



**MESSAGE FROM MAYOR McCUTCHEON**

Greetings Town of Forest Heights,

We continue to solicit Town resident’s participation. We are in need of committee members for:

Ways and Means, Finance, Public Works and Sanitation, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation., Information Technology, Health Services, and Streets/Infrastructure.

We are also in need of Town residents for a new committee being formed, “Code Enforcement Review Board,” This committee will assess complaints received from citizens that have received code enforcement violations, provide remedy and or refer to the civil process. They will also assess our Town ordinances and make recommendations to the Ordinance Committee.

I am pleased to inform you that we have contracted a Town Treasurer. My recommendation of our former Treasurer, Miranda Shephard, was approved by the Council with one abstaining vote from Councilman McLaurin.

Mark the date, we are having a Special Election for Ward II residents on May 19, 2009. See their statements on pages 4 and 5.

“Moving forward with accountability, efficiency, and transparency”

Regards,

Andrea McCutcheon

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**UPCOMING EVENTS—TOWN HALL**

**Town of Forest Heights Yard Sale**

**June 13, 2009 7:30am-3:00pm Held Rain or Shine**

Space \$10—Table \$10.....make your reservation spaces going fast!

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**Broadcast Television goes Digital June 12, 2009**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that television stations nationwide must end analog broadcast and begin broadcasting exclusively in digital format. You will no longer be able to view **analog** programming on your television sets after June 12, 2009. If you subscribe to cable, satellite or a telephone company service provider you will not be effected.

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**Mayor Andrea McCutcheon**  
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**TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ward I**

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[ward1handinhand@aol.com](mailto:ward1handinhand@aol.com)

**Jacqueline Goodall—ext. 238**  
[jacquelinegoodall@msn.com](mailto:jacquelinegoodall@msn.com)

**Ward II**

**Anne Reifsneider— ext. 241**  
[spar118@yahoo.com](mailto:spar118@yahoo.com)

**Ward III**

**William E Clark, Jr.—ext. 233**

**Brian McLaurin—ext 235**  
[brmrides@msn.com](mailto:brmrides@msn.com)

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

**Phone (301) 839-1030**  
8:30a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk—ext. 221  
[townclerk.fh@verizon.net](mailto:townclerk.fh@verizon.net)

Miranda Shephard, Town Treasurer—ext. 223  
[towntreasurer.fh@verizon.net](mailto:towntreasurer.fh@verizon.net)

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Fil Ruano, Supervisor

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**(301) 839-4040**

Lt. Webb, Acting Chief of Police—ext. 224  
[fwebb.fhpd@verizon.net](mailto:fwebb.fhpd@verizon.net)

Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk—ext. 225  
[policeclerk.fh@verizon.net](mailto:policeclerk.fh@verizon.net)

**Eastover District IV Police**

**(301) 749-4900**

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

***Town Meetings***

***Mayor/Council Workshop Session:***  
***First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.***

***Next meeting June 1, 2009***

***Mayor/Council Meeting:***  
***Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.***

***Next meeting May 20, 2009***

**Forest Heights Police Department**



***From the Office of the Chief of Police:***

Spring is in the air! I would like to take time out to remind everyone to be mindful of leaving your windows and doors open in effort to enjoy the warmer weather. Please be sure to lock your doors and windows when you leave your homes and when you are sleeping. In effort to save on energy, close your blinds/curtains as well. This will also keep the inside of your home cooler as the weather warms up. Code Enforcement has become a big issue within the Town. Please be advised that any Town resident can come to the Municipal Building during business hours to obtain a free copy of the Town Ordinance laws. The FHPD anticipate a safe and wonderful summer within the Town Limits of Forest Heights.

*Lt. F.R. Webb, A/Chief of Police*

FHPD Crime Report for the Month of April 2009

<b>Breaking and Entering</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vehicle Impounds</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>1</b>

**FINGERPRINTING**

THE FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

8:00 AM—4:00 PM TUES.—FRI.

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

SATURDAYS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

\$20 PER CARD

## NOTICES

### PUBLICATION 2 OF 2

#### NOTICE TO AMEND TOWN ORDINANCE

#### ARTICLE 15 PARKING AND TRAFFIC

The following amendment to Article 15, Section 15.3.2 “Parking Restrictions,” shall now read:

Subsection (T), “ No motor vehicle of any type and boats, motor homes, dune buggies, dirt bikes, motorcycle, van, or similar items shall be parked on the front lawn of any home from the building to the curb line. “

This amendment was passed at the April 18, 2009 Town Meeting effective that date.

### **SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNCILPERSON WARD II**

**To BE HELD MAY 19, 2009**

**11:00A.M.—8:00P.M.**

**ONLY WARD II RESIDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION**

#### **CANDIDATES**

**Clifton Atkinson**

**Jonathon Kennedy II**

**Absentee Voters** may make an application in writing for an absentee ballot. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which need not be under oath, but which shall set forth the information required. Ballots must be received by 8:00p.m. the day of the election. Questions contact the Town Clerk (301) 839-1030.

SEE CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT PAGES 4 AND 5

# **Clifton Atkinson**

## **Ward II Candidate**

Dear Ward II Residents

I, Clifton Atkinson am asking for your support to become Councilman for Ward II at the May 19, 2009 election. I have been in this Town for 29 years and we enjoyed every day in this Town. I have been involved in lots of activities and I have achieved lots of goals. When I was former Councilman for Ward II these are some of the things I have achieved as Councilmember:

Instrumental in the installation of the Municipal Building furnace

Revised the Municipal Building Rental Agreement

Instrumental in passing a balanced budget

Worked with the Project Manager on the implementation of the CDBG grant to make the Municipal Building handicap accessible

Met with groups concerning annexing to the Town of Forest Heights

Met with the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development regarding housing programs for Town residents

Attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District's "2004 Annapolis Night", held in Annapolis at the State House

Met with the Prince George's County Municipal Association in North Brentwood, MD

Participated in an orientation for the Council Members conducted by the Maryland Municipal League at the Forest Heights Municipal Building

This was the past, now I am going to work for the FUTURE for all citizens, all races in the Town of Forest Heights. Remember the name Clifton L. Atkinson is the name that you can depend on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

P.S. I look forward to seeing you on May 19, 2009 at the poll and also I don't believe in running a negative campaign!!!!

**VOTE FOR CLIFTON L. ATKINSON WARD II**

# NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE

Are you tired of the drama?

Are you tired of the bickering?

Are you tired of the negative image our town has?

If you are like myself and have answered YES to ANY of the above questions then I ask for your support in allowing me the opportunity to become Councilman for Ward II. I will work with and help the the leaders and citizens, to make Forest Heights the best that we can possible be. I bring diversity, a fresh face, a fresh voice, as well as new ideas to the table. I will rationalize, not demoralize. I will mediate, if need be, between those who cannot come to a reasonable compromise. I will listen, instead of ignoring the leaders as well as its citizens, who are the most important asset of the town. Talk is cheap and now is the time for action.

If you want the town to continue to stay where we are, or want the town to become worse, then by all means reelect the same people from the past who have not done much, if anything, good for the town. If you want our town to move forward, then please vote for me, **Jonathon Kennedy II**. Having lived in this town for almost 30 years I can remember how nice this town was. I can and will envision how great this town will become and stay.

One person can make a difference.

One vote can make a difference.

Do not take for granted that the 'next' person will come out to vote for the correct person. People have fought long and hard for us all to be able to cast our ballot, to voice our opinion. Please come out on **MAY 19, 2009** and **VOTE!!!!**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.....NOW AND IN THE FUTURE**

## TRASH COLLECTION

**TRASH IS TO BE PLACED OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE COLLECTION**

**PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.**

**MONDAY**—*Recycle & Trash*

**WEDNESDAY**—*Yard Waste (April 15-Jan. 15)*

**THURSDAY**—*Bulk & Trash*

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

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.

### YARD WASTE

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches and brush.

Yard waste must be placed in securely tied, heavy-duty paper or plastic bags, or heavy duty trash cans with handles and a secure lid. Limbs must not exceed four (4) feet in length and (3) inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles. Bundles of limbs and bags of dry grass and leaves must weigh less than 60 pounds and wet waste

must weigh less than 25 pounds.

**Yard waste raked into the street or gutter is a violation of the Town Ordinance subject to a citation from the Code Enforcement Officer. Public Works will charge a minimum of \$50.00 to remove the debris.**

**METAL PICK-UP** Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each.



**RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENTS**

**CALL (301) 952-7630**

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### Ordinance Revisions Under Review

The Ordinance Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Reifsneider, are working on additions and revisions to our Ordinance regarding protecting the environment including storm water drainage into Oxon Cove. One ordinance revision will be to Article 18, "Vehicle and Motorcycle Repairs."

#### Section 7.2: Running at Large Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor, keeper or harbinger of a dog to permit said dog to be upon public streets, sidewalks, roadways, alleys, or any other person's property within the Town except when under restraint by lease or similar device and conducted by a person competent and able to control said dog.

# IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION UPDATES

## Swine Influenza

Also known as influenza A (H1N1) virus or "Swine Flu"

### H1N1 Virus Information Line Now Open

**301-583-3100**

Toll Free: **1-866-952-7426**

8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Other Hours Call the MD State Information Line

**1-877-MDFLU4U (633-5848)**

TTY/STS: Dial 711 for MD Relay

## About

### Swine Flu

**Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A**

**influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs.** People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.

## How Swine Flu is

### Spread

**Swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is spread in the same way that seasonal flu**

**spreads.** Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. We know that some viruses and bacteria can live 2 hours or longer on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs, and desks. Frequent hand washing will help you reduce the chance of being contaminated from these common surfaces.

## How to Prevent

### Getting Sick from

### Swine Flu

**There is no vaccine available right now to protect against swine flu.** There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. **Take these everyday steps to protect your health:**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

**The best technique for washing your hands is to wash often to help protect you from germs.** Wash with soap and water. or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner. It is recommended that you wash for 15 to 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using gel, rub your hands until the gel is dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in it kills the germs on your hands.

**Clean frequently touched surfaces, toys and commonly shared items at least daily and when visibly soiled.** Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered household or hospital disinfectant, labeled for activity against bacteria. Disinfect commonly-used surfaces such as doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, telephones and computer keyboards at least daily using household disinfectants that state on the label that they are effective against viruses, carefully following product label instructions.

## Bring your Cat, Dog and Ferret to the Spring 2009 Rabies Vaccination Clinics

State Law requires that all cats, dogs and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies by four (4) months of age, and be kept current.

The best thing you can do to protect yourself, your family and community from rabies is to vaccinate your cats, dogs and ferrets against this fatal disease.

- Only cats, dogs and ferrets over three (3) months old will be vaccinated.
- A responsible adult must bring the pet.
- You must bring proof of prior rabies vaccination.
- All animals must be secured: Dogs on a leash, cats and ferrets in a carrier box.

There will be a \$5.00 fee per vaccination. BRING EXACT CHANGE

For more information about these clinics

**Call 301-583-3782**

All clinics are on Saturdays | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Held rain or shine

**Clinic Date Location Address of Rabies Vaccination Clinics**

**May 9, 2009 GREENBELT**, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

**May 16, 2009 TEMPLE HILLS**, Crossland High School, 6901 Temple Hill Road

**May 30, 2009 BOWIE**, Bowie High School

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***Oxon Hill Food Pantry***  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**4915 St. Barnabas Road**  
**Oxon Hill, MD 20745**

The Oxon Hill Food Pantry provides emergency food rations to needy individuals and families in Forest Heights and the surrounding area. It operates on Tuesday, and Saturday from 10 am to 1:00 pm and on Thursday evening from 6—8 pm. For more info, call (301) 899-8358.

### **Spring and Summer Programs**

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

**Persons interested in helping to develop the 2009 programs for seniors and the youth should contact Councilwoman Barnes.**

**301-749-9741**

***Deadline to submit articles or advertisements for the newsletter is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Articles are to be turned in via email to [townclerk.fh@verizon.net](mailto:townclerk.fh@verizon.net) or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.***

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