

# FOREST Heights NEWS



Town of Forest Heights  
Prince George's County, Maryland

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Sue E. McGinnis

**Dear Forest Heights  
Community,**

Forest Heights is a place where we respect and care for each other; a place that offers some of the best schools, churches and businesses, recreational events and fair housing. My goal is to make Forest Heights one of the best towns in America, and with us working together, we can accomplish any task.

I will continue to do my best to make the Town of Forest Heights a place we can be proud to raise our children. I will

continue to represent you to the best of my ability; insuring that we, as a Town, will receive a fair share of the current financial, economic pie.

The Town of Forest Heights is sponsoring a **food drive**. Please bring 1 to 2 non perishable items to the **June 18<sup>th</sup>** town meeting to assist town residents in case of emergency. Anne Reifsnieder has volunteered to coordinate this food drive. Donations will also be accepted at the municipal building.

I am honored to serve you as your Mayor. ■

## **Summer Reminders**

Town Ordinance No. 11 specifies that it is the responsibility of the occupant or property owner to maintain yards and vacant lots. They must be kept clean and free from grass, weeds, brush etc.

and in addition weeds and grass may not exceed eight inches in height.

Please do not mow your lawn grass into the gutter as it washes into the **STORM DRAINS**. This can cause blockage and serious street flooding.

Your kind cooperation is appreciated by all Town Residents. ■

## **TOWN MEETING**

**Wednesday,  
June 18, 2003  
Municipal Building  
8:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker  
Wilbert Ridgley, Jr.  
Community Relations  
Coordinator**

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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.

**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 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 September 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday or as absolutely necessary).

**TOWN TRASH COLLECTION**

Your cooperation with Town ordinances for disposing of residential trash is important for maintaining healthy and property values in the Town. The Town trash contractor collects trash on Tuesday and Friday (except holidays). The County also collects recyclable materials in the Town on Monday (plastics, newspapers, etc.). Trash should be placed within two feet of the curb line. It is important to use trash containers with lids. Public Works has a 24-hour answering machine (301) 686-1432.

**TRASH PICK-UP DAYS BEGINNING AT 7:00 a.m.**

**MONDAY**

Recycling

**TUESDAY**

Trash

**WEDNESDAY**

Yard Waste

**FRIDAY**

Trash

Bulky Trash

**APPLIANCES & TIRE PICK-UP**

These items are not collected by the regular contractor. Town Public Works Department will collect these items at a cost of \$35.00 per item and tires \$4.00 without rim, \$6.00 with rim. Place items at curb by 7:00 a.m. you will receive notice of charges. **DO NOT PLACE ITEM BY CURB UNLESS YOU WANT TOWN TO PICK THEM UP.** After 30 days Town Ordinance Article 11, Section 11-4 -4 states "Violation of this notice can result in \$100.00 fine for first offense and may be fined \$200.00 for repeat offense." For hazardous and poisonous materials call (301) 883-5045. **FOREST HEIGHTS DOES NOT HAVE ANY COUNTY PICK-UP FOR METAL & TIRES.**

**TREE REMOVAL**

All property owners who have trees removed from private property must make arrangements to have all debris removed from the property. Relocating the limbs and tree trunks to the street or curbside is prohibited. Public Works Department will not remove and discard the debris. Town Ordinance indicates that the resident is subject to a fine for non compliance.

Deadline to submit articles for the September 2003 issue of the newsletter is August 29, 2003. Articles are to be turned in or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

**MAYOR**

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(301) 839-1030

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**Ward I**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

**Chief of Police**

Clifton C.K. Brinkley  
(301) 839-4040

**Town Clerk**

Wilhelmina Gray  
(301) 839-1030

**Town Treasurer**

Eureka White  
(301) 686-1431

**Public Works Department**

**Maintenance Supervisor**

William Clarke  
(301) 686-1432

**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 affirm 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.

**CRIME REPORT**  
**POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

May 2003 report unavailable at press time. Please contact the police clerk for May report.

Eastover District IV Police  
(301) 749-4900  
Maryland Park Police  
(301) 459-9088

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**HOURS**

Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

*State's Attorney  
Community Action Group  
Cross Borders Initiative*

The Town of Forest Heights welcomed the Community Action Group. The purpose of the meeting was to provide cross border initiatives having an impact on and in our town and county. There were six issues identified by the participants of the meeting.

1. Will the State Attorney's office incorporate municipalities?
2. Homeland Security funds have not been released and there is concern that money will not filter down to municipalities.
3. What are commercial businesses giving back to the community?
4. Stolen cars from District of Columbia are being dumped in Forest Heights. Community responsible for getting

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rid of the abandoned vehicles.

5. There are trails throughout area used as a means of escape after committing a crime, lack of security, trash, and lawn not mowed.
6. Fear of upcoming weather change resulting in youth gatherings.

The next CAG meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in Fairmount Heights. ■

***Attention Forest Heights  
High School Seniors***

Senator Gloria Lawlah announced at the May town meeting that Governor Ehrlich has made scholarships available to high school seniors. Please watch the Forest Heights newsletter for further details. ■

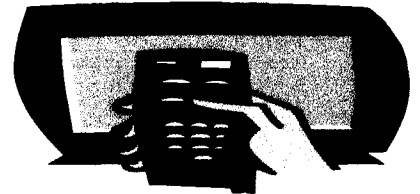
**Residents WARD II**

My sincere appreciation to all residents of Ward II that have supported me during my years of elected service in the Town of Forest Heights. It has always been my goal to serve ALL Town Residents and ALL wards. I shall miss the opportunity. My best wishes are extended to the Mayor & Town Council.

- Anne K. Reifsneider

**PRINCE GEORGE'S  
CABLE**

**COMCAST**



Cable theft is a serious problem throughout the region that costs local governments and municipalities millions of dollars each year through the loss of local franchise fees and taxes. Comcast is committed to doing everything within our power to combat this problem and turn cable thieves into legal, paying customers. As part of this commitment, Comcast is launching a cable amnesty program that will run from June 1, 2003 to June 15, 2003.

The Prince George's Cable Commission meets the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting is held at the Prince George's County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2003. Paula Noble is the Town of Forest Heights Comcast Coordinator. ■

**1-800-COMCAST**  
**301-499-1980**  
**301-731-4230**

## Town Of Forest Heights Proposed Budget For Fiscal year 2004

Revenues	Projected FY 2003	Budget FY 2004
Motor Vehicle Taxes-SHA	115,531.00	115,531.00
State Police Grant	25,575.00	25,000.00
Local Income Taxes	115,800.00	146,000.00
Business Taxes	4,500.00	8,000.00
Utility Taxes	9,900.00	10,500.00
Town Real Estate Taxes	263,000.00	268,000.00
Investment Interest Income	12,800.00	5,500.00
Interest/Penalty Income Taxes	500.00	900.00
Interest/Penalty Real Estate Taxes	500.00	900.00
Municipal Building Rental	8,000.00	6,000.00
Cable Television Fee	20,000.00	25,000.00
County Disposal Fee	7,996.00	8,000.00
Accident Reports	100.00	
Parking Fines/Vehicle Release	350.00	450.00
Metals Pick Up	700.00	550.00
Tires Pick Up	100.00	550.00
Snow Removal Refund	450.00	22,000.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	1,500.00
From Reserves	34,552.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>620,454.00</u></b>	<b><u>644,381.00</u></b>
 <b><i>EXPENDITURES</i></b>		
General Administration	98,302.00	109,513.00
Municipal Building Operation	14,000.00	12,845.00
Police Department	208,277.00	215,611.00
Street Lighting	25,000.00	21,200.00
Health and Sanitation	127,000.00	148,665.00
Parks and Recreation	2,875.00	1,596.00
Public Works	130,000.00	130,818.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>605,454.00</u></b>	<b><u>640,248.00</u></b>

Notes: Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 begins July 2,2003 and ends June 30,2004.

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**United States Golf Association  
Foundation Grant's Prince  
George's County Youth  
Organization \$24,000 for  
Summer Program**

The Rising S.T.A.R.S. Youth Scholarship Foundation, Inc. provides academic tutorial support and life skills development for youth who have initially come into contact with the Prince George's County criminal system on non-violent offenses.

The USGA Foundation award to the Rising S.T.A.R.S. Youth Scholarship Foundation of \$24,000 grant is to implement a series of golf clinics for youth participants in the S.T.A.R.S. program based in Prince George's County Maryland for this summer. The United States Golf Association Grant will be used to sponsor several golf clinics, which are planned for the summer of 2003 and will include classroom lessons on the etiquette of golf, course management techniques and career opportunities in the golf industry from agronomy to the steps necessary to being a golf course superintendent. The free golf clinics will be open to youth from the general community and that the Foundation is accepting donated, new and used golf clubs, bags and balls.

For more information about the S.T.A.R.S. program, please contact Garland Stillwell at (301) 807-9494. ■

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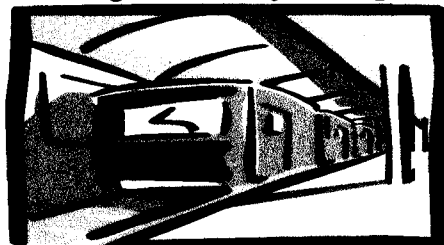


**Mayor's Coffee Hour**  
Please join the Mayor for a cup of coffee on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mayor's coffee hour is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ■

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**METRO  
FESTIVAL**

Sponsored by the  
Campaign to Reinvest in  
the  
Heart of Oxon Hill  
Friends of Oxon Hill  
Sierra Club, Prince  
George's County Group



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Metro  
Festival**  
Saturday, June 14, 2003  
(rain or shine)  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Downtown  
Oxon Hill – Forest  
Heights Baptist  
Church

Contact (301) 839-7403 or  
[Catjpp@aol.com](mailto:Catjpp@aol.com)

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**BRAIN TONIC**

Sarah Beall married Sam Magruder in early 1700. A century later some of the Beall and Magruder families moved from Maryland to the great land boom in Georgia for a new exciting life with many challenges. Martha Bernetta Beall married into the Candler family. Martha's son Asa Candler by 1887 had established one of the largest pharmacies in Atlanta. A chemist named John Pemberton developed a sweet syrup drink that he sold as a "Brain Tonic." In 1887 Asa Candler purchased the Pemberton Company for \$2300. He changed the original formula of the drink but retained the name "COCA-COLA." I am sure we all wish we had been direct descendant of the Candler family.

**THOUGHT:** On average, Americans eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

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**FOREST HEIGHTS  
HOME MAKERS**

*Need a place for parties,  
banquets, receptions,  
graduation celebrations,  
bridal showers, baby  
showers, meetings, etc.*

*Rent the town hall –  
reasonably priced. Call  
(301) 839-1030 for more  
information.*

## *The Town Remembers*

Matthew F. Maury Osborne, a retired NRL physicist and first mayor of Forest Heights, Maryland died March 30, at the home of his son and daughter-in-law in Oakton, Virginia, where he had resided since 1993. Mr. Osborne is survived by his nine children and six grandchildren. He was 86.

Mildred A. Borrer, the beloved wife of William F. Borrer; mother of Judith K. Ward; sister of Robert Osborn died May 11. She is also survived by three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lois Stone Ford, beloved wife of the late James H. Ford; loving mother of James L. Ford, Penne F. Bryant, Deborah F. Rittenhour and Jeannette F. Cardinal. She is also survived by her brother, Robert Stone; sister, Virginia Buell; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Forest Heights Homemakers extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our former long time resident and current member of the homemakers. Forest Heights Homemakers have made a donation to the Eastern Star.

