



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR McCUTCHEON

Greetings,

February is Black History Month, there are a lot of events happening celebrating and honoring African-American Heritage. Prince George’s Department of Parks and Planning have listed several events close by to attend. Paste the link: pgparks.com/Black_History.htm

Please don’t forget to be mindful of parking during snow emergency. Failure to adhere to this ordinance causes it to be difficult to plow the snow and make our streets passable. Snow will be moved to the dead end streets please do not block these areas. Citations and or towing will be implemented. Be safe while driving.

Mayor Andrea McCutcheon

Town of Forest Heights

Town Meetings

Mayor/Council

Workshop Session

First Monday of each
Month at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting

Third Wednesday of
each Month at 8:00 p.m.

February 17, 2010

**Town Election for the
Councilperson in
Wards I, II & III to be
Held Wednesday,
March 10th, 2010**



February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1Town Meeting	2Ground Hog Day	3 Black History Month	4	5	6
7	8 *HAVE YOU PICKED UP A COPY OF THE NEW TOWN ORDINANCE AND CHARTER ?*	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine Day	15 Town Closed	16	17 Mayor/ Council Meet	18 Trash	19	20
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William E Clark, Jr.—ext. 233

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Phone (301) 839-1030
8:30a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk—ext. 221
townclerk.fh@verizon.net

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PUBLIC WORKS

Fil Ruano, Supervisor

POLICE DEPARTMENT

(301) 839-4040

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Latessa Crawford, Police Clerk—ext. 225
policeclerk.fh@verizon.net
Eastover District IV Police

(301) 749-4900

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Forest Heights Police Department



From the Office of the Chief of Police:

January was a great month for the FHPD in comparison of the criminal analysis from November and December. The Town only sustained one (1) Residential Burglary for the month of January and overall there were less criminal arrests than in the month of December (2009). As stated before, the FHPD has been conducting aggressive patrols during peak burglary hours in effort to prevent further burglary from taking place. Please remember to call (301) 333-4000 for any and all NON-EMERGENCY police related calls. **FOR ALL EMERGENCY CALLS,**

DIAL 911.

Lt. F.R. Webb, A/Chief of Police

FHPD Crime Report for the Month of January 2010:

Breaking and Entering	2	Robberies	1
Thefts	1	Arrests	2
Vehicle Impounds	7	Vandalism	1
Threats & Annoying Calls	1	Assault	2
Vehicle Accidents	1		

Finger Printing & Notary

The Forest Heights Police Department
9 am - 3 pm Monday - Friday
By Appointment Only
\$20.00 per card Money Order Only
Notary is \$2 per document.
301-839-4040

TOWN BUSINESS SECTION

**TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTION IS TO BE PLACED
AT THE CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE COLLECTION**

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

MONDAY—Recycle & Trash

***(LAST DAY for Yard Waste was January 15, 2010
Yard Waste will Pick Backup April 21, 2010)***

THURSDAY—Bulk & Trash

METAL PICK-UP Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by
Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each.



NO

trash is to be placed in the recycling bin. A Recyclable Bin that has trash in it will not be PICKED UP. Recyclable Bin/Trash Bin shall be removed by the following day. ANY TRASH OR RECYCLABLE BINS LEFT OUT DAYS AFTER ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN, AND WILL BE ISSUED A CITATION.



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)

!! NAME OUR MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM !!

Forest Heights wants to share some good news with you. We would like your input in choosing a name for the soon to be renovated Town Hall Room (upstairs 'multi' purpose room). Please submit your nomination to 5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745.

Or call 301-839-1030



TOWN COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Working Together and Doing It Right

FOREST HEIGHTS CLEAN UP COMMITTEE

The last week of April has become our town's annual clean up week. This year it will run from April 17th until April 24th. Are you interested in being part of the FOREST HEIGHTS SPRING CLEAN UP COMMITTEE? Community service hours will be given to those high school students who wish to participate in the planning, as well as the clean up. Please contact Councilwoman Jacqueline Goodall at jacquelinegoodall@msn.com or leave a message at the town hall (301-839-1030) for her. The first meeting will be Saturday, February 20th at 11:00 am.-Noon.

PGCPS Students Kick-Off Black History Month with Celebrations and Special Events

Who: Prince George's County public schools

What: Black History Month 2010

When: February 1-28, 2010

Where: Schools throughout Prince George's County

A detailed list of PGCPS planned activities is attached. Please check the school system Web site for updates at www.pgcps.org.

THE FOREST HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

After several request by citizens, Officer Bandy has agreed that he would take the lead in helping to organize the program and get it up and running.

What are some of the benefits of starting a Watch Group?

- Partnerships with Law Enforcement and your Neighbors
- Reduction in Crime
- A More Secure and Better Prepared Hometown
- A More United Community
- Improved Communications

Make Note on your Calendars "*March 3rd at 7:00 pm*" There will be a meeting at the Municipal Building to Re-Institute the Forest Heights Neighborhood Watch Program. All Citizens are Invited and Encouraged to Attend.

rbandy@forestheightspolice.org

CONGRATULATIONS

To Oxon Hill High School Choir

The Mayor and Council of Forest Heights would like to offer their congratulations to Dr. Emory Andrews and the Oxon Hill High School Choir, Amazing (Yrome) for winning the 25th Stellar Awards in the category of "Best Children's Group" in Nashville, TN on January 16th. Many of the residents of Forest Heights have had children that were in the choir at Oxon Hill High School during his tenure at the school and know that he requires dedication, hard work and discipline of the students in his classes. These attributes not only show in their performances, but the students carry them with them long after they leave high school. If you have an opportunity to see them perform you are in for a very pleasant experience. Again, our Congratulations to Mr. Andrews and the Oxon Hill High School Choir students.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES, ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR

TOWN NEWLETTER FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

Monthly Advertising Rates are as follows

Full Page—\$150 Half Page—\$100 Quarter Page \$50 Business Card—\$15

Inserts -\$75 Minimum 2 Month Minimum Advertisement

Circulation is approx. 1,000 which includes distribution to Forest Heights Residents, business, community churches and other Prince George's County Municipalities.

Deadline to submit articles or advertisements for the newsletter is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Articles are to be turned in via email to newsletter.fh@verizon.net or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.



NEWS RELEASE

701 Ninth Street NW
Washington, DC 20068

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

pepco.com
NYSE: POM

WASHINGTON – Pepco is announcing that beginning June 1, 2010 the cost for Standard Offer Service (SOS) electricity will decrease by 2.2 percent for residential Maryland customers. The reduction in the cost of electricity translates into a savings of \$3.37 on the average monthly bill. This decrease in the cost of electricity is the result of competitive bids to supply electricity.

Under deregulation, Maryland's bidding process requires Pepco to solicit a series of two-year contracts twice a year. Each contract covers approximately 25 percent of the anticipated amount of the electricity required to meet the needs of Pepco's customers. Due to this procedure, a quarter of the current contracts will expire in May 2010, to be replaced by new, lower-priced contracts that were recently bid.

"Pepco seeks to secure the lowest prices possible for our customers," said Thomas H. Graham, President, Pepco Region. "The Maryland bidding process is designed to protect consumers from major price fluctuations in the cost of generating electricity. Pepco remains committed to providing safe and reliable electric service to our customers along with low cost, no cost ways to save energy and money."

Graham recommends that Pepco customers continue to take aggressive steps to conserve energy and save money during the winter heating season by implementing the following tips:

Sign up for Budget Billing that allows customers to spread their energy costs evenly throughout the year to avoid the sudden spikes caused by heavy usage; Use My Account, found at www.pepco.com, a Web tool that allows customers to find ways to save energy and money with an easy online home energy audit. Customers can compare and analyze bills and see where their dollars go;

If customers are behind in paying their energy bills, contact Pepco immediately to work out a payment plan. Pepco customers can find more energy saving tips and the new rates by visiting www.pepco.com.

FOREST HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Welcome to 2010. If you're applying for financial aid, be sure that you have submitted your applications before each college's priority deadline. Applications received by priority deadlines, which tend to fall in February, are given the most consideration.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the main form you'll use to apply for federal financial aid. There are many free resources — online and offline — to help you and your parents navigate the application process. Here are a few tips to help you get started.

- Submit the FAFSA as early as possible. Do your best to apply by priority financial aid deadlines.
- Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Apply online to reduce the processing time of your application by one to two weeks.
- Prepare your tax returns and ask your parents to prepare their returns as early as possible — income and asset figures from your tax returns are needed to complete the FAFSA.

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**Publication 1 of 2
Emergency Ordinance 01-10
"Parking and Traffic"**

An Emergency Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The Town Of Forest Heights, Maryland Amending Article 15 (Parking And Traffic), Section 15.9 (Penalties), By Changing The Maximum And Minimum Fines For Violations Of Said Article To Be Consistent With The Charter, And Authorizing The Council To Establish From Time To Time By Resolution Certain Fines, Fees And Charges Authorized And Described In The Article, And By Making Certain Stylistic And Grammatical Changes Within Article 15, And Generally Relating To The Regulation And Control Of Parking And Traffic.

A full copy of the Ordinance is posted at the Town Hall

2010 Town Council Nominees Debate

The Debate for the 2010 Council Nominees will be held on
Wednesday March 3, 2010 at 7:30 pm

The candidates will meet at the Town Municipal Building before an audience of citizens. The formats of the debates have varied, with questions sometimes posed from one or more members of the audience.

ELECTION will be Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Black History Facts

- Black History Month originated in 1926 by Carter Godwin Woodson as a Negro History week. The month of February was chosen in honor of Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who were both born in that month.
- Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) was the first African-American to be honored on a U.S. Stamp, in 1940.
- Maya Angelou's autobiographical, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" is the first non-fiction work by an African-American women to make the best-seller list.
- Alexa Canady became the first female African-American neurosurgeon in the United States. She graduated from medical school in 1975.
- Otis Boykin (1920-1982) invented electronic control devices for guided missiles, IBM computers, and the control unit for a pacemaker.
- Dr. Charles Drew (1904-1950) discovered the techniques to store blood and developed blood banks.
- Robert L. Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment Television is the first African-American billionaire.