

# FOREST Heights NEWS



Town of Forest Heights  
Prince George's County, Maryland

*Moving Forward*

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor,

Forest Heights is moving forward. Forest Heights is one of 27 municipalities in Prince Georges County. We are in a key location – the gateway to the District of Columbia and Virginia. Forest Heights can no longer remain isolated. We must take advantage of outside sources and opportunities.

Forest Heights needs an active community – we need residents to volunteer, offer their expertise to move this town forward. Therefore, call (301) 839-1030 and add your name to the list of volunteers.

Remember the words of President John F. Kennedy, "...ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country..."

I ask you, what will you do for this town? The mayor and council of Forest Heights are committed to the healing and growth of this town. We are moving forward.

Paula R. Noble  
Mayor



## TOWN MEETING

Wednesday,  
October 15, 2003  
Municipal Building  
8:00 p.m.

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*Need a place for parties,  
banquets, receptions,  
graduation celebrations, bridal  
showers, baby showers,  
meetings, etc.*

*Rent the town hall –  
reasonably priced. Call (301)  
839-1030 for more  
information.*

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## OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY

The Oxon Hill Food Pantry, located at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4915 St. Barnabas Road, provides emergency food rations to needy individuals and families in Forest Heights and the surrounding area. It operates on Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Phone (301) 899-8358 during hours of operation.

## **Moving Forward**

### **MAYOR**

Paula R. Noble  
(301) 839-1030

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

#### **Ward I**

Sharon McInnis  
(301) 567-2008  
E-mail [FHWARD1SCM@cs.com](mailto:FHWARD1SCM@cs.com)  
Lynn Smith-Barnes  
(301) 749-9741

#### **Ward II**

Joyce Beck  
(301) 567-0084  
Jerome Corrigan  
(301) 839-2585

#### **Ward III**

Worthington Ross  
(301) 567-5016

### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

#### **Chief of Police**

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

#### **Town Clerk**

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 November 3, 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 November 2003 issue of the newsletter is October 25, 2003. Articles are to be turned in or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

**CRIME REPORT**

**POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

Please contact the police clerk for report.

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HOURS**

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



**CHRISTMAS IN APRIL**

Prince George's County is seeking homeowners to apply for the 2004 program to be held April 24, 2004. Applicants must be elderly or disabled, of low to moderate income and own and live in the home to be repaired. The scope of work ranges from yard work to interior painting to replacing old appliances and installing smoke detectors. Applications **MUST** be in by November 1, 2003. For more information, call 301-868-0937 or pick up an application at the Municipal Building.

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**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 for Tuesday, October 21, 2003.

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

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

Apply by phone:

1-800-621- FEMA (3362)  
(TTY: 1-800-462-7585 for  
the hearing- or speech  
impaired)

Please have the following  
information available when  
you call:

- A phone number to call back

- Social Security number
- Current mailing address
- Address of the damaged property
- Brief description of damages
- Insurance information if applicable

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

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Forest Heights Baptist  
Church  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

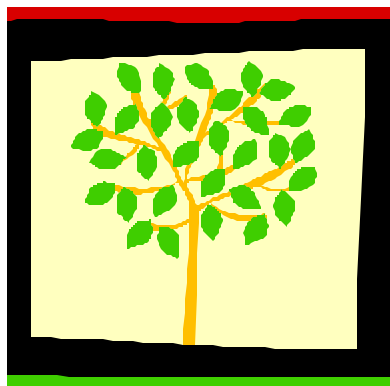
Forest Heights Baptist  
Church celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary Saturday,  
October 11, 2003 at 4:00  
p.m.

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**The Town Remembers**

**William M. Yount**

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Forest Heights  
Beautification Project  
100 Trees

Community Planting  
Saturday, October 18

Jack B. Johnson has proclaimed a special community beautification project. The county will provide the trees and flowers, cost free. Contact the municipal building to participate in this community planting effort to beautify our community (301) 839-1030. Thank you.

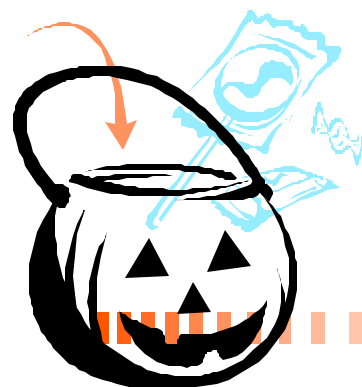
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Ward II  
Ward III  
Council Seat Vacancy

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 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.

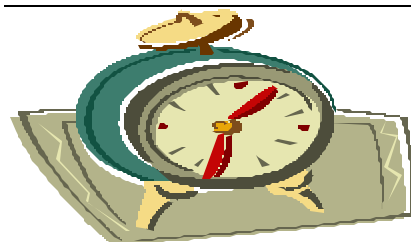
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Safe Nights – Halloween

October 30

Please switch on your porch light to **WELCOME Trick or Treaters on Thursday, October 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour  
October 26**

*We want to hear from you. Please send your comments, question ideas for this newsletter to Town Hall at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745 or Fax (301) 839-9236.*