



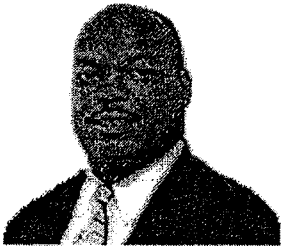
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Neighbors,

Progress: It's About Keeping Your Word

Before I became a Councilman or Mayor, I made clear statements of what needed to be done to our town. Since taking office, with the help of the Council, I have kept my word and done those things that needed to be done. However, as Forest Heights continues to progress and improve as a town, there remain those who outright lie to neighbors regarding what is going on in our town government. They seek to instill fear in the community to divide the town and for their personal gain or satisfaction. So let me set the record straight for you.

1. No one in the Town of Forest Heights who pays their rent or mortgage and taxes is in jeopardy of losing their property. Anyone that tells you different is a liar.
2. A recent flyer that was circulated by some people in the town was inaccurate. All of the figures they used were false. Unfortunately, those who created the flyer liked the days of chaos that kept the town in the paper or on television and supported the craziness that the last mayor brought to the town. They really just ought to get over the fact that the Court supported the Town Council in ridding this community of a plague.
3. Consider this: Anyone who encourages you not to pay your taxes can not have your best interest at heart. The fees implemented for bulky trash were lawfully implemented by the budget process. These people are encouraging you to break the law.

Forest Heights is quickly becoming one of the most regarded and respected municipalities in the state of Maryland. People from all over the region are acknowledging the importance and value of Forest Heights as the gateway to Southern Maryland. Everyday our town receives calls and letters telling us of how well we are doing and how far we have come from the turmoil of last year this time. Since that time, we have seen streets being repaved, a fully operational and enviable police department and a revitalized public works operation. Our town government is working diligently to provide optimum community services and for once in a long time, we have a town government where there is harmony between the mayor and town council. Town meetings are conducted with order and business is being efficiently handled.

Neighbors, your support for us has been refreshing. I ask that you continue to support the Mayor and Town Council. Things are far better in this town than they were last year and are only going to get better. The kind of progress that we are seeing only happens when people commit to peace, harmony, and good order. Hell-raising does just that, raises Hell and Chaotic results – nothing good.

Keep Forest Heights as a community first and stay on the path of progress.

From time to time the Forest Heights News will publish letters, correspondence, or other helpful information provided by our citizens. Below you will find a letter anonymously sent to the Town Hall addressed to the community. Please send your comments or letters for publication to the attention of the Town Clerk.

Letter from a Resident

Dear Community,

I am writing this letter and giving it to the people in the municipal building because I don't have the money like some people to do a newsletter, pass out flyers or something like that. But I still wanted to say something about the things that are happening in the town.

I have lived in Forest Heights for 31 years and have seen some good times and some bad times. Last year was the worse time I ever saw since I lived here. It was a mess. Now things are looking a whole lot better. I can't say that I agree with everything but I can say that I feel a lot better than last year.

People are constantly complaining about this and that but I don't hear folks talking about what is right in front of their eyes. I see more police. I see streets getting fixed. And although I don't understand fully the laws that are being passed my son has explained to me that most of the new laws are to keep the town from getting run over.

Now I don't like the trash fee more than anyone else but I do know that it is a tax. And since it is a tax, I am paying it. Ask any lawyer or judge and they will tell you that everybody has to pay taxes. I only hope that the mayor and council will find a way to help out those on fixed incomes. The federal and state government has programs to assist the elderly so why can't Forest Heights.

I was going to put my name on this letter but changed my mind. I am tired of all the fighting and flyers and stuff that is going around. I don't want anyone to bother me with sign this and sign that paper. Things are better than they were so let it be.

Sincerely,

A Resident of Forest Heights

TOWN TRASH COLLECTION

Waste Management

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY—*Recycling*

TUESDAY —*Trash*

WEDNESDAY—*Bulk*

FRIDAY—*Trash*

You must use trash
containers with lids

Trash consist of all mixed combustibles and non-combustibles including garbage, household trash, paper, rags, and cardboard. Trash should be placed within two feet of the curb line.

The County also collects recyclable materials in the Town on **MONDAY** (plastics, newspapers, etc.)

Every WEDNESDAY, tree trimmings, grass and leaves will be picked up, provided they are no longer than 4 feet and tied in small bundles. Grass clippings should be in trash bags.

Whenever Prince George's County Government holidays are celebrated on a Tuesday or Friday, trash will not be picked up on those days, nor will there be a make up date. However, trash will be picked up on the next regular scheduled pick-up date. Your cooperation with Town Ordinances for disposing of residential trash is important for maintaining health and property values

in the Town.

BULK TRASH and METAL PICK—UP. Bulk trash and metal pick-up is on Wednesdays. Items set out prior 24 hours prior to Wednesdays will be subject to citation and fine. Thank You.

YARD WASTE

The Town will continue to pick up the town's yard waste with regular scheduled trash pick-up.

Please make sure your yard waste is in plastic bags, not trash cans.



RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENT
PLEASE CALL (301) 952-7630

WORK SESSION & TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

*****TOWN MEETING*****
August 16, 2006



Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. during the months of September - June.

Mayor/Council Work Sessions are held on the first Monday of the month (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday or as absolutely necessary).

Meetings are open to the public

Summary of the New Ordinance for Forest Heights Town Council Resolutions 34-06

Emergency ordinance, Resolution 34-06, ARTICLE 2—Real Property Development, Unimproved Lots. Owners of these lots must obtain a permit to maintain the property. The cost for the permit shall be two thousand dollars (\$2000.00). The permit must be obtained no later than August 1, 2006. The owner may apply to the Town for an permit fee reduction. New developments includes: residential and commercial and replacement, only if the replacement exceeds the number already in existence will have impact fees applied.

- 1) Residential includes; water capacity fee, sewer and municipal.
- 2) Commercial includes; water, sewer, and municipal which are per square foot of new development. For new developments, half of the fee is to be paid at the time the building permit is issued, and the remaining is to be paid upon occupancy.
- 3) Any construction or development that will affect our streets, easements, right-of-ways, defacement, demolition, traffic, will need a environmental impact study prior to issuance of the permit.

Deadline to submit articles for the September 2006 newsletter is August 20, 2006. Articles are to be turned in via email to town-clerk.fl@verizon.net or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

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CRIME REPORT
POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

June/July 2006

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Theft.....	5.....	1....
Property Damage.....	2.....	0....
Vehicle Impound.....	11.....	0...
Theft From Auto.....	2.....	2....
Stolen Tag.....	0.....	0.....
Robbery.....	0.....	0....
Stolen Auto.....	2.....	1....
Vandalism.....	0.....	3....
Vandalism to Auto.....	1.....	1...
Assault.....	0.....	0....
Recovered Stolen Vehicle.....	1.....	2....
Arrest.....	5.....	1....
Disorderly Conduct.....	1.....	1...
Domestic Disturbance.....	3.....	0....
Missing.....	2.....	0....
Attempted Stolen Auto.....	1.....	0....
Lost Cell Phone.....	1.....	0...

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(301) 839-4040

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(301) 749-4900

Maryland Park Police
(301) 459-9088



CURFEW REMINDER: ALL TEENS AGES 16 AND UNDER SHOULD NOT BE ON THE STREETS DURING THE HOURS LISTED BELOW WITHOUT AN ADULT.

FRIDAY—SATURDAY: 12:00 AM TO 5:00 AM

SUNDAYS—THURSDAY: 10:00 PM TO 5:00 AM