



Special Issue Election Edition

We are having an Election!

March 12, 2025

Poll Hours 11:00 AM—8:00 PM

Please come out and cast your vote!

Candidate for Mayor

Troy Lilly—Incumbent

Candidate for Ward I

Jamilah McDonald- Incumbent

Candidate for Ward II

Theresa Brownson—Incumbent

Cynthia Mann

Candidate for Ward III

Taunya Hines—Incumbent

Shavonnia Mial

Candidate bios are enclosed

TOWN ELECTION

Will be held at the Town Hall

5508 Arapahoe Drive,

Forest Heights, MD 20745



CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



Since becoming Mayor of Forest Heights in June 2023, I have worked to deliver results for our Town. Before that, I served as Council President, led financial oversight efforts, and co-authored state legislation to tackle blighted properties in our neighborhood. Professionally, I bring over a decade of experience in media and software development as a defense contractor. More importantly, I'm a proud Forest Heights resident committed to building a safer, stronger, and more connected community. When you elected me, I introduced a **5-Point Plan** to guide our Town's progress. **Here's what we've accomplished, and the work left to do:**

1. Upgraded Infrastructure

- Completed five street repair, stormwater, and pedestrian improvement projects, including Arapahoe Dr, Seneca Drive, Delaware Drive, Modoc Lane and Shawnee Drive, and Alden Way.
- Secured \$850,000 to improve with stormwater and critical road improvements on Blackhawk Lane
 - ◇ NEXT: Finish Capital Improvement Plan and begin the Blackhawk Lane project

2. Digital Transformation

- Launched electronic BoardDocs meeting agenda to streamline legislation and finished transitioning financial transactions to electronic systems for improved record-keeping, reporting, and transparency
- Completed the long-overdue audits for FY 2021 and FY 2022
 - ◇ NEXT: Complete the final audit in the first half of 2025 and complete a redesign for the Town website

3. Youth & Community Engagement

- Celebrated 75th Anniversary weekend with three events sponsored entirely by local businesses
- Launched Youth Ambassador program that showcases young excellence in Forest Heights
 - ◇ NEXT: Increase community involvement through committees, boards, Veteran and senior initiatives, regular Saturday outdoor programming in warmer months, and community garden awareness

4. Beautification & Economic Development

- Beautified all five entrances to Forest Heights with new signage and the first round of new plantings
- Completed passive parks at Modoc Ln and Arapahoe Terrace, and planted 1,400 new trees
 - ◇ NEXT: Complete annexation of 4 new businesses to expanded tax base, and incentivize new investment in blighted properties through artistic activation and business engagement meetings

5. Planning for the Future

- Started the discussion around the strategic planning process for 2025 and beyond
 - ◇ NEXT: Begin developing a vision for Forest Heights' future with community input by summer 2025

We have made great strides, but there is more work to do. With your help, we will enjoy a community that is safe, vibrant, financially sound, and committed to excellence. **I ask for your vote on March 12. Forest Heights Forward!**

Troy Barrington Lilly

CANDIDATE FOR WARD I

VOTE: JAMILAH MCDONALD



Greetings Ward 1 residents of the Town of Forest Heights. Having lived in the Town for several years and having raised my son here and now to be in service to the Town is a privilege. My focus these past 2 years has been to increase the quality of life for our residents. During this election season count on me to speak on your behalf and to get the job done.

As Ward 1 Councilmember, these are the Accomplishments made on your behalf:

- Pushed to take a disciplined approach to finances according to Article 20 of our Charter that resulted in better internal financial controls and strategic alignment. Also, sought to maintain property taxes for our residents.
- Advanced legislation through ordinance that increased engagement with residents and students at the Community Garden which played a key part of the Sustainable Maryland application. This engagement encouraged our gardening efforts as some planted, some watered, and we all benefited from a harvest!
- Encouraged inquiry into the advancement of the renovation of Bell Acres Park walk and ride trail project through partnership with Maryland National Parks and Planning that would increase the quality of life for our residents as we seek to enjoy clean parks for walking and cycling.
- Initiated partnership with the Washington Area Bicycling Association and our very own Forest Heights Elementary by establishing the “Learn to Ride” education program that led to an opportunity for kids in our community to learn how to safely and successfully ride bicycles.
- Successfully contributed to the Town gaining statewide recognition as a sustainable community and as a result we are now certified as a sustainable community in the state of Maryland which brings support for projects that make a difference in the lives of our residents here in the Town of Forest Heights.

I need your support to keep things moving! It is my hope that you re-elect me to serve as your Ward 1 Councilmember as we tackle challenges and embark on new opportunities to increase the quality of life that will grow our beloved town.

Yours In Service,

Jamilah C. McDonald

CANDIDATE FOR WARD II



*Vote: **BROWNSON, Theresa** - Ward II Council*

I have been your Ward II Councilwoman from March 2017 - 2019 and March 2023 - to present March 2025. During that time, I demonstrated my ability to interpret legislation and debate the pros and cons of issues. I am Chairperson of the Ways and Means Advisory Committee. I am an active participant in the revitalization of Forest Heights Community Garden. I participated in the Committee to host Forest Heights First Annual Senior Spa Day.

I completed the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance through the University of Maryland School of Public Policy in 2019. I hold a B.S. and M.Ed. Degree; also, I have an Adult Education Certification.

I believe I have demonstrated my knowledge, skills, and experiences to the residents, the Town Council, and the community. The Town of Forest Heights is in the midst of great opportunities for growth and increased popularity. I will ensure that the residents of Wards I, II, and III voices are represented in decision making.

I will work to institute programs and projects that are inter-generational and age friendly. I will vote for infrastructure improvements to our streets and add sidewalks in the town.

Vote for Theresa BROWNSON, WARD II COUNCIL so that there will be a voice on the Council to represent the needs of the residents, to ask questions, and to seek answers.

Vote-BROWNSON, Theresa - Ward II Council

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CANDIDATE FOR WARD II

VOTE CYNTHIA MANN FOR WARD 2



Hello to all residents of Forest Heights.

It has been several years since I have served as your representative for Ward 2 and the entire town, however, I have consistently worked to implement meaningful programs to the citizens of Forest Heights utilizing my position as the Executive Director of the Greater Oxon Hill Community Development Corporation.

My accomplishments are as follows:

1. Secured \$75k to support the community during COVID by implementing rental/mortgage and utility assistance. Served 50 homes during this period.
2. In partnership with the Delegate Kris Valderrama one of the first food-drives hosted during a national pandemic.
3. Implemented Senior Lawn Care services for the past three years successfully. Total budget \$60k (grant funded).
4. Implemented Commercial Facade Improvement of the Livingston Road and Indian Head Highway corridor. Grant funded (approximately \$200,000). The final phase of the project will be completed in Spring of 2025.
5. In partnership with Wyndham Resort, Delegate Pene-Melnyk and Delegate Woods, we have hosted Back- to-School Supply drives for four years. Flintstones, Glassmanor, John Henson, and Valley View Elementary have received additional resources.
6. Healthy Eating Farmer's Market is fully funding by the GOH CDC. We have been hosting the market for the past 10 years.

WHO AM I?

A 24- year resident

Actively working towards the well-being of our community and schools

Bachelor's degree Human Resource Management Summa cum Laude American University - 2006

Certification Federal Contracting and Procurement PG College Completion May 2019

Re-Certification Human Resource Management - PG College -Completion May2018

Certification District of Columbia Contracting and Procurement - Completion June 2018

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WORKING FOR YOU!!

Hola a todos los residentes de las Alturas del Monte

Han sido muchos años desde que he sido su representante para Ward 2 y el resto de la ciudad. Durante este tiempo consistentemente he trabajado para implementar programas de significado para los ciudadanos de nuestra ciudad utilizando mi posición como Directora ejecutiva del Greater Oxon Hill Community Development Corporation

Algunos de mis logros han sido:

1. Asegurar \$75K en ayuda para nuestra comunidad durante COVID, implementando asistencia para ayuda de rental/hipoteca y asistencia de utilidades para 50 hogares durante este periodo.
2. **En asociacion con la delegada Kris Valderrama producimos una de las pimeras colectas de comida para la comunidad.**
3. Implemente el servicio de corte de grama para ancianos convivencias en la ciudad siendo de un total de \$60K sostenido por donaciones
4. Implemente el programa de mejoracion de fachada comercial del corredor Livingston Road Y Indian Head Highway sostenido por donaciones de casi \$200,000. Con la fase final esperandose en la primavera del 2025
5. In asociaciones con el Wyndham Resort y las delegadas Pene-Melnyk y Woods hemos presentado Back-to-School Supply drives for 4 años proveyendo a las escuelas Flintstones, Glassmanor, Henson Valley Y Valley View Elementaria con muchos recursos necesitados.
6. Nuestra organizacion de OH CDC he fundado y respaldado el Farmer's Market para el consumo saludable por 10 años para el bien de la comunidad

QUIEN SOY YO?

Una residente de 24 años de nuestra comunidad activamente trabajando para el mejoramiento de nuestra comunidad y escuelas

Logros Y Calificaciones:

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CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

Hello, Ward 3 Neighbors,

It is both an honor and a privilege to announce that I am running for council member for Ward 3 in this wonderful Town of Forest Heights that we all call home. My journey as a resident here began in 2020, and since then, I have embraced the spirit, diversity, and resilience that define our exceptional neighborhood.

My educational background sets a strong foundation for my dedication to our community. I hold an Associate of Arts degree in Human Services and Early Childhood Development from Anne Arundel Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Counseling from Sojourner-Douglass College, and a Master of Education from the University of Maryland Global Campus. This diverse education has equipped me with the skills necessary to understand and meet the needs of people from various walks of life.

With over 30 years of teaching experience, I have had the privilege of educating children from six months through middle school. Currently, I serve as a middle school resource and special education teacher, guiding 8th graders through their academic journeys. My commitment to empowering young minds extends beyond the classroom; I also lead a female mentor club for 7th and 8th-grade girls called EnPower Her!, where I foster leadership, confidence, and community among our youth.

Forest Heights is a community filled with passionate residents who care deeply about our shared future. As your council member, I will ensure that every resident feels heard, valued, and supported. My vision for our town includes safe streets, a preserved environment, and a thriving economy that benefits everyone. Together, we can address any challenges we face and celebrate our successes, creating a Forest Heights we can all take pride in.

I am here to represent you, and I cannot do this alone. Change happens when we unite as a community, working in partnership toward common goals. I ask for your trust and your vote. Together, let's ensure that Forest Heights remains a vibrant, safe, and welcoming place not just for us but also for future generations. I am requesting your vote for Shavonnia Mial as the Ward 3 Council member. Thank you, and together we will succeed!

CANDIDATE FOR WARD III

VOTE TAUNYA HINES COUNCILMEMBER, WARD III



I, Taunya Hines have been a resident of the Town for over 30 years and have served as Ward 111, Councilmember for 8 yrs. In the past, I was able to attend numerous meetings in Annapolis and other Municipalities such as the PGCMA, and MML training courses:

- Emergency Manager
- Municipal Issues in Court
- Ethics
- Academy for Excellence
- Open Meetings Act
- Municipal Budgeting
- Public Information Act
- Small Business
- Public Work

I take my position as Councilmember of Ward III and Forest Heights seriously. I am available to all citizens of Forest Heights 7 days a week.

While I am Town councilmember, I have been working and will continue to work on some of following issues:

- Town Audit (Working to get the audit up to date so the Town can continue to receive grants)
- Public Work Committee (Clean Streets, Sidewalks, Storm drains, Waste management)
- Prince George's County Public Schools (No Child Left Behind Miss their Mid-Day Meal)
- Town of Forest Heights Police Athletic League PAL (Healthy environment of the youth of Prince George's County)
- Forest Heights Activities Committee (Dedicated to planning events and activities for all citizens)
- Maryland Voter Registration Certified (provides application so all American can exercises their right to vote)
- Creating Laws (Ordinances, and voting on them to become law)
- Monitoring Agencies (Ensuring the police and public works departments, are serving the community.)
- Being Ethical (Following laws and rules and putting the community first)
- Voting on Annexation (Ensuring Town Taxes Not Raise)

Education Makes Options

Taunya Hines Makes Results.

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TOWN HALL (5508 Arapahoe Drive)

