

Side-by-Side Comparison of Mayor's Statements published in the January 2005 and 2008 editions of the Forest Heights News

Text in red indicates essentially the same wording as the earlier edition.

January 2005 Forest Heights Edition

Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year – 2005! Have you made your new year's resolutions? There is a new year's resolution that I propose to the community - increase healthy living. Healthy living is a vital resolution that we should strive to maintain every day. Healthy living does not pertain strictly to the well being of our body. One vital part of healthy living is respect. The respect that we have for each other – neighbor to neighbor, the respect that we have for our community – keeping our yards cleaned, the respect that we have for our Administration, Public Works and Police Force – the people working to assure that the routine tasks of the town are completed, the streets are cleaned and our community safe. The respect for the government – the people elected to serve the needs of the community.

There is a serious problem in the Town of Forest Heights. The problem can be resolved with your cooperation. The problem is lack of respect for our community streets and private yards. Every street has litter either tossed from cars or thrown on the ground from pedestrians. Automobiles are parked in the yards instead of on the street. Residents pass through the yards of neighbors destroying shrubbery and plantings. The sad note is that people have not come into the community – we are already here. There are trash receptacles, but some do not bother to use them. There are abandoned cars in driveways and on the streets. There has been dumping on some streets.

The cause of the problem is lack of respect for the community in which we live. The solution is simple – respect. Friends and family should know that the Town of Forest Heights will not tolerate disrespect of its community. Tell your friends who visit to throw trash in the receptacles. If we pledge to not dump in the town, to park automobiles on the street, and to remove abandoned vehicles from driveways and streets, then the community will be a healthier place.

Crime statistics in Forest Heights are minimal. Acting Chief Eubank, Corporal Waithe, Officers Blake and Heberlig are diligently working to eliminate all crime in Forest Heights. Unfortunately, our neighbors in surrounding communities are not experiencing the same statistics. We must be proactive in

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Happy New Year! Have you made your New Year's resolutions? There is a New Year's resolution that I would like to propose to the citizens of Forest Heights, which is increasing healthy living. Healthy living is a vital resolution that we should strive to maintain every day. Healthy living does not pertain strictly to the well being of our body. One vital part of healthy living is respect. The respect that we have for each other – neighbor to neighbor, the respect that we have for our community – keeping our yards cleaned, the respect that we have for our Administration, Public Works and Police Force – the people working to assure that the routine tasks of the town are completed, the streets are cleaned and our community safe. The respect for the government – the people elected to serve the needs of the community.

Things are much better than it was before. There are still some challenges, but challenges can turn into opportunities. There are some problems in the Town of Forest Heights. These problems can be resolved with your cooperation. The problem is lack of respect for our community streets and private yards. Every street has litter either tossed from cars or thrown on the ground from pedestrians. Automobiles are parked in the yards instead of on the street. Residents pass through the yards of neighbors destroying shrubbery and plantings. There are trash receptacles throughout the Town, but some people do not bother to use them. There are abandoned cars in driveways and on the streets. There has been dumping on some streets.

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Crime statistics in Forest Heights are minimal. Unfortunately, our neighbors in surrounding communities are not experiencing the same statistics. We must be proactive in our pursuit against crime in Forest Heights. And also, there have been a couple of recent fires in our community. **PLEASE**

our pursuit against crime in Forest Heights. A community forum is planned to solicit input and determine how we as a community can work together to “knock out” crime in Forest Heights. Flyers will be distributed to let you know the place, time and participants.

The State of Maryland contributes monetary funds to the town for the cars registered in the state. The revenue is used to enhance town services for its residents. There are residents who live in the town and take advantage of these services, however, their cars are registered in Washington, DC & Virginia . This hurts the town. The town pleads with you to change your out of state tags to the State of Maryland. The Town Council will be enacting legislation to enforce violations of the ordinance regarding out of state tags. For more information please contact the Town of Forest Heights Police Department at (301) 839-4040.

At the December town meeting, one of the residents requested that the town solicit its residents to contribute (or exchange) services to the town. If you have a business and/or skills that you are willing to contribute to the town, please contact Gloria Wallace at (301) 839-1030. The list will be compiled.

The initial construction phase of the work has finally begun on the Municipal Building. The first floor will at last be handicap accessible allowing residents to enter the front of the building. The construction includes building a handicap accessible restroom.

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Paula R. Noble
Mayor

make sure you have working smoke detectors on all floors of your home.

This year, in the Town of Forest Heights, neighbors, let’s respect our community, its neighbors, its streets and its environment and let’s pledge to give back to the community, its schools – Flintstone Elementary and Forest Heights Elementary as well as the local middle and high schools. We as a community need to support our local businesses. And neighbors, let’s stop criticizing and start proposing solutions. This year, in the Town of Forest Heights, neighbors, let’s be neighbors and stop living next door to each other.

Mayor Quincy Hines, Jr.