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HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED ON

Labor Day

Mon	09/01/14	NO PICKUP
Tue	09/02/14	Trash, Entire Town
Wed	09/03/14	Recycling & Yard Waste, Entire Town
Thu	09/04/14	Trash & Bulk Trash, North Side
Fri	09/05/14	Trash & Bulk Trash, South Side

Please Do NOT Leave Trash at the Curb over Weekend.

SIDEWALKS UPDATE

The Town's Priority 1 and Safe-Routes-to-School sidewalk projects are nearing their final stage. After a 10 month review, Prince George's County is about to issue permits for a required stormwater management facility and sidewalks design & engineering plans. It is hoped construction will be completed by the end of this year. The new sidewalks will stretch from 60th Avenue at Greenbelt Road to Pontiac Street, and thence past the Town Center to Sports Park.

New sidewalks on the 8900 block of 63rd Avenue, financed by a State Highway Administration Safe-Routes-to-School grant, are awaiting approval of a design plan by SHA. Construction is expected to begin in the fall. When completed, Greenbelt Middle School students will have a safer route to walk to school.

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

SCHOOL'S BACK

NEW SPEED LIMIT IN SCHOOL ZONES = 20 MPH

Schools are back in session. Please watch out for students walking in the streets and waiting for buses. Note that the speed limit in the school zones around Berwyn Heights Elementary School has been raised from 15 mph to 20 mph when school is in session. The change is a result of amendments to Maryland's speed camera law adopted by the General Assembly during the last session.

Greenbelt Middle School News

2014-2015 School Year

School Hours: 9:00am - 3:40pm

Mr. George Covington has been appointed acting principal after Warren Tweedy accepted an PGCPS-HR position.

New uniforms require students to wear Khaki tan pants; closed toed shoes; gray or black hoodies/sweat shirt without any logos; Forest Green Polo Shirt - 6th Grade; White Polo Shirt - 7th Grade; Black Polo Shirt - 8th Grade.

Worksession
July 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, and Chris Rasmussen. CM Anthony Schreiber had an excused absence. Also present was Clerk Kerstin Harper.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Former Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry, 63, died at his home on July 2. He was elected as the first African American County Executive in 1994 and served two terms until 2002. CM Dennison's neighbors Neil and Sarah Zyak had a baby boy on July 4th.

Calendar: The date for the employee appreciation lunch was confirmed for July 18. The Maryland Municipal League conference will take place early from September 11-13.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the June 16 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The June 11 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that he continues to receive inquiries about June 10 flash flood that damaged homes of many Town residents. He spent a lot of time trying to coordinate the restoration of power among residents, Pepco and the County. All residents now have their power back. He also is working to schedule a meeting with County officials to better understand what happened with the storm drain system, as well as a public meeting with County officials and WSSC representatives at which residents can comment and ask questions. While the County will not compensate residents for damages, the meeting may be a starting point for making improvements to the system that will prevent similar problems in the future.

Mayor Calvo further reported that WSSC has recently started to do work on Natasha Drive without notifying the Town. Chief Antolik and Director Lockley are attempting to find out what is being done. It would be useful for the Town to know how the County handles WSSC permitting so that it can deal more effectively with WSSC contractors. TA Murphy informed him that he plans to be back next week. He has devoted considerable time at home working on the sidewalks and emergency generator projects, as well as the storm drain system. The 63rd Avenue sidewalks require a temporary easement from the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, which must be approved by the larger Presbytery; it is hoped by the end of the summer.

Mayor Calvo said that there was a regional power outage last Thursday, which affected most of the homes in Town. Pepco responded quickly and most residents had power back within a couple of hours. He commended officers Krouse and Thompson for collecting information on who was affected and checking with seniors. Lastly, the Town Administrator position has been advertised and applications have started to come in.

CM Rasmussen reported that new Code Supervisor Kevin Simpson started to work today. He was welcomed by Town staff and given a tour of the Town with Chief Antolik, CM Rasmussen and Mayor Calvo, which was appreciated. Tomorrow he will meet with Mr. Simpson privately to have a more detailed conversation about the goals and objectives for his first year. As Mr. Simpson takes on some of the code patrols and rental inspections, the hours of the part-time officers will be cut back. Management of the Code Department is likely to be in a state of flux until a new town administrator has been hired. CM Rasmussen plans to meet with MPT Kulpa-Eddy and discuss her past experience with the Code Department.

CM Dennison reported that the Volunteer Appreciation dinner went well thanks in part to the help she received from Administrative Assistant Odoi. Upcoming dates to remember include August 26 when students return to school and September 27, the Lake Artemesia concert.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she spoke with SHA representatives about the Kenilworth Avenue project at the MML conference. She learned that the renovation of the Pontiac Street intersection will begin after the completion of the concrete work on culverts, gutters and the bridge at Paint Branch Parkway, anticipated by the end of July. Completion of the entire project is expected for October this year. She will forward the information to the Public Works Department so they can keep an eye out for the construction crews.

CM Rasmussen asked if the renovation includes the wavy pavement on Edmonston Road approaching the intersection. Mayor Calvo said it is not included because that is the Town's responsibility. Those sections of road should get concrete pads because they can better withstand the bus traffic. It might be worth looking into whether the Town could piggyback onto SHA's project.

Mayor Calvo noted that the Council officially appointed Adrian Lockley as a full director of the Public Works Department at the June 16 worksession.

Citizen comments: MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she received comments on the flooding and last week's power outage, which she heard was related to the roof that blew off the Enclave onto Route 1 and a downed tree on Greenbelt Road. NW/EP was prepared to open the Senior Center. Mayor Calvo said, in addition to comments on flooding and the power outage, he received comments on the hockey rink, where usage has picked up. Rink users do not always have a permit and are parking in front of residents' homes on Osage Street. The police are monitoring the traffic on that block, and may check whether rink users have a permit, which can be obtained from the Boys & Girls Club.

Flash flood assistance criteria: Mayor Calvo said that the Town has collected between $6,000-7,000 in donations to help those whose homes were damaged by the recent flash flood. The question for the Council to decide is how to distribute the funds. He has given the matter considerable thought and proposes some initial guidelines:

1. Residents should make a request for assistance;
2. Assistance should be based on the costs incurred to repair the damage;
3. Ability to pay for the damage should be considered by means of an income threshold.

CM Rasmussen added that consideration should be given to whether a resident's basic needs are met, in particular, food, shelter and clothing. Mayor Calvo said the only case he knows of where some basic things were needed is a family that lost the contents of their daughter's basement bedroom. This family has been taken care of and received donations of a new bed and mattress as well a set of new clothing financed by Police Department donations. The family, in turn, took care of the public relations and told the Gazette about the generous assistance they received.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy mentioned location and family size as possible criteria. However, location was ruled out because flooding occurred all over Town, while family size is another measure of an income criterion. Home owners who do not live in the Town were also ruled out as recipients, as they are most likely landlords that did not suffer directly. But tenants, who live in a damaged house, will be eligible.

Mayor Calvo sought input on what should be asked on an assistance request form. He proposed name and address of the applicant, number of occupants of the damaged home, whether they have requested, but been denied private insurance coverage, and what was lost. He further proposed that losses must exceed a defined minimum threshold ($5,000), before assistance will be considered. The form also needs to gather income information to establish an income threshold for assistance. Some residents are likely to opt out because of that.

At 8:11 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Flash flood assistance criteria, continued: CM Rasmussen said he still thinks that an independent authority should handle the distribution of funds because there are so many complicating factors. However, a third party may not be as efficient in processing the assistance, and it may be useful to establish a template for similar issues in the future.

Mayor Calvo said that he would like to explain the process at an upcoming citizen's forum. He likes the idea of compensating everyone whose electricity was shut off for the cost of hiring an electrician. This would use up approximately half of the collected money. Beyond that, he proposed to use a formula, such as is used to determine subsidized housing eligibility, to establish an income threshold to distribute the remaining funds. He believes the Section 8 Housing formula qualifies those making less than 80% of the median area income for subsidies, while taking number of household members into account. Other qualifications to receive assistance could include having sustained at least $10,000 in damages and at least $6,000 spent out of pocket.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy recommended using a formula that takes the location and number of household members into account. The Council should also set some dates by which an application must have been submitted. Further, she would like to give consideration to those who have not yet spent $6,000 but may have an estimate of the renovation cost. Mayor Calvo preferred dealing only with money spent, which is easiest to document. But credit card expenses would be eligible.

Mayor Calvo summed up what constitutes a framework: Those who suffered flood damage must meet the above criteria and submit an application by the end of July. Documentation as to income and damages can be submitted later. He will get the word out to those who are on the current list of residents affected by the flooding.

Town Council priorities: Mayor Calvo said that he would like the Council to review the list of priorities established at previous worksessions and sort them into Council priorities and departmental priorities. MPT Kulpa-Eddy recalled that at the beginning of last term, the Council established 5 categories for priorities and provided the background document. The Council then sorted the list of priorities into the following categories:

1. Town Council Priorities

- Hiring of a new Town Administrator
- Comprehensive road repair plan
- Completion of priority 1 sidewalks
- Completion of emergency generators

2. Town Council agenda items

- Reshaping Code Department
- Increasing composting to reduce refuse disposal
- Upgrading agenda packets
- Overhaul personnel manual, council rules and Election Ordinance

3. Departmental Priorities

- Street lighting in dark areas
- Regulating oversized homes (with PGCMA and County zoning office)
- Attracting new businesses
- Amenities and programs for local schools
- Permanent location for police and fire departments
- Dog park
- Outreach to ethnic communities
- Acceptance of credit cards

4. Multi-departmental Priorities

- Town-wide shade tree plan
- Improve outreach through website, BHTV and social media
- Strategies for modernizing Town housing stock

5. Strategic Priorities

- Marketing Berwyn Heights

In discussion, Mayor Calvo said that previous Councils all coalesced around a theme. The 45th Council was focused on the interests of young families and improving facilities that are attractive to them. He asked for ideas of what the theme of this Council might be. Personally, he would like to focus on marketing Berwyn Heights, hopefully with an FBI headquarters coming to Greenbelt Station, and on economic development. CM Rasmussen suggested the theme of "repositioning Berwyn Heights for the future" and becoming a "destination community." This could include improving housing stock, economic development and setting up a shade tree plan to start. Mayor Calvo replied that Berwyn Heights is not likely to become a destination in itself, but could be part of a larger revitalized Route 1 corridor. This might include College Park, Riverdale Park, University Park and Hyattsville, which might be marketed as a "parks district." He suggested building on these ideas at future worksessions.

Four Cities agenda items: Mayor Calvo suggested looking into partnering with neighboring municipalities to install solar panels on municipal buildings. He has heard from a contractor, who would install 50,000 square feet of solar panels on municipal roofs, which Berwyn Heights cannot provide on its own. In return, the contractor would sell electricity at a discounted fixed rate. This could potentially reduce the Town's electricity costs by $10,000.

Other topics proposed included: 1) multi-city road surface analysis contract; 2) Route 1 pedestrian safety update; and 3) how to address storm drain issues. There will also be a discussion of and animal shelter for the Route 1 corridor and development updates.

Nothing was discussed under **2. Parks and Recreation, 3. Public Safety**, and **4. Public Works.**

5. Administration

CDBG certification of agreement: Mayor Calvo explained that Prince George's County notified the Town on July 23 that it must sign an agreement by June 30 to be eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and certify the agreement by a vote of the Town Council. He was able to sign the agreement by the deadline. But the Council has not been able to certify it yet and needs to do so at the upcoming Town meeting. In recent years, the Town has not qualified for the funds, which are mostly used to finance road repairs. However, it may qualify for CDBG economic development funds to rehabilitate its industrial district along Ballew Avenue and Branchville Road, for which it once submitted an application.

The Council agreed to pass a resolution at the Town meeting certifying the agreement.

Bulletin cover: The following items were selected for the August Bulletin cover:

theme and headline - National Night Out; announcement - back to school. In response to CM Rasmussen, Mayor Calvo explained that the cover is driven by an annual events cycle, but changes if there are special news or schedule changes.

6. Code Compliance

Code supervisor first year goals: Mayor Calvo asked the Council to review a list of first year goals for the Code supervisor, based on a document that synthesizes a list of goals composed by Novak Consultants and MPT Kulpa-Eddy. CM Rasmussen said that he will discuss the goals with Code supervisor Simpson when he meets with him tomorrow. For purposes of tomorrow's discussion, he would like more clarity on the lines of authority in the reconfigured Code Department.

Mayor Calvo replied that the role of the Council regarding their departments is policy and oversight. Day-to-day operations are now supervised by the Administration Department in the expectation that resources will be shared and efficiencies realized because the Administrative and Code offices are located in the same building. For example, the Administrative Assistant can help with customer service for the Code Department, and the Code Department may at some point take on business licensing or variance requests, currently carried out by Administration staff.

CM Rasmussen asked about the significance of the long title of the department: *Code Compliance, Construction and Transportation*. He was told that construction probably refers to the issuance of building permits, while transportation means responsibility for the call-a-bus program. The program, which has fallen out of use, is intended to provide rides for seniors living within a 7 mile radius from the Town with a bus provided by Prince George's County.

In reviewing the year one goals, the Council agreed that Mr. Simpson needs to: 1) develop a system for reporting periodically to the Council what goes on in his department; 2) set up a code violation tracking system, which probably means acquiring and learning new software; 3) learn the laws and procedures governing Berwyn Heights code enforcement; 4) tighten the process for rental licensing and inspections; 5) address the problem of repeat violations; 6) review and streamline internal procedures and organization; 7) work with the Public Works Department to enforce trash regulations; and develop an community outreach program to inform residents about the Code Department.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that this is a long list of goals and may take longer than one year to accomplish. CM Rasmussen said that he would like to get some feedback from Mr. Simpson and possibly revise the list at the next worksession. Mayor Calvo said he would like to have Mr. Simpson come to a worksession in the near future and get his input. It may be beneficial to get a fresh look at the code enforcement process and have him report back on what he sees as the biggest problems. In particular, he would like Mr. Simpson to review the Clean Lot Ordinance and suggest how repeat violations might be addressed in a more efficient fashion.

CM Rasmussen asked to what extent the Code supervisor will be evaluated on accomplishing these goals. Mayor Calvo said that it depends on what goals are ultimately agreed to. But he would think that the first 3 to 4 goals should be implemented in the first year. The code violation tracking system is one of those essentials. CM Rasmussen also asked what leeway Mr. Simpson has in scheduling his employees. Mayor Calvo said he will have authority to set their hours within the framework of the Code staffing budget. Very soon, he will have to determine a work schedule for his staff.

It was agreed to revisit the goals after CM Rasmussen has discussed them with Mr. Simpson.

7. Executive Session (9:41 p.m. - 10:40 p.m.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Town Meeting

July 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Kulpa-Eddy, CMs Dennison, and Rasmussen. CM Schreiber had an excused absence. Also present were Chief of Police Antolik, Treasurer Lape, Clerk Harper, Code Supervisor Simpson and citizens. TA Murphy had an excused absence.

Mayor Calvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Introduction

CM Rasmussen welcomed Kevin Simpson as the new Code Supervisor. Mr. Simpson said he is glad to be here. Prior to starting this job, he worked for the City of Mount Rainier for 7 years, first in parking enforcement and then as a code officer performing inspections and enforcing property maintenance violations. He comes to Berwyn Heights with valuable experience in local government and an appreciation for good customer relations. He thanked Chief Antolik, Mayor Calvo and CM Rasmussen for helping him get oriented on his first day of work and meeting his new colleagues.

Mayor Calvo and CM Rasmussen said they are excited to have him start after almost a year of this position being vacant. They believe his approach of engaging the community and working with property owners to solve problems will be suitable for Berwyn Heights.

2. Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the June 11 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the minutes were approved 4 to 0.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Calvo reported that TA Murphy, who has been recovering from surgery, is expected to return this coming Monday. In his absence, Chief Antolik and Treasurer Lape filled in as Acting Chief Administrator and Acting Chief Financial Officer, respectively. Meeting in executive session on June 16, the Council appointed Adrian Lockley as a full director after he served as Acting Director of Public Works for the last two years.

Mayor Calvo said this continues to be a very busy summer primarily because he and the Council are still dealing with the aftermath of the June flash flood. Initially, he spent a lot of time helping residents getting their power restored. The standard process after the county shuts off the power of a home due to a natural disaster is that residents have to hire a master electrician to ensure that it is safe to turn the power back on; then the County will issue a permit; and finally Pepco is notified to switch the power back on. Every one of these steps costs money. But after many calls, Prince George's County and Pepco agreed to waive their reconnection fees.

After power was restored to all 12 homes that had it cut off, the recovery moved into the next phase of cleanup and resto-

ration. The Town set up a flood recovery fund where people could donate to help those most affected. So far between $6,000 - $7,000 has been collected, a generous sum, but small in comparison to the total cost of restorations. Unfortunately, most of the damage is not covered by home insurance because the homes are not in a flood zone. However, in the future those residents, who live in low-lying area with a storm water drain nearby, may want to sign up for flood insurance to be covered if such a circumstance recurs.

Mayor Calvo continued that he is scheduling meetings between County agencies and Town staff to learn more about why the storm drain system failed, and with residents to give them a chance to ask questions about the County's response to the flooding. It is likely that the Town will continue to deal with County agencies after all homes have been repaired to fully understand the shortcomings of the storm water system and make improvements where needed.

In other news, Mayor Calvo commended Pepco for their fast response to a widespread power outage on July 3, when a storm blew off the roof of a student housing complex on Route 1 and downed many trees. The Town also dealt with another recent utility issue, a water main break on Natasha Drive after WSSC completed what appear to have been inadequate repairs. Chief Antolik initiated conversations with WSSC on applying a better permanent patch. Mayor Calvo is following up to learn more about how the County handles permitting for WSSC, and how the Town might initiate an early notification process for planned water and sewer projects.

Mayor Calvo said he met with the Presbyterian Church elders to determine what is needed to get the easement for the 63rd Avenue sidewalk approved. He learned that all deeds and easements have to be approved by the larger Presbytery. This will likely postpone the approval to the end of the summer. TA Murphy has monitored the County permit process for the storm water management project at the Public Works yard and for the emergency generators. It is hoped the permits will be obtained by September.

Mayor Calvo also had a conversation with County Councilmember Eric Olson about legislation he is sponsoring that allows municipalities to create single family home districts around institutions of higher learning that would place limitations on new rental housing. The law would enable the City of College Park and other municipalities near the University of Maryland to control the number of rental homes in their communities.

Lastly, Mayor Calvo announced recent executive sessions. On June 3, the Council discussed the code supervisor search with a consultant of the Town's search firm and later interviewed the candidate for code supervisor, Kevin Simpson. On June 16, the Council interviewed Acting Public Works Director Lockley prior to his being appointed as full director; and on July 7, the Council discussed and approved the promotion of Officer Paul Roberson to corporal.

5. Department Reports

Administration: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that, with the beginning of the new fiscal year, the FY 2014 audit has begun. TA Murphy is expected back in the office next week, and will again be able to guide the Administration Department. She also noted that Comcast Channel 71 has been off the air for a while. A piece of equipment broke during the July 3 power outage and has been shipped out for repair. At the MML conference in June she spoke with some SHA representatives. She learned that access points for Kenilworth Avenue, including the Pontiac Street intersection, will be repaired after the expected completion of a bridge and right turn lane at Paint Branch Parkway by the end of July.

Code Compliance: CM Rasmussen reported that new Code Supervisor Simpson started last Monday with a full day of orientation. The following day, he met with him to go over a list of first year goals produced by the Council. Mr. Simpson provided feedback, which he will bring to the next Council worksession for further consideration. The final product will function as a work plan for the Code Department in the coming year.

CM Rasmussen said that the Gazette carried an upbeat front page story about one of the flash flood victims the Town was able to help. Thanks to money collected by the Berwyn Heights Police Department, a girl who lost the contents of her bedroom was taken on a shopping spree during which a new bed and clothing were purchased for her. He also noted that the candidate for the District 2 County Council seat was decided by a mere 6 votes at the June 24 primary. Danielle Glaros emerged as the winner in District 3.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Dennison reported that many people turned out for the volunteer appreciation dinner. She thanked all those who donated their time and skills volunteering in the community. Upcoming events include the Ice Cream Social on September 12 and the Lake Artemesia Concert on September 27.

Public Health and Safety: Mayor Calvo commended Chief Antolik and his department for helping the family whose daughter's bedroom was flooded. They were very appreciative. The good publicity caused more people to donate money to the flood recovery fund.

Chief Antolik said this is what a small community is all about and commended Clerk Carter and Detective Unger for spearheading the police fundraising effort, which netted over $400. The police activity report for June shows 7 Part I offenses, which is somewhat above the 5 year average of 6.4. The year-to-date total was 35, better than the 5 year average of 39.2. Berwyn Heights Police also issued 271 State and Town citations and a total of 109 speed camera citations. Speed camera locations are posted on the police website, www.berwynheightspd.com.

Chief Antolik reported, thanks to the testimony of Officers Roberson and Thompson, Andrew Kuglar was indicted in the murder of his ex-girlfriend, Amber Schinault, the first homicide in Berwyn Heights in over 20 years. He is charged with 1st degree murder and 3rd degree burglary and faces life in prison without parole. Sentencing is set to take place on August 22.

Lastly, Chief Antolik announced that the 31st National Night Out will take place on August 5. This crime and drug prevention program is designed to raise awareness about crime, strengthen police community partnerships and send a message to criminals that this community is organized and protected. He hopes this year's event will be as big as in previous years.

In response to CM Rasmussen, Chief Antolik explained what his officers will do if a car has been parked in the street for more than 3 days without being moved. If the car belongs to a Town resident, the police will try to contact the resident and ask him to move the car. If it belongs to someone other than a Town resident, a 72 hour sticker will be applied and a citation issued. Mayor Calvo added that residents may park a legally registered car in front of their own house as long as they want. Tickets are only issued if it is parked in front of someone else's house.

Public Works: Mayor Calvo expressed appreciation for Public Works employees whose work is more difficult in the summer heat. He commended Director Lockley for coming up with a good way to fill the cistern in the new community garden.

6. Committee Reports

***Green Team**:* Mayor Calvo reported that the Green Team has submitted its application for the *Sustainable Maryland* certification. He thanked staff for helping to get the needed documentation together. If the application is approved in time, the award ceremony will take place at the MML fall conference. The Green Team also plans to celebrate a grand opening of the community garden during the harvest season, sometime in September.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the NW/EP Committee will not have a meeting in August, but will staff the grills on National Night Out. They look forward to seeing many friendly faces. Another event is in the planning stages for early September.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Resolution 7-2014 - Certification of CDBG FY 2015-17 Agreement: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to adopt it. CM Dennison seconded. Mayor Calvo explained that this agreement essentially allows the Town to opt into the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In recent years, the Town has not been eligible for CDBG road repair funds because it does not meet the income threshold. However, it may qualify for certain economic development funds, which might be worth pursuing when the Greenbelt Station development is coming online. With no further comments, the Resolution was approved in a 4 to 0 vote.

9. Citizens Discussion

Mayor Calvo commented on the passing of Prince George's County's first African American County Executive, Wayne Curry. He said Mr. Curry was a transformative figure when he led the County from 1994 to 2002 and was successful in attracting new businesses and development, starting with a Borders bookstore at Bowie Gateway. As a child, Mr. Curry and his brother were the first to integrate Cheverly Elementary School and later Bladensburg High School. He died of lung cancer in his home on July 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Worksession

July 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheye Calvo, Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy and Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Chris Rasmussen and Anthony Schreiber. Also present was TA Edward Murphy, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Mike Attick.

1. Mayor

Announcements: Former Mayor Thomas Love will retire as a Prince George's County District Court Judge. A celebration of his service will take place on September 10 at 6 p.m. at the UMD Samuel Riggs Alumni Center.

Calendar: The Maryland Municipal League fall conference will take place early from September 11-13. Councilmember wishing to attend should notify Clerk Harper by September 5. The week of August 25 was bookmarked for interviews with town administrator candidates. This may take two days.

Citizen comments: CM Rasmussen received a comment about the speed limit reduction on Edmonston Road and a question about what to do with a family of feral cats.

Minutes: On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Dennison, the July 7 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

Department Reports: Mayor Calvo reported that the Town held its annual employee appreciation lunch. The new councilmembers and code supervisor had a chance to introduce themselves. TA Murphy is back at work and will give a status report for administration. The police picked up the new police vehicle from the vendor and is in the process of outfitting it.

CM Rasmussen reported that he revised the Code Compliance year one goals for the Council's discussion later tonight. He met with Code Supervisor Simpson earlier today to discuss the goals, his first impressions and efforts to best utilize the limited number of hours available for code staff. He plans to meet with Mr. Simpson every other week to see how things are going. CM Dennison announced upcoming events.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that the Comcast equipment that had been sent out for repair was reconnected today, and Comcast customers should be able to watch Channel 71 now. CM Schreiber reported that he had a couple of meetings with Public Works Director Lockley. They spoke about the condition of Public Works vehicles and equipment and how to respond to citizen concerns that are outside the normal interactions.

Tree removal policy: Mayor Calvo welcomed Public Works Director Lockley who was present to discuss a tree that fell during a storm, crushed a car, and caused a power outage that disrupted a community meeting. Mayor Calvo explained that the tree in question had been flagged as a hazard earlier this year because its trunk was splitting. The Public Works Department did not have the staff or equipment to cut down the large willow oak, and did not hire the tree contractor who had flagged the problem because the quote exceeded its tree budget. Another warning was received on the day the tree fell from tree specialist Mark Emmell, who cautioned residents to move their cars. Most cars were moved, except one and it was destroyed. The Town will be liable for the damage because it ignored the warnings.

Mayor Calvo said this accident raises the issue of how to respond to inquiries for removing or trimming trees in the Town right-of-way; how to evaluate the potential risk associated with a tree, and either act upon it or not. It also highlights the need for turning practices regarding tree removal requests into a formal policy. In addition to adding clarity as to how such a situation should be dealt with, a policy would provide a better framework for the Council to fund tree trimming and removal activity.

Director Lockley explained that this splitting tree was first brought to his attention by the owner of a Town landscaping company in January 2014. Public Works declined the landscaper's proposal for removing the tree because it was above $10,000. At the time the split was not so severe but it continued to get worse. He planned to take care of the problem at the start of this fiscal year. Mr. Lockley further explained that the procedure for responding to requests for a tree removal starts with: 1) making a determination if it is within 25' of the center line of the road and therefore a Town tree; 2) evaluating the condition of the tree, with help from an expert if needed; 3) deciding whether to prune or remove the tree; and 4) obtaining bids and hiring a contractor if Public Works cannot do the work in-house.

In response to Mayor Calvo, Director Lockley explained that the FY 2014 tree budget was $6,000 and for FY 2015 was raised to $9,000. The FY 2014 tree budget had already been exhausted when this tree was flagged as a risk. While the amount budgeted in a particu-

lar line item is not an absolute, in this case the estimates for tree removal exceeded the limit by more than double of what was appropriated. A budget amendment was not considered because he thought the risk of the tree falling was not imminent. Factors for evaluating risk include whether the tree is large enough to do damage and where it is likely to fall. If a home, driveway or power lines are likely to be hit, the tree will be assigned a higher priority for removal.

TA Murphy said that one of the difficulties in evaluating risk is the absence of an independent opinion. The Town cannot always be sure if the advice of a tree contractor to remove a tree is influenced by a financial interest or not. Mayor Calvo agreed. The Town should hire an arborist, who will not be considered for a contract to remove trees, to give an opinion about a tree. This will also help with insurance claims if property is damaged by a Town tree. He said that the tree budget may have to be increased, but that it should be done on the basis of a clear policy for tree removal. The mere request from a resident to have a Town tree removed, for example, is not sufficient reason to remove it.

CM Rasmussen agreed. The Town should not be taking down trees for the asking. Instead, he thinks an effort should be made to preserve the Town's big, old shade trees where possible. This tree might have been saved by cutting off the limb that was splitting and leaving the rest standing. Mike Attick, 62nd Avenue, said that it may be less costly to use contractors, such as Asplundh, who have a lift on their trucks, for cutting down very tall old trees. In recent years, the trees that have fallen are mostly the big, old trees.

CM Schreiber said the Public Works Department does not have a tree expert on its staff to either evaluate the health of trees, or decide when to call in an expert. It may be useful to have a checklist to decide when to call in a trained arborist. The checklist could include such warning signs as splitting trunks, dead branches or leaves turning brown early. Council agreed this is a good idea.

Mayor Calvo said that it may be more cost effective to train a staff person to become a tree specialist than to hire one, depending on how often an expert opinion is needed. More importantly, Public Works needs to get a better handle on its tree budget by basing it on actual tree-related expenditures. Further, there should be a trigger for when the Public Works Director brings a matter such as this to the Council's attention when more money is needed. Spending the tree budget within the first 6 months of the fiscal year should be a trigger. He also thought it is time to write down the procedures and practices for handling Town trees and develop a policy. This could be a departmental policy that does not necessarily have to be approved by the Council, although he would like to review it and give input.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the Council should have a say on the policy, especially if it is to serve as a template for formalizing other departmental practices and procedures. CM Rasmussen suggested that a tree policy include some broad principles, such as trying to preserve old shade trees and using only independent tree experts that do not bid on tree work at the same time.

At 8:35 p.m., the Council took a 5 minute break.

Flood recovery fund: Mayor Calvo said he drafted a flood recovery assistance form that he would like the Council to review and approve. He explained that only those residents who submit an application would be eligible for receiving assistance. The application establishes an income threshold for priority applicants. The threshold is set at 80% of the area median income (AMI of a household) and documentation will be required. MPT Kulpa-Eddy recalled that the Council had previously agreed to give money to all residents who had their power cut off regardless of income. Mayor Calvo said he still wants to do that, but does not want to compensate them for the full cost of restoring power.

Mayor Calvo continued that the other qualifications for assistance include: 1) whether an insurance claim has been filed and received; and 2) whether an applicant has received compensation from WSSC. He had a productive conversation with WSSC's General Manager Jerry Johnson, who said that several homes on Cunningham Drive had received compensation out of 9 who claimed damage from sewer backups. He clarified that storm water can enter the sewer system through manholes when streets are flooded and cause backups. He also agreed to talk about WSSC's process for notifying the Town when they plan to work on the streets. That conversation is to be continued.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that a deadline for submitting the forms should be set. She suggested August 5 or National Night Out. The Council agreed. CM Rasmussen said that he would ask for information on what type of damage the home had suffered and things that were lost, instead of just for a dollar amount of the losses. Mayor Calvo said he will have the forms distributed by the Police Department and by emailing them to list of people that he has been in contact with.

Town Council priorities, categorized: Mayor Calvo said he provided a revised set of Council priorities based on categories established by the 45th Council and incorporating some of the earlier priorities. He differentiated between the broad Council priorities and the more specific Council agenda items. For example, he included "formalize policies" as a Council priority. It encompasses the writing down and documenting of practices and procedures (such as for tree removal, business licensing or tuition reimbursement) for a whole range of issues developed under TA Murphy's tenure. Council priorities also include hiring a new town administrator, completing the sidewalks and emergency generator projects, developing a street repair plan, and marketing Berwyn Heights.

Mayor Calvo continued that priority categories also comprise multi-departmental initiatives and departmental priorities, which may or may not rise to the level of a Council priority at some point. For example, developing a formal abatement and demolition process is a responsibility of the Code, Public Works and Administration Departments and requires their cooperation, while implementing the acceptance of credit cards is a departmental priority of the Administration Department. In response to CM Rasmussen, Mayor Calvo suggested an urban forest initiative is a Council agenda item, but might be considered as an aspect of marketing Berwyn Heights, a Council priority.

The Council did not have any additions or deletions for the list, but desired to complete the items that are on it. Mayor Calvo said it is his hope that the department directors will form a leadership team that meets on a regular basis to address many of these priorities and bring proposals to the Council for input.

Monthly department reports: Mayor Calvo said that, starting in August, he would like every department to provide monthly reports to the Council. They should be high-level summaries of what happened in the department in that period and highlight any unusual trends or incidents. Each department director should develop his own format for the report and submit to the Council for feedback. For example, in Administration he would like to know about income tax disbursements, business licenses issued and changes in property tax receipts.

Town Administrator briefing: TA Murphy said that he worked primarily on the

sidewalks and emergency generator projects. The 63rd Avenue sidewalks site plans have been approved by SHA, but he is waiting to hear from the Presbyterian Church whether a temporary grading easement needs approval from the Presbytery. The priority 1 sidewalks and associated storm water management project are still awaiting approval from the Prince George's County Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) and the Soil Conservation District. The concept plans have been approved but there appears to be another holdup on the detailed site plans. He plans to retain a service that will help him complete the County permitting process.

TA Murphy continued that, after speaking with MPT Kulpa-Eddy, he made closing the books on FY 2014 his top priority. He needs to inform the auditors what is going to be transferred in and out of surplus so they can proceed with the audit. He asked them to have the audit done by September 30. Another priority is completion of the emergency generator project. The Planning Board has advised him that an enclosure for the generators must be included in the site plans. The engineers have been told to revise the plans accordingly. He hopes he will have approval by the end of August so that the Town can go out to bid by September.

Mayor Calvo said that he spoke with Ms. Tuck Parrish from Novak Consultants about the town administrator search today. At this point, they have received 42 applications of which 12 look promising. They represent a good mix of candidates with different experience levels and a variety of backgrounds. Only one third of the applicants come from Maryland. The salary range is higher than what the Town currently offers, as the market for town administrators is tight. The Town may have to consider offering a higher salary. Ms. Tuck Parrish has provided a memorandum summarizing the pool of applicants, which he will forward to the Council.

57th Avenue block party: Mayor Calvo said that the Town received an application to close the 8900 block of 57th Avenue to hold a block party. The Council has granted these requests on previous occasions and he supports efforts to get neighbors of a particular block together for a party. However, this party does not fit the block party mold. The resident making the request does not live on this block. The party is not designed to bring neighbors of a block together. It is a children's back-to-school party with carnival games and a band. But what raises a flag are plans to charge a fee. He is opposed to anyone charging a fee for a party, be it on private property or on the street.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if the applicant were not to charge any fees would the Council approve it. Mayor Calvo said that is a different question. He thinks this kind of party should take place at the Town Center, which can accommodate it. CM Rasmussen moved to deny the request. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Four cities agenda: The Council reviewed the draft agenda for the next Four Cities meeting. Nothing was added to Berwyn Heights' agenda, which includes addressing storm drain system problems, solar panels for municipal buildings, partnering for road surface analysis, and Route 1 pedestrian safety update. Clerk Harper clarified that both Greenbelt and College Park requested the "free spay/neuter grant application" as an agenda item.

Tuition reimbursement request: Mayor Calvo explained that during the 2006 budget season former Councilmember Paul McNulty proposed to set up a tuition reimbursement fund for employees. The Council approved a draft tuition reimbursement policy that provides $1,000 per year to an employee on a first-come, first-serve basis. The draft proposal was supposed to become a section in the Town's personnel manual after further modifications had been made. Although the policy was never finalized, it became the basis for awarding tuition reimbursements to employees. The money was taken out of an employee benefits miscellaneous appropriation as there was not an individual line item for it.

Mayor Calvo said that Clerk Carter was the first recipient of this grant and Public Works Director Lockley, who is working on a bachelor's degree, has received it for the last 2 years. The Council never formally approved the requests but they were informed that these employees requested and received the tuition funds awarded by the Town Administrator. For the coming school year, Mr. Lockley continues to pursue his degree and has again submitted a request for tuition reimbursement. He is inclined to grant it because it is relevant to his position. Ms. Carter also submitted an un-anticipated request, indicating that she will be pursuing masters in business administration. He does not support funding this request because 1) it is not directly relevant to her position; 2) the Town already funded her for her bachelors degree; and 3) she did not receive prior written approval.

Mayor Calvo asked for motion to award $1,000 in tuition reimbursement to Mr. Lockley. CM Dennison so moved. CM Schreiber seconded. CM Rasmussen said he would support splitting the money between the two applicants. The draft policy states that the degree does not have to be directly relevant to an employee's primary function. Also, she may not know that prior written approval is required. Mayor Calvo said that she was the first recipient of this money and at that time sought and received prior approval. This time, her request is a surprise. The Council voted 5 to 0 to fund Mr. Lockley's request only. The Council further agreed to finish the tuition reimbursement policy.

6. Code Compliance

Code supervisor first year goals: CM Rasmussen provided a revised list of year one goals. The list was arrived at in a discussion with Code Supervisor Simpson. It places short term goals at the top and medium and long-term goals further down the list. The short-term goals are things that must be accomplished immediately for Mr. Simpson to be successful, such as developing strong work relationships, and learning the Town's rental and property maintenance code. The development of plans, strategies and systems to improve the Code Department's operations were placed at the end of the document because they probably take longer to implement.

Mayor Calvo said his main concern with the revised list is that it prioritizes things that are not concrete and measurable, e.g. reviewing and learning the Town code. The list he provided earlier is topped by specific goals that can be measured. Among those, implementing a code violation tracking system is priority 1. He thinks the way the Code Department currently tracks violations generates a huge amount of paperwork and is very inefficient. Mr. Simpson already implemented a code tracking system for Mount Rainier and is well equipped to do it here. He would like him to tackle this at the outset and improve the efficiency of the department.

Another goal he considered a high priority - implementing a system to deal with refuse and recycling violations - was moved down to number 12 and subordinated to developing systems to address crossover issues. He sees better enforcement of the Refuse Ordinance as part of an effort to move to a 4-day collection system: Monday refuse collection north of Pontiac; Tuesday south of

Pontiac Street; Wednesday recycling; and Thursday refuse collection for entire Town. This would free up Friday for other activities, and could yield $20,000 in performance efficiencies in the Public Works Department.

CM Rasmussen replied that his document is more of a plan of action for Mr. Simpson than a compilation of broad policy objectives. It reflects the importance of achieving code objectives in cooperation with the other departments. Mayor Calvo agreed that it is important to develop strong relations, but would prefer to tie this and other goals to specific measures: protocols for regular communication with the Council, directors and his employees; plans for dealing with repeat offenders and vacant properties; calendar for notices, renewals and inspections of rental properties.

TA Murphy said, given that Mr. Simpson is new to Berwyn Heights and this is his first management position, the goals should be fairly specific, but need not prescribe how they are to be achieved. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said all goals on CM Rasmussen's list are useful, but she thinks the list may be too long. It may be helpful to focus on a handful of top priorities. CM Schreiber said that being specific about what should be accomplished in year one seems advisable for a new manager. However, it may make sense to have two lists - one for specific, measurable objectives and one for longer term goals.

Mayor Calvo suggested 5 top priorities: 1) standard operating procedures for the rental program; 2) effective enforcement of repeat violations; 3) process for addressing vacant properties; 4) joint enforcement of refuse and recycling violations; and 5) community outreach using educational pamphlets. CM Rasmussen agreed to revise the list taking the Council's advice into account.

7. Executive Session (10:53 p.m. - 11:05 p.m.)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk

Code News

A number of home owners in Berwyn Heights are struggling with bamboo invading their yards from a neighboring property. The Town Council has taken up the problem and is discussing new regulations regarding bamboo and other invasive species. Currently, home owners who grow bamboo are responsible for confining it to their own property. But stricter regulations may be implemented in the near future. Stay tuned.

Code Activity for July

Property Maintenance Violations		Rentals		Permits	
High Grass/ Vegetation	32	New Rentals	1	Building	3
Miscellaneous Violations	4	Inspections	27	Dumpsters/ PODS	1
Refuse/ Trash	11	Re-inspections	3	Violations	0
Tree Parts/ Yard Waste	9				
Abandoned Vehicles	7				
Total	**63**				**4**

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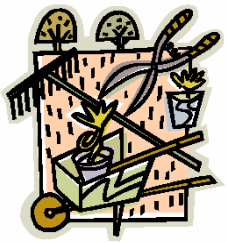
Come Join Us at the Community Garden Celebration on September 13!!



All residents are welcome to come and celebrate the success of the community garden that began this spring!
Come by to see this wonderful new addition to our community by joining us at a celebration with refreshments on **Saturday, September 13, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The community garden is located between 58th and 59th Streets.

Even if you don't have a plot in the garden, you are more than welcome join us at the celebration and we hope to see you there!

Fall Gardening Tips

Further information available at:
http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_images/programs/hgic/Publications/GE003GardenCalendar.pdf

- Plant cover crops of oats, winter rye and crimson clover through the middle of October, in any empty beds, to improve soil, and if you didn't earlier this year, take a soil test.
- Plant lettuce, spinach, radishes and corn salad through the middle of October. Protect with row covers or a cold frame.
- Dig up small herb plants, pot them in soil-less mix and bring them indoors for winter use. A sunny window, or cool, white fluorescent lights will help keep them productive. Keep them away from excessive heat or drafts, and turn down the thermostat at night.

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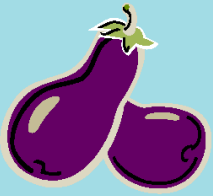

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Your neighborhood elementary school has approximately 450 students in grades K-6, and more than 300 of our students are eligible for a free and reduced lunch. Last year, donations to our Walkathon were down by $2,000, which really impacts what the PTA is able to provide for our students.

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Berwyn Heights Recreation Council
Upcoming Events

Annual Ice Cream Social

Friday, September 12, 2014
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Town Center, 2nd Floor

FREE ice cream, will be served by the Berwyn Heights Seniors, while you'll be able to mingle with friends, neighbors and new town residents.

*This year's Ice Cream Social will again be part of "Day to Serve". This is an annual event that unites citizens to improve their local communities.
Please bring canned goods that will benefit our local food bank, Help by Phone.

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet Concert at Lake Artemesia

Saturday, September 27th, 2014 at 12 noon to 2 pm

Don't miss this free live concert at Lake Artemesia! See the press release in the bulletin for more details on this wonderful event.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4th, 2014 at 7:00 pm (Town Center).**Recreation Council Contacts**: Trinity Tomsic – 301-474-6350, trinity.tomsic@gmail.com, Jaime Sampson, Sampson.jaime@gmail.com, and Tim Tormoen, totormoen@yahoo.com

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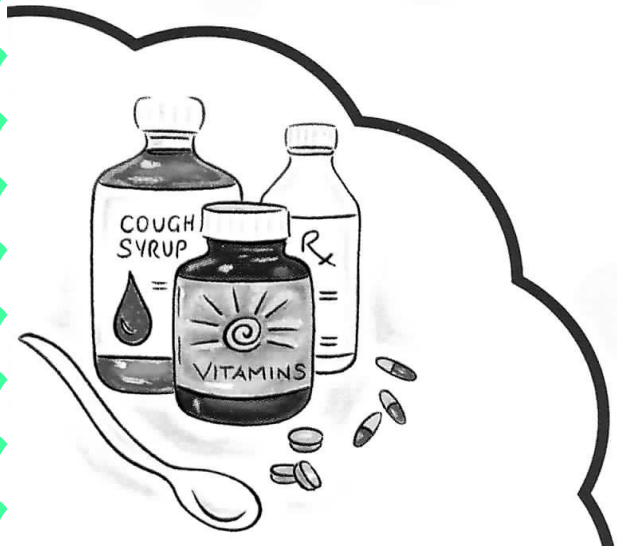

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Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

"Celebrating 30 Years in Berwyn Heights"

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

September 1	Nancy Donaldson
September 2	Betty McCaffrey
September 3	Margritt Vausse
	Mary Chismar
September 5	Doris Lehrman
September 7	Sandra Burns
September 11	Debbie Mayland
	Linda Sinclair
September 17	David Millner
September 18	Richard Ahrens
	Calvin Foster
September 21	Ron Hand
September 23	Jeannette Enderson
September 25	Edward Grosscurth
September 28	Hattie Millner
September 30	Jennefer Sharpe

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

September 2	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 3	Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 4	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 9	Meeting	11:00 A.M.
	Bingo	1:00 P.M.
September 10	Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 11	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 13	Potluck & Movie	5:00 P.M.
September 16	Bingo	12:30 P.M.
September 18	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 23	Meeting & Potluck	11:00 A.M.
September 24	Open Bowling	10:30 A.M.
September 25	Pool Night	7:00 P.M.
September 30	Bingo	12:30 P.M.

COME WATCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON TV FOOTBALL WITH YOUR FELLOW SENIORS

THANKS

National Night Out Donors

Thanks to donations and participation from our residents, organizations and businesses, Berwyn Heights' National Night Out keeps getting better. We are pleased to acknowledge those, whose continued support helps us raise awareness and build cooperation between first responders and citizens to keep our community safe.

Residents & Organizations: David and Maria McCaffrey, Ray Smith, Berwyn Heights Neighborhood Watch/CERT, Seniors Club.

Merchants: Academy Theaters (Beltway Plaza), Best Buy, Greenbelt Road Shell, Joe's Crab Shack, Parkway Liquors, Staples, TGI Fridays, Turtle Club, 7-Eleven Edmonston Road, 7-Eleven Greenbelt Road.

Participants: BHPD, BHVD, BH Code Department, BH CERT, Boys & Girls Club, Green Team, Karate Club, PTA, ADT Security Systems, Aietheia Church of College Park, Good Knight Child Empowerment, Inc., Silver Diner, Slowmins Shield Security Systems, Somnium Ink, T&S DJ Service, WSSC.

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OCTOBER 4, 2014 – BERWYN HEIGHTS TOWN CENTER

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

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

BHBGC PUMPKIN AND MUM ORDER FORM
Please contact Lynn White at lwhiteesq@gmail.com or (240) 351-7813
to submit your order.

Family name/person ordering: _____
Email address so that we confirm receipt of check: _____

(#) _____ of pumpkins to reserve $ To Be Determined

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

Total Check Amount: $_____ (payable to BHBGC)

Chartered in 1969, the BHBGC provides a wide range of sports activities for youth ages four through eighteen years. We are pleased to serve all children regardless of gender, race or ability.

BERWYN HEIGHTS POLICE BEAT

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

07/01/2014 at 10:03 am Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5700 block of Ruatan Street for a trespassing report.

07/02/2014 at 9:20 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6100 block of Quebec Place for a report of a stolen lawn mower.

07/04/2014 at 2:10 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1997 Isuzu from the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver, Mr. Reginal Juan Baker, a 54 y/o, b/m, resident of Hyattsville was arrested for driving without a license. In addition, he was also wanted fugitive from the PG County Sheriff.

07/07/2014 at 12:24 am, Sgt. Moroney responded to the 8400 block of 57th. Avenue for an attempted stolen vehicle. Three black males were seen trying to remove without permission a 1992 Chrysler. They fled the scene prior to the arrival of the BHPD.

07/09/2014 at 3:45 pm, Pfc. Ignowski impounded a 1994 Acura from the location of the 6200 block of Greenbelt Rd. The vehicle was left abandoned.

07/10//2010 at 10:24 pm, Pfc. Duck responded to the 8600 block of 60th. Avenue for a missing person report. Faustino Menjivar JR.17 y/o, l/m was reported missing to the police after he walked out through the front door of his house. The 17 y/o boy has run away from home before. Case will be forwarded to CID.

07/10/2014 at 1:15 pm, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6201 Greenbelt Road for a report of a distressed person. On scene he met with a 24 y/o, b/m, resident of Silver Spring, who was threatening to kill people and then himself. He was arrested and taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

07/11/2014 at 6:30 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5815 Greenbelt Road 7 -11 parking lot for a report of a theft from a vehicle. Suspect(s) broke out the passenger side window of a vehicle and removed a handbag before fleeing.

07/11/2014 at 6:35 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 5901 Greenbelt Road Xtra gas station for a report of a theft from a vehicle. Suspect(s) removed a lady's purse from a vehicle while she was pumping gas before fleeing. Suspects were seen driving away in a dark colored Lexus.

07/14/2014 at 8:43 am, Pfc. Krouse responded to the 8600 block for a returned runaway 17 y/o male that came home.

07/15/2014 at 8:00 pm, Sgt. Moroney and Pfc. Thompson responded to the 8900 block of 58th. Avenue for a tree that had fallen onto the roadway and an unoccupied vehicle.

07/16/2014 at 10:15 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Greenbelt Road for a recovered stolen 1994 Acura. Investigation revealed that a 37 y/o, b/m resident of Columbia, MD reported his vehicle stolen. It was discovered later that the victim's father a, 60 y/o male had the vehicle without permission.

07/17/2014 at 9:45 am, Pfc. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Berwyn Road for a report of a burglary that occurred at 5:30 am. Investigation revealed that the victim's husband came in the house legally and moved one end of a sofa away from the west wall of the domicile. The two are going through a divorce and victim feels that her husband moved the sofa leaving a clue to her so that she knew he was in the house. Furthermore, victim's husband admits to being in the house at that particular time to visit his son.

07/20/2014 at 1:55 pm, Cpl. Roberson responded to the 6327 Greenbelt Road Shell gas station for a report of theft. Victim stated that she left her purse inside her car and when she returned, unknown person smashed her window and removed the purse.

07/28/2014 at 9:20 am, Pfc. Krouse recovered a stolen 1994 Honda from the location of Seminole Street near 62nd. Avenue.

07/29/2014 at 2:27 pm, Pfc. Krouse responded to the Amazing Security located at 6321 Greenbelt Road for a report of check fraud. Unknown person(s) compromised the company's payroll account and cashed fraudulent checks.

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

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

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Be Disaster Aware
Take Action to Prepare

Dear Town resident(s),

In recent years, we have been encouraged to "get ready" and to prepare for emergencies—from common natural disasters to active threats. The Town of Berwyn Heights is committed to increasing individual, family, and organizational readiness by using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) tools and resources to encourage a culture of preparedness at home and at work. The Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee, Town of Berwyn Heights Police Department (BHPD) and the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department are all partners in this effort.

Please consider providing the following information to the BHPD. There is *no* requirement to do so; it is optional and absolutely voluntary on your part. The information will be held in strict confidence and used in conjunction with information received from the 9-1-1 County call center.

Name(s):_____ Phone number:_____
Street address: _____

How many people are living in the home, and what is their approximate age?
Age: 0-5 years _____ 6-12 years _____ 13-18 years _____ Adults _____

Do you currently have pets in your household?
If yes: how many and what kind?

Are there any people in the home with special needs or medical conditions?
If yes: how many and what kind?

This information may be e-mailed to the BHPD at (chief@berwynheightspd.com), dropped off at the BHPD Office at 5411 Berwyn Road, or mailed to the BHPD at 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Sensibilícese con los desastres
tome medidas y prepárese

Residente(s) De la Cuidad,

En los últimos años, nos hemos animado a "estar listos" y para prepararse para las emergencias-de desastres naturales comunes a las amenazas activas. La ciudad de Berwyn Heights se compromete a aumentar individuo, la familia y la preparación institucional mediante el uso de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA), herramientas y recursos para fomentar una cultura de preparación en el hogar y en el trabajo. El Neighborhood Watch El Preparacion de Emergencia y la Ciudad de Berwyn Heights Departamento de Policía (BHPD) y el Berwyn Heights Departamento de Bomberos Voluntarios son todos socios en este esfuerzo.

Por favor considere de llenar la siguiente información al Departamento De policía de Berwyn Heights. No hay ninguna obligación de hacerlo; es opcional y totalmente voluntario de su parte. La información se mantendrá en estricta confidencialidad y se utilizara conjunto con la información recibida del centro de atención telefónica del Condado 9-1-1.

Nombre(s):_____ Numero De Telefono:_____
Direcion:_____

Cuantas personas viven en la casa, y que son su edades aproximada?
Edad: 0-5 Anos ____ 6-12 anos ____ 13-18 anos____ Adulto ____

Actualmente tiene Mascotas en la casa?
Si Tiene: Cuantos y de cuales?

Hay alguna persona en el hogar con necesidades especiales o condiciones médicas?
Si Tiene: Cuantos y de que?

Esta información puede ser enviada por correo electrónico al Departamento De Policia De Berwyn Heights (chief@berwynheightspd.com), o puede hacer dejado a la estación de policía de Berwyn Heights en 5411 Berwyn RD Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 o por correo a la oficina de Town Hall Para El Departemento de Policia en 5700 Berwyn RD, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

Discounted tickets to Capitals' games: Great discounted seats for every CAPS and WIZARDS home game. Aisle seats in great sections for Caps and Wizards. No add-ons — Just great seats at discounted prices. Call Jody or Steve at 301-474-3613. Berwyn Heights residents for almost 50 years.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

YOU CAN HELP STOP CRIME IF,
WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING, YOU SAY SOMETHING
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club

President: Shinita Hemby 202-531-6066

Soccer Commissioner: Jason Papanikolas 240-338-5191

Baseball Commissioner: Ronnie Compton 301-345-2661

Tee Ball Commissioner: Jim Hudson 301-982-2052

Basketball Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Cheerleading Commissioner: Kristen Buker 240-965-7055

Ball Hockey Commissioner: Kevin Conover 301-441-1569

Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond 301-474-2737

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness/CERT

Co-Chair Ron Shane 240-965-7022

Co-Chair Joan Hayden 301-474-5037

Historical Committee

Sharmila Bhatia 301-446-6920

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-345-1223

Playgroup

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Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

The BHHC is entering its 12th year of discovering and celebrating our Town's history. But we need you—(we're having way too much fun for only 7 people!) At the September meeting, we will start planning field trips, wine & cheese receptions with guest speakers, developing museum exhibits and of course adding to our Town archives with research into the people and places that shaped our Town. You needn't be a historian or researcher to join us—just a Town resident who wants to give back to their community and have fun doing it!

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

Our next meeting is September 23

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of our National Anthem

O Say Can You See! Star-Spangled Spectacular is a free festival that celebrates the 200th anniversary of our National Anthem. Tall ships, Navy ships and the Blue Angels will come to Baltimore's famed Inner Harbor to celebrate The Star-Spangled Banner. A week-long celebration, with festivals that include living history demonstrations, a family fun zone, live musical performances, and Chesapeake food and beverage.

Events crescendo on **September 13** with two star-studded patriotic concerts and extraordinary fireworks display over Fort McHenry and the Baltimore harbor, which will broadcast live on PBS' *Great Performances*. For more info, visit: **http://www.starspangled200.com/**

BHHC

Visit the BHHC website & BLOG at: http://berwynheightshistory.wordpress.com

ATHA (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area / Maryland Milestones): www.anacostiatrails.org

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Summer Jam Series

Friday, September 12
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Hyattsville City Hall
4310 Gallatin Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781

The Outback Steakhouse Summer Jam Series has become a traditional Friday night event throughout the summer months. This last concert of the series featuring the band "**Just Us** " includes delicious food (burgers, chicken and hot dogs) provided and prepared by Outback Steakhouse of Hyattsville, a beer and wine garden, musical entertainment, the ever popular moon bounce and Mandy the Clown and her very talented face painter. The Summer Jam Series is held outside the Municipal Building. This is a rain or shine event! In the event of inclement weather, the Jam moves into the multi-purpose room. Attendance at Summer Jam is free and open to everyone. There is a charge for food and beverages.

Hollywood Farmers Market

Saturday, September 13
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Hollywood Shopping Center
9801 Rhode Island Ave
College Park, MD 20740

The Hollywood Farmers Market is not only a place where you can buy produce, sweets and crafts, but it is also a place to meet with your neighbors, find out what is happening in the neighborhood and see what your community groups can offer for you. You can meet produce and craft vendors who live right here in north College Park. You can also meet community groups, local business owners and our local police officers who will come and talk about the things they're working on. Hollywood Farmers Market is located at the heart of Hollywood neighborhood of north College Park.

Evening Boat Tours

Saturdays & Sundays
throughout September
4:30pm – 6:00pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Road
Bladensburg, MD 20710

Join a park naturalist on a pontoon boat for an environmental or historical tour of the scenic Anacostia River. See the fantastic 1812 exhibit at the Visitors Center Museum. Registration begins at 4:30pm. For details and more information, call 301-779-0371.

Berwyn Heights Playgroup

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

Weekday Playdate (preschoolers and younger)
Mondays 10:30am-12:00pm

Rotation of Playgrounds: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at Indian Creek Playground and 2nd & 4th Monday at Pop's Park, unless it is raining or too cold in which case we meet indoors at the Town Center.

Parents of infants and toddlers, the Berwyn Heights Playgroup is actively meeting and is always open to any interested members of the community! This playgroup is designed to offer neighborhood children and parents a safe, fun opportunity to socialize and get to know each other while also exploring available resources for children in the metro area.

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

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

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In Case of Emergency Call 911!

Recent Working Incidents:

July 23rd- Squad 14, Ambulance 14, & Utility 14 responded to Lake Artemesia for a unconscious bike rider who crashed the bike. Volunteers used Utility 14 to navigate the paths and bring out the patient to Ambulance 14 parked at the entrance.

July 23rd- Squad 14 extricated a trapped driver after a crash at the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike/Ammendale Way in Beltsville.

July 30th- Truck 14 operated at the 7600 Blk of Old Murkirk Rd in Beltsville for the fully-involved house fire.

Aug 1st- Squad 14, Chief 14A & Chief 14B extricated a patient from an overturned vehicle on the OL of I-495 at Annapolis Rd.

Aug 2nd- Squad 14, Amublance 14 & Chief 14B responded to the 9600 Blk of Rhode Island Ave in College Park for mutiple pedestrians struck by a car.

Aug 2nd- Truck 14 & Ambulance 14 rescued a bird whose leg was stuck in a house vent in the 8500 Blk of Goucher Dr in the Heights.

Aug 2nd- Truck 14 & Chief 14B responded to the 1300 Blk Engleman Dr in Laurel for the vacant House Fire with reports of teenagers trapped. Units from 14 arrived and searched the house, finding no one. Ambulance 14 and Bladensburg VFD Engine 9 stayed back to protect the community while the Truck operated on the house fire.

Aug 8th- Squad 14 was alerted to the UMD Physical Science Lab off Metzerott Rd in College Park for the gas leak. Squad 14 arrived first to discover the cause was a hydrodrgen bromine leak, and the Haz-Mat assignment was requested. The volunteer Squad crew assisted the Haz-Mat teams with set-up, entry, and decon on the three hour incident.

SIX FLAGS RESCUE: Aug 10th- Squad 14, Technical Rescue 14, Chief 14 & Chief 14A responded to Six Flags America in Bowie after the Joker's Jinx roller coaster became stuck trapping 24 people 100 ft in the air. Chief 14 (McCoy) had the Six Flags Command of the incident, with Chief 14A (Fabrizio) as Rescue Group Commander, and the volunteers of Squad 14 & Tech Rescue Unit 14 worked on the coaster to rescue the patrons via tower ladder trucks special requested from Andrews AFB and Fairfax County for their height . Ambulance 14 and Hyattsville VFD Squad 1 (transferred to BHVFD) protected the Town during the over five hour incident. Several major news agencies utilized BHVFD's pics of the incident taken by our volunteers on the scene.

Aug 12th- Squad 14 & Tech Rescue 14 rescued a woman from her submerged car in Laurel after she attempted to drive through high water on Van Dusen Road.

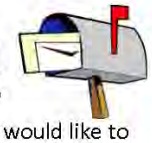
National Campus Fire Safety

Much of the on-campus fire safety success can be attributed to a higher awareness about fire safety which leads to more residence halls being equipped with automatic fire sprinklers, improved fire detection, stronger policies on fire safety and ducation. "However, since over 85% of the people are dying in off-campus housing, it is well past time to turn our attention to combating this problem," said Campus Firewatch Publisher Ed Comeau. "Much of the housing stock that students rent are older renovated buildings that were not designed for what they are being used for--housing large numbers of students. We need to educate students, and the parents that are often paying the rent, on how to pick fire safe housing, and communities need to work closely with landlords, making sure that the housing meets minimum codes when it comes to egress, smoke alarms and other code requirements."

Common factors in a number of the fatal off-campus fires over the years have included:

- Lack of automatic fire sprinklers
- Missing or disabled smoke alarms
- Careless disposal of smoking materials
- Impaired judgment from alcohol consumption
- Upholstered furniture on porches or decks

Fund Drive 2014



The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind our neighbors that our annual 2014 Fund Drive mailers will go out in the coming weeks. Each household and business in Berwyn Heights will receive a Fund Drive .3mailer that includes instructions on how to donate to support your town's volunteer fire department. **There will be no door-to-door or phone solicitors collecting for the Fund Drive.**

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER Sept 13th

Where: BHVFD "Lot" corner of Cunningham Dr. / Seminole St in Berwyn Heights

Who: BHVFD Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

When: September 13th, 2014 8am-2pm (Set-up 7am)

Table Reservation Cost: 1 table $10.00 - 2 tables $15.00

Contact: Shelly Cooper (301) 474-2920 or Debbie Acton (301) 927-7894

Station 14 Call Volume: July 2014	
Rescue Squads:	131
Ladder Truck:	63
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	5
Ambulance & Paramedic Ambulance	140
Total Station Runs for July	339

Special thanks to BHPD, BHNW/EP & BHDPW for NNO 2014!

GET ALERTS

Local Public Safety,
Weather, Traffic
And now...
Town of Berwyn Heights
Closings & Cancellations
Sign up with
Nixle or Town Twitter mail:
https://local_nixle.com/register
And/or https://twitter.com/

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If you are in the market for products or services offered by our advertisers, contact them before looking elsewhere for assistance. In many cases they are Berwyn Heights neighbors who will welcome your support. And, if you have a product or service that would be helpful to Berwyn Heights neighbors, join our group of advertisers. Advertising rates are listed to the right of this column.

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Energy Efficiency Assistance Program

In collaboration with other Prince George's County municipalities, the Town of Berwyn Heights can offer funding to 20 low- to moderate income residents who are in need of home improvements that reduce utility bills such as insulation or heating systems repairs. If you are interested in this program, please send your name, address, phone number, and e-mail to Green Team member Kristin Larson:

kristinlarson274@gmail.com)

or call Kristin at 202-630-3178

Please contact the Green Team if you are interested, or stop by the town municipal building for an application.

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

September 2014

Town of Berwyn Heights Monthly Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Town Offices Closed No Trash Pickup	**2** Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	**3** NW/EP Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	**4** Rec. Council Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	**5**	**6** PGC Citizens Health Fair 10:00-4:00 BHES, TC
7	**8**	**9**	**10** Hello Huskies 6:30 - 8:00 BHES Town Mtg. 8:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	**11**	**12** Ice Cream Social 7:00 P.M. Town Center 	**13** Community Garden Dedication 2:00-4:00
14	**15** Worksession 7:00 P.M. Town Office Televised on Ch 71, FiOS 12	**16**	**17**	**18** Green Team Meeting 7:00 P.M. Town Office	**19**	**20**
21 Street Sweeper	**22**	**23** BHHC Meeting 7:30 P.M. Town Office	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** Lake Artemesia Concert 12:00-2:00
28 Street Sweeper	**29**	**30**	 PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET, IF POSSIBLE, DURING THE WEEK THAT THE STREET SWEEPER IS IN TOWN.	Recyling Collection Yard Waste North South		Refuse Collection N S North South Bulk Pick-up N S North South

BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS
5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799

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TOWN INFORMATION

Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire Rescue	9-1-1
Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@town.berwyn-heights.md.us	
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

Mayor and Council

Cheye Calvo (301) 474-6350 ccalvo@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor — Public Safety and Health

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 jkulpaeddy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration

Patti Dennison (301) 404-2759 pdennison@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs

Christopher Rasmussen (612) 432-0710 crasmussen@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Code Enforcement

Anthony Schreiber (301) 466-1807 aschreiber@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Councilmember — Public Works

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

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

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

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

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

Watch Council Meetings

On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

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

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: http://www.berwyn-heights.com
Questions or advertising rates — call Administration Department at (301) 474-5000.
Or email: emurphy@town.berwyn-heights.md.us
Submission deadline is the 15th of the month by 12:00 noon!
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