



# RESULTS FROM JULY 25TH, 2008 ELECTION

## CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

**BRIAN MCLAURIN (19)**

Write-In (Taunya L. Hines) 4

### Town of Forest Heights Citizen's Input Survey Comprehensive Planning



The Community Development Plan or "Comprehensive Plan" is intended to be a master plan for development within our town. The Town is constantly analyzing and evaluating the plan and looking for ways to improve the quality of life or "livability" of our community. The Subdivision Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance are two of the tools available to local governments to assist us in managing development within our borders. As with any plan, the more ideas and input received, then the better the end product will be. Citizen input is an important and key element in guiding the policies and procedures put in place by the governing body. The information you provide will help us to affectively deal with the impending development we expect to see.

**PLEASE FILL OUT**  
**SURVEY ENCLOSED!**

**AUGUST 13, 2008— COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING @ 7:00 PM**

Town of Forest Heights

5508 Arapaho Drive

- *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 meeting: August 20, 2008*

**Mayor Larry M. Stoner, Sr.— ext.222**

Mayor.fh@verizon.net

**Town Council**

**Ward I**

**C. Lynn Smith-Barnes-ext 234**

WARDIHandinHand@aol.com

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**William E Clark, Jr.— ext 233**

**Brian McLaurin-ext 235**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

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Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk ext. 221

townclerk.fh@verizon.net

Marjorie Munson Office Assistant

Miranda Shephard, Town Treasurer

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towntreasurer.fh @verizon.net

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**(301) 686-1432 –ext 231**

Fil Ruano, Supervisor

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**(301) 839-4040**

Lt. Webb, Acting Chief of Police

ext 224

Fwebb.fhpd@verizon.net

Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk

ext 225

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**Eastover District IV Police**

**(301) 749-4900**

**Fire Department 911**

**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.**

**301-749-9741—Home**

**Via email at—Ward1handinhand@aol.com.**

**Crime Report Update for Month of July 2008**

Theft.....1	Vehicles Impound.....9
B&E.....1	Accidents.....1
Missing Person...1	Assault.....1
Arrest.....2	Possession of CDS....1
Destruction of Property....1	

**FREE COMPUTERS**

PLEASE CONTACT MRS. ALESE CRAWFORD TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO PICK OUT A COMPUTER. ONE PER HOUSEHOLD. MUST HAVE AN ID WITH A FOREST HEIGHTS ADDRESS ON IT. THERE IS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF COMPUTERS. PLEASE CALL 301-839-1030 EXT. 232.

**FINGERPRINTING**

THE FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

8:00 AM—4:00 PM

TUESDAY—FRIDAY

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

SATURDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

\$20 PER CARD

## ***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.

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*

**You must use trash**

**containers with lids**

### **METAL PICK—UP**

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

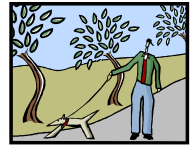
**\*\*All branches should be tied in 4 ft. bundles.\*\***

As a reminder to residents, it is unlawful for any owner, possessor, keeper or harbinger of any animal to permit such animal to foul any public or another person's private property.

Please be considerate when walking your dog and use a poop scoop and dispose of waste.

***THANK YOU!***

***Councilman Clarke, Chair of Public Works***



### ***STOP SIGNS & SPEED LIMIT***

SCHOOL IS OUT AND THE CHILDREN ARE OUT AND PLAYING IN THE STREETS & RIDING THEIR BIKES.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THIS AND DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT AND STOP AT ALL STOP SIGNS. CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO THE SPEED LIMIT & FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGNS.



**RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENT**

**PLEASE CALL (301) 952-7630**

## ***VOLUNTEERS FOR TREE PLANTING***

Saturday, October 18, 2008, from 8 am—11:30 am, will mark the sixth annual celebration of Gorgeous Prince George's Day, rain or shine. The Town of Forest Heights will be planting trees and shrubs. We are seeking volunteers for this annual celebration of tree and shrub planting. Interested parties please contact the Municipal Building at (301) 839-1030, with your name or names of others who are willing to participate along with your t-shirt size.

\* High school students can earn community service hours.



### **PRINCE GEORGE'S CABLE COMMISSION**

The Prince George's Cable Commission meets the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is held at the Largo Government Center. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 1-800-COMCAST

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Our community has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying on Wednesday nights. This part of the program will begin June 1, 2008 and run through September 30, 2008. Please provide the following information for each complaint: address, problem area, time of day when mosquitoes are the worst, any area of stagnant water in their vicinity to Mosquito Control section at (301) 927-8357

### **OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY Our Savior's Lutheran Church 4915 St. Barnabas Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745**

"The Oxon Hill Food Pantry provides emergency food rations to needy individuals and families in Forest Heights and the surrounding area. It operates on Tuesday, and Saturday from 10 am to 1:00 pm and on Thursday evening from 6—8 pm. For more info, call (301) 899-8358."

### **BUSCH GARDENS Family Fun Field Trip**

Join us for a great day of family fun at Busch Gardens. The Tykes for Christ kids camp is sponsoring a trip to Busch Gardens on August 8, 2008. Cost is \$70 per person. Seating is limited. Tickets sold on a first come basis. For more information: Contact Min. Aneshia King at 301-839-7993.

### **ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ADVERTISE IN THE FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS**

#### **YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR TOWN NEWLETTER**

Monthly Advertising Rates are as follows

Full Page—\$150      Half Page—\$100      Quarter Page \$50      Business Card—\$15      Inserts -\$75

Minimum 2 Month Advertisement

Circulation is approx. 1,000 which includes distribution to Forest Heights Residents, business, community churches and other Prince George's County Municipalities. ***NEW RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2008***

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Please take time to complete the questionnaire and return it to our clerk's office at town hall by:

5:00 PM August 13, 2008

Or mail the questionnaire to:

Town of Forest Heights  
5508 Arapaho Drive  
Forest Heights, Md. 20745-1998

First, we would like to get some background information:

1). What is your gender?

Male  
 Female

2). In what type of dwelling do you live?

Single-Family house  
 Apartment/Town home  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3). How long have you lived in the town?

Less than 1 year  
 1 to 5 years  
 6 to 10 years  
 11 to 20 years  
 More than 20 yrs  
 Born & raised in Forest Heights.

4). How far do you travel to work each day?

0-5 miles  5.1-10 miles  
 10.1-20 miles  more than 20 miles

5). Do you work in the town  Yes  No

If No, then where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

6). What is your annual income range?

- Less than \$9,999
- \$10,000-\$19,999
- \$20,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- greater than \$100,000

7). How old are you?

- Under 25 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65 years or older

8). How do you feel about the residential development that has taken place in the last 10 years in Forest Heights ? (Check One)

- Too Fast  Too Slow  About Right

9). How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the Town as a place to live? (Check One)

- Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Dissatisfied  Very Dissatisfied

Next, we will list a series of statements that suggest choices about the future direction for growth and development in the town. Please respond by ranking each statement from 1 to 5 (**1-strongly agree 2-somewhat agree 3-neither agree nor disagree 4-somewhat disagree 5 strongly disagree**).

It is important for the Town to keep its small town character by limiting residential development \_\_\_\_\_

It is important for the Town to have in place a rental standard requirement \_\_\_\_\_

The Town should adopt property maintenance regulations to force people to keep their property looking nice \_\_\_\_\_

There is a need for code enforcement to be more strictly enforced \_\_\_\_\_

Code enforcement should stay the same \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement is adequate throughout the Town \_\_\_\_\_

You feel safe living in Forest Heights \_\_\_\_\_

The Town needs more than 4 full time police officers \_\_\_\_\_

The Town needs more than 8 full time police officers \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer emergency services (fire, rescue) response time is adequate throughout the Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Solid waste (trash removal) service is adequate throughout the Town \_\_\_\_\_

Town sponsored recreational opportunities are important to me \_\_\_\_\_

Programs for Youth are needed in the Town \_\_\_\_\_

Programs for the Seniors are needed in the Town \_\_\_\_\_

More individual pocket parks are needed \_\_\_\_\_

Walking trail throughout the Town is needed \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Heights should be more proactive in annexing surrounding shopping areas into the Town \_\_\_\_\_

The environmental impact of the Town of Forest Heights is important \_\_\_\_\_

When replacing or repairing streets/infrastructure the Town should consider the environmental impact \_\_\_\_\_

Town sponsored recreational opportunities are important to me \_\_\_\_\_

Internet service at my home is sufficient \_\_\_\_\_

Broadband (High-Speed) internet accessibility would benefit my household \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Heights provides a quality education for our youth \_\_\_\_\_

School facilities are adequate for the needs of Town's residents \_\_\_\_\_

Retail businesses offer a satisfactory selection of goods for shoppers \_\_\_\_\_

More retail businesses are needed in Forest Heights \_\_\_\_\_

Traffic in the Town is too congested \_\_\_\_\_

Parking permits are needed in the Town to control parking \_\_\_\_\_

There is a need for more speed control within the town \_\_\_\_\_

Development in the Town should be limited to the area around Route 210 \_\_\_\_\_

Development in the Towns should be concentrated near the town's business district \_\_\_\_\_

Current housing stock is sufficient for the Town \_\_\_\_\_

Multi-family housing (apartments/town homes) is needed \_\_\_\_\_

Housing designated specifically for the elderly is needed \_\_\_\_\_

The Town needs to install and or repair sidewalks/curbs and work on curb appeal throughout the Town\_\_\_\_\_

Lighting for the Town should be a priority\_\_\_\_\_

Streets should be a priority in the Town\_\_\_\_\_

The overall appearance of the Town should be a priority\_\_\_\_\_

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Using the numbers 1 through 9, assign a point value to each as to what is the most important. 1= the most important and 9= the least. (Example Educations/Schools1, Economic Development 5)

Education/Schools \_\_\_\_\_

Economic Development \_\_\_\_\_

Solid Waste \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation/Parks \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Building \_\_\_\_\_

Land Preservation \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental Impact \_\_\_\_\_

10). What steps do you think the Town should take concerning our Town's character?  
(Rank 1 to 5 in order of importance)

\_\_\_\_ Encourage annexation of surrounding area

\_\_\_\_ Discourage residential development

\_\_\_\_ Encourage development in areas already developed

\_\_\_\_ Nothing, town character is not a priority for me

\_\_\_\_ Encourage conservation easements throughout the Town

11). How satisfied are you with Town government?

\_\_\_\_ Very Satisfied \_\_\_\_ Satisfied \_\_\_\_ Dissatisfied \_\_\_\_ Very Dissatisfied

12). Would you agree with the Town planting and installing landscaping along major routes in the town?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

13). Would you agree with limiting the size, height and design of signs used within the Town?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

14). Which statement best describes how you will want the Town to look in ten (10) years?  
(Check one)

As is; I like what I see.

I would like to see more residential development.

I would like to see more retail/business development.

I would like to see a balance of residential and business development.

I would like to see more open space/parks

I would like to see improvements of the Streets

15). Would you like to see the Town go green (Check one)

I agree with the Town going green

I disagree the Town going green

Finally, it is your turn to make suggestions;

16). In a brief statement, what do you feel are the two biggest challenges facing Forest Heights in the next ten (10) years?

17). What should the Town's government do to improve the quality of life in Forest Heights?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. The information you provided will be extremely valuable to us as we move forward in our planning efforts.

Please return this survey to:

The Town of Forest Heights  
5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, Maryland 20745