



Message from Mayor Muhammad



The Forest Heights Police Department (FHPD) has been under the command of Acting Chief, Anthony N. Rease since November 28, 2018. The Department is comprised of five sworn law enforcement officers and two Code Enforcement Officials who protect and serve the residents and visitors within the Town.

One important goal of the Department is to continue to recruit and retain police officers and personnel in order to meet the needs of Forest Heights.

Additionally, to date Acting Chief Rease has developed and implemented various community outreach initiatives and is focused on proactively building the Department with sufficient law enforcement tools and resources to include:



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Law Enforcement Tools and Resources:

- **The Barnacle** - A new immobilization device has been purchased and will soon be in service that is a safe and convenient solution for managing motorist violations and revenue collection for the town.
- **Reserve Officer Program** – a voluntary platform that adds to the number of police officers on the street and will allow sworn law enforcement officers interested in a career with the Forest Heights Police Department to train, gain knowledge and experience while working along-side a full-time police officer.
- **Additions to Police Fleet** - Brand New Dodge Durango's equipped with new technology and resources have been purchased to replace an aging fleet and in order for the FHPD to better carry out their duties and responsibilities.
- **GovQA System** – In partnership with FHPD, this software system will be used by the Town's Code Enforcement Division and Public Works Departments. It delivers automation in an easy-to-use, centralized information system providing the control and flexibility needed for better case management and case follow-up and court adjudication related to numerous enforcement endeavors.
- **New Tasers for Officers**-To provide a non-lethal option for dealing with encounters with individuals when needed.
- **Authorized Strength Within Police Department**-the optimal number of Budgeted police officers have been hired to protect and serve the citizens.
- **Internal Officer Promotions**- Two officers were promoted to the rank of Acting Sergeant during 2018.
- **18 hours a day police coverage** ; on our way to 24 hours

Community Outreach Initiatives:

- **Shop with a Cop** – Partnered with the City of Hyattsville Police Department on December 15, 2018 and the Prince George's County Police Department (District 4, Oxon Hill, MD) on December 19, 2018 where we sponsored one student from Forest Heights Elementary School and Flintstone Elementary School for Christmas.
- **Meet Santa** – On Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018, Mayor Muhammad and the FHPD partnered with the Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department, traveled with Santa around the Town of Forest Heights, and passed out sweet treats to residents.
- **Police Bicycle Patrol**-Two bicycles will be utilized for patrol activity when weather permits as a supplemental way of better interaction between the officers and the environment and the citizens they serve.
- **Rededication to Community Policing Practices**- To better meet needs of the diverse population in the Town of Forest Heights, the FHPD will engage in a multiple jurisdiction collaborative partnership. Included in this partnership are the local government officials, residents, schools, local business owners, and faith-based organizations. The overall goal is to build relationships and work together to have family-friendly community with respect to various cultures.
- **Revamp relationship with PG County District 4 Precinct & Officers and the Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department**- The goal is to have an interagency collaboration with the Prince George's County Police Department (District 4) and the Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department that will bridge the gap of communication and allow officers and firefighters to work together to be proactive in sharing information and resources. It will also allow all three departments to respond promptly and effectively. Working together creates safer communities, and more trust in the public safety agencies.

Administrative, Enforcement and Related Initiatives:

- **New Business License Application**-the Code Enforcement Officers of the Police Department have redesigned the Town's Business License application to better reflect the business categories it represents and the associated fees collected.
- **New Building Permit Application**-the Code Enforcement Officers of the Police Department have redesigned the Town's Building Permit to better reflect its relationship to permits issued and required by Prince Georges' County, as well as the appropriate fee structure for administering Town permits.

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Municipal Election Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE

THE ELECTION WILL BE FOR

**TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS, I, II & III TO BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2019**

YOUR POLLING PLACE

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

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 together with a statement of the particular office to which he aspires, with the Town Clerk on or before the first Wednesday in February preceding the Town election. 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 that 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 February 12, 2019, 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 6, 2019 at 4:30 PM

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

Taking a phrase from President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country" and inserting the words 'Town of Forest Heights'. We must all participate in our town government, by serving as elected officials, participating in decision making, by serving on committees and boards, attending town meetings and most importantly by voting on Election Day. Let all of the citizens' work together to make Forest Heights a Town we are proud to live in.

News from the Town Administrator, Linwood Robinson

Infrastructure Bond Projects Moving Forward

In 2018, the Town was issued an Infrastructure Bond through the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development, Local Government Infrastructure Financing Program for \$1,000,000.00 to provide funding for much needed roadway improvements in Forest Heights. Many cities and towns use such funding to finance large projects because these programs offer a cost-effective way to finance large public purpose projects like street construction, resurfacing and water and sewer projects. An internal Committee at Town Hall is conducting on-going meetings to consider the best options for spending the funds so we can get the biggest bang for our buck. A number of issues are being considered such as, prioritization of the streets most in need of repair, the degree of repair needed for each street and, issues affecting the condition of streets such as storm water run-off and ground-water concerns.

The Committee has elected to begin spending the funds by re-paving the following streets badly in need of repair: Portions of Seneca Drive, Portions of Ottawa Street and a portion of Fox Way. We plan to advertise these projects for bid within the next few weeks to obtain a contractor to move forward with the work. The Committee has developed the following three-part plan of approach to prioritize projects for the Bond funding. This will help ensure the funding will address streets and related projects most in need of attention.

1. We are identifying streets badly in need of repair that can and need to be fixed now.
2. We are conducting an assessment of streets that can be patched or with potholes that can be filled immediately.
3. We will conduct a professional engineering assessment of the town streets with water related issues such as groundwater leakage or severe storm water run-off problems. These issues must be addressed before the street surface can be re-paved.

If you have any questions about our plans moving forward with Infrastructure Bond projects or about the Program, please contact me at 301-839-1030. Linwood Robinson Jr. Town Administrator.

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- **Additional Code Enforcement Officer Hired-** A second part-time Code Enforcement Officer was hired in 2018 to aid in the enforcement of Town Codes.

Acting Chief Rease has also implemented a physical standard test for all Forest Heights Police Department applicants. The Applicant Physical Fitness Test (APFT) measures a candidate's physical ability to respond to critical incidents, apprehend suspects and it affects the overall performance and safety of officers. Passing this test indicates the applicant is physically capable to perform the duties of a Forest Heights police officer.

In addition to the above resources, outreach and initiatives, the Forest Heights Police Department will continue to provide a more leveled operation of accountability, communication with the community, keeping residents and visitors safe, professionalism, trust and transparency. The Department has several activities and events that will be introduced to the town and surrounding communities in 2019, to include but not limited to:

- FHPD Fitness: "Walking the Extra Mile"
- FHPD "Teach for a Day with the Community"
- "Tea and Coffee with the Acting Chief and Mayor: The first 120 days"
- FHPD Mother's Day Luncheon: Sunday, May 12, 2019
- Neighborhood Watch
- End of School Cookout: Family and Friends
- FHPD Father's Day Luncheon: Sunday, June 16, 2019
- Back to School Book bag and School Supplies Drive (Forest Heights Day: Saturday August 3, 2019)
- National Night Out: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

We want to keep you informed about your Police Department and community. Follow the Forest Heights Police Department on the following social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @ForestHeightsPD.

FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE DECEMBER 2018

3SI ALERT	1 DOMESTIC STANDBY	2 RESIDENTIAL ALARM	5	POLICE STATION 5508 Arapahoe Dr. This Station is Open to the Public Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. 301-839-4040 (Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
911 DISCONNECT	30 FAMILY DISPUTE	2 STOLEN VEHICLE	1	
ACCIDENT	7 FIGHT	1 SUBJECT STOP	6	
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	2 FOUND	2 SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)	1	
ASSAULT REPORT	1 GUNSHOTS	1 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3	
ATT SUICIDE COMBINED	1 HIT AND RUN	2 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	5	
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	1 LOCK OUT	1 THEFT	5	
BREAK IN REPORT	1 LOST PROPERTY	1 THEFT REPORT	3	
CDS COMPLAINT	2 MISC INCIDENTS	11 TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	6	
CHECK WELFARE	4 PREMISE CHECK	155 TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	1	
CHECK WELFARE COMBINED	5 PROPERTY ALARM COM.	3 UNKNOWN TROUBLE	6	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	17 PROPERTY DAMAGE	2 VANDALISM	1	
DOMESTIC	3	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB.	2	
		WARRANT SERVICE	2	
		Total Calls Handled:	305	

Town Community News (Youth Section)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On Monday, December 24, 2018, **Mayor Muhammad**, the **Forest Heights Police Department** along with **Oxon Hill Fire Station** rode through the neighborhood with

Santa, and gave out candy canes, spreading holiday cheer.

Thanks to Acting Chief Rease, Acting Sergeants Govan and Grooms, Officers Paige (Santa), and Bennett. Last but not least, thanks to Oxon Hill Fire Department Captain David Jones Jr, who drove the fire truck, and his daughter Karlisil Woodard for helping to organize this celebration.



Town Community News (Youth and Community)

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY 2018



On Saturday, December 22, the Town of Forest Heights hosted its annual Children's Holiday Party. We had crafts, food, and a visit from Santa. Thanks to **Councilwoman Hines** and **Councilwoman Brownson**, to all our volunteers, Forest Heights staff members **Ms. Kathleen Via**, and **Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins (Bean)** for helping to put this event together. We really appreciate everyone's time spent bringing the festivities to Forest Heights.



SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP WITH A FOREST HEIGHTS COP

The Forest Heights Police Department, together with the Prince George's County Police, participated in the National Shop with a Cop program, where 1 student from both Flintstone Elementary School and Forest Heights Elementary School were given the opportunity to shop for the holidays. Thanks to Acting Chief Anthony Rease, Councilwoman Hines, Acting Sergeant Groom, Officers Paige and Adams, and all of those who took the time to reach out to the community.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION IN FOREST HEIGHTS

This December, the Town of Forest Heights put up a Christmas Tree in our Community Gathering Space. With timed lights visible from Indian Head Highway, this decoration lit up the park, and showcased the holiday spirit of the Town. Thanks to Ed's Tree Service for the donation, and thanks to our Admin Staff, and Public Works employees Mr. Watkins and Mr. Privado who put time and care into creating a beautiful display.



FOREST HEIGHTS DAY PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE

The Town of Forest Heights has uploaded the Forest Heights Day 2018 album to the official Facebook page. The photos are also available for sale as a book at the Municipal Building. Stop by and obtain a snapshot to remember this special event. Photo albums cost \$50.00.



Town Community News (Health and Senior Section)



FOREST HEIGHTS NEXT HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR: MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019, from 1-2PM "DOCTOR'S VISITS". Thanks to Dr. Uchenna Nwaneri and his assistant for their presentation on Orthopedics in November. We had an amazing turnout. Call 301-839-1030 to attend the seminar.

Sculptor Needed for Public Project in the Town of Forest Heights!

Are you an artist in the area who wants to have their work showcased in a prominent public site? Then consider contacting The Town of Forest Heights. We are looking for a sculpture to be placed in our new outdoor Community Gathering Space, located off MD 210. Forest Heights is a close-knit town with many cultures, but one voice. It is this multicultural spirit that we would like to showcase in our Community Gathering Space, as a point of pride for our residents, and a shining example to all our visitors. We are looking for someone who can help bring this vision to life. If you are interested please call 301-839-1030 or email shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov.



Seniors Exercise Classes are held at Town Hall Mondays and Wednesdays. Class Begins at 12:00 noon.



Forest Heights Residents who attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 5, 2018 at McCormick and Schmicks in the National Harbor.

Community Calendars

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1. New Years Day. Town Hall Closed	2 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	3 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	4	5 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
6	7. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORK SESSION 7:30 PM	8 Community Book Discussion "Blood Sisters" 2-3PM	9 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Line Dancing, Oxon Hill Library 7-8PM	10 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	11	12 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
13	14. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm	15 VR: MLK Historic Site. Oxon Hill Library 3-6PM.	16 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8:00PM	17 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	18	19 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
20	21 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Martin Luther King Jr. Day. TOWN HALL CLOSED	22	23.Senior Exercise 12-1pm	24 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	25	26 Dance Class 8-18yrs 9-12 Noon
27	28 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	29	30 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	31 Bulk Trash 3 items or less		

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2Dance Class 8-18 yrs 9-12 Noon
3	4 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 PM	5	6 Senior Exercise 12-1pm Crocheting, Oxon Hill Library, 7-8:30 PM	7 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	8	9 Dance Class 8-18 yrs 9-12 Noon
10	11 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm	12 Community Book Discussion "An American Marriage" 2-3PM Oxon Hill Library	13 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	14 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Valentine's Day	15	16 Dance Class 8-18 yrs 9-12 Noon
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Town Community News (continued)

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE PARKING POLICY FOR SNOW EMERGENCIES

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 15.3.2L)

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 Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste.

Tree limbs must 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

La recolección de basura / reciclaje se colocará en el bordillo la noche anterior a la recolección. LOS DÍAS DE RECOGIDA COMIENZAN A LAS 6:30 a.m. LUNES: Basura, desechos de jardín y reciclaje. Residentes de Forest Heights: Los desechos de jardín deben colocarse en bolsas de papel o botes de basura marcados como desechos de patio. Las ramas de los árboles deben estar atadas juntas en pequeños paquetes. No exceder 4 pies de largo. JUEVES — A granel (tres artículos o menos) RECOGIDA DE METALES: las obras públicas colocadas en el bordillo serán recogidas por las obras públicas por un mínimo de \$35.00 (pagados por adelantado)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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

Information Line: (240)-493-6998

Forest Heights Notary

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

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