

FOREST Heights NEWS



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



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Dear Forest Heights
Neighbors,

Hope you had a safe and healthy summer, in spite of the rain. Now it is time to focus on moving ahead to a more prosperous future for our Town.

In keeping with our goals of working together, we need volunteers and donations for these upcoming events:

1. Safe Streets –
Halloween Night

2. Forest Heights
Thanksgiving Dinner

3. Forest Heights Food
Closet
canned goods and
paper items. ■

Thank You

A word of appreciation
and thanks to all the
residents of Forest Heights
who have kept their lawns
mowed and planted so
many beautiful gardens
this past summer. It is a
joy and a pleasure to drive
through our Town these
days. – Ms. Doris Holets –
Cree Drive ■

TOWN MEETING

**Wednesday,
September 17, 2003
Municipal Building
8:00 p.m.**

*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.*

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.

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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 October 6, 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 October 2003 issue of the newsletter is September 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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Mayor's Coffee Hour

Please join the Mayor for a cup of coffee on October 1st. The Mayor's coffee hour is scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ■

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, September 16, 2003. Paula Noble is the Town of Forest Heights Comcast Coordinator.

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

CRIME REPORT **POLICE CHIEF UPDATE**

Summer report unavailable at press time. 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.**



WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE PROJECT *Courtesy of Potomac Crossing Consultants*

There is some wonderful news about the Project and its funding. The final superstructure (all work above the water/land) contract for the Bridge came in below the engineer's estimate which put the total of the three contracts at the value previously budgeted in 2001. The savings will allow for two of the contracts at the MD 210 interchange to proceed. The two will be combined and will include construction of sound walls along Flintstone Elementary School and Forest Heights Baptist Church, replacement of the Bald Eagle Road Bridge over the Beltway and ultimately landscaping on the Beltway and in the Flintstone Elementary complex. Work is due to begin early next year and will continue through Mid-2006. Work on the rest of the contracts is progressing well with nearly \$1 Billion

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worth of construction completed (4 contracts) or underway (10). The environmental mitigation accomplishments are also impressive. Of the 8 mitigation contracts under Maryland SHA's purview, two have been completed, five are underway with additional planting in Spring or anticipated Fall 2003 and one contract in which bids were due in early July 2003. Similar progress is being made in Virginia. ■

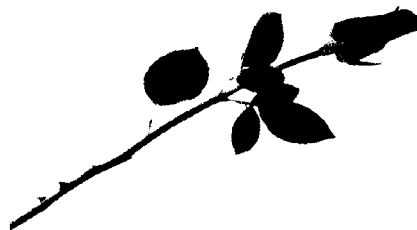
SENIOR CITIZENS

We are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others. **BUT** upon reflection, we point out that it was not the senior who took: melody out of music, pride out of appearance, romance out of love, responsibility out of parenthood, learning out of education, refinement out of language, dedication out of employment, togetherness out of the

family, civility out of behavior, Golden Rule from rulers, and we are **NOT** the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from interaction with others.

THOUGHT:
Remember, inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the devil has happened.

**FOREST HEIGHTS
HOMEMAKERS**



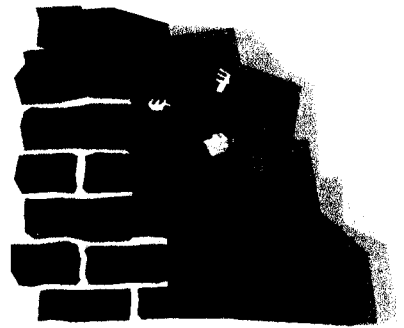
The Town Remembers

Floyd D. Brown

Specialist Darryl T. Dent

Grover Dare

HELP!! HELP!!



Do we have a brick layer in the Town???

We need repairs on the circle at Seneca & Woodland. Please call 301-839-1030 or 301 839-1146 for an appointment.

THANKS!!

**CITIZEN'S
PERSONAL
INVENTORY**

Citizens are encouraged to ask themselves this important question: "What am I, as a citizen, doing to maintain the quality of life, and the property values in our Town?" ■

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.