



FOREST HEIGHTS
NEWS
50th year
Town of Forest Heights
Prince George's County, Maryland

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Dear Neighbors:

“Without a sense of caring, there can be
no sense of community.”
- Anthony J. D’Angelo

Ward II
Ward III
Council Seat Vacancy

For the most part, we can agree – we love Forest Heights, our community. We live here. Community is about responsibility. Community, by its definition, “is a unified body of individuals; the people with common interests living in a particular area...” We must adopt a greater sense of community by caring for our neighbors, our streets, our environment as well as our legacy. The community will only become stronger and healthier through the participation of all its residents.

Forest Heights began as a builder’s subdivision in 1941. There was a population of about 1,000. Forest Heights, today has a population of 2,585.

Thanksgiving is a time to offer thanks. In the season of Thanksgiving, let’s be thankful for the sense of community that we have and recognize the need to improve it. Let’s start today by creating the community that we can be proud of.

At this time the Mayor and Council will accept letters of interest for Ward II and Ward III council seat. **Qualifications:** You must live in the Town of Forest Heights and respective Ward for at least one year. Must be a registered voter. Must be at least 21 years old. Please submit a typed formal letter stating why you should be appointed to the Council. Letters must be received by 4:30 p.m. November 20, 2003. Any letters submitted after this date and time will not be eligible for consideration. The term for appointed Council seats will be effective until May 2004. For more information call (301) 839-1030. Please note that the Council will meet November 20 at 7:30 p.m. to review the letters of interest.

TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
8:00 p.m.

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MAYOR

Paula R. Noble
(301) 839-1030

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ward I

Sharon McInnis
(301) 567-2008

E-mail FHWARD1SCM@cs.com

Lynn Smith-Barnes
(301) 749-9741

Ward II

Joyce Beck
(301) 567-0084

Ward III

Worthington Ross
(301) 567-5016

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Chief of Police

Clifton C.K. Brinkley
(301) 839-4040

Town Administrator

Cynthia Farrar
(301) 839-1030

Town Clerk/Treasurer

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 December 1, 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 December 2003 issue of the newsletter is November 25, 2003. Articles are to be turned in or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

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for Tuesday, November 18,
2003.

1-800-COMCAST
301-499-1980
301-731-4230

**NEWSPAPER READERSHIP
AROUND THE WORLD**



Percentage of adults who read
the newspaper regularly

India	79%
Japan	77%
United Kingdom	56%
Australia	53%
USA	42%
France	31%
Mexico	21%

We hope you read your town newsletter regularly to keep informed of town services, police report, Council Members and phone numbers, current town news and local neighborhood news. Forest Heights Homemakers thank Paula Noble, Editor for an attractive and well prepared Newsletter.

THOUGHT: A well informed person makes a good resident.

**FOREST HEIGHTS
HOMEMAKERS**

Disaster Assistance
For Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by Hurricane Isabel starting September 18, 2003

CRIME REPORT
POLICE CHIEF UPDATE
OCTOBER 2003

- Theft.....0
- Property Damage.....0
- Vehicle Impound.....4
 - 100 blk Seneca Dr
 - 5500 blk Woodland Dr
 - 100 blk Mohican Dr
- Theft from Auto.....2
 - 5600 blk Arapahoe Dr
 - 5600 blk Livingston Rd
- Stolen Tag.....3
 - 5800 blk Woodland Dr
 - Quade St/Comanche Dr
 - 100 blk Cree Dr
- Robbery.....0
- Stolen Auto.....0
- Vandalism to Auto...0
- Assault.....0
- Recovered Stolen Vehicle.....1
 - 5700 blk Sachem Dr
- Residential B&E.....1
 - 5700 blk Black Hawk Dr

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**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 Largo Government Center, 19201 Basil Court, Largo, Maryland. The next meeting is scheduled

Apply by phone:
1-800-621- FEMA (3362)
(TTY: 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing- or speech impaired)
Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, or economic status. Anyone who believes he/she has been discriminated against should contact the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or TYY 1-800-462-7585

THANK YOU

for volunteering your time to plant trees on Saturday, October 18. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed in the Town of Forest Heights. The Red Maple, Willow Oak, Dogwood, and Berry Bushes have added a special appearance to our town – one of renewal.

- Clifton Atkinson
- Gracie Atkinson
- Monique Atkinson
- Mike Barnes
- Joyce Beck
- Chief Brinkley
- Ebenezer AME Cub Scoot Pack #487
- Forest Heights Public Works Department
- Greg Shepherd
- Lynn Smith-Barnes
- Larry Stoner
- Larry Stoner, Jr.
- LaShanda Wilson

And town residents who accepted the trees for planting to help beautify the town.

STUDENTS CORNER



Please mark your calendar for the following activities:

9TH Annual College Fair & Financial Aid Expo
Saturday, November 22

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Northwestern High School

7000 Adelphi Road

Hyattsville, MD 20782

For additional information:

(202) 226-5627 or

www.wynn.house.gov

PGCPS Scholarship & Financial Aid Center
At Largo High School

505 Largo Road

Upper Marlboro,

Maryland 20774

2003-2004

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 22:

"Life After High School"

- What's Next?

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

January 17:

FAFSA: The Path to Financial Aid

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

February 14:

The Advantages of Attending College in Maryland: Maryland State Scholarship Opportunities & Maryland College Day

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 13:

"Now is the Time":

Preparing the Class of 2007 for College

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

April 17:

"Get Your Ducks in a Row": Steps for Earning and Receiving Scholarships and Financial Aid for the Class of 2006

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

May 1:

"Get Real" - College Preparation Workshop for 11th Grade Students and Their Parents

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Scholarship and Financial Aid Center will open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Center will not be opened on Saturdays during Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks, or any Saturday following a school holiday. ■

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH at OXON HILL FARM



November 15, 2003

1:00 p.m.

Celebrate Native American Month with a look at how the first inhabitants of the Oxon Hill Farm property, Native Americans, celebrated the harvest and prepared for wintertime. Please call (301) 839-1176 for more information. ■