



# Message from the Mayor



## Forest Heights Day- A Good Time was held by all!

Thanks to all our sponsors for Forest Heights Day. Because of you, we were able to bring the best to our residents this year.

Thanks to the **Forest Heights/ Oxon Hill CDC** for organizing and supporting the Back to School Program. We gave away over 70 backpacks and school supplies to the students from Forest Heights and Flintstone Elementary Schools. We would also like to thank the **Pentagon City Costco** for their donation of 35 backpacks that were given to the students.

We were happy to have the presence of such groups like the **Limitless All Starz**, the **Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Band** and by the **DC Different Drummers**, who also gave an opening performance to help usher in our festival.

Thanks to the **Morningside Police Department** for your help in the parade, and thanks to **Cortez Santana** and all the bands that came out to make our day special.

SPECIAL THANKS to the **Capitol Heights Police Department** and the **Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**.

Thanks to our speaker, **County Councilman Obie Patterson** for your words of wisdom. Thanks to the Office of **Delegate Jay Walker** for visiting our festival.

Last but not least, thank you to the Forest Heights staff in the Administration, Police, and Public Works Departments, Councilman Jonathon Kennedy II and Councilwoman Taunya Hines for their time, as well as all the volunteers who came out and made Forest Heights



THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS

 In Store Pop - Great Offers (Combo) "YOUR CHOICE" = \$2.98 !! CHOOSE "CHESSEBURGER" & "BIG-GULP" OR CHOOSE "HOT CHECKER" & "BIG-GULP" "LUNCH COMBO DEAL" Livingston Road	 NORRIS' GARAGE FOREIGN & DOMESTIC	 Rita's Ice-Created Happiness	 THE LAW OFFICE OF KEVIN J. BEST	 Francis DiSalvo CPA
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	 KALAS FUNERAL HOME, P.A.			

# Town Community News

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



We had a successful National Night Out, hosted by the Forest Heights Police Department on Tuesday, August 7 at Forest Heights Neighborhood Park. We had a great turnout, with face painting, games, and a cookout. Thanks to the Police Department for their efforts to forge a closer bond between community and law enforcement.

## FOREST HEIGHTS HAUNTED HOUSE

5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745



Coming soon.  
All Ages Welcome

## LABOR DAY TRASH SCHEDULE .



Due to the Labor Day Holiday, no Yard Waste was picked up on Tuesday, September 4. If a holiday falls on a trash pickup date, then trash and recycling will be picked up on the following day. Yard Waste will not be picked up that week. Yard Waste will be picked up on Monday, September 10.

## PARKING CHANGES

As of August 6, 2018, there will be **NO PARKING** on either side of on **Blackhawk Lane** and **Sachem Lane**. Both lanes are 1-way traffic only. Please refer any questions to the Police Department and Code Enforcement at 301-839-4040.



## Neighborhood Watch

Help us keep a lid on crime in our community in 2018. Become a part of the Neighborhood Watch.

## FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE AUGUST 1-28 2018

911 DISCONNECT	27	SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT (s)	3
ACCIDENT	7	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	6
ARMED PERSON	1	THEFT	6
ASSAULT COMBINED	1	THEFT REPORT	1
ASSIST	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	6
CDS COMPLAINT	1	TRAFFIC HAZARD	1
CHECK WELFARE	8	TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	2
CHECK WELFARE COMBINED	1	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	13
DISORDERLY CONDCT	6	VANDALISM	3
DOMESTIC	7	VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1
FAMILY DISPUTE	1	WARRANT SERVICE	1
HIT AND RUN	1	<b>Total Calls Handled:</b>	<b>267</b>
LOST PROPERTY	1		
MISC. INCIDENTS	11		
MISSING PERSON	2		
NOTIFICATION	1		
PREMISE CHECK	113		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	7		
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	3		
RESIDENTIAL PANIC ALARM	2		
SHOOTING COMBINED	1		
STOLEN VEHICLE	3		
SUBJECT STOP	9		

### POLICE STATION

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

This Station is Open to the Public

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall Station 301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200



# COMMUNITY GALLERY: Snapshots of Forest Heights Day



Army Old Guard and Fife Band and Limitless All Starz Dance Team in the parade.



Thanks to Councilman Kennedy II for spending the day serving popcorn and snow cones to the community



Opening performance by the DC Different Drummers.



Manning the Forest Heights Informational Booth. We had surveys, prizes, and informative literature.



Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council provided an interactive art piece to be filled in by our guests.

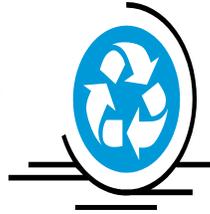


Lunch break at Cherry's Kitchen.

# Town Community News (continued)

## CLEAN UP GREEN UP

Forest Heights Fall Clean Up Green Up is Saturday, October 20, from 9am-12pm. We will be removing trash and recyclables from the side of the road and near the stream. If you are interested in volunteering, then call 301-839-1030 or email [kvia@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:kvia@forestheightsmd.gov). Come help beautify the Town. We welcome volunteers of all ages. We will be able to sign off on service hours as needed.



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

In August, a mosquito trap in Forest Heights reported that specimens there have tested positive for the West Nile Virus. The traps were set by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Hot weather and standing water are perfect breeding conditions for mosquitoes. West Nile Virus is spread from infected birds to the insects that pass it along to humans. Experts advise to protect yourself by dumping standing water, wearing loose fitting long sleeved clothing when outside. Use bug spray even if you do not see mosquitoes, especially during peak activity times. Take the appropriate steps to protect yourself and your family this season.

**TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018 for COLUMBUS DAY. There will be no Senior Exercise on Monday.**

The next Mayor/ Council Work Session will be **Monday, September 10, 2018** at 7:30 PM. The Mayor/ Council Town Meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, at 8:00 PM.



## HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR: HIGHWAY PREPAREDNESS

The next Healthy Heights Seminar will be Monday, September 10, from 1-2PM at the Municipal Building. Free to attend, lunch will be provided. You must RSVP by calling 301-39-1030. The topic will be **HIGHWAY PREPAREDNESS**. Take tips from our Police Department on what to do in a highway emergency! The following seminar date will be on Monday, October 15, 2018.

## CENSUS UPDATE

Your Mayor and Council are dedicated to your empowerment through education and we want to share information about the 2020 Census. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the federal agency responsible for conducting the once-every-10-year data collection, "The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once and in the right place." The Maryland Department of Planning has established a website where everyone can sign up for updates.

You may know that the Decennial Census exists and you may know that the count of persons residing in the United States is related to our representative form of government (our legislative districts' formation relies on this data). Yet, you may not know how the Census impacts our everyday life in the Town of Forest Heights.

The Census Bureau is in the business of explaining why their work is important. Many State programs follow federal program guidelines and in Maryland especially, federal programs have a tremendous impact on residents. Housing, education and community development spending are governed by census population data and will ultimately impact our Town.

We also need to keep a close eye on how that counting is done. First, there is the actual form used for counting and there is major controversy regarding the addition of a new question to the Census, one that has not been utilized since the 1950 Census. The question will ask, "Is this person a citizen of the United States?" It is easy to see that this question will lower the response rate among foreign-born residents and result in under-counting in areas home to these populations. The methods of collection of data are also significant. The Census Bureau uses various methods to attempt to gather accurate data - questionnaires are mailed, questionnaires are re-sent, phone calls are made, and home visits are used if necessary. Yet, it is critical to note that the Census Bureau has a lot of discretion in outreach efforts. For example, in 2010, there was a concerted effort to reach out to historically low-response populations such as communities of color.

We will be working with our elected leaders to monitor federal actions and ensure that Maryland responds in an appropriate way. If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved, contact the Town's government relations manager - Katie Nash at [knash@greenwillconsultinggroup.com](mailto:knash@greenwillconsultinggroup.com)

# Town Community News (continued)

## Want to save money on home energy bills?

The **Bladensburg Police Department**, Bladensburg COPS program, and Cities and Town's in Prince George's County, Maryland are providing weatherization upgrades, funded by a MEA and DHCD grant, at no cost to the home owner if qualified, that will save you money on monthly utility bills and make your home more energy efficient.

Please contact Pat McAuley 301-927-7048, or Alison Miller 301-908-4079 to verify.

Prince George's County, Maryland, homeowners must meet income criteria and be willing to provide documentation of income. [Page 1](#) and [Page 2 of Federal Income Tax Return form 1040](#)

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Less than
1	\$69,800.00	2	\$79,750.00
3	\$89,700.00	4	\$99,600.00
5	\$107,600.00	6	\$115,600.00
7	\$123,600.00	8	\$131,600.00

The following make the home ineligible for this opportunity: **False Income Statements** or; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use on premises; Threats to auditor; structurally inadequate; rental property; and/or other safety or issues prohibited by grant special conditions.

In addition to the above, the following could (after inspection) also make the home ineligible: Nub and Tub wiring (means you can't install attic insulation); Mold problem; water problem such as a hole in the roof or standing water in the basement; home sealed too tight resulting in the inability of fumes to escape through natural ventilation; major roof issues; major plumbing issues; or a Gas leak.

Veterans and/or Retired Homeowners will be given preference.

See accompanying Income Affidavit and Agreement, complete and then: Fax, email or Mail to: Attn: Alison Miller, Bladensburg Police Department, 4910 Tilden Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710; 301-209-7152 (fax); email: [amiller@bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:amiller@bladensburgmd.gov)

## Quieres ahorrar dinero en factures de energia en su casa?

EmPOWER CLEAN ENERGY Communities Grant Program 2018-42-33151

El Departamento de Policía de Bladensburg, el Programa de COPS de Bladensburg y los municipios del Condado de Prince George están proporcionando programas de actualizaciones de climatización, con fondos del MEA y DHCD sin costo para el propietario de la casa, si cualifica esto le ayudará ahorrar dinero en sus facturas de energía, haciendo su hogar más eficiente.

Favor de comunicarse con Sra. Pat McAuley, 301-927-7048, o con la Sra. Alison Miller 301-908-4079 para más información.

Los dueños de casa tienen que cumplir con el criterio de ingreso establecido y estar dispuestos a proveer información de sus ingresos. [Página 1](#) y [2 de sus contribuciones federales \(forma 1040\).](#)

Número de personas viviendo en la vivienda	Ingreso anual menor del propietario de la casa:	Número de personas viviendo en la vivienda	Ingreso anual menor del propietario de la casa:
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Lo siguiente hará que sea descalificado del programa: Información falsa de Ingresos, perros agresivos, consumo de drogas en el hogar, amenazas al inspector, estructuras inadecuadas, casas alquiladas, y/o cualquier problema de seguridad o prohibida bajo las reglas de la programa.

Además de lo mencionado arriba, lo siguiente también puede afectar su elegibilidad luego de la inspección del hogar: alambrado inadecuado en el techo, problemas de hongo, problemas de agua (tales como goteras en el techo o agua estancada en el sótano), falta de ventilación, problemas mayores en el techo o de plomería o filtraciones de gas.

Se le dará más preferencia a los veteranos y personas retiradas.

Completar y devolver los formularios de Affidavit de Ingreso y el Consentimiento del Cliente a Alison Miller, Bladensburg Police Department, 4910 Tilden Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710; 301-209-7152 (fax); email: [amiller@bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:amiller@bladensburgmd.gov)

## Community Garden Shout-out

The Town of Forest Heights would like to recognize the wonderful volunteers who have worked to make our Community Garden on North Huron Drive a success. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make Forest Heights a more sustainable community. The Community Garden is open during the April-October growing season.



## Back to school means slowing down!

The first day of school is September 4, which means it's time to be alert and share the road. The Town of Forest Heights has been working on our Safe Routes to School project, meaning that sidewalks will be available to ensure a safe commute for everyone. That does not mean that drivers should not keep vigilant about road safety. It takes an effort on everyone's part to ensure the roads are safe for all traffic.



## DON'T FEED THE CATS!

There has been an increase in the number of animals considered pests such as feral cats and raccoons. We ask that residents refrain from feeding them, and take simple measures to discourage animals from hanging out. This includes securing trash bins, cleaning up trash or leaves left standing in the yard (this also can prevent rats) and boarding up access to crawlspaces and sheds. Keep your pets secure. Check with the Prince George's County Animal Management Division at 301-780-7200 if you have an issue with Animal Control or have a question regarding county policy.



## DO NOT SET OUT TRASH, RECYCLING, OR YARD WASTE ON HOLIDAYS!

NO Trash, Recycling, or Yard Waste will be picked up on holidays. Trash and Recycling will be picked up the day after if the holiday falls on a collection day. Yard Waste will NOT be picked up. Yard Waste pickup will resume on Monday, September 10th.



# Town Community News (continued)

## JOB OPENING: Building Custodian



**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745  
PH-(301)839-1030

**Job Title: Building Custodian**  
Working Hrs. Monday thru. Friday 7:00 A.M. to 11 A.M. (Part Time)  
Supervisor: Public Works Director  
Announcement Dates 8-24-2018 thru 9-7-2018

Duties are as follows:

- Cleaning of front entrance, including glass doors and windows as needed
- Sweep and mop main lobby and hallway each day
- Maintain grounds around building (free of trash and debris)
- Restrooms floors are to be swept, moped and disinfected daily. Urinals, commodes, sinks, and mirrors cleaned daily.
- Restrooms are to be restocked daily as needed
- Vacuum daily all carpets (upper and lower levels), empty all trash cans daily.
- Clean glass windows: Administration door, customer window and Police Department window
- Mop kitchen floor, clean counter as needed (at least once a week)
- Report any maintenance issues you may encounter to Public Works Director
- Cleaning of blinds, baseboards and moping floor, vacuum stage area of upstairs multipurpose room
- Duties to be assigned by Mayor, Town Administrator and/or Public Works Director

Requirements: Must possess a valid driver's license

All interested persons may submit applications in person or by mail to:

Town of Forest Heights  
c/o Public Works Director  
5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745

### PET WASTE STATION REMINDER



The Town of Forest Heights has installed Pet Waste stations.

Please take the time to use these stations, and prevent pollution.

We invite you to do your part to keep our Town clean.

Are you doing all you can for your health?

**Seniors Exercise Classes Mondays and Wednesdays.**

**Class Begins at 12:00 noon.**

**Free for residents.**



### FREE SHREDDING

Bring your documents to Shredding Day on Saturday, October 13, from 9am-12pm in the Municipal Building. Please do not bring plastic to the event.



# Town Community News (continued)

## SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1. Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
2	<b>3. Labor Day. Town Hall Closed. No Trash pickup today. Yard Waste pickup to resume next week.</b>	4 Trash, and Recycling. No Yard Waste. Public Schools Start Today	5 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 11-4 St. Marks AME	6 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	7	8 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
9	10 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm <b>Mayor/Council Work Session 7:30pm</b>	11	12 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 10-5 St. Marks AME	13 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	14	15 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
16	17 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	18	19 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 10-5 St. Marks AME <b>MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00pm</b>	20 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	21	22 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon  First Day of Fall
23	24 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	25	26 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 10-5 St. Marks AME	27 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	28	29. Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 noon
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## OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm <b>MAYOR/COUNCIL Work session 7:30pm</b>	2	3 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 11-4 St. Marks AME	4 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	5	6. Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
7	<b>8 Columbus Day. Town Hall Closed</b> Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	9	10 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 11-4 St. Marks AME	11 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	12	13 Shredding Day 9am-1pm
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28	29 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	30	31 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Farmers Market 10-5 St. Marks AME Halloween			

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## Town Community News (continued)

**FROM THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
MR. HAWKINS : Grass Heights should be below 8”.**



### IMPORTANT TRASH PICKUP INFORMATION

Trash, Yard Waste, and Recycle Pick Up is on Mondays. Residents should put their trash out on Sundays. After trash pickup, trash and recycle bins must be pulled back from the road by dusk.

As of June 4, 2018, plastic garbage bags will **NOT** be accepted by trash services **UNLESS** they are **INSIDE** the Town trash container. Leaving the garbage bag atop, next to, or anywhere but inside the container will result in a fine. It has the potential to be an environmental hazard and an eyesore. Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags.

Anyone who has not had their trash picked up on Mondays should notify the Town Office to prevent fines. Be sure to mark your containers with your address to guard against theft.



### Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection



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

MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights residential Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans.

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236  
8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
[www.forestheightsmd.gov](http://www.forestheightsmd.gov)

Information Line: (240)-493-6998

### Forest Heights Notary

9 am -12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm Monday - Friday

**Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223**

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