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January, 2019 Newsletter

Town of Berwyn Heights

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Dear Residents and Friends of Berwyn Heights:

Welcome to the first edition of the mid-month newsletter for the Town of Berwyn Heights! As a Council, we are focused on bringing you the happenings around town, important information, and reminders of upcoming events.

If you have anything that you would like included in the newsletter, please feel free to contact one of us via email or contact the Town Center at 301-474-5000.

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Smart Snow Shoveling Tips this Winter!

National Safety Council recommends the following tips to shovel safely:

- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.
- Take it slow and stretch out before you begin.
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it's lighter.
- Push the snow rather than lifting it.
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel.
- Lift with your legs, not your back.
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion.



Upcoming Events

January 19

Town Cleanup, 10am, Town Center

January 23

ULI – Tap Report Worksession, 8pm, Greenbelt Community Center

January 30

Four Cities Meeting, 7:30pm College Park Council Chambers

Important Announcement

The Office and Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

Remembering Adrien Forbes



On January 9, 2019, the Berwyn Heights Council unanimously named January 9, 2019 as "Adrien Forbes Day".

	TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND	
	PROCLAMATION	
WHEREAS,	Wednesday, January 9, 2019, has been set aside in the Town of Berwyn Heights to honor the memory of Adrien Michell Forbes; and	
WHEREAS,	Adrien Forbes began his employment with the Town of Berwyn Heights in August of 2002, as a part-time Code Enforcement Assistant; and	
WHEREAS,	over the course of his fifteen-year tenure with the Town, he also held the titles of Clerk, Code Compliance Assistant, Administrative Clerk, Administrative Associate and Code Compliance Officer; and	
WHEREAS,	through his efforts, hundreds of business licenses were issued, countless code enforcement cases were resolved, and assistance was provided to many residents; and	
WHEREAS,	Adrien took great pride in the accuracy of his work and was known for his attention to detail,	
WHEREAS,	most importantly, Adrien was a valuable member of the Berwyn Heights team, a loyal friend to his colleagues whose infectious laugh and kind spirit will forever remain in the hearts of his coworkers; and	
WHEREAS,	among his many accomplishments, Adrien was a proud Aggie as he held a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT	
RESOLVED:	that I, Stephen Isler, Mayor of the Town of Berwyn Heights in the State of Maryland, along with my colleagues on the Berwyn Heights Town Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 9, 2019, as	
	"ADRIEN M. FORBES DAY"	
	in the Town of Berwyn Heights and call upon all the citizens and his co-workers to join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for his dedicated service and our heartfelt sadness at his passing, to his family and friends.	
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Berrym Heights to be affixed this 9 th day of January, A.D., 2019. Stephen D. Isler Mayor	

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Remembering Adrien Forbes

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Code Compliance Officer, Adrien M. Forbes, 53. Adrien passed away on December 29, 2018, after a brief illness.

He was a dedicated Town of Berwyn Heights employee, having worked for the Town for over fifteen years in a variety of code enforcement and administrative roles.

Professionally, he was known for his meticulous attention to detail and for the pride he took in the accuracy of his work.

Adrien was a valuable member of the Berwyn Heights team and a loyal friend to his colleagues. Adrien was a native of Ayden, North Carolina and a graduate of North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University, where a scholarship has been set up in his name.

To donate to the scholarship fund, please make checks out to North Carolina A&T State University with Adrien Forbes Scholarship written on the memo line. Scholarship donations and condolences may be sent to Ms. Mary Forbes Williams, Adrien's mother, at 325 18th St N.W., Washington, D.C. 20002

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<u>Code Compliance</u>	Public Health & Safety
Please store all fire wood at least six (6) inches off of the ground.	Park your vehicle(s) off the road so more snow can be cleared away and your vehicles are
Please properly cover all inoperative vehicles in residential driveways.	less likely to get plowed in, splashed, or hit. It's important for us to keep the main roads clear for plows and emergency vehicles durin
Please remember that all motor vehicles must be parked on approved, paved surfaces.	extreme weather. Help us keep streets open to plows and
Leaf Collection season has concluded. All leaves and yard waste must now be placed in a lawn bag or appropriate container marked for yard waste.	emergency vehicles by parking at least 20 feet away from intersections and no further than 1 foot from the curb. Don't block sidewalks, fire hydrants, ramps, driveways or the street with your vehicle. If you have a driveway, use it! For your safety, make sure to clear all snow at least one foot around your muffler before starting your engine. Blocked mufflers can cause carbon monoxide poisoning
Please refrain from piling leaves at the curb until collection season resumes.	
Please do not blow or sweep leaves into storm drains to help prevent the flooding and clogging of the drains.	
Please place all trash bags in a container with a secure, fitting lid to help deter animals from getting into the trash and to keep down the scattering of debris.	The BHPD encourages all residents to be prepared for another potential snow this weekend that may bring heavy snow, and strong winds.
Special Pick-ups (Apartment Cleanouts, anything above 3 cubic feet, etc.) are done by appointment only. Fees apply. Fees can be paid at the Town	Pvt. C. Rufino is currently on her FTO 'Field Training' since graduating from the police academy in October 2018.
Office.	Her anniversary date is on February 5, 2019, marking her first year with us.
Appliance pickup fee- \$25.00. Tire pickup fee- \$5.00 per tire. For bulk trash pickup, please contact Public Works at (301) 474-6897.	
Public Works	<u>Administration</u>
Thank you to everyone who allowed us to clean the streets in a timely fashion during the previous winter storm.	

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Below are a list of resources for you and your family if you are currently furloughed:

Prince George's County List of Resources for those Impacted by the Federal Government Shutdown:

https://tinyurl.com/government-shutdown-assistance

Pet Resources Available for Furloughed Workers:

https://tinyurl.com/2019-pet-resources

The Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, has a food pantry open to those on furlough.

They can provide food for up to (8) eight people per family.

Please call them at 301-474-7573.

If you are <u>in need of anything while on furlough</u> or you <u>would like to assist those on furlough</u>, please contact the Town Office at 301-474-5000 for more information.