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#### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR McCutcheon

Greetings Town Residents, First I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Blessed, with Favor and Grace, New Year!! I am pleased to inform you that we now have the Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008 audit completed. We have been given an extension to have the FY2009 audit completed by March 15, 2010. Having our audits up to date secure our Town Charter, release revenue the State of Maryland was withholding, and provide us with sound financial requirements when applying for grants or bond bills. **Also, a reminder that last day for yard waste is Jan. 13, 2010**.

**Mayor Andrea McCutcheon** 

## Town of Forest Heights Town Meetings

Mayor/Council Workshop Session

> January 4, 2010 First Monday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

#### Mayor/Council Meeting

Third Wednesday of each Month at 8:00 p.m.
January 20, 2010

# 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)

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#### Finger Printing

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

#### January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years	2
3	4 Town Meeting/ Recycle & Trash	5	6 Yard Waste	7 Bulk & Trash	8	9
10	11 Recycle & Trash	12	13 Yard Waste	14 Bulk & Trash	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Birthday	19	20Meeting- Mayor/Council	21 Bulk & Trash	22	23
24/31	25 Recycle & Trash	26	27	28 Bulk & Trash	29	30

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#### Mayor Andrea McCutcheon ext.222

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#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

#### Ward I

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Ward II Jonathon Kennedy II— ext. 239 jwkennedy2@yahoo.com

Anne Reifsneider— ext. 241 spar118@yahoo.com

Ward III William E Clark, Jr.—ext. 233

Brian McLaurin—ext 235 brmrides@msn.com

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

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

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

Miranda Shephard, Town Treasurer—ext. 223 towntreasurer.fh @verizon.net

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Fil Ruano, Supervisor

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

(301) 839-4040

Lt. Webb, Acting Chief of Police—ext. 224 <a href="mailto:fwebb.fhpd@verizon.net">fwebb.fhpd@verizon.net</a>

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:

As the Holiday season has promoted surpassing activity within the Town Limits, The Forest Heights Police Department endured a higher capacity than our average work load. An abundance of arrests were made for various offenses. December was a great month. As stated in my last segment. The FHPD's focus for the holiday season was to present a higher uniform presence in the residential areas in effort to prevent home Burglaries. After a review of all FHPD incident reports, there was only one residential Burglary reported within the Town of Forest Heights! I would like to commend all of the men and women of the FHPD for all of their commitments/ sacrifices made in effort to move forward expeditiously. As a reminder, I strongly urge ALL Forest Heights residents to review the current Town Ordinance Code Manual for there has been newly implemented Ordinances within various topics, i.e. "Parking and Traffic". An Ordinance Manual can be obtained free of charge to any and all Town Residences from the Municipal Center during the hours of 8:30pm - 4:00pm Monday thru Friday. I wish all of the Citizens of the Town of Forest Heights a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year of 2010.

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

FHPD Crime Report for the Month of December 2009:

Breaking and Entering 1 Robberies 1
Thefts 1 Arrests 5
Vehicle Impounds 10
Threats & Annoying Calls 1

#### Emergency Ordinance 50-09 "Parking and Traffic"

Please be advised that effective immediately, the Town has implemented New Ordinance Codes referencing the aforementioned. These Laws refer to Abandoned Vehicles Trailers or semi-Trailers/Commercial Vehicles/and Recreational Vehicles. I strongly urge any and all citizens to familiarize themselves with these new Ordinance Laws. The literature pertaining to the subject at hand may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office (Forest Heights Municipal Center) during business hours (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) Monday thru Friday.

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

\*FULL COPIES OF ORDINANCES ARE POSTED AT THE TOWN BUILDING\*

#### TOWN BUSINESS SECTION

#### The Town would like to give Specials Thanks



To the Mayor and all of those who assisted her with the problems of our unusually heavy snow.

Our streets in general were in passable condition By Sunday evening.

The TV news indicated that several residential areas in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties would not be plowed and in passable condition until Wednesday.

My sincere appreciation to our council members and residents who willingly stepped up to the plate in time of need.

Councilwoman Anne Reifsneider

As the last of the snow is melting I would like to remind everyone of the hard work, dedication and efforts that went into the task of snow removal. Just as it was difficult for some to shovel out their driveway, imagine multiplying that to a "town" level.

I would like to thank the mayor, members of council, public works, police, code enforcement, administrative staff, and treasurer for helping with this past obstacle.

A special thanks goes out to Mr. McDermott for using a 'bobcat' to help in our winter wonderland. Special thanks goes out to any and all who helped in **ANY** way, not just the town, but helping your neighbor, or even a stranger..... Let's all make the world better by doing our own small part...

No one said that everything is perfect....the key is taking the first step on the way to make things right.

#### Have a wonderful NEW YEAR!!!

Thank You.

Councilman Jonathon Kennedy



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

MONDAY—Recycle & Trash

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

WEDNESDAY—Yard Waste (April 15 - Jan. 15)

(LAST DAY IS JAN.13, 2010 until 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.

trash is to be place 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.

## 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 <a href="mailto:newsletter.fh@verizon.net">newsletter.fh@verizon.net</a> or mailed to the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745.

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN ELECTION FOR COUNCILPERSON

# TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS I,II &III TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th, 2010

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/she 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/she 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 qualification contained in this Charter. Any certificate of a candidate, that the Board's judgment does not meet the 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** Candidates shall have resided in the Wards of the Town they represent for at least one year immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

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 January 26, 2010, to vote in the Town Election.

Registration application 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 Election 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.

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 citizen's work together to make Forest Heights a Town we are proud to live in.



You can pick up a Nominee form at the Town Municipal Building
Monday-Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 pm