

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,

We have survived another obstacle – and we have come out stronger than before, as a Nation conceived in Liberty. We are near our Mayor-Town Council Summer break. Take time to stop and smell the roses.

I end this message with a quote from Henry Drummond, “you will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.” ■

MAY 14 ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor:

Sue E. McGinnis	185
Quincy Hines	153
Percy Reeder	1 (write in)

Ward I Council:

Lynn Smith-Barnes	77
George Higgins	1 (write in)
George Wiggers	1 (write in)

Ward II Council:

Joyce Beck	55
Anne Reifsneider	54

Ward III Council:

Worthington Ross	55
Taunya Hines	39
Larry Stoner	27
Tanya Moore	21

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DISASTER?

Natural disasters can happen at any time, tips on how to be prepared:

1. Learn how your town handles emergencies;

know the evacuation route and the site of the nearest Red Cross shelter.

2. Set up a meeting place if family members get separated.
3. Have a disaster kit with water, non-perishable food, a first-aid kit and other necessities.
4. Have a full tank in your car.
5. Store objects that could cause damage in high winds, anchor any objects that can't be brought inside. ■

TOWN MEETING & SWEARING-IN CEREMONY for the newly elected officials

Wednesday,
May 21, 2003
Municipal Building
8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker
Senator
Gloria Lawlah

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MAYOR

Sue McGinnis
(301) 839-1030

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(301) 839-4040

Town Clerk

Wilhelmina Gray
(301) 839-1030

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.

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 June 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 June 2003 issue of the newsletter is June 2, 2003. Articles are to be turned in or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

CRIME REPORT
POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

April 1, 2003 through
 April 30, 2003

Robbery.....1	Seneca & Rolph Dr
Auto	
Vandalism.....0	
Theft.....4	5500 blk Livingston Rd
Stolen Motor Vehicles.....1	600 blk Pitt Ln
Property Damage.....0	
Vehicle Impound.....1	5600 blk Miles Dr
Stolen Tag.....0	
Assault.....1	5900 blk Shoshone Dr
Recovered Stolen Vehicle....1	Araphahoe Terrace
Residential B&E.....1	100 blk Fox Way
Theft from Auto.....0	

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT
HOURS

Monday through Friday
 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Closed Saturday and Sunday

***Tips for the Residents
 of the Town of Forest
 Heights***

- How does one recognize there is a problem when someone knocks on your door?

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- If any person you don't know knocks on your door there is a problem.
 - Do you open the door when you can not identify the person?
- You have to identify this person **BEFORE** you open the door.
 - Can you talk to the unidentified person through the door?
- You can talk to an unidentified person through the door it's **YOUR** home.

If the person continues to insist on you opening the door, ask this person to leave. If the unidentified person does not leave, **CALL THE POLICE.** We would like to talk to this person.

These tips will help prevent this type of home invasion. ■

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to Mrs. Ronald Peaslee from Florida. Mrs. Peaslee donated the new United States flag in Laura Park (Woodland and Seneca Drive). Anne Reifsneider supplies these flags. All donations are appreciated. ■

**PRINCE GEORGE'S CABLE
 COMCAST**

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, May 20, 2003. Paula Noble is the Town of Forest Heights Comcast Coordinator. ■

Francis Scott Key

Francis Scott Key is usually not known of as a prominent lawyer and a resident of Washington, DC, but only as the author our National Anthem. When written in 1814 the title was "Defense of Fort McHenry," and later as the "The Star Spangled Banner." The song was officially made the Nation Anthem by Congress in 1931.

Mr. Key purchased a home at 3518 M Street NW in 1805, later known as the Key Mansion. He lived at the same address with his wife and eleven children for the next twenty three years. When Mr. Key was appointed the District Attorney for Washington, DC in 1828, he sold the Key Mansion. Over the many following years the building had various owners, and it had been used as an ice cream parlor, a tourist sight, awning factory and shop and a flag factory. As progress moved on the Key Mansion was dismantled in 1947 as its location was in the way of one of the ramps for the Whitehurst Freeway.

THOUGHT: It's better to "wear out" than to "rust out." Live life to its fullest. Don't waste it.

**FOREST HEIGHTS
 HOMEMAKERS**

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	
Total Revenues	<u>620,454.00</u>	<u>644,381.00</u>
 EXPENDITURES		
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	130,000.00
Parks and Recreation	2,875.00	1,596.00
Public Works	130,000.00	130,818.00
Total Expenditures	<u>605,454.00</u>	<u>621,583.00</u>

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