

ANDREA MCCUTCHEON FOR MAYOR

Greetings to the continually prosperous citizens of Forest Heights! I have served you with the greatest contentment that I have ever experienced as your incumbent Mayor. The list of accomplishments that this Town has achieved most certainly must be attributed to you, as a caring community. I pray that you will once again allow me to be your vessel to continued prosperity for another term for Mayor Andrea M. McCutcheon. As I reviewed the achievements from the past two years I was humbled to see such a significant rise in citizen participation, which shows that you indeed care about your community.

Public Safety Improvements

- Police department grew from 38% authorized strength to 71%
- Neighborhood Watch Program was reinstated and hosted multiple events, including a Watch Patrol, Community Cookout and Halloween Party.
- Police patrol coverage was expanded from only 4 days a week to all 7 days, including an increase from an average of 16 hours of daily coverage to 21 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Police productivity tripled in most areas, including arrests, citations and removal of abandoned vehicles.

Community Involvement

- The Community Volunteers Program was started I was able to attend each meeting and observed the volunteer numbers increase each time.
- Thanks to the volunteers we were able to provide Town Ordinances in the newsletter in English and Spanish, offer free tutoring, open an internet café, host movie nights for the youth and have holiday parties.
- For the first time Forest Heights launched its own website, www.forestheightsmd.gov, and the police department did the same, www.forestheightspolice.org.
- The municipal building's community room was improved by way of a grant which fell nearly \$170,000 short of the ultimate project cost – I was able to secure \$100,000 from Prince George's County to offset the cost to the taxpayers.

Financial Improvements

- After the labors from the snow emergency took their toll on outdated Public Works vehicles, we purchased two brand new vehicles and snow plows for improved services to the Town.
- The Town's operating budget exponentially expanded from some \$2 million to over \$5 million, with more than \$1.2 million being dedicated to public safety – an increase from \$400,000 in 2008.
- Three years of financial audits were completed and posted on line in just one year, which secured the Town's status with State legislature and revealed that in both years that I was Mayor our general fund hosted surpluses of over \$200,000 and nearly \$350,000 respectively.

I am proud to note that these accomplishments in Forest Heights – *a Legacy Community* – had not been accomplished in previous decades and that they are all unprecedented. I pray that you will join me in capitalizing on the momentum that was accomplished during my administration and that you will be a part of the continued improvements.

If you re-elect Andrea M. McCutcheon we will focus on public safety, financial stability and growth and an involved community that boasts its involvement in The Town of Forest Heights. You will see police coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will not be forced to stare upon eye sores of abandoned houses and vehicles blocking your streets. You will enjoy a consistency of activities available for our youth and elderly citizens. You will be comforted to know that your Mayor will personally attend meetings and events to show her support and appreciation for your involvement. You will review financial statements in the Forest Heights newsletter and on the Forest Heights website. I will be accountable to you and my door will remain open. It always has been, and it always will be.

It has been my incomparable privilege to serve you over these past 2 years; and I vow and assure you that your decision to re-elect me will show tangible results that you can see and enjoy everyday.