



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Rolph Drive Construction Project is currently under construction.

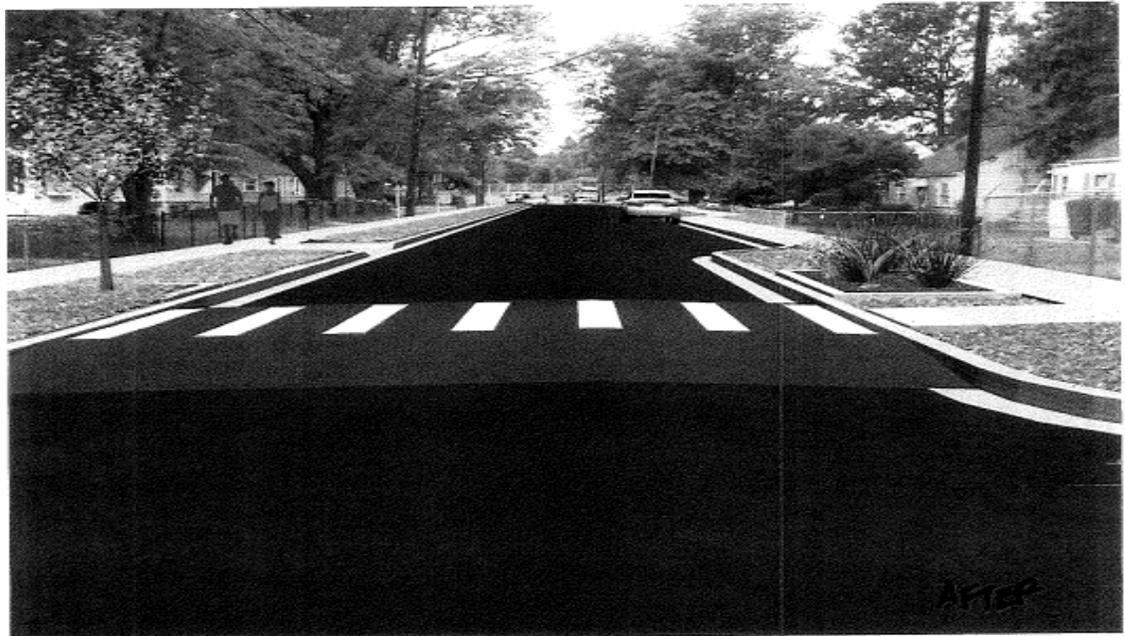
What are Green Streets?

Green streets are streets that act as local stormwater management systems, capturing stormwater runoff and reducing the amount of stormwater that would otherwise make its way into **Potomac River** sewer collection system. Green Streets utilize green stormwater management infrastructure such as tree trenches, vegetated bump-outs, stormwater planters and permeable pavement to manage the runoff from streets, sidewalks and other paved surfaces.

Why does an Green Street project take so long?

The Green Streets Design is a new tool for implementing Green Streets projects, so no projects have been through the process at this time. Therefore, there is no data on how long the review of a Green Street project can take. Applicable estimates that it may take 4–6 weeks to review a project and anywhere from 10 to 19 months for project scoping through final design and procurement of permits.

Mayor Jacqueline Goodall



Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

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

Monday, February 6, 2017

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

Wednesday, February 15, 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)

Correction from the previous article on Elected Officials phone number in January Newsletter.

County Executive Baker – (301) 952-4131

County Councilman Patterson – (301) 952-3860

Senator Muse- (410) 841-3092

Delegate Jay Walker- (410) 841-3581

Delegate Tony Knotts- (301) 858-3212

* (240) 241-7075 for the County Executive Baker is a non working number.

Utility Companies serving the Town of Forest Heights and surrounding area!

PEPCO, report outages by phone 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662) TTY: 202-872-2369

BGE, Electric Company—Phone (877) 685-7377

Washington Gas—Phone (703) 750-1000

WSSC—Contact Center, 301-206-4001—Main Line, 301-206-WSSC (9772) TTY (301) 206-8345

Citizen's Feedback

The Town Administrator encourages citizens to voice their concerns and their opinion. How can your voice be heard?

- Regularly attend public Council meetings
- Communicate with your elected town officials
- Submit the information in writing or via email to the Town Administrator, Mayor, and/or Town Council

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU:

Please direct any comments or concerns to shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Citizen's Q&A:

- Question: How does the Town plan to acknowledge and address citizens concerns?
- Answer: Town Administrator acknowledges all citizens questions/concerns and will make every effort to address as many as possible, given the demands of the daily operation of the Town. We ask your patience as we work through the many issues we are faced with and request that you follow the procedures outlined above to voice your concerns.
- Question: What can the Town do to ensure citizens concerns are addressed at Town meetings?
- Answer: Citizens are given an opportunity to voice their concerns during the "Citizens Comments" at the monthly Council meetings. Town Administrator responds to issues and concerns at that time and public period follow up when necessary.

A Note from Police Chief Stewart Russell

Do you know how to get in touch with your community police department? Do you know what services are available at your community police station? Please keep the below information as a handy reference:

Phone Numbers

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency (301) 749-4900 Forest Heights Police (301) 839-4040

Forest Heights Police Department Information Only 8:30am-5pm

Services Available

Forest Heights Police Reports \$10 each Vehicle Release Fees—\$150 each Building Permit \$50 each

Must bring ID and pay by money order or credit/debit card

(MasterCard or Visa only)

Free Information on Crime Prevention, Domestic Violence, Identity Theft, Drug Awareness, Vehicle Theft Preventions, Neighborhood Watch.

Emergency Action Plan for Residents, the Police Department and Town Administrator Office has been prepared an Emergency Action Plan for residents of Forest Heights. Residents May pickup a copy of the plan at the Police Department at the End of the Month.

Please note than any projects underway without the issuance of a Town permit will be issued STOP WORK ORDER.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Code Enforcement office at 301-839-4040 ex 1228

Thanks You from the Forest Heights Police Department Family

The Forest Heights Family would like to send a huge THANK YOU to those in the town who donated to the Holiday Gift Drive. We are so appreciative of the generosity and the efforts. They are in great need over the holidays and your gifts put smiles on their faces during such a difficult time.

Town Community News (continued)



The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) enables low-income families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Funds are used to improve the energy performance of dwellings families in need, using the most advanced technologies and testing procedures available in the housing industry.

For more information about applying for this program contact Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean) 301-839-1030.



Marilyn Minor
Referral Agent

3050 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 305
Fairfax, VA 22030
Office 800-671-4052 Direct 301-732-0388
Fax 443-942-9146

Be Sure To Give Credit Where Credit is Due

Form 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN 2016 EDITION

Name of filer or filers		Spouse's full legal name	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Spouse's First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Federal Address (if different)			
City or Village		State	Zip Code
Place of primary and permanent abode or special taxing area to which you are liable for the tax on your income		Market County	City, Town or Village area
			TOWN OF FH

A major source of revenue that the Town receives each year is the Town's share of income taxes, which each resident pays to the State of Maryland. Remember to write Town of Forest Heights in the box marked town, or taxing area. If you use a tax form online, please type TOWN OF FH in the box (there are not enough space for the complete spelling). This will ensure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Town so that the Town can continue to provide exceptional municipal services. Do not assume that people at the state level understand the different municipalities that share the 20745 zip code.

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Green Living: How to Stop Phone Book Deliveries

A few months ago I came home to a soggy phone book in a plastic bag thrown into the bushes near my porch steps. I was surprised to receive a phone book since I don't even have a landline. I threw the book straight into the recycling bin. Most of us remember a time before the internet when phone books were extremely useful. It was how we found phone numbers of friends and businesses. But today most of us look up number online or we have numbers saved in our phones.

So why do we still get phone books? Apparently companies have fought regulations to phase out phone books, specifically the yellow pages, because they contain ads that make these companies money.

There is good news though. You can opt out by visiting <https://www.yellowpagesoptiout.com/> It is simple to do and will help the environment.

In the meantime, if you get an unwanted phone book delivered to your house, please remember to remove the plastic bag and then put your phone book in the recycling bin. Plastic bags cannot be recycled in Forest Heights.



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)

Public Work Department



Garbage on the Street

The never-ending-litter-problem. The Town public work department does their best to keep the Town clean but the Town hold property owners responsible for maintaining “a litter-free environment” since sidewalks are considered private property and bins end up overflowing before collection which take a new life as litter, causing not only cluttered streets and bad odors, but also negative health and environmental impacts. Let’s respond to litter like we do crime by taking the problem into your own hands if you see something, say something. “If residents took a few minutes twice a week, you will see a major change. Yes many people think out of sight is out of mind, but (sooner or) later most of the trash ends up in the Town, why not make it sooner!

“You are never to old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”



Public Workshop for the Brinkley Road Pressure Reducing and Relief Valve Vaults Project

Thursday, February 2, 2017, 6:30PM
 Samuel Chase Elementary School
 5700 Fisher Road
 Temple Hills, Maryland 20748

Purpose of the Workshop: is to inform the public about an upcoming WSSC project coming to your neighborhood.



The Town of Forest Heights will like to welcome Mr. Andrie Freeman the new Manager of Oxon Hill Outback Steak House. Mr. Freeman looks forward to a great partnership with the community, schools, businesses and churches. He thanks the community for welcoming him with open arms and invites all to stop in Outback and introduce yourself.

He would love to meet you.



Councilwoman Muhammad and the senior’s exercise class thanks Henry’s Soul Food café for the donation of the sweet potato pies for their Christmas affair.

Come and Join US!

Monday, February 13, 2017 @ 1-2pm
 Forest Heights Municipal Building
 5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745



CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY
 Month

What you need to Know About Thyroid and Parathyroid Disease



Thursday February 23, 2017 @ 1-2pm
 Location: Forest Heights Municipal Building
 5508 Arapahoe Drive

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)



2017 Centenarian Celebration

Do you know any Prince George's County residents who are 90 years old or older?

If so, we need your help!

M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County is collecting information about county residents who are ages 90 & older to invite them to a special Centenarian Celebration being held in May. Special recognition will be given to centenarians - residents who are 100 years old and older.

If you know someone who resides in the county, and is 90 years old or older (as of January 1, 2017), please share the information with us. Please forward this information to us no later than February 17, 2017 by ONE of the means listed below:

(a) Complete the form (see back of flyer) and mail it to: Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707, Attn: Centenarian Coordinator; OR

(b) Scan the form and send it via e-mail to Centenarian@pgparks.com (subject: Centenarian); OR

(c) Complete the form online at www.pgparks.com. If you have any questions, please call 301-206-3350; TTY 301-699-2544.



COMMUNITY
Coffee

with
DISTRICT 8 COUNCIL MEMBER
OBIE PATTERSON

Friday, February 17, 2017
9:00 - 11:00 am
District 7 Police Station
11108 Fort Washington Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Prince George's County Council, District 8
pgccouncil.us/district8
Facebook: Obie Patterson • Twitter: @obiepatterson
(301) 952-3860 • councildistrict8@co.pg.md.us

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
"Elected To Serve"

* * Important Notice * *

Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III Wants to Hear from you!

You are Invited to Attend the Annual County Government Budget Listening Sessions

Dear Friend:

County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III invites residents and businesses to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, January 31st, 7:00 p.m. at Oxon Hill High School, 6701 Leyte Drive in Oxon Hill, MD. This is the first of three sessions where participants will have an opportunity to share their views about the County's FY 2018 proposed budget with County Executive Baker.

Your feedback could make a difference and impact how the County Executive and his staff develop the next County budget. Participants who wish to speak can sign in on-site, [register online](#) or call 301-952-4547. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Here are the dates and times for all budget:

Thursday, February 2, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Prince George's Community College Rennie Forum
301 Largo Road Largo, MD

Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Laurel High School 8000 Cherry Lane Laurel, MD

Participants who testify will be limited to three (3) minutes. If you are unable to attend, you can submit written testimony by using the online registration form. Each of the budget sessions will be streamed live via the County website - [view live](#).

Also, please feel free to share this email with your friends and neighbors.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Office of County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III

Xfinity Important information on Price Changes

Verizon sent a letter to the town with the below message:

We are committed to delivering the entertainment and services our customers in the Town of Forest Heights rely on today, and the new experiences they will love down the road. As we continue to make improvements to our products and services, and as programmers charge more to carry their networks, our costs of doing business increases. As a result, starting January 1, 2017 prices from certain services and fees will be going up. In addition, we have added a new Voice Technology Fee of \$2 to Voice customer accounts to defray certain costs associated with the development of voice applications and with operating and maintaining our voice services network.

Fortunately, we've been able to identify some charges to be reduced or eliminated. We've simplified charges for In-Home Service Visits. Customers will no longer be charged separately for the services performed during a service call and will instead get everything they need-including installation, activation, and relocation of additional outlets after an initial installation of service, in-home service charges and more-all for a flat rate of \$40.

Town Community News (continued)

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CLICK 311

Easy. Convenient. Accessible

- County Click 3-1-1 is a one-stop call center that residents may call to get answers to questions and resolve non-emergency issues.
- Bi-lingual Call Center Representatives are available.
- Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. if attempting to call from outside of the region, please dial 301-883-4748 to connect to 311.
- Constituents may submit a service request or research a question online at www.CountyClick311.com 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The CountyClick 311 mobile application can be downloaded to your iPhone or Droid phone which will provide access to Prince George's County Government information and the service request tool anytime, anywhere.



Please Remember to Shovel! Your Sidewalk

Following inclement weather, it is important to ensure that the sidewalk adjacent to your house is cleared of snow and ice. You are responsible for clearing the sidewalk. The Town will not clear the sidewalks.

Is volunteering on your New Year resolutions list? If not, here are 4 reasons to volunteer in 2017.

- Give Back To A Cause You Believe In
- It's Good For Your Health
- Make A Difference
- Change Someone's Life

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m.	2 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less WSSC Public Workshop 5700 Fisher Road Temple Hill, MD 20748 6:30pm Annual County Government Budget Prince George's Community College Rennie Forum	3	4 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12:00 Noon
5	6 MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 7:30p.m. Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Trash, Yard Waste and	7 Annual County Government Budget Laurel High School 7:00pm	8 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m.	9 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less	10	11 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12:00 Noon
12	13 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Forest Heights seminar on Black History Month 1-2pm	14	15 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m. MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00p.m.	16 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less	17 2017 Centenarian Celebration Community Coffee Obie Patterson 11108 Fort Washington Road Fort Washington, MD 20744 9-11:00a.m	18 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12:00 Noon
19	20 TOWN HALL CLOSED Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling	21	22 Senior Exercise Classes 12-1:00p.m.	23 Bulk Trash 3 Items of Less Forest Heights seminar on Thyroid and Parathyroid Disease 1-2pm	24	25 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12:00 Noon
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Local Forest Heights
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Town Community News (continued)

Code Enforcement News

Remember to always lock your vehicle and remove all items that would attract a thief.

The Code Enforcement Departments is working with the County to help identify rental homes in the Town.

There has been an influx in the spotting of Pit Bull Terriers within the Town. Please note that the Town of Forest Heights follows the County Code regarding the owning of Pit Bull Terriers as indicated below.

County Code: CB-106-1996 Sec. 3-185.01 Pit Bull Terriers

- A) Except as provided below, no person shall own, keep or harbor a Pit Bull Terrier within the Town.
- B) Any person owning a Pit bull Terrier prior to November 1996, may continue to harbor the animal on his premises under the following conditions:
 - 1) The animal shall be registered by the Administrator of Animal Control, and must at all times were a tag provided by the Administrator which will readily identify it as a registered Put Bull Terrier.
 - 2) The owner shall pay an annual fee of \$50.00 to the Administrator of Animal Control to maintain such animals and support enforcement.
 - 3) The owner shall maintain the dog within a building or a secure kennel at all times. Whenever the dog is removed from the building or kennel it shall be secured by an unbreakable or unseverable leash and maintained under the control of an adult.
- C) A person may temporarily hold a Pit Bull Terrier in the County for the purpose of showing the dog in a place of public exhibition, contest, or show sponsored by a dog club, association , or similar organization. The sponsor of the exhibition or show must obtain written permission from the Director and must provide protective measures adequate to prevent the dog from escaping or injuring the public. The dog shall at all times during the transportation to and from the show or exhibition be confined in a secure temporary enclosure.
- D) Any dog employed or owned by the County or licensed security services and trained to perform official police, correctional, security, fire and/or search and rescue service shall be exempt from the provisions of this act.

Forest Heights Notary

9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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