

Dear Residents of Ward I

It's hard to believe that two years have passed. I want to first thank you for the opportunity to serve as your elected representative on the Town Council. I want to also thank our former Mayor Hines, Councilpersons Barnes, Clark, McCutcheon, Reifsneider, our former Treasurer Miranda Shepherd, and all of the employees of the Town of Forest Heights, we all worked together that first year to save our town from bankruptcy.

I must say this has certainly been an interesting term. I knew that we would be inheriting a financial mess from the Spires/Stoner administration in 2007. However, since there had not been an experienced person in charge of Treasurers duties since the Beck administration, the FY07 budget was not balanced. Mayor Stoner during his first tenure as mayor at no time made the necessary adjustments to FY07 budget, which caused the incoming councilpersons to spend the first six months of our term cleaning up the mess that was left behind. We didn't always agree how to make it, but we made it through.

There is a lot of work to still be done. Keeping our town financially healthy, our streets safe from the crime and our community free of rubbish is important, however we need to do more. We must work together to repair and replace our streetscape - roads and sidewalks, our long forgotten stormwater system is in dire need of replacement, update our street lights for energy efficient ones and we must do these repairs and retrofits to our infrastructure in a manner that reduces our human foot print to our environment.

I have worked hard making contact with various government and private entities on the Town's behalf to secure funding or technical assistance:

- Maryland Department of Natural Resources and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to update our codes and ordinances, developing a master plan to reduce the stormwater runoff from the municipal complex .
- Prince George County's Department of Natural Resources, Transportation Department and the Planning Department.
- Maryland State Department of Highway Administration
- University of Maryland Law Center
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation and NEMO
- Neighborhood Design Center of Prince George County

All of these agencies currently are working with the Town of Forest Heights, to help us achieve the goals we have set in creating a sustainable "green community". Other agencies are awaiting our proposals and grant applications. Working together as one council and one voice we can achieve the goals of the town.

I would like you to know that even though I have not had a conversation with each and every one of you, I am working hard to address the needs of Ward I, as well as the needs of the Town of Forest Heights. Like President Obama I believe that any change that is going to come must come from the bottom up. We as citizens have the biggest voice on the local level and our local elected officials must act as that voice.

I believe that as an elected official – I am first a Public Servant working for the good of the community. I would like to the opportunity continue to be your voice on the council, to serve you again and do what I can for the Town of Forest Heights.

**VOTE FOR JACQUELINE GOODALL**

**COUNCIL PERSON – WARD 1**