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UPCOMING EVENTS



TOWN CLEANUP WEEK

TOWN HALL  5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

Free Dumping

OCTOBER 16-21
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY! MUST
SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY!

Fall Cleanup Day

SAT. OCTOBER 21
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



The Denney House Inc.
DISCOVER | EQUIP | EMPOWER

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!
INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP?
CALL TOWN HALL 301-839-1030

Community Shredding

SAT. OCTOBER 21
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

SEPTEMBER LEGISLATIVE SNAPSHOT

Prepared by Sherletta Hawkins, CMC Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATE ADOPTED	YEA VOTES	NAY VOTES	PASS/FAIL	LILLY	McDONALD	LITTLE	BROWNSON	HINES	KENNEDY	NOBLE
Resolution 71-23	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 72-23	A resolution amending previously approved resolution 15-23 for the proposal and contracts regarding the Town of Forest Heights youth bus funded through MNCPPC grant proceeds.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 74-23	A resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Forest Heights, Maryland, to authorize the invoice for Jiffy John, Inc. related to Forest Heights Day for porta-johns and hand washing stations.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 75-73	A resolution to amend the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights appointing Council Committees and Chairs.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 76-23	Annexation Plan. For the Annexation of certain tax exempt real property located generally West of the present Corporate limits of the Town of Forest Heights extending along, including and abutting the Capital Beltway (I-95/I-495) and including park land near and including the intersection of the Anacostia Freeway (I-295) and a segment thereof, and the capital beltway extending to the District of Columbia line and near the Fastland of the State of Virginia, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge area, Rosilie Island (Peninsula), and the submerged lands of the Potomac River within the State of Maryland comprising approximately six (6) parcels (parcels 1, 2, 11, 29, 30, & 31), and certain rights-of-way, waterways and submerged lands, containing 493.31 acres of land total, owned respectively by the United States of America, the State of Maryland, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) as depicted on tax map 95, grid d4, as parcels 29, 30, & 31 (Tax District & Account No.s 12-1362607, 12-1362631, & 12-1362797,) and on tax map 104, grid d2, as parcels 1, 2 & 11 (Tax District & Account No.s 12-1331552, 12-1313790, & 12-3652682) into the corporate territory of the Town Of Forest Heights.		6	1	PASS	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 77-23	A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland accepting the resignation of Mr. Marcus Jones from The Office of Town Administrator.		6	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	ABSTAIN	Y
Resolution 78-23	A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, to approve the employment and appointment of Anthony Jackson as a Crewman to serve in the Department of Public Work.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 80-23	A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland approved an MML Paid Family Leave Alternative Plan.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 81-23	A Resolution to amend Resolution 66-23 retaining the services of, appointing an accounting firm and naming a member and certified public accountant of such firm as the Town Treasurer and to update or modify the time and services to be rendered under the contract.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emergency Ordinance 04-23	: An emergency ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, authorizing and approving the lease of real property located at 5515 Livingston Road (tax account no. 1320126) as office spaces for the Police Department near the Town of Forest Heights; and generally relating to the Leasehold acquisition of Real Property for a Public Purpose.		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Annexation Resolution 03-2023	: A Resolution regarding the Annexation of the Forest Heights Neighborhood Park located near 5800 Terrell Ave., Forest Heights, MD 20745 (Parcels A, 1, 3, 128 & 35208.498 total Acres) into the Corporate Territory of the Town of Forest Heights (the Twelfth Extension).		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emergency Ordinance 05-23	"An Emergency Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland amending section 20.4 of the Town Code regarding Credit Card Procedures. First Reading"		7	0	PASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

5410 INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY, SUITE 100
FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND 20745 | (301)477-8715

TOP NEWS

PROPERTY CHECK LIST

IS YOUR YARD CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED?

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

IS YOUR YARD CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED?

- ▶ Grass and weeds must be cut and maintained at a height of (8) eight inches or less.
- ▶ Yards must be properly graded for drainage and prevent accumulation of stagnant water.
- ▶ Address numbers must be visible from the street.
- ▶ No unregistered, inoperable or under-registered vehicles are to be stored on the property.
- ▶ Wood stored on property must be at least (12) Inches off of ground.
- ▶ All tools, equipment and/or materials must be neatly and properly stored or secured in garage or shed.

QUICK PROPERTY CHECK LIST

Windows - Can be Opened, No Breaks or Cracks, Screens Intact, Weather Tight

Gutters and Down Spouts - Clean, No Leaks, Not Broken and Properly Secure

Doors - Weather Tight, Waterproof, Secure Hinges and Locks

Chimney - Secure to House, Free of Cracks and Breaks, Lining Intact

Steps - In Good Repair, Stairs Evenly Spaced, Secure Handrails

Walkways - No Cracks or Breaks, No Loose Bricks or Stones

Doors - Weather Tight, Waterproof, Secure Hinges and Locks

Trash Cans - Properly Stored on Property, Must Contain Lids and Close Properly

Foundation - Sound, Free of Cracks, No Holes, No Gaps Between Levels

Roof - In Good Repair, No Loose Shingles, Free of Leaks

Exterior Walls - No Breaks or Cracks, No Loose Siding, No Unattended Climbing Vines

Paint - No Peeling, Flaking or Chipping, Wood & Metal Surfaces Properly Protected

DO I NEED A PERMIT

Storage sheds constructed less than 150 square feet do not require a Prince George's County permit; however, a Town of Forest Heights permit is required. If the storage shed is over 150 square feet or if you have more than 1 storage shed of ANY size require BOTH a Prince George's County Permit and a Town of Forest Heights permit.

Fences constructed less than (4) four feet in height do not require a Prince George's County permit; however, a Town of Forest Heights permit is required. If the fence over (4) four feet in height require BOTH a Prince George's County Permit and a Town of Forest Heights permit.

The Town of Forest Heights require Building Permits and Dumpster permits for interior and exterior renovations projects.

For More Information contact the Code Enforcement Unit:
(301)477-8715 or www.codeenforcement@forestheightsmd.gov
To view the Town Ordinance Code in its entirety:
<https://forestheightsmd.gov/879/Town-Ordinance>



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.

COUNCIL MEMBER SHANEESSE LITTLE



Profile Questions

Tell us a little about your background.

Having spent more than two decades as a proud resident of the Town of Forest Heights, I have developed a deep connection to my community, and my affection for this town has only grown stronger over time. My educational journey began right here, attending Forest Heights Elementary School during my formative years, followed by Oxon Hill Middle School and Oxon Hill High School, where I laid the foundations for my academic pursuits and personal growth. In 2007, I achieved a significant milestone in my life by obtaining my Bachelor's degree in Public Health Education from North Carolina Central University, which equipped me with valuable knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to my community. With over nine years of dedicated experience in case management, I have had the privilege of serving my community and its people, a role I cherish and am deeply committed to. My professional journey has allowed me to not only apply my education but also to make a positive impact on the lives of those I serve, solidifying my dedication to the well-being and development of our community in Forest Heights.

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

I never anticipated becoming an elected official, but I owe this unexpected journey to the guidance of mentors who've known me since childhood and saw a potential in me that I didn't initially recognize. What has truly shaped and equipped me for this role is my unwavering passion for aiding others and advocating for those who often go unheard and unnoticed. My journey towards public service has been driven by a profound desire to make a difference in people's lives and to be their voice when they need it most.

Give us some insights to some of the things you'd like to see happen in the Forest Heights over the next year.

In the next year, I want to involve more young people in our community and make sure that everyone, regardless of their background, feels welcome at our town events. I believe that including youth and embracing diversity will make our town stronger and more inclusive.

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

I embrace both servant leadership and charismatic leadership styles. I firmly believe in the importance of serving the community and my constituents, ensuring that their needs and concerns are my top priority. This servant leadership philosophy aligns with my commitment to being a responsive and empathetic representative. Additionally, I recognize the power of charisma in inspiring and uniting our community towards common goals. Through effective communication and a compelling vision, I aim to mobilize and engage residents in local initiatives, fostering a sense of unity and enthusiasm. In my role, I strive to embody both humility and charisma, leading with empathy while also motivating our community to work together for a brighter future.

Who has been your greatest influence as a woman and a leader? Why?

Michelle Obama is my greatest influence as a woman and leader because she embodies strength, grace, and a deep commitment to helping others. As First Lady, she championed important causes like children's health and military families. Her "Let's Move!" campaign encouraged healthier lifestyles for kids, showing her dedication to their well-being. Her leadership style, characterized by empathy and inclusivity, sets a high standard for making a positive impact. She teaches us that leadership means using

power to make a meaningful difference and uplift those in need.

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

I am passionate about promoting physical activity among our youth. In today's increasingly sedentary world, it's crucial to encourage our young people to lead active and healthy lives. Physical activity not only improves their physical well-being but also contributes to better mental health, self-confidence, and overall quality of life. I believe that by providing accessible opportunities for our youth to engage in sports, fitness programs, or recreational activities, we can instill lifelong habits of staying active and reaping the numerous benefits it offers. This endeavor will not only enhance their current well-being but also contribute to a healthier and more vibrant community in the future.

Favorite food?

I'm a huge foodie and love to cook. I would have to say pizza, pasta, and crabs are my favorite foods.

Favorite music artist?

Whitney Houston

Favorite sports team?

The Commanders

Favorite past time/hobby?

I love swimming.

Dream vacation?

My dream vacation is to escape to the breathtaking paradise of Bora Bora, surrounded by turquoise waters and overwater bungalows.

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

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my mother for playing an instrumental role in shaping the person I am today. Her unwavering support, guidance, and the values she has instilled in me have been the cornerstones of my character. Throughout my life, her encouragement and wisdom have not only bolstered my confidence but also served as a guiding light in navigating life's challenges. Her commitment to instilling strong morals and values in me has been a gift that continues to influence every aspect of my life, from personal relationships to my professional endeavors. I owe much of my success and the person I've become to her, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

RECAP

FOREST HEIGHTS DAY



RECAP

LEGISLATIVE VISIT





THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS &
 FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT
 (POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE)
 INVITES YOU TO A COMMUNITY



Harvest Festival

Saturday, **October 28, 2023** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Town Hall 📍 5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE, FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

**PUMPKIN CARVINGS STATIONS | GAMES | HOT CIDER | BON FIRE
 CANDY APPLE STATIONS | COTTON CANDY | POPCORN | SHAVED ICE
 AND MUCH MORE!**

ADMISSION IS FREE! THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Hosted by Councilmember Taunya Hines (Ward III)

Troy Barrington Lilly, Mayor

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Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police

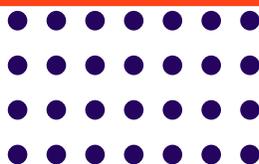
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 2 Town Work Session	OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 4 FHPD Coffee with a Cop McDonald's 8a.m. Farmers Market 10a.m. – 12p.m.	OCTOBER 5
OCTOBER 8 FHPD Faith in Blue Ceremony 11a.m. St Marks AME	OCTOBER 9 Indigenous People's Day PGCPS CLOSED TO STUDENTS	OCTOBER 10	OCTOBER 11 Farmers Market 10a.m. – 12p.m.	OCTOBER 12
OCTOBER 15 Maryland Municipal League	OCTOBER 16 Maryland Municipal League	OCTOBER 17 Maryland Municipal League	OCTOBER 18 Council Meeting Farmers Market 10a.m. – 2p.m.	OCTOBER 19
OCTOBER 22	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 24	OCTOBER 25 Farmers Market 10a.m. – 2p.m.	OCTOBER 26
OCTOBER 29	OCTOBER 30	OCTOBER 31 Halloween		



FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 7 FH Police & Dementia Friendly America Health Symposium 10a.m. – 2p.m. (5508)
OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 14
OCTOBER 20 PGCPS Professional Development School Closed to Students	OCTOBER 21 Halloween Cookie Decorating Class Community Room Noon – 2p.m. TFH Community Shred and Community Clean Up Municipal Center
OCTOBER 27	OCTOBER 28 FHPD & PAL Trunk or Treat 6-9p.m. Town Gathering Space

TOWN CLEANUP WEEK

TOWN HALL 📍 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745

Free Dumping OCTOBER 16-21 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM <small>TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY! MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY!</small>	Fall Cleanup Day SAT. OCTOBER 21 9:00 AM-12:00 PM <small>IN PARTNERSHIP WITH The Danney House Inc. RENOVATION & RESTORATION</small> VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME! INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP? CALL TOWN HALL 301-839-1030	Community Shredding SAT. OCTOBER 21 9:00 AM-12:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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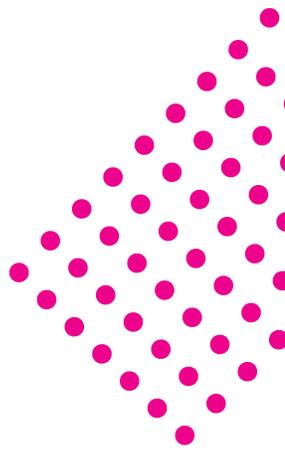
FARMERS MARKET

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10A.M. - 12P.M.
ST. MARK'S AME CHURCH
5427 INDIAN HEAD HWY | FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

NOVEMBER

MONDAY NOVEMBER 1 (Nov.1-Jan. 5) FHPD Coat Collection Gently Used Coats	MONDAY NOVEMBER 6 FHPD Coffee with a Cop McDonald's 8a.m. Farmers Market 10a.m. – 12p.m.
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10 FH Police & Dementia Friendly America Health Symposium 10a.m. – 2p.m. (5508)	





**FOREST HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS HOSTING**

**DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx}
TAKEBACK**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

10AM – 2PM

📍 5410 INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY, FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police

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THE FOREST
HEIGHTS POLICE
DEPARTMENT
INVITES YOU TO

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, **October 28, 2023**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FOREST HEIGHTS GATHERING SPACE

 5431 INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY, FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police

   @ForestHeightsPD

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THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS INVITES YOU TO A

SPOOKTACULAR HAUNTED HOUSE

Saturday, October 28, 2023 **8:00 PM**

Town Hall  5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE, FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

HOSTED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHON KENNEDY, II (WARD II)

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JAMMIN



ON THE HEIGHT'S

OPEN MIC

Poets • Singers • Comedians • Musicians



**HOSTED BY:
STEFMARIE COLE**



FREE!



**FEATURING:
BLACK CHAKRA**

THURSDAY 10/26/23 DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

FOREST HEIGHTS MD 20745

PRESENTED BY ART OF NOIZE



