

FOREST Heights NEWS



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Sue E. McGinnis
Mayor

The Potential of a Flood vs.

The Life of a Child.

- ❖ April 3, 2002 at 11:00 am I had a meeting with Samuel Wynkoop (Director, Department of Environmental Resources). We talked about installation of a floodwall at Forest Heights Elementary School. We both agreed that the reconstruction of Talbert Drive (safety of our children vs. building a flood wall out weighted the latter. Mr. Wynkoop agreed to seek another route other than Talbert

Drive. The potential of a flood wall vs. the life of one child.

- ❖ April 12, 2002 I ate breakfast with Lt. Governor Townsend, we discussed the importance of Municipalities working together with other Government Agencies.
- ❖ We are nearing the end just before our summer break. We have accomplished a lot of things with plenty more to do. I personally thank The Forest Heights Community for their support.
- ❖ Our Forest Heights Summer Projects will include:
 1. The street beautification and re-pavement of Talbert Drive project.
 2. All are welcome to Forest Heights Community Tailgate/Potluck Party on May 31, 2002, 4pm-9pm at the Forest Heights Municipal Center. We will barbecue chicken, hot dogs and provide sodas.
 3. Children Summer Essay Contest- \$100.00 grades 1-4

4. Free Forest Heights Summer Camp: July 8th-August 8, 2002 10am-2pm. Summer Camp includes free trips to Six Flags, Black Wax Museum, Smithsonian and free meals: pizza, lunchmeat platter, fruit and juice.

At Your Service,
Sue McGinnis,
Mayor

**PLEASE DO NOT
FORGET THIS
MONTH'S TOWN
MEETING at 8:00
P.M. May 15, 2002
IN THE
MUNICIPAL
BUILDING.**

**Mayor
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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 June 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.

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.

**To The Neighbors
of Forest
Heights**

I, Doris Ross-Stephens, Chairman of the Neighborhood Watch Committee would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in the First Annual Clean-up Day. I hope to see all of you participating in future projects or gatherings in relation to our Community.

**Town Trash
Collection**

Your cooperation with Town ordinances for disposing of residential trash is important for maintaining health and property values in the Town. The Town trash contractor collects trash on Mondays and Thursday (except holidays). The County also collects recyclable materials in the Town on Mondays (plastics, newspapers, etc.) Trash should be placed within two feet of the curb line. It is important to use trash containers with lids. Rats and other animals will open garbage left in plastic bags. Public Works has a 24-hour answering machine. They can be reached at **(301) 686-1432**

BULKY TRASH
COLLECTION
TIRES AND METAL
ITEM PICK-UP
(APPLIANCES,
WATER HEATERS,
ETC) are not collected by the regular trash contractor. Town Public Works Dept. will collect these items at a cost of \$35.00 per item tires \$4.00, with out rims, \$6.00 with rims. Items must be placed at curb by 7:00 a.m. You will receive notice of charges at time of pick-up. **DO NOT PLACE ITMES AT CURB UNLESS YOU WANT THE TOWN TO PICK THEM UP?** After 30 days Town Ordinance Article 11, Section 11-4 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

\$100.00 Student
Essay Contest

Town of Forest Heights Mayor and Council take pleasure in announcing that we

are sponsoring an essay contest. The purpose is designed to encourage and motivate youth development in writing skills.

Contest: Each must be a student at Flintstone or Forest Heights Elementary Schools. Student must be in grades 1 thru 4 and submit a 150-word essay about "Why I am proud to live in the United States"

One student from each grade will receive \$100.00. Deadline October 1, 2002 by 4:30 p.m. For more information call (301) 839-1030.

The Day Baseball
Took a Beating

Baseball was a gentleman's sport, and the games were attended by the ladies of the city. Washington was one of the first baseball cities to woo women to ballgames. Senators ball club sponsored the first official "Ladies Day" in summer of 1897, inviting women to attend an afternoon game for free. They expected a few curious

females; however, a thousand women stormed the ballpark gates. They had not come to learn the game but to see the dashing Senators pitcher George "Winnie" Mercer. In the early innings, when the handsome pitcher struck out a batter or came up to bat and twirled his mustache, they swooned. In the fifth inning the hometown heartthrob got into an argument with umpire Bill Carpenter over an inside pitch that "Winnie" believed to be a strike. With the heated exchange of words the umpire ejected the popular pitcher from the game. The women vigorously protested for the remainder of the game, calling the umpire some unflattering terms. When the game ended in hometown defeats, a horde of women poured onto the field to attack the umpire with parasols. The umpire escaped into the clubhouse without bodily harm, but the grandstands were left in shambles. In time, things calmed down, and by the early '20s, it had become fashionable for Friday afternoon baseball games to be free to women and small children in their company.

Thought: *There can not be a crisis this week, my schedule is already full.*

Forest Heights
Homemakers



Police Chief Update
Crime Reports

April 1, 2002 through April 30, 2002

Robbery.....	2
Vandalism.....	2
Larceny/Theft.....	1
Stolen Motor Vehicles.....	1

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.

Flintstones Elementary
School PTA Committee
Is having a Spring Fling
on Saturday May 18,
2002 - 11:00am-3:
00pm at the school
cakes walk, games,
clown, food at no cost
for more information
please contact Ms.
Tanya Samuels (301)
749-9816

Enhance and preserve
your community?

Comprehensive Community
Cleanup
301-883-5822
Community Standards
883-6100
Vehicle Audit (abandoned
vehicles)
952-1873
Housing Code Compliance
883-6100
Zoning enforcement
883-6130
Tree Trimming (on County
property)
499-8530
Roadside Litter Pick-up
499-8530
Household Hazardous Waste
Info.

883-5045
Used Oil and Antifreeze Info.
1-800-473-2925
Office of Waste Reduction
883-5045
Recycling Bin replacement
952-7630
Stream Teams (Adopt-a-
Stream)
883-5822
Water Pollution Hotline
883-5935
Volunteer Tree Planting
Program
883-8522
Animal Management
499-8300
TDD
925-5167

These services are brought
to you by Prince George's
County Government:

Department of Environmental
Resources
Community Standards
Division
Programs & Planning Division
Waste Management Division
Department of Public Works
& Transportation
Office of Highway
Maintenance
Classified Ads

**FITNESS AND
RECREATION**

Come and join us!

Forest Heights Walking
Club:
Every Saturday beginning at
7:00 a.m. throughout the
year. We start at Forest
Heights Playground and
walk to Children's Farm.
For information contact Sue
McGinnis at (301) 567-
1346.

Deadline to submit articles for the
June 2002 issue of the Newsletter is
June 1. Articles are to be turned in
or mailed to the Municipal Building
at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest
Heights, MD 20745.

*We want to hear from you. Please
send your comments, questions and
ideas for this newsletter to Town
Hall at 5508 Arapahoe Drive,
Forest Heights, MD 20745 or fax
(301) 686-0014.*