



**TOWN ELECTIONS FOR COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS I, II & III TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2008 .**

**MARYLAND PRIMARY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH**

**AN APOLOGY TO FORMER**

**MAYOR PAULA NOBLE**

I, would like to apologize for using a letter written by former Mayor Paula Noble in the January Forest Heights News. I did not give her credit for the original writing nor request permission for it's use. I take full responsibility for its use. No member of the Town Council or member of my staff played any part in the misuse of the letter. Please forgive me.

*Mayor Quincy Hines, Jr.*

**National Harbor 's Grand Opening** is just around the corner, April 2008 and Forest Heights welcomes it's new neighbor. The opening of National Harbor will have a great impact on our town's residents in many ways. One of them is to provide employment opportunities and although Gaylord National's hiring event (held January 30th thru February 2nd) has passed, residents of Forest Heights should be aware that there are still numerous companies that are still looking for employees. Five hotels—Hampton Inn & Suites ([www.otodevelopment.com/careers](http://www.otodevelopment.com/careers)), Marriott ([www.marriott.com/careers](http://www.marriott.com/careers)), W-Aloft ([www.starwoodhotels.com/careers](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/careers)), Westin ([www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/careers](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/careers)), and Wyndham ([www.wyndham.hrdpt.com](http://www.wyndham.hrdpt.com)). In addition, numerous restaurants Dolce Enoteca e Ristorante and Ketchup with the Dolce Group ([www.dolcegroup.com](http://www.dolcegroup.com)), Grace's Mandrin ([www.gracesgroup.com](http://www.gracesgroup.com)), McCormick and Schmicks ([www.mccormickandschmicks.com](http://www.mccormickandschmicks.com)), and Rosa Mexicano ([www.rosamexicano.info](http://www.rosamexicano.info)). Persons interested in employment opportunities, may also contact the Maryland Workforce Exchange.

**Nationals Ball Park**, on South Capital in Washington, D.C. will be holding a job fair on February 9th, 2008 between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm. On the spot interviews will be held at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street, SW, Washington, D.C.. Applicants must dress professionally and be over 18 years of age, dress professionally, criminal background and drug testing are mandatory. There are over 1200 part-time and seasonal positions available ranging from sales to management.

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**POLICE CHIEF REPORTS**

The month of January has been productive for the Forest Heights Police Department. Officers have completed mandatory in-service training (annual) in the classroom, as well as on the Firearms Range. A former FHPD Officer has been brought back on board this month, as we anticipate the Department to grow as time progresses. Pfc. Larry Blake has re-joined the ranks of the Forest Heights Police Department. We would like to welcome him back to the FHPD Squad.

Weather-wise, Public works has done an excellent job with the few snow episodes we have recently endured. The citizens are doing a great job adhering to the Snow Emergency Route regulations throughout the month.

The Town of Forest Heights has received several complaints in reference to Code Enforcement issues. The Forest Heights Police Department has addressed these issues through additional enforcement throughout the residential areas. Please be advised that a copy of the Town Ordinance is available at the Forest Heights Municipal Building, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Police Chief F. R. Webb

Reminder:

**EMERGENCY CALLS—911**

**NON-Emergency-** Police calls for service, please call **(301) 333-4000**. This is the number for Countywide Communications. The Prince George’s County Police Department dispatches Forest Heights Police Officers to calls for service via Police Radio.

**Crime Report Update for Month of December**

Vehicles Impound.....1	Stolen Auto.....1	Missing Person.....2
Accidents.....1	Returned Missing Person.....1	



How do I love thee? Let me count the ways  
I love thee to the depth and breath and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need: by sun and candlelight.  
I love thee freely: as men strive for Right;  
I love thee purely; as they turn from Praise.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints--I love thee with the breath.  
Smiles, tears, of all my life! - and if God choose,  
I shall but, love thee better after death.

*Written by Elizabeth Browning*

*Happy Valentine's Day to All*



### **Black History Month**

Have you ever wondered where the concept of Black History Month began? Well, Black History Month was established in 1976 by Afro-American for the Study of Afro-Americans Life and History. This was an expansion of Negro History Week, which was established in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, director of what was then known as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Woodson selected the week in February that embraced the birthdays of both Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member Mary Church Terrell was also instrumental in a separate effort when the Omegas established "Negro Achievement Week" in 1924 also honoring Frederick Douglas on February 14th, the date he used to mark his birth. While Terrell's efforts were mostly local, Woodson used this opportunity to make it a national celebration sending out circulars to groups across the United States. Woodson viewed this week as a effort to demonstrate to the world that Africans and peoples of African descent had contributed to the advance of history. The idea took hold immediately, celebrations at first were largely only in the African American communities, but mayors and governors soon began endorsing Negro History Week as a way to promote interracial harmony. By the 1950's this was a well-established cultural institution. In the 1960's many in the African American community felt that a week was insufficient and called for a month long celebration. From the conception the idea has been to underline the harms of racial prejudice and to cultivate black self-esteem following the centuries of social and economic oppression. It also was an opportunity to recognize significant contributions made to society by people with African heritage. Now you know why we celebrate Black History Month.

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**FOR EMERGENCY CALL 911**

**NON EMERGENCY CALL**

**(301) 333-4000 (Dispatch)**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OF TOWN  
ORDINANCE**

Each month we will begin to include sections of the town's town ordinance so that residents will begin to familiarize themselves. We also will begin strict enforcement of the Town of Forest Heights codes, violators can be fined up to \$1000 for offenses. In recent years we have been very lenient in this area and our town shows it.

Join us in making Forest Heights the most beautiful municipality in Prince George County.

**Article 3, Section 3.2 C -Rental Property Permits**

To be issued to all property owners whose properties (1) are rental properties or (2) reside in their properties less than six (6) months out of the year. All such property owners shall be required to obtain the Rental Property Permit at an annual cost of \$75.00. Rental Property Permit must be obtained from the Town Clerk of Forest Heights not later than September 1, 2007. **Failure to obtain a permit shall be deemed a municipal infraction and subject to a fine of \$500.00.**

**The Town of Forest Heights is looking for persons to volunteer to participate in developing our housing code.**

**All persons interested, please contact Councilwoman Jacqueline Goodall at 301-518-1898 or email— jacquelinegoodall@msn.com.**

A complete copy of the Forest Heights Ordinances may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Municipal Building.

- *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 meetings: February 20th, March 3rd and April 7th, 2008*

## NOTE FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

As a reminder to residents of our town. Please install carbon monoxide detectors as well as smoke detectors in your home. Fire Station #842 on Marcy Court has a program that they will send someone out to your home to check to see if your smoke detectors are in working condition and they will also check for carbon monoxide in your home. Please call 301-883-7742 and ask for officer in charge. If available, free smoke detectors are also given out.

### 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.

**THANK YOU!**

*Phil Ruano, Supervisor  
Public Work*

### What to do in the Garden in February

In Zone 7, February is a tough month for us gardeners while we are await the first signs of spring, however, there are several things that we can be do.

- Check flower beds that may have been heaved.
- Replace mulch as needed.
- Check outside plants and shrubs for animal damage.
- Cut some branches for forced inside blooming.
- Rejuvenate holly bushes with a hard pruning.
- Check evergreens for signs of desiccation.
- Start seeds of vegetables and flowers indoors.
- Get your gardening tools in order.
- Prune trees and shrubs, both ornamental and flowering (check to see what type of shrubs you have, some flowering shrubs set their flowers in late summer and pruning will destroy the set budding)
- Remove dead wood from rose bushes.
- Begin working on that perfect lawn, by raking this will help with thatch.
- Cut back that overgrowth and vines that will be hard to get to once everything starts to green.

And remember everything will soon be green, Spring is almost here!



**RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENT**

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



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## **Professional Services:**

- ◆ **Electrical Service Upgrades**
- ◆ **Update code violations**
- ◆ **Troubleshooting Electrical Circuits**
- ◆ **Installation of New & Old Work**
- ◆ **Light Commercial Work**
- ◆ **Ceiling Fan Installation**

**Very Good Pricing & References Available**

**Licensed & Bonded, DC and MD**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Keeping your Energy Costs Down

The U. S. Department of Energy estimates that you can reduce your heating and cooling needs up to 30 percent by properly insulating and weatherizing your home.

#### **Day to Day Tips:**

- Change or clean your furnace filter once a month.
- Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts, with caulking or weather stripping.
- Replace broken or cracked glass and consider installing storm windows.
- Dress warmly in the home and turn down your thermostat.
- Close vents and doors in unused rooms and close dampers in unused fireplaces.
- Run your washer and dryer with full loads.

By setting your thermostat at a comfortable setting between 65 and 70 degrees during the day and slightly lower at night, lowering your setting to 58 degrees when you are away you can save as much as 3 percent on your heating bill in a 24 hour period according to the Dept. of Energy.

**Never use range-top burners or ovens for home heating purposes.**

### Washington Area Fuel Fund

Founded by Washington Gas in 1983, the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF) helps families who do not qualify for or who have exhausted government energy assistance. WAFF provides funds for all types of fuels. For more information or to apply for WAFF funds which are available January 1st through May 31st, call the Salvation Army at 1-888-318-WAFF (9233)

### **Carnival/Mardi Gras Festival at Newton White**

A one of a kind free event takes place on Friday, Feb. 29, 2008 from 7pm—9pm at the Newton White Mansion as it hosts a family friendly Carnival/Mardi Gras festival in celebration Black History Month. Carnival combines early French and Spanish traditions to African heritage and folklore, with satirical theatrics and entertainment for all. Join in the fun for a Friday night full of traditional “Fat Tuesday” events. Call ahead for reservations and more information 301-249-2004.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 24TH 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm**

**OXON COVE FARM**

**6411 Oxon Hill Road**

Did you know that the Oxon Cove Farm (formerly Oxon Hill Children’s Farm) in 2005 was accepted as part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom for discovery of the Jacob Shaw story. Jacob Shaw was enslaved on Berry Plantation, which today comprises of the most southern part of the park. Although there are no structures left from that period, the Oxon Cove Farm plans to present programs about Jacob Shaw and his struggles in the coming year. Come out on Sunday, Feb. 24th and learn more about the lives of slaves who lived at Mount Welby Farm, the 19th century name for Oxon Cove Farm. Through song, storytelling and other activities learn how people lived through the bondage and the triumph of the human spirit over slavery. The program is intended for children, but all ages are welcome. Reservations are required, call 301-839-1146 for more information.



**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHT  
FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND 20745-1998**

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**Fax (301) 839-9236**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Date: February 6, 2008**

**Closing Date: February 26, 2008**

**JOB TITLE: Town Clerk Starting Salary: Negotiable**

**DEFINITION**

This is an appointed administrative, clerical position, under the supervision of the Mayor. The Town Clerk shall attend the meetings of the Council and shall keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council. The Town Clerk shall be custodian of the official records (other than the records of the Treasurer and the Board of Elections) of the Town and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Mayor and Council.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

Working knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment. Write legibly; maintain a harmonious working relationship with co-workers. Must possess a high clerical aptitude, mental alertness, tact and courtesy. Must be self motivated.

Must be able to communicate in English clearly and concisely, both the written and spoken form. Must be able to hear, understand and follow oral directions, and type at a rate of at least 45 words per minute. Knowledge of Microsoft computer software including; Word, Excel, Access, Publisher, and Works, etc.

**MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

Graduate of a recognized high school or GED. Prefer at least four years prior office or town clerk experience.

**ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

Any certified training or degree in office procedures or municipal government structure. Prior experience in municipal government.

**REQUIRED LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**

Must be able to pass all drug screening tests.

**The Town of Forest Heights is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Town stands ready to make reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.**

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