



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens,

Wow it's 2017! I want to wish every one of you a Happy, Blessed and Prosperous New Year. Thank you for allowing me these past ten years to serve in the capacity as a Councilperson and as Mayor. Many of you may have heard that I will not be running for another term, this is true, however until that time there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

Over my tenure as your elected official I have worked to make sure that Forest Heights is a better place, a better community and a place that we all could be proud to call home. I hope that I have achieved that goal. However, there is one huge issue that has not been resolved and I need the help of each voter and resident of the Town of Forest Heights.

Every town located near a casino in the state of Maryland receives an impact fee in accordance with Title 9, Section 9-1A-31 of the Maryland Annotated Code. It is the public policy of the state to share gaming impact fee revenues with local governments that are adversely impacted by a casino facility.

There may be those who remember that the town prior to 1990, received an impact fee from Rosecroft Raceway due to the gaming legislation that said "the local jurisdiction within four miles of Bock Road and St. Barnabas Road will receive a 5% impact fee". This was changed prior to SB-1 giving all the impact fee to Prince Georges County for distribution.

Over the last four years I have asked our other elected officials, County Councilman, County Executive, State Senator and Delegates to help in this endeavor, but to no avail. Whether the town shares in the 5.5% impact fee that Prince Georges County receives is up to the County Executive and County Council through a Memorandum of Understanding allowing an agreed upon amount. The other option which we have tried before and will ask again this session is by asking our Senator and Delegates to support a Charter Amendment to SB-1 the gaming bill. Other towns have been successful in achieving a share of the casino impact fee by all their elected officials working together for the good of their citizens. There is no reason the same cannot be done in Prince Georges County.

I need support, I would like for each person that feels that the Town of Forest Heights needs to be treated fairly and as equitably as other municipalities must help bring this issue to the attention all of our elected officials. Please call, not write or email, but call or make personal contact with all if not some of our elected officials representing our district and let them know Forest Heights deserves fair treatment and a share of the impact fee and to support and impact fee for the Town. They can be reached at the below phone numbers.

- County Executive Baker – (240) 241-7075
- County Councilman Patterson – (301) 952-3860
- Senator Muse- (410) 841-3092
- Delegate Jay Walker- (410) 841-3581
- Delegate Tony Knotts- (301) 858-3212

Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting First Monday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9, 2017

Mayor/Council Meeting Third Wednesday of each Month at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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Town Community News

TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE MAYOR & COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS, I, II & III TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2017

In accordance with Section 33-31 of the Forest Heights Town Charter persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination with the Town Clerk on or before the first Wednesday in February preceding the Town election. **A CANDIDATE, WHO IS A SEATED COUNCILMAN SERVING A TERM OF OFFICE THAT EXPIRES CONCURRENTLY WITH THE MAYOR, AND WHO WISHES TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR MAYOR, AS STATED IN SECTION 33-3 OF THE CHARTER, SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION WITH THE TOWN CLERK ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY PRECEDING THE TOWN ELECTION, which is January 4, 2017.** Such certificate shall state (1) the office for which the person is seeking, (2) the name and signature of the candidate, (3) the ward in which the person resides, (4) a statement the he meets the qualifications for the office as contained in this charter. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office or hold more than one elective Town public office at any one time. The Town Board of Elections shall review each certificate of nomination and shall certify that the candidate meets the qualifications contained in this Charter. Any certificate of a candidate, that the Board's judgment does not meet the stated qualifications, shall be returned to the candidate with the reasons for the return stated thereon.

Certificate of Nominations may be obtained from the Municipal Building.

Qualifications Mayor & Councilmen qualifications for office can be found in the Town Charter ([Councilmen](#)) [Section 33-4. Qualifications.](#) & (Mayor) [Section 33-16. Qualifications.](#)

If you have recently moved into Forest Heights from somewhere else in Prince George County or moved from one Ward to another Ward you must provide the County Board of Elections Supervisor with your new address or if you have never registered to vote in Prince George County, a voter registration application must be submitted to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time. However, applications must be postmarked by **January 31, 2017**, to vote in the Town Election.

Registration applications may be obtained from the Municipal Building in Forest Heights. For any additional information regarding election registration, please contact the Town Clerk or the Prince George County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020.

Absentee Voters may make an application in writing for an absentee ballot. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which need not be under oath, but which shall set forth the information required. Please contact the Town Clerk of Forest Heights for additional information.

**DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 4:30 PM**

ALL CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK (ONLY)

Snow Storms

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE PARKING POLICY FOR SNOW EMERGENCY

During snow storms remember to park on the side of the street that has Street Lights, regardless of what the posted signs say, so that snow plows can clear the streets. **(as per Article 15.3.2 L)**

Town Community News (continued)



Forest Heights Senior Gala was wonderful. Mayor Goodall started the tradition 4 years ago with a holiday dinner for Town Seniors. Each year she and Mrs. Bean come up with something new that will hopefully out do the previous years. Mayor Goodall said; “it’s my last year; let’s have a Senior Gala” and if you attended or see from the picture that Delegate Tony Knott and other residents said she went out with a Bang! The Mayor gave away plenty of goodies and many danced the night away. Below some of the residents share their thoughts:

Mr. Griffin, who attended the Gala with his sister in law stated. “I really enjoyed it. It is a

good event for the elderly to participate in, it’s a way to



fellowship, enjoy each others company, not to mention the food and entertainment.”

In addition, Mrs. Watkins feels that, If you have never attended a seniors event, this is an opportunity to interact with others and break up the monotony.

Second time attendee, Mrs. Brown, said, “I enjoy it because I get to see a lot of people whom I

have not seen in awhile. The food is great and the entertainment is even better. And, I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

The Area Office on Aging would like to invite all retirees, family and friends to all of their events that take place throughout the year. If interested, please contact 301-265-8450.



Town Community News (continued)

The Town of Forest Heights is pleased to announce that there were 28 completed projects under the Empower Clean Energy Communities Grant Program, which was through the MD Energy Assistance Collaboration!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED! Now we are ready for round seven, please see below information:

The Weatherization Assistance Program

Are you having difficulty paying your energy bills?

Does your home need energy efficiency retrofits?

According to the US Dept. of Energy, "checking a home's insulation is one of the fastest and most cost effective ways to use a whole-house approach to reduce energy waste and make the most of your energy dollars."

The Collaboration of Towns is once again offering low to moderate income household's renovation, rehabilitation in conjunction with weatherization. Homeowner must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation that income is BELOW the following:

Income Table Household

(Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference)

1 person: income \$63,650.00	2 people: income \$72,750.00
3 people: income \$81,850.00	4 people: income \$90,650.00
5 people: income \$98,250.00	6 people: income \$105,550.00



The following make the home ineligible for this opportunity:

- Had an energy audit within the past 6 months; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use;
 - Threats to auditor; Home is sealed too tight resulting in the inability of fumes to escape through natural ventilation;
 - Major roof issues; Major plumbing problems; Gas leak; Structurally inadequate; Rental property;
 - Plaster ceiling (which needs a hatch cut to blow insulation into the attic).
- Please contact Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean) (301) 839-1030 to request that your house is submitted for consideration for this opportunity.

Great News for First-Time Homebuyers in Prince George's County

You could get significant rate reductions, up to \$20,000 in down payment assistance, and Maryland Home credit through the Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) Triple Play. This new \$100 million initiative – a partnership between Prince George's County, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Maryland Attorney General's office – gives eligible homebuyers in Prince George's County incredible financial incentives that put homeownership within reach.

Generally, the MMP is limited to first-time homebuyers; however, this requirement will be waived if the borrower is purchasing in a targeted zip code (areas where some of the highest foreclosure rates are occurring in the county) and have sold their current home prior to closing on the new property. Also, any homebuyer who has not owned a home in the last (3) years and an honorably discharged veteran who has not previously used the first-time homebuyer exemption, are eligible to participate in the MMP.

For more information on the MMP Triple Play, including participating lenders and current interest rates, please visit www.mmp.maryland.gov.

Grandes noticias para Primera Vez Los compradores de vivienda en el Condado de

Usted podría conseguir reducciones en las tasas significativas, hasta \$ 20,000 en asistencia de pago inicial, y Maryland Home crédito a través del Programa de Hipotecas Maryland (MMP) Triple Play. Esta nueva iniciativa de 100.000.000 dólares - una asociación entre el Condado de Prince George, el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de Maryland, y la oficina del Fiscal General de Maryland - da los compradores de vivienda elegibles en el Condado de incentivos financieros increíbles de Prince George que ponen a la propiedad de vivienda a su

En general, la MMP se limita a los compradores de vivienda por primera vez; Sin embargo, este requisito no se aplicará si el prestatario está comprando en un código postal específico (áreas donde algunos de los más altos índices de ejecuciones hipotecarias se están produciendo en el condado) y han vendido su casa actual antes del cierre de la nueva propiedad. Además, cualquier comprador que no ha sido propietario de una casa en los últimos (3) años y un veterano con licenciamiento honorable que no ha utilizado previamente la exención para compradores de vivienda por primera vez, son elegibles para participar en el MMP.

Para obtener más información sobre la MMP Triple Play, incluidos los prestamistas participantes y las tasas de interés actuales, visite www.mmp.maryland.gov.



IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN FOREST HEIGHTS HAS NOT RECEIVED THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS. (301) 839-1030.

Town Community News (continued)



PRINCE GEORGE'S
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TEAMBUILDERS
ACADEMY

TeamBuilders Academy SPRING 2017 Recruitment

TeamBuilders Academy is Prince George's Community College's Flagship Workforce Development Program offering training in various trades such as Administrative Services, Automotive Technician, Construction, Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), Hospitality, and Information Technology.

Eligibility:

- Unemployed
- Prince George's County Resident
- 18 years of age or older
- High School Graduate or GED recipient
- Driver's License

Recruitment Session

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Time: 10:00a.m Sharp (this is an all-day session, please be prepared to stay up to 3pm)

Location: Westphalia Training Center (WTC)
9109 Westphalia Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

What to Bring:

- Valid Driver's License
- High School Diploma/GED or College Transcript
- Proof of Residency (Utility Bill, Lease, Vehicle Registration)
- Social Security Card
- If Veteran - DD214

To all participating organizations and partners, please:

- Collect the names of members who are interested in attending this session and
- Forward the names and contact information to: deadwylerj@pgcc.edu - attention John Deadwyler or andra.mclaurin@pgcc.edu - attention Angie McLaurin

A reading and math assessment is required. Please log onto the link below to prepare for the test (Use practice sample tests A-D).

<https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/curriculum-management-instruction/sample-test-items/math>

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www.pgcc.edu/go/tba

Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program

The Prince George's County Youth@Work/Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) provides an opportunity for young people across the county to participate in career development, life-skills training and summer employment opportunities.

To prepare for job success, County youth are strongly encouraged to register for Youth@Work/SYEP job readiness training, offered in partnership with Prince George's Community College and Prince George's County Public Schools. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program and priority placement for County summer employment positions.

Candidates for the Youth@Work Program **must be between the ages of 15 and 19**. Online registration for the job readiness training starts **December 1, 2016**. The courses will occur at 6 locations throughout the county (specific locations TBD).

For more information or to register online for the Job Readiness Training, visit the Prince George's Community College's website www.pgcc.edu/go/youthatwork or direct your questions via email to youth-work@pgcc.edu contact information Youth @Work SYEP Program Phone 301-546-1580.

Additional information on the SYEP can be found at the Prince George's County Government website:

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/summeryouth/Pages/default.aspx>

Note there was a break in the water line on South Huron Drive, please check your next water/sewer bill.



Live for today There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.

Town Community News (continued)

Join **UNITED MEDICAL CENTER** at the



WHEN: Saturday, January 7 — Sunday, January 8, 2017
9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt Vernon PI NW, Washington, DC 20001



Stop by and visit
Booth #1544

MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

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physicians, nurses, and
other UMC clinicians

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- » High Blood Pressure

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- » Diabetes
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- » Healthy Eating Alternatives with the Veggie Chest's Dr. Ruby Lathon

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HEALTH/SENIORS

The Medicare Drug Plan: 6 Key Facts

1. Anyone on Medicare can get coverage regardless of income or health.
2. You are not obligated to enroll, but there may be consequences if you don't sign up when you are first eligible to do so.
3. To get Medicare drug coverage, you must select one approved private drug plan among many offering different choices. There is no single government plan.
4. Is your income limited? If you qualify for a part of the program known as "Extra Help," you'll pay very little for your medications.
5. Are your drug costs very high? You'll pay no more than 5 percent of the cost of each prescription after you've spent a certain amount of money out-of-pocket in any one year.
6. Do you have better drug coverage already? You probably won't need Medicare's Part D coverage. But it's wise to check.

Marketplace Open Enrollment for Health Insurance

The yearly period when people can enroll in a health insurance plan. Open Enrollment for 2017 runs from November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017.

Outside the Open Enrollment Period, you generally can enroll in a health insurance plan only if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. You're eligible if you have certain life events, like getting married, having a baby, or losing other health coverage.

Job-based plans may have different Open Enrollment Periods. Check with your employer.

You can apply and enroll in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) any time of year.

Are you doing all you can for your Health?

Seniors Exercise Classes
Monday and Wednesday,
Class from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Town Community News (continued)

Message from Town Administrator Vern Haefele

TRASH COLLECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

The town provides back door collection of **refuse** and **recycling** for senior citizens over 65 years of age and for disabled persons. To qualify, no one living in the home can be under 65 years of age or be physically able to push the collection containers to the curb. Plastic bags are no longer accepted at the landfill. Those senior citizens currently enrolled in the back door service, will receive a renewal form to renew their service for 2017. Contact the Town Administrator if you have questions.

BULK REFUSES:

Bulk refuse is picked up once a week with a limit of 3 items per week. Acceptable bulk refuse is discarded furniture only (nothing metal will be accepted). Appliances are not accepted i.e. washers, dryers, hot water heaters, refrigerator, stoves, microwave, freezers, computers, etc.

YARD WASTE:

Leaves and grass must be bagged in paper bags or old trash containers and placed at the curb. Plastic bags are not accepted. Brush must be bundled no longer than 4 ft. Yard waste is picked up every Monday unless it is a holiday. If it is a holiday it will be picked up on the following Monday.

SPECIAL TOWN PICK UP SERVICE:

The public works department will pick up old appliances including hot water heaters and deliver to the appropriate source for disposal. The charge is \$35 per item.

TRASH COLLECTION:

Residential trash will be picked up every Monday at 6 am and the container must be at the curb, with at least 3 ft. of clearance around it and the lid opening facing the street. If there is a holiday on Monday, service will normally be on Tuesday, unless there is a landfill issue.

REMOVE YOUR LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

From now through Feb. 1, 2017, with yard waste collection.

Illegal dumping in forest heights is subject to a fine of \$1,000.00

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Senior exercise classes 12-1:00p.m.	5 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	6 Seniors on stage auditions age 60 and older 7120 Contee Rd Laurel Free9-3p.m. Inter-center basketball pep rally 8601 Good Luck Rd Lanham 7-10pm.	7 Family boot camp 7007 Bock Rd Fort Washington 9-10:30a.m. Vendor row a showcase of local crafters and vendors 8001 Sheriff Rd Landover 9:30-4:30p.m. Winter garden design 3400 Bryan Point Rd Accokeek 12-3:00p.m.
8	9 MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 7:30P.M. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior exercise classes 12-1:00p.m.	10 Salness Studio recital Gildenhorn Recital Hall College Park 8p.m.	11 Senior exercise classes 12-1:00p.m. Senior arts and crafts 5051 Pierce Ave., College Park	12 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	13 New Year Turn up dance party for age 13 8615 McLain Ave, Glenarden 7-10pm.	14 National Harbor Restaurant Week
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22	23 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior exercise classes 12-1:00p.m.	24	25 Senior exercise classes 12-1:00p.m.	26 Bulk Trash 3 Items or Less	27 Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show The Show Place Arena 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 11-8pm.	28 Polar Bear Plunge National Harbor 9-1:00p.m.
29	30 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Senior exercise classes 12-1:00p.m.	31				

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Local Forest Heights
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Town Community News (continued)



DID YOU KNOW BOUNCE SHEETS—the stuff you use in your dryer

- Repels mosquitoes, tie a sheet through your belt loop when outdoors.
- Eliminates static electricity from TV screens and removes dust.
- Dissolves soap scum from shower doors.
- Freshens air in your home, also put in dresser drawer, closet wastebasket and car.
- Prevent thread from tangling, run threaded needle through the sheet.
- Place sheets in empty luggage to prevent musty odor.
- Rub damp used sheet over pantyhose, eliminates static cling.
- Cleans baked on food from cooking pans, put sheet in pan fill with water, let stand overnight.
- Attracts and collects loose hair from furniture etc.
- Wipe venetian blinds to prevent dust from resetting.
- Deodorize shoes and sneakers, let stand overnight.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Trash will be Picked up

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

Please Do NOT Leave Trash at the
Curb over Weekend

Note: Town Resident blowing or raking leaves into
the street could be fined.

Town Hall Closed

Monday, January 16, 2017 and

Friday, January 20, 2017

Deadline for Certificate of Nomination

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 4:30 p.m.

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.

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