



FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

Incorporated 1949

54th Year, Issue No. 2

February 2007

A MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING MAYOR



Dear Town Citizens,

On March 14th of this year, we will finally have an election, which will be held at the Municipal Building during the hours of 11:00 am—8:00 pm.

Candidates must resubmit their nominations for their perspective offices by 4:30 pm, February 1, 2007.

The Town Council and I appreciate your patience while we worked through court hearings and other set backs that prevented the January 24, 2007 election. We are doing our best to work through all the trials and tribulations to serve you.

Thank You,

Larry M. Stoner Sr.

TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2007 @ 8:00 P.M.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MAYORAL ELECTION MARCH 14TH, 2007

Acting Mayor Larry M. Stoner, Sr.

(301) 839-1030 ext. 222

mayor.fh@verizon.net

TOWN COUNCIL:

Ward I

C. Lynn Smith-Barnes—(301) 839-1030
ext. 234

WARDIHandinHand@aol.com

George Wiggers—(301) 839-1030 ext.
240

wiggers@forestheights.biz

Ward II

Clifton Atkinson—(301) 839-1030 ext.
233

cliftonatkinson1@yahoo.com

Andrea McCutcheon—(301) 839-1030 ext.
239

DREINWARD2@aol.com

Ward III

Worthington Ross—(301) 839-1030 ext.
235

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone: (301) 839-1030

Bonita Anderson, *Town Clerk*—ext. 221

townclerk.fh@verizon.net

Lillian King, *Receptionist*—ext. 229

receptionist.fh@verizon.net

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Phone: (301) 686-1432—ext. 231

Javier Nazario, *Supervisor*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Phone: (301) 839-4040

Michael Eubank, *Chief of Police*—ext. 224

fhpd2004@verizon.net

Latessa Crawford, *Police Clerk*—ext. 225

2 of 4 Publications as Required by the Annotated Code of Maryland

At a special legislation session on January 19, 2007, the Forest Heights Town Council passed eight amendments to the Town Charter in accordance with procedures required by Article 23A of the Maryland State Code. Below is a summary of those amendments. Article 23A also provides that if 20% of the Town's registered voters submit a valid petition within 40 days of the passage of the resolutions, the resolutions will not go into effect until voted on in a referendum either at the next scheduled election (March 14, 2007) or at a special election called by the Town Council. If such valid petition is not received by February 28, 2007, the resolutions as summarized below will go into effect on March 10, 2007.

Proposed Charter Amendment 21 - This amendment to Town Charter Section 33-15 will change the term of office of the Forest Heights Mayor, by terminating the term of the current Mayor, Myles Spires, on March 10, 2007, and installing the Council President as Acting Mayor until the next scheduled election is held on March 14, 2007.

Proposed Charter Amendment 22 - This Town Charter amendment will add a recall provision to the Town Charter in which 20 % of the Town's registered voters can request a special election at which the Mayor could be removed from office. Likewise, 20 % of a Ward's registered voters could request a special election to recall a Councilman.

Proposed Charter Amendment 23 - This amendment inserts a subsection to Town Charter Section 33-18 defining the powers and duties of the Mayor. This insertion defines the Mayor as the Town's Chief Executive Officer, restoring wording that existed in the Charter prior to November 16, 2005.

Proposed Charter Amendment 24 - This amendment repeals a subsection to Town Charter Section 33-18 that was added on February 16, 2006, which defined the role of the Mayor as the Town's Chief Executive Officer and provided specific instructions regarding the Mayor's consultations with the Council after a budget was approved.

Proposed Charter Amendment 25 - This Town Charter amendment establishes consistency between the change to Charter section 33-15 as provided for in Charter amendment 21 above, and the two year term for the Mayor provided for in Charter Section 33-32.

Proposed Charter Amendment 25 - This amendment to Town Charter Section 33-32 provides that the Mayor's term of office will revert to two years beginning with the election of March 2007.

Proposed Charter Amendment 26 - This amendment to Town Charter Section 33-33 will change the term of office of the Forest Heights Councilmen from the current four years to a term of two years.

Proposed Charter Amendment 27 - This Town Charter amendment will change the term of Councilmen from the current term of four years to a term of two years, and establishes a phase-in of sitting Councilmen's terms to the new two year terms.

Proposed Charter Amendment 28 - This amendment to Charter Section 33-31 requires candidates for elective office to submit their nominations, as well as a statement of candidacy, by the first Wednesday of February to conform to the change in election date from May to March.

Petition Amendments - In addition to the Council initiated amendments summarized above, the ballot for the March 14, 2007 election will contain questions requesting citizen approval of eight additional changes to the Town Charter as contained in a petition containing signatures more than 20 percent of the Town's registered voters. The ballot will also contain advisory questions for possible additional Council initiated Charter amendments.

The full text of all the resolutions containing the proposed amendments can be found on the Bulletin Board at the Forest Heights Municipal Building, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.



METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE BANKERS, INC.
1717 Elton Road, Suite 211
Silver Spring, MD 20903
Maryland's 2004 "Broker of the Year"

Dear Neighbor,

As a Forest Heights Community resident, and a licensed and bonded mortgage loan officer, I would like to share some information with you about our homes. As you know, prices have increased dramatically, but so have their values and the equity we now have in them. This gives us an opportunity to free up some cash for paying off debt or making a large purchase, through refinancing.

We, at Metropolitan Mortgage Bankers, Inc. could possibly get you a lower rate. Rates are still very low but will soon rise. In addition, those of you who have mortgage insurance might be able to eliminate it.

At my company we have a large selection of low-rate mortgage products from which to choose.

If you or anyone you know is interested in discussing some possibilities, please call me toll-free at (888) 231-5363 x162 or on my cell at (301) 370-5277.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Schools
Mortgage Banker



ADVERTISEMENT IN THE FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

ATTENTION RESIDENTS ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER

WE ARE SEEKING ARTICLES FOR OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND SERVICES SECTION . CIRCULATION IS APPROXIMATELY 1,000 WHICH INCLUDE DISTRIBUTIONS TO FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY CHURCHES & OTHER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES.

MONTHLY ADVERTISEMENT RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FULL PAGE—\$100 BUSINESS CARD—\$10 QUARTER—\$25 HALF PAGE—\$50

MINIMUM 2 MONTHS ADVERTISEMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BONITA ANDERSON AT (301) 839-1030

Let us handle your insurance needs...
We'll give you peace of mind!



COMPETITIVE & COMPREHENSIVE PLANS
AUTO • HOMEOWNERS • BUSINESS

Call for a Free Consultation
301-203-7826 • 301-203-7824 (fax)
achatman@chatmaninsurance.com

Albert Chatman, Jr.
President

"We are serious about insurance."



INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, INC.
10003 Indian Head Hwy., Ste. 211, Fort Washington, MD 20744



Cruise With Cruz
For All Your Travel Needs



M. Yvonne Cruz
Travel Agent

301-839-8013

travelcruz@verizon.net
www.ytb.com/travelcruz

LIBERTY RESTORATION LLC
HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Concrete—Asphalt Driveways/Masonry
Patios/Brick/Stone/Retaining Walls Steps
Tree and Snow Removal Fence-Deck
Installation/Repair. Basement.
Residential or Commercial
Licensed and Bonded
Call for a free estimate.—
Mr. Bill Robinson
(301) 996-1865
"When Quality Counts...Call Us"

"IN THE BEGINNING"
\$120 (ADULTS) \$95 (TEENS)

A new play at the SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE—*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

DATE: Saturday, April 7, 2007 (Showtime 12 noon)

Leaving Rivertowne Commons, Home Depot area, 8:30 am (return 7:00 pm)

Cost includes dinner buffet, transportation, show tickets,
bus games/snacks

**For additional information and/or seat reservation,
Contact Carolyn @ (301) 839-5621**

TOWN TRASH COLLECTION

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY—*Recycling*

TUESDAY—*Trash*

WEDNESDAY—*Bulk & Yard*
Waste

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.

THANK YOU!



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

WORK SESSION & TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

*****TOWN MEETING*****

February 21, 2007



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.

Mayor/Council Work Session

- Monday, Feb. 5 @ 7:30 pm
- Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 7:30 pm

Town Meeting

- Wednesday, March 21, 2007 @ 8 pm
- Wednesday, April 18, 2007 @ 8 pm

Deadline to submit articles for the January 2007 newsletter is February 16, 2007. Articles are to be turned in via email to townclerk.fh@verizon.net or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

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."

CRIME REPORT

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

January 2007

January 2007

Theft	1
Property Damage	0
Vehicle Impound	2
Theft from Auto	1
Stolen Tag	0
Robbery	1
Stolen Auto	0
Vandalism to Auto	0
Assault	0
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0
B & E	1
Arrest	6
Missing Person	1
Harrassment	1
Domestic Violence	0
Disorderly	2

Forest Heights Police Dept.

(301) 839-4040

Eastover District IV Police

(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

JOBS AVAILABLE NOW!

U S C E N S U S B U R E A U
Helping You Make Informed Decisions

MD RESIDENTS

Part-time (varying hours and days)
Temporary Work (3 - 4 months)
Earn \$\$\$ - starting @ \$11.59/hr

Work in local communities collecting data for
American Housing Survey



***The American
Housing
Survey***



Sponsored By:
***The Department
of Housing and
Urban
Development***

HURRY, CALL TODAY ...

1-888-722-8995

For details and to register for
Testing & Interview at a location near You!

U.S. Census Bureau
Philadelphia Regional Office
833 Chestnut Street, Suite 504
Philadelphia, PA 19107

1-888-722-8995
(215) 717-1800
www.census.gov