



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE TOWN BUDGET**

will be held on
Thursday June 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD

The hearing is open to the public, &
public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call
(301) 839-1030 for further information.

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

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

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

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.



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Town Community Business

Message from Town Administrator Mr. Vern Haeefe

- Residents will be receiving a letter from Mayor Muhammad about the National League of Cities utility warranty program for your water line repair and your sewer line repair. The waterline is from your meter to the house and the sewer line is from the house to the WSSC sewer line. Please read the letter closely, it will save you money if have to replace one or both lines. Feel free to call Mr. Vern Haeefe Town Administrator if you have any questions about the program (301-839-1030). The Town has supported the program for residents for several years, which is offered through the National League of Cities. The letter (water line warranty) will be mailed to you on 6/1/2017 plus a follow up letter two weeks later. Then in October, you will receive another letter covering the Sewer line warranty. You can pay monthly if you like. Total cost for both programs is about \$66.00 for water line and \$90.00 for the sewer line.
- FY 18 Budget will be reviewed at the Budget hearing on June 8, at 6:30 pm. Hope you can attend.
- Please help to control mosquitos in Forest Heights by making sure you have no containers with water standing. Seniors should be careful as well because the most active mosquito, the Asian tiger, likes to stay in the grass or shade throughout the day.
- Don't forget Forest Heights Day which is on the first Saturday in August. More information will be coming in July newsletter.

Rule of Order Governing Meetings

By Councilwoman Theresa Brownson

What is a Charter?

A charter is the fundamental legal and political document of every municipality in Maryland. It establishes the basic rules by which municipal citizens agree to govern themselves. Along with state law, the charter lays out the powers the municipality may exercise as well as restraints on exercising those powers. While this authority is subordinate to state and federal law, the Constitution of Maryland, and the United States Constitution, a charter gives municipality the power to enact its own laws and provide local services. The voters in a municipality enact the charter, and all amendments are subject to their consent. The charter, therefore, form the foundation for local self-government.

The Town Charter can be found on the website, www.forestheightsmd.gov

Forest Heights Community Garden

Community gardens may produce more than vegetables. People who participate in community gardening have a significantly lower BMIs — as well as lower odds of being overweight or obese, according to a new study.

Location on North Huron Drive. Available on a first come basis. Reserve your plot today! **301-839-1030**



Community Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Tayac Park Forest Heights, MD

Vendors and Volunteers Needed!

SAVE
the
DATE

The Morning will start off with a
Marching Band and
Forest Heights Limitless All Starz

Craft & Food Vendors

(Call or email Town Hall for application)

Performers

Face Painting

Games for all ages

Police Department

Fire Department and more!

Laser Tag

For more information call Town Hall at 301-839-1030



Town Community New



Forest Heights Police Department May 2017 all calls for service			
911 HANG UP	2	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT (OTHER)	2	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT(S)(ARMED)	1
ASSIST CODE ENFORCMENT	1	THEFT (FROM AUTO	1
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (INCIDENT)	1	THEFT REPORT	4
ASSIST OTHER UNIT (TRAFFIC)	12	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	8
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY	10	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT (INJURIES)	1
B & E (RESIDENTIAL)	1	TRESPASSER	1
BURGLAR ALARM (RESIDENTIAL)	6	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	2
CHECK ON THE WELFARE	8	WIRES DOWN	1
COURT	2		
DISORDERLY SUBJECT(S)	1	Total Calls Handled	83
DISPUTE BETWEEN PERSONS	5		
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	2		
DOMESTIC STANDBY	2		
LOST PROPERTY	1		
MAN DOWN	1		
PROPERTY DAMAGE (AUTO)	1		
RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHECK	3		
STOLEN AUTO (RECOVERED)	1		

SAVE THE DATES:

Forest Heights Police Department's National Night Out, and Forest Heights Day will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, Officers got a call about a person exposing himself in the park. If anyone notices any unusual activities or someone that may look suspicious don't hesitate to call 911 to report the activity.

**The Forest Heights Seniors' Recreation Program presents a seminar on:
Scams How to Avoid Them**



Monday June 12, 2017 @ 1-2pm
Forest Heights Municipal Building
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

Town Community News (continued)

Message from Town Clerk Ms. Bonita Anderson

Town Council Worksession Meeting Monday, May 1, 2017 Municipal Building – 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Call to order– 7:30 pm

Roll Call – Mayor Muhammad; CW Smith-Barnes; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CM Kennedy II (arrived at 7:32 pm); CW Hines (arrived at 7:32 pm) & CM McLaurin were present.

Moment of Silence –

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Agenda – Motion by CM McLaurin; seconded by CM Kennedy II to adopt the agenda as amended; all were in favor; motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – (April 19th, 2017) – motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes; to waive the reading and to adopt the meeting minutes; all were in favor.

Report of Officers and Committees –

Treasurer’s Report – Status report of the Town’s finances for the month of April 2017 were distributed to the Town Council. There were questions about the status of the grants and projects.

Public Works Director Report – Status report of the Town appearance for the month of April 2017 were distributed to the Town Council brief discussion was given by Mr. Vaughn.

Police Chief Report – Status report of the Police Department for the month of April 2017 was distributed to the Town Council and there was discussion by the Chief of several incidents within the Town.

Code Enforcement Report – No report

Ombudsman Report – Status report of the Ombudsman for the month of April 2017 was distributed to the Town Council.

Town Administrator Report – Status report for the month of April 2017 was distributed to the Town Council and read into the record by the Town Administrator. There was discussion about the vacant properties within the Town along with the Medical Building.

Town Clerk Report – Status report for the month of April 2017 was given to the Town Council and read into the record by the Town Clerk. Town Council viewed the video of the storm drain on Seneca & Woodland Drive and there was discussion about the removal of the blockage.

Council Report –

Ward I – CW Smith-Barnes suggested horseback riding and roller skating for the youth this FY18; CM Barnes – No report

Ward II – CW Brownson – No report; CM Kennedy II gave recognition to the volunteers for the 2017 Spring Clean Up.

Ward III – CW Hines discussed the over growth behind FH Elementary and the sinkhole by the walkway. CM McLaurin – No report

Mayor’s Report – Concurred with the department & staff reports.

Public Period – Ms. Mahdi discussed the police vehicles and she also gave accolades to the Police Department. Mr. King gave accolades to PW employee (Mr. Watkins).

Legislation –

Resolution 26-17 to Participate in the Adult Mosquito Control Program 2017 with the MD Department of Agriculture; read into the record by CM Kennedy II; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CM McLaurin; to adopt Res. 26-17; all were in favor; discussion; motion by CW Brownson; seconded by CM McLaurin to adopt Res. 26-17 as amended; vote (6) yea; (1) nay; motion passed.

Resolution 27-17 to Approve a Proposal from Terminix for Treatment of 606 Modoc Lane; read into the record by CM Kennedy II; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Hines; to adopt Res. 27-17; all were in favor; discussion; vote (7) yea; (0) nay; motion passed.

Resolution 28-17 to Approve an Agreement with Midas Utilities, Inc. for the Emergency Cleaning of the Storm Drain at Seneca & Woodland Drive; read into the record by CM Kennedy II; motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CW Smith-Barnes; to adopt Res. 28-17; all were in favor; discussion; vote (7) yea; (0) nay; motion passed.

New Business – Town Attorney gave an update about the Annexation.

Adjournment – 10:00 pm

Bonita Anderson

Submitted by Town Clerk

Town Community News (continued)

Mark your Calendar each Month
Come out Friday June 16, 2017

Town Hall 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745



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

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

For information contact Councilman Barnes at 301-873-2708 anytime day or night, and leave a message.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help us at the Taste of Forest Heights Event!

What is the Biggest Benefit: The first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community.

The intangible benefits alone—such as pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment—are worthwhile reasons to serve. In addition, when we share our time and talents we:

- Solve Problems
- Strengthen Communities
- Improve Lives
- Connect to Others
- Transform Our Own Lives



Taste of Forest Heights Event Meeting
Thursday June 15, 2017 at the Town Hall 6:30p.m.
Come join us!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in our 10th Annual Oxon Run Stream Cleanup on April 29th. We had a great turnout with many of this year's participants from Forest Heights and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mr. Ron Goode started the morning by showing everyone how to plan a tree since he's a professional Arborist.



We accomplished a lot that morning; cleaned up litter around 210 Highway and Livingston Road, and it's all thanks to YOU! We appreciated each and every one of you for your hard work and commitment towards preserving our environment. We hope you can join us on Oct. 14 when we will be planting 200 trees along Oxon Run stream!

We would like to acknowledge the following groups for their support: Forest Heights Council members Mayor Muhammad, Theresa Brownson, Taunya Hines, Jonathan Kennedy II, The



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Town Residents Mrs. Darlene Kuny, Forest Heights Clerk Bonita Anderson and Family, Forest Heights Public Works and Prince George's County Government for the cleaning supplies and vests and please forgive me if I forgot someone. Thank you to all that have volunteered this past month for this project and other projects in the Town.

How To: Making A Signature Dish. Chef James Ware a Forest Heights Resident and Chef will be teaching a one course dinner at Forest Heights Town Hall. The class will be 2.5 hours in length. The class is \$10 per person and a space must be reserved. It's a good opportunity to learn that one signature dish to be truly known for. Come and join us call the Town Office and ask for Mrs. Hawkins (Bean) 301-839-1030.

Class Saturday June 17, 2017 2:00 p.m.
Please RSVP by Tuesday June 13, 2017

Are you doing all you can for your Health?



Seniors Exercise Classes

Monday and Wednesday,

Class Begins at 12:00 noon

Town Community News (continued)



PRINCE GEORGES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TEAMBUILDERS
ACADEMY

TeamBuilders Academy FALL 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: Monday, June 26, 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: deadwyler@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>

"Excellence * Success * Diversity * Respect * Professionalism * Lifelong Learning *"
www.pgcc.edu/go/28

2017 PSEG Power Energy Career Program Internship

Please share with any 2017 graduates of Prince Georges County Public Schools that you may know who could be interested in this opportunity. Further information available and the site to apply is <https://jobs.pseg.com>

Public Meeting

At the Public Meeting, residents may comment. If you are unable to attend the Council meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. first Monday of each month and 8:00 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall, you may review the meeting at ForestHeightsmd.gov and can submit comments with your name to the Town Clerk at Banderson@forestheightsmd.gov or at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.



Summer Safety Tips

The Town would like to remind residents of some simple yet important tips for summer safety: remember to keep your house and car locked at all times; keep outside lights on at night; notify your neighbors when you will be away, and call 911 to report suspicious activity.

Would you like to Walk the National Harbor

Come join us every Tuesday and Thursday at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please call the Town Office at 301-839-1030 Sherletta Hawkins (Bean)



ARE YOUR APPLIANCES SAVING ENERGY?

Come sign up for the

Weatherization Assistance Program.

See what they can do for you, it's Free!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED!

Now we are ready for round four, please see below information:

The Weatherization Assistance Program Income Table Household (Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference)

1 person: income below \$65,900 2 people: income under \$74,300
3 people: income under \$83,550 4 person: income below \$92,800
5 person: income below \$100,300 6 person: income below \$107,700
Please contact Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean) (301) 839-1030 to request that your house be submitted for consideration for this opportunity.



**IS YOUR CHILD FREE ON
SATURDAYS?
FOREST HEIGHTS HAS A
CHEER & DANCE PROGRAM
"LIMITLESS ALL STARZ"
EVERY SATURDAY 10:30-1:00 PM
AGES 8 YRS TO 18 YRS
Call Nikkei 301-404 6772**

Town Community News (continued)

Smithsonian
Anacostia Community Museum

Women's Health Empowerment Program

Please join us for a program concentrating on issues affecting women in our community:

- Breast Health
- Stress Management
- Uterine and Cervical Health
- Emotional Wellness

Hear from professionals in the field as well as ovarian cancer survivor, Karen Ribler.

Enjoy live performances. Performance by Jiamond Watson. Refreshments.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:
 Laura Sorte, Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance
 Marguitta Iddirisu, Georgetown Capital Breast Cancer Center
 Madeline Long-Gill, Supporting Our Sisters International, Inc.
 Donita Caldwell, Breastcare DC

**Saturday
May 20, 2017
11am to 1pm**

Free Give-aways and info tables featuring various health agencies and organizations.

This program is co-organized by:
Supporting Our Sisters International, Inc.

Sponsors:
 - Anacostia Coordinating Council
 - Far SE Family Strengthening Collaborative
 - National Congress of Black Women

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:
 - Breastsare DC
 - Children of Mine
 - Sisters To Divas
 - Susan G. Komen
 - Women Into Staying Healthy (WISH)

**RSVP at ACMRVSP@si.edu
or call 202.633.4875**

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OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

ANGELA D. ALSOBROOKS
STATE'S ATTORNEY

Elana Belon-Butler
Director

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

BUILDING STRONG SUPPORT FOR ELDER

PLEASE JOIN US ON
**THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017
9:30AM - 2:00PM**
SUITLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
5600 Regency Lane Forestville, Maryland 20747

PRE-REGISTRATION CHECK-IN at 9:30AM
Box Lunch for Pre-Registered Participants (must be 60 years of age or older)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH
REGISTER TODAY!

WORKSHOPS

- **Fraud Watch**
How to avoid becoming a victim of scams and fraud
- **Domestic Violence in Later Life**
The devastating impact of DV on elderly victims
- **Health Care Legislation 2017**
Federal and State health care reform and its impact

TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:
 MERCEDES RIVERA
301-952-4448
OR EMAIL
CMRIVERA@CO.PG.MD.US



SHOPPERS
in partnership with Men Aiming Higher is holding a

CAREER FAIR

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017
FROM 1PM-5PM

NO WALK-INS! TO APPLY

Complete a SHOPPERS employment application online using the information below:

- Visit Shoppersfood.com
- Click on "CAREERS" at bottom of page
- Click on "STORE JOBS"
- Job Number - enter requisition #87513
- Apply for position

ONLINE APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY **FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017**
 APPLICANTS SELECTED WILL BE EMAILED AN INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT TIME FOR **JUNE 8TH**

Applicants must complete an online application to be considered for an interview on June 8th. A background check will be conducted on all individuals being offered a job.

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"With the help of Shoppers Food & Pharmacy, I want to ensure that every young person has an opportunity for employment here in Prince George's County."

- Darryl Barnes
President, Men Aiming Higher




DLR **EDC** **MARYLAND Workforce Exchange**

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

USPS IS HOSTING 2 INFORMATION SESSIONS

When: THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

Where: 1801 McCormick Dr. Suite 140, Largo, MD

SESSION - 1	SESSION - 2
10:00am - 12:00pm	1:00pm - 3:00pm
PROMPTLY	PROMPTLY

The Postal Service in MD & DC is hiring for Career and temporary positions! This is your chance to come out and meet with representatives, to learn more about upcoming job opportunities and gain a better understanding of the application process.

OPEN POSITIONS:

- Asstent Rural Carrier Job Order # 673946 \$17.40 per/hr.
- City Carrier Asstent Job Order # 674819 \$16.06 per/hr.
- Mail Processing Clerk Job Order # 675617 \$16.62 per/hr. (Holiday Season)

PLEASE GO TO:
<https://mwejobs.maryland.gov>
For specific job description and requirements for each job listed.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Hold a valid state driver's license
- Have a safe driving record
- Pass a pre-employment drug screening and background check

ALL Candidates must be enrolled in MWE and register in the Event Calendar for either session!
 To enroll go to: <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov>
 To Register: click "Appointment Center" - "Events Calendar" - "USPS Information Session" - (June 8th) - "Register"

For More Details Please Visit: <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov>

*****EWCWSS****

Local Forest Heights
Post Customer

PRSWRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID

Town Community News (continued)

**FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
MR. RICK SMITH**

G rass Heights should be Below 8” inch.



L eash 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.



S coop that Poop; Removal of excrement. The owner or custodian of any dog or cat must remove their pet’s excrement from public or private property.



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



Holiday Collection Schedule

Monday September 4, 2017 No Collection

Tuesday September 5, 2017

Trash and Recycle Only

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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Non-Emergency (301) 749-4900

EMERGENCY DIAL 911