school system there. The board of education appears unprepared and is just beginning the search for a replacement. Berwyn Heights' school board representative Peggy Higgins informed Mayor Calvo of the departure, but didn't give many details.

CM Dennison said that she is sorry to see Dr. Hite leave, but not too surprised. Unfortunately, 2 other officials, who were supporting Berwyn Heights' efforts regarding the Greenbelt Middle School Talented & Gifted program (TAG), Dr. Moreno and Dr. Coleman-Porter, also left. This makes it more important to get a functional Education Advisory Committee (EAC) back in place.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received many calls regarding the storm and the damage it left behind. Facebook proved to be a valuable tool for giving updates on the cleanup and repairs. Flyers left in doors were also effective and brought people to the cooling center. Nixle, the County's public safety communications system, was not used much, nor was the website's twitter account.

CM Almoguera said that she received a number of calls about a leaking fire hydrant on Tecumseh Street. Residents complained about poor communication from WSSC regarding this problem. They were not informed when the work would be done, nor what cleanup WSSC would perform. She also received a comment regarding the new automatic doors at the Senior Center, which make access to the Center much easier for many seniors. Mayor Calvo noted that Public Works Administrative Assistant Lockley pushed WSSC to come back and fix the hydrant permanently.

CM Kulpa-Eddy received a comment urging the Town to take steps to reduce speeding at the intersection of Seminole Street and Tecumseh Street, and a question about road work signs posted in the 8800 block of Cunningham Drive.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, commented that WSSC has a habit of leaving dirt in the street after performing repairs, as it did with the fire hydrant on Tecumseh Street. He suggested that the State Highway Administration (SHA) might be asked to keep lights at critical intersections, like Greenbelt Road and 60th Avenue, working by hooking up a generator to them. The Town should also move forward with getting a generator for the Town Center using funds from the public safety reserve. To communicate with residents in emergencies, the Town may want to look into using the PG Alert system. It allows for longer messages to be sent and is more reliable than Nixle. Lastly, the Town may want to apply for disaster aid, since Governor O'Malley declared an emergency.

NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane said that he has not been able to connect with Nixle in a while, but was getting messages with PG Alert throughout the storm and the aftermath. If the Town is permitted to sign up with it, he would recommend using it. NW/EP will consider getting its own Facebook account to communicate with its constituency. The storm provided a lesson on the need for a backup generator at the Town Center. NW/EP's generators would not be sufficient to run air conditioning and other electric equipment.

MML debriefing: Mayor Calvo said that he gave a presentation on the Public Safety Aide program in Berwyn Heights, which was well received. MPT Wilkinson said that he attended the small town forum, which focused on the concerns of rural towns; a short session on how municipalities can become more attractive to visitors and businesses; and the cabinet roundtable, where he picked up a lot of valuable information. Transportation Secretary Beverly Swainsdale was given an award upon her retirement. Public Works Administrative Assistant Adrian Lockley attended his first MML convention and was the Town's flag bearer. He went to the public works training sessions and made connections with public works staff from other municipalities. In the future, he will attend quarterly public

works meetings in Prince George's County.

CM Almoguera said that she attended most core sessions on budgeting, government structure, open meetings, etc. required to earn an Academy certificate. She was inspired to start work on a proposal for a new town website, which would be more interactive. It would be an open source product, which she would put together and give to the town free of charge. She has also begun to think about a proposal for renovating Pop's Park and will talk to CM Dennison about this.

CM Kulpa-Eddy attended sessions on collaborating with community fire & rescue services and a similar workshop on working effectively with the police. She also took part in workshops on implementing a retail strategy and on keeping up with an aging population. Greenbelt has an exemplary program for the elderly. It would be useful if Berwyn Heights could get some of the information they provide to their seniors. At the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women's meeting, CM Kulpa-Eddy received a first-hand account of the Bladensburg micro burst and the damage it caused.

Mayor Calvo said he finds that the Mayor's luncheon produces some of the most interesting conversations. He had the opportunity to speak with Mayor Tartaro of Hyattsville and Mayor Archer of Riverdale about the redevelopment along the Route 1 corridor. New housing, shopping and restaurants in Hyattsville are attracting many young people to this area. He also learned about the issues surrounding the Cafritz development proposal in Riverdale and the response of Bladensburg and Cheverly to the recent micro burst. These towns benefited from aid they received from the County and other municipalities. He noted that Berwyn Heights resolved to sign a mutual aid agreement with neighboring municipalities several years ago, but apparently never signed the agreement. TA Murphy was asked to find out what happened to it.

MPT Wilkinson added that he had a conversation with Councilmember Olson's Chief of Staff, Dannielle Glaros, about pedestrian safety at Greenbelt Middle School. She will talk with SHA about installing a count-down timer at the Greenbelt Road & 63rd Avenue traffic light. He also learned about plans to install a new footpath to the new Greenbelt Middle School building that makes it safer for students to traverse the school bus lot.

At 7:55 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Town Council priorities, ranked: Mayor Calvo explained that he took the list of priorities the Council developed at the last worksession and organized the items into 4 different categories.

1) *Town Council Strategic Priorities:* Overarching goals such as sidewalk construction, pedestrian safety, refuse/recycling program oversight, street resurfacing program, IT upgrade, comprehensive fiscal policy, inter-departmental coordination, regular directors meetings, employee development and transition planning, welcome packet, and parking and zoning MOUs.
2) *Town Council Agenda Items:* Lower order issues that require a Council action, such as limiting access to 59th Avenue, 56th Avenue parking, Osage Street project redress, Town Center repairs and upgrades, emergency generators, roof replacements, solar panels, marketing brochure, trash/recycling receptacles, Green Team, and Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan amendment.
3) *Multi-Departmental Initiatives*: Projects carried out on an inter-departmental level but without Council involvement. Currently, the following projects fall in this category: improving visibility of traffic signs, painting curbs yellow where there is no parking, clearing sidewalks and curb lines from overgrowth, Town property beautification, Pop's Park upgrade, diversity outreach, emergency operations manual update, and revising Town emails.
4) *Departmental Priorities:* Projects and activities that can be completed within a single department without Council involvement, such as upgrading/paving pedestrian footpaths, establishing a dog park, upgrading website, Bulletin and BHTV, implementing solicitor signage, and overseeing handicapped parking spaces in the commercial district.

The Council discussed the proposed organization of priorities. Mayor Calvo clarified that priorities within a category are not ranked in his organizational scheme, although some top priorities are listed first. The purpose of the structure is to identify items that are within the Council's purview, or require Council action as opposed to items departments have the authority to carry out, either by themselves, or with help from other departments but without further Council approval. Items on the strategic priorities list require agreement from the majority of the Council that they are a Council priority and should be addressed. The Council can also decide to elevate departmental priorities to Council priority status.

Some changes were made to the priority lists. Backup generators were moved up to Council strategic priorities. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, AV upgrades were reclassified as Council agenda items. Town property beautification, currently listed under multi-departmental initiatives, could become a Council agenda item if it has concrete proposals associated with it. With no further suggestions or changes, Councilmembers were asked to review the list at home and rank the items within the categories for discussion at a future worksession.

CM Dennison announced that the M-NCPPC Planning Board approved a historic property grant application for 5617 Ruatan Street, which was supported by the Town Council and the Historical Committee.

Four Cities Coalition agenda: The following items were confirmed for the July 25 Four Cities meeting: WMATA presentation on Metro station safety and maintenance procedures and the status of the test track; street sweeper log; Greenbelt Middle School update; Public Works mutual aid agreement.

59th Avenue access: The Council reviewed a draft letter to residents outlining the options for limiting access to 59th Avenue in response to the recent opening of a 7-Eleven store. They include 1) closing 59th Avenue to incoming and outgoing traffic at Greenbelt Road; and 2) closing it only to incoming traffic, while allowing traffic to exit. Option 2 does not entail 59th Avenue becoming a one-way street. Upon recommendation by MPT Wilkinson, a 3rd option was included that maintains the status quo. CM Kulpa-Eddy suggested that the Town provide diagrams showing what the different options would look like for the upcoming public hearing. Mayor Calvo will review the letter and make the corrections discussed tonight before it is mailed out.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Parks and Recreation**.

3. Public Safety

Help for Bladensburg: Mayor Calvo explained that in the wake of a micro burst that caused considerable destruction in the City of Bladensburg and the

Town of Cheverly, Prince George's County requested the use of Berwyn Heights' emergency trailer to help them recover. NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane forwarded the request to the Council noting that he believes the decision to dispatch emergency help must be made by the Council. The Council, however, is not permitted to make a decision other than in an open meeting. Since the Council was not scheduled to meet that day or the next, a Council decision could not be made and the trailer was not sent. To be ready for a future aid request, the Council needs to know whether there is an ordinance, resolution or council rule that authorizes the Mayor or Town Council to dispatch the trailer in an emergency.

NW/EP Co-Chair Ron Shane said that he held off on sending the trailer to Bladensburg because he believes he does not have the authority to dispatch it. The trailer is Town property and is intended to be used in Town. When the trailer has been taken to other places in the past, it was for display purposes only. Under Mayor Armistead, decisions regarding the use of the trailer had to be approved by a minimum of 3 Councilmembers. However, he does not know what legal document governs the trailer's dispatch, if any.

NW/EP member Mike Attick noted that the initial request was only for chain saws, which were to be operated by Berwyn Heights volunteers. Later, Cheverly requested the trailer as well. Mayor Calvo said that sending the volunteers with chain saws without any kind of policy or agreement in place may expose the Town to liability. Mr. Shane said that the mutual aid agreement was supposed to cover liability issues. The question is whether the agreement covers the trailer, explicitly. Mayor Calvo said that the Town first needs to clarify whether the mutual aid agreement is in effect and whether Berwyn Heights has signed it.

MPT Wilkinson said, if a new rule or policy regarding the use of the emergency trailer is drafted, it needs to address the following: which vehicle is towing the trailer, who is driving the vehicle; who is using the equipment; whether the volunteers have insurance coverage. TA Murphy said that the Public Works mutual aid agreement provided for emergency equipment, such as the trailer, to be returned in the original condition, that repairs would be made if anything broke and that any used up supplies would be replaced. Currently, the Town's liability insurance does not cover injuries incurred by volunteers, but it does cover injuries they might inflict on others. If a volunteer waives coverage, it does not necessarily mean that the Town will be held harmless.

TA Murphy was asked to check whether the mutual aid agreement is in effect and covers this circumstance and whether there is any other Town policy that may govern the dispatch of emergency equipment. Mr. Shane offered to check whether the County has an agreement in effect to which Berwyn Heights is a party.

4. Public Works

56th Avenue parking: TA Murphy said that he talked to M-NCPPC Planning Supervisor Charles Montrie about options for a safety barrier along the new Indian Creek playground. He recommended installing a type of wooden guardrail that is used in national parks. It is made of thick timber and is approximately 3' high. No cost estimate has been obtained yet.

Mayor Calvo said that the Town has set some money aside to pay for parking improvements, including pervious pavers for a parking area next to the T-ball field. He would limit the guardrail to the playground frontage, where safety is of the most concern. He does not want to use all the budgeted money for the guardrail. Perhaps a metal rail would be less expensive. He would like some more options.

MPT Wilkinson said that he prefers extending the barrier to the T-ball field back stop. It would prevent cars from driving into the field, as well as prevent parking along that stretch. CM Almoguera said, while she understands that cost is an issue, she would not want to rule out putting up a barrier along the T-ball field. Many more children are playing on the field now since the new playground has been installed. A rail would help stop them from running in the street.

Mayor Calvo said he thinks the main issue with the T-ball field frontage is that parked cars hinder visibility. Park patrons may walk out into the street without being able to see if cars are coming. If this section is made no parking, visibility will not be an issue. The embankment along the field already acts as barrier for children. He wants to make sure that there is enough money to make all the improvements initially discussed.

MPT Wilkinson suggested the Council visit the park to evaluate what solutions work best. Mayor Calvo agreed, but said he would like to have all the options in hand before making a site visit. He also would like to know what improvements Park & Planning would allow the Town to make. TA Murphy was asked to gather all the information needed for the Council to make a judicious decision. Further, TA Murphy was asked to send a formal letter to Park & Planning thanking them for the new playground and basketball court.

5. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the August Bulletin cover: National Night Out theme, National Night Out and Hello Huskies headlines.

6. Code Compliance

Code car purchase authorization: CM Kulpa-Eddy said that Code Director Solomon has negotiated a purchase price of $21,000 for a 2012, 4-door, 4-wheel drive, 6 Cylinder Jeep Liberty, staying within the amount the Council budgeted for it. Apart from patrols, the vehicle would also serve to transport seniors for the call-a-bus service.

MPT Wilkinson said that he believes a lower profile vehicle may be easier for seniors to get into. But he would approve the purchase if the Code Department needs it. Mayor Calvo said that the price for this type of SUV is very good, and it would be comfortable for the officers. But he is not thrilled with the choice since it uses 15 mpg in the city and 21 mpg on the highway. CM Almoguera questioned whether a high profile SUV is a good option. They are hard for her to get into, much less seniors. The Council agreed that the Jeep Liberty is more car than the Town needs.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that Director Solomon was under the impression that the price of the vehicle was what mattered. She asked that the Council give clearer instructions on what type of car it wants the Code Department to get. The Council agreed that the code vehicle should be comfortable, easy to get in and out of, and get at least 20 mpg in the city.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting

July 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Calvo arrived at 8:07 p.m. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, representatives of Greenbelt Station North Core Garth Beall and Paul Summers, representatives of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer

Fire Department and citizens.

MPT Wilkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Presentation, Greenbelt Station North Core

MPT Wilkinson welcomed Garth Beall, Manager of A.H. Smith Greenbelt Management, LLC, which is managing development of the Greenbelt Station north core on behalf of the A.H. Smith estate. Mr. Beall said that he took over Greenbelt Management as a successor to Al Smith in 2007 when the real estate market went into decline. At the time, there was an agreement with Petrie Ventures to develop the site as a high density, mixed-use development, which was approved for 1.2 million square feet of retail space, 1.1 million of office space, 1,200 residential units and 300 hotel units. When the real estate market crashed in 2008, the financing for developing the site fell apart, forcing him to become involved again. The site no longer appeared viable for mixed use development, primarily because of the high, upfront infrastructure costs of $50 million for a full Beltway interchange and $100 million for a parking facility.

Mr. Beall said that Greenbelt Management then started to consider other options for developing the north core. He knew that the FBI was looking into consolidating its headquarters at a different, more secure and accessible location. Greenbelt Station was one of the sites that matched the criteria for a large, inside-the-Beltway site of at least 55 acres in close proximity to a Metro station and convenient road access to the Federal Triangle and other government facilities such as the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which owns the Greenbelt Metro Station and the parking lot and has approval authority for developing the site, was interested in the possibility of an FBI headquarters location. WMATA subsequently amended the development agreement to allow for construction of an FBI headquarter and give more time to pursue the relocation.

Since then, Greenbelt Management, LLC has focused on monitoring federal activity relating to the FBI headquarters consolidation. The US Senate passed 2 resolutions regarding to the FBI headquarters and the House is currently working on one. Next, the General Services Administration (GSA) will look at the plans and come up with specifications for the building. The general requirements for the headquarters call for a 2.2 million square foot campus that would accommodate 11,500 employees and 4,500 parking spaces. While the building would need to satisfy a high level of security, GSA guidelines now require that federal buildings be integrated with the community. Hence federal agencies and developers are reaching out to the communities in which they plan to locate to get their input before construction begins. Prince George's County has already expressed support for the plans. Mr. Beall thinks that, while it is a long process to get the project approved, it will continue to move forward because the Greenbelt Station site appears to be most suitable location.

MPT Wilkinson asked how many of the 11,500 employees would be commuting on Metro. Mr. Beall said that approximately 7,000 employees are expected to commute; a number WMATA says can easily be accommodated with the Metro Green Line.

Mayor Calvo said that the project appears to be still in the conceptual phase. He asked where the project stands in the time line for completion, whether a request for proposal has been issued and funds appropriated. Mr. Beall said that the project was actually on hold since 2007 mainly because of funding issues, and has now been re-initiated. An appropriation from Congress is only needed for capital leases, which apply to purchases, but not for operating leases, which apply to rented offices and are funded from GSA's public building fund. This project could possibly be financed from the public building fund without Congressional approval, and with proceeds from the sale of offices in the Hoover Building, the FBI's current headquarters. The cost is estimated to be at least $500 million.

Mayor Calvo said that many issues remain to be resolved and a green light from Congress may take some time. Once Congress authorizes funding, GSA still has to solicit proposals from interested developers, one of which is Greenbelt Station. He asked whether the County and SHA have taken any formal steps to move the project forward. Mr. Beall replied that the County has expressed support but has not made a formal statement. SHA has made preliminary plans for a full interchange, but funding has not been committed. However, he believes that the interchange funds would be appropriated when the site has been selected. Funding would come in part from a County Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

CM Dennison noted that the Beltway interchange is in 6th place on the State's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). CM Kulpa-Eddy asked if the estimated commuter number includes MARC riders. Mr. Beall said he did not know but thought the MARC station is another advantage of this site. Mayor Calvo thanked Mr. Beall for the presentation and said the Town will monitor what happens with the site.

2. Hearing on 59th Avenue Access

Mayor Calvo explained that the hearing has been called out of concern about an increase in traffic on 59th Avenue due to the recent opening of a 7-Eleven at 5815 Greenbelt Road. Several years ago, there were plans for Commerce Bank to open a branch at the location and redevelop the property. The Council voted to approve the plans, which called for closing 59th Avenue and building a 'hammerhead' turnaround at 8916 59th Avenue. However, in the real estate crash of 2008, Commerce Bank was bought by TD Bank and the plans fell through. Eventually, the owner of the property got a 7-Eleven as a tenant, which is open 24 hours 7 days a week. Several residents from around the store expressed concern about increased traffic, noise and trash the store is likely to bring. Mayor Calvo read a letter from 59th Avenue residents Kurt and Kay Weems, who wrote in favor of closing 59th Avenue and could not attend the meeting tonight. The Council scheduled this hearing to get input on what could be done to mitigate the impact. The options on the table are: 1) closing 59th Avenue for incoming traffic from Greenbelt Road but allowing traffic to exit onto Greenbelt Road; 2) closing 59th Avenue entirely and not allowing traffic to enter from or exit onto Greenbelt Road; and 3) leaving things as they are. Mayor Calvo opened the hearing at 8:45 p.m.

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, asked whether the Town has any firm data on how much traffic 59th Avenue was experiencing before the opening of 7-Eleven as opposed to now. He has observed the traffic on 59th Avenue when the Commerce Bank proposal was under consideration and after the opening of the 7-Eleven, and did not notice a big difference. He cautioned that making decisions based on residents' impressions would set a bad precedent for other residents who may want to reduce traffic on their streets.

Buddy Robson, 59th Avenue, said that he has lived on the 59th Avenue for 32 years and has a firsthand experience with traffic. As a father, he is inclined to support closing the street to all traffic from Greenbelt Road and make the street a cul-de-sac because speeding is a problem. Between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., when Greenbelt Road is backed up, 59th Avenue becomes a busy cut-through.

That coincides with the time when children are most likely to be outside. However, he also sees a need for access. Emergency vehicles often use 59th Avenue to return to the fire station. Therefore he and his wife support closing the street to inbound traffic only, and installing speed bumps to slow traffic down.

Sandra Price, Seminole Street, commented that speeding is a problem on her block. There are a number of families with young children, including her own, for whom it is dangerous to play outside. She would support installing speed bumps and children at play signs to slow traffic down. On the other hand, she likes the convenience of having a 7-Eleven store close by and uses it often. She has observed increased traffic around the store during rush hour, but believes that most customers use 58th Avenue to access it.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, said that as a former resident of a dead-end street, that closing 59th Avenue would mean a lot more traffic as cars are forced to turn around when they cannot get to Greenbelt Road. It would also mean that emergency vehicles serving residents on the street would have to back out. Further, closing 59th Avenue entirely would result in more cut-through traffic on 57th and 58th Avenue and Seminole Street, when Greenbelt Road is backed up, while closing only the inbound lane may cause drivers try to back out onto Greenbelt Road when they realize they can no longer go down that street. With regard to children playing in the street, she advised that parents supervise them and teach them to watch out for cars and avoid them.

Daniel McCoy, Deputy Chief of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, commented that the Fire Department prefers to have full access on all streets. They are particularly opposed to speed bumps, which slows them down considerably. If access to 59th Avenue is limited, the Fire Department would prefer to make it a one way street out so that they do not have to worry about oncoming traffic. In addition, he recommended that no parking be allowed at the corner of 59th Avenue and Tecumseh Street to make it easier for trucks to turn the corner.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to get more specific input on which areas the Fire Department recommends to designate 'no parking.' Preferably, these areas could be marked up on a map. MPT Wilkinson asked which street the Fire Department uses to respond to a call. Mr. McCoy said that they use 60th Avenue to go out and 59th Avenue to return to the fire house, because it is easier for the ladder truck to turn off Greenbelt Road. Going back to the fire house on 60th Avenue is difficult because it is a tight turn with a pole close to the intersection and a gas station that has three entrances which are used as cut-throughs.

Mayor Calvo stated for the record that the Town office received 3 emails from residents, who are leaning toward limiting access to 59th Avenue, but not full closure. While they have noted an increase in traffic due to the 7-Eleven, they think it may not have been open long enough to draw firm conclusions about its impact. With no further comments, Mayor Calvo closed the hearing at 9:20 p.m. He said that more input can be given at the next worksession, and advised 59th Avenue residents to try to come to a consensus amongst themselves, which the Council will take into consideration when making a decision.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the June 13 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo said that the newly-elected Council took time discussing its priorities for the next term. One important topic in the conversation was how to improve inter-departmental coordination and promote employees taking ownership of their job. Department directors will be invited to an upcoming worksession to continue the conversation and give feedback. The Council also spent a considerable amount of time coordinating the response to the June 29 thunderstorm that knocked out power to 1/3 of the Town's homes and to millions of people across the D.C. area. Pepco was unprepared for the outages and took a week to restore power everywhere. But the Town's response was fast and effective. Police had made an inventory of all the homes without power by early morning after the storm and Public Works came in over the weekend to clean up the worst areas in Town. They also cleared the way for Pepco Contractors to repair the power lines along Edmonston Road, which had been taken down by 2 large toppled trees. CM Kulpa-Eddy opened the cooling center on Saturday morning and together with other Emergency Preparedness volunteers staffed it through the weekend. About 40 people took advantage of the emergency center to recharge batteries and cool off.

Mayor Calvo also reported that National Night Out, which has become a big event, will take place on August 7. Work will soon begin to repair and upgrade the Town Center, beginning with the replacement of the canopy over the back stairs and installation of better lighting. Inside, the former Media Resource Center will be converted into a meeting room to provide another venue for community organizations to meet and conduct business. Lastly, the Council last week attended the annual Maryland Municipal League (MML) convention, at which he had the pleasure to give a presentation on the Police Department's police aide program. At the convention and afterward, the program generated a lot of interest and positive responses. He hopes that it will serve as an example for other police departments to follow.

5. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that most of the equipment for the comprehensive overhaul of the Town's audio-video systems has arrived. Installation is planned for August 6-8. Further, the Town has received most of its FY 2012 revenues, which come to 106% of budgeted revenue. This includes 112% of budgeted personal property tax receipts, and 124% of budgeted income taxes. It also includes a $31,000 reimbursement from WSSC for damages to Seminole Street during a 2006 water main replacement project.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that the top violation last month was for high grass, followed by yard waste disposal. The Code Department does not want to discourage residents from cleaning up after the storm but would like them to put yard waste out in manageable bundles. Branches and bundled yard waste should not exceed 4' in length and 2 1/2' in diameter so it can be picked up quickly by Public Works. Bamboo must be separated from other waste because it does not go into the same waste stream.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison announced that Park & Planning and the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council will host the first concert at Lake Artemesia. The Susan Jones Quartet will perform on September 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the stage near the service station. Hello Huskies night will be held on August 28, 6:00 p.m. and the Ice Cream Social on September 14, 6:30 p.m. CM Dennison said that she has not received any news about the hiring of a new PGCPS superintendent. She thanked

CM Almoguera for writing a grant proposal for renovating the Pop's Park playground.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik read a thank you letter from a Vernon Terrace resident for Officer Ignowski checking on her during the recent power outage. Then he gave the police activities report for June. There were 8 Part I offenses, somewhat above the 5 year average of 7.8 for June. The year to date total is 34 Part I offenses, which compares favorably to the 5 year average of 44. The speed cameras recorded 86 violations on Pontiac Street and only 23 violations on Greenbelt Road, where cars are now driving more slowly.

Chief Antolik said that he is continuing to receive complaints about the County's non-emergency dispatch. He is about to meet with the supervisors of the dispatch center about improving the service. Further, residents should be aware that solicitors need a Town permit, and that those not having a permit should be reported to the police. Lastly, the Police Department has been preparing for National Night Out soliciting donations and recruiting volunteers. He hopes to see a large crowd attend the event, meet his officers, police aides and NW/EP volunteers and have fun.

In response to Mayor Calvo, Chief Antolik said he will try to find out if the dispatch center tracks the average hold time for calls they receive when he meets with their representatives. He will also raise the issue of the dispatch center's performance at the next Police Chiefs' Association meeting.

Public Works: MPT Wilkinson reported, at the MML convention, he attended a small town forum where he learned about strategies for economic development. At the cabinet roundtable, he had the opportunity to speak with the heads of the Transportation Department and the State Highway Administration. They were supportive of installing a countdown signal at the Greenbelt Road/ 63rd Avenue crosswalk to make it safer for students to cross. Councilmember Olson's aide Danielle Glaros promised to work with the Town to get this done. Further, MPT Wilkinson's father, the Reverend George A. Wilkinson Jr., who retired as pastor of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in College Park, gave his last mass last Sunday. It was very well attended, including many people who had moved away from the area.

MPT Wilkinson further reported that the Public Works Department picked up 10 tons of debris the week following the destructive storm that hit the region on June 28. He gave kudos to the crew that came out on Sunday with a front-end loader and chain saws to clear trees from Edmonston Road so that contractors could repair the power lines. Public Works was also busy painting curbs, clearing brush around traffic signals, and passing out new, and larger recycling bins. Residents who wish to keep the old totes for recycling can call Public Works to drop them off at their home. Lastly, the next electronic recycling day is coming up on July 28. Residents can drop off their unwanted electronics at the Greenbelt Public Works yard at Buddy Attick Park.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dennison announced that the EAC needs a new chair. The plan is to meet on an as needed basis. Mayor Calvo added that the MSA test results for public schools were released last week, which can be looked up at www.mdreportcard.org. Berwyn Heights Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School performed above average. He has spoken with Greenbelt Middle School Principal Tweedy, who is satisfied with the progress the school is making, especially since a TAG program was added.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Mike Attick reported that NW/EP recruited 5 new members last month and is getting ready for National Night Out on August 7. On July 21, NW/EP and the County's Homeland Security Office will host a CPR and AED training session at the Berwyn Heights Town Center. Afterward, the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department will hold a class on basic rescue and knot-tying. Interested residents must sign up by July 15. On August 4 and 5, the Homeland Security Office will host a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class, where residents can become qualified CERT members. The next regular meeting will be held on September 5.

Recreation Council: Reported under department reports.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

There was none.

10. Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, said that the Town should publish an explanation about how to report broken street lights. Many Pepco poles have two numbers and only one is relevant in identifying the pole location. Mayor Calvo said that the Town has a database of all the Pepco poles in Berwyn Heights. Residents who want to report a broken light can call the Town office with their address. The Town will make a formal repair request to Pepco.

Mr. Attick suggested that the Town may want to review its annual contributions of $1,000 to the VFD. Greenbelt this year gave a $10,000 donation to the Berwyn Heights station. College Park gave $15,000 to the College Park station. He also suggested adding a line in the Treasurer's report showing the amount of money in the speed camera fund. The Town should not sit on it as there are many uses for it. He is worried that the State may repeal the authority of municipalities to enforce these types of speeding violations and the revenue will stop coming in. Mayor Calvo replied that reporting the speed camera revenues in the Treasurer's report is a good idea. Some of the speed camera money has been spent, and the Council is discussing how to spend the remainder.

Mr. Robson, 59th Avenue, commented on storm-related power outages. He thanked Mayor Calvo for informing him and others about the progress of Pepco's repairs. After this storm his home did not have power for 57 hours. Pepco took less time restoring power after a destructive thunderstorm last summer and after Hurricane Irene. He believes that the increase in repair times and decline in service is due to the staff reductions and reorganization. He recommended that the Town and residents take advantage of the uproar over Pepco's performance and pressure them to make changes that will result in better service in the future. Mayor Calvo agreed that Pepco's ability to respond to power outages has declined because they have outsourced this work to contractors. He hopes that the Public Service Commission will institute penalties for power outages; the longer the outage, the higher the fine.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, thanked Public Works for quickly removing a large branch that had crashed in front of her home during the storm. She also thanked NW/EP for staffing the cooling center after the storm. She commented that the ground crews restoring power after a big storm work long hours in difficult conditions. They should not be blamed for the long outage. Mayor Calvo agreed that the Pepco field crew worked hard to restore power, and that the problem is with Pepco management.

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

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession July 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Councilmembers Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson arrived at 7:18 p.m. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy and Clerk Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: The June 14 issue of the Gazette had an article about resident Junming Li, Goucher Drive, who built a bridge and made other improvements to a footpath that connects his neighborhood with the Indian Creek trail.

Calendar: The Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness (NW/EP) Committee added a meeting on August 1. A discussion with department directors was tentatively scheduled for August 20. The Berwyn Heights Playgroup will sponsor a second family BBQ on September 29.

Minutes: On a motion by CM Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Almoguera, the June 18 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that Officer Ignowski was able to catch a person who had broken into Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) last weekend. Chief Antolik followed up on a complaint from a resident as to how a traffic stop was handled. His thorough investigation showed that the complaint was based on a mis-reading of the police action.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked whether the Code Director would have to complete performance evaluations for employees that have left the Town's employ. Mayor Calvo said an evaluation is not necessary if there is no expectation that the employee might return at a future date.

Citizen comments: CM Dennison received many comments on the recent power outage.

59th Avenue access: Mayor Calvo asked what Councilmembers thought of the July 11 public hearing on limiting access to 59th Avenue. He said he has received more emails on the issue since the hearing, most of them favoring limited access. In all, there was no clear preference for a particular option. Recommendations ranged from doing nothing to full closure of 59th Avenue.

CM Dennison said that she was disappointed that more 59th Avenue residents did not come to testify. She offered to go door-knocking to get more input. CM Almoguera found the input received too subjective and impressionistic to warrant taking action. Those testifying reached different conclusions about traffic volume depending on what time of day they observed the traffic, and about traffic safety depending on whether they had children or not. CM Kulpa-Eddy questioned whether 59th Avenue is any different from other Town streets that connect to Greenbelt Road. All experience a certain amount of traffic from the business district. Further, the Town has no data on the traffic volume before the opening of the 7-Eleven store that could serve as an objective baseline. MPT Wilkinson said that 7-Eleven is bringing in significantly more customers and traffic than the businesses that were previously at this location. He is particularly concerned about the heavy traffic observed between 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., the time when children are most likely to play outside. To get a clearer picture, one may have to go door -knocking or do a traffic study.

Mayor Calvo said that the hearing did not provide good enough data to make a decision. But his decision would be based on what the majority of the people that live there want. Currently, 59th Avenue is a “strong street” with mostly owner-occupied homes. He fears the street could go downhill and become mostly rentals if nothing is done to abate the traffic, trash and noise that 7-Eleven and the gas station are generating. This has already happened on 58th and 60th Avenue. He would give the residents a limited amount of time to come to a consensus as to whether they want to limit access to the street. But if that does not happen, he would do nothing.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said she gained the impression that the bigger concern is speeding. The Town may want to consider how to address that instead of limiting access. Also, closing 59th Avenue for in-bound traffic would be a problem for fire trucks, which use this street to get back to the fire station. Apparently it is more difficult for the fire trucks to make the turn off Greenbelt Road onto 60th Avenue. Mayor Calvo said that the representatives from the Fire Department, who attended the hearing, said that they were in favor of limiting access. Changes have been made to the intersection of Greenbelt Road and 60th Avenue that makes it easier for the ladder truck to turn there. Further, the fire truck only uses 59th Avenue when returning to the station, which is no longer an emergency. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she thought that the fire department was not opposed to limiting access, but would prefer that the street remain open. They also recommended there be no parking at the intersection of 59th Avenue and Tecumseh Street, so that the ladder truck can turn there more easily.

CM Almoguera recalled that the fire department preferred to make all of 59th Avenue one way. Mayor Calvo said that the residents would not support that because they would not be able to get anywhere in Town without exiting onto Greenbelt Road first. CM Dennison said another problem raised at the hearing is the hairpin turn at Seminole and Tecumseh Street, which was addressed in a recent traffic study. Mayor Calvo said that the Safe Streets Committee made recommendations about limiting parking at that intersection, which should be considered. CM Almoguera said that this intersection merits review, but there are other intersections where parking is a problem.

Mayor Calvo said that the intersection of 60th Avenue/Cunningham Drive and Quebec Place at the northern tip of Pop's Park is another problematic corner. He would like to take action soon and asked that 'no parking in intersections' be added to the next worksession agenda for discussion.

2. Public Safety:

Public Service Commission hearing: Mayor Calvo said that the Public Service Commission (PSC), which regulates public utilities in Maryland (setting tariffs for natural gas, electric distribution, local telephone, water and sewage, and toll bridge services), will hold a hearing to review the power outages resulting from the June 29 thunderstorms. Public input meetings for each electric service area will be held during August at which stakeholders can testify. If the Town does not send a representative to the meetings, it should send a letter to PSC reviewing Pepco's handling of the outages. Mayor Calvo said several legislative proposals have been drafted that would hold electric utilities financially responsible for long term power outages. The Town may want to support a particular proposal, but has to find out more about what has been proposed.

Mayor Calvo commented that Pepco's communication with the public about power restoration after the storm was

largely meaningless. While Pepco responded to inquiries and made a number of announcements, the announcements did not reflect what was happening on the ground. Everyone was given the same service restoration date of July 6, even when power had already been restored to a neighborhood. Good information about restoration of power is needed for people to make decisions on whether to stay at home, go to a cooling center, or dispose of food.

CM Dennison said that Pepco did not provide their crews with adequate support and equipment, which is why Berwyn Heights sent their front end loader to assist in the cleanup. She thought that Pepco should not be granted a proposed 4% increase in electric rates based on how this outage was handled.

Mayor Calvo agreed. However, the Town needs to find out more about the system of rate increases and whether the proposed rate increase relates to electric generation or distribution. Pepco is only responsible for distribution and no longer operates generating plants. He asked that Councilmembers think about the issues they may want to include in a letter. Meanwhile, TA Murphy is to draft a letter that addresses the issues of communication, outage prevention, coordinating assistance with municipalities, and financial penalties.

3. Public Works

Indian Creek Playground bollards: MPT Wilkinson explained that TA Murphy provided estimates for different types of barriers that would stop vehicles from driving into the playground from Seminole Street. The first option calls for placing landscape boulders along the playground frontage at a cost of $4,000. The second option, suggested by M-NCPPC Supervisor Charles Montrie, would erect a National Park-type 6” x 10” wooden guard rail at a cost of $27,800. The third option, used at some University of Maryland locations, is to erect a series of 4”x 4”, 6”x 6”, or 8”x 8” wooden posts at 4' intervals. Depending on the diameter of the posts, the cost would be $647, $906, or $2,439. The cost includes concrete, reflectors, post caps, and rental of a post digger. TA Murphy recommended using the 8”x 8” posts of 6' lengths buried 3' deep in the ground, which is below the frost line. This option is expensive because 8”x 8” posts come only in 10' lengths, leaving 4' of wastage.

MPT Wilkinson recommended using the 6”x 6” posts, which could be spaced closer together for more strength. Mayor Calvo said he supports the 8”x 8” posts for additional safety. However, the strongest posts would not be needed where cars coming down Seminole Street without stopping at the stop sign are not likely to crash. The likely impact zone is only 60% of the playground frontage. Less sturdy bollards could be used outside the impact zone. CM Almoguera said that she would like to have the barrier extend the entire length of the playground frontage, in part for aesthetic reasons. But she believes that 6”x 6” posts would be sufficient. CM Dennison thought that the stop sign on Seminole Street could be covered with reflective material to make it more visible to drivers who may go straight through the intersection into the park. The Council agreed to consult with an engineer as to whether the 6”x 6” posts spaced 3' on center would be sufficient to stop a moving car before making a decision.

Town Center canopy: TA Murphy said that replacement of the old canopy over the Town Center stairway is a multi-step process. First, after removal of the old canopy, the Town Center wall will be scraped, primed and re-painted. Then the crack in the top step should be fixed, the stairs and canopy frame re-painted and finally the new canopy installed. The painting will be done in-house but requires the rental of a scissor-lift to be able to paint the high and hard to reach places of the building. The goal is to get the painting done in the summer months. For the installation of the new canopy several quotes were obtained ranging from the low bid of $2,500 to $7,600.

CM Kulpa-Eddy asked what has happened to drylocking the leaky hose tower, which would have to be done prior to painting. The Council last year authorized the drylocking, repointing and mold remediation to repair the tower. TA Murphy said that drylocking would cost $4,500. The tower was repointed on the outside and de-molded on the inside and the walls were resealed. This used up most of the $8,000 appropriated for fixing the tower.

Mayor Calvo said that there may be money left after the completion of the canopy replacement, for which $7,000 is budgeted. He would like to make the decision on the canopy tonight and come back to the drylocking decision later. CM Almoguera recommended using the Sunbrella brand canopy, which is a high quality product. The lowest bid uses another brand. She moved to approve the $3,100 proposal from Thomas Shade, which uses Sunbrella. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

4. Administration

Pop's Park playground grant: CM Almoguera said that she has looked into grants from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the renovation of community parks & playgrounds, which has an August 20 submission deadline. She thinks the grant is not hard to get and that she can make a good case for renovating the playground to comply with newest safety guidelines and tie it into the Town's sidewalk construction plans. She and CM Dennison are meeting with playground vendors to see what they can offer for $75,000. She would like to start writing the grant and is wondering whether the Council needs to be consulted on playground designs beforehand.

Mayor Calvo said that the Council appropriated $7,500 for the playground renovation in FY 2013 out of a total of $15,000 budgeted over several years. This might be used to demonstrate the Town's interest for the grant proposal. For the purpose of writing the grant, CM Almoguera does not need to get the Council's input on a design, unless it commits the Town to a specific site plan. The Council will approve a design once the grant is awarded.

Nothing was discussed under **5. Code Compliance** and **6. Parks & Recreation**.

7. Executive Session (9:00 p.m.-10:57 p.m.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

News and Events

Annual Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 14th

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Free Ice Cream!

This is a wonderful time to see your neighbors and meet new Town residents. The Recreation Council would like to extend its appreciation to the Seniors Club for hosting this event.

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet Concert at Lake Artemesia

Saturday, September 22nd

Don't miss the first free live concert at Lake Artemesia! See Page 11 in this bulletin for more details on this wonderful event!

Halloween Event - Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 20th

Back by popular demand! Join us at the Berwyn Heights Community Center for a great family activity. The kids won't be the only ones in costumes. Decorate your car's trunk and bring treats to pass out as kids walk by. 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 the Berwyn Heights Community Center.**

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

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Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

Lights! Camera! Action! In Berwyn Section As "Movie Faces" Appears A La Hollywood

They've transplanted a bit of Hollywood to the Berwyn section these days. Under the sponsorship of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, camera men, production managers, actors and actresses are hard at work filming "Movie Faces"—a cinema special which is to have its premiere at Berwyn school next Monday and Tuesday.

The cast includes residents of Berwyn, Greenbelt, Branchville, and Berwyn Heights, and will be a pictorial record of the church, school, social and business activities of these communities. On Saturday, the camera crew is expected to be unusually active. The photographers are to visit each town and film the final scenes.

The story of "Movie Faces" tells the trials and successes of a young couple who achieved radio fame in New York. After achieving success, they returned home as celebrities, to be greeted by the home-town folks and make a tour of the community.

Jeanne Frost, daughter of Fred Frost, past president of the Berwyn Heights Fire department, and Bobby Aitcheson, of Berwyn, play the leading parts.

The fire department's show committee, headed by Richard Brelsford, and which includes, C. D. Walker, Sr., Gerald Buscher, Than Porter, Fred Frost and J. J. Kleiner, is now working with the director to complete a huge show to be given in connection with the picture.

They have obtained the services of the Jesters, under the leadership of Jack Houdeshel. Allen Frost will play the piano. Specialties for the musical comedy already engaged are: John Yost, assistant chief of Berwyn Heights strong man; Charlotte Goodhue temperamental prima donna; Mi Sheer, colored porter, Phil Wor den, wise-cracking office boy Drill Team of the Prince Geor ges County Ladies' Auxiliary fo a girls' chorus; and a group o firemen for a scrubwoman's chor us.

JEANNE FROST . . .

. . . Pretty 1940 graduate of Hy attsville High school, who wi have the leading role in a movir picture, "Movie Faces," to b shown Monday and Tuesday Berwyn school. The entire ca is made up of local talent.

At the June meeting of the BHHC, long time resident Mary Lou Milstead shared this 1940 *Washington Evening Star* clipping reporting the Berwyn Heights premier of a film entitled "Movie Faces."

Her older sister, Jeanne Frost, played the leading role with Bobby Aitcheson. Frost had just graduated from Hyattsville High School. Her father was president of the Berwyn Heights Fire Department. Mary Lou reported that her sister, who is 91 years old, now lives in a nursing home.

Please contact Town Clerk Kerstin Harper at 301-474-5000 if you have any other information about the movie, and if a copy might still be available somewhere.

VISIT THESE SITES: Berwyn Heights Historical Committee: *www.berwyn-heights.com/orgs/*; Preservation Maryland: *www.preservationmaryland.org/*; Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA): *www.anacostiatrails.org*; Prince George's Historical Society: *www.pghistory.org;*

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	Margritt Vausse
Sept. 5	Doris Lehman
Sept. 7	Sandra Burns
Sept. 11	Debbie Mayland
	Linda Sinclair
Sept. 12	Jean Guidas
Sept. 17	David Millner
Sept. 18	Richard Ahrens
	Calvin Foster, Jr.
	Patricia Niernier
Sept. 20	Mary Reese
Sept. 21	Ron Hand
Sept. 23	Jeannette Enderson
Sept. 25	Edward Grosskurth
Sept. 27	Dolores Reese
Sept. 28	Hattie Millner

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Sept. 4	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Sept. 5	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Sept. 6	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 8	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
Sept. 11	Meeting	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
Sept. 12	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Sept. 13	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 18	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
Sept. 19	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Sept. 20	Game Night	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 22	Movie	2:00 P.M.
Sept. 25	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M. Bingo 1:00 P.M.
Sept. 26	Wii Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
Sept. 27	Game Night	7:00 P.M.

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Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club
Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council
Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club
Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

Bookkeeping Services: Elite Bookkeeping offers payroll services, business registration, and translations. Se habla espanol. Visit elitebk.com. Contact Maria at maria@elitebk.com or at 240-898-6438.

Web Design: Cmd27.com offers web design and original photography for businesses or individuals. Please contact services@cmd27.com for a free consultation.

Catholic Homeschoolers: Surely we aren't the only Catholic home school family in Berwyn Heights! Call us and let's get together. Eric and Wendy, 301} 345-8077.

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

Do you need an affordable daycare? Hi, my name is Carol and I would like to help you. I'm CPR certified and I have three children on my own. Give me a call if I'm the one you need. (301) 474-0963.

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**.**

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

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

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

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

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.

Tutor: High school math, science, history and writing. Please call 301-982-9636.

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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
Or email: gotv12@yahoo.com

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

Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 2012 **Berwyn Heights, MD**

Mark Your Calendars

Sep 3 - School Closed - Labor Day
Sep 4 - 7pm PTA Meeting
Sep 13 - Back to School Night
Sep 20 - ESOL Back to School Night
Sep 17 - School Closed - Rosh Hashanah
Sep 28 - No School - Professional Development Day

Special Events

Hello Husky Night - Thank you - parents, students, teachers and community leaders for making Hello Husky Night a success. We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work in bringing this night together.

Teachers' Welcome Back Breakfast – We would like to thank the Silver Diner for a delicious breakfast and the volunteers who picked up, set up and cleaned up: Therese Forbes, Vickie Buckland, Cheryl Compton, Beth Brittan-Powell, Leslie Wolfinger.

Teachers' PTA Lunch – We would like to thank the teachers who signed up for the PTA – we are looking for 100% from teachers and staff. As a reward the PTA sponsored a thank you Pizza lunch. We would like the volunteers who ordered the lunch, set up and cleaned up.

Check out our website!
http://bhespta.org/

Volunteers Wanted

Have you and your family enjoyed the Book Clubs? Movie Nights? Skate Nights? Hello Husky Night? End of year pool party? We would like to continue to host these types of events for years to come but we need volunteers. The same 20 or so volunteers, teachers and staff have been working these events over the years. Imagine if we had 250 volunteers. Imagine how many events we could host, How much more spectacular these events could be. We are not asking you to commit to being at every PTA meeting or to volunteer at every PTA event. If you are able to donate 1 or 2 hours this school year it would make a tremendous difference for our PTA, School and our children. Not all volunteering has to be done at our events. We understand that you work, Have children, Family members and households to care for. Sometimes we just need someone to send out a few emails, pull a few weeds in our gardens, create or translate a flyer or make a few phone calls. And…you can get your name in the newsletter!

Contests

Know a contest to benefit the school? Let the PTA know and we'll get the information out to all the PTA members.

Facebook

Want to help our kids? It's easy. Our school can receive up to $10,000 in Target GiftCards® for books or any supplies we need. Wouldn't that be great? All we need to do is vote for our school each week until September 8. It's part of **Give With Target®**. For every 25 votes our school receives, Target will send a $25 gift card. Find out more and vote at Facebook.com/Target.

Box Tops
First Collection October 10th!

The Box Top for Education website had deals online to help schools. Log in frequently to check out the deals, play the games, order online to help the school. http://www.boxtops4education.com/

SCHOOLMAX FAMILY PORTAL

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

Gardening

Do you like to garden? Pull weeds, chat with neighbors, dig in the dirt? Volunteer for the school gardens! A few minutes or a few hours any help is appreciated!

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

Coffee with County Council Member Olson

Join County Councilman Eric C. Olson for a coffee and discussion of County issues this fall. Three coffee events have been scheduled at locally owned businesses throughout District 3:

1st Coffee: **Monday, 9/17**—Town Center Market, Riverdale Park

2nd Coffee: **Monday, 10/29**—Rebecca Ethiopian Café, Landover Hills

3rd Coffee: **Monday, 12/3**—Pancake House, West Lanham Hills.

4th Coffee: Planned for January 2013, Platos Diner, College Park

All events will be from 8:00 am to 10:00 am and coffee will be provided. Please stop by anytime.

For more information, please call CM Olson's Administrative Aid, Tina Butler, at 301-952-3060.

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Please Note: On Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 2-3:30 pm at Lake Artemesia, the Karate Club will be selling drinks and snacks as a fundraiser.

SPECIAL SEMINAR: October 5 & 6th, 2012

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

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

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

BULLETIN ADVERTISING RATES

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

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The Bugle

Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club
September 2012

WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in getting more involved in the Boys and Girls Club, but not sure how? Our meeting to be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 at the Town Hall will be an open meeting to all.

Volunteers are desperately needed to fill many vacancies that will be coming up in January. The people who are currently holding these positions are not all leaving the club, but they have served their term in their positions. The current vacancies for the Club as of January 1, 2013 are as follows:

-President	-Vice-President	-Secretary
-Registrar	-Soccer Commissioner	-Softball Commissioner
	-Basketball Commissioner	

We can always use volunteers for different events and we are currently looking for soccer and basketball coaches.

Fall Soccer

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

BHBGC Family Camp Out & Potluck Dinner

We will be having a Camp Out at Sports Park on Saturday Sept. 15th. This Campout is for current BHBGC members and their immediate families only. The cost will be $10.00 per family plus a covered dish (salad, fruits, vegetables). The Club will supply hotdogs, buns, drinks, and continental breakfast Sunday morning. We will begin to set up around 4:00 PM and try to eat around 6:00 PM. For Information call Debby at (301)345-1693.

Night at the Movies – September 15

Dr. Rad will be showing a movie on the same night as our Campout. Even if you do not come down for the Campout please join us for the movie. The movie is open to everyone in the community and is free.

Sports Banquet

Save the date! Our Sports Banquet will be on Sunday, October 7th this year. More information will available soon.

Cheerleading

Cheerleading will start soon at the Town Center. For information contact Kristen Buker at (443)623-0013.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, September 7 at 7:00 PM at the Town Center.
Check out our website at www.bhbgc.org for more information.

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE

"Police Beat" includes crimes and accidents that occurred during the month of July 2012. It is not a complete listing of every crime and/or accident that occurred in the Town. Incidents are listed from beginning of the month to the end of the month starting with the first report taken during the period within a specified category.

07/01/12 at 8:20 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8400 Block of Ballew Avenue for a domestic assault complaint. Investigation continues and warrant is pending.

07/03/12 at 11:30 am, Cpl. Bennett along with Detective Unger and Chief Antolik responded to the X-Tar Fuel Mart or a report of an armed robbery. Investigation revealed that a black male entered the gas station, produced a pistol and demanded money before fleeing the store. He was last seen getting in to a silver / gray Mercedes driven by another black male East on Greenbelt Road.

07/05/12 at 12:10 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6201 Greenbelt for a report of a female wanting to do harm to herself. She was EPS and transported to the hospital for evaluations.

07/07/12 at 9:40 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2003 Mazda at the location of Greenbelt Road at 60th Avenue. The driver was driving with suspended tags.

07/07/12 at 10:35 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8400 block of 58th Avenue for a report of a loud noise complaint.

07/08/12 at 11:05 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8700 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from a 1997 Dodge Truck. Unknown person(s) removed radio parts and tools from the vehicle.

07/10/12 at 5:28 pm, Pfc. Thompson responded to the 5800 block of Swarthmore Drive for a report of a strong arm robbery. Investigation revealed that the incident occurred on 7/5/12 at 3:00 pm. A 23 y/o female was assaulted by her 30 y/o boyfriend. The 30 y/o male pushed the victim down, hit her on her face and stole her purse and wallet. Case is being investigated by Det. Unger.

07/12/12 at 8:50 pm, Pvt. Duck responded to the 8700 block of 60th Avenue for a report of a missing 16Y/O, Latino male. His father last saw Jorge NUNEZ on Thursday morning on July 12, 2012 at 7:30 am. Jorge left home for summer school and has not been seen. He may be with a female named 'Chyanne'. Jorgeis described as a white Latino Male, approximately 16 Y/O, he is 5'8", and 170Lbs.

07/13/12 at 6:44 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the area of 5500 block of Berwyn Road to assist the Prince George's County Animal Management with an abandoned dog.

07/14/12 at 12:30 pm Pfc. Roberson impounded a 1995 Toyota from the location of 8900 block of Edmonston Road. The vehicle was displaying a tag to another.

07/14/12 at 5:10 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2002 GMC Truck from the location of Greenbelt Road at 60th Avenue. The driver was driving on a suspended license.

07/15/12 at 6:58 pm, Pfc. Ignowski along with County officers responded to the Berwyn Heights Elementary School for a report of the school alarm being activated, upon arrival they observed that the front door of the school was unsecured and a perimeter was set up. At 5:15 pm, officers observed a black male exiting from the rear of the school. The male was identified as Charles Ricardo GREEN, a 42 y/o, b/m, from Washington DC. No items were damaged or taken and GREEN did not invoke his rights and gave statement admitting that he entered the school unlawfully. He was arrested and taken to DOC.

07/15/12 at 9:15 pm, Pfc. Krouse conducted DUI enforcement at the location of 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. Thomas Macal a 35 y/o, white Latino male, a resident of Greenbelt, MD was charged with driving while under the influence and his 1998 Ford was impounded.

07/16/12 at 2:05 pm, Pfc. Roberson impounded a 2010 Volkswagen from the location of 8600 block of 63rd Avenue. Pfc. Roberson observed a subject parking the described vehicle and abruptly walked away. The vehicle was parked more than 12" from the curb and displaying a transport tags. Furthermore, the drivers walked away abruptly and fail to comply with the officer's demand.

07/19/12 at 11:00 am, Cpl. Bennett responded to the 8600 block of 60th Avenue for a report of a loud generator noise in that area. Investigation revealed that there is a generator constantly running for over a month. A noise level meter registered an 80.0 decibel from the edge of the complaint's property. The generator was a gas operated generator and left unattended. Fire Board was notified to disable the device. The aforementioned was forwarded to Code.

On 07/22/12, at 3:31 pm, officers from the Berwyn Heights Police Department (BHPD) were dispatched to the 8600 block of 57th Avenue for a call to check on the welfare of Ms. Schinault, a 36-year-old resident. Police found that the entry to her home had been forced and then located Ms. Schinault in the basement suffering from a laceration to her neck. The incident was ruled a homicide. BHPD immediately called in and cooperated with the Prince George's Police Department (PGPD) Homicide Division. Andrew Kugler, a 37-year-old white male and ex-boyfriend, was charged with 2nd degree murder. The matter remains under investigation by the PGPD Homicide Division.

07/22/12, at 8:08 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 8600 block of 60th Avenue for a report of loud generator noise. The decibel registered 70.5 above the legal 55.0 level for a Sunday night.

07/25/12 at 10:47 pm, Sgt. Moroney responded to the Parkway Liquor located at 6017 Greenbelt Road for a report of vandalism. A black male threw a rock through the store window. The suspect was upset because he could not walk up to the drive through window.

07/26/12 at 6:00 am, Cpl. Bennett along with Chief Antolik discovered that an unknown person(s) sprayed red anarchy symbols on various part of Town including trees, buildings, road, traffic signs, businesses and playground. At approximately 10:00 am, Det. Unger canvasses the businesses on Greenbelt Road and was able to obtain a surveillance video. At approximately 5:00 pm, the perpetrator was identified. A 15 Y/O, W/M, a Berwyn Heights resident was taken into custody along with his mother. The 15 Y/O male did admit to his delinquent activities.

07/26/12 at 1:30 pm, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 2000 Hyundai from the 8400 block of 57th Avenue. The vehicle appeared to be abandoned.

07/27/12 at 11:05 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a report of someone discharging a firearm in the area.

07/30/12 at 5:30 pm, Pfc. Roberson responded to the 5919 Greenbelt Road for a report of a purse stolen from inside a vehicle. A 66 Y/O, W/F, reports that while she was at Xtra Fuel gas station, an unknown person entered her vehicle and removed her purse.

NON-EMERGENCY

POLICE DIS-PATCH

PHONE NUMBER

301-352-1200

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

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

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CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT

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CODE COMPLIANCE

Student Rentals

'Tis the season when college students are heading back to school and properties are being rented. This is a reminder that **anytime** new tenants move into a property, tenant rights and responsibilities forms are required and need to be submitted to this office. A great way to remind yourself of this is to incorporate the tenants' rights and responsibilities forms and housing disclosure form into your lease agreement. Forms may always be downloaded from our website: http://www.berwynheightscodecompliance.com or you may pick them up at the Town Office during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sonjia Solomon, Director of Code Compliance at: ssolomon@town.berwyn-heights.md.us

Thank you so much for your immediate attention and cooperation in this matter.

Pepco

Smart Meter Installation

Pepco sub-contractor Scope Services, Inc. is installing smart meters in Berwyn Heights through the end of 2012. This is part of a long-term investment to upgrade the power grid. Scope Services workers wear blue shirts, khaki pants and photo ID, and drive white vans marked with Pepco and Scope Services logos.

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

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

DO YOU HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SPEED CAMERA TICKET ???

Please note, if you have an unpaid speed camera ticket from the last 6 months, you are subject to an additional late fee and having your vehicle registration flagged.

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

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BHES Gardens Fall Cleanup

Saturday, September 22

9:00—11:00 A.M.

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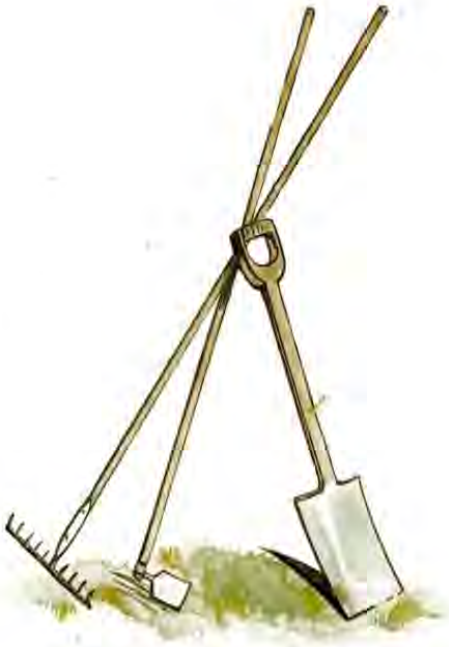
Please contact Therese Forbes at Therese@CelticClans.com for more information.
Please join our yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BHESgardens/



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8 Signs Housing Is on the Mend

Daily Real Estate News *Monday, August 06, 2012*

Some Americans are still jittery over the housing market, but here are eight positive signs that should quell some of their fears.

1. Housing prices are on the rise across the country.
2. Foreclosures have slowed. Analysts suggest that as the supply of distressed homes slows, buyers will be forced into higher-price properties too.
3. Inventories of for-sale homes on the market are decreasing. In fact, inventories of for-sale homes have dropped 24 percent from a year ago.
4. Mortgage rates are at ultra record level lows, for those who can qualify
5. Housing starts rose 6.9 percent in June. Also, existing-home sales were up 4.5 percent higher in June compared to one year ago.
6. Home building stocks are on the rise.
7. For investors who are buying homes, rents are soaring, allowing them to cash in on their investments. Rental prices are at a 10-year high as median units rent for $710 a month.
8. Home affordability is at record highs for the median income family, due to falling home values and super low mortgage rates. In fact, a recent study found that it is cheaper to buy a home than rent in basically ever major city in the U.S.

LISTED/SOLD this month by Sharon:

Under contract - 6207 Ruatan St - 3 BRS, 2 full Bas rambler w/ fam room addtn…SOLD in 4 days above asking price!
Under contract - 8503 60th Av - 4 Br, 2.5 BA new construction Arts n Crafts style w/garage, deck, granite in kit ..... $320's.
New listing - 6201 Seminole St - 4BR, 2BA brick rambler w/carport, sunroom, fin bsmnt and FP ..... $224,900.
Coming Soon - Edmonston Rd - 4BR, 2.5 BA rambler w/deck and updtd kit. .....

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recyling Collection Street Sweeping Yard Waste North South		Refuse Collection N S North South Bulk Pick-up N S North South				1
2	3 LABOR DAY Town Offices Closed No Refuse Collection	N 4 S	5 N S NW/EP 7:30 P.M. Town Office	N 6 N Recreation Council Meeting Town Office 7:00 P.M.	S 7 S	8
9	N 10 N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	S 11 S	12 Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	N 13 N	S 14 S ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6:30 P.M. TOWN CENTER	15
16	N 17 N	S 18 S	19	N 20 N	S 21 S	22 Susan B. Jones Concert 2:00-3:30 P.M Lake Artemesia BHES Garden Cleanup 9:00-11:00
23	N 24 N Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	S 25 S BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	26	N 27 N	S 28 S	29 Family BBQ 3:00 P.M. Pop's Park
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Street Sweeper is not scheduled for Berwyn Heights in September. Avoid Litter. Keep our Town CLEAN.

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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
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@town.berwyn-heights.md.us	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-A-Bus Reservations	(301) 474-5000
Maryland Relay Service (TTY)	1(800) 735-2258

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Councilmember — Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

Heavy Trash Day:
Weekly on Thursday for North of Pontiac
Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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

Watch Council Meetings

On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: http://www.berwyn-heights.com

Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.
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