



NEWSLETTER

JAN 2024



FOREST HEIGHTS

NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Neighbors:

Welcome to 2024, and all the opportunity it brings for our collective growth and improvement. I hope you each enjoyed a safe holiday season. With new beginnings in mind, this first newsletter of 2024 is dedicated to answering common questions about the town's code regulations, including parking, permit, and snow emergency procedures. We'll continue to share these regularly throughout the year. You will also see planned activities for the new few months of the year. Finally, we'll celebrate our town's 75th anniversary on Saturday April 20, 2024, and want you to join us. Let's start the year off strong and continue to move Forest Heights Forward!

Yours in Service,
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

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Town Hours

Monday - Friday
9AM - 5PM

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CODE ENFORCEMENT



TOP NEWS

- Quick Property Check List
- Is Your Yard Clean and Well Maintained?
- Do You Need a Permit?
- Parking In The Town
- Can I Park Anywhere On My Property?

QUICK PROPERTY CHECKLIST

<p>Windows Can be Opened, No Breaks or Cracks, Screens Intact, Weather Tight</p>	<p>Steps In Good Repair, Stairs Evenly Spaced, Secure Handrails</p>	<p>Foundation Sound, Free of Cracks, No Holes, No Gaps Between Levels</p>
<p>Gutters and Down Spouts Clean, No Leaks, Not Broken and Properly Secure</p>	<p>Walkways No Cracks or Breaks, No Loose Bricks or Stones</p>	<p>Roof In Good Repair, No Loose Shingles, Free of Leaks</p>
<p>Doors Weather Tight, Waterproof, Secure Hinges and Locks</p>	<p>Trash Cans Properly Stored on Property, Must Contain Lids and Close Properly</p>	<p>Exterior Walls No Breaks or Cracks, No Loose Siding, No Unattended Climbing Vines</p>
<p>Chimney Secure to House, Free of Cracks and Breaks, Lining Intact</p>		<p>Paint No Peeling, Flaking or Chipping, Wood & Metal Surfaces Properly Protectect</p>



CODE ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)



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 underregistered vehicles are to be stored on the property.

Wood stored on property must be at least (12) Inches off of ground.

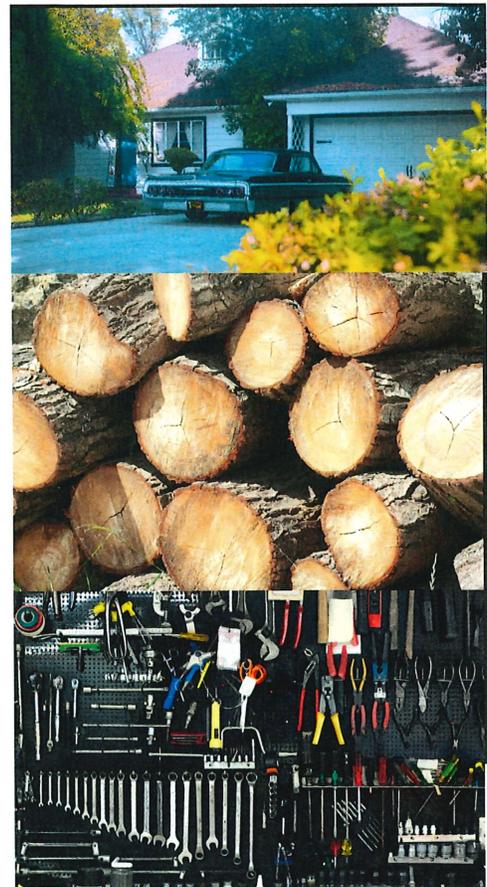
All tools, equipment and/or materials must be neatly and properly stored or secured in garage or shed.

DO YOU 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 requires Building Permits and Dumpster permits for interior and exterior renovations projects.





CODE ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)

DO I NEED A PERMIT TO EXTEND MY DRIVEWAY?

Prior to any installation, modification or extension to an driveway proper authorization must be given through Prince George's County and the Town or Forest Heights. You must first submit an application to the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement. With each application you are required to submit a copy of the Site Plot Plan showing driveway location with dimensions. These drawings will be reviewed by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, and a Structural Engineer.

Once approval is obtained through the Prince George's County, you must bring a copy of the County permit, a copy of the red stamped approved drawings and proof of payment for the County permit to the Town's Code Enforcement Unit to be submitted with your completed application for a Town permit.

All approvals and permits must be obtained prior to the initiation of any work.

If you have not followed the above steps specifically, your driveway may be UNAUTHORIZED and deemed ILLEGAL.

CAN I PARK ANYWHERE ON MY PROPERTY?

What constitutes a legal parking area on private property? This question has been a major topic for several years in the Town. In effort to bring clarity and insight community interaction and dialogue, the following information is here for you:

Section 15.3.2(A) of the Town Ordinance Code titled, **"Off-street parking limited to driveways."**

Parking on driveways and other surfaced parking areas is limited to the area and dimensions depicted on the county permit and any approved site plan for the subject property, and any Town of Forest Heights required permit. Unless the Prince George's County Code states otherwise, an additional paved or surfaced area not to exceed 500 square feet is allowed by the Town to be placed on a lot without a permit issued by the town; however, that additional paved or surfaced area as permitted herein shall not be used for parking vehicles.

PARKING IN THE TOWN

The Code Enforcement Unit and the Forest Heights Police Department has increased their awareness of unregistered, unregistered, abandoned and/or inoperable vehicles as well as out of state license plates that have been parked in the same vicinity for more than 60 days. Maryland state law requires residence that have moved from out of state to register their vehicles in the state of Maryland within 60 days. This is a major focus of our Town officials.



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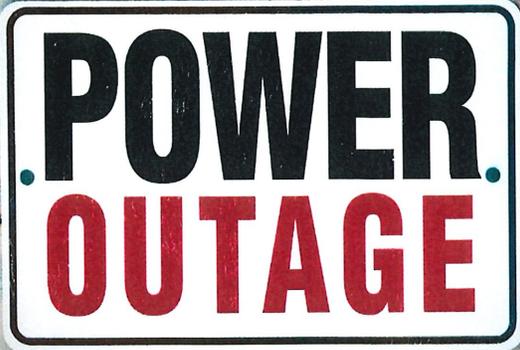
For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Unit (301) 477-8715 or CodeEnforcement@ForestHeightsMD.gov

To view the Town Ordinance Code in its entirety navigate to <https://forestheightsmd.gov/879/Town-Ordinance>

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



REPORT STREET LIGHTS AND POWER OUTAGES!



1-877-737-2662
(call 24/7)

<https://www.pepco.com/outages>

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Monday ONLY – Yard Waste for the Entire Town of Forest Heights (Both Sides) YW MUST be in YW Paper bags or Trash can marked YW. NEVER in Recycle bin or Plastic bags. Small tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles, not to exceed 4 feet in length.

Monday

Eastside (Municipal Center Side) Trash

Recycle – For Entire Forest Heights (Both Sides)

Thursday

Westside (Henry's Soul Cafe Side) Trash

Bulk Trash Collection

For larger items, this is provided on Thursdays. No metal items are permitted. Mattresses and boxspring must be covered.

NO GARBAGE OR RECYCLING IS PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF RESIDENT'S DESIGNATED CONTAINERS!

SCRAP METAL & PROPANE TANKS



Public Works will collect metal for a base fee of \$35 or more.

Propane tanks may also be picked up for \$30 each. Please contact public works for more information 301-839-1030.



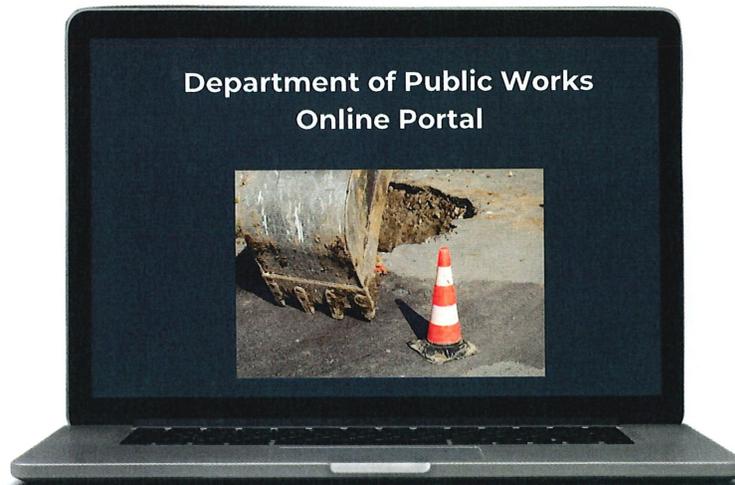
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CONT'D)



SNOW EMERGENCY

Parking Code 15.17

Snow emergencies will be deemed by the Chief of Police and guidance on parking regulations will follow.



For more information, contact the Department of Public Works
(301) 839-1030 or DBelnavis@forestheightsmd.gov

To view the Town Ordinance Code in its entirety, navigate to
<https://forestheightscitizenengagement.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/forestheightscitizenengagement>



JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year! Administrative Offices Closed	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Eastside • Recycle Pick-Up • Yard Waste Pick-Up • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Westside • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	5	6
7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Eastside • Recycle Pick-Up • Yard Waste Pick-Up • Town Council Work Session (7:30 PM) 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Westside • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	12	13
14	15 Dr. MLK Jr. Day Administrative Offices Closed	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Eastside • Recycle Pick-Up • Yard Waste Pick-Up • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	17 Town Council Meeting (8:00 PM)	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Westside • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	19	20
21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Eastside • Recycle Pick-Up • Yard Waste Pick-Up 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Westside • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	26	27
28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Eastside • Recycle Pick-Up • Yard Waste Pick-Up 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	31			



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Westside • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) • Black History Month! 	2	3
4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Eastside • Recycle Pick-Up • Yard Waste Pick-Up • Town Council Work Session (7:30 PM) 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash Pick-Up: Westside • Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM) 	9	10
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Troy Barrington Lilly, Mayor



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Anthony N. Rease, Chief of Police

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TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATES!

FRIDAY **APRIL 19th** & SATURDAY **APRIL 20th 2024**

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TOWN CONTACTS

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Councilmember Jonathon Kennedy, II (Ward II)	301-839-1030	JKennedy@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Councilmember Theresa Brownson (Ward II)	301-839-1030	TBrownson@ForestHeightsMD.gov
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Councilmember Paula R. Noble (Ward III)	301-839-1030	PNoble@ForestHeightsMD.gov



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Code Enforcement	301-477-8715	CodeEnforcement@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Department of Public Works	301-839-1030	DBelnavis@forestheightsmd.gov
Emergencies	911	



MONTHLY TOWN MEETINGS



Monthly Meetings

Monthly Council Work Sessions

First Monday
OF EVERY MONTH
*except holidays

WAYS TO JOIN:

zoom www.zoom.com
Webinar ID: 818 7091 3617
Password: 331340

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Third Wednesday
OF EVERY MONTH
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*IF A MEETING DATE FALLS ON A HOLIDAY, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING WEEK ON MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY.

TROY BARRINGTON LILLY, MAYOR

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PUTTING THE . . .

EQUITY

Trees support public health and climate resilience for urban communities most impacted by heat and pollution

BEAUTY

Tree-lined streets beautify neighborhoods and increase property values

CLIMATE-RESILIENCE

Trees help to cool your home, clean the air, and soak up stormwater for climate resilience

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BACK IN FOREST HEIGHTS



If you would like to opt out of having a tree planted in the public right-of-way in front of your home Please contact the Town Manager:
301-839-1030

