



**YOU COULD WIN A \$25 DOLLAR GIFT CARD. KEEP READING YOUR NEWSLETTER TO SEE IF YOU WON!!**



**COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:** Karlee and Carmin Maddox

*The Community Spotlight series is a monthly column where the Town of Forest Heights recognizes an individual who has accomplished great work has made a significant impact in the community. To nominate a person, please email suggestions to [liu.y.mimi@gmail.com](mailto:liu.y.mimi@gmail.com) or call 301-839-1030.*

Karlee and Carmin Maddox are not only one of the town’s youngest and most dedicated Super volunteers, but they are also sisters who enjoy volunteering together.

Both girls have helped with any and all Forest Heights related events for the past several years, everything from trash cleanups to holiday programs and dinners. For one event, they even volunteered from 7 a.m. to midnight the next day! Their all-time favorite volunteer events: Forest Heights Day and the Halloween Haunted House. The sisters work closely with Ward II Councilman

Jonathon Kennedy II to come up with fresh ideas for the Haunted House.

“Volunteering is fun,” Carmin said. “It’s not as hard as people think it is. It’s really important because not a lot of people do it, and if no one does it, then who will?”

The sisters also perform volunteer work for the Filipino-American Multicultural Center and other events in the Oxon Hill and Fort Washington areas.

Born only 13 months apart, the two consider themselves very close.

“You rarely see us not together,” said Karlee, the oldest of the two. “We get ready by the same time. We do each other’s hair, we take pictures together, and we motivate each other to do better in life. We just look out for each other basically. I don’t know what I’d do without my sister.”

Both girls reside in Ward III, where their grandmother is Councilwoman Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad.

Karlee, who turns 17 this month, is currently doing a paid internship as an assistant/event planner with Pro-Sports-Marketing. She is passionate about dance and music, and will perform at this year’s Forest Heights Day. Karlee is also scheduled to be in charge of Nike-sponsored training camps for Oxon Hill High School next summer.

Carmin enjoys singing, acting, making people laugh and baking. Both girls are also active in sports.

Both Karlee and Carmin also try to encourage other youths in the community to volunteer for town events.

“I like to see new faces at the volunteer meetings,” Karlee said. “Maybe the more help we get, there might be better turnouts at the parties and events.”

Carmin added: “When we help out, we really care about what we’re doing. Even if we don’t feel like doing those things on that day, we still push ourselves to do it.” **Congratulations** to Karlee for a job well done! Karlee is a 2013 graduate.

Dear Community Leaders and Residents,

Vice Chair Obie Patterson wanted to make you aware of the new stormwater legislation that will affect the amount you pay in annual property taxes. The attached information explains the amount you will pay depended upon the size of your home. This bill will be heard before the Transportation, Housing, and Environment (T.H.E.) on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM, in Room 2027, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro.

The public hearing on this legislation will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro. If the new fees are of concern to you, please attend these meetings.

The Clean Water Act Fee is administered by the Department of Environmental Resources.

**AT THE JULY 17, 2013 MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING A STORMWATER DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD SO PLEASE COME OUT.**

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# FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Town of Forest Heights Joins Vice Chair Obie Patterson to Promote Gun Safety

Forest Heights co-hosted its first gun turn-in event June 22 in partnership with Vice Chair Obie Patterson's office and various local and county agencies.

Through the "District 8 Gift Cards for Guns" event, which was held at Abundant Life Ministries in Forest Heights, law enforcement officials collected a total of 63 guns. Citizens came in and dropped off their unwanted guns with no questions asked in exchange for gift cards ranging from \$25-\$100.

The gift cards were purchased by the Prince George's chapter of the NAACP through two \$5,000 grants donated by Patterson and Forest Heights. The Prince George's County Police Department lent their expertise and personnel to provide a lawful and appropriate disposition for the collected guns.

"We received a variety of weapons as severe as a TEC-9 and as innocent as a BB gun that looked very similar to a real gun," said Forest Heights Police Chief Stewart Russell. "It is a small area, and 63 guns for this area is a tremendous participation by the public. Unwanted guns lying around people's homes loaded or what have you can be instruments of destruction whether it's a child playing with it or stolen property that has gotten into the wrong hands."

He added: "The success of any endeavor of this type is the cooperation of local and county government, businesses, police agencies, religious communities, and the participation of citizens themselves and we were extremely fortunate to have all of those groups come together for this particular event."

According to county officials, there has been a total of five Gift Cards for Guns initiatives held countywide within the past year with a total of 661 weapons received.

"The Prince George's County Police Department is proud to partner with our local municipalities to help remove weapons from our communities in an effort to make them safer," said Maj. Raymond Gordon of Prince George's County Police Department's Bureau of Forensic Science and Intelligence. "Our citizens show us they want less weapons in their communities by responding positively to the events. As long as our citizens are willing to voluntarily surrender weapons we will continue to try and help provide incentives for them to do so."

Ward II Councilwoman Cynthia Mann, who was one of the main event coordinators, said she was very pleased with the results of the gun turn-in.

"I'm happy and I feel good that there are fewer guns on the streets," she said.

Forest Heights would like to thank the following people/organizations for their support:

- District 8 Councilman Obie Patterson
- International House of Pancakes in Oxon Hill
- Chik-fil-A in District Heights
- Bob Ross and the Prince George's County chapter of the NAACP
- Maj. Raymond Gordon and the Prince George's County Police Department
- Michael Butler from the Prince George's County Office of Youth Strategies
- Abundant Life Ministries and Pastor Albert Chatmon
- District 7 Councilwoman Karen Toles
- Assistant State's Attorney Rashid Mahdi
- Corey Smedley from the Oxon Hill/Glassmanor Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI)

*Derrick Coley contributed to this report*

### Police Department

**Stewart Russell, Chief of Police**  
**Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk**  
**(301) 839-4040 (301) 839-1122 fax**  
**(Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200**

**Eastover District IV Police**  
**(301) 749-4900**

### Code Enforcement

**Kevin Miller 301-839-4040 ext. 228**  
**Forest Heights Municipal Building**  
**Located behind McDonalds**  
**5508 Arapahoe Drive**  
**Forest Heights MD, 20745**  
**[www.forestheightsmd.gov](http://www.forestheightsmd.gov)**

## Message from the Mayor's Office

First off, I would like to say that I was extremely pleased with the results of the District 8 Gift Cards for Guns event that was held June 22 at Abundant Life Ministries. This is the first gun turn-in event that the Town has participated in, and I certainly hope that it will not be the last. I would especially like to acknowledge and commend Ward II Councilwoman Cynthia Mann and Police Chief Stewart Russell and the Forest Heights Police Department for their vision and leadership during this entire process. They worked tirelessly with Councilman Obie Patterson's office and collaborated with our local and county agencies, businesses and churches in helping to plan and put together this worthwhile event. More than six months has passed since the tragedy in Newtown, CT occurred and I hope we never forget the innocent lives that were lost during that tragedy. As citizens in the Town of Forest Heights, we need to do our part to keep our community safer, and I believe one of the best ways to start is to remove unwanted guns from our homes so they will not end up in the wrong hands.

On another important note, I would like to inform residents on the county's upcoming stormwater legislation, which will establish a schedule of fees to be collected as part of the county's Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP). As part of a federal mandate under the Clean Water Act, Maryland's nine largest counties and the City of Baltimore are required to form a funding plan to address stormwater runoff pollution from impervious areas such as parking lots, roads and roofs before it enters local waterways.

Last year, the Forest Heights Town Council voted to approve a resolution to adopt the county's stormwater legislation (where I had recused myself from the final vote). ***So these fees will also impact Forest Heights residents.*** More details will be forthcoming on when the Town plans to implement and enforce this new law. We will also be scheduling a few sessions to educate and assist our residents in becoming compliant.

The fees are as follows:

- \$33.12 for small residential lots (administration fee of \$20.58; plus impact fee of \$12.54)
- \$41.48 for mid-size residential lots (administration fee of \$20.58; plus impact fee of \$20.90)
- \$62.38 for large residential lots (administration fee of \$20.58; plus impact fee of \$41.80)
- The total annual fee rate and impact fee for each impervious acre for industrial, commercial or instructional properties is \$372 per impervious acre; plus an administrative fee of \$20.58

A property owner can receive a reduced or modified fee by retrofitting their property with approved runoff treatment devices and practices. The program also provides a provision for financial hardship if the County's Office of Finance can identify whether the property owner has received a Maryland Homeowners Tax Credit and an Energy Assistance Subsidy. The fee is expected to be collected in the next tax year. Another key component of the program includes developing public private partnerships and investing in local, small minority business enterprises.

According to county officials, the funding is expected to generate approximately \$1.2 billion over the next 13 years and will provide a strong impact on the county's economic development by creating 5,000 new jobs, revitalizing neighborhoods and providing for the investment and launching of local green businesses.

For more information on the WPRP, please visit DER's Web site at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/index.asp>.

*Mayor Jacqueline Goodall*

### Dear Friends,

**Save the Date:** We invite you to Forest Heights Day, Be sure to put this date on your calendar **August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013** at Tayac Park. A lot of fun, food, games and refreshments for the family. Plan to attend.

WSSC Completed, The Sidewalk Repair at The Vacant Lot Next To Henry's Soul Food Restaurant. **Nice Work WSSC!**

**Tot Lots:** The Town's application for "Playful City" was approved which means the Town can apply for a grant to develop 3 Tot Lots For Youth Ages 4-7 with a Parent Present. Tot Lots have equipment designed for this Age Group such as animals to ride. In addition, there will be benches and tables.

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**  
**RESOLUTION 55-13 — Fiscal Year 2014 Budget**

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL**

**ENACTED:** June 19, 2013

A resolution to appropriate sums and amounts for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

Section 1. The general purpose of the Resolution is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2013-2014 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

Section 2. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland that the sums and amounts are hereby appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

<u>REVENUES</u>	
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>\$4,030,545.00</b>
Town Real Estate Taxes	937,974.00
Income Taxes	170,000.00
Other Taxes	45,300.00
Trash Fee	145,860.00
<b>INTERGOVERNMENT</b>	1,759,040.00
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>	\$ 7,075.00
<b>TOWN SERVICES</b>	\$ 8,596.00
<b>SPEED CAMERA</b>	\$728,000.00
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>	\$103,700.00
<b>TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE*</b>	\$125,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$4,030,545.00</b>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$58,983.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$313,193.00
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	\$285,930.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$665,507.00
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	\$349,776.00
<b>SPEED CAMERA</b>	
Direct Speed Camera Cost	\$293,986.00
State Revenue After 10% of Budget	0.00
Allowable Expenses	5,000.00
<b>STREET IMPROVEMENTS</b>	\$900,000.00
<b>TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE</b>	\$150,485.00
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	\$431,185.00
<b>MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE</b>	\$166,000.00
<b>STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE</b>	\$38,000.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE</b>	\$62,500.00
<b>GRANTS — RESTRICTED FUNDING</b>	\$310,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	4,030,545.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$4,030,545.00</b>

Note: Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012 is \$1,763,938.00.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax rates for fiscal year 2014 for all real and personal property which is subject to taxation by the Town of Forest Heights and as previously approved by Resolution 47-13 regarding the real property tax rate are restated, ratified and approved to be as follows:

Real Property	\$ .6248 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation;
Business Personal Property	\$ 1.75 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation;
Waste Removal	\$ 156.00 per household/flat fee

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2013. PASSED this 19th day of JUNE 2013.

# FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS (*continued*)

Recently there have been two new forms of thefts occurring in the town that I would like to bring to your attention. First we have individuals going around trying car doors to see if the doors are left unlocked. Please ensure that you lock your car doors and not leave valuable items inside visible or otherwise. Next there have been several instances where residents have reported thefts of their trash receptacles. We are asking residents to inscribe some sort of identification that would make your receptacle unique to you. If anyone has any information they would like to share with us regarding this or any other information not of an emergency nature please feel free to contact us. Thanks again for helping us take back your community.

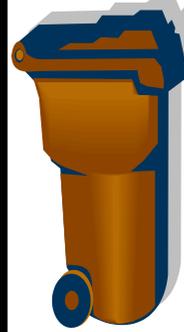
*Col. S.W. Russell Chief, FHPD*

## STOP GUN VIOLENCE BEFORE IT HAPPENS CRIME SOLVERS PAYS CASH REWARDS

For information leading to arrests and seizures of illegally obtained GUNS.

Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call  
CRIME SOLVERS at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)

Or text "PGPD (space) plus your tip" to CRIMES (274637) or go to  
<http://www.pgcrimesolvers.com> and submit a tip online.



Remember! **The Trash Bins belong to the address where they were originally delivered and are the responsibility of the home owner.**

The Town has recommended several times that residents paint their address on their Trash Bins. The original bin was delivered Free of charge and Second Bins Cost \$35 for Used Bins, **when available**, and \$65 for a New Bin. Beginning June 24, the Town hopes to have some Used Bins available as long as the supply

lasts. The point of contact to purchase a replacement Bin will be The Town Administrator.

The Recycle Bins are provided by the county, call 301-883-5810 and request the Recycle Bin. Every home owner must have a Recycle Bin for their use or for a Renter's use. Like the Trash Bin, the recycle bin belongs to the home owner.



## Would you like this neighborhood to be known as the Safest Place in Maryland?

We invite you to come learn about The Forest Heights Neighborhood Watch Program every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in each month at 7 pm-8 pm at the Forest Heights Municipal Building, 5508 Arapahoe Drive. Neighborhoods working together in Partnership with the Police make one of the best crime-fighting teams around!!

### Forest Heights Police Department May 2013 All Calls For Service

911 HANG UP	1 NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	1
ANIMAL BITE	2 NOTIFICATION	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINT (OTHER)	1 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)	8
ASSIST FIRE DEPT/EMS	1 SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S) (CDS)	1
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (INCIDENT)	3 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	4
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (TRAFFIC)	6 THEFT (FROM AUTO)	1
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	12 THEFT (SHOPLIFTING)	2
AUTO THEFT	2 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	5
B&E (COMMERCIAL)	1 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (INJURIES)	1
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL)	3 TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S)	6 TRESPASSER	1
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS	1 VANDALISM	1
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	7 WARRANT SERVICE	1
E.P.S.	1 <b>Total Calls Handled:</b>	80
MAN DOWN	2	
MISSING PERSON	1	

## Community Coffee with District 8 Councilman Obie Patterson

Friday, July 12, 2013 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Location:** McDonald's 6126 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, MD

**Event Contact Info:** 301-952-3860

## Community Healthy Heights Tips

Forest Heights Healthy Living Program invites  
you to a Seminar on

### Hypertension/High Blood Pressure

*Come join us for a fun and educational day.*

**Thursday July 25, @1pm-2pm**

5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, Md. 20745

RSPV by July 22, for free box lunch **301-839-1030**

Come Help Plan Your  
Community Day  
Thursday July 11, 2013  
at 6:30 p.m.

Calling All Volunteers!  
Volunteering  
Opportunities for 2013  
Forest Heights Day,  
August 3, 2013

### Healthier Alternatives to Common Unhealthy Foods

Think you can't live without certain indulgent treats and snacks? Think again. Check out these common foods, and their healthier alternatives:

- **Ice cream:** sorbet, sherbet, frozen yogurt
- **Donuts, sweet rolls, muffins or pastries:** English muffins, bagels or scones
- **Chips:** popcorn (air- or microwave-popped) or baked or kettle chips
- **Mayonnaise on sandwiches:** avocado
- **Bacon:** turkey bacon
- **Protein or candy bars:** almonds or peanuts
- **Creamy salad dressings:** olive oil- or vinegar-based dressings
- **Hamburgers:** turkey burgers, bean burgers, veggie burgers
- **Potatoes:** sweet potatoes

### HELLO COMMUNITY

#### Forest Heights and

#### St. Mark

#### Farmers Market

**Mondays (Now thru Oct. 31)**

**12:00-4:00 p.m.**

5427 Indian Head Hwy  
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

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#### Freedom Farmers Market

**WEDNESDAYS (Now thru Oct. 31)**

**2:00PM - 7:00PM**

**Freedom Manor**

**10905 Livingston Rd.**

**Fort Washington, Md. 20744**

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

#### 2013 FREE FRESH SEASONAL PRODUCE

July 15 Largo—The Blvd at the Capital Centre (rear parking lot)

861 Capital Centre Blvd. Largo, MD 20774

**4 p.m. — 6 p.m. Bring your own bags**

**One distribution per household**



*My Philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment"*

**Oprah Winfrey**

### Sports, Health & Wellness Opportunities

Did you know seniors ages 60 & better who are residents of Prince George's or Montgomery Counties can work out at any M-NCPPC community center or senior activity center fitness room for FREE with a M-NCPPC SMARTlink Senior ID? Just bring verification of residency and age to the center to obtain your FREE senior membership card. Fitness room amenities vary by site. Work out at times and locations that are convenient for you.

**THE TOWN IS ALSO  
WORKING TO DEVELOP  
3 SENIOR EXERCISE  
STATIONS AT VARIOUS  
LOCATIONS IN  
FOREST HEIGHTS.**

# Senior Community News

## THE SUFFERAGE

During the struggle for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution to give women the right to vote, women held parades, rallies, and petition signings all across the country. In 1917 police began arresting women picketing in front of the White House. Among these women was Alice Paul, President of the National Woman's Party. Miss Paul was imprisoned in District of Columbia, placed in solitary confinement, and given only bread and water. Her health soon declined, and she was transferred to the prison hospital. She then went on a hunger strike. Miss Paul was transferred to the psychiatric ward and force fed three times daily for three weeks. After three weeks in jail Miss Paul was released. Thirty-three women jailed in the Occoquan Workhouse were beaten daily. Public outcry about the force feeding and beatings won support for women's voting rights. On January 9, 1918 President Wilson announced support for an Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote.

THOUGHT: There are no detour signs along a straight and narrow path.

FOREST HEIGHTS HOMEMAKERS

## The Weatherization Assistance Program

(WAP) is operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Free Programs and Single Family Special Loans are available. Two more Forest Heights residents took advantage of the Free Home Weatherization Program.

They were awarded this service through a Collaboration Grant from MEA. Mayor Goodall is continuously seeking ways to assist residents and ask that residents take advantage of these grants. Call Ms. Reifsneider if you are interested in our ongoing program for weatherization.

Call Anne Reifsneider

for appointment 301-839-1146



**SENIOR DAYS** at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex offer FREE use of the facility's pool, fitness center and indoor walking track on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 8 am to 12 noon. Make a pledge to stay healthy and active and take advantage of this FREE workout opportunity!

**District 8 Senior Picnic** Thursday August 1, 2013 4-7 p.m. Oxon Hill Manor please contact the District 8 office at 301-952-3806 or email CouncilDistrict8@co.pg.md.us for more information or to register because setting is limited.

FOREST HEIGHTS DAY NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY JULY 11, AT 6:30 WE NEED YOUR HELP!

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU.

Medicaid is a comprehensive health care insurance program for individuals with low-income. Apply for medical assistance services at [www.marylandsail.org](http://www.marylandsail.org).

## QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary) and SLIMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary)

The Program connects the two largest public health programs in the country. Medicare and Medicaid, as Medicaid pays for all or part of the Medicare premium and deductible amounts for individuals with low-income who are financially eligible. [www.marylandsail.org](http://www.marylandsail.org)

## Food Supplemental Program (Food Stamps)

Helps individuals with low income buy the food they need for good health. Prince George's County Department of Social Services (301-209-5000).

## 60+ Plus Committee welcomes you to Senior Bingo and Community Cards

Councilman Robert Barnes & Ms. Anne Reifsneider work to provide activities and service to our citizens. Please mark your calendar for the: **Senior Bingo FIRST THURSDAY of each Month from 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Community Cards FIRST and THIRD SATURDAY of each month from 1:00 -3:00 p.m.**

For information on any of these programs, or to get involved, contact Councilman Barnes at 301-839-1030 ext. 303 anytime day or night, and leave a message.



## Town Community News

# TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS YARD SALE SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

## VENDORS WANTED

SPACE \$15 / TABLE \$ 5

CALL (301) 839-1030



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## Ward III Residents!

Ward III Council Members invite all to come out to meet, let's talk and ask questions, make suggestions. We will attempt to answer your questions, and if we don't have an answers, we'll find out. Come out to meet your neighbors. July 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

*Council members Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad and Larry Stoner*

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN YOUR TOWN COMMUNITY 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 [shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov) or mailed or hand delivered to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.*

# ***Town Community News (continued)***

## **Council Member Obie Patterson – District 8**



Prince George's County Council Vice Chair Obie Patterson will be hosting a community meeting to discuss the site selection process for the Prince George's County gaming site. The Honorable Donald Fry, Chair of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission will be present to brief community members about the following:

- 1) The three (3) submitted bids, who the companies are, and the locations.
- 2) The notice for public comments.
- 3) The timeframe for selection.
- 4) The selection criteria used to evaluate the bids.

**Wednesday, July 10, 2013**

**Oxon Hill Library**

**6200 Oxon Hill Road**

**Oxon Hill, MD 20745**

**Multipurpose Room**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

In November 2008, the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission was established (Chapter 4, Acts of 2007 Special Session; Code State Government Article, sec. 9-1A-36). The Commission conducts a competitive bidding process. Once in operation, the Maryland Video Lottery Program is regulated by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency. For each geographic area in which a video lottery facility is located, a local development council is established. The council advises the county on the impact of the facility on the communities in immediate proximity to the facility, and on the needs and priorities of those communities. The Video Lottery Facility Location Commission consists of seven members. Authorization for the Commission extends to January 1, 2015 (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-1A-01 through 9-1A-36).

### **Video Lottery Facility Location Commission**

**Donald C. Fry, *Chair (chosen by Governor)***

***Appointed by Governor: Ella H. Pierce; Linda Read.***

***Appointed by Senate President: Rona E. Kramer; James J. King.***

***Appointed by House Speaker: Thomas P. Barbera; D. Bruce Poole.***

**Staff: Robert W. Howells**

**c/o State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency**

**Montgomery Park Business Center, Suite 330**

**1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21230**

**(410) 230-8789**

**e-mail: [rhowells@msla.state.md.us](mailto:rhowells@msla.state.md.us)**

**web: [www.mdlottery.com/slots](http://www.mdlottery.com/slots)**

**Southern Regional  
Technology and Recreation Complex**

7007 Bock Rd, Fort Washington, MD  
301-749-4160

**“Now Open”**

The Town of Forest Heights are offering 20 residents between the ages of 18 and 50 a 3 month pass

Call Ms. Hawkins for how you can get your pass

This 37,000 sq. ft. LEED certified state-of-the art facility is home to innovative 21st century technology and recreation initiatives for people of all ages and abilities and it is located right in our backyard. We encourage our citizens to take advantage of this new facility. As with all PG Parks facilities Seniors (over 60) and Youth (under 18) can utilize their facilities ‘Free of charge’ however, there may be charges for certain classes.

Free demonstration of all the classes that will be held at the complex are being offered from July 1st through July 14th. Most classes will be offered for all ages for a small fee. Some of the activities that are offered:

- |                           |                        |                            |                     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Computer Classes</b>   | <b>Science Labs</b>    | <b>Aerobics</b>            |                     |
| <b>Dance Studio</b>       | <b>Arts and Crafts</b> | <b>Rock Climbing</b>       |                     |
| <b>Zumba</b>              | <b>Chair Dance</b>     | <b>Stiletto Basketball</b> |                     |
| <b>Karate</b>             | <b>Boxing</b>          | <b>Volleyball</b>          | <b>Extreme Teen</b> |
| <b>(Friday/Saturdays)</b> |                        |                            |                     |

**Call about how to get your free ticket today!**

This is being offered as part of the Mayor and Town Council’s of Forest Heights Healthy Program



## ***Town Community News (continued)***

### **Dear Citizens of Forest Heights and Oxon Hill**

**On July 10th 6 - 8pm at the Oxon Hill Library, Councilman Patterson will host a forum regarding questions on the 3 proposed casino locations.** I strongly suggest that residents and especially homeowners attend this meeting. While there has been strong opposition to the proposed Fort Washington site (Parx), many in the Forest Heights and Oxon Hill area have been silent about the proposed National Harbor site (MGM).

Many believe that the vote done in November was to confirm that MGM would build a casino on the plateau at National Harbor, this is **NOT** true. The vote was only to allow a license for Prince Georges County and change the existing gaming bill. **There must be approval of one of the license applications** (Penn National, Parx, and MGM submitted applications); determination of which site will have the least impact on a particular community; which will provide the most economic benefit to the state and reviewing the worthiness of the companies applying will be done by the Gaming Commission later this year.

**One of the most important decisions is the approval to change the zoning** which will need to be approved by the Prince Georges County Council before allowing a casino to be constructed at any site chosen.

However, there are many questions that residents and homeowners in Forest Heights and Oxon Hill must ask themselves. What would happen to the value of my home if I live within a mile of the casino? Would I purchase a home in that area if I were a new buyer? If I had the choice to move into a community within a short walking distance or purchase one further away - which would I buy?

If home prices begin to fall in the Town of Forest Heights, this could impact the town in several ways - a couple of them are

- Our assessable tax base would fall, leaving less money to operate the town.
- More investors would purchase homes that were for sale and raise the number of rental properties in town, which could further reduce the property values.
- Having a casino at National Harbor will further cripple the transportation system in the area; Tanger Outlets will open in 2013, a proposed Super Wal-Mart is to be built across from Forest Heights Baptist Church on Oxon Hill Rd. Not to mention the existing traffic of 75,000 cars that go up and down Livingston Rd and 210 each day now.

I have been very vocal about the bill itself and the impact it would have in our town for over a year. Why do you think the affluent neighborhoods residents in Fort Washington have become vocal and do not want a casino built on Old Fort Rd? **On NOV 16, 2012 on radio WAMU, John Peterson of Peterson Co. revealed that Peterson Co. also understands that a casino hurts communities. He said: "There is a mis-perception of where the casino--the resort would be located. It isn't in downtown National Harbor--there is a significant separation. It will have nothing to do with downtown National Harbor! We don't want to do anything to denigrate what we have built there. We spent a lot of time, effort and money--we put quality into National Harbor and don't want to do anything to denigrate it."**

Well, the residents in Forest Heights and the area surrounding National Harbor don't want to the value of our communities changed either - We cannot wait until it is too late. We need to become vocal also. **Please make plans to attend this important meeting and let your neighbors know also. NOT IN OUR BACKYARD-EITHER!**

**Jacqueline Goodall**

## ***Town Community News (continued)***

**Are you between the ages of 14 and 18 years old and live in the Town of Forest Heights?**

**Would you like to get a FREE Six Flags 2013 Season Pass and earn 20 Community Service Hours?**

**Come by the Forest Heights Municipal Building 5508 Arapahoe Drive or call 301-839-1030 and ask for Ms. Hawkins for details.**



**Hurry! Limited number available.**

**This is being offered as part of the Mayor and Town Council's Forest Heights Healthy Program**



As part of our Forest Heights Healthy Program the Town of Forest Heights has partnered with the Potomac YMCA to offer age and ability appropriate exercise and nutrition classes to our residents 50 Plus. The classes will be held twice a week, one morning and one evening class beginning in August, please watch your August newsletter for registration information.

# YOUTH IN CRISIS?

## Report Gang Activity and Youth Violence

Toll-Free



**HELPLINE/HOTLINE**  
Anonymous Reporting  
24 Hours/ 7 Days a Week

**Report:**

- Gang activity and the desire to leave a gang
- Weapons on school campus
- Homicidal or suicidal remarks
  - Bullying
  - Any act of violence

*Receive Maryland 2-1-1  
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**Call 1-800-516-1540**

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## ***Public Works News***

Dear Residents of Arapahoe Drive,

Effective Monday, July 15, 2013, the Town of Forest Heights is instituting its Arapahoe Drive Reclamation Project. No parking will be permitted on the public grass area on the south side of Arapahoe Drive. Parking on the grass area has damaged the land and has an adverse affect on the storm water runoff. “No Parking” signs will be placed on the south side of Arapahoe Drive starting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. This does not affect parking on the north side of Arapahoe Drive in front of residential homes. We regret any inconvenience this decision may cause.

### **Citizen Communication(s):**

Several potholes that exist throughout the town will be repaired with more permanency (using hot patches or concrete as needed) during the months of July and August.

### **Projects in Progress:**

Identification of six additional areas for placement of town trashcans (street locations: Mohican, Woodland, Iroquois, and Blackhawk). (Completed)

Replacement of speed bump removed by Washington Gas. (street locations: Foxway, Ononadaga, and Rolph).

### **Trash/Recycle Collection is to be Placed at the Curb the Night before Collection**

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

**MONDAY—Recycle & Trash**

***Yard Waste will be Picked Up on Wednesday***

**THURSDAY—Bulk**

**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



**NOTE: ANY TRASH OR RECYCLE BINS LEFT OUT WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND WILL BE ISSUED A CITATION OF \$200.00 REPEAT OFFENDERS MAY BE ASSESSED A FINED UP TO \$400.00. (ALSO IF YOU USE YOUR OLD BIN YOUR TRASH WILL NOT BE PICKUP).**

**“NO BULK JULY 4, 2013 NO MAKE-UP DAY”**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mayor/Council Workshop 7:30 pm  Trash/Recycling	2	3 Yard Waste  Farmers Market 10905 Livingston Rd Fort Washington MD 2-7 pm	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSE</b>  Six Flags America 13710 Central Ave. Upper Marlboro, MD 20721	5	6 Community Cards 1pm—until  Pops on the Potomac Concert Series 137 National Plaza National Harbor, MD
7	8 Trash/Recycling	9	10 Yard Waste  Concerts in the Park for Music Lovers: Orioles and the Jewels 1771 Tucker Rd, Ft. Washington,	11 Bulk Pickup  Volunteers Meeting for Forest Heights Day 6:30 pm	12 Coffee with District 8 6126 Oxon Hill McDonald's 9-11 am  Last Day to Pay for Food Share	13 Ward 3 Meeting 1:00 pm
14	15 Trash/Recycling  FREE FOOD Largo Capital Centre 4-6 pm	16	17 Yard Waste  Gentlemen of Distinction featuring Denyse Pearson Oxon Hill Manor 6901 Oxon Hill Road  Town Mtg. 8pm	18 Bulk Pickup  Colonial Summer Days National Colonial Farm 3400 Bryan Point Road Accokeek, MD 20607  Neighborhood Watch 7pm	19	20 Yard Sale 8-3pm
21	22 Trash/Recycling  Have you call to get on the list for Hypertension/High Blood	23	24 Yard Waste	25 Bulk Pickup  Hypertension/High Blood Pressure Seminar 1:00-2:00 pm	26	27 Pickup Food Share
28	29 Trash/Recycling	30	31 Yard Waste	<p><b>HAVE YOU MARK ED YOUR TRASH/RECYCLING BIN YET?</b></p> <p><b>Calling All Volunteers! Volunteering Opportunities for 2013 Forest Heights Day, Thursday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m.</b></p>		

## SHARE FOOD NETWORK FOR JULY *Pick up Saturday JULY 27, 2013*

ORDER AND PAY By Friday July 12, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **NOTE CASH ONLY**

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **NOTA SOLO EFECTIVO**

<u>Package "A"</u> <b>Value Package</b> <b>\$20.00</b>	<u>Package "B"</u> <b>Easy Summer Chicken</b> <b>\$19.00</b>	<u>Package "C"</u> <b>Breakfast Bagel Pouches</b> <b>\$19.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miniature Hamburgers, 1 lb.</li> <li>Ham Steak, 1 lb.</li> <li>Ground Turkey, .75 lb.</li> <li>Chicken Drums, 1.6 lbs.</li> <li>Brown Rice &amp; Yellow Splits Peas, 1 lb. each</li> <li>8-9 pounds of fresh, summer produce</li> </ul>	<p>All natural, antibiotic-free chicken tenderloins, marinated, breaded and pre-browned! No artificial ingredients. Ten pounds, ready to cook!</p> <div style="text-align: center; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>NOTE: IF ORDER IS NOT PICKED UP BY 11:00 A.M. FOOD WILL BE GIVEN AWAY</b></p> </div>	<p>Schwann's Breakfast Bagel Pouches include sausage, scrambled egg, and hashed browns in cheddar cheese sauce, wrapped in bagel dough. Total of 18 sandwiches!</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Package "D"</u> <b>Miniature Beef Hamburgers</b> <b>\$19.00</b></p> <p>Delicious miniature burgers for a quick and easy meal! Total of 96 seasoned, cooked burgers!</p>

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## ***Town Community News (continued)***

**Additional News Update:** The Annual Maryland Municipal League meeting in Ocean City was well attended. Some of the highlights included: Core Programs regarding **Academy for Excellence in Local Government:** Consensus & Team Building, Basics of Risk Management, Conducting Effective Council Meetings, Ethics, and Employment Issues.

This year's MML meeting was well represented by 127 Maryland Municipalities.

Speakers included: MS. Pam Iorio, former Mayor of Tampa Florida, and Anthony Brown, LT. Governor of Maryland.

Workshops included: Introduction to Emergency Preparedness, State of Maryland Economy, Storm Water Management, Minimizing Police Liability, and Community Success in a New Economy.

*"My Biggest Motivation? Just To Keep Challenging Myself. I See Life Almost Like One Long University Education That I Never Had. Every Day I Am Learning Something New." Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin Brand*

**WATER LINE / SEWER LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM:** AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES HAS INTRODUCED THIS PROGRAM TO FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS THROUGH UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS, INC. THE HOME OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WATER AND SEWER LINES FROM THE HOUSE TO THE METER IN THE CASE OF WATER AND THE SEWER LINE IS FROM THE HOUSE TO THE WSSC SERVICE LINE. LIKE MANY COMMUNITIES, THE LINES IN FOREST HEIGHTS 40 TO 60 YRS. OLD. THE COST TO REPLACE A LINE CAN BE SUBSTANTIAL. THE WARRANTY PROGRAM WILL PICK UP THE REPLACEMENT COST UP TO CERTAIN AMOUNT. SOME OF THE NEW COMMUNITIES (19) THAT HAVE JOINED THE PROGRAM INCLUDE: TROTWOOD OHIO, FLAGLER BEACH FLORIDA, HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA, BERWIN ILLONIS, KANSAS CITY MISSOURI, RED RIVER NEW MEXICO, LINGLE WYOMING, ST. CLAIR MICHIGAN, FAIRBURN GEORGIA, GARDEN CITY KANSAS, AND LEWSVILLE TEXAS. TO DATE 122 HOME OWNERS IN FOREST HEIGHTS HAVE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM THROUGH UTILITY PARTNERS, INC.

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