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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

2nd Reading of ORD 118, Roads & Public Rights-of-Way

September 11, 2013
8:00 pm
Town Administration Bldg.

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights will hold a 2nd public hearing on Ordinance No. 118 – Roads & Public Rights-of-Way. The revised Ordinance enacts standards for construction, maintenance and other activities that impact the Town's roads and rights-of-way. The Ordinance also establishes a formal process of permitting, inspection and acceptance of work performed on Town property by public utilities and/or private contractors, as well as penalties for violating the Ordinance standards.

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

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON

LABOR DAY

Mon	Sep 02	NO PICKUP
Tue	Sep 03	Trash Pickup, Entire Town
Wed	Sep 04	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town
Thur	Sep 05	Trash & Bulk Trash, North Side
Fri	Sep 06	Trash & Bulk Trash, South Side

Please Do NOT Leave Trash At the Curb over Weekend
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NON-EMERGENCY POLICE DISPATCH PHONE NUMBER (301-352-1200)

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

New School Zones
October 9 Town Meeting
8:00 pm
Town Administration Bldg.

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

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

YAHOO! GROUPS

JOIN THE BERWYN HEIGHTS YAHOO GROUP AND STAY ON TOP OF EVERYTHING!

This is a moderated discussion forum for and by residents of the town. Group members may post messages on any topic they consider of interest to the residents. To subscribe please visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BerwynHeightsGroup/

NEW SMOKE DETECTOR LAW

Did you know that 75 % of fatal fires occur in homes without a smoke alarm or working smoke detector, according to the United States Fire Administration ?

A new Maryland law took effect July 1 that requires homeowners, builders and apartment managers to have ten-year, sealed smoke alarms installed by the year 2018. Some counties, including Prince George's, are asking builders and apartment complexes to be in compliance now.

The smoke alarms are sealed and have lithium-powered alarms and a hush function which will quiet the alarm without removing the battery. Retailers in Maryland can continue to sell standard smoke alarms until 2018, but consumers can expect to see a transition at stores as they start stocking shelves with the 10-year alarms.

IMPORTANT PEPCO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

English Speaking Customers
(202) 872-3432 TO REPORT
Downed Wires, Burning Wires, Struck Poles or Life Threatening Electrical System Situations
CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT
Power Outages
CALL (877) 737-2662 TO REPORT
Report Street Light Out
(Need Pepco Pole Number and house number of nearest house)

Hard of Hearing Customers
TTY (202) 872-2369

Spanish Speaking Customers
CALL (202) 872-4641 por Servicio en Espanol
Languages other than English or Spanish
CALL (202) 833-7500
Customers with Emergency Medical or Life Support Equipment or Special Needs
CALL (202) 833-7500 FOR Registration to be on Priority List

Worksession
July 1, 2013

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

1. Mayor

Announcements: None.

Calendar: A tentative date for the introduction of the revised Ordinance 118 – Roads & Public Rights-of-Way is the August 14 Town meeting. The graduation ceremony for MPT Wilkinson and CMs Almoguera and Kulpa-Eddy, who are completing the training of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, is September 15. The Pop's Park grand reopening was set for September 7.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the June 3 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The June 12 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the man arrested for committing a series of burglaries in Berwyn Heights and College Park Estates 2 years ago, Travis Isreal of Seat Pleasant, was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The Police Department picked up the new police vehicle from the dealer and is in the process of outfitting it. MPT Wilkinson reported that he has not yet received an announcement about the Safe Routes to School grant, which was due at the end of June. Further, the street sweeper will be in Town July 8 – 20, and electronics recycling is on July 27. CM Almoguera reported that the demolition of the old playground is complete and grading and leveling is in the planning stage. CM Dennison reported that the Volunteer Appreciation dinner was well attended and went very well.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo received many comments regarding parties, which raised the issue of the police needing to take decibel readings as a matter of course and transmitting them to the Code Department for follow-up. He also had a comment from a new resident and home owner about a zoning issue with Prince George' County about a shed built on the property without proper permits 20 years ago. The issue may come before the Council at the next worksession. Mayor Calvo received a number of comments on Pop's Park construction. It may be useful to put a notice at the park to inform residents about playground plans. CM Almoguera said there already is a notice posted. She received a heartfelt commendation for Public Works staff picking up large quantities of bulk trash on tipping day.

MPT Wilkinson noted that Public Works picked up in excess of 10 tons of bulk trash on tipping day. Further, he received comments about trash not being picked up the day following tipping day. Trash pickup was dropped for the south side of Town because Public Works had picked up trash for the entire Town on tipping day. MPT Wilkinson also received a comment about a dog that ran away from a Paxton Court family that will soon move away. Mayor Calvo said that the dog, Lucky, was found and returned to the owner through a Facebook notice.

MML wrap-up: Mayor Calvo said that he had a number of informative conversations with mayors and other officials. He learned that the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) Chair Ike Trouth and Vice Chair Emmett Jordan requested County Executive Rushern Baker to postpone a $5.00/ ton increase in the landfill tipping fee, which was adopted at the close of the last fiscal year. The increase would translate into a $5,000 to $6,000 cost increase for Berwyn Heights in FY 2014 that was not budgeted. He talked with County Executive Baker about school issues, and was told that the appointment of a new PGCPS superintendent was imminent.

Mayor Calvo spoke with a number of officials from neighboring towns. Riverdale Park and University Park expressed interest in an idea to create a parks district to market their park resources in the context of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA). He also received updates on the Cafritz development and old trolley hiker/ biker trail, which will go from College Park to Franklin's restaurant in Hyattsville. He also had the opportunity to announce the creation of the PGCMA's education fund, which was well received. However, he was unable to find out about what will happen with Highway User Revenues after this fiscal year. Unless something is done at the State level, HUR may go down to almost nothing in FY 2015.

MPT Wilkinson said that he and deputy mayors from neighboring towns formed the informal association of mayor pro tems, vice mayors and deputy mayors (IAMPTVMDM). Since then, he has worked with the MML to try to identify all the deputy mayors in Maryland. The first order of business was to clarify how this position is defined in different municipalities and what a deputy's responsibilities are. He also attended a session on blighted properties, the meeting of Public Works directors, a presentation on Maryland's economic outlook, and the small towns forum. At the small towns forum, speed camera legislation was raised but septic regulations were adopted as a legislative action request. He thought that a more proactive stance needs to be taken to prevent a roll back of speed camera authority.

CM Almoguera reported she attended a number of classes, the most interesting of which were workshops on community development, environmental regulations and storm water management. With this conference, CM Almoguera completed all her Academy course requirements and will graduate this September. CM Dennison represented Berwyn Heights in the parade of flags. She attended a class on incident command, the small towns discussion forum and women in government service meeting. Mayor Calvo noted that, in the parade of flags, Berwyn Heights was introduced as the "6th Oldest Municipality in Prince George's County." He thought that a better tag line could be found to describe the Town, and suggested something related to "the small town in a big city."

Four Cities agenda: The Council identified the following items for the upcoming Four Cities agenda: development updates, marketing of Berwyn Heights and region, and middle schools. Under middle schools, the PGCMA's new educational fund, focused on supporting middle schools, will be discussed.

At 8:13 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

McDonald's improvements: Mayor Calvo said that he met with Attorney Daniel Lynch, who represents McDonald's in the approval process for renovating the Berwyn Heights McDonald's restaurant. The plan is to modernize and reconfigure the building to better serve the drive-through clientele, which makes up the largest share of the customer base. McDonald's prefers to rebuild, but may not get permission to do so because of new storm water management regulations. The proposed site plan calls for a building that is longer front to back, but narrower, and closer to Greenbelt Road. As the property is too small to accommodate a storm water retention pond, an exception from the County to mitigate storm water elsewhere is being sought. Without an exception, the existing building will be renovated in the best possible way.

Mayor Calvo told Mr. Lynch that Berwyn Heights' biggest concerns are noise complaints from early morning trash pickups and pedestrian safety issues.

Currently, people from Town walking to the McDonald's have to cross the drive-through lanes and a busy parking lot. He asked if it is possible to build a sidewalk along 63rd Avenue. Mr. Lynch replied that McDonald's would probably consider a sidewalk if it does not make it harder to meet storm water management regulations. MPT Wilkinson said, currently, the McDonald's is not welcoming to pedestrians coming from the Town, as there is no crosswalk and no door on the 63rd Avenue side of the restaurant. He also thought a bicycle rack would be good idea. Mayor Calvo said that McDonald's representatives will make a presentation to the Town when the storm water management issue is resolved.

Ordinance No. 118 – Roads & Rights of Way: TA Murphy explained that he tried to tighten up the Ordinance by eliminating repetitive phrases and duplicate content. He also revised and standardized definitions, rewrote Section 4 on repair standards, switched the sections on permits and permit applications, and moved up the sections dealing with permitted construction.

CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the Ordinance is much easier to follow thanks to the reorganization. But there is still duplicative language that can be eliminated. There are also sections that state a rule using terms that are defined later in the Ordinance. For example, *Section 10 – Inspections Required* refer to bonds and letters of credit which are defined in *Section 14 – Bonds, Letters of Credit, etc.,* The definitions may have to be moved up or incorporated into Section 10.

Further, CM Kulpa-Eddy questioned whether the dollar amounts for permit fees and penalties should be in the Ordinance or in a fee and fine resolution. TA Murphy noted that only the minimum and maximum penalties are listed in the Ordinance. The other fees and fines will be set by resolution. CM Kulpa-Eddy further noted that *Section 1 – Purpose and Authority* has not been changed to reflect that the upholding of standards for working in the public right-of-way should be the focus of the Ordinance. However, there is only one section that does not involve a permit, *Section 19 – Growth of Foliage*. Conceivably, that section could be dropped because the issue is already covered by the Clean Lot Ordinance. The issue of vegetation maintenance by public utilities may have been made moot by an amendment of a State law preventing municipalities from imposing standards that increase the costs for public utilities. TA Murphy was asked to get a legal opinion.

Mayor Calvo said, generally, Ordinance 118 is more appropriate for enforcing violations in the public right of way, while the Clean Lot Ordinance deals with violations on private property. He continues to believe that it should be focused on setting standards for activities, including activities not covered by a permit. For example, *Section 18 - Clean Streets* deals with an activity that does not involve a permit: the depositing of dirt and trash on Town streets and rights-of-way. This could apply to dump trucks tracking around dirt or pickup trucks containing trash that are parked in the street. The provisions dealing with non-permit actions might be combined in a separate standards section. Further, enforcement of these types of violations still needs to be resolved. Would a clean street violation be related to the vehicle that brings in dirt or trash and be enforced by the police writing a ticket, or should it be regarded as a municipal infraction.

2. Administration

Bulletin cover: The following items were approved for the August Bulletin cover: National Night Out theme; headlines for National Night Out and Hello Huskies Back-to-School.

Open meetings law: TA Murphy informed that the State's Attorney's office is requiring each public entity to designate a member, officer or employee to receive training on the Open Meetings Act, effective October 1, 2013. The Town would also have provided a list of the designees to the Open Meetings Compliance Board. The Council may want to designate staff to take the training.

Mayor Calvo said that there may be some new rules and stricter penalties for violations of the law. The State probably wants to make sure that public entities are aware of them. Clerk Harper may be best person to attend the training class but anyone can take the online class offered. CM Kulpa-Eddy provided additional information about the Open Meetings legislation that necessitates the training.

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

4. Parks and Recreation

BHHC appointment: CM Dennison said that the Berwyn Heights Historical Committee (BHHC) has requested that the Council appoint Madeleine Allen as a member. Ms. Allen has attended recent events and meetings and wants to join as a full member. CM Dennison moved to appoint her. MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

5. Public Safety

School zones: Mayor Calvo said that he had an opportunity to talk to Town Attorney Shay about this issue at the MML conference. He explained to him that this is not about speed camera enforcement but about designating a school zone and setting hours for the school zone speed limit. Attorney Shay agreed that a resolution is sufficient to do that. During the last worksessions the Council decided to extend the school hours to start at 7 a.m. and to end at 6 p.m. to cover the times when students, including middle and high school students, are on their way to school and returning home. The Council also agreed to add the 8600 block of 63rd Avenue as a school zone.

TA Murphy asked if the Council would want to post "photo enforced" signs in that block, so that the speed camera could be moved there as well. Mayor Calvo thought that this may trigger a public notice requirement because it involves the Speed Camera Ordinance. He suggested not including that in the same resolution to be adopted at the July Town meeting. There were no objections.

Nothing was discussed under **6. Public Works.**

7. Executive Session (9:13 p.m. – 10:12 p.m.)

MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to go into executive session on a personnel matter. With the matter discussed, MPT Wilkinson moved and CM Dennison seconded to end the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting
July 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, CMs Almoguera, Dennison, and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, PFC Paul Roberson, in for Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper and a citizen. Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson had an excused absence.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the June 12 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Kulpa-Eddy, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo gave an update on the Council's summer agenda. The Council continues to work on revising Ordinance No. 118 – Roads & Right-of-Ways, which grew out of an effort to regulate Pepco's tree trimming operations. The revised Ordinance will have a new permit requirement for activities that impact the Town's right of way, and sets up a process for monitoring and accepting the work and fining for violations. On the sidewalks project, the Town is negotiating with the County about finding an acceptable way to mitigate storm water run-off. This will probably be a pond to collect run-off before it enters Indian Creek. The Town is also researching options for installing emergency generators at the Town Center. TA Murphy is working with contractors to design and engineer the system for different energy sources.

At the end of June, the Council attended the Maryland Municipal League (MML) conference. Mayor Calvo had the opportunity to speak with other mayors, state and local leaders. He had a good conversation with County Executive Rushern Baker about education issues, and about postponing an increase in tipping fees at the Brown Station landfill, which was implemented at the end of FY 2013. The County Executive has the option to waive the increase, which would cost the Town an additional $6,000 per year. He learned that Montgomery County has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with Pepco that aims at reducing double utility poles, where power lines are strung on tall poles, while cable TV and telephone lines are using a shorter pole. The MOU requires utilities to coordinate to put all wires on one pole.

Mayor Calvo continued that he spoke with councilmembers from College Park, Riverdale Park, and University Park at the MML conference about an idea to rebrand this area as a parks district. The concept was mentioned by Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of the Anacostia Trail Heritage Area (ATHA), who updated the Council on ATHA's efforts to spur economic development along the Anacostia Trails.

Mayor Calvo then announced upcoming events, including a presentation by the Green Team at the July 15 worksession; a presentation by the Purple Line outreach team at the July 24 Four Cities meeting; and National Night Out on August 6. Further, he informed that the next electronics recycling date is on July 27 and that new recycling bins for batteries and fluorescent light bulbs were set up in front of the Town Administration Building.

4. Department Reports

Administration: CM Almoguera reported that the transformation of the old media center/library into a meeting room has been completed.

Code Compliance: CM Kulpa-Eddy gave tips on mosquito control. She said that the most effective way to reduce the mosquito population is to eliminate sources of standing water around the yard, which denies mosquitoes a place to breed. In addition, grass should be kept short, pool water cleaned or drained and ponds treated with special insecticides.

Parks and Recreation: CM Dennison announced that this year's Traveling Garden program has been launched. The book "The Curious Garden" will be passed around to homeowners whose gardens are admired. A food preservation class was arranged by the Green Team for July 20. School will resume on August 19 and the popular Hello Huskies back-to-school night will be celebrated on August 27.

Public Safety: Officer Paul Roberson reported for Chief Antolik. He said that Part I offenses for June set a record low with only 2 thefts, whereas the 5 year average is 6.6. The officers last month issued a total of 182 traffic tickets, 132 of which were for moving violations and 69 were parking citations. In addition 316 speed camera violations were issued. Officer Roberson further noted that 2 arrests were made for burglaries, including an offender who committed a series of burglaries over recent years. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Officer Roberson thanked resident Ron Shane for reporting a suspicious person, which led to the second arrest.

Public Works: Mayor Calvo reported for MPT Wilkinson. He said that new recycling bins have been ordered and will be delivered to homes that need them. Residents who wish to keep the old bins can do so, but should mark "do not remove" on the bin.

5. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dennison said that with the start of the new school year parents may want to consider volunteering for the Education Advisory Committee, which needs a new chair.

Historical Committee: No report.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: CM Kulpa-Eddy reported that Fox News 5 yesterday carried a special on the Prince George's County CERT, which featured a Berwyn Heights CERT member. The piece had good information on how to become a CERT member and is available at the website www.myfoxdc.com. CM Kulpa-Eddy also noted that a first aid CPR and AED class will be held in Landover on July 27, and National Night Out will take place on August 6.

Recreation Council: No report.

6. Unfinished Business

There was none.

7. New Business

Resolution 06-2013 – Extending School Zone Hours of Enforcement: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Almoguera moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that MPT Wilkinson strongly advocated for extending the hours of enforcement in the school zones to start at 7 am and end at 6 pm. During these hours the speed limit is lowered to 15 miles per hour. Pontiac Street in front of the school has become a busy pickup and drop-off point for school buses. Many students, other than Berwyn Heights Elementary School students, come there to catch buses early in the morning and get home late in the afternoon. With no comments, the Council voted 4 to 0 to adopt the new school hours.

Resolution 07-2013 – Amending Personnel Manual, Chapter 5: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Almoguera moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that the Personnel Manual is out-of-date and the Council has plans to overhaul it. However, an issue recently arose with an employee in an acting position that needed an immediate fix, which this Resolution will implement.

CM Kulpa-Eddy proposed 2 amendments. The first related to the section on *Compensation during Acting Department Director Assignment*, which needs to be labeled as Chapter 5 (f). She believes that the provision giving the employee the option "to accept or decline the Acting Department Director assignment" should be moved to a section that deals with advertising of such a position. She moved to strike the sentence from this section. The motion failed for lack of a second.

CM Kulpa-Eddy further proposed to add the provision "No such temporary assignment shall exceed 6 months, unless extended with approval of the Town Council" to Section (f) of Chapter 5. Mayor Calvo said that he disagrees with the change because the appointment of an acting director is a Council decision and by extension all matters related to it.

An acting assignment, other than department director, can be made by a department director, but requires Council approval if it exceeds 6 months. CM Kulpa-Eddy opted not to make a motion to amend the section if the 6 month limit is understood to be implied. However, she asked that this be clarified when the manual is rewritten.

With no further comments, the Council voted 4 to 0 to adopt the Personnel Manual change, subject to proper labeling of the section on Compensation during Acting Department Director Assignment.

8. Citizens Discussion

Bob Kovalcheck commented on a matter that occurred in March of this year. He had asked a friend to help him plant flowers because he was in the hospital. The friend received a ticket for parking too far from the curb while doing him this favor. He was able to explain what he was doing to the officer, who wrote the ticket, but that did not result in the ticket being rescinded. Mr. Kovalcheck thought that, as a matter of common sense and civility, the ticket should have been rescinded because the friend was doing something positive in the community. He hopes that the police will use better judgment in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession
July 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Wilkinson, Councilmembers (CM) Almoguera, Dennison and Kulpa-Eddy. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Murphy, Clerk Harper and Green Team members Anita Cardwell, Therese Forbes; Kristen Larson, Christopher Mann, and Trinity Tomsic.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Longtime resident Peggy Smith, wife of Ray Smith, passed away on July 13. Peggy and Ray raised their children in Berwyn Heights and have been active participants in the community.

Calendar: The Pop's Park grand reopening was set for September 7. The Lake Artemesia concert was moved to October 5.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the June 17 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. On a motion by MPT Wilkinson and second by CM Dennison, the July 1 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department reports: CM Kulpa-Eddy sought clarification as to whether a new application for Highway User Revenues (HUR) has been submitted. TA Murphy said he has submitted it. MPT Wilkinson reported that the Safe Routes to School grant announcements were postponed to the end of July. In response to Mayor Calvo, he said that the sidewalks through the Greenbelt bus depot were put out to bid in the spring and would be constructed during the summer. He will check on where the project stands. CM Almoguera said that the Town office has new desks. CM Dennison announced that school will be back in session on August 19. Hello Huskies Night will be on August 27.

Mayor Calvo reported that Chief Antolik is on vacation. In his absence, Sergeant Moroney will be in charge. There was a police incident at the Berwyn Heights McDonald's in which one person threatened another with a knife. Later it was determined that the two people knew each other and had a quarrel. An Osage Street resident accidentally backed up over a can of paint, which spilled into the street. He cleaned the spill up as best he could by water blasting it. Mayor Calvo said that this in an issue that would be covered under the Roads and Rights-of-Way Ordinance, which the Council is working on revising. Lastly, the grass around the basketball and tennis courts on the school property is very high. Mayor Calvo thought the school system should return this property to the Town so they can plant ground cover that does not require frequent cutting. MPT Wilkinson commented that Assistant Principal Cropper knows the person to talk to about getting the grass cut.

Citizen comments: Mayor Calvo spoke with a tenant, who has a problem with a mold issue. The tenant plans to move out as the landlord has agreed to let her out of the lease. MPT Wilkinson received comments about a recent mosquito spraying in Berwyn Heights. The spraying occurred in the day time, whereas it is supposed to be done at night. Residents can opt out of having their yard sprayed. MPT Wilkinson also received a question about whether the Town knows anything about the plans to develop the University of Maryland golf course. He asked to add it as a Four Cities agenda item.

Green Team presentation: Mayor Calvo welcomed the members of the Green Team. Current members include Trinity Tomsic, Christopher Mann, Anita Cardwell, and Therese Forbes. Kristin Larson attended recent meetings and is interested in becoming a member.

Christopher Mann gave a summary of the Green Team's accomplishments since it began to meet in December 2012. He said that the Green Team's mission is to make Berwyn Heights a more environmentally friendly community while obtaining Sustainable Maryland certification (SMC). Becoming certified is free and not difficult, but can take several years of effort. The Team has registered on the SMC website, where it selected its areas of interest from a menu of options. Residents can follow the Green Team's progress toward completing the requirements on the SMC website and on Berwyn Heights Green Team's Facebook page.

The Green Team fulfilled two of the main requirements of the SMC program with the establishment of a Green Team and the completion of a community survey. The survey results showed that residents' top environmental concerns are a lack of locally grown food, obesity, litter and invasive species. It also showed widespread support for decreasing energy usage; compiling a local business directory, setting up a farmers market; establishing a community garden; and improving stewardship of the Anacostia watershed. These will be the areas on which the Green Team will focus.

Anita Cardwell gave an overview of the SMC program. The SMC program has 8 categories of sustainable actions from which communities can choose the most suitable. The Green Team chose community gardens and municipal energy audits as priority items, based on the interests expressed in the survey and on what the Town has already done. Development of a watershed plan may become another focus of activity. Completion of an SMC action item earns between 5 and 20 points. Certification requires 150 points. Berwyn Heights has already completed a number of eligible actions in the areas of energy saving technologies, recycling and gardening that are worth half the points needed toward certification.

Therese Forbes elaborated on Green Team accomplishments. The Green Team has joined forces with the Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) Green Team to maintain green school certification. This year, the school started a rain barrel and composting training programs as part of the green schools initiative. Other accomplishments include completion of SMC training by Mayor Calvo, Acting Director of Public Works Lockley and Green Team facilitator Trin-

ity Tomsic; setting up of a Green Team Facebook page and publishing the Green Bee newsletter; advertising of local farmers markets; and setting up recycling bins for CFL light bulbs and batteries at the Town office and at the school. The Town has completed municipal energy audits, and installed energy efficient lighting throughout Town buildings. It also started to implement a waste reduction program by educating residents about recycling and enforcing egregious violations of trash disposal rules. Finally, there are plans to raise awareness about pet waste disposal and install pet waste stations.

Trinity Tomsic reviewed action items that require input from the Town Council, either in the form of feedback, staff or financial resources, or policy initiatives. As noted, a community garden was chosen as a Green Team priority item, and the Green Team has set up a planning committee of 8 people to explore its feasibility. Setting up a community garden will require capital, staff and program resources from the Town. The garden will likely be located on Town property and needs access to water, as well as a fence to ward off deer. In addition, rules and regulations on the use of the gardens will need to be adopted that may require Town Council action. Other SMC action items requiring the Town's help include:

- Signage to promote local farmers markets - capital investment;
- Stricter enforcement of recycling - program and staff resources;
- Pet waste stations at parks - capital investment and program support;
- Making community events more environmentally friendly - program support;
- Local purchasing preference policy - new policy;
- Promoting local business directory - program support;
- Reducing illegal dumping and discharge - capital investment, program and staff resources;
- Watershed pollution prevention - capital investment, program and staff resources.

Mayor Calvo thanked the Green Team for their presentation. Regarding the items requiring Council involvement, establishment of a community garden is the most important because it is mandatory for SMC certification in the chosen priority area. It poses the difficult problem of finding land with easy access to water. Ms. Tomsic said that the planning committee, as the first step, will ask the Public Works Department for a list of available sites and evaluate them. A site that is centrally located is preferred because it tends to generate more involvement. Most community gardens do not have access to running water and instead set up water barrels that are filled by a water delivery truck as needed. The amount of water needed depends on the number and size of individual plots in the garden. A small garden could start out with 20 plots and later add others. The Green Team hopes to have a garden up and running by spring or fall 2014.

Mayor Calvo said that signs to advertise farmers markets could be most easily posted at the intersection of Pontiac Street and Kenilworth Avenue. He would like to consider this sign in conjunction with other signs the Council has considered installing to announce community events and other news. Regarding the improvement of recycling participation, the Town has taken several steps in that direction. It has made recycling mandatory with the adoption of a new refuse ordinance, published brochures to educate residents about recycling, and adopted an inter-departmental program to monitor violations. However, the Town could definitely use help in reaching violators to effect better compliance. Increasing the share of recycled materials over regular trash has potentially the largest financial payoff and could pay for many of the sustainable actions the Green Team is proposing.

CM Kulpa-Eddy commented that recycling education could be improved with more frequent mailing of a recycling flyer and a focus on rentals, which have a high turnover and tend to produce the most trash. Ms. Tomsic said that a redesign of the recycling brochure may help. To reach those who do not speak much English, a brochure with pictures of what can be recycled may work better. MPT Wilkinson said that the electronics recycling program, including the new drop-off for CFL bulbs and batteries, could use more publicity. Ms. Tomsic replied that the Green Team plans to have tables at future community events to help educate residents about environmentally friendly practices.

Mayor Calvo continued that the Town would support pet waste stations but needs a plan of where they would go. To draw up a plan it would be useful to have a map of the locations of existing trash cans around town. Pet waste stations could be put up where they are most needed and where there is a lack of trash cans. Ms. Forbes said that pet waste stations are typically placed at parks and other preferred dog walking destinations. Pet waste should not necessarily be placed in regular trash cans, especially if they are in front of peoples' homes or at bus stops.

Mayor Calvo said the Town could use guidance on making community events more environmentally friendly. It already has a ban on Styrofoam cups and plates, but plastic is still widely used. Ms. Tomsic said that the Green Team could provide a checklist of products and procedures to help with events.

Mayor Calvo said he finds local purchasing policies more problematic. Currently, the Town policy is to get the best price for a product or service regardless of whether the vendor is local or not. He can't see the Town paying 5% more for a police car to purchase it from a local dealer. CM Kulpa-Eddy said she would want to know how 'local business' is defined. For example, is Staples considered a local business? Ms. Tomsic said that other municipalities have adopted local purchasing policies with the disclaimer that they apply only when practical. A thoughtful policy would also define what a local business is.

Mayor Calvo said a local business directory is a good idea. The Town maintains a list of Berwyn Heights businesses for licensing purposes, which could be used to compile the directory. He asked if the directory would be web based or a paper product. Ms. Forbes said that, at the outset, the directory is in electronic format and limited to in-Town businesses. Publication of a paper version of the directory depends on finding funds to print it. But the project is not yet at that stage. MPT Wilkinson said that updating a business directory will be a continuous effort. Therefore, a web-based directory should be the primary focus. Paper versions could be printed as needed.

Mayor Calvo suggested that a business directory could also highlight businesses that recycle to encourage other businesses to do so. CM Dennison thought that businesses should be informed beforehand if this was done. Care should be taken not to embarrass businesses that do not recycle. Mayor Calvo said that the Town could inform businesses about it in its annual business license renewal letter. Further, businesses could be invited to opt into the Town's recycling program for a fee. Ms. Tomsic said that the Green Team could reach out to

the business community as part of its education program on energy saving, tax credits and recycling.

Mayor Calvo said that there are a few homes in Town that discharge waste water from washing machines into the storm sewers. The Town can and should act now to stop what is a violation of county code through its rental inspection program. TA Murphy said it is also a violation of the Town's Refuse Ordinance, and can be cited by the Town's Code Compliance Department. Ms. Tomsic suggested that the Town come up with a procedure to handle this problem and who to report it to.

Regarding stewardship of the Anacostia watershed, CM Almoguera said that she has many ideas on storm water mitigation best practices after hearing an interesting presentation on urban environmentalism at the recent MML conference. There is ample grant funding available for these types of projects through the Chesapeake Bay Trust. In addition, a portion of the new $62 /year "rain" tax that will be levied on home owners this year will be available for rebates to owners who install a rain barrel or do other storm water mitigation projects. Ms. Forbes added that the Chesapeake Bay Trust also funds some educational programs for k – 12 students that the school's green team plans to take advantage of. Ms. Tomsic invited CM Almoguera to a Green Team meeting to discuss this topic in more depth. MPT Wilkinson added that Girl Scout troops and high school students looking for community service hours could be engaged in these types of projects, too.

In response to Mayor Calvo, Kristen Larson said she would like to be formally appointed to the Green Team. CM Dennison so moved and MPT Wilkinson seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

At 8:55 p.m., the Council took a 10 minute break.

Sidewalks design & engineering: TA Murphy said that CP Johnson Associates is working on a proposal for improving storm water management at the Public Works yard and along Ballew Avenue. He expects to meet with CP Johnson next week to review the proposal. Then the Town and its engineers will begin negotiations with Prince George's County to obtain permits to build new sidewalks. Approval will hinge on the issue of coming up with an acceptable plan to offset increased storm water runoff generated by the newly paved surfaces.

Emergency generators: TA Murphy said that he found and met with an electrical engineering firm, National Consulting Engineers, which has experience with installing backup generators. They evaluated the site and recommended that the generator for the Town office be installed on the north side of the building outside the bathrooms. The larger Town Center generator was proposed to be installed in the back, next to the existing AC unit. Transfer boxes for the generators would probably need to be mounted on the outside walls due to a lack of space inside the buildings. The generators should also be enclosed to meet sound regulations. The estimated cost will be $130,000, plus an engineering fee of $16,000. Once specifications have been obtained, the project can be put out to bid, which may generate a less expensive proposal.

TA Murphy continued that tomorrow he will meet with a representative from Dow Solar, an engineering firm that has designed a number of solar installations in Prince George's County. One of the things to be discussed is how solar panels on the Town Office roof would be integrated with the rest of the electrical system. He will have more to report at the next meeting. TA Murphy asked if the Council would like to get estimates from other engineering firms.

Mayor Calvo said he is not comfortable with only one estimate and would like to get others. He also recalled discussing that the Town office building only needs partial backup to run the IT systems, but not the AC. The Town Center was to be the main emergency center. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that other references for electrical contractors in this field can be provided by Mike Attick, who has a contact in Crofton, and the towns of Upper Marlboro and Rising Sun which have recently installed backup generators. CM Almoguera also had a reference.

TA Murphy said that he will get other estimates. Once the bid specifications are in hand, he will send in the bond bill grant application.

63rd Avenue school zone: Mayor Calvo said that the designation of a school zone in the 8600 block of 63rd Avenue will require sending out notices to residents in a 2 block radius and holding a public hearing. He asked if the Council wants to include other possible school zones as part of this approval process. He recalled that the Council discussed making the rest of 63rd Avenue and Tecumseh Street a school zone. MPT Wilkinson said that he thinks the 8600 and the 8900 blocks of 63rd Avenue are a priority. CM Kulpa-Eddy said that the criterion used to make all of 63rd Avenue a school zone could be applied to virtually all streets in Berwyn Heights, and is not practical.

The Council agreed that the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue is the most dangerous block for students walking to Greenbelt Middle School and should be a school zone. The 8600 block of 63rd Avenue would complete the project of making all streets bordering school property a school zone. No other zones were proposed. TA Murphy was instructed to do an all Town mailing to notice residents. The hearing and school zone designation was scheduled for the September Town meeting.

Four Cities agenda: The University of Maryland golf course development was added to the agenda.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Code Compliance**.

3. Parks and Recreation

Pop's Park site preparation: TA Murphy informed that engineers, CP Johnson & Associations, and contractor, NZI Construction, inspected the site to stake out the areas to be graded. The playground equipment requires a grade of no more than 2%, while the installation of sidewalks along the west side of the park requires a grade of no more than 8%. It was determined that a site plan is needed, as well as "cut sheets" for the removal of the dirt. This will raise the cost of site preparation to approximately $6,600.

CM Almoguera said that, initially, all site preparation was to be done by Public Works at an estimated cost of $2,000. However, the grading issues necessitated in part by including sidewalks in the planning, made it necessary to draw up a site plan and to hire a contractor. Moving the fence further into the park to make room for the sidewalks will cost an additional $10,000 that was not budgeted. However, this cost would be incurred anyway, when sidewalks are constructed. No cost estimate for replacing the sign and adding landscaping have been provided because there will be very little room to add plants when the fence has been moved. Replacement of the sign was not part of the original plan, and CM Almoguera has no proposal for it.

TA Murphy noted that CP Johnson initially proposed the sidewalks to be 6' back from the street so that a green strip could be included between curb and sidewalk. However, now it is recommended that the sidewalks be constructed next to the roadway to make grading easier and to protect tree roots. Mayor Calvo suggested that a green strip of 3' might work better and would look nicer than a sidewalk adjacent to the

curb. As for signage, he thinks the Town should have 2 signs in Town to announce events. One could be at Pop's Park. The money for it would come from a different budget. Councilmembers are encouraged to get input from residents on where signs should be placed.

Mayor Calvo said that he is comfortable with spending additional money on Pop's Park improvements. However, he prefers to do so with mid-year budget amendments. There were no objections.

Nothing was discussed under **4. Public Safety** and **5. Public Works.**

6. Administration

Performance evaluations: TA Murphy said that he has sent the performance evaluation guidelines to the department directors. There have been no changes to the guidelines. The evaluations must be turned in by August 16. Mayor Calvo added that the process should have been started earlier. Department heads will get to review the evaluations after the directors have submitted them. Department heads must take the directors' employee evaluations into account as a factor in rating their performance.

Town Center meeting room: TA Murphy informed that the transformation of the former media center into a meeting room is complete. However, furniture has not yet been put back, nor have computers been installed. Mayor Calvo said that the Council had agreed to put the old conference table into the room. The old chairs from the Council chamber could also be moved over there, while new guest chairs should be purchased for the chamber. Town organizations that would use the room might be asked what should be done about its arrangement and furnishing. TA Murphy was asked to draw up a plan for the room, including a key protocol, which the Council would review and finalize.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

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

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Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee
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Men's League
Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup
Rose Almoguera 301-974-1777

Quilter's Club
Lois Williams 301-345-6214

Recreation Council
Trinity Tomsic 301-474-6350

Seniors Club
Jean McConnell 301-345-6373

Green Team
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Company 14

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Station Telephone: (301) 474-7866

In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents:

August 12th- Squad 14 & Ambulance 14 responded to the intersection of 60th Pl and Osage St in Berwyn Heights for the car accident with one car overturned.

August 10th - Truck 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B responded to the 6800 Blk of Woodstream Pl in Lanham for the House Fire. Chief 14B had command while Chief 14A took safety.

August 2nd - Truck 14 responded to the 6900 Blk of Hanover Pkwy. in Greenbelt for an Apartment Fire, kitchen on fire.

July 30th- Technical Rescue Support 14 & Chief 14A responded to Booker Pl in Chapel Oaks for a man trapped in a costruction trench.

July 20th- Squad 14 & Chief 14A responded to Greenbelt Rd/ Rhode Island Ave for the personal injury accident with one trapped in front of the Branchville VFD .

July 17th- Truck 14, Chief 14 and Chief 14A responded to Southway in Greenbelt for the townhouse on fire, the Truck crew extinguished a fire on the 2nd floor.

Who are the Berwyn Heights VFD Chiefs?

Chief 14- Fire Chief Danny McCoy (Also serves as the County's Northern Vol. Division Chief)
Chief 14A- Deputy Fire Chief Chase Fabrizio (Operations)
Chief 14B- Assistant Fire Chief Jimmy Kiernan (Administration)

Deputy Chief Fabrizio and Assistant Chief Kiernan also serve routinely as "Battalion Chief Six" dispatched on all major incidents in the County's "6th Battalion" region covering Berwyn Heights, College Park, Greenbelt, Beltsville and Laurel.

Your Rescue Squad Named 20th Busiest in the Nation!

Firehouse Magazine's National Run Survey for 2012 named the Berwyn Height VFD's Rescue Squad the **20th Busiest Squad Company in the United States**, ranked beside Squad Companies protecting all of our major cities. Earlier this year PGFD named us the Busiest Squad in the County, with the National Run Survey also naming **Prince Georges County as the 13th busiest Fire Department in the United States.** Needless to say this would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteer members, who ensure the station is fully staffed at all times to answer these calls for service.

BHVFD Fund Drive 2013

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind our neighbors that our annual 2013 Fund Drive mailers will go out in the coming weeks. Each household and business in Berwyn Heights will receive a Fund Drive mailer that includes instructions on how to donate to support your town's volunteer fire department. This fund drive goes directly towards supporting the BHVFD for the purchase of life saving apparatus and equipment. This year we plan on replacing one of our two ageing ambulances purchased in 2003, which respond to around 2,000 calls for medical emergencies every year.

To clear up confusion, the door-to-door solicitors in July were promoting the Berwyn Heights Ladies Auxiliary Portrait Fundraiser, and were not BHVFD members. The Portrait Fundraiser is separate from our Fund Drive and the proceeds go to the BH Ladies Auxiliary, a separate organization that provides snacks and drinks to BHVFD firefighters at large incidents and supports the FD whenever they are called upon. We would like to thank the residents concerned with the legitimacy of these solicitors and promptly contacted us.

There will be no door-to-door or phone solicitors collecting for the Fund Drive.

Bedroom Fire Safety

Bedrooms are the most common room in the home where electrical fires start. Electrical fires are a special concern during winter months, which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use.

- Do not tape electric cords against walls or run them under carpets where heat can build up.
- Take extra care when using portable heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains and other combustible items at least three feet away from space heaters.
- Make sure you have at least two ways out and a smoke dectector in every bedroom.

Station 14 Call Volume: July 2013	
Rescue Squads:	135
Ladder Truck:	69
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulances:	162
Total Station Runs for July:	**372**

Have a question or concern? Please feel free to contact us!

Fire Chief Danny McCoy: dmccoy@bhvfd14.org **President James Hurley: jhurley@bhvfd14.org**

3rd Annual Family BBQ Features

Pop's Park Grand Reopening

Saturday, September 7, 11 am

Construction crew pauses from its work installing new playground equipment.

After several weeks of construction delays, Berwyn Heights families will again be able to enjoy the recreational offerings of Pop's Park. Thanks to a grant from the *Maryland Department of Natural Resources - Community Parks & Playgrounds Program*, new play equipment has been installed and will ensure safe play for years to come.

Come join the Playgroup families for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Pop's Park, and for our 3rd annual BBQ. Please bring a dish to share as this a potluck cookout. Playgroup will provide plates, utensils, charcoal and beverages.

Expect to see more improvements in the coming months, as new entrances, walkways and a new bulletin board will be added to the park. The Town is also working on plans to build side-walks along Cunningham Drive to make it safer for pedestrians to reach the park. Please contact Rose Almoguera (rose.almoguera@yahoo.com) for more information.

PLAYGROUP MEETINGS

New *Infants Playgroup* is meeting periodically. Please contact Rose.Almoguera@yahoo.com about meeting times.

Preschoolers Playgroup meets Thursdays, 10:30 am to Noon, alternating between Pop's Park and Indian Creek Playground..

FREE
LIVE CONCERT
at Lake Artemesia

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet

Saturday, October 5, 2013
1:30—3:30 pm

. . a relaxing and pleasing, but danceable mix of music—jazz standards, Latin music and originals . . .

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

If you are unable to walk to the concert site at the lake, please call the Town Office by October 4th to arrange accommodations.

Call: 301-474-5000
for more information

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Berwyn Heights Recreation Council – Upcoming Events

Annual Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 13

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Town Center, 2nd Floor

A time for residents to gather at the Town Center for free ice cream, served by the Berwyn Heights Seniors, while seeing friends and neighbors and meeting new Town residents. This year's event will be part of Day to Serve, an annual event that unites people with the shared goal of helping those in need and improving the communities where we live. **Please bring canned goods that will benefit our local food bank, Help by Phone.**

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet Concert at Lake Artemesia

Saturday, October 5 at 1:30 pm

Don't miss this free live concert at Lake Artemesia! See Page 12 for more details on this wonderful event!

Halloween Event - Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 19 at the Community Center

7:00 pm (set up for cars begins at 6 pm)

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.**

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 pm (Town Center). We will be holding elections and planning events for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome!

Recreation Council Contacts:

Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com
Kristen Buker – 443-623-0013, KristenBuker@aol.com

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2013

Pfc. Scott B. Krouse	*Chief Ken K. Antolik*	**DONORS**
I would like to personally thank you for joining us for National Night Out 2013. It was great to see all of you and I truly believe that this event grows bigger every year. This would not be possible without support from Berwyn Heights residents, clubs and businesses. A special thanks goes to all the volunteers; your dedication does not go unnoticed. It takes a team effort to make such a large event run smoothly. Thanks again to all who helped and donated for National Night Out 2013.	I started my career as a Police Officer in 1985 and became Chief of Police in early October 2010. I consider it an honor and a pleasure to serve the people of Berwyn Heights. Furthermore, I would like to say that the Town of Berwyn Heights is not just a Town full of people. It is a caring community. Without the support from everyone here events like this just would not be possible. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all who participated, helped and donated. Thank you for your support and be safe.	**Businesses:** Greenbelt Road Shell, Beltway Plaza Liquors, 7-Eleven, TGI Fridays, AMF Bowling College Park Lanes, Giant Foods, Papa John's, Planet Fitness, Academy Theaters Beltway Plaza mall, REI College Park, Washington Area Hospital Trauma Unit, ADT Alarms, Slomin Shield Alarms, Silver Diner, Buffalo Wild Wings, Prince George's Scrap, Pho D-Light College Park. **Community:** Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness; Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Seniors Club, Green Team, PTA, Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, New Beginnings Ministry, Maryland Juvenile Services Gang Intelligence Unit, and (M-NCPPC) Berwyn Heights Community Center. **Government:**:Berwyn Heights Mayor and Council, Department of Public Works, Department of Code Compliance, BHPD Officers and Clerk Camille Carter, Public Safety Aides Oscar Rodriguez Paul Persinger, DJ Shawn Bannon and MC Tony Winthrop, Prince George's County Police, Maryland National Capital Park Police, University of Maryland Police, and Maryland State Highway Administration.

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT - JULY 2013

► *Police Beat* is a summary of crimes and accidents that occurred in the Town during a specified period. ◄

On 7/4/2013 at 7:05 am, Pfc. Krouse impounded a 1991 Acura from the 5500 Block of Greenbelt Road. The driver of the vehicle was driving without a driver's license while involved in a minor collision with another vehicle.

On 7/11/13 at 12:00 am PFC Thompson responded to the 6100 blk of Quebec Pl for attempted breaking and entering. He met with the victim who states that an unknown person entered the house and she yelled and the suspect closed the door and fled in an unknown direction.

On 7/12/13 at 10:06 am PFC Ignowski responded to the 6200 blk of Greenbelt Rd for a robbery and a cutting. Victim states that she while she was sitting in the parking lot, suspect approached her and used a knife to slash the left side of her neck and the palm of her hand. Then the suspect took the victims purse and fled the scene. At 12:00 pm the suspect was arrested and taken to district 1 for processing.

On 7/15/2013 at 8420 58th Ave PFC Ignowski responded to that address for a death report. The deceased a Mr. Myers had passed away after a long illness

On 7/15/2013 at 5:01 pm PFC Roberson responded to the intersection of Greenbelt Rd and Branchville Rd ref an assault on a metro transit bus driver by one of the riders, Metro Transit Police also arrived on the scene and handled the investigation and with help PFC Roberson an arrest was made at the McDonald's at 6219 Greenbelt Rd.

On 7/17/2013 about 11:30 am PFC Krouse handled a crash in the intersection of Greenbelt Rd and 60th ave. minor damage, info was exchanged between drivers.

On 7/23/13 Officer Roberson responded to 8814 ref an intruder alarm the house checked secure, about 7 minutes later he received a second call for the same address and again it checked secure, he received no further calls to the address.

On 7/25/13 Officer Krouse responded to a hold up alarm at 8904 62nd Ave the T-Mobile store, it was a false alarm no further action was taken.

Neighborhood Watch/ Community Emergency Response Team

TECHNOLOGY PREPAREDNESS TIPS (http://www.ready.gov/get-tech-ready)

When disaster strikes, you want to be able to communicate by both receiving and distributing information to others. You may need to call 9-1-1 for assistance, locate friends or family, or let loved ones know that you are okay. During disasters, communications networks could be damaged, lose power, or become congested.

- Learn how to send updates via text and internet from your mobile phone to your contacts and social channels in case voice communications are not available. Text messages and the internet often have the ability to work in the event of a phone service disruption.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact information (family members, close friends, roommates, neighbors) in your cell phone and written down near your home phone. Include at least one out-of-town contact that may be better able to reach family members in an emergency.
- Keep extra batteries for your phone in a safe place or purchase a solar-powered or hand-crank charger with adapters for your devices. If you are charging your device in your car, be sure your car is in a well-ventilated place and any danger has passed.
- If you have a traditional landline (non-broadband or VOIP) phone, keep at least one non-cordless phone in your home because it will work even if you lose power.
- Program "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone. Let your ICE contacts know that they are programmed into your phone and inform them of any medical issues or other special needs you may have.
- If you are evacuated and have call-forwarding on your home phone, forward your home phone number to your cell phone number.
- If you do not have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card to use if needed during or after a disaster.
- Subscribe to text alert services from local or state governments to receive alerts in the event of a disaster. Parents should sign up for their school district emergency alert system. "Notify Me Prince George's" is available to receive updates regarding the weather. Citizens can register by logging into https://notifyme.princegeorgescountymd.gov or by texting 411912 to receive real-time notifications via registered mobile devices. Prince George's County will also keep citizens updated through usage of its Office of Emergency Management Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Prince-Georges-County-Office-of-Homeland-Security/276195129111630), and Twitter (https://twitter.com/#!/PGCountyOEM).

If you have become separated from your family, use your family communications plan or contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS/1-800-733-2767 or visit the American Red Cross "Safe and Well" site: www.safeandwell.org. To register yourself on the site, click on the "List Myself as Safe and Well" button. To search the list of those who have registered themselves, click on the "Search Registrants" button. A successful search result will display a loved one's first name, last name and a brief message.

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Welcome to fall, well officially on Sept 22nd! Watch out for the children as they head back to school! Also….a few early fall home maintenance tips…

3 Quick fall fixes for home and yard:

Remove pest magnets: keep the outside walls of your home clear and free of debris. Most compelling reason is that piles and stacks of tools, lumber, ladders, yard waste and toys create a haven for spiders, rats, mice and wood-boring insects.

Seal garbage cans tightly: If you've had problems with rats, dogs or raccoons getting into the trash, make sure the cans have tight-fitting lids. Tighten the lids by linking a stretchy tie-down from handle to handle.

Don't let water sit: around your yard or garden; it breeds mosquitoes. Change the birdbath and wading pool water at least weekly. Toss water out of pet dishes, flowerpot saucers, cans, buckets and anything else lying around that collects rain. Keep gutters clean.

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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

WAR OF 1812 UPDATE

Without Prince George's County, and the Battle of Bladensburg, the Star Spangled Banner and the victory at Baltimore would not have occurred in the War of 1812.

The Prince George's County War of 1812 Commemoration will occur over 2012-2014 with multiple events, activities, and sites. Come and visit and experience the history!

The Prince George's County Committee on the War of 1812 and the Battle of Bladensburg Task Force are committed to telling the story of the military actions and civilian life that preceded, surrounded, and followed the march across the county, the Battle of Bladensburg on August 24, 1814, and the burning of Washington D.C. Through a Visitor Center, walking and bike tours, sites, events and signage, the Committee and the Task Force are working with partners across the area to ensure a complete visitor experience.

Visit their website for information on all the exciting events: http://battleofbladensburg1812.com/

The BHHC welcomes new members and volunteers who are interested in working on events and projects that highlight our Town's unique history. The BHHC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. **The BHHC will hold its next meeting on September 24th at the Town Office.**

Get In On the Fun!

The BHHC has returned from its summer break and will be holding elections for the 3 Board positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary at its next meeting on September 24th. The Committee will also be visiting the National Capital Trolley Museum on September 8th. Come join us and help plan events for 2014. Our next Wine & Cheese event will be held on November 10th.

Encampment at Riversdale Mansion

Hit Us With Your Best Shot!

Annual ATHA Photo Contest

Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc. continues its successful annual photo contest to capture the beauty, history, people and distinctive character of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. Winning images are printed in a beautiful yearly calendar that showcases what makes our Area a unique place to celebrate and preserve!

Deadline for entries is September 6th

A panel of judges selects first, second and third place photographs in four contest categories. In addition, judges select twelve honorable mention images.

CATEGORY	WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH...
"Rivers to Rockets"	Distinctive architecture, unique constructed landscapes, historic downtowns, sites that showcase unique history
"For the Fun of It"	People having fun at community related events and activities, e.g., cycling the Tributary Trail, fishing, festivals, concerts, etc.
"Expressions of Art"	Performing and visual arts, residents experiencing arts and culture, arts festivals, cultural programs
"Nature of the Area"	Landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife, plants, the natural rivers, the beauty of the seasons . . .

Questions? Contact Aaron Marcavitch at: (301) 887-0777 or, email: aaron@marylandmilestones.org

CHECK OUT OUR NEW "BHHC BLOG": *http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com*

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tutor: Learning Specialist with vast experience helping children with learning challenges. For a free consultation call or email Kathy Brosh, 301-474-2002, kathybrosh@gmail.com. References available.

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

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.

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

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

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

4 Bedroom 2 Bath for rent. Contact Jim Faruki at 703-402-8080 or Jmfaruki@yahoo.com.

CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES — JULY 2013

Top code violations: High Grass/ Overgrown Vegetation = 85; Yard Waste = 7; Trash/ Litter = 11, Vehicle Violations = 3; Miscellaneous Violations = 14.

Other activities: New Rental Properties = 3; Rental Inspections and Re-inspections = 27; Rental Investigations = 3; Building Permits = 1; POD Permits = 1; Roll-off Permits = 2; Abatements 6.

Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

"Celebrating 30 Years in Town"

The Senior Center is open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Drop in and meet your neighbors. Also check the boards for special activities. Drop in to the Center, or attend the meeting, and find out what's going on. There is always something to do even if it is just getting together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

September 1	Nancy Donaldson
September 2	Betty McCaffrey
September 3	Mary Chismar
	Margritt Vausse
September 5	Doris Lehman
September 7	Sandra Burns
September 11	Debbie Mayland
	Linda Sinclair
September 12	Jean Guidas
September 17	David Millner
September 18	Richard Ahrens
September 21	Ron Hand
September 23	Jeannette Enderson
September 25	Edward Grosskurth
September 27	Dolores Reese
September 28	Hattie Millner

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

September 3	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 4	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 5	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 10	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
September 11	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 12	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 14	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
September 17	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 18	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 19	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 24	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
September 25	Wii Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 26	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.

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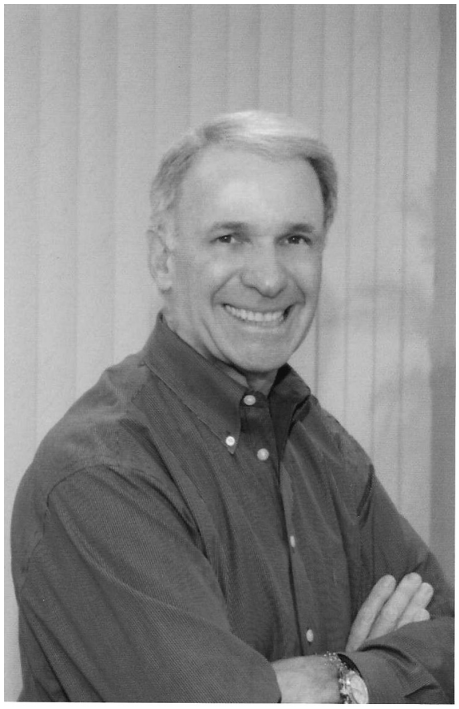

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Berwyn Heights Elementary PTA Newsletter

September 2013 **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 – Thank you Therese and Vickie for setting up the Welcome Back Breakfast.

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. 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? 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. 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!

GO HUSKIES!
WISHING YOU A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

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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.

Call for Volunteers!

Bring your community spirit
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Please help us clean up the
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October 26th starting at 9:00 a.m.
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The Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club

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The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club had a great baseball, softball, tee ball, track, and spring soccer season. We are very proud of our kids, thankful to our coaches and grateful for the parents who brought your kids to play. We are very excited about our fall soccer season!

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

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

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Sun. Sept. 22nd - Home vs. Detroit - 1 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 29th - Away vs. Oakland - 4:30 p.m.
- Bye Week -
Sun. Oct. 13th - Away vs. Dallas - 8:30 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 20th - Home vs. Chicago - 1 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 27th - Away vs. Denver - 4:30 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 3rd - Home vs. San Diego - 1 p.m.
Thu. Nov. 7th - Away vs. Minnesota - 8:30 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 17th - Away vs. Philadelphia - 1 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 25th - Home vs. San Francisco - 8:30 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 1st - Home vs. New York - 8:30 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 8th - Home vs. Kansas City - 1 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 15th - Away vs. Atlanta - 1 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 22nd - Home vs. Dallas - 1 p.m.
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Berwyn Heights Green Bee

The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team! If you'd like share your ideas, please email us at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com, or contact Therese Forbes, outreach coordinator, at 301-982-7115. Our next Green Team meeting is September 11th at 7:00 p.m. (Town Center.)

Home Landscaping Best Management Practices

Information from the University of Maryland Extension Program:
http://extension.umd.edu/baywise/home-landscape-best-management-practices

The summer heat is beginning to abate and autumn is approaching, making it a good time to begin thinking about how to prepare your yard for fall. Below are some suggestions on environmentally-friendly home landscaping options.

Fertilize Wisely

Fertilizers can be harmful to the environment and your yard if not used properly. When applied at the wrong time or over applied, fertilizers can create salt problems in the soil. They can also affect winter hardiness, exaggerate pest problems and make plants grow excessively (which can mean more mowing too!). Excess nitrogen and phosphorus (two components of fertilizers) can leach out of the soil and pollute groundwater, wash off landscapes and then pollute surface waters and eventually, the Chesapeake Bay. **Take a look at this additional information from the UMD Extension program about Maryland's new fertilizer law that takes effect on October 1 and ways to fertilize responsibly:** http://mda.maryland.gov/Documents/HowToFertilizeYourLawn.pdf

Mow Properly

Cool season grasses grow rapidly during the fall, when temperatures are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful. Regular mowing at higher heights (2 ½" to 3 ½") encourages a deeper, more drought- and pest-tolerant root system. A higher cut also shades out weeds, so remove no more than a third of the grass blade when you mow.

Mulch Appropriately

Mulching retains soil moisture, moderates soil temperature and helps prevent erosion and weeds. By using mulch you'll use less water, have healthier plants and fewer weeds. Mulch should be three inches or less in depth. Deeper mulch can rob plant roots of water and encourage shallow rooting, which is harmful to plants during drought. Note: Never use freshly ground organic material, like brush or hardwood bark, as mulch. It robs nitrogen from the soil and can cause plant yellowing. Allow these materials to age for at least 6 months before using.

Recycle Yard Waste

In a Maryland landscape, grass clippings, leaves yard trimmings, and organic kitchen scraps, such as vegetable & fruit peelings, egg shells and tea & coffee grounds, should be recycled rather than thrown away. This recycling of nutrients completes a natural cycle to soil regenerate and renew soil. Recycling nutrients also reduces the amount of packaged fertilizer you need to maintain your landscape.

GreenBee BuzzWorthy: Home Energy Saving Tips

Interested in Learning How to Conserve Energy in Your Home? Sign Up for a FREE Home Energy Audit!

Home energy audits can help identify specific places where energy is being wasted in your home and how you can implement simple energy efficiency improvements that both increase home comfort and save you money on energy bills. Learn about the free and comprehensive home energy audits that are available by contacting either Elysian Energy http://elysianenergy.com/ or Pepco http://www.pepco.com/energy/conservation/meiin/ for more information.

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September 2013

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY Town Offices Closed No Trash Pickup	3 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	4 NW-EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	5 Recreation Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	6	7 POP'S PARK REOPENING Playgroup Family BBQ 11:00 A.M.
8	9	10	11 Green Team 7:00 P.M. Town Center Town Meeting 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	12	13 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:00 P.M. Town Office	14
15	16 Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	25	26	27	28
29	30	PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET IF POSSIBLE DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.	Recyling Collection Yard Waste North South		Refuse Collection North South Bulk Pick-up North South	

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Weekly on Friday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
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Town Helpline

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