



Message from the Mayor

Citizens of Forest Heights,

I have a few words during this time of uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak.

You know that it is my number one priority to make sure that my administration has taken action to provide information and to protect the public from potential exposure to the Coronavirus. As Mayor, I have maximized the Town's ability to stay informed, avoid exposure and combat the Coronavirus. Some of these steps are listed below:



- All mass gatherings in Town Hall continue to be canceled until further notice, including Forest Heights Day and National Night Out.
- The Town Hall building is closed to the general public and staff until further notice (essential staff access only)
- Town Council meetings/other municipal gatherings will be held remotely until further notice
- Teleworking protocol continues to be implemented for all non-essential town employees.
- Town parks and gathering spaces are closed to the public until further notice . While Prince George's County parks and amenities are opening, please be aware that cleaning schedules may be affected by the Coronavirus.
- The Town has been awarded CARES Act funding from the federal government to combat coronavirus. We will soon begin dispensing this funding on projects, many of which would be used to keep citizens informed and enhance and maintain Town government services during the pandemic.
- Virus information is routinely updated on the Town website

We have posted contact information (see page 2) for you to access our Town Departments and services at the Town Hall building and on the Town website. **We are available to serve the citizens and respond to your needs.**

Please visit the Town Website www.forestheights.gov , our Town of Forest Facebook page, or www.coronavirus.gov for more information.

We know these are difficult and stressful times, but this crisis will end. Rest assured your Town, in conjunction with State and County authorities is prepared and well-equipped to respond. We are stronger together, and together we will make a difference.

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

Town of Forest Heights

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

Community News

Events Canceled as Forest Heights responds to COVID-19:



The Town of Forest Heights has cancelled FOREST HEIGHTS DAY and NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (slated for August) in the interest of public safety and as a way to keep compliance with the county safe at home order. Stay tuned for future events, which may be subject to change. We understand that many people will be disappointed at the loss of our yearly festival. Forest Heights Day is a way to showcase the best of our neighborhood. But Forest Heights is a tight-knit and diverse community that knows how to come together and help each other out. At this time we must do what we can to keep our neighbors and friends safe.

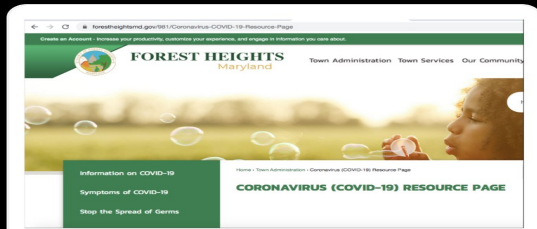
The Forest Heights Municipal Building will remain closed to the public until further notice. Please call 301-839-1030 or visit the website for any general questions you might have. Call 301-839-4040 for the Police Department or call 301-352-1200 for Non-Emergencies.

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

VISIT THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS WEBSITE FOR COVID-19 RELATED RESOURCES

The Town of Forest Heights has created a web page hosting Coronavirus (COVID-19) related information for residents and guests. To get this information, look for the Town Administration bar on the top of the home page, and click on the link reading "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Page."

FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV



As a precaution to the coronavirus outbreak, the Town Hall Building is closed to the public and Town employees until further notice.

"The Mayor believes it is in the best interest of public safety, and recovery efforts and the protection of property that the exercise of certain rights be temporarily limited, and the conditions of this order are designed to provide the least necessary restriction on those rights."

Please see the list of emergency contacts below if you require assistance in the meantime:

Public Works Director: Larry Vaughn: 240-993-9243

Code Enforcement Officer: Joseph Hawkins: 240-640-6289

Police Clerk Services: Tessie Hoffmann: 240-917-4078

Administrative Services: Kathleen Via: 240-758-9761

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE JUNE 2020

911 DISCONNECT	32	SHOOTING COMBINED	1
ACCIDENT	5	STOLEN VEHICLE	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	3	SUBJECT STOP	3
ARMED PERSON	1	SUSPICIOUS AUTO	2
ASSAULT COMBINED	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	4
ASSIST FIRE EMS	2	THEFT FROM AUTO	2
CHECK WELFARE	7	THEFT REPORT	4
CHECK WELFARE COMB.	1	THREATS COMPLAINT	1
CHEK WELFARE VIOLENT	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	7
DISORDERLY	14	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	15
DISPUTE W/WEAPONS	3	VANDALISM	8
DOMESTIC	7	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB	1
DWI DRIVER	2	WARRANT INVEST	1
FAMILY DISPUTE	6	Total Calls Handled:	282
FIGHT	1		
FIGHT COMBINED	1		
FOUND	1		
FRAUD	1		
GUNSHOTS	2		
HIT AND RUN	3		
LOST PROPERTY	1		
LOUD MUSIC COMPLAINT	7		
MISC POLICE INCIDENTS	15		
MISSING PERSON	1		
NOTIFICATION	1		
PREMISE CHECK	104		
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	7		

POLICE STATION

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

Operating

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200



FY 2021 Town Budget

MAYOR AND COUNCIL THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 02 - 2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

The general purpose of the Budget Ordinance is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2020 -2021 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, that the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the Town of Forest Heights is hereby approved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland such that the sums and amounts appropriated are hereby adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Town Real Estate Taxes - Noncommercial	\$796,800.00
Town Real Estate Taxes - Commercial	\$43,300.00
Town Real Estate Taxes – Rented Residential	\$93,300.00
Income Taxes	\$180,700.00
Other Taxes	\$80,000.00
Trash Fee	\$187,935.00
INTERGOVERNMENT	\$632,839.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$14,800.00
TOWN SERVICES	\$8,596.00
SPEED CAMERA	\$1,100,000.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$115,650.00
OTHER FINANCING	\$853,613.25
FUND BALANCE	\$2,377,268.00
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	\$6,484,801.25

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$68,845.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$332,035.00
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$240,300.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,054,845.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$374,834.00
SPEED CAMERA	
Direct Speed Camera Cost	\$780,835.00
State Revenue	\$175,000.00
Allowable Expenses	\$15,200.00
STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$595,182.00
TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE	\$195,310.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$447,500.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$427,600.00
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$42,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$32,250.00
GRANTS – RESTRICTED FUNDING	\$370,528.50
FUND BALANCE	\$1,332,536.75
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$6,484,801.25

Community News

SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP RETURNS TO ACTION



Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Town of Forest Heights has had to cancel large gatherings within the Municipal Building, including the Healthy Heights Seminar Series and the Forest Heights Senior Exercise class in the interest of public safety. We understand that this has been difficult for everyone. The Exercise class is both a way for seniors to stay fit and also for residents to connect with each other. There will now be a modified outdoor exercise class held at **Tayac Park** (5800 Terrell Avenue, Forest Heights, MD 20745). It will be on Mondays and Thursdays at **6:30 PM** until further notice, weather permitting. We encourage those who are able to go outside to come and join us in this activity, and to take any necessary precautions to keep yourself safe.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020!

WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND KNOW YOU WILL GO
ON TO DO GREAT THINGS ! WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE FACED
UNIQUE CHALLENGES, BUT ARE CONFIDENT IN YOUR ABILITY TO
FACE ADVERSITY WITH GRACE AND DETERMINATION.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



On June 11, 2020 a baby was born in our town to the Samuels family on Quade St. Upon hearing that mom was in labor Charm City Midwives Bayla Berkowitz, Tova Brody along with sweet Bee services Doula Leah Hairston drove all the way from Baltimore to assist with the birth. At exactly 12:21am Baby Micaiah Lee Samuels was born to Tyrell and Marie-Marthe Samuels. He weighed 7lbs 13oz and was 20 inches long. His older siblings Azariah, Hannah and Sarah are overjoyed. Mom and baby are healthy and doing well.

Community News

THE TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MR. HAWKINS:

Grass Heights should be Below 8" inch.

Leash Law. It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A Violation Notice will be issued to the owner of an animal found. **Scoop that Poop.** The owner or custodian of any dog or cat must remove their pet's excrement from public or private property.



PLEASE TAKE CARE DURING SUMMER

As we go through summer please remember to take the necessary safety precautions. Pay attention to heat advisories and warnings. Plan outdoor activities to avoid the hottest parts of the day. Wear light colored clothing when outside and be sure to take plenty of breaks in the shade if performing strenuous activity. This year it is more important than ever to practice healthy habits and stay safe.

Tree Law



In Maryland, a property owner may utilize "self-help" to trim back at the property line any tree branches or roots encroaching from an adjoining property. This includes trimming overhanging branches located above the ground that break the imaginary plane located along the property line. The exception is that any trimming of encroaching branches or roots must not be so severe as to threaten the health of the adjoining property owner's tree or other vegetation. If a tree straddles the property line, it is considered jointly owned by both neighbors and both must agree to any removal or pruning of the boundary line tree, unless the tree immediately presents an unsafe condition. Another exception to the self-help remedy exists with regard to roadside trees. Any person who desires to cut down or trim any roadside tree must apply to the local government (county or municipality) for a permit.

Permits are not required to trim a tree that is uprooted or has branches broken so as to endanger persons or property unless local ordinances state otherwise. Roadside trees are typically located within the unimproved portion of the public right-of-way. However, one should check with the Town and/or a recorded plot to determine the exact location of the property lines.

When dealing with dead trees, the owner on whose property the dead tree stands may have a duty to prevent injury to neighbors or passersby where the tree poses a danger. If the fallen tree or branch occurs without prior notice or occurs to a healthy tree, it is often referred to as an "Act of God" and the owner is typically not considered to be liable.

NOTICE ABOUT TRASH, YARD WASTE, RECYCLING AND BULK TRASH COLLECTION

The Town of Forest Heights waste management system has Trash, Yard Waste, and Recycling pickup scheduled for Monday, and Bulk Trash is scheduled for Thursday. There have been multiple issues with overflowing trash, recycling and bulk trash, which is detrimental to the quality of life in the neighborhood. Trash stacked on top of the bin or left outside of the cart will NOT be picked up (see picture top right mark). Yard Waste is

RECYCLABLE

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE CLEAN AND EMPTY

bundles of limbs, bags and/or cans of dry grass and leaves, and must weigh less than 60 pounds. Wet grass and leaves must weigh less than 25 pounds. Construction materials, debris, and rocks are NOT considered Yard Waste and are unacceptable materials. See picture top right mark on Yard Waste. Recycling must be placed in the recyclable bin. See picture to your left for acceptable items. Bulk Trash is ONLY 3 items or less.

What constitutes bulk trash? Household furniture, large toys, mattresses and box springs. Unacceptable items are: metal items, stumps, logs, tires, automobile parts, soil, rocks and paint. See picture bottom right mark. Bulk Trash **Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection. Note: Any Trash, Yard Waste and Bulk left over 24 hours before or after pickup will result in fines.** If you have a metal item, you may pay \$35 for each item to the Town of Forest Heights for special pickup. Effective July 14, 2020, the Town of Forest Heights will be strictly enforcing the regulations for trash, yard waste, recycling and bulk. Improper disposal of trash will result in fines. Please do your part in helping to keep Forest Heights beautiful.

TRASH AND YARD WASTE



BULK TRASH

Coronavirus (COVID-19) related news



FOOD PANTRY

FEEDING THOSE IN NEED!

ST. PAUL OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY
6636 ST. BARNABAS ROAD
OXON HILL, MD
301.567.4433

Every THURSDAY

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
by APPOINTMENT
Maryland Residents Only/ ID Required




Our Community Partner
OXON HILL AREA FOOD BANK

*Must meet USDA eligibility requirements. Receiving government/utility assistance or household income eligibility requirements (85% below federal poverty guidelines)

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY PHASE 2

Effective June 15, Prince George's County has entered Phase 2. That means that certain businesses will re-open and capacities will change, although residents are encouraged to remain home as often as possible. Here are some of the changes for the county:

Retail stores, indoor restaurant seating, barbershops and hair salons must limit themselves to 50% capacity. Nail salons can only allow one customer per 200 square feet. Hair and nail appointments must be booked ahead of time. The MVA branch office in Largo is open by appointment only. 24 hour self servicing VEIP stations are still open. Learn more about scheduling at

<https://mva.maryland.gov/Pages/NewsDetails2.aspx?NR=2020249> Places of worship will be open indoors at up to 25% capacity, and outdoors can host up to 250 people. This is one of the exceptions to the 10 person or less gathering guideline. For more information on how the county is responding to COVID-19 and steps toward reopening, visit <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3504/County-Phased-Reopening>

STUDENT MEAL INFORMATION

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students can pick up supper as part of their "grab and go" meals Breakfast and lunch will continue to be served twice a week; the snack will be discontinued and replaced with supper. Students can get meals for two days on Mondays and three days on Wednesdays. Parents may pick up meals for students who are unable to come to the site by showing a student ID or report card.

Meals are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents and guardians are not required to accompany students nor are students required to show ID. The closest location is Glassmanor Elementary at 1011 Marcy Avenue in Oxon Hill, MD.



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPLICATION- STATE OF MARYLAND

The Maryland Department of Labor's Division of Unemployment Insurance has launched a new unemployment insurance application called the BEACON One-Stop. This new application allows all Marylanders to file all types of claims entirely online, including regular benefits, CARES Act benefits, and individuals who were previously required to file by phone. To directly access the new BEACON One-Stop application, please visit beacon.labor.maryland.gov/claimant.

COUNTY ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The Prince George's County Health Department offers **FREE COVID-19 tests for individuals with or without symptoms** that have been exposed to or suspected to have been exposed to a COVID-19-positive person. Patients do not need an appointment or a doctor's prescription to get tested. All County-run testing sites accommodate testing for those in a car or on foot. Additional questions? Call the **coronavirus hotline at 301-883-6627** between the hours of **8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday through Friday**.

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, all evictions and foreclosures have been suspended until further notice. If you are facing an illegal eviction, you may seek free legal assistance from any the following (more available online): **Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc.**(240-391-6370), **CASA (MD, Prince George's County Welcome Center)**, 240-821-5816 or 240-491-5784 , or **Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. of Prince George's County**,301-429-8743.

COOLING CENTERS

Cooling Centers may be activated during the summer months for individuals who are at risk of heat-related illnesses. Senior Citizens and their families should contact the Prince George's County Department of Family Services Administration on Aging at 301-265-8450 for information and/or assistance.

Southern Regional Tech Center at 7007 Bock Road is permanently open as a cooling center. The Camp Springs Senior Activity Center on Allentown Road is open for cooling from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

The Nationals and PGCMs are partnering to present "Imagine Your Story," a virtual "Summer @ Your Library" (S@YL) program for all ages that will run from May 18 through August 21. For more information, visit the Public Library website at <https://www.pgcmis.info/summeratyourlibrary>



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FOR CENSUS
TAKERS & MORE**

United States
**Census
2020**

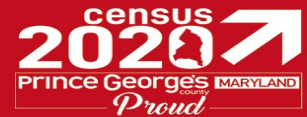
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JUL 9**

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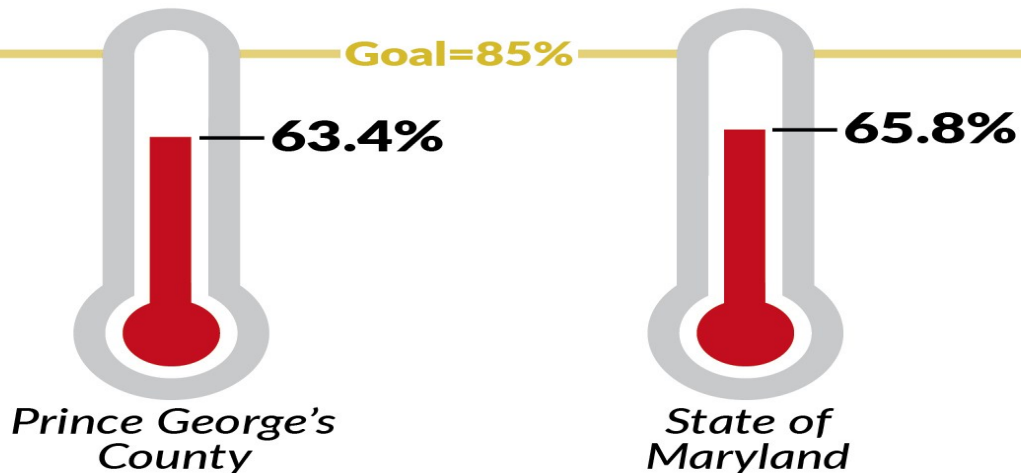
**VIRTUAL BILINGUAL
RECRUITMENT INFO SESSION**

Register at: bit.ly/julycensus2020

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COUNTED**



CENSUS RESPONSES AS OF JUNE 29, 2020



Complete Your Census Now

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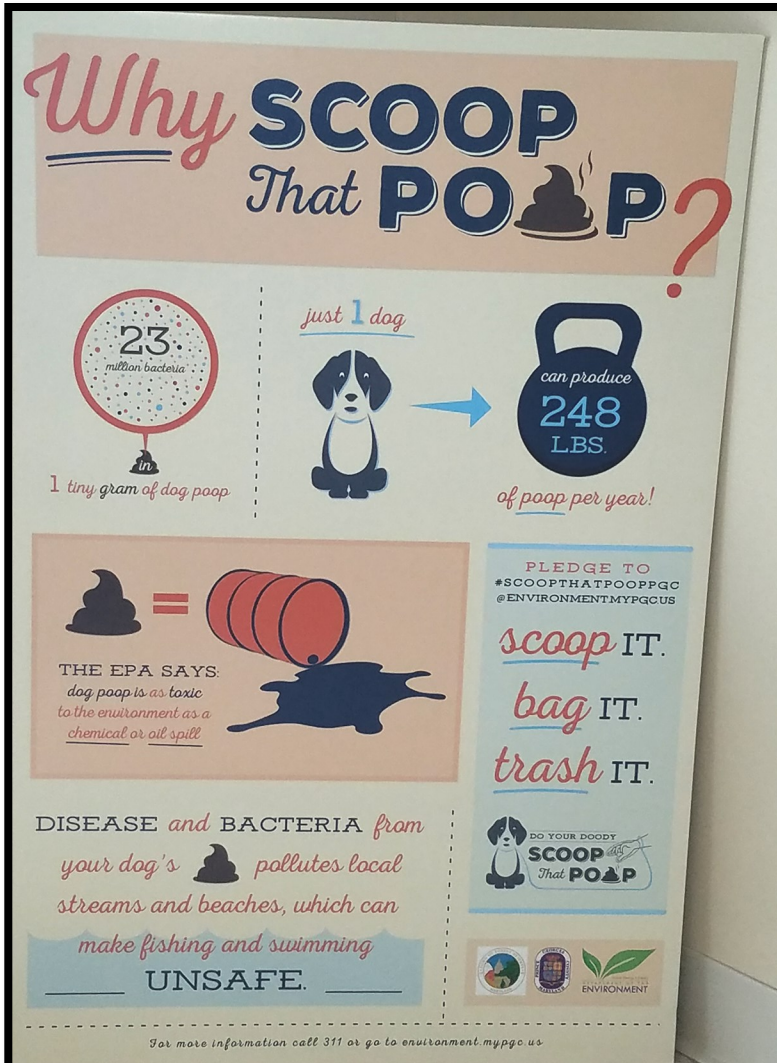
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Local Forest Heights
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Community News (continued)

Pet Waste Station Reminder



Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.



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

MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles
Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less) NO METAL

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223

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TOWN COUNCIL

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HEALTHY HEIGHTS COORDINATION

Marnisha Moore, Healthy Heights Coordinator

mmoore@forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236
8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m. Building closed until further notice.