

Dear Neighbors of Ward III,

I am seeking reelection as one of your representatives from Ward III to the Forest Heights Town Council. The other elected Ward III representative, Councilman Larry Stoner, has been and continues to be an outstanding citizen, council member, and sounding board for me as it pertains to the needs of all Ward III citizens. Believe me, Ward III homeowners are in very capable hands.



Briefly, let me share with you some of my background. My wife and I purchased our home here in January 1981. I retired from federal service in June 1991, after 37 years of service. Four and a half years of this service with the military as a member of the U.S. Air Force (part of an eight-year draft military obligation that started in 1954). The rest of my civilian federal service included responsibility for

- Air Force Security investigation of civilian, contractor, and military personnel.
- At the Department of Commerce, implementation of internal controls to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of public resources, inventory of federal government and industrial activities to determine if programs should be contracted out to the private sector or remain in the federal government.
- Audits of federal government programs as specified by the Inspector General Office, the Government Accounting Office, and the Office of the Management and Budget.
- Establishment of equal employment program goals to correct under-representation of women and minorities as prescribed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- Planning and execution of budgets.
- Administration of all facets of human resource management with emphasis on hiring, promotion, training, and firing.

Since my election in 2003, I have been a part of a municipal renaissance in the Town of

Forest Heights. Under Mayor Noble's leadership and guidance, I have served on the following committees: administration, charter and ordinances, ways and means, public works, and the police board. In addition, with Mayor Paula Noble's encouragement, I have taken advantage of opportunities to be trained by the Maryland Municipal League and other organizations on subjects directly related to properly conducting municipal business.

The best way to sum up my accomplishments this term is embodied in Resolution 1-05, the Forest Heights Strategic Plan in which the Town Council has examined and assessed all areas of the Town. We identified areas for economic growth, community revitalization, business development, infrastructure investment (streets, sidewalks, speed bumps, buildings, parks, street lights, pedestrian connections between east and west sides of town, bus stop areas, traffic lights, and street signs). We identified services needed such as health and sanitation, police, recreation, transportation for the elderly, street maintenance, education, town beautification, and job programs for youth. Under legislation and administration the plan focuses on Town ordinances and the Town charter revisions in accordance with existing State mandates.

In summary, the Town has accomplished a lot during this term, but we still have a long way to go. And, with the help of your vote, I would like to continue to be a part of these accomplishments. The State constitution and the laws of Maryland mandate good government of the Town; the protection and preservation of the Town property, rights, and privileges; the preservation of peace and good order; securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of all residents and visitors of the Town. I promise to fulfill these mandates to the best of my ability. Vote for me as your Ward III representative.

Thank you,

Worthington S. Ross