



# FOREST HEIGHTS

## NEWS

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#### Town Hours

Monday - Friday  
9AM - 5PM

5508 Arapahoe Drive  
Forest Heights, MD 20745



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings Forest Heights Neighbors,

It was great to see many of you during the Town's 75th anniversary weekend. Everyone was represented – from youth and seniors – and Forest Heights Elementary's school choir sang at our Incorporation Day event. After collecting items from residents, schools, and local businesses, we buried a time capsule in the Mayor's garden next to the municipal building. We will post a letter in the building reminding residents to open the capsule in 25 years when the Town turns 100.

We closed the weekend with a 75th anniversary gala at Harborside Hotel, featuring Latina dancers, spoken word, an instrumental, and greetings from our Council and elected officials. Congratulations to residents who won giveaways as the oldest and youngest neighbors and the longest and most recent residents in attendance.

Thank you to our dedicated committee who worked for twelve weeks to make the weekend a success: Councilmember Taunya Hines, Councilmember Jonathon Kennedy, II, Sherletta Hawkins, Monica Lawson, David Acevedo, and Leah Swindler. We are grateful to our local business sponsors, who contributed almost \$40,000 to cover the costs.

This month, the Mayor and Council are preparing to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2025, which begins July 1. Join us at the hearings to share your feedback and input. Our budget will be smaller this coming fiscal year as we spend down American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and return to pre-pandemic revenue levels.

We honor the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our community during May. In January 1961, Forest Heights became a sister city and received the key to Villaciosa Abra in the Philippines. We recognize our Councilmember Jonathon Kennedy, II, and our Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, the first Asian American woman elected to statewide office, who embody the spirit of service.

In April, I was proud to announce our Youth Ambassador Pilot Program and appoint Marley Cashwell as our first Youth Ambassador. He is an honor student at Oxon Hill High School, and will advise the Council and meet monthly with the Mayor. The pilot will run until December, and we hope to renew the program in 2025.

You are the best part of this community – our residents. As we begin the new chapter of our next 75 years, let's move Forest Heights Forward together.

Yours in Service,  
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly



MONTHLY TOWN MEETINGS & ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSINGS

**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

**f** @ForestHeightsMD  
**yt** @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

**f** @ForestHeightsMD  
**yt** @TownOfForestHeights

\*IF A MEETING DATE FALLS ON A HOLIDAY, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING WEEK ON MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY.

TROY BARRINGTON LILLY, MAYOR  
[WWW.FORESTHEIGHTSMD.GOV](https://www.ForestHeightsMD.gov)  
 @ForestHeightsMD

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](mailto:SHawkins@ForestHeightsMD.gov)

Administrative Closings

Monday, January 1st	New Year's Day
Monday, January 15th	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 19th	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 27th	Memorial Day
Wednesday, June 19th	Juneteenth National Independence Day
Thursday, July 4th	Independence Day
Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day
Monday, October 14th	Indigenoius Peoples' Day
Monday, November 11th	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 28th	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 25th	Christmas Day



## RATE & BUDGET HEARING

### TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE

For the taxable year beginning July 1, 2024, the Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights proposes to increase Commercial Real Property Tax Rates from \$0.5313 per \$100 of assessment to \$0.6000 per \$100 of assessment and Rented Residential Real Property Tax Rates from \$0.4654 per \$100 of assessment to \$0.6000 per \$100 of assessment.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 6:00 PM on May 22, 2024, at 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland in the Municipal Building in the Town Hall. Forest Heights Zoom Webinar Dial-in (301) 715-8592 ID: 827 9860 6338 Password 825936 and Forest Heights Facebook, Forest Heights YouTube.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-839-1030 or email Town Clerk Sherletta Hawkins @ [shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov) for further information.

### AVISO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS DE UNA PROPUESTA AUMENTO DE LA TASA DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE BIENES INMUEBLES

Para el año tributario que comienza el 1 de julio de 2024, el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Forest Heights propone aumentar las tasas del impuesto sobre bienes raíces comerciales de \$0.5313 por cada \$100 de evaluación a \$0.6000 por cada \$100 de evaluación y las tasas de impuestos sobre bienes raíces residenciales alquilados de \$0.4654 por cada \$100 de evaluación a \$0.6000 por cada \$100 de evaluación.

El 22 de mayo de 2024, a las 6:00 p. m., se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el aumento propuesto de la tasa del impuesto sobre la propiedad inmobiliaria en 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, Maryland, en el Edificio Municipal del Ayuntamiento. Seminario web de Zoom de Forest Heights Llame al (301) 715-8592 ID: 827 9860 6338 Contraseña 825936 y Forest Heights Facebook, Forest Heights YouTube.

La audiencia está abierta al público y se alienta el testimonio público. Las personas que tengan preguntas sobre esta audiencia pueden llamar al 301-839-1030 o enviar un correo electrónico a la secretaria municipal Sherletta Hawkins @ [shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov) para obtener más información.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET (Fiscal Year 2025)

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS  
TO ATTEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025  
BUDGET HEARING

The hearing will be held in-person at  
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745  
the Town Hall

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Access Dial-in (301) 715-8592 @ Meeting ID: 890 3347 4372 Password: 936976

Public comments can be added to the speakers' list by calling 301-839-1030 or by sending an email to [townclerk@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:townclerk@forestheightsmd.gov).

### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PROPUESTA DE PRESUPUESTO (Año Fiscal 2025)

EL ALCALDE Y EL AYUNTAMIENTO DE FOREST HEIGHTS  
ANIMA A TODOS LOS RESIDENTES  
PARA ASISTIR AL AÑO FISCAL 2025  
AUDIENCIA DE PRESUPUESTO

La audiencia se llevará a cabo en persona en  
5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745  
el Ayuntamiento

miércoles, mayo 22, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Acceso telefónico (301) 715-8592 @ ID de reunión: 890 3347 4372 contraseña: 936976

Los comentarios públicos se pueden agregar a la lista de oradores llamando al 301-839-1030 o enviando un correo electrónico a [townclerk@forestheightsmd.gov](mailto:townclerk@forestheightsmd.gov).



75TH ANNIVERSARY RE-CAP





## MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 <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>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	10	11
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26	27 <p>Memorial Day Administrative Offices Closed</p> <p>Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Circle 11 AM Woodland &amp; Seneca Drive</p>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Eastside</li> <li>• Recycle Pick-Up</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	31	

## JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <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>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash Pick-Up: Westside</li> <li>• Senior Exercise Program (Municipal Building 12PM-1PM)</li> </ul>	7	8
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# 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. **Mattress covers are required for our vendor to pick up mattresses with bulk trash. Purchase covers for \$5 (by debit or credit card) at the Municipal Building.**

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

### NO TRASH PICK-UP ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

*(Trash and recycling will be picked up the following day. No Yard Waste or Bulk Trash will be picked up that week.)*

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day  
Fourth of July

Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## REPORT STREET LIGHTS AND POWER OUTAGES!



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

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

## 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.



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://www.forestheightsmd.gov/879/Town-Ordinance>



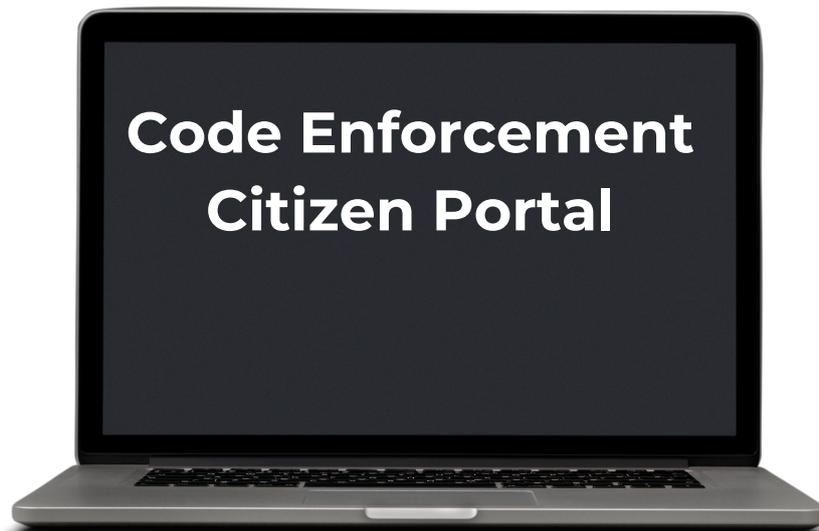
# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## 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, 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 that additional paved or surfaced area as permitted herein shall not be used for parking vehicles.



[www.ForestHeightsMDPermitLicense.Portal.iworq.net](http://www.ForestHeightsMDPermitLicense.Portal.iworq.net)

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  
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**TOWN CONTACTS**

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT NUMBER 	EMAIL ADDRESS 
Town of Forest Heights	301-839-1030	Info@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly	301-839-1030	TLilly@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Council President Jamilah C. McDonald (Ward I)	301-839-1030	JMcDonald@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Councilmember Shaneese Little (Ward I)	301-839-1030	SLittle@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Councilmember Jonathon Kennedy, II (Ward II)	301-839-1030	JKennedy@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Councilmember Theresa Brownson (Ward II)	301-839-1030	TBrownson@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Councilmember Taunya Hines (Ward III)	301-839-1030	THines@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Councilmember Paula R. Noble (Ward III)	301-839-1030	PNoble@ForestHeightsMD.gov



TOWN CONTACTS

DEPARTMENT	CONTACT NUMBER 	EMAIL ADDRESS 
Town Administrator	301-839-1030	ANRease@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Clerk's Office	301-839-1030	SHawkins@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Forest Heights Police Department	301-839-4040	Chief@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Code Enforcement	301-477-8715	CodeEnforcement@ForestHeightsMD.gov
Department of Public Works	301-839-1030	DBelnavis@forestheightsmd.gov
Emergencies	911	
Pepco	1-877-PEPCO-62 Report Outages by Phone TTY: 202-872-2369	
Washington Gas	(703) 750-1000	
WSSC	Contact Center: 301-206-4001 Main Line: 301-206-WSSC (9772) TTY: (301) 206-8345	