



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

On August 5, the community turned out to enjoy a much needed, beautiful, summer day at our 45th Annual Forest Heights “Community” Day at Tayac Park. The goal was to promote and encourage folks that we are one community with many cultures. The event was, once again, a great success, and we hope all participating enjoyed it as much as we did.

Attendees to the event were greeted by a large group of exhibitors; thank you. We had a wonderful music program this year with thanks going out to Mr. Coztez Santana. None of this would be possible without the members of our planning committee who worked hard to make this event happen. We would also like to give a special thanks to all the volunteers; we could not have done it with-out you, also would like to thank the Prince George’s County Youth Program for stepping up and volunteering who support this event by helping us with setup before and cleanup after the event.

We now begin the planning for the 2018 event and hope everyone will join us again.

Mayor Muhammad

Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting

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

Mayor/Council Town Meeting

Third Wednesday of each Month at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.



ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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Town Community Business



Scholarships for Local Students:

Scholarships will be reserved for students who attend Crossland, Oxon Hill, Friendly, and Potomac High schools—\$150,000

Summer Youth Employment Program:

Local impact funds will be reserved for students who attend Crossland, Oxon Hill, Friendly, and Potomac High Schools—\$300,000.

Update on the Tucker Road Ice Rink

In the FY 18 County Budget \$20 million (\$11 million from Park & Planning, and \$9 million from the insurance policy) was allocated for repairs and restoration of the ice rink that was damaged by fire in December 2016. The new ice rink is expected to be a larger, state of the art facility.

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DANCE EVERY SATURDAY
10-1:00 P.M. AGES 8-18 YRS.
Call Nikkei 301-404 6772

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road



School days bring congestion: Yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic

- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians

Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Town Community News (continued)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 03 -17

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO APPROVE, AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET

The general purpose of the Budget Ordinance is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2016-2017 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, that the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the Town of Forest Heights is hereby approved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland such that the sums and amounts appropriated are hereby adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$4,679,570.00
Town Real Estate Taxes - Noncommercial	\$992,000.00
Town Real Estate Taxes - Commercial	\$65,000.00
Income Taxes	\$210,300.00
Other Taxes	\$68,600.00
Trash Fee	\$164,149.00
INTERGOVERNMENT	\$1,095,309.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$15,405.00
TOWN SERVICES	\$8,196.00
SPEED CAMERA	\$725,000.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$104,150.00
OTHER FINANCING	\$500,000.00
FUND BALANCE	\$731,461.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,679,570.00

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$59,177.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$324,127.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$203,350.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$671,063.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$342,641.00
SPEED CAMERA	
Direct Speed Camera Cost	\$342,500.00
Allowable Expenses	\$15,200.00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$100,000.00
TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE	\$166,424.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$899,887.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$299,000.00
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$40,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$38,863.00
GRANTS – RESTRICTED FUNDING	\$644,240.00
FUND BALANCE	\$533,098.00
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$4,679,570.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,679,570.

**Detailed Budget Available
online Forestheightsmd.gov**

Town Community News

Town Administrator Mr. Vern Haefele Message

Next paper Shredding Date is Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at the Municipal Center located at 5508 Arapahoe Dr. The shredding will start at 9 am and end at 12 noon. Please remember that magazines are not accepted. What is accepted includes: Tax returns, plastic covers, colored stock, folders, files, staples, paper clips, other confidential printing, office paper, some disks or floppys, old envelopes, and small binder clips.

Congratulations to Sherletta “ Bean” Hawkins former Administrative Assistant since 2007, has been promoted to Town Clerk effective August 7th, 2017. She has been a faithful employee for 10 years.

The Third Annual Steak Fry sponsored by the Outback Steak House to salute our Forest Heights Volunteers was held on Saturday August 19th, from 5 pm to 7 pm more than 50 volunteers attended. A special large card was signed by all the volunteers who attended and presented to the Steak House Manager. Sherletta Hawkins coordinated this event as well as the Forest Heights Day.

Work has begun on Rolph Dr. Initially they are working on the even number side of the street and expect to complete the work by the end of September. The they will move to the odd number side of the street in October and should be completed by the end of October. All residents are urged to connect now to the Sump Pump drain line that will be buried next to the curb. Any homes releasing any water onto the street after the project is completed will be cited and fined.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

ORDINANCE NO. 05-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AMENDING ARTICLE 3 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND CODES FOR LAND USE) OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS MANDATING BUILDING PERMITS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION AND PAYING CERTAIN FEES; AND EXPRESSLY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN STYLISTIC OR GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION.

UNA ORDENANZA DEL ALCALDE Y DEL CONCEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE ALTURAS FORESTALES, MARYLAND QUE MODIFICA EL ARTÍCULO 3 (REGLAMENTOS Y CÓDIGOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN Y CONSTRUCCIÓN PARA EL USO DE LA TIERRA) DEL CÓDIGO DE ORDENACIÓN DE LA CIUDAD DE ALTURAS FORESTALES, ENMENDANDO LOS REQUISITOS PERMISOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN MANDANTES INCLUIDOS, PRESENTACIÓN DE UNA SOLICITUD Y PAGO DE CIERTAS TARIFAS; Y DISPONIENDO EXPRESAMENTE CIERTAS PENALIDADES; Y ESTABLECIENDO ALGUNOS CAMBIOS ESTILÍSTICOS O GRAMÁTICOS; Y GENERALMENTE EN RELACIÓN CON LA REGULACIÓN DE EDIFICIOS Y CONSTRUCCIÓN.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Theresa Brownson

Heavy Rain Approaching Sump Pump Guidelines Annual maintenance check is important:

- This may require demolition of a portion of the basement floor to install the pump.
- To be effective, the sump pump needs to be away from the basement walls and have positive drainage away from the building.
- A backup battery is important. With storms knocking out power, you want to make sure your pump continues to work until the power returns.
- Sump pumps should be tested at least once a year, preferably in the early spring, prior to the “wet season.”
- Test the system if a storm is approaching, and make sure the sump pit does not contain any debris that will clog the sump’s inlet pipe.
- Ensure the outlet pipe is clear and the water flows freely to the designated area.
- If you have an outlet hose running away from the house and it has a history of freezing, make sure you disconnect that hose in early winter. Otherwise, it can burn your pump out!
- If the sump pump does not operate properly, check the power source for the pump.
- If you cannot determine the problem yourself, contact a professional to diagnose the problem.
- **If you live in a flood zone please contract the Town Administrator about flood insurance.**



Town Community News (continued)



Ward III Residents! Ward III council persons Taunya Hines and Brian Mclaurin invite all to come out to meet and talk to them on Sunday September 24, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light Refreshments will be served.



From the Office of the Chief of Police:

August was a sensational Month for the Town of Forest Heights. National Night Out (NNO) was held at Tayac Park on August 5th. We had a great turn out. I would like to render a special Thank You to all of the Forest Heights Administrative staff, Mayor and Council Members for attending. Members of the Prince George's County Police Department, along with other Political figures. Thank you all. Along with NNO, we celebrated Forest Heights Day (FHD) on August 5th. The turn out was absolutely phenomenal. Many thanks to all who participated in that spectacular event.

On another note, I would like to remind all citizens to keep a watchful eye for any suspicious activity and PLEASE ladies, when you go to the gas station, please remember to roll up your windows, removed your purse (s) from sight, lock your doors, and take your keys with you when you leave to pay for your gas, snacks, etc.

Pablo Mitchell, A/Chief of Police



Neighbors On Watch (NOW) is Recruiting Volunteers

It takes a Village to stop Crime. To get on the list,

Call Councilman Barnes at 301-873-2708 or the office 301-839-1030.

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Próxima sesión Miércoles, September 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.



SHREDDING DAY

When: October 14, 2017 Time: 9am-12 noon

Where: Forest Heights Municipal Building
5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745

Calling all Green Thumbs! Forest Heights Community Green Team Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:00 p.m.

if you would like to be on the list but can't attend, please contact



Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean)

301-839-1030

Gardening for Better Health

Reserve your plot today!



Also Green Team Meeting is the Fourth Thursday of each Month

Town Community News (continued)



Carlton Carter for County Council District 8 and Friends are hosting a collaborative event for the community

Come and meet the Candidates



We are hosting
Free Snacks, Fun, and
Expungement Advice
Domestic Violence Advice
Onsite Voter Registration
Career/Employment Opportunities
and other self help vendors

See you There!



Sponsored by: Citizens for Carlton Carter for Prince Georges County Council District 8, Treasurer: Tamikka Scott

Saturday, September 9, 2017
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
at
Tayac Park
Forest Heights, MD 20745
between Ottawa Street and Terrell Ave.

JOB OPENINGS

The Town of Forest Heights is seeking an Administrative Assistant, which is a full-time position with benefits including retirement, health insurance, life and disability insurance, annual leave and sick leave. Prior office experience preferred but will consider applicants with similar experience. Spanish- English language is desirable. Competitive salary.

Responsibilities include: support services for Mayor, Town Clerk, Public Works Director, Treasurer, and Town Administrator. Major responsibilities include publishing the monthly Newsletter, answering the phone and directing calls, ordering office supplies, experience with photo copiers, computers and printers especially Ricoh, maintaining activities calendar, opening up the building Monday thru Friday as well as some Saturdays.

Seniors Exercise Classes



Monday and Wednesday,
Class Begins at 12:00 noon

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Mark your Calendar each Month for Community Cards the First and Third Friday



Town Hall 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

Councilman Robert Barnes is working to provide activities for our citizens. Please mark your calendar for the:

**FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY of each month
COMMUNITY CARDS 7:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.**

Town Community News (continued)

Forest Heights 9th Annual Stream Cleanup/Green Up 2017 October 21, 2017



Town of Forest Heights

5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights MD 20745

Saturday, October 21, 2017 | 9:00-12:00 P.M.

Call 301-839-1030 for more information Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean)

Community Service Hours will be given to students

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 National Harbor Movie Mighty Duck 6:00pm National Harbor Farm Market 10:00am	4 MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 7:30pm Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm	5 Every Tuesday, National Harbor free fitness class on the Plaza from 7pm - 8pm Trash, Yard Waste	6 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11am-4pm	7 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less National Harbor Date Night Movie Sleepless in Seattle 7pm	8	9
10	11 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm Forest Heights Seminar on SmartWater CSI 1-2:00p.m.	12 Every Tuesday, National Harbor free fitness class on the Plaza from 7pm - 8pm	13 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1p.m. Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11am-4pm	14 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	15	16 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon Salute the Sunset Concert featuring Air Force Band National Harbor
17 The Color Run 5 K 8:00 a.m. National Harbor The Color Run 9:00 a.m. all ages	18 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00pm Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	19 Every Tuesday, National Harbor free fitness class on the Plaza from 7pm - 8pm	20 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00p.m. Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11am-4pm	21 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less Green Team Meeting 4pm	22	23 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 NoonWalk to End Alzheimer's 8:00am National Harbor
24	25 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	26	27 Forest Heights Farmer's Market at St. Mark Church 11am-4pm	28	29	30

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Local Forest Heights
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Town Community News (continued)

FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Lawn grass heights should be Below 8” inch.

Town is in the process of purchasing Dog Waste Stations. If you know of good locations, please contact Mrs. Hawkins (Bean) 301-839-1030 at the Town Hall. Also, Town has Dogs Waste Poop Bags. Come pick up one.



Leash Law. It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A violation notice may be issued to the owner of an animal found.



Trash/Recycle and Yard Waste Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection

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

MONDAY—Recycle, Trash and Yard Waste



Tree limbs must still be tied together in small bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less)

METAL PICK-UP Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each



Monday Leaf & Yard Waste Pick Up Only

You MUST not LEAVE your BAGS out prior to the Yard Waste Pick-up. You'll be charged a fee.

Forest Heights Notary

9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

www.forestheightsmd.gov

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