



EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2008 FOREST HEIGHTS CLEAN UP DAY MAY 3RD

April 22, 1970 was the day of the first Earth Day, our cities were covered with smog, our rivers and lakes were so polluted you could strike a match and start a fire. We've come a long way in waking up our consciousness regarding our relationship with the earth. What started out as a national environmental awareness has evolved into a worldwide campaign to protect our global environment.

Becoming conscience means starting at home, some of the things that can start with you :

1. Began recycling - reduce consumption, reuse items, and recycling materials and products whenever you can. Like the story of the cat that has 9 lives, many products also have many uses. Prince George's County picks up recycle items on Mondays.
2. Buy energy efficient appliances and products, which will help reduce your energy bills and greenhouse gas output. Find products with the Watersense label to reduce water use.
3. Dispose of hazardous household products properly. When not handled properly they can impose health risk to people and harm the environment. See Public Works page 5.
4. Getting your vehicle repaired when the service engine light comes on, can protect your car by making taking care of a small problem before it becomes an expensive one and by saving the environment from unneeded pollution.
5. Preventing stormwater pollution, use a rainbarrel, landscape with native plants, keep litter, pet waste, leaves and debris out of the street and gutters. Apply lawn and garden pesticides sparingly or better yet use natural pesticides.
6. Join us on May 3rd 8 a.m. at the Forest Heights Municipal Building to pick up litter in our hometown. Give Mr. Brown a hand.



See you there.....

- *Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Mayor/ Council Workshop Sessions are held on the first Monday of each month (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday). Meetings are open to the public. Next meetings: April 16th, May 5th and May 21st)*

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR QUINCY HINES

As the season changes this is my favorite time of the year, when the trees and flowers bloom, and the grass begins to grow. It's time for us to start fixing up our homes. Paint the side molding, the front and back porches, the patio chairs etc.... I know I have some things that I need to do around the house. Walking the neighborhood, I'm not alone. We need to take more pride in the place we call home. I hear people say that Forest Heights is not the place it used to be. Well, it's not. Nor will it ever be again, but it is the place we call home and it can be as good as we make it. It just takes pride, love, faith and the beautification of our town. We need people to get involved in public service around the town. We are working on having a health fair for our community. The town had a workshop a few weeks ago on gang violence, but only five people showed up. We really need to support our town. The council can't do it alone, we need you and your input. We also had an election on March 12, 2008. Only 122 people came out to vote. I've heard people say they didn't know about some of the things happening in our community. Well, the information about our community is always posted in our Town newsletter. You'll find all the information you need to know about the town in the Town Charter. It is your responsibility to check the ordinances. The Mayor and Town Council are turning things around. We are working to ensure the ordinances and the Town Charter are carried out to the fullest. I have tried to play a proactive role in management to restore the town's administration. We have a new Town Treasurer. We have worked diligently to create responsible and accountable fiscal management. Thanks to the W W Bridge Project for the trees on Sachem Lane. My thanks goes out to the Town Council for all of their hard work and help, also the members of our police department that came to Annapolis to help secure the grant. I would like to thank Senator C. Anthony Muse, Delegate Veronica L. Turner and Kris Valderama for the leadership and assistance they have given in sponsoring bills to help us obtain funding for much needed repairs on our municipal building. A special thanks goes out to Miss Mina Hines for her testimony at the hearing. There are two kinds of people Doers, and Sayers. Which my neighbor are you? Now that we don't have all the drama at our town meetings we don't have a lot of people showing up. The Council is working very hard to work together and we are asking you to come out and brings us your concerns and your support. We need you at the meetings. When I took office almost a year ago I ran on a promise that I would be committed to building a better Forest Heights for everyone. Now amidst a lot of criticism; we are moving forward. I may not be the kind of Mayor a lot of folks think I should be, but we ARE moving forward. God is still blessing our town. We are building a strong government and prosperous community.

Dates to Remember—Mark your Calendar

Saturday, April 26, 9:30am—11:00am Coffee with Mayor Quincy Hines at the Town Hall, Forest Heights. Please RSVP, all residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Saturday, May 3rd starting at 8:00 Forest Heights Clean Up Day. All ages are encouraged to come out and participate.

. Crime Report Update for Month of March

Vehicles Impound.....4	Theft1	Assault.....1	
Arrest.....3	Stolen Tag.....1	Accident...1	Returned Missing Person.....1

On March 22, 2008 I attended the first Forest Heights Gang violence meeting, it was very informative. I learned what the proper definition of a gang is and some of the signs to detect potential gang involvement in my not only my children but neighborhood youth as well. Some of those signs include but are not limited to; friends or groups of people that wear baggy clothing, bandanas, t-shirts, pretty much any article of clothing that is alike, slipping grades, unusual behavior, a change in friends. I learned what to do if I suspected a youth of gang involvement like, talking with your children more, keeping a watchful eye in the community and contacting police . We learned that we do have gang activity in the area. Because as you know it takes a village to raise one child I would suggest any person, whether you are a mother, father, neighbor, aunt, uncle, older sibling or family friend that has a pre-teen or teenager in their lives to attend the next meeting. I would like to thank Corporal Washington for the enlightening presentation. I realize that everyone including myself needs to keep their eyes and ears open so that we can work with our police department to keep Forest Heights a peaceful and safe community.

Taunya L. Hines

Do you respond to Life or are you merely reacting to it?

Zig Ziglar

Police Chief Report

The Forest Heights Police Department has implemented a new Patrol Division schedule that places more Officers on the street during the times of "priority calls for service". As many citizens may have noticed, the FHPD has been focusing on the Municipal Code Enforcement violations throughout the residential areas, as well as the commercial areas. The Forest Heights Police Department plans to have the citizens work closer with the Police Department. In effort to do this, if there is anyone interested in forming a "Citizens on Patrol" group, (similar to the "Orange vest or Orange hat Patrol), please contact the Forest Heights Police Department .

F. R. Webb, Police Chief

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CODE ENFORCEMENT OF TOWN ORDINANCE

Each month we will begin to include sections of the town's town ordinance so that residents will begin to familiarize themselves. A copy of the Forest Heights Ordinances are available from the Town Clerk at the Municipal Building.

Article 19 Streets and Sidewalks

Section 19.1: Littering Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person or person to throw, deposit, or allow to be deposited upon any street, alley or public area, any glass bottles, glass, nails, wires, cans, dir or other trash.

Section 19.2: Unlawful Obstruction

It shall be unlawful for any person or person to encumber, obstruct or in any manner, interfere with free and uninterrupted use of the public streets or alleys of the Town by leaving goods, wares, or building materials thereon.

Section 19.3 Permit Required

It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, corporation or contractor to construct or modify any street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, public way, easement, or dedication under the jurisdiction of the Town with first having obtained a permit from the Town Clerk or official designed by the Town Council. Said permit shall not be issued until the fee as set by the Town Council has been duly paid to the Town.

Section 19.4 Private Maintenance

Each property owner shall be required to maintain in good repair all portions of driveways on his property and which in turn are on a public right of way. If the Town Council finds that such repairs are not made, they shall notify the owner of abutting property in writing as to the nature of the corrective action required. If, at the end of thirty (30) days the property owners involved have not taken corrective action, the Town Council may authorize improvements with the charges therefore being added to the current tax bill.

Section 19.6 Penalty

Any violation of any section of this Article shall be deemed an infraction and any person, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than one hundred (100.00) for the first offense. Repeat offenders may be assessed a fine not to exceed

NOTE FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

As a reminder to residents of our town. Residents are responsible for disposing of the following items: automobile motors and parts, fallen trees, cinder blocks, concrete, building materials, motor cycles, etc. **We will no longer pick them up.**

Residents must schedule with public works the pick up of water heaters and inoperative appliances a service charge of \$35.00 per item will be assessed.

Fines for violations can be up to \$100 for first offense and up to \$200 for repeat offenses.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

PLEASE PUT TRASH OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—*Recycling & Trash*

WEDNESDAY—*Yard Waste*

THURSDAY—*Bulk & Trash*

METAL PICK—UP please call the Town Hall @ (301) 839-1030, M-F 8:30 am—4:30 pm. for metal pick-up.

THANK YOU!

*Phil Ruano, Supervisor
Public Work*

FOREST HEIGHTS CLEAN UP WEEK

At the April 7th Council Workshop, the days between Saturday, April 26th and Saturday, May 3rd were proclaimed Forest Heights Clean-Up Week. We will have a Town Clean Up, Saturday May 3rd, meeting at the Municipal Building at 8:30 to pick up trash in and around town. Please join us.



Along with our regular pick up on Monday, Wednesday (yardwaste) and Thursday (bulk) the public works will pick up items free of charge that we normally charge for on Tuesday and Friday.

In addition the Brown Station Landfill located at 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro, MD is open Thursdays and Fridays (7:30am - 3:30pm) and Sundays (7:30am - 4:00 pm) for Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling. Items not accepted are software, stereo speakers, boxes, small appliances, microwave ovens and console TVs. There is a limit of 5 per day per person on computers/monitors. Contact 301-883-5045 for additional information, if needed.

RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENT

PLEASE CALL (301) 952-7630



KEN E TOWING

JUNK CARS REMOVED FREE

PHONE: 240-505-5114

OXON HILL, MARYLAND

The ReLeaf Grant for the town has been tentatively approved by Prince George's County and phase 1 of the Beautification Project will begin soon. The Releaf Program is part of the ecosystem restoration project nation wide.

We will plant approximately 60 trees within the town in the next coming weeks, planting the trees will be done by the town, however we will need residents to assist us in ensuring that the trees get a good start in their new home . Some residents have already been contacted by Councilwoman Goodall regarding adopting a tree that will be planted in front of or near your home by the town, we still need more residents to adopt a tree. The trees to be planted along our streets are a mixture of Crape Myrtle, Serviceberry, Redbud and other trees that are native to the area. It is the goal of Councilwoman Goodall to replant 200 trees along the streets of Forest Heights by the end of fall, with this new planting and those last October we will be up to 90. There will be an opportunity for residents to donate a living memorial, all the details have not been worked out, but the cost of the tree and plaque should only be around \$35.00. This will be a great way to add something to the environment, beautify the town and have a memorial that will be here for years to come. Please support this important project by adopting a tree or donating a tree or both.

Our Public Works employees do an excellent job in trying to keep our streets clean and grass in public areas cut. However, we as citizens can chip in by organizing on our streets to plant shrubs and flowers and picking up litter. Join us on May 3rd for Forest Heights Clean-Up.

Let's Speak English!

Want to practice speaking English and meet new friends?

Join the Oxon Hill English Conversation Club.

When: Saturdays, May & June

Time: 10:00 am

Cost: Free

Who: Anyone learning English

Where: Prince George's County Library
Oxon Hill Branch
6200 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill
(301)839-2400

Spring and Summer Programs

Councilperson Lynn Smith-Barnes is seeking volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Persons interested in helping to develop the 2008 programs for seniors and the youth should contact Councilperson Barnes.

Municipal Building—301-839-1030

Via email at—Ward1handinhand@aol.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Christmas in April -

Prince George's County

April 25, 2009 will mark the 21st year of the Christmas in April program. Thousand of volunteers will provide home repair services to elderly and physically challenged in Prince George's County homeowners on this date.

The program is designed to keep homeowners living in their homes in a more comfortable and secure environment. Because they make all the repairs in one six to eight hour day, only repairs that are related to the safety of the homeowner, and repairs related to necessities. Only minor repairs can be done to an existing roof, if you need a new roof please contact the Department of Housing (301)883-5570 to request information or assistance from them.

Applicants must be elderly or disabled, of low to moderate income and own and live in the home to be repaired. Applications are available from the Town Clerks office at the Municipal Building. All applications must be in the Christmas in April office by November 1, 2008 to be considered for their 2009 program. Call 301-868-0937 or visit their website: www.christmasinaprilpg.org



Giget Speaks

Forest Heights Business Association in 1941 was the first form of government lead by Mr. Murray Osborne. The Town was incorporated in 1949 by a vote of 126 for and 52 against, with 166 acres on both sides of Indian Head Hwy. an a population of 1000. Mr. Osborn was appointed may, council was selected and the first meeting was held on May 18th, 1949. Mr. Clifton Armhold was the first elected mayor and sworn in 1951, he served until 1973. Our next elected mayor was Mr. Warren Adams who served until 1999. Property was purchased in 1952 from Mr. Hambright for \$5000.00 for the site of the Municipal Building and construction was started.

Free Diabetes Support Group (301)883-3526

Forest Heights Baptist Church

6371 Oxon Hill Road

April 22, 2008 4 p.m.

Practice ACT Test (High School Students)

Take the ACT Test for Free. Pre-registration is required. First come-first serve. Sign up early.

Harmony Hall Regional Center (301)203-6040

Fifth Annual Prince George's County Crime Victims' Fund 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, April 19th, 8:30am Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785 contact 301-952-4527 or download Form and Register on-line

Www.PGCrimeVictimsFund.net

Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" Book Bridge Project//50th Anniversary Celebration Event April 18th, 4pm

Prince George's Community College, Largo Student Center, Rennie Forum

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