

Forest Heights, MD

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THE BEGINNING OF FOREST HEIGHTS

By virtue of the Charter ratified by local residents, pursuant to an Act of the Maryland General Assembly, the Mayor and Town Council constitute a municipal corporation. They have all ordinary and traditional powers as elected representatives to govern and manage the Town to provide for the general welfare. They enact and enforce ordinances; expend funds for public projects and services; borrow money on the faith and credit of the Town; and levy taxes to meet obligations. In all matters your officials are morally and ethically bound to act in the best interests of the citizens they represent. It is important that you keep your Councilperson informed of your wishes in public matters and support them at monthly meetings of the Mayor and Council.

Forest Heights officially became a municipality on April 19, 1949, by a vote of 126 to 52 recorded by eligible citizens in a referendum election authorized by an Act of the Maryland General Assembly. Incorporation brought self-government to Forest Heights and urgently needed street improvements and the opportunity to institute desired services to improve community life.

In 1960 Federal census listed the Town's population at 3,524 with 905 homes. On January 1, 1961, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission estimated the Town's population to be 3,676 with 944 homes; on January 1, 1962, 3,688 with 947

40 Years Later Forest Heights Evolves

The Town was awarded Sustainable Community designation by the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development in December of 2013. This plan serves as the comprehensive road map of solutions to support and improve the overall quality of life for town residents. The issues that are addressed in the plan include economic development, affordable housing, environmental concerns, transportation, public safety, historical and cultural resources and other infrastructure needs.

Another initiative that strongly relates to the support of the town's future include the County's Eastover, Forest Heights, Glass Manor Sector Plan. This plan contains policies, plans, objectives and recommendations to guide future growth and development along the Maryland 210/Indian Head Highway corridor and within the sector plan area.

Town Hall Community Room

All Monthly Council Workshops and Meetings, as well as most of our town-related community events, are held in the Town Hall Community Room located on the upper level of the municipal building. Individuals and organizations can also rent out the room for social events/meetings for a nominal fee, which can accommodate over 100 people. Please contact our administrative office for additional information.

Environmental and Green Initiatives

Forest Heights has gradually implemented and continues to implement a series of environmental initiatives designed to foster the health and welfare of residents, protect its natural resources and maintain a higher quality of life. Our municipal building features energy-efficient windows and doors, an eco-friendly "green" roof that absorbs and drains storm water runoff, solar panels, and charging stations for hybrid electric and electric vehicles. The Town also has a zero storm water runoff system with several bio retention ponds, a cistern and three 250-gallon rain barrels. The system uses sand to filter particulates from storm water runoff. In addition, Forest Heights organizes periodic cleanups of the Oxon Run stream (located behind Eastover Shopping Center) in partnership with the Alice Ferguson Foundation and other local area groups.

Health Programs and Classes

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seminars on various health topics, and sponsors outdoor physical activities for youths and adults. In partnership with the local YMCA, the Town offers exercise classes for seniors every Monday and Wednesday at noon at the municipal building. Forest Heights is also part of the Healthy Heights program, which promotes health and wellness in the communities of District Heights, Capitol Heights and Forest Heights.

Forest Heights is proud to be a 2013 Playful City USA Community for its outstanding dedication to increase play opportunities for children, and has been recognized by *Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties* a major component of the *Let's Move!* Initiative for its completion of key health and wellness goals.

Annual Yard Sales

During the summer and fall, Forest Heights holds weekend Town Yard Sales on a monthly basis where residents can sell their wares by reserving spaces and/or tables with the Town for a nominal fee. In the past, the Town Yard Sales were held on the grounds of the municipal building, but as interest grew, so did the need for expansion. Through a partnership with Abundant Life Ministries, the Town has moved the location of the yard sales to the church's property at 5533 Livingston Road.

Farmers Market

The Town launched a Farmers Market in partnership with St. Mark AME Church. The Farmers Market is held once a week at the church located at 5427 Indian Head Highway. Our vendors offer a variety of fresh, local produce. Through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, our Farmers Market will also be able to accept credit/debit and EBT cards in the near future.

Computer Classes

Town residents can take advantage of free computer skills classes that are offered twice a week at the municipal building. The classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents can also request to use the computers in our computer lab for school- or work-related purposes.