



FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

“WHAT A MAN DOES FOR HIMSELF WILL DIE WITH HIM. WHAT HE DOES FOR HIS COMMUNITY WILL LIVE FOREVER”

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The Forest Heights Call-A-Bus



Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(301) 686-1432

Cost: \$3:00 Exact Change Round Trip

***Special Rates for Group Trips**

I am pleased to announce the Forest Heights Call-A-Bus program. In 2003 I announced my vision for us partnering with Prince George’s County to provide a Call-a-Bus service for Forest Heights. My predecessor worked diligently to develop my dream. Since taking office in May, I have been able to usher through the final negotiations for a partnership with the County that would result in our ability to assist our residents and neighbors in need of transportation to take general personal trips within a five-mile radius. I wish to extend sincere appreciation, on behalf of the residents who will utilize the Call-a-Bus, to former Mayor Paula Noble, for taking an interest in my vision.

The Forest Heights Call-A-Bus is made possible by the Prince George’s County Government through its partnership with the Maryland Transit Administration Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP). Transportation will be provided for Forest Heights’ residents and our neighbors in Glassmanor, Birchwood City and Southlawn at affordable rates. Priority scheduling will be given to Forest Heights’ senior citizens and handicapped persons.

Effective immediately, service will be provided for general purpose transportation to include, as a minimum:

Medical Appointments, Grocery Shopping, Personal Shopping, Lunch and Meal Programs, Group Trips, Movies and other Recreational Outings, Voting and Voter Registration, & Special Occasions (to include weekend, holiday and evening hours)

The Forest Heights Call-A-Bus program is grant funded by Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, with very little cost to the Town of Forest Heights. Forest Heights is pleased to be able to participate in the Combined SSTAP/Prince George’s County public transportation program.

Please call the Forest Heights Public Works Department, (301) 686-1432, twenty-four (24) hours ahead of time, to schedule your trip.



TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2005

8:00 PM

TOWN HALL

SPEAKERS FROM PEPCO & WASHINGTON GAS

“CONSERVATION & EXPECTED RATE INCREASE”



A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings!

The summer was interesting. We were able to successfully provide a number of trips and activities for our youth, adults and senior citizens, act on the hiring of a competent treasurer, establish a Forest Heights Call-A-Bus partnership with Prince George's County and complete the FY-04 Fiscal Audit. Under the direction of Bobby Clarke, Co-chairman of the Recreation Council, we planted a crape myrtle tree in memory of Ms. Antoinette Sherman who died on 9/11. The Mayor's Advisory Council Ordinance sub-committee, under the leadership of Anne Reifsneider reviewed and enhanced the Town's ordinances. And, I appointed a Forest Heights Ethic Commission, James E. Joyner, Esq., Chairman.



I could complain that the challenges were – or appeared to be – insurmountable, but the truth is that the challenges were actually fertilizer strengthening the soil over which we struggled to reach my goals for renewing the standards of livability for Forest Heights. I thank every one of you who criticized me for my actions and behavior and those of you who encouraged me to “stay the course.” All of your words worked together to strengthen me. THANK YOU!

We have a good bit to get done before the end of the year. Water pours into the auditorium and mayor's office when it rains. The roof has been in disrepair for years. The room that was utilized as the police department in previous years, has been partially renovated (the police department has been relocated to a different part of the building) and when completed will serve as the Forest Heights Conference Center bringing in revenues from rentals, and Computer Lab for our school students (FHCC & CL). While Council has declined my requests to authorize repairs to the roof, or finishing work to what will become the new FHCC&CL (Councilman Wiggers alone agrees to this completion), I am looking into alternative possibilities for getting the roof repaired and the finishing work done to the FHCC&CL.

We are paying out just under \$2000.00 per month on a lease purchase of a truck equipped to remove snow. The truck broke each time staff attempted to remove snow with it last year. The salt spreader is seated in the bed of the truck and can not be removed by staff because we are not equipped with a hoist. Consequently, the truck sits in the lot, being moved one parking space over occasionally by staff to keep the battery from dying. Ford Motor Credit has declined our requests to cancel the lease agreement. I have hired a part-time employee, Jose Acosta, who is diligently – in addition to other special assignments for me - looking for a way to favorably roll us out of this situation. The Town has three (3) working snow trucks that are debt free- and this one, frankly, is not needed.

I am committed to cleaning the town up. Please keep your exterior facades in good repair; remove old cars and tires, repair gutters, paint porches and steps, keep lawns mowed and trash free. Otherwise, I will cite you as in violation of the Forest Heights Ordinances.

Enough about the business of the Town, let's see what we are doing that you might be interested in:

- Senior citizens and handicap persons are invited to meet for coffee and cards at the municipal center on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00. Coffee is on me. You bring the cards.
- Parents are invited to bring your children between 3 and 12 years old to the Forest Heights Municipal Center for Tricks-or-Treats on Monday, October 31st, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Teenagers, 13 – 16 years are invited to attend a Halloween Dance at the Forest Heights Municipal Center on Sunday, October 30, from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

- Youth, aged 14 – 17 are invited to game-night on Saturday, October 29, from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Chili dinners (with coleslaw and corn bread) will be served on Saturday, October 29th, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Forest Heights Municipal Center. Dinners will cost \$3.00 each. Hot dogs and fried fish will cost extra. Funds raised will be used to cover the costs of other October events.
- Adults are invited to play cards beginning Friday, 11/4/2005, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. with the Director of Public Works.

We are looking for adults, youth and teens to assist in the development of other recreational programs to serve all Forest Heights residents. Please call me to indicate your interest in assisting Co-chairmen Bobby Clarke and Sonya Wilson with the re-establishment of the Forest Heights Recreation Council.

The Forest Heights Call-a-Bus is now in service. Schedule your trip by calling (301) 686-1432 now!

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL APPLICATION ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FOREST HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2005!!!!!!

Mayor Beck

Peace be with you!

WORK SESSION & TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE



Next Town Meeting

October 19, 2005

Town Meetings are always held on the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. during the months of September - June. Mayor/Council Work Sessions are held on the first Monday of the month (Tuesday when Monday is a holiday or as absolutely necessary). Meetings are open to the public.

Mayor/Council Work Session

- Monday, November 7 @ 8 pm
- Monday, December 5 @ 8 pm

Town Meeting

- Wednesday, November 16 @ 8 pm
- Wednesday, December 21 @ 8 pm

Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour October 30



Tip:

If you have an odor coming from your drain when running water, you should pour one of the following in the drain: baking soda, ammonia, or bleach and flush with hot water for about 10-15 mins.

MARYLAND WORKFORCE EXCHANGE

The Maryland Workforce Exchange (formerly MD Job Service) JSEC Job Fair will be held on November 3, 2005 from 10 am—2pm. The Job Fair will be held at Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland. The Job Fair is sponsored by the Maryland Department of Labor,

Licensing and Regulation, The Prince George's One-Stop Career Center, the Veterans' Unit of the Maryland Workforce Exchange, The Prince George's JSEC, and Prince George's Community College.

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The Job Fair is open to ALL job seekers.



TOWN TRASH COLLECTION

Waste Management

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY—*Recycling*

TUESDAY—*Trash*

WEDNESDAY—*Bulk & Yard Waste*

FRIDAY—*Trash*

You must use trash containers with lids

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

Every WEDNESDAY, tree trimmings, grass and leaves will be picked up, provided they are no longer than 4 feet and tied in small bundles. Grass clippings should be in trash bags.

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.

METAL PICK—UP please call the Town Hall @ (301) 839-1030, M-F 8:30 am—4:30 pm. for metal pick-up.



RECYCLE BINS FOR RESIDENT

PLEASE CALL (301) 952-7630

SAFE NIGHTS—HALLOWEEN

(Please switch on your porch light to WELCOME Trick or Treaters on Monday October 31 from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm)

TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN

- ◆ Try to trick-or-treat while it's still light outside.
- ◆ Carry a flashlight so you can see and be seen easily.
- ◆ Use reflective tape on your costume so motorists can see you.
- ◆ Take off your mask before you cross the street.
- ◆ Consider wearing makeup instead of masks.
- ◆ If you go out at night, select a costume that's light in color.

- ◆ Have a parent or older brother or sister go trick-or-treating with you.
- ◆ If someone older can't go with you, travel with friends. Never travel alone.
- ◆ Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- ◆ Tell your family on which streets you'll be trick-or-treating.
- ◆ Cross only at corners. Never cross between parked cars.
- ◆ Wait until you get home to sort, check and eat your

treats.

- ◆ If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- ◆ Unlit houses are choosing "NOT" to participate in your trick-or-treating, so do not knock on their doors.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL RESIDENTS WHO WILL CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

CURFEW REMINDER: AGES 16 & UNDER

FRIDAY—SATURDAY: 12:00 AM TO 5:00 AM

SUNDAYS—THURSDAY: 10:00 PM TO 5:00 AM

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CRIME REPORT
POLICE CHIEF UPDATE
July/August/September 2005

July/Aug/Sept

Theft	4/ 2/ 3
Property Damage.....	0/ 3/ 1
Vehicle Impound	2/ 5/ 0
Theft from Auto.....	1/ 0/ 2
Stolen Tag	0/ 0/ 0
Robbery	0/ 0/ 0
Stolen Auto.....	0/ 1/ 0
Vandalism to Auto.....	4/ 3/ 1
Assault	0/ 1/ 0
Recovered Stolen Vehicle.....	0/ 1/ 1
Residential B & E	1/ 1/ 0
Arrest.....	6/ 6/ 1

Forest Heights Police Dept.
(301) 839-4040
Eastover District IV Police
(301) 749-4900
Maryland Park Police
(301) 459-9088



Deadline to submit articles for the November 2005 newsletter is October 21, 2005. Articles are to be turned in via email to townclerk.fh@verizon.net or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

TREE PLANTING

Saturday, October 15, 2005, will mark the third annual celebration of Gorgeous Prince George's Day, rain or shine. The Town of Forest Heights will be planting trees and shrubs on October 22nd. We are seeking volunteers for this annual celebration of tree and shrub planting. Interested parties please contact the Municipal Building at (301) 839-1030, with your name or names of others who are willing to participate.

Community service credit will be given to students who participate in this event.



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