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WE ARE HAVING AN ELECTION!

MARCH 14, 2018

POLL HOURS 11:00 AM-8:00 PM

PLEASE COME OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE!

CANDIDATES FOR WARD I

CALVIN WASHINGTON

CANDIDATES FOR WARD II

JONATHON KENNEDY II—INCUMBENT

CYNTHIA MANN

CANDIDATES FOR WARD III

BRIAN McLAURIN—INCUMBENT

LARRY STONER

CANDIDATE BIOS ARE ENCLOSED

TOWN ELECTION

WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745



CANDIDATE FOR WARD I

Calvin Washington for Ward 1 Council

Town of Forest Heights

My passion for public service and my deep dedication to the Town of Forest Heights have led me to the decision to run for office. I believe in service to the community. Our Town needs visionary leadership and fresh perspectives. I have built my professional career in Law Enforcement as a Police Officer for the last 17 years, and a proud Veteran after serving 8 years in the United States Navy.

There are three major areas my campaign will be focused on:

- 1) Continued public safety for Town residents and business owners
- 2) Increasing economic development in the commercial area.
- 3) Preserving the Town's history for the next generation

I realize and appreciate that ALL our Town residents play a critical role in the success of our Town; therefore, my goal is not to be an exclusive leader but an inclusive leader. My job as your Council representative will be listen, hear and echo your concerns to our public officials and develop actionable steps to address them, WITH YOU!

Election day is near, and my team and I will be aggressively campaigning between now and then to get your vote! Although small, the Town has a rich history and a bright future. I am looking to each of you to support me in shaping our Town's future. With your time, talent, thoughts and ideas we can do it together. Let us together, put the Town of Forest Heights first. Be excited! Get involved! Together we can build the town we desire. I would be honored to earn your trust and ask for your vote. And Remember, "You have a voice."

VOTE for WASHINGTON on March 14th, 2018

I look forward to serving you!

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

Greeting, once again, to my family, friends and neighbors. My name is **Jonathon Kennedy II** and I am seeking reelection as your **Councilmember for Ward II**. Mark your calendars for Wednesday March 14, 2018, and exercise our God given and hard fought right to cast our voice and vote. Elections are not something to be taken lightly just as running for an elected position should not be taken with a grain of salt. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served the Town of Forest Heights as a Councilmember over the last decade and it will be an honor and privilege to continue to do so when reelected.

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone who has recently made Forest Heights your new home. Having lived here 30+ years, I have seen a lot of changes over the years. Change is inevitable, and we must strive to make sure that the best decisions for the Town and our neighbors are made. The best way to lead is by example. During my tenure as your council person, I have held and helped in every aspect of our local government, from holding the office as the acting mayor to even changing a light switch, switching out a toilet, and helping to clean up our town. Council President and police liaison are others positions that I have proudly served as, as well as being on a variety of different committees. A lot of people may remember me tirelessly handing out snow cones, popcorn, or cotton candy during our annual Forest Heights Day celebration. I prefer to stay out of the limelight and would rather roll up my sleeves and work than to be constantly craving praise and accolades, while sitting or ‘barking’ orders to others.

Although we are voted in office by people who reside in the Ward that we are running for, I believe that all the elective councilmembers should be approachable by any resident of our great town. I am not afraid to WORK and will continue to help in ANY way that I can when reelected.

I invite every person in Town to help, where they can, to make Forest Heights an even better community. Step outside of your comfort zone. You never know what heights you can soar to unless you try.

One vote DOES matter and EVERY vote counts. Vote **JONATHON KENNEDY II** on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018** for **WARD II COUNCILMAN**.

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

CYNTHIA MANN FOR WARD 2 COUNCIL



Hello my fellow residents of Forest Heights

It has been a truly humble experience as one of your Ward 2 Council representative for two terms.

As I continue to grow, I would like to utilize my knowledge while continuing to move the Town forward and would like your support as I campaign for Ward 2 Council representative.

As a previous Ward 2 representative (WARD 2 ROCKS!!) Ward 2 as successfully completed several projects:

1. First ever “Gun Turn In” event – over 63 weapons are off the streets making your community safer.
2. I have completed the MML certification program within the first two years
3. Conducted two successful “Meet and Greet” for my Ward 2 constituents
4. Town Representative - National League of Cities – Healthy Heights conference
5. Revitalize the Welcome Brochure – Town of Forest Heights “Jewel on the Potomac”
6. Assisted the Mayor in securing grants which stop the residents from receiving property tax increases.
7. Brought the Non-fraternization policy to the Mayor and Council for consideration – policy has been adopted into the employee hand book.
8. Implemented the “No Saggy Pants” law for the town.
9. In partnership with St. Mark’s AME Church the FH Police Department organized two food drives to replenish the food pantry at St. Mark’s AME Church
10. In partnership with Solar, INC and the FHOHCDC we have hosted three Halloween Harvest parties for the elementary school kids. Each year has been a huge success.
11. Was honored to be “Principle for a Day” at Forest Heights Elementary.
12. Re-introduced “Talk with the Chief” making sure your voice is heard
13. As the Liaison of the FH Police Department we have hosted two Toy Drives
14. In partnership with Abundant Life Ministry we have revitalized the FH Yard Sale
15. Organized and implement our own FH Healthy Eating Farmer’s Market.
16. In partnership with United Medical Center hosted the United Medical Center Mobile Medical Unit at the Town hall. The unit is scheduled for weekly visits to Eastover Shopping Center. – Bringing quality healthcare to your front door!!
17. In partnership with the FHOHCDC 80 book bags (including supplies) were raffled off at Forest Heights Day.

I have taken on the role as Interim Executive Director/Secretary/Treasurer for the Forest Heights-Oxon Hill Community Development Corporation because I understand the benefits of a having a strong CDC as a partner. I am happy to say the CDC is currently operating solely on its own and we will continue to support all Town activities 100%.

WHO AM I?

A 17- year resident

Active in working towards the well-being of our community and schools

Bachelor Degree Human Resource Management Summa cum Laude American Universality - 2006

Certification Federal Contracting and Procurement PG College Completion May 2019

Re-Certification Human Resource Management - PG College –Completion May2018

Certification District of Columbia Contracting and Procurement – Completion June 2018

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CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

Brian McLaurin
5706 Woodland Drive
Forest Heights, MD 20745

Hello Residents of Forest Heights,

I resolve to stay current and up-to-date on issues, laws, and policies that affect the residents of Forest Heights. I completed the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. I am currently enrolled and taking classes in MML Academy of Excellence Graduate Program. These trainings and classes have increased my knowledge and understanding of properly functioning municipal government.

I have been employed with the United States Postal Service (USPS) since 1998. At USPS, I am an elected official of the American Postal Worker Union (APWU) for the Motor Vehicle Service (MVS). I have been elected for 3 continuous terms as the MVS Director for the District of Columbia. As Craft Director, I am responsible for helping to resolve issues between management and MVS craft employees.

I have been a resident of Forest Heights since 1988; a Ward 3 Councilman for 3 times and 2 terms. With my experiences and my local government educational training, I believe I am uniquely qualified to represent the residents of Ward 3 and the residents of Forest Heights; and, offer intelligent input in decision making.

VOTE FOR "BRIAN MCLAURIN" COUNCIL WARD 3

CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

I am Larry M. Stoner,

I am asking for your vote and support in the upcoming election for Councilman Ward III! I have lived in the Town of Forest Heights since 1977. I have raised two sons and a daughter here in Forest Heights. I have been very active and have been very vocal, trying to ensure that things are done right! Wherever and whenever, I am needed. I was there for you. It does not matter what I have to do for Forest Heights and its citizens, it is always my pleasure to do so. I have served as a councilman for Ward III and have served as Council President and Mayor. I chaired the Public Works and Sanitation Advisory Committees, The Forest Heights Ethics Commission which was way over due; I worked on the side walk committee and Economic development committee!



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; I am a retired Metropolitan Police Officer from Washington, DC. 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 the Floor Warden for OPM Emergency Evacuations, and have received a service award for Community Service Volunteer Award 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 works shops learning new ways to better serve the Town. That enhance my leadership capabilities that I bring to the Town of Forest Heights:

- 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 better serve you. You deserve a Councilman that will listen to what you have to say and take you in consideration when making decisions for the Town! I will work to fix the broken bond developed from the Town voting not to support slots in the county straining our relationship with county officials and National Harbor! If this relationship is not fixed we cannot expect to receive much needed help with our crumbling infrastructure! I look forward to serving you as your next Councilman!

I am asking for your continued support and confidence! Larry M. Stoner

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TOWN ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

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The Absentee Ballot Application must be picked up on or before March 2, 2018. Mail to the Chairman of the Board of Registrations and Elections at The Town of Forest Heights, 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

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NOTE: Your Voting Ballot will be mailed to you. All Voting Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 pm on the close of the polls on Election Day, March 14, 2018. Mark the word BALLOT on the outside of the envelope and mail to the Chairman of the Board of Registrations and Elections, The Town of Forest Heights, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland 20745.

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ELECTION BALLOT

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5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745
MARCH 14, 2018
POLLS OPEN: 11:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

CANDIDATES

Council members Ward I (Vote For One)	Council members Ward II (Vote For One)	Council members Ward III (Vote For One)
Calvin Washington <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathon Kennedy II (Incumbent) <input type="checkbox"/>	Brian McLaurin (Incumbent) <input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	Cynthia Mann <input type="checkbox"/>	Larry M. Stoner <input type="checkbox"/>
	Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>