



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## FOREST HEIGHTS

### NEWS

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#### Town Hours

Monday - Friday  
9AM - 5PM

5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745



@ForestHeightsMD

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings Fellow Forest Heighters:

We hope you enjoyed the snowfall in January after nearly two years with no significant accumulation. Ahead of the storm, I rode down each residential street to observe and note issues our staff can address once the snow has cleared. The tasks include maintenance such as cold-patching potholes and clearing leaves at curbsides and common areas. During the storm, I witnessed the icy conditions at Black Hawk Lane and Shawnee Drive due to running water. These projects require longer-term solutions, documented in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that our staff will deliver this year. We applied for federal funding to support the improvements on Black Hawk Lane, which we hope to receive once Congress passes its full budget for fiscal year 2024.

On January 18, I testified at a committee hearing with Councilmember Brownson and several residents supporting Senate Bill 83. This legislation in the Maryland General Assembly would increase the Local Impact Funding that Forest Heights receives from the casino at MGM National Harbor from \$120,000 to \$1 million. However, we need your help to ensure it passes the full Senate and House of Delegates.

To voice your support for Senate Bill 83, email [TLilly@ForestHeightsMD.gov](mailto:TLilly@ForestHeightsMD.gov) or call 301-839-1030 by February 16. Let us know if you plan to testify or need help submitting a letter. You can testify virtually or go to Annapolis and testify in person.

Over the next four weeks, we celebrate the rich contributions of African Americans to society during Black History Month. We have a local connection to Black trailblazers in Forest Heights. Oxon Hill Cove and Farm became a member of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom in 2005 for its connection to Jacob Shaw, an enslaved shoemaker who escaped in 1840 from the former Berry Plantation where the park stands today. In the 19th century, the free Hatton and Butler families acquired land just southwest of Cree Drive. Henry and George Hatton served in the 1st U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) and defended the Union in the Civil War. The Butler family built a home on the land in 1853 and owned it for over 150 years.

Please share some of these facts with a neighbor or friend and remind them that Forest Heights' history is Maryland's best-kept secret.

Yours in Service,  
Troy Barrington Lilly  
Mayor



# TOWN INFORMATION & UPDATES



## CONTACT US

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9AM - 5PM

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**Monthly Meetings**

**Monthly Council Work Sessions**  
First Monday OF EVERY MONTH  
7:30PM  
\*except holidays

WAYS TO JOIN:

**zoom** [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)  
Webinar ID: 818 7091 3617  
Password: 331340

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@TownOfForestHeights

**Monthly Council Meetings**  
Third Wednesday OF EVERY MONTH  
8:00PM  
\*except holidays

WAYS TO JOIN:

**zoom** [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)  
Webinar ID: 827 9860 6338  
Password: 825936

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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  
 @ForestHeightsMD [WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV](http://WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV)

Monthly Council Work Sessions  
Dial-in: 301-715-8592  
Passcode: 331340

Monthly Council Meetings  
Dial-in: 301-715-8592  
Passcode: 825936

Meetings are open to the public!

Call-in questions and comments shall be submitted during business hours,  
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (except holidays) or  
by email: SHawkins@ForestHeightsMD.gov

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
A PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL VIEW SITE



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024  
7:30 P.M.**

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS TOWN HALL  
5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE, FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745**

**RESOLUTION 84-23**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN  
FOR THE NATIONAL VIEW SITE WITHIN THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, will hold a public hearing on the question of approving an Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan") for the National View Site (the "Urban Renewal Area") consisting of:

That portion of the Development Site within the Town boundaries include streets and land that are currently undeveloped, and can be more specifically described as a parcel comprised of Lots 63-91, inclusive, Block 122, Lot Nos. 13-24, inclusive, Block 123, and Lot Nos. 8 through 14, inclusive, block 124, all as shown on the attached combined boundary plat entitled "Record plat of Forest Heights Subdivision, Section 16, Amended" recorded in the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland at Plat Book 28, page 5, attached hereto and adopted by reference herein as Exhibit 1 (the "Town Properties"); (ii) the total acreage of Town Properties is 11.06 +/-, which includes a 2.3148 +/- acre piece to be added when plat is abandoned; and (iii) the MDAT records identify the subject property at the addresses 1-9, and 101-121 Chippewa Drive, 100 -110 Crow Way, and 5808-6008 Bald Eagle Drive; and

That portion of the Development Site located within the Town consisting of approximately 9.0242 +/- acres containing several parcels (Parcels 26-27, 32-33, 35 and 36-37), each containing approximately 1-2 +/- acres.

The purpose of this plan is to facilitate the undertaking of a new urban renewal project in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of a mix of uses and variety of businesses with street level uses on the ground floor of buildings and residences occupying the upper stories located in a partially blighted area generally south of Cree Drive, east of the Oxon Hill Children's Farm, north of the Capital Beltway and west of Indian Head Highway (MD 210). A copy of the Plan is on file for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk. At said hearing any interested person may file written testimony and may be heard orally with respect to the subject matters of the hearing.

Those wishing to testify at this hearing and/or comment, or to receive copies of the Resolution are urged to telephone the Town Clerk at 301-839-1030 or email [shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov)

**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA SOBRE UN PLAN DE RENOVACIÓN URBANA PROPUESTO  
PARA EL SITIO DE NATIONAL VIEW DENTRO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS**

Por la presente se notifica que, el Alcalde y el Concejo de la Ciudad de Forest Heights, Maryland, celebrarán una audiencia pública sobre la cuestión de la aprobación de un Plan de Renovación Urbana (el "Plan") para el Sitio de Vista Nacional (el "Área de Renovación Urbana") que consiste en:

Esa parte del Sitio de Desarrollo dentro de los límites de la Ciudad incluye calles y terrenos que actualmente no están desarrollados, y puede describirse más específicamente como una parcela compuesta por los Lotes 63-91, inclusive, el Bloque 122, el Lote Nos. 13-24, inclusive, el Bloque 123, y los Lotes Nos. 8 a 14, inclusive, el bloque 124, todos como se muestra en el plano catastral combinado adjunto titulado "Plano catastral de registro de la subdivisión de Forest Heights, Sección 16, Enmendada" registrada en los Registros de Tierras del Condado de Prince George, Maryland en Libro de planos 28, página 5, adjunto al presente documento y adoptado por referencia en el presente documento como Anexo 1 (las "Propiedades de la ciudad"); (ii) la superficie total de Town Properties es de 11.06 +/-, que incluye una pieza de 2.3148 +/- acres que se agregará cuando se abandone el plano catastral; y (iii) los registros MDAT identifican la propiedad en cuestión en las direcciones 1-9 y 101-121 Chippewa Drive, 100-110 Crow Way y 5808-6008 Bald Eagle Drive; y

La parte del sitio de desarrollo ubicada dentro de la ciudad que consta de aproximadamente 9.0242 +/- acres que contienen varias parcelas (parcelas 26-27, 32-33, 35 y 36-37), cada una de las cuales contiene aproximadamente 1-2 +/- acres.

El propósito de este plan es facilitar la realización de un nuevo proyecto de renovación urbana en el Área de Renovación Urbana que consiste en una mezcla de usos y variedad de negocios con usos a nivel de calle en la planta baja de edificios y residencias que ocupan los pisos superiores ubicados en un área parcialmente deteriorada, generalmente al sur de Cree Drive. al este de la Granja Infantil de Oxon Hill, al norte de Capital Beltway y al oeste de Indian Head Highway (MD 210). Una copia del Plan está archivada para inspección pública en la oficina del Secretario Municipal. En dicha audiencia, cualquier persona interesada podrá presentar testimonio por escrito y podrá ser oída oralmente con respecto a los temas de la audiencia.

Aquellos que deseen testificar en esta audiencia y/o comentar, o recibir copias de la Resolución, deben llamar al Secretario Municipal al 301-839-1030 o enviar un correo electrónico a [shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov)



NEWS YOU CAN USE

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE**  
**THE ELECTION WILL BE FOR**  
**TOWN ELECTIONS FOR COUNCILMEMBER IN WARDS, I, II & III**  
**TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th, 2024**  
**YOUR POLLING PLACE**  
**Forest Heights Municipal Building 5508 Arapahoe Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745**

**In accordance with Section 33-31 of the Forest Heights Town Charter** persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination together with a statement of the particular office to which he aspires, with the Town Clerk on or before the first Wednesday in February preceding the Town election. Such certificate shall state (1) the office for which the person is seeking, (2) the name and signature of the candidate, (3) the ward in which the person resides, (4) a statement that he meets the qualifications for the office as contained in this charter. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office or hold more than one elective Town public office at any one time. The Town Board of Elections shall review each certificate of nomination and shall certify that the candidate meets the qualifications contained in this Charter. Any certificate of a candidate, that the Board's judgment does not meet the stated qualifications, shall be returned to the candidate with the reasons for the return stated thereon.

**Financial Disclosure Statements:** Statements must be filed with Certificate of Nomination to the Town Clerk by the deadline for nominations. No candidate will be qualified if the required statement is not filed.

Certificate of Nominations and Financial Disclosure Statements may be obtained from the Municipal Building.

**Qualifications:** Candidates shall have resided in the Wards of the Town they represent for at least one year immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office. More information can be found in the Town Charter (Councilmember) Section 33-4. Qualifications (Mayor) Section 33-16, available at [ecode360.com/26791612](http://ecode360.com/26791612) or the Town website link to the Town Charter.

**If you have recently moved into Forest Heights from somewhere else in Prince George County or moved from one Ward to another Ward you must provide the County Board of Elections Supervisor with your new address or if you have never registered to vote in Prince George County,** a voter registration application must be submitted to your local (county) board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time. However, applications must be postmarked by January 23, 2024, to vote in the Town Election.

Registration applications may be obtained from the Municipal Building in Forest Heights. For any additional information regarding election registration, please contact the Town Clerk or the Prince George County Board of Elections at (301) 430-8020.

**Absentee Voters** may make an application in writing for an absentee ballot. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which shall set forth the information required. Please contact the Town Clerk of Forest Heights for additional information. Casted absentee ballots may be mailed or delivered in person to the Chairman of the Board of Registrations and Elections at Town Hall located at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland 20745, but must be received before the polls close on election day.

**DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

**ALL CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK (ONLY)**

Taking a phrase from President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" "Town of Forest Heights". We must all participate in our town government, by serving as elected officials, participating in decision making, by serving on committees and boards, attending town meetings and most importantly by voting on Election Day. Let all of the citizens work together to make Forest Heights a Town we are proud to live in.

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**MAYOR/COUNCIL WORKSHOP & MAYOR/COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
**Workshops are held on the first (1st) Monday of the month.**  
**Council Legislative Meetings are held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of the month.**  
**Meetings are open to the public. Call-in questions and comments are accepted during Business hours 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m.**  
**by emailing [shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov).**  
**Next Mayor/Council Work Session Mayor Monday February 5, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**



TREE PLANTING

Prince George's County Department of the Environment in collaboration with the Clean Water Partnership and the Town of Forest Heights

**PUTTING THE... BACK IN FOREST HEIGHTS**

**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

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS MARYLAND 1949

Take our Survey

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

Trees and installation provided by Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Not Interested?

Opt-In or Opt-Out by **February 6, 2024:**  
[bit.ly/3SEiwja](https://bit.ly/3SEiwja)



## FOREST HEIGHTS

NOTICIAS

**CLICK HERE**



Email [Info@ForestHeightsMD.gov](mailto:Info@ForestHeightsMD.gov) para recibir una versión digital del boletín en español.



## FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> <li>• Black History Month!</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> <li>• Town Council Work Session (7:30 PM)</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> Town Council Meeting (8:00 PM)  Valentine's Day!	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Team Meeting 10AM @ Municipal Building</li> </ul>
<b>19</b>	<b>19</b> President's Day Administrative Offices Closed	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>			



## MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> <li>• Town Council Work Session (7:30 PM)</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	8 <p>DEADLINE: "If I Were Mayor" 4th Grade Essay Contest</p>	9
10 <p>Day Light Savings Spring Forward!</p>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	15	16 <p>Youth Future Flow Vision Board Fest 1PM - 4PM @Municipal Building</p>
17 <p>St. Patrick's Day!</p>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Yard Waste Pick-Up</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	20 <p>Town Council Meeting (8:00 PM)</p>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	22	23
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31 <p>Happy Easter!</p>						



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

FRIDAY **APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>** & SUNDAY **APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>** 2024

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# YOUTH UPDATES

## CULTIVATING GREAT MINDS (CGM)



### CALLING ALL 4th GRADERS!

Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest  
(Deadline: March 8, 2023)

Essay Questions: <https://www.mdmunicipal.org/2024-essay>

Submission Guidelines: <https://www.mdmunicipal.org/mayors-essay-contest>

Submission Form: <https://mml.memberclicks.net/essaycontestentryform2024#!/>

**Youth Future Vision Board Festival**

GOALS + MOTIVATION

March 16th, 2024  
ages 10-18  
encouraged

1pm-4pm  
5508 Arapahoe Dr,  
Forest Heights  
Maryland, 20745

Join Mayor Troy Lilly, and Councilwoman Shaneese Little as we come together and manifest a successful and joyous 2024

Open discussion will take place from 3pm to 4pm. Residents are encouraged to come with ideas they would like to see implemented in town programming

Supplies and refreshments will be provided for attendees

For Any further details please reach out to Keith Holland: 240-435-9296

[bit.ly/42eAKLj](https://bit.ly/42eAKLj)

**REGISTER NOW >**



YOUTH UPDATES

CULTIVATING GREAT MINDS (CGM)

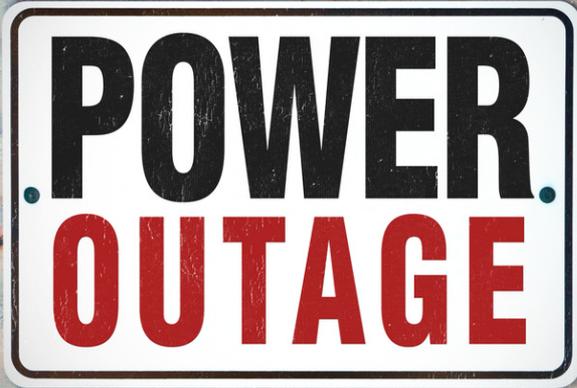


Join the Youth Bureau!

bit.ly/49feYJv

Youth Bureau Point of Contact
Keith Holland
KHolland@ForestHeightsMD.gov
240-435-9296 (office)

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS ANNOUNCES THE 988 INITIATIVE
CRISIS HOTLINE 988
The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, offers 24/7 call, text, and chat access to trained crisis counselors...
SELF HARM, MENTAL CRISIS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Step 1, Step 2, Step 3
ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE A REWARD
SPONSOR: DISTRICT 8 COUNCILMEMBER ED BURROUGHS III
Troy Barrington Lilly, Mayor @ForestHeightsMD WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV



## 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)**

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### 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.



## 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](mailto:DBelnavis@forestheightsmd.gov)

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



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

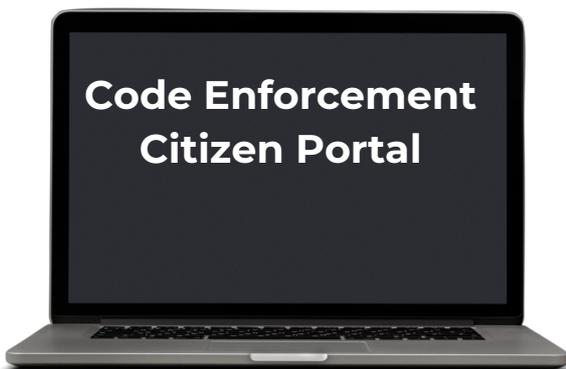
What constitutes a legal parking area on private property? This question has been a major topic for several years in the Town. In effort to bring clarity and insight community interaction and dialogue, the following information is here for you:

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](mailto:CodeEnforcement@ForestHeightsMD.gov)**

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



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