

Moving Forward

ELECTION INFORMATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010



Poll will open at the Municipal Building, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights from 11:00 a.m. through 8:00p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010. The election will be conducted by the Town's Board of Elections. Only those registered voters will be permitted to vote in this election.

Voters are reminded that we will be using paper ballots. Election results will be published in the regular May edition of the Forest Heights newsletter and the newly elected officials will be sworn into office at the March 17, 2010 Town Meeting.

ABSENTEE VOTING

1. Any voter who is qualified and registered to vote in the Town Elections is entitled to vote by absentee ballot, provided the following conditions are met in accordance with Section 1 of Charter Amendment Resolution 1 of 1992:

- a. Any qualified voter registered to vote who may be absent from the Town of Forest Heights on any Election Day.
- b. Any qualified voter registered to vote whose physical ability or confinement in or restriction to any Election Day.
- c. Absentee ballots must be received no later than the close of the polls on March 10, 2010.

2. A qualified voter desiring to vote in any election by absentee ballot shall make application for an absentee ballot in writing to the Board of Elections. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which need not to be under oath, but which shall set for the information required under this section, under penalty of perjury. The application shall contain the following information:

- a. The voter's name and residence address.
- b. That the person is a qualified voter at the residence given.
- c. If the person voted at the preceding election, the residence address from which he voted; and
- d. That the voter expects in good faith to be unable to vote in person for the reasons stated in 1.a. or 1.b.

CANDIDATES IN THIS ELECTION

Council Members:

Ward I:	C. Lynn Smith-Barnes	Watisha Dixon
Ward II:	Jonathon Kennedy II	Theresa Brownson
Ward III:	Brian McLaurin	Taunya Hines

Mrs. C. Lynn Smith-Barnes (Councilmember WARD I)

March 10, 2010 is Election Day and you have the opportunity to elect the candidate from your WARD whom you feel will best represent you. March 3, 2010 is the day of the debate to which you have an earlier opportunity to come and ask questions of the prospective candidates asking you to vote for them.

Would you purchase anything without looking it or knowing anything about it? Do you want to vote for someone without knowing what his or her intentions are?

I am welcoming, encouraging and imploring all residents from WARD I to come to the debate and ask your prospective councilmember, whom you will be electing to represent you, so that on March 10, 2010 you will feel comfortable for the next two years with your decision.

I am accepting this time as a better way of managing, discouraging all rumors, innuendoes, etc. that arise during this time.

I am here for the better part of legislating equally and fairly for you and not based on the influence, association or support of those who would like to control with malice.

Legislating is not easy when you are working for so many, it means being fair but also obeying not only the Municipal laws but also the laws of the STATE.

Watisha Dixon (Ward 1 Town Council)

March 10, 2010 is a very important day. It is a day that can bring about change. Change for our community. It is a day that voting citizens have the power to put in office the person they feel can do the best job.

I have lived in Forest Heights for the past Five years. I have seen good and bad things, but the most important is our youth. We currently have no recreation center, or after school activities for our youth. We need to encourage and strengthen our youth. Our youth are our future.

On March 10, 2010 vote for me. I will be one of those leaders that you can trust to get the job done.

Mr. Jonathon Kennedy II (Councilmember WARD II)

CHANGE AND PROGRESS ARE ONGOING

First I would like to thank everyone who voted for me this past special election which has afforded me the opportunity to serve you as Councilman for Ward II and subsequently as Council President. It has been a very interesting as well as challenging road traveled to date. This administration has made a lot of positive changes to insure that the TOWN and its citizens move forward.

One of the things that I, as well as the Mayor and most Council members, believe is that this is ONE town and therefore ALL council members should be willing to help any of its citizens with any concern that they may have.

In my last statement, I stated that I would help move this town forward and to make Forest Heights the best that we can possibly be. With my help and input, the following are a few of the accomplishments that the **committed members** of this administration have been able to accomplish, while I have been on council:

1. We have completed the 2007 and 2008 audits and are currently working to finalize the 2009 audit.
2. We have strengthened our police department by purchasing new police cars, that are more fuel efficient, and by hiring an additional police officer and code enforcement officer.
3. A much needed new truck has been purchased for the public works department. (other equipment are on the way)
4. To reduce our energy usage, the town municipal building has had new energy efficient windows installed, a much needed roof is in the process of being replaced as well as installation of a 'vegetated green roof' which will further save the town money by its energy efficiency and durability.
5. The top floor of the municipal building is in the process of being updated and renovated.
6. The Mayor and I planned the trip to Sight and Sound this past year, the trip to Kings Dominion for the youth, and this past Forest Heights Day Celebration.
7. The Mayor and I unselfishly insured that the town roads were passable after each snowfall; without regard of sleep this past blizzard.

The above list is just a few things that have and are being done. A large part of the above mentioned will be paid for by grants that were diligently obtained by the **committed members** of this administration. I am working with this administration as we consistently look into ways to improve things in town and to find ways to reduce cost for the town and all of its citizens. I will continue to work with this administration to help in any way needed.

I have put in **countless hours** and **unselfish dedicated commitment** into moving our town forward and will continue to do so if re-elected. One person can make a difference. One vote will make a difference. Vote **Jonathon Kennedy II**, a 30 year resident, on **March 10, 2010** and allow me the opportunity to continue to help move our town forward into a wonderful new era.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT..... NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

**MARCH 10, 2010
VOTE - Theresa BROWNSON- WARD II**

**DO WE NEED A CHANGE? CAN WE CHANGE?
YES WE CAN! YES WE CAN! YES WE CAN!**



Theresa Brownson

**RESIDENTS: WE CAN WIN IN 2010
MARCH 10, 2010 - VOTE – THERESA BROWNSON
WARD II**

I have been a tax paying resident of Forest Heights for over 15 years. I have a Master’s Degree in Education. I have taught in high school and I have worked with senior citizens. I helped manage a Tennis Camp for children (Ages 8 – 14) of Forest Heights at Bell Acres Park. I have the ability to work with all ages.

On the one hand I have seen my taxes increase. On the other hand, I have seen the deterioration of our town, our streets, and our safety.

Higher taxes - poorer services: We need leaders that can bring about change, bring the community together, fix our streets, and work with and help save our children. I can be one of those leaders.

March 10, 2010 VOTE: Theresa BROWNSON - WARD

VOTE: BRIAN MCLAURIN, FOR WARD III COUNCILMAN

MARCH 10, 2010

I STAND FOR HONESTY, FAIRNESS, AND INTEGRITY

I'VE BEEN A HOMEOWNER IN FOREST HEIGHTS FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS. I LEARNED THE CORRECT WAY TO LEGISLATE THIS MUNICIPALITY AND WILL BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM.

IN MY 1ST TERM AS COUNCILMAN FOR WARD III, I COMPLETED THE COURSES THROUGH, THE ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE, ACCREDITED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. THE TRAINING INCREASED MY UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOW MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD FUNCTION CORRECTLY. IT IS WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE THAT PROMPTED ME TO ADVISE THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL OF IMPROPER PROCEDURES, TO NO AVAIL.

EVEN THOUGH I AM THE TARGET OF PERSONAL RETALIATION I HAVE REPRESENTED AND INFORMED AND THE RESIDENTS OF WARD III AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. I WILL HOLD ALL OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE AND I WILL DEMAND FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY!

VOTE BRIAN MCLAURIN, WARD III COUNCILMAN

MARCH 10, 2010, VOTE BRIAN MCLAURIN

Taunya L. Hines (Ward III)

My name is Taunya L. Hines. I've resided in this community for over 20 years, I have previously run for councilwoman of ward 3, and although victorious, my term was short, leaving me with unfinished business, dreams and goals for the town.

I'm a God fearing woman who knows with God on my side there is nothing I can't overcome. As long God orders my steps and the citizens of Forest Heights Keep me accountable we will have a successful term.

I'm a woman who believes in standing up for what is right and working to reach my goals. I support and will continue to support good work, acknowledging your issues and concerns and I will make sure they are being addressed. I believe it takes as village to raise one child. I have been passed the torch and I'm not afraid of running the race. My parents have taught me morals, values, and discipline. I will use these virtues to guide me through the tough decisions involved as a town council member.

I know I can offer a new and young perspective. I bring determination and have strong beliefs in preserving the rights of the citizens of Forest Heights. I am extremely qualified for this position. I'm a resident of this town and I'm concerned about how it's being run. I believe in using my problem solving skills to resolve any concerned you may have. I have strong leadership qualities, which will be used to bring forth much needed changes. I love to listen to the unheard. I will voice their ideas to ensure the members of our community are equally represented. There are a lot of changes I would like to bring to our community. We need to work together to promote equal rights. We need to listen to all members of our community not just the outspoken. I'd also like to implement more children's programs, elderly activities, and neighborhood watches. Most importantly we need to take back our community. We need to get everyone involved and work together. Positive plans and ideas are already being brought forth by the current mayor and council. And if elected I will work with my colleagues to make these plans and ideas a reality. Our ancestors fought for this right so I strongly urge you to come out and vote to ensure all voices are heard in Forest Heights.

Taunya Hines

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Emergency Ordinance 01-10
"Parking and Traffic"

An Emergency Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The Town Of Forest Heights, Maryland Amending Article 15 (Parking And Traffic), Section 15.9 (Penalties), By Changing The Maximum And Minimum Fines For Violations Of Said Article To Be Consistent With The Charter, And Authorizing The Council To Establish From Time To Time By Resolution Certain Fines, Fees And Charges Authorized And Described In The Article, And By Making Certain Stylistic And Grammatical Changes Within Article 15, And Generally Relating To The Regulation And Control Of Parking And Traffic.

A full copy of the Ordinance is posted at the Town Hall