



**Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting**  
**October 3, 2011 7:30 p.m.**  
**Mayor/Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday September 20, 2011 8:00 p.m.**

*UP AND COMING EVENTS*  
**Yard Sale Saturday 10th 7:30 a.m.**  
**“FELA” Play Thursday 22nd at 8:00 p.m. See page 7**  
**National Public Lands Day,**  
 Day for Volunteers to come out and Plant Trees, Remove Trash  
**“ABANDON” Play Sunday 25th 5:00 p.m. See page 7**

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Computer Room Open	2 Computer Room Open	3
4	5 Computer Room Open	6 Mayor/Council Work Session Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 Yard Waste	8 Trash/Bulk	9	10 Yard Sale 7:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
11	12 Trash/Recycle	13 Fitness Center Aerobics Class 7:00 p.m.	14 Yard Waste	15 Weatherization Program 1:00-2:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. Trash/Bulk	16 Computer Room Open	17
18	19 Trash/Recycle	20 Fitness Center Aerobics Class 7:00 p.m.	21 Mayor/Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.	22 FELA! the Play Show start at 8:00 p.m. See Page 7	23 Volunteer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Computer	24 National Day of Play at Bell Acres Play See page 6
25 “ABANDONED” the Play Show start at 5:00 p.m. See page 7	26 Trash/Recycle	27 Fitness Center Aerobics Class 7:00 p.m.	28 Yard Waste	29 Trash/Bulk	30 Computer Room Open	

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

**Phone (301) 839-1030**  
8:30a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Eastover District IV Police**

**(301) 749-4900**

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

**NON-EMERGENCY**

**301-333-4000**



## Forest Heights Police Department

August was an eventful month for the Town of Forest Heights. A 5.8 Earthquake took place, with a massive hurricane that followed a few days later. Thankfully, the damage was not as bad as we anticipated. Now that school has resumed for students, please be advised the FHPD will be strictly enforcing the state traffic laws regarding school speed zones; vehicles are required to stop for stopped school vehicles with flashing lights (red and or yellow). If a vehicle is observed in violation, that person will be charged with the following Maryland Transportation Article: Section 21-706a "Failure to stop for stopped school vehicle operating alternately flashing red lights (\$570.00 fine....3 points on license). For those citizens that leave for work during the early morning hours, please take into consideration that children will be walking throughout the residential areas and many of them do not pay attention to oncoming traffic. In effort to provide service to the citizens, the Administrative Office for the FHPD will now be open for an additional hour (8:30 a.m. until 5pm).

*From the Office of F.R. Webb, Chief of Police:*

### ***FHPD Crime Report for the Month of August 2011***

Breaking or entering	1	Disorderly conduct	1
Theft	5	Vehicle Impound	6
Vandalism	2	Property Damage	2
Criminal Citation	2	MD Uniform Complaint & Citation	25

### ***Parking Violations***

Reserved Parking	5	Fire Lane	1
Parked on Edge of Street	1	Expired Tags	1
Parked on Public Street	1		

### ***Finger Printing***

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

## *Letter from Mayor*

### **QUESTION FROM CITIZENS**

#### **What is Washington Gas doing in the Town ?**

New gas lines are being installed in the Town and the main line are being moved from the center of the street to the easement. Always please call MS Utility before digging.

Residents who have been left with damages during the construction are advised to call Washington Gas contact Mr. Bob Woodward 202-624-6016.

#### **What is the Maryland State Highway Administration doing on Sachem Drive?**

They are opening Bald Eagle Dr. for Traffic.

*Jacqueline Goodall Mayor*

*Moving Forest Heights Forward – I may now own the problem, but I own the solution*

### **A Message from Governor O'Malley**

Dear Friend,

Every day, we continue to see horrific images and countless stories of the pain and suffering in Somalia. But they aren't just stories. In just the past three months alone, 29,000 children under the age of five have died from starvation.

The Somali drought and famine have forced mothers with scarce resources to choose which child will live, fathers to leave their sick children to die on the streets and babies to enter a world with no hope for survival.

#### **But we can all help.**

As Jill Biden and Bill Frist **explain in an op-ed**, "As governments and international organizations do their part, the rest of us can do ours. Just a few dollars can literally save a life. (**Go to USAID.gov to see how you can help.**)"

I've already donated through USAID and I hope you'll consider **sending whatever aid you can**. The situation is dire.

In our state, we believe that there is no such thing as a spare Marylander, American or human being. Everyone can make a difference, and each of us must try.

I hope you'll join me and **send whatever aid you can** to help these people in great need.

As the Talmud says, "If you save one life, it's as if you have saved the world."

Sincerely, Martin O'Malley, *Governor*

## Town Local Business



**NEW TRASH SERVICE WILL BEGIN WHEN YOU  
RECEIVE YOUR NEW BIN**

**For the Month of SEPTEMBER**

**PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m. MONDAY—Recycle & Trash  
Yard Waste will be Picked Up on Wednesday  
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.

**ANY TRASH OR RECYCLE BINS LEFT OUT WILL BE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND  
WILL BE ISSUED A CITATION OF \$50.00.**

**AGAIN: NEW TRASH SERVICE WILL BEGIN WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEW BIN**

### A Message from Gazette.Net

#### Forest Heights uses Town retreat to look to future, build community engagement

*Mayor, officials want to develop plans for next 20 years*

A dozen officials and residents who attended the Town of Forest Heights' first retreat Saturday agreed that the Town has potential to develop into a sustainable and progressive community but lacks the collaboration and support of its residents.

The Forest Heights Forward retreat featured presentations from six leaders in Prince George's County and the Washington, D.C., region that focused on issues affecting municipalities in the next 20 years, providing an opportunity for residents to learn about issues such as population growth, economic development, mass transportation and rising costs and expenses.

Resident Charmaine Turner said she attended because she has been concerned about the Town's future, including her son's future in Forest Heights, where he will be attending Oxon Hill High School as a freshman for the 2011-12 school years.

Turner said in the 18 years she has lived in Forest Heights, she has not noticed any economic developments or improvements to the Town.

"We're in an excellent spot right here near D.C. and Virginia," she said. "The National Harbor is close. I don't understand it. People should be knocking on our doors for the chance to do business here."

The event, held at the Forest Heights Baptist Church on Oxon Hill Road, was hosted by the Town's Mayor and Council. Forest Heights is a Town of about 2,500 residents that straddles both sides of Route 210 and is located near the Capital Beltway, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the National Harbor.

Town Administrator Vern Haefele said that after the retreat, the mayor and council, along with the Town's department heads, will come up with several long-term goals for the Town.

During a presentation from Alfred Martin, an accountant and former director for finance for Hagers own in western Maryland, Forest Heights Mayor Jacqueline E. Goodall said she was concerned about the Town's outdated infrastructure.

Goodall said the Town needs to have money in the long run to build and repair its streets and sidewalks and overhaul its stormwater management system.

"These are expensive projects," she said. "We're talking \$20 [million] to \$30 million that we might not have."

About 69 percent of the Town's revenues come from property taxes, according to 2009 audits. Numbers for 2010 and 2011 were not available.

The Town's annual budget is about \$6 million.

Samuel J. Parker Jr., former chairman of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, said in order for municipalities like Forest Heights to be able to move forward, residents need to stand together and make a decision as a community on how the Town wants to be identified.

The Town has made a name for itself in recent years as moving toward environmental and ecological goals with the installation of solar panels at the Town administrative building in July and organization of creek clean-ups at Oxon Run.

"Change is inevitable and change is valuable," Parker said. "That's how we stay relevant. That's how we grow."

Parker also encouraged Forest Heights officials and residents in his presentation to become involved with Envision Prince George's, an initiative sponsored by the commission that gathers input from stakeholders on the vision for the county in 10 to 20 years.

"Prince George's County is a giant within the region, but we don't play like a giant," he said. "We need to be a part of [the region's] discussion."

# Town Community News



**SHARE**  
FOOD NETWORK  
Extending Your Food Budget

## FARMER'S MARKETS

Friday 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Come get your fresh fruits and vegetables in the historic Iverson Mall's parking lot directly in front of the Burlington Coat.

## FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**NOTE: Share Food Program** Food value equals \$40.00 for \$20.00 Monthly charge. Menu changes each month consisting of three meats, fruit, vegetable and staples (total 18 pounds). Also available two special item per month for additional charge. Food will be at Municipal Building for pick up 10 a.m. to 12 noon Note: any order not picked up will be given away.

Order and pay by October 6 & 7 pick up Saturday October 22 10 am to 12:00 noon

### VALUE PACKAGE \$20

Split Chicken Breasts 1.8 lbs.

Pork Chops 1 lb.

Beef Ravioli 1 lb.

Large Eggs 1 Dozen

Turkey Sausage Links 0.75 lbs.

Frozen Mixed Vegetables 1 lb.

Chocolate Pudding Cups 4 pack

Onions 1.5 lbs. Potatoes 3lbs. Plus 4-5 other Fruit, Vegetable and Grocery Items

### SEAFOOD SPECTACULAR \$25

1 lb. Breaded Shrimp

1 lb. Bay Scallops

1 lb. Tilapia with Cheese and Spinach

1 lb. Haddock Fillets

0.75 lbs. Grouper Fillets

1.5 lbs. Breaded Tilapia

## Hello 62 Plus Club

New activity for Forest Heights Senior Residents



Free Bingo and prizes, come and join us at the Municipal Building. Please bring your markers NOTE: (NO DOBBERS) and your lucky charms Thursday October 6 and 10 am to 1:30 p.m.

Bingo Cards form US Bingo, the Largest Online Bingo Card Store Call Toll Free 1-800-254-0073 US Bingo, Inc.

Oxon Hill High School Music Department Annual

## Senior Citizens Concert

October 26, 2011

Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. \*\* Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

Call for Information **301-749-4332**

## PARK & RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE BEGINNING, ARE YOU READY?

The 60 + Committee is seeking members. Those interested in participating, contact Councilwoman Ann Reifsneider at ext. 241, or Councilman Barnes at ext. 250. Bid Whist games to begin at the Town Hall every fourth Saturday from 4-6 pm of the month until further notice, if weather permits. Still seeking players for Pinochle and Spades contact: Councilman Barnes at 301-839-1030 ext. 250. **Park and Planning Committee** is seeking volunteers for activities, contact Councilwoman Smith-Barnes at ext. 223 or Councilman Kennedy at ext. 239. Contact Town Administrator to serve on the Historical Document Committee.



**Let's Get Healthy Bike Ride**, sponsored by Ward 1 Council members Barnes and Smith-Barnes, every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. if weather permits. Meet at Town Hall at 2:00 p.m. F.H. Police to escort riders to the South-Side of Indian Head Highway in order to get to the bike trail safely. All are welcome but those under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



## Town Community News (continued)

### Worldwide Day of Play At Bell Acres Park

NOW IN ITS 8TH YEAR, Worldwide Day of Play is an entire day dedicated to active play. On Worldwide Day of Play, Nickelodeon goes completely "dark" for three hours, turning off programming to encourage kids to get up, get out and go play! Every year, Worldwide Day of Play is celebrated with more than 3,500 local events in all 50 states and in 13 countries.



**Saturday,  
September 24, 2011**

### FOREST HEIGHTS AUTO SALES BY SEALED BID

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 10:00 A.M.

#### Town Hall,

5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest

Heights Forest Heights MD 20745

#### List of Vehicles

1987 Ten Ton DT, 1989 Ford PU, 1996 Ford PU,  
1996 Chevrolet Lumina, 1997 Ford Taurus,  
2002 Ford CV, 2005 Ford CV



The Internet Essentials<sup>SM</sup> program will be available starting in the 2011 "back to school" season. Eligible participants will receive:

- Comcast home Economy Internet service for \$9.95 per month plus applicable taxes and fees, with no activation fees, no additional equipment rental charges, no credit checks, no price increases and on long-term contracts:
- The option to purchase a pre-configured computer from \$149.99 (plus applicable taxes); and
- Access to online, in the print and classroom based digital literacy training.

Additional information on the Internet Essentials program can be found at [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com)

### THE TOWN IS LOSSING REVENUE

I am appealing to all residents living in Forest Heights to make sure their address is listed as Forest Heights instead of Oxon Hill.

When I purchased our home on Woodland Drive, it was listed as Oxon Hill instead of Forest Heights. I have insisted they list it as Forest Heights and they did.

Why this hypnotist is: The highway funds are paid based on the number of resident in Forest Heights and of course Oxon Hill is not Forest Heights.

The Town over the years has been receiving about 50% of what they should be receiving for state highway Fund.

Highway Funds are used to fund the cost for street paving curbs, etc.

Vern Haefele, *Town Administrator*

### Looking for someone to clean my home!!!!



**If interested Call today 301-839-5816  
must be able to pass a background  
check.**

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR TOWN NEWSLETTER; 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 to 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](mailto:newsletter.fh@verizon.net) or mailed or hand delivered to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

## Town Community News (continued)



### WE ARE STRONGER THAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GALA 2011

A Night To Remember Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in your community will be hosting its First Annual We Are Stronger Than Domestic Violence Event on October 22, 2011 at 4:00pm, doors will open at 3:30pm. This event will take place in Forest Heights, MD at the Multi-Cultural Ballroom in the Mayor's Building. It would be great to see you, the residence, attend this empowering and moving gala. Tickets are \$20.00 for those who purchase their tickets before September 30th and \$30.00 after September 30<sup>th</sup>.

It is our commitment to bridge the gap between health disparities, domestic violence, young girls and boys with low self-esteem, depression, and suicide through joint venture with organizations with a common objective, fostering a cohesive and supportive environment to encourage and inspire communities to take a stand by being proactive. A.N.T.R. achieves this mission through event planning including: dinner parties, corporate functions, inspirational seminars, fashion shows, luncheons and galas.

This event is intended to be an enriching, educational and powerful night for individuals who have experience domestic abuse. A.N.T.R. is dedicated to cultivating a productive, inspiring and therapeutic environment where formally abused women can be advocates for women contending with such a critical issue. It is our intention to bestow strength, wisdom, passion, and perseverance within our community through testimony.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> symbolizes a day of redemption, encouragement and fulfillment. It would be an honor if you would join us in this journey of self-discovery, conviction and enlightenment. If you would like to attend, please send confirmation to

[s.smith@antrfoundation.org](mailto:s.smith@antrfoundation.org). For more information, please contact us by phone (301) 686-0253. If you are unable to attend and would like to assist in another capacity, we would like to request a donation of your choice to the cause. Thank you once again for your time and attention to this growing epidemic and commitment to end it.

### FOREST HEIGHTS

## DAY OF BOWLING

FREE TICKET AVAILABLE

AMF MARLOW HEIGHTS  
LANE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

2:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Call Bean 301-839-1030 to sign up



*When's the last time you and your child went to see a play together. We would like to take this opportunity for you to enjoy the time together.*

## “ABANDONED”

*Free, Ticket are limited so call today 301-839-1030 (Bean)*

**Antioch Baptist Church**

1105 50th Street, NE Washington, DC 20019

**Sunday September 25, 2011**

Show time 5:00 p.m.

## FELA!

*Free, Ticket are limited so call today.*

**Sidney Harman Hall,  
Washington, DC**

**September 22, 2011**

Show time 8:00 p.m.

*Directed & Choreographed by Bill T. Jones  
Produced by Shawn “Jay-Z”  
Carter, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith*

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Local  
Post Customer

PRSWRT STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM Retail

## Town Community News (continued)



### YARD SALE

#### Town of Forest Heights at

5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745

Saturday, September 10, 2011 (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

**Vendors Wanted Space \$ 15 / Table \$ 5**

Contact Town Office (301) 839-1030 or Kathy Clark (301) 567-5780  
also October 8, 2011



### FREE HOME MAKEOVER



The Weatherization Assistance Program WAP operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Developments Single Family Special Loans. Program, helps eligible low income homeowners with the installation of energy-conserving materials. Priority is given to those homeowners who are elderly, disabled, have families with children, and/or have the highest energy consumption. Eligible renters may also apply. Examples of improvements include: health and safety items, hot water system, lighting retrofit, insulation and furnace cleaning. If interested, Councilwoman Reifsneider takes applications at the Municipal Building twice a month; check calendar for dates or call 301-839-1030 for dates.



September 15th, & September 29th

1:00-2:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Congratulations to all the Town Residents that received the Free Home Makeover!!  
again it's could be you



### 2011 HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Instructions and Application Form HTC-60  
State of Maryland Department of Assessments  
and Taxation

[www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us) Filing Deadline -  
September 1, 2011

The filing deadline for this application has been  
extended to October 31, 2011

The Town of Forest Heights  
Neighborhood Watch Member  
Wednesdays October 5, 2011  
7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

The Town of Forest Heights  
VOLUNTEER MEETING  
Friday September 23, 2011  
7:00 p.m.