



FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Neighbors,

As we move towards the summer months, the effect of recent progress made by our town government becomes clearer. Recent legislative acts raising the fines for municipal violations and passing ordinances which increase the penalties on drug and handgun related charges in Forest Heights, are already beginning to show strength in being able to buffer some of the activity which would have normally been in play by now. This administration has been very busy reforming our town government into responsive and effective organization. Since taking office, the Council and I, have been able to:

1. Increase the police presence in the town.
2. Decrease Crime through tougher legislation which holds parents responsible for their children's actions.
3. Restored order and professionalism to the town meetings.
4. Increased the town revenue through increased state aid – this allows better services.
5. Initiate an investigation into town affairs and are beginning to identify those who have taken advantage of the people of Forest Heights for the past 20 years.
6. Reestablish a positive relationship with outside funding sources including the Maryland General Assembly and the Prince George's County Government.
7. Identify and obtain funding to fix the streets and renovate the municipal building (anticipated start date on the streets is June 1!)

I am excited about where we are headed. Forest Heights will be a force to reckon with in just a short time. Already, we have plans to further increase our public works efforts, police force and administrative branch. It is our goal to be a premier town providing maximum service and a high quality of life to our residents. For the first time in some years, we expect to be able to report good financial news when we unveil the FY2007 budget.

TOWN TRASH COLLECTION

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SCHEDULE

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN

AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—*Recycling*

TUESDAY—*Trash*

WEDNESDAY—*Bulk & Yard
Waste*

FRIDAY—*Trash*

*You must use trash
containers with lids*

Trash consist of all mixed combustibles and non-combustibles including garbage, household trash, paper, rags, and cardboard. Trash should be placed within two feet of the curb line.

The County also collects recyclable materials in the Town on **MONDAY** (plastics, newspapers, etc.)

Every WEDNESDAY, tree trimmings, grass and leaves will be picked up, provided they are no longer than 4 feet and tied in small bundles. Grass clippings should be in trash bags.

Whenever Prince George's County Government holidays are celebrated on a Tuesday or Friday, trash will not be picked up on those days, nor will there be a make up date. However, trash will be picked up on the next regular scheduled pick-up date. Your cooperation with Town Ordinances for disposing of residential trash is important for maintaining health and property values in the Town.

METAL PICK—UP IF YOU SET OUT ANY METAL SUCH AS (WASHERS, DRYERS, HOT WATER HEATERS, ETC.) THE PW DEPT **WILL** PICK IT UP & LEAVE A 30 DAY NOTICE IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$35 PER ITEM THESE ARE ITEMS THAT THE TRASH CONTRACTOR DOES NOT PICK UP AND THE TOWN HAS TO DISPOSE FOR A FEE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE TOWN TO PICK UP THESE ITEMS PLEASE PLACE A NOTE SPECIFYING YOUR REQUEST. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT PW DEPT @ (301) 686-1432, M-F 7:00 AM—3:30 PM. FOR METAL PICK-UP.

THANK YOU!



RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENT
PLEASE CALL (301) 952-7630

WORK SESSION & TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

*****TOWN MEETING*****

May 17, 2006



Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. during the months of September - June.

Mayor/Council Work Sessions are held on the first Monday of the month (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday or as absolutely necessary).

Meetings are open to the public.

Mayor/Council Work Session

- Monday, June 5 @ 7:30 pm
- Monday, July 3 @ 7:30 pm

Town Meeting

- Wednesday, May 17 @ 8 pm
- **Wednesday, June 21 @ 8 pm**
Guest Speakers

Senator Gloria Lawlah & District 26

Deadline to submit articles for the June 2006 newsletter is June 9, 2006. Articles are to be turned in via email to townclerk.fh@verizon.net or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

BUSINESSES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DAY

JUNE 17, 2006

11:00 AM—4:00 PM

ADVERTISEMENT IN THE FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

ATTENTION RESIDENTS ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER

WE ARE SEEKING ARTICLES FOR OUR NEW COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND SERVICES SECTION. CIRCULATION IS APPROXIMATELY 1,000 WHICH INCLUDE DISTRIBUTIONS TO FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY CHURCHES & OTHER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES.

MONTHLY ADVERTISEMENT RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FULL PAGE—\$100 BACK PAGE—\$105
HALF PAGE—\$50 QUARTER—\$25 BUSINESS CARD—\$10

MINIMUM 2 MONTHS ADVERTISEMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BONITA ANDERSON AT (301) 839-1030

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COMMUNITY AREA-WIDE CLEAN-UP HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006 10:00—12:00 NOON
REPAST WILL BE HELD AT BLADENSBURG WATERFRONT PARK AT
4100 ANNAPOLIS ROAD, BLADENSBURG, MD
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION AT (301) 839-1030

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CRIME REPORT
POLICE CHIEF UPDATE
April 2006

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Theft	2
Property Damage	0
Vehicle Impound	1
Theft from Auto	0
Stolen Tag	0
Robbery.....	0
Stolen Auto	1
Vandalism to Auto	1
Assault.....	1
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0
Residential B & E.....	0
Arrest	9
Attempted Stolen Auto	2
Accident	0
Forced Entry.....	1
Lost Property.....	0
Found Property	0

Forest Heights Police Dept.
(301) 839-4040
Eastover District IV Police
(301) 749-4900
Maryland Park Police
(301) 459-9088



CURFEW REMINDER: ALL TEENS AGES 16 AND UNDER SHOULD NOT BE ON THE STREETS DURING THE HOURS LISTED BELOW WITHOUT AN ADULT.
FRIDAY—SATURDAY: 12:00 AM TO 5:00 AM
SUNDAYS—THURSDAY: 10:00 PM TO 5:00 AM