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# FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

A newsletter from the Town of Forest Heights, MD



# FOREST HEIGHTS FORWARD

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy Holidays from all of us here at the Town of Forest Heights. We wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and new year. We are grateful for your continued trust in us and look forward to what the new year will bring our community.

Best Wishes,  
Town Staff



# MAYOR LILLY'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE

Dear Forest Heights Neighbors,

As we bring 2023 to a close, let us reflect on how we showed remarkable resilience this year and took steps toward our brighter future. Over the next few weeks, I hope you can share time with family and friends and enjoy the priceless gifts the holiday season brings: peace and love.

I want to thank our Councilmembers for representing their respective wards and to our staff for carrying out the everyday tasks that make Forest Heights a home. To our residents: our goal is to serve you with care. Please let us know when we miss the mark, and when we go above and beyond. Thank you for being the best part of our town.

We successfully completed several street repair and stormwater management projects ahead of inclement weather this year, delivering on my #1 priority to upgrade infrastructure. However, we anticipate more snowfall than we have seen in recent winters. Our Department of Public Works has prepared for this possibility by assessing and servicing our inclement weather equipment and will be ready.

We also encourage you to remember our neighbors who can use a warm meal, warm clothing, or a surprise visit to make their season brighter. We will distribute food baskets ahead of Christmas this year and are collecting coats to provide to those in need.

Looking ahead, Forest Heights will celebrate its 75th anniversary in April 2024! We plan to commemorate this milestone with a community gathering and will announce the date soon.

I wish you each Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year!

Yours in Service,



Troy Barrington Lilly  
Mayor

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023



**FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## WINTER COAT & CARE PACKAGE Drive

**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

ITEMS TO DONATE: \* **GLOVES** \* **HATS** \* **SCARVES** \* **SOCKS**

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

- 5410 Indian Head Highway Suite 100  
Forest Heights, MD 20745
- 5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9AM - 5PM

Q&A: Officer McCleave | [JMcCleave@ForestHeightsMD.gov](mailto:JMcCleave@ForestHeightsMD.gov) | Officer Coleman | [AColeman@ForestHeightsMD.gov](mailto:AColeman@ForestHeightsMD.gov)  
Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ForestHeightsPD) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ForestHeightsPD) | [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/@ForestHeightsPD) | [WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV](https://www.ForestHeightsMD.gov)



**SEAL OF FOREST HEIGHTS MARYLAND**

PRESENTS

## 3RD ANNUAL OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

November 27 - December 15, 2023

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- MERRY AND BRIGHT**  
Bring the bling! This category is all about the lights!
- HOLIDAY SPIRIT**  
Over-the-top with holiday cheer! Homes with the most outdoor decorations.
- INCREDIBLE INFLATABLES**  
Whose house has the most inflatables?

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE TROPHIES ARE GIVEN FOR EACH CATEGORY!

**HOW TO ENTER:**

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES STARTS NOVEMBER 27, 2023  
Pick Up Entry Form at the Forest Heights Town Hall  
Download entry form from the Forest Heights website

Completed entry forms may be dropped off at Forest Heights Town Hall or email entry to  
[DFKuny709@gmail.com](mailto:DFKuny709@gmail.com)  
[Monika9400@aol.com](mailto:Monika9400@aol.com)

Q&A | [DFKuny709@gmail.com](mailto:DFKuny709@gmail.com) or [Monika9400@aol.com](mailto:Monika9400@aol.com)  
Troy Barrington Lilly, Mayor | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ForestHeightsMD) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ForestHeightsMD) | [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/@ForestHeightsMD) | [WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV](https://www.ForestHeightsMD.gov)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS



## Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 2, 2023  
5PM-7PM

Community Gathering Space  
(located next to Henry's Soul Cafe)  5431 Indian Head Highway  
Forest Heights, MD 20745

TROY BARRINGTON LILLY, MAYOR

  @ForestHeightsMD

[www.ForestHeightsMD.gov](http://www.ForestHeightsMD.gov)

YOU ARE INVITED TO COUNCILMEMBER HINES  
ANNUAL CHILDRENS

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**MUSIC . FOOD . FUN .**

<b>3 PM</b>	<b>FREE ENTRY</b>	<b>16 DEC</b>
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Forest Heights Municipal Center  
5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745

APPEARANCES BY SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE  
GINGER BREAD STATIONS & FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE



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FOREST HEIGHTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Meet Santa

**AT YOUR FRONT DOOR!**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023 7:00 PM**

Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police    @ForestHeightsPD [WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV](http://WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV)

Town of Forest Heights

## Monthly Council Workession

MONDAY,  
**DECEMBER 4**

at Town Hall  
7:30 pm - 9:00pm



**In-Person or Online**

[www.forestheightsmd.gov/1010/Town-Meetings](http://www.forestheightsmd.gov/1010/Town-Meetings)



More information:  
(301) 839-1030  
[publiccomment@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:publiccomment@forestheightsmd.gov)

Town of Forest Heights

## Monthly Town Meeting

WEDNESDAY,  
**DECEMBER 20**

at Town Hall  
8:00 pm



**In-Person or Online**

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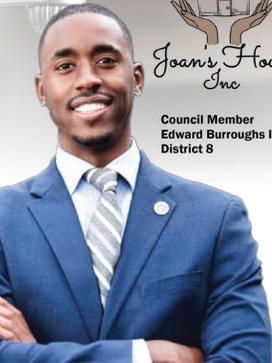
# Senior Spa Day Recap

On Monday, November 20th, Councilmembers Brownson and Noble, along with staff members Ms. Thompson-Scott and Mr. Holland, hosted the 1st annual "Senior Spa Day Event.". The event brought together various organizations to pamper our senior residents for a day. Residents over 65 years of age were given the opportunity for no cost manicures, pedicures, makeup sessions, and hair. The event services just over 25 senior residents. We look forward to next year! Thank you to all who participated our event partners and sponsors.



**DISTRICT 8**  
**JAYZ AGNEW SECURITY PROGRAM**

Are you the owner or renter of a single family home in **DISTRICT 8** without a security camera system? **This program is for YOU!**



Council Member Edward Burroughs III District 8

District 8 Council Member Edward Burroughs III is partnering with Joan's House, Inc. to provide free surveillance cameras in District 8. The program is in honor of Jayz Agnew, a 13-year-old boy shot and killed while raking leaves in his front yard Nov. 2022. The case remains unsolved, and there is no known surveillance footage. "We all know that a surveillance camera would have been able to help us close the case," said Juanita Agnew, Jayz mother. She called this program amazing saying, "justice can come in different forms."



**BUILDING SAFER AND MORE ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES**



**To Be Eligible You Must:**

- Be a District 8 resident
- Live in a single family home without a security camera
- Have WiFi and an email account
- Must have a smartphone that can access the Google Play or Apple Apps store

Scan to apply here



Joan's House will provide and install Blink 3rd generation cameras. This ensures that you can effortlessly contribute to the enhanced security of your neighborhood without any financial burden. This is a pilot program that will be executed in phases over one year, while supplies last.

Council has also passed Jayz Law, a measure separate from this program, that establishes a security camera incentive program that will be available countywide when implemented.

To take advantage of this unique opportunity, simply scan the barcode and complete the registration form. Let us unite in our efforts to create a safer and more accountable community for generations to come.

In service,  
Council Member Edward Burroughs III

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Permit No. 10033



Hello Neighbors,

I am delighted to announce that the residents of District 8 who live within a six-mile radius surrounding the MGM Casino can attend Prince George's Community College TUTION FREE! To date, \$2 million dollars has been allocated to the Local Impact Grant/Scholarship Funding at Prince George's Community College just for you and I need your help to spread the word to our District 8 neighbors! Programs include credit, non-credit, continuing education, vocational, and senior education.

When the MGM Casino was built, a portion of the gaming and tax revenue was dedicated to the surrounding community through the MGM Local Impact Grant Fund. Those funds had previously been used to make purchases and pay fr the projects our tax dollars already fund. it has been an honor to strengthen the resolution to include scholarships for free tuition.

In Service,

Edward Burroughs III  
Prince George's County Council - District 8



More info and to register visit  
[www.pgcc.edu/go/scholarships](http://www.pgcc.edu/go/scholarships)

# information

CONNECT WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**Parks & Recreation**  
M.N.C.P.P.C.  
live more, play more  
pgprha.com



Employ Prince George's  
**COVID-19**  
Workforce Development  
Recovery Program

# 2023

**COVID-19 ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY QUARTERLY  
JOB & RESOURCE FAIR**

If you're looking to work for regional businesses, come to the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Job & Resource Fair.

There will be companies and programs with hundreds of job openings. Put your best foot forward and prepare to start your new career!

REGISTER TODAY to get one step closer to your future career!

EmployPG.org/events 301.618.8445



@EmployPrinceGeorges  
@EmployPG

**DEC 14**  
10am - 1pm

**College Park City Hall**  
7401 Baltimore Avenue  
College Park, MD 20740

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**



or visit

<https://tinyurl.com/QtrlyJobFair8>

Attendance  
is **FREE** and  
**OPEN** to the  
public!



# 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



COALITION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY  
TRAINING IN SCHOOLS, INC.

sponsoring

# FREE

Scholarship Program

# DRIVER EDUCATION

**REGISTER NOW**

More Information  
Coming Soon

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://www.cpsts.org>

"Prince George's County Public Schools is not sponsoring, endorsing, or recommending the activities announced in this flyer/material."



**FREE**

Scholarship Program to Driving School for Prince George's County Public Schools students who are Members of the Junior or Senior Class ages 16 to 18 years old.



Scan to Application

If there are questions, please contact  
Bill Taylor of The Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools, Inc. at (240) 508-4203

# Happy Holidays

## DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Christmas Tree Lighting Gathering Space 5pm
3	4 Council Worksession Town Hall 7:30pm	5	6	7 Thursday Nights in Forest Heights Town Hall 7pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Children's Xmas Party Town Hall 3pm
17	18	19	20 Council Meeting Town Hall 8pm	21	22 FHPD Santa Run 7pm	23
24	25 Christmas Day Town Offices Closed	26	27	28	29	30
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**FOREST  
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# FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



## **COUNTY GRANT AWARDED FOR PAL**

On Tuesday, November 14th, Chief Rease testified before the County Council and a packed hearing room about the importance of the MGM Casino local impact funding on Forest Heights. More importantly, how the local impact grant proposed for his departments Police Activities League would benefit many at risk youth through the multiple schools in the municipality. The County Council unanimously passed the local impact bill which included \$76, 850 for the FHPD Pal spring and summer enrichment camps as well as youth programming. Chief Rease thanked County Councilmember Edward Burroughs III for including the PAL program in the spending plan this year. This is a multi-year grant award for the next 3 fiscal years.

## Code Enforcement Violation or Request?

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<https://forestheightscode.portal.iworq.net/>

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEWS



## WINTER PREPERATION TIPS

### Be Ready! Winter Weather

**Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.**

- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
- Make sure the batteries are working!
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.
- Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.
- Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!

**Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.**

- Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.
- Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

**Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.**

- Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.
- Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.
- Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

**If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services**

**If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.**

[www.cdc.gov/phpr/infographics.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/infographics.htm)

**Public Works Request?**  
<https://forestheightscode.portal.iworq.net/>

# TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS



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