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TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS ELECTION ISSUE

SPECIAL ISSUE

WE ARE HAVING AN ELECTION!

MARCH 9, 2022

POLL HOURS 11:00 AM—8:00 PM

PLEASE COME OUT AND CAST YOUR VOTE!

CANDIDATE FOR WARD I

TROY LILLY—INCUMBENT

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

THERESA BROWNSON—INCUMBENT

JONATHON KENNEDY II

CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

PAULA NOBLE—INCUMBENT

CANDIDATE BIOS ARE ENCLOSED

TOWN ELECTION

WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL

**5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE,
FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745**



CANDIDATE FOR WARD I

VOTE

TROY LILLY FOR WARD I COUNCILMAN



Fellow Ward I Neighbors,

I have been a proud resident of Forest Heights since 2017. During this time, I have engaged with residents and town officials to understand the needs of our community. In October 2021, I was appointed to the Town Council, and I am presently the Chair of the Finance Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the Council, I spent 13 years working as a photographer and defense intelligence professional on the staff of high-ranking military officials. I have also supported nonprofit groups such as the NAACP's ACT-SO youth division and the National Association of Black Journalists as a photographer and committee member. These experiences have given me a sense of dedication that I bring to each challenge I face.

Our town is vibrant, and we have a unique opportunity as residents to shape our daily lives with sound leadership. As your elected Councilman, you can expect to see me push for these initiatives:

- Upgraded roadways, pedestrian infrastructure, and traffic calming measures
- Improved storm water management and litter/debris collection on our borders
- Expanded health and wellness opportunities for residents (including programs for youth)
- Voicing resident input related to the National View development project
- Inclusive policies that engage and welcome all people of Forest Heights, regardless of background or income

In order to work toward these goals and represent you interests, I ask you to vote for Troy Lilly for Ward I Councilman on Tuesday, March 9th. Let us make Forest Heights greater – together.

VOTAR

TROY LILLY PARA CONCEJAL DEL DISTRITO 1

Compañeros vecinos del Distrito I,

He sido un orgulloso residente de Forest Heights desde 2017. Durante este tiempo, me he comprometido con los residentes y funcionarios de la ciudad para comprender las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. En octubre de 2021, fui designado miembro del Concejo Municipal y actualmente soy el Presidente del Comité Asesor de Finanzas.

Antes de unirme al Consejo, pasé 13 años trabajando como fotógrafo y profesional de inteligencia de defensa en el personal de oficiales militares de alto rango. También he apoyado a grupos sin fines de lucro como la división juvenil ACT-SO de NAACP y la Asociación Nacional de Periodistas Negros como fotógrafo y miembro del comité. Estas experiencias me han dado un sentido de dedicación que apporto a cada desafío que enfrento.

Nuestra ciudad es vibrante y tenemos una oportunidad única como residentes de dar forma a nuestra vida diaria con un liderazgo sólido. Como su concejal electo, puede esperar verme impulsar estas iniciativas:

- Carreteras mejoradas, infraestructura para peatones y medidas para calmar el tráfico
- Mejor manejo de aguas pluviales y recolección de basura/escombros en nuestras fronteras
- Mayores oportunidades de salud y bienestar para los residentes (incluidos programas para jóvenes)
- Expresar la opinión de los residentes relacionada con el proyecto de desarrollo de National View
- Políticas inclusivas que involucran y dan la bienvenida a todas las personas de Forest Heights, independientemente de sus antecedentes o ingresos

Para trabajar hacia estos objetivos y representar sus intereses, le pido que vote por Troy Lilly para Concejal del Distrito I el martes 9 de marzo. Hagamos que Forest Heights sea mejor, juntos.

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

Vote: Theresa Brownson



I have been a taxpaying resident of Forest Heights for over 25 years. I hold a B.S. from Georgetown University, a M.Ed. from Trinity University in Washington, DC, also an Adult Education Certification from the University of the District of Columbia. I have taught high school and I have worked with senior citizens. I have demonstrated my abilities to work with citizens all ages.

I completed the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance through the University of Maryland, School of Public Policy in 2019.

I am currently representing Ward II (from 6/2021 – present). In this period, I help negotiate the effort to get a manager for the America Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund that the Town received. I was your Ward II Councilwoman from March 2017 – 2019. During that time, I demonstrated my ability to interpret legislations and debate the pros and cons of issues.

I believe I have demonstrated my knowledge, skills, and experiences to the Council of Forest Heights. Forest Heights is in the midst of great opportunities for growth and increase popularity.

- I will work to institute programs that are inter-generational and age friendly.
- I will vote for infrastructure improvements to our streets and add sidewalks in the town.

Vote for Theresa BROWNSON, WARD II COUNCIL so that there will be a voice on the Council to represent the needs of the residents, to ask questions, and to seek answers.

Vote - Theresa Brownson, Ward II Council

He sido residente contribuyente de Forest Heights durante más de 25 años. Tengo un B.S. de la Universidad de Georgetown, un M.Ed. de Trinity University en Washington, DC, también una Certificación de Educación para Adultos de la Universidad del Distrito de Columbia. He enseñado en la escuela secundaria y he trabajado con personas mayores. He demostrado mis habilidades para trabajar con ciudadanos de todas las edades.

Completé la Academia para la Excelencia en Gobernanza Local a través de la Escuela de Políticas Públicas de la Universidad de Maryland en 2019.

Actualmente represento al Ward II (desde el 6/2021 hasta el presente). En este período, ayudo a negociar el esfuerzo de conseguir un administrador para el Fondo del Plan de Rescate de América (ARP) que recibió el Pueblo. Fui su Concejal del Distrito II de marzo de 2017 a 2019. Durante ese tiempo, demostré mi capacidad para interpretar legislaciones y debatir los pros y los contras de los problemas.

Creo que he demostrado mis conocimientos, habilidades y experiencias al Consejo de Forest Heights. Forest Heights se encuentra en medio de grandes oportunidades de crecimiento y aumento de popularidad.

- Trabajaré para instituir programas que sean intergeneracionales y amigables con la edad.
- Votaré por mejoras de infraestructura en nuestras calles y agregaré aceras en la ciudad.

Vote por Theresa BROWNSON, CONCEJO DEL DISTRITO II para que haya una voz en el Concejo que represente las necesidades de los residentes, haga preguntas y busque respuestas.

Votar - Theresa Brownson, Consejo del Distrito II

March 9, 2022: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

Hello neighbors, friends and family. My name is **Jonathon Kennedy II** and I have been a resident of Forest Heights for over 40 years. I have had the privilege and honor of serving as a civil servant and Ward II Councilman for the Town of Forest Heights for the past 12 years. Let's work together to continue moving the Town forward. Let us continue to find ways to fix our infrastructure without putting the burden on the residents thru taxes, revisit and revamp the senior and youth programs as needed, continue to keep the Town safe and strengthen the Town's relationships with our neighbors and our County, State and Federal Officials and partners. I understand and value the importance of teamwork and believe that we should not talk about or promise things without follow thru. I have served as liaison for the police and public works departments, Council President and as acting Mayor. I know when to work behind the scenes and when to work with/as a team for the greater good of the entire Town. I have seen a lot of things change during my tenure as a resident and as an elected official. No one should make decisions that benefits themselves or for the good of just the elected body. I keep the best interest of the Town and its residents in mind with every decision that I make and not just for Ward II.



Some people may remember me as the person they see at most of the Town's events handing them a snow cone or a bag of popcorn. There has not been a job too small or big that I have not personally "rolled up my sleeves" and volunteered to help with. From changing a wall switch, replacing a toilet, driving the Town's truck and helping to clear the streets during a snowfall, to helping to sort candy, toys and school supplies for various giveaways and events the Town has been able to hold for its residents. I can be seen working and helping with Forest Heights Day, the Harvest Festival, the Haunted House, Holiday functions and giveaways, and most events that the Town has hosted.

WE THE RESIDENTS, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS COLLECTIVELY MAKE FOREST HEIGHTS. We have STRENGTH IN OUR DIVERSITY. We are ONE TOWN WITH MANY CULTURES.

NEVER let anyone make you feel that you are not important or that your opinion or vote does not count.

Every vote counts!!! Come out and cast your vote on **Wednesday March 9, 2022. 11AM -8PM**

Hola vecinos, amigos y familiares. Mi nombre es **Jonathon Kennedy II** y he sido residente de Forest Heights por más de 40 años. He tenido el privilegio y el honor de servir como funcionario público y concejal del Distrito II para la Ciudad de Forest Heights durante los últimos 12 años. Let's trabajen juntos para continuar haciendo avanzar a la ciudad. Continuemos encontrando formas de arreglar nuestra infraestructura sin poner la carga sobre los residentes a través de impuestos, revisemos y renombramos los programas para personas mayores y jóvenes según sea necesario, continuemos manteniendo la Ciudad segura y fortalezcamos las relaciones de la Ciudad con nuestros vecinos y nuestros Oficiales y socios del Condado, Estatales y Federales. Entiendo y valoro la importancia del trabajo en equipo y creo que no debemos hablar ni prometer cosas sin seguir. He servido como enlace para los departamentos de policía y obras públicas, Presidente del Concejo y como Alcalde en funciones. Sé cuándo trabajar detrás de escena y cuándo trabajar con / como equipo por el bien de toda la ciudad. He visto muchas cosas cambiar durante mi mandato como residente y como funcionario electo. Nadie debe tomar decisiones que se benefician a sí mismos o por el bien del cuerpo electo. Mantengo el mejor interés de la Ciudad y sus residentes en mente con cada decisión que toco y no solo para el Distrito II.



Algunas personas pueden recordarme como la persona que ven en la mayoría de los eventos de la ciudad entregándoles un cono de nieve o una bolsa de palomitas de maíz. No ha habido un trabajo demasiado pequeño o grande con el que personalmente no me haya "arremangado" y me haya ofrecido como voluntario para ayudar. Desde cambiar un interruptor de pared, reemplazar un inodoro, conducir el camión de la ciudad y ayudar a despejar las calles durante una nevada, hasta ayudar a clasificar dulces, juguetes y útiles escolares para varios obsequios y eventos que la ciudad ha podido celebrar para sus residentes. Se me puede ver trabajando y ayudando con el Día de Forest Heights, el Festival de la Cosecha, el Haunted House, las funciones navideñas y sorteos, y la mayoría de los eventos que la ciudad ha organizado.

NOSOTROS, LOS RESIDENTES Y LOS FUNCIONARIOS ELECTOS, COLECTIVAMENTE HACEMOS ALTURAS DE BOSQUE. Tenemos FUERZA EN NUESTRA DIVERSIDAD. Somos UNA CIUDAD CON MUCHAS CULTURAS.

NUNCA dejes que nadie te haga sentir que no eres importante o que tu opinión o voto no cuenta.

Cada voto cuenta!!! Sal y vota el **miércoles 9 de marzo de 2022. 11AM -8PM**

**VOTE JONATHON KENNEDY II FOR
WARD II COUNCILMAN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

VOTE

Paula Noble

Ward III

Councilmember

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

I am asking for your vote to represent the residents of Ward III in the Town of Forest Heights. It has been my duty and responsibility to listen and voice your concerns and issues to improve not only Ward III but the Town. We continue to legislate matters for the future of the Town and its financial stability as well as improved infrastructure. There is yet more that needs to be done.

I have continued to represent the residents of Ward III as the Councilmember. I have currently been appointed and serve on the Public Works committee and serve as the liaison for the Police Department. I am the co-lead for the Dementia Friendly America Prince George's South County. I have served as the Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights. I was appointed by the Maryland Governor Ehrlich to serve on the Commission on Quality Education. I have served as the President of the Prince George's Elected Women organization.

I have earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Master of Science in Administration degree in Corporate and Community Affairs/Human Resources from Trinity College, Washington DC. I am a graduate of the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service (Academy for Excellence in Local Governance). I have almost 4 decades of experience in the financial sector including retail and commercial banking and real estate.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve and your continued support and confidence in me to represent Ward III. I urge you to VOTE for me on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022** at the Municipal Building (5508 Arapahoe Drive). You may vote beginning **11:00 am until 8:00 pm**. Your vote matters. Absentee ballots are available. Contact the Clerk's office at 301.839.1030.

VOTE

Paula Noble, Ward III, Councilmember

Absentee Ballot Application

If you would like to request an absentee ballot, contact the town clerk's office by email at shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov or by phoning the town office at 301-839-1030. Please be certain to indicate the mailing address for the applications. On or before March 2, 2022, all absentee ballots must be received by the town clerk's office.



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Election will be for
**Town Councilpersons in
Ward I, II & III**

To be Held

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

11:00 AM-8:00 PM

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

POLLING PLACE

FOREST HEIGHTS

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745



The Town Hall Ballot Drop Box will be available commencing Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The Ballot Drop Box hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. On election day, March 9, 2022, the Ballot Drop Box will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



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Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County
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Expungement Fair

(*No registration required)

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**Review and completion of petitions is limited only to criminal offenses eligible for expungement. All petitions for expungement are subject to approval by the court. (*DUI offenses are not expungeable)

Saturday, February 26, 2022

10 AM - 2 PM

Town of Forest Heights Community Center

5508 Arapahoe Drive

Forest Heights, MD 20745

- Early Arrival is Recommended
- Social Distancing will be Maintained
- Masks are Mandatory
- Employment Services
- Additional Resources On-site

To register: <https://expungeforestheights.eventbrite.com>

For more information: Sean Wilson, Municipal Liaison, SMWilson2@co.pg.md.us



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