



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2008, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 8.4%, from \$130,880,115 to \$141,906,605.
2. If the Town of Forest Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.51 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 8.4% resulting in \$56,235 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.470, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.51 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 8.5% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$56,235 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at **7:00 P.M on May 29th, 2008 at the Municipal Building, 5508 Arapahoe Dr., Forest Heights, MD.**

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-839-1030 for further information.

May 21st meeting has been postponed until May 29th; all residents are asked to attend this and all town meetings. Our Town is in the budgeting period for FY09 upcoming meetings will be posted.

- *Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Mayor/Council Workshop Sessions are held on the first Monday of each month (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday). Meetings are open to the public.*
- **Next meetings: May 29th and June 2nd**

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Spring and Summer Programs

Councilperson Lynn Smith-Barnes is seeking volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Persons interested in helping to develop the 2008 programs for seniors and the youth should contact

Councilperson Barnes.

Municipal Building—301-749-9741

Via email at—Ward1handinhand@aol.com.

Many residents may have had an opportunity to see the tree plantings that have been done in the first phase of our Releaf Program. Several residents have commented on the difference it makes in our town to replace our street trees. I am asking anyone interested in joining the Beautification Committee to join me prior to our June workshop on June 2nd at 6:00pm at the Town Municipal building.

There is lots of work to be done before September when tree plantings will resume. Any one with questions, please contact me (Jacqueline Goodall) at 301-518-1898 or leave a message for me at the town hall 301-839-1030.