



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

- Calvin Washington – Mayor
- Robert Barnes – Ward I
- Troy Lilly – Ward I
- Clinton Atkinson – Ward II
- Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II
- Taunya Hines – Ward III
- Paula Noble. – Ward III

Town Meetings
Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting
1st Monday
 of each Month at 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting
3rd Wednesday
 of each Month at 8:00 p.m.

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact the Town of Forest Heights at 301-839-1030. Proceedings are broadcasted live and/or recorded for later broadcast. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act. Photographic and electronic audio and visual broadcasting and recording devices are used during the Towns' meetings. These are public meetings and attendance at these meetings automatically grants the Town of Forest Heights permission to broadcast your audio and visual image.



Town of Forest Heights
 5508 Arapahoe Drive,
 Forest Heights, MD 20745
 Open: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
 Office: 301-839-1030 Fax: 301-839-9236
 Information Line: (240) 493-6998
 Community Police: 301-839-4040

SPECIAL EDITION ELECTION

Candidates for March 8th, 2023

MAYOR

Calvin Washington (Incumbent)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

WARD I

Jamilah C. McDonald

WARD II

Theresa Brownson

WARD III

Taunya Hines (Incumbent)

Please see Candidates Statements Enclosed

TOWN MEETING
 MAYORAL/COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTION
 MARCH 8TH, 2023
 POLL OPEN 11:00AM-8:00PM
 SWEAR-IN CEREMONY FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
 MARCH 15, 2023 @ 8:00 P.M.
 TOWN HALL @ MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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CALVIN WASHINGTON FOR MAYOR

2023 MAYORAL ELECTION



Re-Elect for Mayor

CALVIN WASHINGTON



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 10th Annexation Completed.
- ARPA Funds were used for food distribution programs and to support Nonprofit Organizations.
- Ensured that The Town of Forest Heights Police Department was able to effectively operate ensuring the safety of the Town of Forest Heights.
- Reorganized the Department of Public Works to save taxpayer funding providing more effective service to the residents of Forest Heights. Successfully completed several infrastructure projects which have been pushed off for over 10 years to include but not limited to Sidewalk Repair and Replacement, Stormwater Management, Street Replacement.
- Management effective services for the Citizens of Forest Heights through a worldwide pandemic ensuring that the safety of citizens came first.
- Ushered in Economic Development to the Town which allowed services to expand and serve the needs of the citizens.
- Showcasing that Forest Heights is one of the safest municipal area to live work and play.
- Managed a multimillion-dollar budget providing essential services ensuring that for the first time in many years annual audits are completed on time and appropriately.
- Passed Parking Ordinance to provide the citizens with adequate parking safeguarding our streets from those who attempted to use residential streets as commuter parking.
- Extended Partnerships with Prince George's County government leading to millions of dollars of funding from various sources to advance the Town of Forest Heights.
- Lead the effort on annexation of National View which will increase the revenue for the Town without having to raise taxes.
- Filled key roles and positions within town government which have been vacant for months and in some cases over several years.
- Supported applications to the Department of Justice which resulted in over \$800,000 in grant funding for public safety.
- Ushered in an era of growth for the Town that has moved in a positive direction which allows for the long term planning of the Town.

VISION

- Economic Development
- Sustainability
- Growth

CONTINUED FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE

CALVIN WASHINGTON
RE-ELECT MAYOR

KEEP FOREST HEIGHTS
MOVING FORWARD

WEDNESDAY/2023
MARCH 08



Jamilah C. McDonald

Candidate: Ward I

Town of Forest Heights

5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

I, Jamilah C. McDonald I'm a neighbor and friend of my community. I have lived in the Town of Forest Heights for many years. I engage with and talk to the residents on Choctaw Drive for which I live, and residents of neighboring streets and they can attest to my civility and character as a person.

I acquired my undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland and graduate degree at Bowie State University. Over the last 30 years, I have worked to support the needs of people throughout my work life and career in the field of human resources and that includes supporting the health and wellbeing of youths and seniors. It is with dedication and desire to move the people and the Town of Forest Heights forward. I seek your support to help me do the following:

Be a visionary and leave the Town better than I inherited

For our children and for future residents.

Focus on making a difference.

Support causes for a sustainable Forest Heights.

Educate Ward I residents on Town Issues.

Advocate for Ward I residents.

Respond to and address resident concerns.

Thank you

TERESA BROWNSON FOR COUNCIL MEMBER 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 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 increased popularity. I will ensure that the residents of Wards I, II, and III voices are represented in decision making.

- 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

TAUNYA HINES FOR COUNCIL MEMBER WARD III

Taunya Hines

Ward III



Greetings Town of Forest Heights Residents! My name is Taunya Hines and I'm asking for YOUR vote for reelection. It has been my absolute pleasure being your Ward 3 councilwoman, and we have accomplished so much as a community. However, our work is not finished. If reelected I can continue to serve and uplift our town and all its residents.

Facts at a Glance

- Maryland Municipal League Graduate
- School Liaison
- Member of Town Ethics committee
- Forest Heights Resident for over 30 years
- Youth Community Events planner

One vote does make a difference. Make yours count!



March 8th, 2023

Reelect Taunya Hines

Ward III



Dated: 1/17/2023

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
2023 INSTRUCTIONS --
FROM THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

On Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Forest Heights residents will have the opportunity to vote for the office of Mayor as well as one members of the Council from each Ward. Below are some key instructions to keep in mind:

Vote by Mail

To vote by mail you must first fill out and return a Vote by Mail Ballot Application. You can request by phone/mail/email or pick one up from the Clerk's office in the Town Hall. (Any registered Forest Heights voter may apply for an absentee ballot application and vote by mail or use the election drop box).

How to Vote by Mail

After you receive your ballot, carefully read and follow the instructions.

Mail your voted ballot back to the address indicated on the return envelope or place in drop box that's marked Ballot Box. Sign and Print your name on the back where indicated.

Returned to the Town local board by NO later than 8 pm on Election Day.

All mail from a location within the United States/or outside from the Postal Service must be received the Town Election Board by 8 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (Election Day).

Double-check the deadlines and be sure to cast your voted ballot on time to be sure it is counted.

Late Application for A Vote by Mail Ballot

Beginning on the Wednesday preceding the election, through the closing of the polls on Election Day, a registered voter or the voter's duly authorized agent may apply in person for a Vote by Mail ballot at the office of the Town Clerk: **Use of An Agent**

A qualified applicant may designate an agent to pick up and deliver the Vote by Mail ballot. The agent:

Must be at least 18 years old.

May not be a candidate on the ballot.

Must be designated in writing by the voter, under penalty of perjury.

Must sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was:

Delivered to the voter.

Marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allow, in the agent's presence; and

Returned to the Town local board by the agent (No later than 8 pm on March 8, 2023 Election Day).

Assistance

A voter who requires assistance in casting a Vote by Mail ballot by reason of disability, inability to write, or inability to read the ballot may be assisted by any individual with the exception of a candidate who is on the ballot.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

FOREST HEIGHTS ORDINANCES

Ordinance 05-22

An ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland amending article 14 (Town Public Ethics Ordinance) of the Town ordinance code, by amending subsection 14.4(e) (conflicts of interest) to require one full year before a former member of the town council may assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action; and amend subsection 14.4(g) (conflicts of interest) to provide examples of violations of the use of prestige of office; to amend subsection 14.4(h) (conflicts of interest) to provide relating to solicitation and acceptance of gifts that an official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official or employee knows or has the reason to know is an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations; to amend subsection 14.4(i) (conflicts of interest) to include a prohibition regarding disclosure of confidential information to include former officials and employees; to amend subsection 14.4(k) (conflicts of interest) to include prohibiting retaliation against an official or employee for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance; to amend subsection 14.5(c) (financial disclosure by elected officials and candidates) to include the commission or the office designated by the commission may not provide public access to an individual's home address that the individual has designated as the individual's home address, and that the commission or office designated by the commission shall not provide public access to information related to consideration received from: (i) the university of Maryland medical system; (ii) a governmental entity of the state or a local government in the state; or (iii) a quasi-governmental entity of the state or local government in the state; and to amend subsection 14.5(e) (financial disclosure by elected officials and candidates) to require an individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section to disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as; to amend subsection 14.5(e) (financial disclosure by elected officials and candidates) relating to the contents of financial disclosure statements to include reporting gifts from an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association, that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations and disclose certain relationships with the University of Maryland Medical System, a state or local government, or a quasi-governmental entity; and to amend subsection 14.5(g) (financial disclosure by elected officials and candidates) relating to the interests of the individual making the statement such that certain interests in business entities are to be included in the disclosure forms; and generally relating to the town's public ethics law.

Introduction by Mayor Calvin Washington

Motion passed Vote 6 Yes 0 No

Ordinance 06-22

An ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights granting a renewal of the cable franchise to Comcast of Maryland, LLC and authorizing a franchise agreement.

Introduction by Mayor Calvin Washington

Motion passed Vote 6 Yes 0 No

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 02 - 22

A charter amendment resolution of the mayor and council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, amending Section 33-1 (Incorporated; General Powers) of the charter of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, to change the name of the Town to the City of Forest Heights, and generally relating to the corporate name of the municipality.

Introduced By: Mayor Calvin Washington and Paula Noble

Motion Failed Vote 3 Yes 3 No

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 03 - 22

A charter amendment resolution of the mayor and council of the town of Forest Heights, Maryland, amending Section 33-6 (Meetings) of the charter of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, to allow the town council to recess in the month of August each year, and generally relating to Town meetings of the governing body.

Introduced By: Mayor Calvin Washington

Motion Passed Vote 6 Yes 0 No



PRESIDENT'S DAY

We will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDER

TO RESIDENTS

TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

REGULAR SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

TOWN PICKUP ON RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

EAST SIDE PICKUP ON TRASH AND BULK (three items or less)

NO METAL




Town of Forest Heights

PRESENTS

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT Series

BUILDING WEALTH & LEGACY

HOSTED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT **TROY BARRINGTON LILLY**

 INDUSTRIAL BANK Saving, Budgeting & Credit Scores FRIDAY MARCH 4TH 10AM-12PM Jacqueline Bales, Industrial Bank	 NEW YORK LIFE Investing, Insuring Life & Long Term Care SATURDAY MARCH 11TH 10AM-12PM Joseph Joyner and Tamara Hawkins, New York Life	 Centric Planning, Starting & Exiting a Business SATURDAY MARCH 18TH 10AM-12PM Geena Young, Centric Business Solutions	 HomeFree USA Planning for and Protecting Home Ownership SATURDAY MARCH 25TH 10AM-12PM Simone Griffin, HomeFree USA	 LIFE & LEGACY COUNSELLORS Generational Asset Protection and Transfer SATURDAY APRIL 1ST 10AM-12PM Aimee Griffin, Life & Legacy Counselor
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FOREST HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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REFRESHMENTS & DOOR PRIZES!

CALVIN WASHINGTON, MAYOR
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REGISTER FOR FREE:
bit.ly/3WPOWYx





February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1			2 Ground Hog Day Time to Talk Day	3 NSPCC Number Day	LGBT MONTH 4 World Cancer Day
5 World Nutella Day	6 MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm Trash, Bulk Trash EAST SIDE TOWN Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	7 Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00 PM	8	9 Trash, Bulk Trash WEST SIDE Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00PM	10	11
12	13 Trash, Bulk Trash EAST SIDE TOWN Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	14 Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00 PM	15 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm	16 Trash, Bulk Trash WEST SIDE Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00 PM	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENTS DAY TOWN HALL CLOSED WILL REOPEN TUESDAY Trash, Bulk Trash EAST SIDE TOWN Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	21 Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00 PM	22	23 Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00 PM	24	25 Black History Month Parade + Block Party
26	27 Trash, Bulk Trash EAST SIDE TOWN Yard Waste & Recycling Pickup	28 Senior Exercise 12:00-1:00 PM	 <p>The newsletter will be digital unless you provide your address to the town to receive a printed copy. Email/call AGunn@forestheightsmd.gov to be added to the list for digital or printed copies.</p>			

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Local Community
Post Customer



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