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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MCCUTCHEON

Happy Holidays and warm wishes for the upcoming New Year from the Town of Forest Heights.

The holidays are exciting and fun, filled with the blessings of Christmas and hope for the New Year. For some families, celebrations turn to tragedy when people are careless with seasonal decorations, lighting and food. The safety of you and your family of the utmost importance. By taking simple precautions, you can greatly reduce your chances of accidents and mishaps.

Andrea McCutcheon

Town of Forest Heights **Town Meetings**

Mayor/Council Workshop Session:

December 7, 2009

First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting:

Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. December 16, 2009

What is your **New Years Resolution**— Let all help in making this a better world . We all know someone who is elderly or can us a helping hand. The Town of Forest Heights is also looking for help, especially with grant writing. Students are welcome to fulfill their community service hours here in Forest Heights.

The Town would like to give a Specials Thanks to the Community for all the Support that has been given.

We would expecially like to thank

We would especially like to thank Mrs. Cathy Clark on Quade Street for help with the Yard Sale. Please call the Town and leave your name and number if you are interested in spreading joy and cheer while Christmas Caroling within the Town.

Finger Printing

The Forest Heights Police Department 9 am - 3 pm Monday Thru Friday By Appointment Only \$20.00 per card Money Order Only 301-839-4040

Emergency Ordinance 50-09 "Parking and Traffic"

Please be advised that effective immediately, the Town has implemented New Ordinance Codes reference the aforementioned. These Law refer to Abandoned Vehicles Trailers or semi-Trailers/Commercial Vehicles/and Recreational Vehicles. I strongly urge any and all citizens to familiarize themselves with these new Ordinance Laws. The literature pertaining to the subject at hand may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office (Forest Heights Municipal Center) during business hours (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) Monday thru Friday. Lt. F.R. Webb, A/Chief of Police.

Long time resident Margaret Connelly passed away in November. All services have passed.

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pickup your Ordinance Copy	2	3	4	5
6	7 Town Meeting	8	9 Yard Waste	10 Bulk & Trash	11	12
13	14 Recycle & Trash	15	16 Mayor/Council Meeting	17 Bulk & Trash	18	19
20	21 Recycle & Trash	22 Free Diabetes Support	23	24 Town Close at 12:00 p.m.	25 Christmas	26
27	28 Recycle & Trash	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk—ext. 221 <u>townclerk.fh@verizon.net</u>

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PUBLIC WORKS

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(301) 839-4040

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(301) 749-4900

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Forest Heights Police Department



From the Office of the Chief of Police:

As the Holiday season has quickly approached again, I would like to remind everyone to please utilize safety and precaution, as the criminal element will be on the prowl. Once folks begin Holiday shopping, we seem to experience an elevation in armed robberies, theft from autos, and home burglaries. When you go shopping and park your vehicles, please do not leave shopping bags visible. Once you leave your home make sure to close your curtains to eliminate the possibility of a theft. Last, but not least, always be aware of your surroundings and especially in parking lots. On behalf of the men and women of the Forest Heights Police Department, we would like to wish the Citizens of the Town of Forest Heights many Happy Holidays and prosperous New Years!

Additional notifications from the FHPD:

Lt. F.R. Webb, A/Chief of Police

FHPD Crime Report for the Month of November 2009:

Breaking and Entering 1 Robberies 1
Thefts 1 Arrest 1
Vehicle Impounds 3
Threats & Annoying Calls 1
Vehicle Accidents 1

Prince George's County Resource Center Food Pantry

Ager Road United Methodist Church

Phone: (301) 422-2132 Address: 6301 Ager Rd. West Hyattsville, MD 20782 Requirements: Please call first

Hours of Operation: Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Service Provided: Food, clothing

American Red Cross-PG County Chapter

Phone: (301) 559-8500/Ms. White Address: 6206 Belcrest Rd Hyattsville, MD 20782

Requirements: Must be residents of Prince George's County

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30p.m. Service Provided: Give referrals slips to residents

for food, shelter, rental assistance

TOWN BUSINESS SECTION

** Let us all take a moment to reflect on everything that has transpired to date...

Remember family, friends and loved ones who may or may not be with us now.

Cherish the moment and all that you have.

Let us strive to move forward in a positive and prosperous way...**



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTORS ON THEIR WINNING BID FOR THE RENOVATIONS ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Fox Creek Builders, LLC, GW Management Service Contracts, JE Wood Contractors



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BUSINESS PRODUCTS

TRASH COLLECTION TRASH IS TO BE PLACED AT THE CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE COLLECTION

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

MONDAY—Recycle & Trash

WEDNESDAY—Yard Waste (April15-Jan. 15)

THURSDAY—Bulk & Trash

METAL PICK-UP Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by

Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES OUT EARLY. Also Public Works will charge residents a \$50 minimum clean-up fee for leaves raked into the street or gutters. This act is also subject to a citation from the Code Enforcement Officer. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches and brush. Yard waste must be placed in securely tied, heavy-duty paper or plastic bags, or heavy duty trash cans with handles and a secure lid. Limbs must not exceed four (4) feet in length and (3) inches in diameter and must be securely tied in bundles. Bundles of limbs and bags

of dry grass and leaves must weigh less than 60 pounds and leaves must weigh less than 25 pounds.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR TOWN NEWLETTER FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

Monthly Advertising Rates are as follows

Full Page—\$150 Half Page—\$100 Quarter Page \$50 Business Card—\$15

Inserts -\$75 Minimum 2 Month Minimum Advertisement

Circulation is approx. 1,000 which includes distribution to Forest Heights Residents, business, community churches and other Prince George's County Municipalities.

Deadline to submit articles or advertisements for the newsletter is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Articles are to be turned in via email to newsletter.fh@verizon.net or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

NOTICE TO AMEND TOWN ORDINANCE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 51-09

Publication 2 of 2

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING ARTICLE 19 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS), SECTION 19.1 (LITTER PROHIBITED) AND SECTION 19.6 (PENALTY) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS BY INCREASING THE FINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 19.2 AND BY MAKING CERTAIN STYLISTIC AND GRAMMATICAL CHANGES IN SECTIONS 19.1 AND 19.6, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrea McCutcheon

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 52-09

Publication 2 of 2

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING ARTICLE 7 (DOGS AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS), SECTION 7.1 (MENACE OR NUISANCE) AND SECTION 7.3 (PENALTY) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS BY AMENDING LANGUAGE REGARDING SANITATION AND BY INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE WITHIN SECTION 7.1 ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED WITHIN THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE AS IT IS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME AND BY MAKING CERTAIN STYLISTIC AND GRAMMATICAL CHANGES IN SECTIONS 7.1 AND 7.3, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Jonathon Kennedy II

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 34

Publication 3 of 4

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING SECTION 33-63 (PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS) OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS MARYLAND BY AMENDING SUBSECTION B TO CHANGE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR WRITTEN CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT BY ADVERTISED AND SEALED BIDS FROM ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) TO TENTHOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000), AND BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS F AND G TO ALLOW FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AND WAIVERS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS AND GENERALLY RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Jacqueline Goodall