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TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

SPECIAL ISSUE

WE ARE HAVING AN ELECTION!

MARCH 8TH, 2017

POLL HOURS 11:00 AM—8:00 PM

PLEASE COME OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE!

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

HABEEB-ULLAH MUHAMMAD

LARRY M. STONER, SR.

CANDIDATES FOR WARD II

THERESA BROWNSON

MELVIN E. WATERS, SR.

CANDIDATES FOR WARD III

TAUNYA L. HINES

PAULA NOBLE

CANDIDATES BIOS ARE ENCLOSED

TOWN ELECTION

WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL



CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



Habib-Ullah Muhammad for Town Mayor

Greetings!! I am a candidate for the office of Mayor! I have been a resident of Forest Heights for more than 30 years and I have served the past four years as Councilwoman of Ward III. I have completed the Maryland Municipal League Academy of Excellence in Local Government. This is a voluntary certificate training program in partnership with the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy for municipal and county officials designed to help public officials meet the challenges of their roles. I have devoted numerous of years of volunteer work and service to the Town. I served on numerous committees: Forest Heights Day, The Children's Tutorial Program, and Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Committee. I am Liaison for the Public Works Department and the seniors' 60-Plus Program. I am also involved in the Green Team and Forest Heights Beautification. I retired from the Federal Department of Commerce as a Supervisor in the Printing Division-FAA.

My concerns are the same as yours: our security, our youth, our seniors, our residents, pedestrian safety, street repairs, and most of all LOWERING Property Taxes. We need 24-hour police patrols in our Town. Programs such as tutoring, mentoring and special activities should be provided for our youth. Active programs such as games, movies, crafts, field trips and more should be provided during the day for our seniors. Sidewalks are needed on streets like Seneca and Arapahoe Drives where adults and children are forced to walk in the street to school and work. We need to re-open the computer lab for all residents. The Town must continue to have informative seminars regarding health, social and economic issues to help all the residents. Also, several of our streets have pot holes that need repair.

Our Town has many residents with a wealth of knowledge and abilities. We need your ideas and input. Please be encouraged to participate in town meetings and committees. Stay informed of issues and let your voice be heard before the Mayor and Council make decisions that affect all of us. Property taxes can be lowered by prioritizing our needs, proper planning, and smart spending. There are grants that can be obtained to support programs for our residents. I am encouraging you to attend all meetings to stay informed. I am asking for your vote to ELECT me as Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights!! Voting will take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Town Hall – 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

This is a New Day!! Let's take a common-sense approach of governing, for the residents!! We are all in this together!!



Habib-Ullah Muhammad



Habib-Ullah Muhammad Por Ciudad del Alcalde

¡Soy un candidato para el cargo de Alcalde! He sido un residente de Forest Heights más de 30 años y servido los últimos cuatro años como concejal Ward III. Completé la Academia de Excelencia de la Municipalidad de Maryland en el Gobierno Local. Este es un programa voluntario de entrenamiento de certificados en asociación con la Escuela de Política Pública de la Universidad de Maryland para funcionarios municipales y del condado diseñados para ayudar a los funcionarios públicos a enfrentar los retos de sus roles. Dediqué varios años de trabajo voluntario y de servicio al pueblo. Me desempeñé en varios comités; Forest Heights, el programa de tutoría para niños y la presidencia del Comité de Vigilancia de Vecindarios. Soy el enlace para el departamento de obras públicas y el programa para mayores de 60 años. También estoy involucrado en el Equipo Verde y Forest Heights Beautification. Me retiré del Departamento Federal de Comercio como supervisor en la División de Impresión-FAA.

Mis preocupaciones son las mismas que las tuyas; Nuestra seguridad, seguridad para peatones, reparaciones de calles, nuestra juventud, personas de la tercera edad, los residentes y la mayoría de todos los impuestos de la propiedad BAJAR.

Necesitamos patrullas policiales de 24 horas en nuestra ciudad. Varias de nuestras calles tienen baches que necesitan reparación. Las aceras son necesarias en calles como Seneca y Arapahoe Drives donde adultos y niños son forzados a caminar en la calle a la escuela y el trabajo.

Debemos volver a abrir el laboratorio de computación para todos los residentes. Programas como tutoría, tutoría y actividades especiales deben ser proporcionados para nuestros jóvenes. Podemos ofrecer programas activos durante el día que incluyen juegos, películas, manualidades, excursiones y mucho más. Debemos continuar los seminarios informativos sobre salud, asuntos sociales y economía para ayudar a todos los residentes.

Nuestra ciudad tiene muchos residentes con una riqueza de conocimientos y habilidades. Necesitamos sus ideas y aportaciones. Sea alentado a participar en reuniones y comités de la ciudad. Manténgase informado de los problemas y deje que su voz sea escuchada antes de que el Alcalde y el Consejo tomen decisiones que nos afectan a todos. Los impuestos sobre la propiedad pueden reducirse priorizando nuestras necesidades, planificación adecuada y gastos inteligentes. Hay subvenciones que se pueden obtener para apoyar programas para nuestros residentes. Les animo a asistir a todas las reuniones para mantenerse informados. Estoy pidiendo su voto para ELECT me como Alcalde de la Ciudad de Forest Heights.

¡Este es un nuevo día! Tomemos un sentido común, para los residentes, acercamiento al gobierno. Miércoles, 8 de marzo de 2017 en el Ayuntamiento - 11 a.m.- 8p.m.

¡Estamos todos juntos en esto!



Habib-Ullah Muhammad



I, Larry M. Stoner Sr. am asking for your vote and support in the upcoming election for Mayor, March, 8 2017! I have lived in the Town of Forest Heights since 1977. I have raised two sons and a daughter here. I have been very active and have been very vocal, trying to ensure that things are done right! I have served as a councilman for Ward III, as Council President and Mayor for the Town in 2007! I have chaired Public Works and the Sanitation Advisory Committee, The Forest Heights Ethic Commission, I worked on the side walk committee and Economic development committees! I bring a wealth of education and experience to the town: I have a Bachelor's degree in Social Welfare from the University of the District of Columbia and a minor in psychology; I have served as Chapter President of Blacks in government for two terms at the Office of Personnel Management; I have served as a Union Steward. I have served as Executive Treasurer of BIG, served as a Loaned Executive for the Combined Federal Campaign. I have served as a Floor Warden for OPM on Emergency Evacuations, and have received an award for Community Service Volunteer of the year in 2001. I retired from the Office of Personnel Management as a human Resource Specialist and retired from the DC Metro Police Department!

I have taken many classes, seminars and Maryland Municipal League workshops learning new ways to better serve the town. That enhanced my leadership capabilities:

- Budget
- Municipal Government
- Introduction to Supervision
- Labor relations Briefing on Contract Administration
- Labor Relations for OPM Staffing Services Supervisors and Managers
- Supervision and Group Performance
- Union Steward Training

I have networked with our senator, delegates, and county council to gain knowledge, ideas and establishing relationships in order to serve you. You deserve a Mayor that will listen to what you have to say and take you in consideration when making decisions for the town! I will do my best to secure needed funds from MGM to fix our aging infrastructure! and develop programs for our youth and seniors! I look forward to serving you as your Mayor!

I am asking for your VOTE! and CONFIDENCE!

Larry M. Stoner Sr.

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

Vote: Theresa BROWNSON
WARD II - COUNCIL

I have been a tax paying resident of Forest Heights for over 25 years. I hold a Bachelor Degree (B.S.) from Georgetown University, a Master Degree (M.Ed.) from Trinity University in Washington, DC, also an Adult Education Certification from the University of the District of Columbia. I am the go-to-expert on healthcare issues, Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse, identity theft, and consumer issues. I have taught in high school and have worked with senior citizens.

I volunteered to help manage Forest Heights first ever Tennis Camp for children (Ages 8 – 14) at Bell Acres Park. I have the ability to work with all ages.

Currently, I develop and implement strategic plans of outreach to empower seniors in the District of Columbia. I provide training to staff, volunteers, and elder networks on how to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, waste and abuse, identity theft, and financial exploitation. I work with city council, neighborhood councils, law enforcements, community centers, churches, medical professionals, organizations and retirees in the District of Columbia. **I believe I will make a great legislator. When elected, I will bring knowledge, skills, and experiences to the Council of Forest Heights.**

Forest Heights is in the midst of a great opportunity for growth and increased popularity. Over the past two years, water is still puddling at Seneca and Woodland Drive. I plan to rectify the puddling and flooding water issue at Seneca Drive and Woodland Drive. I will vote for infrastructure improvements such our streets and sidewalks.

Vote for Theresa BROWNSON so that there will be a voice on the Council to vote for the needs of the residents, to ask questions, and to seek answers; ***Not Alternative Facts!***

Vote - Theresa BROWNSON, WARD II COUNCIL

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II



INTRODUCTION

I, **Melvin E. Waters, Sr.** am humbly **requesting your VOTE, SUPPORT, and CONFIDENCE for Town Councilman – Ward II** in the upcoming Town of Forest Heights election on March, 8 2017! I have lived in the Town of Forest Heights since 1981. I have a son and daughter, both who attended local schools in Oxon Hill (i.e. John Hanson Middle School and Oxon Hill High School) in the mid-1980's. During the 1980's, I felt compelled to run for both the Office of Mayor and Town Councilman. However, the dynamics and population of the town at that time were not conducive and ready to receive my political savvy and energy to affect much needed change in the way the Town conducted its business. **However, that time is now!**

I bring a wealth of education and experience to the town: I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Education (BS) with a minor in Educational Psychology and a Master of Business Education (MBE) Degree, both from the University of the District of Columbia; and a Master's Certificate in Information Technology Project Management from the George Washington University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

1975 - 1977, I taught Business Education and Mathematics in the DC Public Schools;
1978 - 1985, I served as a Sales & Marketing Manager for major companies such as Corning Glass Works, Texas Instruments, and American Express;
1985 -1987, I served as the National Advertising Program Manager for the U.S. Navy Recruiting Command, Recruiting Advertising Department;
1987 - 1991, I was selected and accepted the position of National Program Manager, Occupational Safety & Health, and Hazardous Waste – Asbestos Programs with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command;
1991 - 2010, I was selected and accepted a position with the Department of the Treasury – Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and served in multiple capacities as a Senior Management Official until my retirement in December 2010. In 1997, I was credited for the establishment of the IRS New Carrollton, Maryland Chapter of Blacks In Government (BIG), where I served as its Founding and First President, and now President Emeritus; and
Served as a Federal Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR).

MILITARY SERVICE

March 1970 – September 1973: Assigned to the U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), with Headquarters at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. AFOSI is a federal law enforcement agency and conducts felony level criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence crime investigations;
October 1973 – October 1974: Assigned to the 135th Airlift Squadron (135 AS)/135th Intelligence Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard located at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Middle River, Maryland;
October 1974 – October 1975: Assigned to the 89th Airlift Wing (89 AW) of the U.S. Air Force Reserves, based at Joint Base Andrews, Washington, DC; and
October 1987 – October 1988: Assigned to the U.S. Army Reserves 55th Materiel Management & Logistics Center (MMC), Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

I AM READY NOW TO SERVE **YOU**, MY FELLOW RESIDENT'S AND THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS!

VOTE: Melvin E. Waters, Sr., Ward II Councilman



Taunya L. Hines Ward III

Hello! My name is Taunya L. Hines. I have been a resident of Forest Heights for over 30 years. I am a mother of 6, wife and active member of our community. I have experience in politics, serving on past administrations as a councilwoman and member of our town's neighborhood watch. I am continually involved in our schools and former member of the PTA. Forest Heights is my home. And in a world of uncertainty I am willing to fight for what's right instead of going with the flow. If elected for Ward 3 councilwoman I vow to listen, bringing your concerns to the Mayor and council. I promise to come up with solutions and give a voice to the soft spoken, and those who can't get directly involved. I will work hard to promote programs for all residents, including youth and seniors. Let's move forward to make Forest Heights the best it can be. ONE vote does make a difference. **MAKE YOURS COUNT.**

The change we want for the world, starts in our own backyards.

Election Day March 8th, 2017

VOTE
Paula Noble
Ward III

As a public servant, I have served as the Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights as well as Councilmember. In 2004, I was appointed by Governor Bob Ehrlich to the Commission on Quality Education for the State of Maryland. I have also served as the president of Prince George's Elected Municipal Women (PGEMW), an organization open to all elected and appointed officials in Prince George's County, Maryland. I have served the Code of Support Foundation Toast to Our Troops committee. I am currently the co-chair for the Dementia Friendly Prince George's South County.

With over 35 years of experience in the financial sector, I have developed a reputation for being effective, collaborative and solutions-driven. As an officer at Riggs Bank, I managed the bank's commercial real estate portfolio and real estate-owned (REO) properties in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Early in my career, I learned the business aspects of branch, automated teller machine (ATM) and loan-servicing operations in the banking industry.

I am a graduate of University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service (Academy for Excellence in Local Governance). I earned my Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science in Administration (Corporate and Community Affairs/Human Resources) from Trinity College (Washington, DC).

VOTE
Paula Noble
Ward III

SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745
MARCH 8, 2017
POLLS OPEN: 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Instructions:

The ballot may be marked for one (1) candidate for MAYOR and (1) candidate for COUNCILPERSON, and the mark should be *inside* the box. Print the name of the write-in candidate. Failure to follow these instructions may *invalidate* the ballot. Do not make erasures -- if you make a mistake, request another ballot. After marking the ballot, fold it once and place it in the ballot box. **VOTE FOR ONE.**

MAYOR		WARD I	
Habeeb-Ullah MUHAMMAD	☐	Write-In	☐
Larry M. STONER, Sr.	☐		
Write-In _____	☐		

WARD II		WARD III	
Theresa BROWNSON	☐	Taunya L. HINES	☐
Melvin E. WATERS, Sr.	☐	Paula NOBLE	☐
Write-In _____	☐	Write-In _____	☐

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.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

This Absentee Ballot Application must be received on or before **March 2, 2017**.
Mail to the Town Clerk/Election Liaison, at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights,
Maryland 20745

Name: _____ Ward _____

Address: _____

I am a registered and qualified voter at the residence listed above.

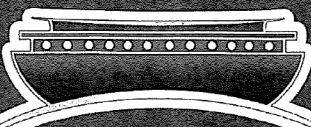
Last address voted from: _____

I am unable to vote in person for the following reasons:

Signature

Date

NOTE: Your Voting Ballot must be received no later than 8:00 pm on the close of the polls on Election Day, **March 8, 2017**. Mark the word BALLOT on the outside of the envelope and mail to the Town Clerk/Election Liaison, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland 20745.



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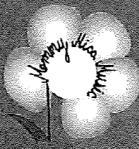
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Forest Heights Municipal Building
4:00p - 5:00p

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Forest Heights, MD 20745

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**Town Elections for Mayor & Councilperson in
Wards I, II & III to be held
Wednesday, March 8th, 2017**

Poll Hours

Open at 11:00 AM—Close at 8:00 PM

Please come out and cast your vote!

TOWN HALL DEBATE

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

7:00 pm