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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Holiday Greetings

At this special time of year, we celebrate the Spirit of the Season and the Promise of Peace in the New Year.

Mayor Paula R. Noble

Out of State Tag Enforcement

Letter to the Forest Heights Town Citizens:

First of all I want to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. As we reflect on the past year, I encourage everyone to ponder on what we can do to improve our community.

One of the mandates from

the Town is to improve our community is "Out of State" tag enforcement. The Forest Heights Police Department will begin enforcement efforts January 2004. The law requires that Maryland residents display Maryland tags on their vehicles within 30 days of residency. Part of the registration fee for Maryland

tags is funneled to our community. Additionally, properly registered vehicles aid the police in identifying your vehicle should it be stolen.

In closing, the Forest Heights Police Department wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Town of Forest was awarded a Livable Communities (LCI) Municipal Grant from the Prince George's County Government Office of the County Executive in the amount of \$30,000 for fiscal year 2004 to fund code enforcement activities.

SNOW PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Town ordinance Section 15.3.2 in order to effectively clear our streets during snow conditions, "Except as indicated by legally posted signs, it shall be unlawful to park on the side of any street opposite the street light poles during a snow created emergency." In other words, simply park on the light pole side of the street, unless restricted by **NO PARKING** signs. Note: If the snow plow is blocked by your car, the fine is \$35.00 plus impoundment of your vehicle.

TOWN MEETING

*Wednesday,
December 17, 2003
Municipal Building
8:00 p.m.*

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

Forest Heights News

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(301) 839-1030

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Wilhelmina Gray
(301) 839-1030

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Maintenance Supervisor

William Clarke
(301) 686-1432

Deadline to submit articles for the January 2004 issue of the newsletter is December 29, 2003. Articles are to be turned in or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

OUR TOWN COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities is committed to promoting racial equality and justice as a fundamental aspect of.

A healthy community **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of Forest Heights and Town Council of Forest Heights affirm our commitment to ensuring racial equality and justice in our city and to working with the Na-

tional League of Cities to sustain this commitment throughout the country.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988: "We Do Business in Accordance With the Federal Fair Housing Law" Urban Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing: 1-800-669-9777.

THE TOWN REMEMBERS

Kenneth J. McCallister, a resident of Forest Heights for 53 years, died on October 31, 2003, in his Lustron home. He was married to the late Holly McCallister, and is survived by three daughters – Joyce A. Schmidt, Irene A. McCallister and Beverly J. (Macy) McCallister; his sister Kathryn Curran; two granddaughters – Dr. Cira Amenta and Dorianna Semenov; and three great-grandchildren.

Kenneth was born in 1913 on a farm in Washougal, WA, near the Columbia River. After serving in WWII, he chose two lots on the top of Blackhawk Drive with a view of the Potomac River on which to build his Lustron home. He enjoyed gardening in his backyard, fixing things, the statistical challenge of devising a system to pick winners at Rosecroft Race. Most of all, Kenneth was a family man. He guided his children through college and graduate school, took care of his grandchildren during their youth, and was always willing to help his family in any way throughout his entire life. Kenneth was also generous in helping neighbors, acquaintances and strangers.

Kenneth earned a BS degree from Washington State Univ. in 1936 and a Masters degree in economics from Cornell Univ. in 1938. His first job was as Assistant County Agricultural Agent in Yakima, WA. He worked for the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC from 1938-69 and was a professor emeritus of computer science from 1969-79.

**CRIME REPORT—
POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

November 2003

- Theft.....0
- Property Damage.....1
 - Senca Drive & Woodland Drive
- Vehicle Impound.....5
 - 5600 blk Livingston Road
 - 200 blk Mohican Drive
 - 100 blk Iroquois Way
 - 5500 blk Livingston Road
 - 5500 blk Indian Head Highway
- Theft from Auto.....0
- Stolen Tag.....0
- Robbery.....0
- Stolen Auto.....1
 - 100 blk South Huron Drive
- Vandalism to Auto...0
- Assault.....0
- Recovered Stolen Vehicle...1
 - 200 blk South Huron Drive
- Residential B & E:....0
- Arrest:.....2
 - 5500 blk Indian Head Highway
 - 5500 blk Arapahoe Drive

Eastover District IV Police
(301) 749-4900
Maryland Park Police
(301) 459-9088

**POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Christmas Wish

We wish all of you from our heart, for all good things and happiness through the holiday season. We wish peace, love, health and prosperity for you and yours, friends and neighbors. Our greeting is most sincere as it has special meaning for our Forest Heights residents. Our prayers are with you through the holiday season and the coming year. Mrs. Annis Feist, former resident of Forest Heights and a member of the Homemakers has crocheted and donated several lap robes to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, we thank you.

THOUGHT: One of life’s great mysteries is how one can eat a two-pound box of candy and gain five pounds.
“A HOLIDAY WARNING”

FOREST HEIGHTS HOMEMAKERS

***The Maryland-National
Capital Park & Planning
Commission***

Bring family and friends to the 17th Annual Winter Festival of Lights at Watkins Regional Park...Tour beautifully decorated historic mansions...Attend performances and exhibits...Enjoy the 4th Annual Gingerbread House Contest and Show at Darnall’s Chance House Museum...Ice skate, swim, tumble, and participate in gymnastics workshops...Take a trip with us...Visit College Park Aviation Museum for exciting Centennial of Flight events...And celebrated the season at wonderful programs throughout the county. You may also look on line at www.pgparcs.com for more information.

IN TOWN

Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday during the months of September through June. Mayor/Council Work Sessions are held on the first Monday of the month approximately two weeks prior to Town Meetings. Meetings are open to the public and we greatly encourage your participation. The next Council Work Session will be January 5, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday or as absolutely necessary).

TOWN TRASH COLLECTION

Your cooperation with Town ordinances for disposing of residential trash is important for maintaining healthy and property values in the Town. The Town trash contractor collects trash on Tuesday and Friday (except holidays). The County also collects recyclable materials in the Town on Monday (plastics, newspapers, etc.). Trash should be placed within two feet of the curb line. It is important to use trash containers with lids. Public Works has a 24-hour answering machine (301) 686-1432.

TRASH PICK-UP DAYS BEGINNING AT 7:00 a.m.

MONDAY—*Recycling*

TUESDAY & FRIDAY—*Trash*

WEDNESDAY—*Yard Waste*

FRIDAY—*Bulky Trash*

PRINCE GEORGE'S CABLE COMCAST

The Prince George's Cable Commission meets the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting is held at the Largo Government Center, 19201 Basil Court, Largo, Maryland. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2003.

1-800-COMCAST

301-499-1980

301-731-4230

APPLIANCES & TIRE PICK-UP

These items are not collected by the regular contractor. Town Public Works Department will collect these items at a cost of \$35.00 per item and tires \$4.00 without rim, \$6.00 with rim. Place items at curb by 7:00 a.m. you will receive notice of charges. **DO NOT PLACE ITEM BY CURB UNLESS YOU WANT TOWN TO PICK THEM UP.** After 30 days Town Ordinance Article 11, Section 11-4 -4 states "Violation of this notice can result in \$100.00 fine for first offense and may be fined \$200.00 for repeat offense." For hazardous and poisonous materials call (301) 883-5045.

FOREST HEIGHTS DOES NOT HAVE ANY COUNTY PICK-UP FOR METAL & TIRES.

TREE REMOVAL

All property owners who have trees removed from private property must make arrangements to have all debris removed from the property. Relocating the limbs and tree trunks to the street or curbside is prohibited. Public Works Department will not remove and discard the debris. Town Ordinance indicates that the resident is subject to a fine for non compliance.

Check It Out!

New to the area and looking for a group to join? Having a personal problem and need some help? Ready to volunteer your time to a worthy cause? Prince George's County has it all, and now you can access this information on your computer at www.marylandshare.org.

Prince George's County Memorial Library System maintains a database – the Community Information File (CIF). As part of the Department of Education's Maryland Share website, CIF provides a listing of non-profit service agencies, organizations, associations, clubs, hotlines, and crisis intervention. Want to be or need a mentor? Interested in art or sports? Looking for the nearest Lions Club or VFW? Names of contacts, phone numbers and addresses, purposes of the organizations, hours of operation or club meeting times and places are available with a click of your "mouse"!

If you are a member of an organization and wonder if your group is listed visit the website. If your organization or group is not listed or the information needs updating, give the Community Information File desk a call at (301) 699-3500, ext. 245 and let them know.

Check it out at www.marylandshare.org.