

FOREST Heights NEWS



Town of Forest Heights
Prince George's County, Maryland

We Work Together

Sue E. McGinnis
MAYOR

COUNCIL

Thomas Casey
Jerome K. Corrigan
Quincy Hines
Anne K. Reifsnieder
Sharon McClinnis
Paula Noble

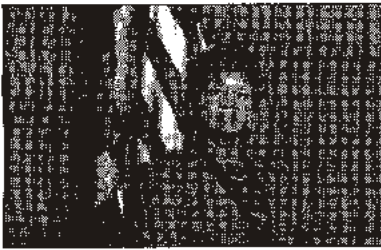
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TRASH PICK-UP DAYS CHANGED TRASH SHALL BE COLLECTED AND REMOVED BEGINNING AT 7:00am EACH TUESDAY AND FRIDAY STARTING JULY 2, 2002



Sue E. McGinnis
Mayor

I now begin my second-year as your Mayor. This year we have accomplished a lot and expect to accomplish much more – to name a few: 1). Received another \$100,000.00 to begin construction of Talbert Drive; 2). Installation of traffic lights and street name installed at Talbert Drive, and Route 210; 3). Wrote a grant for the benefit of Forest Heights First Summer Youth Program; 4). After Wednesday, May 29, 2002 meeting with the Maryland Taxation and Assessment; Forest Heights can now update businesses with unpaid tax bills.

Because of the amount of businesses who owes the Town of Forest Heights back taxes, I have established another Committee called "Business and Utilities Tax Revenue. Councilwoman Reifsnieder co-chair this Committee with me and within 6 weeks we have collected \$4,000.00 in back taxes.

Councilmember Quincy Hines and Mrs. Taunya Hines (Chair of Forest Heights Recreation) organized our second Community Day with a tailgate Party. There were a total of 100 people who socialized and feasted on barbecue chicken, hot dogs, fried fish, potato salad, and green beans. This event was a huge success. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Hines.

Councilmember Jerry Corrigan Mr. Corrigan has time and time again shown his commitment to our town.
Councilmember Paula Noble (Police Commissioner)

Our Forest Heights Police Department has dedicated officers working for the betterment of Forest Heights.

Administrative Staff: Michelle Dyer, I. Cotton, and S. Adams. These individuals assist the Mayor in corresponding on County and State Issues.

Public Works Staff: Bill Clarke, Phil, Rosario. To me, Bill Clarke is the best maintenance supervisor in the world.

Mrs. Katie Clarke bakes the best cakes and brownies on the East Coast.

Our Community Chefs: Ronald Delancey, Cliff Atkinson, Larry Stoner, and Councilman Quincy Hines. They prepare the best barbecue on the East Coast.

We have dedicated council members and staff who care about the welfare of our town. Their only desire is to create a strong family oriented community. We have an exceptional team working together that have performed an exceptional job for this Town.

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**  
No person shall be authorized to solicit or receive any monies or gratuities on behalf of the Town of Forest Heights. No person shall be authorized to solicit or receive any gratuities pertaining to the performance of any and all services pertaining to fundraising, for the benefit of the Town of Forest Heights. Any such activities must have prior approval from the Mayor, Sue E. McGinnis and three (3) council members. Mayor Sue McGinnis

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**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THIS MONTH'S TOWN MEETING AT 7:30 PM June 19, 2002 IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. Special Reception for Forest Heights First Elected Mayor Clifford R. Armhold – Special Guest: Scott A. Hancock, Executive Director, Maryland Municipal League and David C. Harrington, Mayor of Bladensburg President of Maryland Municipal League**  
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**Sue McGinnis**  
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Council Members  
**Ward I**  
**Sharon McInnis**  
301-567-2008  
Thomas Casey  
301-839-0936  
**Ward II**  
**Jerome Corrigan**  
301-839-2585  
**Anne Reifsneider**  
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SPARI@EROLS.COM  
**Ward III**  
**Quincy Hines**  
301-839-8522  
**Paula Noble**  
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**Administrative Offices**  
Clifton C. K. Brinkley - Chief of Police: (301) 839-4040  
Michelle E. Dyer – Town Clerk (301) 839-1030  
William Clarke – Maintenance Supervisor: (301) 686-1432

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**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 (Tuesdays when Mondays are holidays or as absolutely necessary) 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 Sept. 3, 2002.

**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 reaffirm our commitment to ensuring racial equality and justice in our city and to working with the National League of Cities to sustain this commitment throughout the country.

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**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.

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**STARTING JULY 2,**  
**2002-TRASH**  
**SHALL BE**  
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**REMOVED**  
**BEGINNING AT**  
**7:00am EACH**  
**TUESDAY AND**  
**FRIDAY**

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

- COUNCIL PRESIDENT- Anne Reifsneider
- CHARTER & ORDINANCES-Anne Reifsneider, Chair, Thomas Casey, Sharon McInnis
- MUNICIPAL BUILDING -Quincy Hines, Chair, Jerome Corrigan, Thomas Casey
- HEALTH & SANITATION-Sharon McInnis, Chair, Paula Noble, Quincy Hines
- HOUSING & ECONOMIC - Mayor Sue McGinnis, Chair,
- DEVELOPMENT - Jerome Corrigan, Thomas Casey, Paula Noble
- WAYS & MEANS - Jerome Corrigan, Chair, Quincy Hines, Thomas Casey
- PARKS & RECREATION - Thomas Casey, Chair, Jerome Corrigan, Anne Reifsneider
- PUBLIC WORKS - Anne Reifsneider, Chair, Thomas Casey, Sharon McInnis
- POLICE BOARD - Paula Noble, Chair, Jerome Corrigan, Thomas Casey, Sharon McInnis, Quincy Hines, Anne Reifsneider

BUSINESS & UTILITIES TAX  
REVENUE - Mayor Sue McGinnis,  
Anne Reifsnieder

AD HOC COMMITTEES Talbert Drive  
Quincy Hines, Chair, Community  
Center Quincy Hines, Chair

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS SCHOOL  
Flintstones & Forest Heights  
Elementary, Quincy Hines, Chair

FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS - Michelle  
E. Dyer, Editor, Jerome Corrigan,  
Reporter

COMCAST COORDINATOR - Paula  
Noble

RECREATION COUNCIL - Taunya  
Hines

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - Colonel  
Clifton K. Brinkley, Sr., Doris  
Stephens, Chair

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**(ATTENTION)**

**FREE SUMMER YOUTH  
PROGRAM**

The Mayor Sue McGinnis and the  
Recreation Council Taunya Hines is  
launching the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Forest  
Heights Youth Program (July 11<sup>th</sup>-  
August 9<sup>th</sup>) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \*Free  
trip to Six Flags \* Free trip to  
Smithsonian \*Lots of Activities Meals  
included: Pizza, Lunchmeat Platter,  
Fruit and Juice Deadline to respond:  
June 28, 2002 by 1:00 p.m. Contact:  
Town of Forest Heights, 5508 Arapahoe  
Drive Forest Heights, Maryland (301)  
839-1030 Limit space available: 30  
children (ages 6-12: First come- First  
serve basis)

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**REMINDER**

Yard Waste—ONLY—is picked-  
up Wednesday. Bundled brush  
tied securely (length not to

exceed 4 feet), bagged leaves and  
grass clippings. Do not mow or  
sweep grass clippings into  
gutters as it will clog the storm  
drains and cause a severe  
drainage problem.

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**MARYLAND FACTS**

Fort Meade became an Army base  
because a train engineer delivering  
soldiers to Meade knew only one  
Meade, the one in Maryland. He was  
not aware of Fort Meade, Fla. The  
delivery of soldiers to Maryland – and  
their need for housing – caused a base  
to be built there in July 1917.

Maryland forests cover  
approximately 2.6 million acres, or  
42 percent of the state's land. Oak  
and hickory are the dominant  
deciduous type, making up 60  
percent of forested areas. Loblolly  
pine is the most prevalent evergreen  
and is predominant tree on the  
Eastern Shore. First black resident  
was Marthias de Douse. Records  
indicate that he arrived, a free man,  
on a ship named The Ark in 1634.  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in  
Oakland (pop. 1,930) is called the  
"Church of the Presidents," because  
among those who attended were  
Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885),  
James Garfield (1831-1881),  
Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901),  
and Grover Cleveland (1837-1908).

It was under the Liberty Tree at St.  
John's College (the largest tulip  
poplar in the U.S.) that Marquis de  
Lafayette (1757-1834); a French  
general in the American  
Revolutionary army was welcomed  
to Annapolis in 1825.

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*Thought: Yesterday Is History,  
Tomorrow Is A Mystery, Today Is A  
Gift, That's Why We Call It The  
Present. Forest Heights Homemakers*  
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**Police Chief Update**

**"MONEY!"- NOW THAT I  
HAVE YOUR ATTENTION  
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR  
VEHICLE WITH THE STATE AS  
FOREST HEIGHTS, NOT OXON  
HILL MARYLAND. THIS WILL  
ENSURE STATE REVENUE FOR  
OUR COMMUNITY." THANK  
YOU, LT. SEWELL  
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**NEIGHBORHOOD  
MEETING WATCH JUNE  
17, 2002 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
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**Crime Reports**

May 1, 2002 through May 31,  
2002  
Robbery.....0  
Vandalism.....0  
Larceny/Theft.....4  
Stolen Motor Vehicles.....1  
Recovered Vehicles.....1  
Breaking & entering.....2  
Eastover District IV Police—  
(301) 749-4900  
Maryland Park Police----  
(301) 459-9088

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**Pinochle:** Players meet at the  
Municipal Building every Friday  
evening at 7:00 p.m.

Deadline to submit articles for the July  
2002 issue of the newsletter is July 2,  
2002. Articles are to be turned in or  
mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508  
Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD  
20745

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003**

| REVENUES                           | PROJECTED<br>FY 2002 | BUDGET<br>FY 2003 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Taxes –SHA           | \$115,531            | \$118,531         |
| State Police Grant                 | 25,575               | 25,575            |
| Local Income Taxes                 | 115,800              | 120,000           |
| Business Taxes                     | 4,500                | 5,500             |
| Utility Taxes                      | 9,900                | 10,500            |
| Town Real Estate Taxes             | 263,000              | 266,677           |
| Investment Interest Income         | 12,800               | 9,000             |
| Interest/Penalty Income Taxes      | 500                  | 500               |
| Interest/Penalty Real Estate Taxes | 500                  | 500               |
| Municipal Building Rental          | 8,000                | 10,000            |
| Cable Television Fee               | 20,000               | 22,000            |
| County Disposal Fee                | 7,996                | 7,996             |
| Accident Reports                   | 100                  | 200               |
| Parking Fines/Vehicle Release      | 350                  | 250               |
| Metals Pick Up                     | 700                  | 1,500             |
| Tires pick Up                      | 100                  | 100               |
| Snow Removal Refund                | 450                  | 450               |
| Miscellaneous                      | 100                  | 100               |
| From Reserves                      | 34,552               | 25,000            |
| CDBG (HUD) Grant                   |                      | 100,000           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>              | <b>\$620,454</b>     | <b>\$724,379</b>  |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURES</b>            |                      |                   |
| General Administration             | \$98,302             | \$98,302          |
| Municipal Building Operation       | 14,000               | 14,000            |
| Police Department                  | 208,277              | 208,277           |
| Street Lighting                    | 25,000               | 25,000            |
| Health and Sanitation              | 127,000              | 148,665           |
| Parks and Recreation               | 2,875                | 2,875             |
| Public Works                       | 130,000              | 128,387           |
| Capital Improvements               | 175,000              | 100,000           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>          | <b>\$780,454</b>     | <b>\$725,506</b>  |

Notes: Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 begins July 2, 2002 and ends June 30, 2003.