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Forest Heights News

A Publication of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

To the Residents of Forest Heights:

Thank you for electing me the 15th mayor of our great town. I sincerely appreciate each of you for trusting me to lead us forward. I am humbled and excited about the opportunity to continue the great work underway here in Forest Heights.

As the Ward 1 Council person and Council President, I talked with many of you about your concerns and aspirations for our community. Those conversations and your ongoing engagement will continue to play a key role in the town's success and helping us move Forest Heights forward. My colleagues on the Council and I stand ready to support you and your family any way we can.

As your Mayor, here are my top five-point priorities:

- **Upgraded Infrastructure:** Repair streets and sidewalks, address stormwater issues and develop a capital improvement plan
- **Digital Transformation:** Use software to manage requests and town services, and bring legal and financial reporting up to date
- **Community & Youth Engagement:** Provide educational, wellness and leadership opportunities for youth. Connect neighbors at cultural, faith-based, artistic, and recreational events
- **Beautification and Economic Development:** Expand landscaping, public art and litter removal to enhance the beauty of our town and incentivize economic growth
- **Planning for the Future:** Develop a strategic plan with community input

With your help, we will continue to shine as a jewel on the Potomac; the first and last stop in our state and county; the gateway to the Nation's capital. Indeed, what we prepare for today, we will experience tomorrow.

On June 20th, you gave me a mandate: move swiftly and in unity. I am ready to work!

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to lead our town as your mayor, and I will wake every day to the mission of moving Forest Heights Forward!

With Gratitude,

Troy Barrington Lilly
15th Mayor of Forest Heights



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TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS WARD I

Councilmember
Jamilah McDonald
will host a

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT BIKE RIDE

FOR AGES 10 TO 18



The first 30 participants
will receive complimentary
bicycles and helmets, which
they must use on the bike trail.

Meet at the Forest Heights Gathering Space
to ride bikes along the Oxon Hill Farms trail on

Sunday, July 16, 2023 | 12:00PM-2:00PM
RSVP TODAY (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE)
☎ 301-839-1030

CM McDonald
OF FOREST HEIGHTS WARD I
will host an

ADULT ONLY BIKE RIDE



Meet at the
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Space to ride bikes along
the Oxon Hill Farms trail on

Sunday, July 30, 2023
12:00PM-2:00PM

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BOOKSTORE Happy Hour

COME GET A FREE BOOK WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Mahogany Bookstore | 121 American Way | Oxon Hill, MD

SAT. JULY 30, 2023 | 3-5PM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT

This event is made possible in partnership with the Office of
Prince George's County District 8 Councilman Edward Burroughs.



FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday (July- October)

11am-4pm

St. Mark's AME Church
5427 Indian Head Hwy
Forest Heights, MD 20745

Family and Friends Day

COME OUT AND ENJOY

- MOONBOUNCE
- GAMES/ACTIVITIES
- ICE CREAM TRUCK
- KF CLOSET + PRAYER TENT
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES, UNIFORMS, AND TOILETRIES GIVEAWAYS + MORE!

JULY 23 REGISTER Today!

Immediately following our 10am Worship Service

800 COMANCHE DR. OXON HILL, MD 20745
DR. SHAKINA D. RAWLINGS, SR. PASTOR

Register at bit.ly/kffriendsandfamilyday

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

HELD AT TFH MUNICIPAL CENTER
5508 ARAPAHOE DR.
TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 12-1PM
ALL ARE WELCOME



The Town of Forest Heights POLICE DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Forest Heights Police K9 Line of Duty Death Memorial Services Announced

FOREST HEIGHTS, MD – It is with great sadness that the Forest Heights Police Department in Forest Heights, Maryland, announces the tragic passing of K9 Kuno on July 2, 2023. K9 Kuno succumbed to a medical emergency while assisting one of our partner agencies, the Prince George’s County Police Department, with a burglary call for service.

K9 Kuno is the original, longest-standing K9 with the Forest Heights Police Department, who worked alongside his handler A/Sergeant Grooms, and we thank him for his loyalty and service. K9 Kuno was five years old with 4 years of service at his death.

This incident is being handled as a “Line of Duty Death.” The memorial service information is as follows:

K9 Memorial Service Thursday, July 13, 2023 1100 hours Forest Heights Neighborhood Park 5800 Terrell Avenue, Forest Heights, MD 20745	K9 Line-up/Processional Thursday, July 13, 2023 1215 Hours Maryland 210 – Indian Head Highway Between Livingston Road & Bald Eagle Dr
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For honor guards, motor units, and K9 Units wishing to participate, please get in touch with the memorial incident management team at K9Kuno@ForestHeightsMD.gov no later than Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 1100 hours.

Assistance is being requested from allied agencies for traffic post assignments. Please contact us if you can assist via email at K9Kuno@ForestHeightsMD.gov or call Marcus Jones at (240) 350-8877.

For those wishing to attend the services, please check our website for updated information, parking details, and more at www.ForestHeightsMD.gov/1017/K9-Kuno-Memorial or email K9Kuno@ForestHeightsMD.gov.

Services will be live streamed on the Town of Forest Heights YouTube Page and the Kendal Wade Funeral Home website.

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Administrative Office: 301-839-4040 | Non-Emergency: (301) 352-1200 | Emergency Dial: 911
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NOTICE OF WARD 1 COUNCILMEMBER VACANCY

The Town Council of Forest Heights is seeking interested residents to fill the Ward I Councilmember vacancy. The candidate appointed to fill the vacancy will serve as Councilmember until the next general municipal election on March 13, 2024.

The Council welcomes residents interested in public service to submit a letter outlining their interest and qualifications to serve in this role. The letter of interest should also include a copy of a valid government issued photo identification card and voter registration card. **Please submit letters to the Town Clerk in person or via email no later than July 28, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.**

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have resided within the Town of Forest Heights for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the appointment.
- Be registered to vote in Forest Heights
- Reside in Ward I.

The Council intends to consider a resolution to appoint a qualified nominee to fill the vacancy at its regular meeting on August 7, 2023.

For further information, please contact the Town Clerk, Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins at (301) 839-1030 shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov.

**MONDAY TRASH &
BULK PICKUP
EASTSIDE
(MCDONALD'S SIDE OF 210)**

**TOWN-WIDE RECYCLING &
YARD WASTE PICKUP
MONDAY**

**THURSDAY TRASH &
BULK PICKUP
WESTSIDE
(HENRY'S SOULFOOD
SIDE OF 210)**

**Cast Your Vote
For Our
New
Town
Slogan.**



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Department text alerts

Upcoming Town Meetings & Work Sessions

TOWN MEETING- JULY 19 | 8PM
WORK SESSION-AUGUST 7 | 7:30PM



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TO WATCH LIVE**



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

FOREST HEIGHTS Day

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, **SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

PARADE 11:00 AM | FESTIVAL 12:00 PM

📍 5410 Indian Head Highway, Forest Heights, MD 20745

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