



# FOREST HEIGHTS ELECTION DAY

- WARD I
- WARD II
- WARD III

Town boundary.



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2020**  
**5508 Arapahoe Drive**  
**Forest Heights, MD 20745**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**Polls Open**  
**11:00-8:00pm**



**Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**  
**Regular Town Meeting to take place at 8:00 PM**

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
**FOREST HEIGHTS SPOKESMAN**

# Community News

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

FROM THE FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



**FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 (301) 839-4040 | 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE  
 OXON HILL, MARYLAND 20745

f @FORESTHEIGHTSPD

*Criminals usually target unlocked vehicles or those that have visible items of value. Don't be an easy target! Be smart and stay safe.*

## TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS



### COME OUT FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

**THURSDAY**

**February 20, 2020  
 6:30-7:30 PM**

**5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE  
 FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745**

### FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE JANUARY 2020

|                           |    |                               |            |
|---------------------------|----|-------------------------------|------------|
| 911 DISCONNECT            | 22 | SUBJECT STOP                  | 6          |
| ACCIDENT                  | 5  | SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)         | 4          |
| ADDED INFORMATION         | 2  | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE            | 2          |
| ALS COMBINED              | 1  | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied) | 8          |
| ARMED PERSON              | 2  | THEFT FROM AUTO               | 1          |
| ASSAULT                   | 1  | THEFT FROM AUTO JO            | 1          |
| ASSIST                    | 4  | THEFT JO                      | 1          |
| BREAK IN IN PROGRESS      | 1  | THREATS COMPLAINT             | 1          |
| CHECK WELFARE             | 1  | TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENT            | 1          |
| CHECK WELFARE COMBINED    | 3  | TRAFFIC COMPLAINT             | 4          |
| DISORDERLY                | 16 | TRESSPASSING COMPLAINT        | 1          |
| DOMESTIC                  | 5  | UNKNOWN TROUBLE               | 6          |
| FAMILY DISPUTE            | 5  | VANDALISM                     | 5          |
| FIGHT                     | 2  | VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMBINED     | 1          |
| FOUND                     | 1  | WARRANT SERVICE               | 1          |
| HIGHWAY ACCIDENT COMB.    | 1  | <b>Total Calls Handled:</b>   | <b>217</b> |
| HIT AND RUN               | 5  |                               |            |
| HIT AND RUN w/INJURY COMB | 1  |                               |            |
| LOST PROPERTY             | 1  |                               |            |
| MISC POLICE INCIDENTS     | 7  |                               |            |
| MISSING PERSON            | 4  |                               |            |
| NOTIFICATION              | 1  |                               |            |
| OPEN DOOR WINDOW          | 1  |                               |            |
| PREMISE CHECK             | 72 |                               |            |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE           | 2  |                               |            |
| RESIDENTIAL ALARM         | 4  |                               |            |
| SCHOOL ALARM              | 2  |                               |            |
| STOLEN VEHICLE            | 1  |                               |            |

#### POLICE STATION

**5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE**

**This Station is Open to the Public**

**Monday through Friday**

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

**301-839-4040**

**(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)**

**(301) 352-1200**



# 2020 CENSUS

## BECAUSE YOU COUNT

Your participation is worth

**\$18,250** **\$12,170** **\$45,960**

IN MARYLAND IN VIRGINIA IN D.C.

Our community loses thousands of dollars in federal funding over a 10-year period for **each person** who does not fill out their Census survey. **COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS SURVEY.**

### IMPORTANT, SAFE & EASY

Respond by mail, phone, or online.

Your personal information is legally protected and confidential.

Learn more at [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov)

# CENSO 2020

## ¡PORQUE USTED CUENTA!

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EN MARYLAND EN VIRGINIA EN D.C.

Nuestra comunidad pierde miles de dólares en fondos federales a lo largo de un período de 10 años **por cada persona** que no llena o no se reporta en la encuesta del Censo. **COMPLETE SU CUESTIONARIO DEL CENSO.**

### IMPORTANTE, SEGURO & FÁCIL

Puede responder por correo, teléfono o en línea.

Su información personal está legalmente protegida y es confidencial.

Puede aprender más en [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov)

### EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION



This month, the Town of Forest Heights recognized Town Clerk Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins, Mr. Melvin Watkins in Public Works, and Police Chief Anthony Rease (pictured left to right with Mayor Muhammad and Town Administrator Mr. Linwood Robinson) for their outstanding service to the Town. We would not be able to accomplish what we have as a Town without our staff's dedication, patience, and integrity.



## Community News Continued

**Trash, Yard Waste, and Recycling will be picked up on schedule on February 17. The Town of Forest Heights Municipal Building will be CLOSED Monday, February 17, 2020 for Presidents Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:30 AM.**

### 2020 CENSUS COMMITTEE MEETING

The next 2020 Census Committee meeting is **Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6PM** at the Municipal Building. The Census is important for receiving the services that we as a community depend on. Everyone counts when everyone is counted!



La próxima reunión del Comité del Censo de 2020 es el jueves 13 de febrero de 2020 a las 6 p.m. en el Edificio Municipal. El censo es importante para recibir los servicios de los que dependemos nosotros como comunidad. ¡Todos cuentan cuando todos cuentan!

### census 2020 FOREST HEIGHTS/OXON HILL CENSUS 2020 HUB KICK OFF

Free Hub Kick Off for Forest Heights/Oxon Hill on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 6pm in the Municipal Building. We will be using computers to start online 2020 Census participation. We will have light refreshments and a chance to win a door prize!

Inicio gratuito de Hubs para Forest Heights / Oxon Hill el viernes 21 de febrero de 2020 a las 6pm en el Edificio Municipal. Usaremos computadoras para comenzar la participación en el Censo en línea. Tendremos refrigerios y la oportunidad de ganar un premio en la puerta.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR



The Forest Heights Police Department will be holding a free Seminar on Human Trafficking and Self Defense on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 1-3PM. This event is open to all ages and will be held at the Municipal Building.

### SEMINARIO DE TRATA DE PERSONAS Y AUTO DEFENSA

El Departamento de Policía de Forest Heights realizará un seminario gratuito sobre trata de personas y defensa personal el sábado 22 de febrero de 2020 de 1-3PM.

Este evento está abierto a todas las edades y se llevará a cabo en el Edificio Municipal.



### FREE FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE



### Forest Heights/Oxon Hill Census 2020

is holding a FREE family movie matinee on **Sunday, February 23, 2020** from 3-5PM at the Municipal Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be showing *The Addams Family* (2019). We will have light refreshments, snacks, and giveaways.

El Censo 2020 de Forest Heights / Oxon Hill llevará a cabo una matinal GRATUITA de películas familiares el domingo 23 de febrero de 2020 de 3 a 5 p.m. en el Edificio Municipal. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir. Mostraremos a la familia Addams (2019). Tendremos refrigerios, bocadillos y obsequios.



### COMING SOON: Forest Heights/Oxon Hill Census 2020 FAMILY GAME DAY



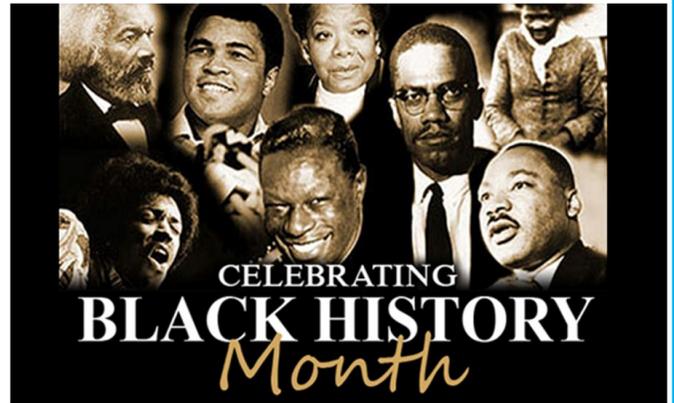
Looking for a fun activity on the weekend for all ages? The Town of Forest Heights, in partnership with the 2020 Census, invites residents from the Town and Oxon Hill to come to the Forest Heights/Oxon Hill 2020 Census Community Game Day. It will be held at the Glassmanor Community Center at 1101 Marcy Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 on **Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 2-5pm**. This event is FREE for all to attend. There will be games, snacks, and giveaways. We will also be performing outreach on the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census. No RSVP required! We hope to see you there!



# Community News Continued

## HEALTHY HEIGHTS SEMINAR: MEMORY LOSS

On Monday, January 13, the Town of Forest Heights hosted a seminar on memory loss as part of the Healthy Heights Seminar series held every 2nd Monday of the month. Thanks to Ms. Shondra Bellamy from Pickett Fences who provided helpful tips on signs of memory loss and how to keep our brains active. Awareness and community education are critical for maintaining mental health. Pickett Fences is a non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of seniors through education and connections to needed services.



## FEBRUARY AND MARCH SEMINARS

The February Healthy Heights Seminar was held Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1pm on Medicare.

The next Healthy Heights topic will be on caregiving on **Monday, March 9**, at 1:15pm. . If you want to RSVP, please call our Healthy Heights Coordinator Ms. Marnishia Moore at 301-839-1030. We appreciate any suggestions on future topics, and hope to continue to provide informative and engaging seminars for the community. Seminars are held on the 2nd Monday of each month.



This February, take a moment to remember the accomplishments and sacrifices of those pioneers who blazed a trail for others to follow.

The Town of Forest Heights would like to recognize Mayor Sue McGinnis, who became the first African American woman to hold the office of mayor in Town. She had previously served on the Council, and was elected as Mayor from 2001-2003.

We encourage everyone to take this time to reflect on this year's national theme: "African Americans and the Vote", and to take advantage of the multitude of programs being offered in the area. The Smithsonian Institution, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture, will be hosting special openings and exhibitions during this time.



**Are you doing all you can for your health?  
Senior Exercise Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays.  
Class Begins at 12:00 Noon.**



We regret to inform you of the passing of Ms. Mary Wimbush on Friday, January 24, 2020. Her service was held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home on Landover Road. Our hearts go out to the family and loved ones during this time. *Town of Forest Heights Mayor, Council, and Staff.*

# Community News Continued

## Pet Waste Station Reminder

**Why SCOOP That POOP?**

23 million bacteria in 1 tiny gram of dog poop

just 1 dog can produce 248 LBS of poop per year!

THE EPA SAYS dog poop is as toxic to the environment as a chemical or oil spill

DISEASE and BACTERIA from your dog's poop pollutes local streams and beaches, which can make fishing and swimming UNSAFE.

PLEDGE TO #SCOOPTHATPOOPPGCC @ENVIRONMENTMYPGCUS

scoop IT.  
bag IT.  
trash IT.

DO YOUR DOODY SCOOP That POOP

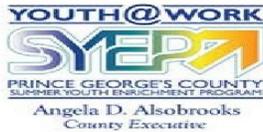
For more information call 311 or go to [environment.mypgc.us](http://environment.mypgc.us)

## FREE TAX SERVICES FOR QUALIFYING TAXPAYERS

The non-profit organization Housing Options and Planning Enterprise (HOPE) is offering **free tax preparation** for individuals or households with an income of less than \$54,000, or are disabled and/or elderly February through April.

You must make an appointment, which can be done by calling 301-567-6660. **Office hours will be held every Monday & Wednesday: from 5:30pm-9:00pm & every Saturday from: 9:00am-3:00pm.** Please make sure to bring all required documents to your appointment.

They are located at 6188 Oxon Hill Road, #700, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.



# Apply for 2020 Youth Summer Jobs



Apply Online: Jan. 6 — Feb. 28, 2020

Looking for a Summer Job?

During the 6-week Youth@Work/SYEP, June 29-Aug. 7, Prince George's County youth can earn:

- \$9.80/hr (ages 14-17) • \$11.50/hr (ages 18-22)



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[youthatwork.mypgc.us](http://youthatwork.mypgc.us)



[syep@co.pg.md.us](mailto:syep@co.pg.md.us)

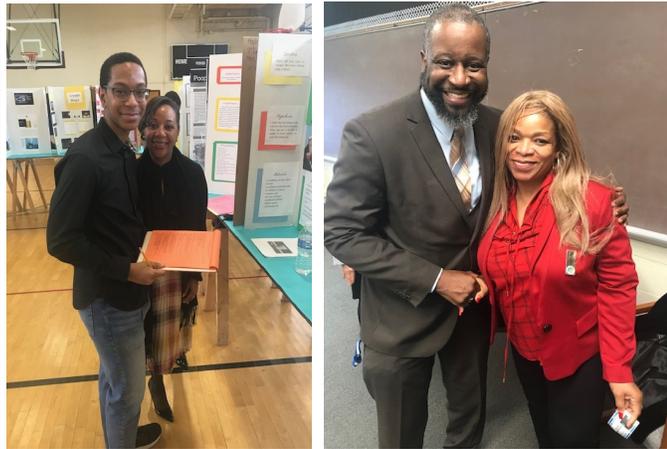


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# Community News Continued

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: SCIENCE FAIR

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, Councilwoman Taunya Hines (bottom right) and Healthy Heights Program Coordinator Marnishia Moore toured John Hanson Montessori School and were able to observe their science fair. Ms. Moore and Councilwoman Hines will serve as judges for Flintstone Elementary's Science Fair on March 12th. The winners of these competitions will go on to represent their schools in the USA Science and Engineering STEM Festival held on Friday, April 24th, 2020 at the Washington Convention Center. We are proud of every student for their hard work, and look forward to seeing their accomplishments on the national stage.



## WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Looking to save money on monthly utility bills? Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or online at <http://www.e2f2.us/blog/>.



You must meet income criteria and be willing to submit proof of income. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, visit the Municipal Building or call Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins or Ms. Kathleen Via at 301-839-1030. See below for income requirements:

| Number of People Living in House | Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than | Number of People Living in House | Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be 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                                  |

## February 2020

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--|---------|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |         |  |   |   | 1  |
| 2 Groundhog Day   | 3 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup<br><br>Senior Exercise 12-1pm<br><b>MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION</b><br>7:30 pm | 4       | 5 Senior Exercise 12-1pm   | 6 Bulk Trash 3 items or less<br><br>Census Committee Meeting 6pm                  | 7   | 8  |
| 9   | 10 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup<br><br>Seminar 1:15-2pm<br>Senior Exercise 12-1pm                            | 11      | 12 Senior Exercise 12-1pm  | 13 Bulk Trash 3 items or less<br>Forest Heights/Oxon Hill 2020 Census Meeting 6PM | 14 Valentine's Day                                      | 15 Volunteer and Sponsor Appreciation Dinner 3-5pm             |
| 16  | 17 Presidents Day. Town Hall Closed.<br><br>Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup                                     | 18      | 19 Senior Exercise 12-1pm<br>Special Meeting 7pm<br><b>MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm</b> | 20 Bulk Trash 3 items or less<br><br>Neighborhood Watch 6:30pm                    | 21 Forest Heights/Oxon Hill 2020 Census Kickoff Hub 6PM | 22 Police Seminar on Human Trafficking and Self Defense: 1-3pm |
| 23 FH OH 2020 Census Family Movie Day 3-5PM<br>Town Hall: Addams Family | 24 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup<br><br>Senior Exercise 12-1pm  | 25      | 26 Senior Exercise 12-1pm  | 27 Bulk Trash 3 items or less   | 28  | 29   |

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Local Forest Heights  
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## Community News (continued)

### NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER?

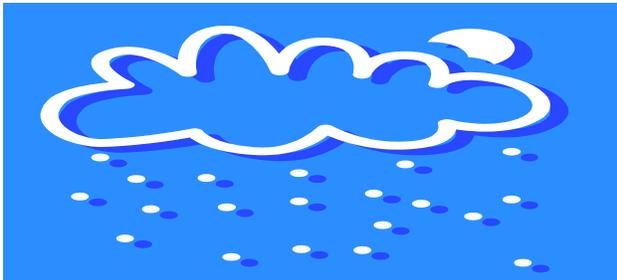


If you or someone you know is not receiving the Newsletter, call 301-839-1030 or email [kvia@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:kvia@forestheightsmd.gov). You can also view the newsletters online at [forestheightsmd.gov](http://forestheightsmd.gov).

### PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE PARKING POLICY FOR SNOW EMERGENCIES

As stated in the Town Ordinance Section 15.3.2: Except as necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or operate a truck or commercial vehicle as stated below in any of the following places within the Town:

On the side of any street opposite the streetlight poles during a snow created state of emergency as declared by Prince George's County pursuant to effective snow emergency plans. Vehicles so parked may be impounded pursuant to Section 15.7.



### 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.

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

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#### TOWN COUNCIL

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**Tessie Hoffmann, Police Clerk**—ext. 1225

**Lisa White, Director of Communications**

[FHPD\\_Media@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:FHPD_Media@forestheightsmd.gov)

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

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#### HEALTHY HEIGHTS COORDINATION

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**Information Line (240) 493-6998**

**Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200**

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

[www.forestheightsmd.gov](http://www.forestheightsmd.gov)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

**Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236**

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

*Forest Heights Notary (by appointment)*