

# FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

AUGUST 11, 2023

## RECAP

### OUR VALUES

Mayor Troy Lilly has adopted the following core values for the Town of Forest Heights:

**COMMUNITY:** We build strong connections with care.

**INNOVATION:** We set the standard for progress in the DMV.

**DIVERSITY:** We are different by design.

**EXCELLENCE:** We always bring our best.

### MAYOR'S WARD 1 BUS MOTORCADE



# JULY LEGISLATIVE SNAPSHOT

Prepared by Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

## RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

Resolution 58-23: A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, to approve the employment and appointment of Irma Zapien as an Administrative Assistant to serve within the Department of Administration.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 65-23: A Resolution to approve a proposal and contract with TruSeal Companies LLC (T/A TruSeal Asphalt Maintenance) ("TruSeal") for the proposed Modoc Lane "Cope Field" Pathway, stairs and Landscape.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	NAY
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 59-23 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, to approve the employment and appointment of Napoleon Epps, Jr. as a Crewman to serve in the Department of Public Works.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 66-23: A Resolution to retain the services of appoint an accounting firm and name a member and certified public accountant of such firm as the Town Treasurer.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 60-23: A Resolution to approve an addendum to the Fugitive Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) and the Town for its Police department regarding body-worn Camera use by Task Force Officers (TFOs).

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 67-23: A Resolution to appoint Marcus A. Jones as the permanent Town Administrator for the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

## RESOLUTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

Resolution 61-23: A Resolution to approve a proposal and contract with TruSeal companies LLC (T/A TruSeal Asphalt Maintenance) ("TruSeal") for the Arapahoe Drive Street Repair and Stormwater Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Annexation Resolution 03-2023: For the annexation of certain tax-exempt real property located generally east of the present corporate limits of the Town of Forest Heights extending along, abutting to, and including parkland near the intersection of Terrell Avenue and Ottawa Street commonly known as the Forest Heights Neighborhood Park located at and fronting upon 5800 5713 and unnumbered address of Terrell Avenue, Ottawa Street5 in Oxon Hill (Forest Heights), MD 20745 comprising (five) parcels 85498 total acres) owned by The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) as depicted on tax map 96, account no's 12-1287572, 12-128 & 352 (tax district & 12-1205178, & 12-1205186, 12-1236124, into the corporate territory of the Town of Forest Heights.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed for the Plan*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 62-23: A Resolution to accept local impact funding from Prince George's County and to adjust the sums and amounts for the fiscal year annual budget beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	YEA
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	YEA
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

Resolution 63-23: A Resolution to approve an estimate/ agreement with Calvert Contracting LLC for the emergency repair of a sinkhole located in front of the residence at 4 Seneca Dr., Forest Height, Maryland 20745.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	YEA
Council President Jamilah McDonald – Ward I	ABSTAIN
CM Theresa Brownson – Ward II	NAY
CM Jonathon Kennedy II – Ward II	YEA
CM Taunya Hines – Ward III	YEA
CM Paula Noble – Ward III	YEA

*Motion Passed*  
CP McDonald, CM Brownson, CM Kennedy, CM Hines, CM Noble, and Mayor Lilly present quorum established.

# UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Prepared by John O'Connor, TFH Project Manager | joconnor@forestheightsmd.gov

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT LOCATION	ANTICIPATED Start Date/End Date	ANTICIPATED IMPACT (streets closures, no parking etc)	PROJECT SYNOPSIS
Seneca Dr Sink Hole Project	Seneca Dr at Sachem Dr	Aug 14- Sept 4	Sachem & Seneca Closed Monday Aug 14- Sept 4. Follow Detour Signs	Road Repair, Stormwater Management Repair, Passive Use Park Installment, Sidewalk RetroFit
Seneca Dr Sink Hole Project	All of Arapahoe drive Starting after the entrance to Town Hall, Modoc Lane from Arapahoe Dr to Alden, Shawnee Dr. (From Livingston Rd to Modoc Ln), Alden way, 600 Block of Pitt Lane to Arapahoe Terrace, 5902 Arapahoe Terr to Dead End of Arapahoe Terr.	September 9th 2023 - Project may take up to six months to fully complete	Expect street closures and limited street parking at project locations. Signage and fliers will inform affected residents before closures and restrictions begin	Road Repair, Stormwater Management Repair, Passive Use Park Installment, Sidewalk RetroFit
Alden Way Storm Water Management, Revetment, and Asphalt Overlay	Alden Way at Modoc Ln	September 9th 2023 - Project may take up to six months to fully complete	Expect street closures and limited street parking at project locations. Signage and flyers will inform affected residents before closures and restrictions begin	Road Repair, Stormwater Management Repair, Passive Use Park Installment, Sidewalk RetroFit
Arapahoe Terr Stormwater Management, Sidewalk and Stair Retrofit Program, and Passive Use Space	Arapahoe Dr, Pitt Ln, Arapahoe Terrance	September 9th 2023 - Project may take up to six months to fully complete	Expect street closures and limited street parking at project locations. Signage and flyers will inform affected residents before closures and restrictions begin	Road Repair, Stormwater Management Repair, Passive Use Park Installment, Sidewalk RetroFit
MoDoc Ln "COPE Field" Restoration	606 Modoc Ln	September 9th 2023 - Project may take up to six months to fully complete	Expect street closures and limited street parking at project locations. Signage and flyers will inform affected residents before closures and restrictions begin	This project is beautifying the 606 Modoc Ln area turning it into a passive use area for residents which includes trees, sidewalks, benches, and a walkway to Town Hall from Modoc.

# MEET OUR NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MARCUS A. JONES



### Tell us a little about your background.

I have spent the past three years serving the residents of Forest Heights within the Forest Heights Police Department, most recently as the Deputy Chief of Police. Prior to coming to Forest Heights, I served the residents of the City of Seat Pleasant in Prince George's County. I left that municipal government after 8 years of consecutive combined service within the administration and police departments. I have been serving the residents of Prince George's County since I was 18 years old. Beginning as a volunteer firefighter/EMT with the Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company. I've also held careers as a police, fire, and EMS dispatcher in Arlington County, Virginia and Fairfax County, Virginia. I've run a few corporate entities and non-profits over the years as well, allowing me a glimpse into non-government organizations (NGOs) and corporate America.

### What in your life has most prepared you to step into this role?

My life's journey up until now has prepared me for this role in public service. I have dedicated my entire working career to selfless service to others, especially here in Prince George's County. My vast array of roles has shown me different avenues of local governance and serving different demographics of residents and local businesses.

### As the interim TA, you accomplished quite a bit in a small amount of time. Give us some insights to some of the things you'd like to see happen in the Forest Heights over the next year.

Over the next year, I'd like to see us invest more into our infrastructure with street repairs, sidewalk installation and repairs, and to move all our outdoor street lighting to LED fixtures as well as decorative fixtures. I would also like to see us refresh our green spaces and make them more open and community friendly while adding a touch of art to each of those spaces.

### Most leaders have a philosophy that guides their leadership style. What's yours?

I am a mix of a Strategic Leader and Transformation Leader. While I focus on high-level operations and team oversight, I am always looking for a way to be transformational focusing on evolving and establishing new benchmarks and goals. I believe in setting goals that create a pathway to success for the entire team.

### What's the one big thing you'd like to get done here in Forest Heights?

I would like to see the completion of the Public Safety Center on Livingston Road as well as rehabilitating Town Hall to make it more open and customer centric.

### Favorite food?

My favorite food is French fries.

### Favorite music artist?

It's Elevation Worship & Maverick City Music

### Favorite sports team?

Baltimore Ravens

### Favorite past time/hobby?

Deep Water Fishing

### Dream vacation?

I would love to spend a month in Dubai.

### Is there anyone you'd like to thank for helping you get to where you are today?

I would like to thank my mother and grandmother for raising me the right way and ensuring I had all the tools to be successful in life. Secondly, to former Mayor Calvin Washington for initially entrusting me to serve as Interim Town Administrator. And lastly, Mayor Lilly and the Town Council be entrusting me to continue to carry the torch and our Town forward.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## FARMERS MARKET

Every Wednesday (July- October)

11am-4pm

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

**THURSDAY NIGHTS IN FOREST HEIGHTS**  
**OPEN MIC EDITION**  
THURSDAY AUGUST 31 7PM

Bring A Song, Poem, Spoken Word, Musical Talent  
Share your Talent with the Forest Heights Community

Free ADMISSION | Food | Music | Dancing

RESERVE YOUR SEAT or Sign Up to Perform Here:

TUESDAY	AUG. 01	TFH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
MONDAY	AUG. 07	TOWN WORK SESSION
SUNDAY	AUG. 20	BACK TO SCHOOL BIKE RIDE
THURSDAY	AUG. 31 7P.M.	THURSDAY NIGHT IN FOREST HEIGHTS
MONDAY	SEPT. 04	LABOR DAY TFH BUILDINGS CLOSED. NO TRASH PICK UP. TRASH PICKUP: TUESDAY SEPT 5.
TUESDAY	SEPT. 05 7:30P.M.	TOWN WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY	SEPT. 07 (VIRTUAL) 7PM TFH YOUTUBE	COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Q&A
SATURDAY	SEPT. 16	FOREST HEIGHTS FEST

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

# FOREST HEIGHTS Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

PARADE 11:00 AM | FESTIVAL 12:00 PM-7:00 PM

"THE FIELDS" AT FOREST HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY 200 Talbert Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

FORESTHEIGHTSDAY.COMMUNITY

Troy Barrington Lilly, Mayor | @ForestHeightsMD | WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV

PGCPS IS NOT SPONSORING OR ENDORSING THIS EVENT IN ANYWAY.

**SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS**

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

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)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**KABOOM!**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023**

**HELP CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE PLAYSPACE!**

*A new playground is coming to Bell Acres Park and we need YOUR input.*

**BELL ACRES PARK**  
197 S HURON DR.  
OXON HILL | MD 20745

**KIDS' & ADULTS' FEEDBACK SESSION**  
3:00 - 6:30pm

Calling all play experts!  
Join us for a chance to give us your input for your dream playspace.

*\*Free ice cream will be provided to the first 50 participants!*

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

**WARD I**

Council President 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. THE ENDING LOCATION WILL BE AT BELL ACRES PARK.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023**

10:00AM-12:00PM

MUST RSVP BY AUGUST 11, 2023 (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE) ☎ 301-839-1030

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**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

**WARD I**

*Meet and Greet*

WITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT **JAMILAH MCDONALD** & COUNCILMEMBER **SHANEES LITTLE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 10 AM - 12 PM**

**MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

Troy Barrington Lilly, Mayor @ForestHeightsMD WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV

**RECAP**

**BOOKSTORE HAPPY HOUR**

COME GET A FREE BOOK WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!  
18+ Open to Residents 18+ Arapahoe Ave | Oxon Hill, MD

SUN. JULY 30, 2023 | 1-5PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

# RECAP

# K9 KUNO MEMORIAL

On July 2, K9 Kuno succumbed to a medical emergency while assisting the Prince George's County Police Department on a call for service. K9 Kuno is the longest-stand K9 with the Forest Heights Police Department who worked along side handler A/ Sgt. Grooms. A Memorial service commemorating K9 Kuno's life and service was held Thursday, July 13, 2023 in the Forest Heights Neighborhood Park.





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To report downed trees  
or public works concerns

CALL OUR FOREST  
HEIGHTS PUBLIC WORKS  
EMERGENCY HOTLINE  
**(301) 381-4960**  
or Text  
**41372**

forestheightsmd.gov

Call 911 for police, fire or EMS emergencies

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Heights text alerts



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Department text alerts



Text: **FHPDNews 74121**  
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