



May 7, 2007

Election Day

City of District Heights

THE HERALD

Mayor James L. Walls, Jr.
 Vice Mayor Edna L. Martin
 Commissioner Willie E. Calloun
 Commissioner Edith Robbins-Wortley
 Commissioner Lee Collins

District Heights Hires New Chief of Police

Jeff Dahn comes to us after serving as Chief of Police for the Edmonston Police Department, also located in Prince George's County. He has been married since 1992 to his wife, Karen. They have a son, Alex, who is four and a daughter, Sophia, who is one.

After growing up in St. Paul, Minnesota, Jeff moved to the Washington, DC metropolitan area in 1991 to serve as the Legal Specialist for the Legal Assistance Task Force at the Pentagon during Operation Desert Storm while a member of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Jeff served with several law enforcement organizations before being selected as Chief of the Edmonston Police Department in 2004.

In May, Jeff is scheduled to graduate from the Police Executive Leadership Program at Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor's degree in management. This is a cohort program, which brings together police executives from around the country. He plans to continue to his education at Johns Hopkins in pursuit of his master's

degree, which he should complete in May, 2008, still in the cohort program.

Jeff is currently the president of the Prince George's Municipal Police Chiefs' Association and is on the board of directors for the Port Towns Community Development Corporation. He is also the co-chairperson for the Public Safety Task Force for the Prince George's County "I-net" project and serves on the technical committee for that same project.

When asked why he wants to lead the District Heights police department, Jeff stated, "The city has a wonderful reputation and it is something that I would be proud to be a part of." As Chief, Jeff will have an "open door" policy and plans on being very accessible to the community. "You can not have a successful police department without having the support of the community", said Jeff. "Law enforcement should be about forming a problem-solving partnership between the community and the department." Chief Dahn will begin serving the city on April 23rd.

City Commission Adopts Resolution Requiring Write-In Candidates to Certify for Candidacy

Section 512 of the City Charter is silent on the issue of whether a person needs to file a Certificate of Candidacy to be an eligible candidate in order to qualify as a write-in candidate; therefore, the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of District Heights desire to follow the procedure established by the Maryland Code of Annotation, Election Law article in order to adopt an orderly and efficient method for determining who qualifies as an eligible write-in candidate. Maryland Code of Annotation, Election Law article §5-704 requires that an individual who desires to be elected as a write-in candidate file a Certificate of Candidacy. The Maryland Code of Annotation, Election Law article §5-303(c)(2) provides that a Certificate of Candidacy must be filed by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of the election for which the certificate

is filed.

If any individual fails to comply with this Resolution (No. DH 07-03) their candidacy will be null and void.

This resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission on March 29, 2007. A public hearing was held on April 10, 2007 and Resolution No. DH 07-03 was adopted with a 4-0-0 vote. This resolution will become effective on April 30, 2007.

If you have questions pertaining to Resolution No. DH 07-03, please contact the City Clerk, Mrs. Tamil Perry-Lloyd at (301) 336-1402. Full copies of the resolution can be obtained in the General Government Office, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

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Community News Briefs

ATTENTION!!!

It's not too late for organizations and marching bands to be a part of the District Heights Day parade and festival. There's still time to join the entertainment line up, or participate as a vendor. Volunteers are welcomed as well, especially high school students who need community service hours.

If you live on the following streets: District Heights Parkway, Rochelle Avenue, Elmhurst Street, Council Drive, Kipling Parkway, and Marbury Drive, please park your vehicles in your driveway or on side streets during the parade hours of 10am to 11am.

If you have any questions about District Heights Day or would like to be an entertainer, vendor, volunteer, or participate in the parade, please call Anthony Long at (301) 336-5633.

Save the date!
Saturday, May 19, 2007

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP

- * Must be a resident of the incorporated City of District Heights.
- * Must complete an application form. **Deadline: April 30, 2007.**
- * Must submit a high school transcript that includes grades 9-12.
- * Submit a letter from school counselor or community service coordinator certifying that you are currently serving your community or have completed your community service requirements.
- * Write a short essay (500 words or less) about your community service experience and its importance. (Must be typed, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced).
- * Copy of college acceptance letter.
- * Parents/Guardians combined household income must not exceed \$75,000. You must submit a copy of your 2006 W2 forms .

BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

(All dates are tentative and subject to change)

Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Budget Work Session

Tuesday, May 22, 2007
Budget Work Session

Tuesday, June 12, 2007
Budget/Tax Hearing Prior to
Work Session

Be a part of your City's budget process by attending these meetings and giving input on proposed programs, projects, and estimated expenditures and revenues.

REMINDER!!!!

Senior Citizen's Health Fair &
3K Walk/Run

Saturday, May 12, 2007, 11am to 4pm

For more information call Vice Mayor
Eddie Martin at (240) 508-6721

2007 City Election

Monday, May 7, 2007

E. Michael Roll Municipal Building (Gymnasium)

Polls Open: 10am to 8 pm

The following candidate's have been certified to run for the following offices in the City of District Heights:

Commissioner – Ward I

Edith R. Robbins-Worthy *(Incumbent)*

Jack C. Sims

Carroll F. Thomas

Commissioner – Ward II

Eddie L. Martin *(Incumbent)*

Meet the candidates on pages 3 - 6.

Edith R. Robbins-Worthy



ELECT Edith Robbins Worthy as Commissioner



Commissioner Edith Robbins-Worthy has lived in Ward I of the City of District Heights, Maryland for 22 years. She was one of the first residents to move into the Marbury Townhomes subdivision. Upon moving into the City, she immediately became involved in petitioning the City to install street lights on the dual portion of District Heights Parkway, which at the time had no lights. She helped to organize the 50th Anniversary Parade and Celebration for District Heights. She later began working as an Election Judge during City elections. During the early 1990's, she was appointed to the Board of Supervisors of Elections (BOSE) by former Mayor Mary Pumphrey. She has also served on the board during the tenures of former Mayor Jack Sims and current Mayor Carol Johnson. She is committed to ongoing innovations and improvements in the City.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy is diligently committed to making sure that residents of the City of District Heights are registered voters, and more importantly, she encourages residents to exercise their right to VOTE. Since the 2002 County elections, she has worked as an Election Judge Recruiter for the local Board of Elections for the Prince Georges County Government. She is responsible for ensuring that all election personnel receive training for City, County, State, and Presidential elections.



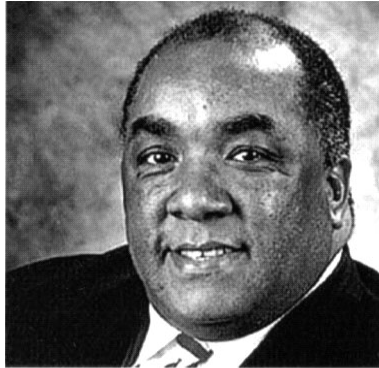
Commissioner Robbins-Worthy retired from the U.S. Postal Service where she worked for 36 years. She served in several positions during her tenure; however, during later years she worked as a Computer Systems Analyst for approximately 8 years, and the last 10 years as a Supervisor of Customer Services in Southern Maryland local offices. She is the former Vice President of the Marbury Homeowners Association.

She is the mother of Milton and Felicia, and the grandmother of Breon and Regis Wells and Eboni and Brittany Anderson. Commissioner Robbins-Worthy can be found in the 16th Edition of Who's Who Among American Women. She is a Deaconess and ordained Missionary for Gospel Bible Missionary Baptist Church in Capital Heights, Maryland where she has been a member for the past 14 years. In addition, Commissioner Robbins-Worthy Academy Fellow of the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service, a member of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), National League of Cities (NLC), National Notary Association (NNA), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She has enjoyed extensive education, training and travel to most major cities in the United States of America as well as international travel to include Senegal, West Africa; Vancouver, Canada; Cancun, Mexico, and the Bahamas.

Commissioner Robbins-Worthy is committed to working with the residents of Ward I and serving the needs of the City of District Heights so that it continuously moves in a positive direction.

- Commissioner Robbins-Worthy is committed to meeting the needs of the City of District Heights as established by the City Charter.
- She is Trustworthy, Committed and Accountable to the Citizens and further committed to:
 1. Finding innovative solutions to common problems.
 2. Sponsoring and approving activities for the youth in the City.
 3. Completing the District Heights Commercial Area Revitalization Program along the Marlboro Pike corridor.
 4. Working on annexations to help grow and expand the City limits.
 5. Finding grants and other resources to fund activities for youth as well as upgrading facilities.
 6. Sponsoring and supporting programs to prevent domestic violence against women.
 7. Developing innovative programming for Senior Citizen activities.

Jack C. Sims



Currently, former Mayor Jack C. Sims, Jr. is Managing Director of The Atrium Group. He served two terms as the Mayor of the City of District Heights. He was elected in May 1997 and again in May 2000. He served as Vice Mayor in 1994 and as Police and Code Enforcement Commissioner from 1993 to 1995. He is the Founding Director of the District Heights Citizen Action Patrol (our neighborhood watch program). He also founded the Mayoral Scholarship Award. He was a member of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and served in the following capacities: MML Election Committee Chairperson, and Prince George's County Municipal Association Board of Directors. Former Mayor Sims is a past member of the Maryland Institute for Government Service Advisory Board, the National League of Cities, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), the World Conference of Mayors (Vice President and Chairperson, Trade and Economic Development Committee), Maryland Mayors Association, National Conference of Black Mayors (Chairman, International Committee) and Board of Directors. He is also a Past President of the Maryland Black Mayors Association. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police 2F-DC, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Parish, and an Honorary Naval Aviator. He is a retired Chief, Environmental Management Service from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, DC after working 25 years. He and his spouse are partners in Discovery Information Consultants as "public records research specialists." Former Mayor Jack C. Sims, Jr. is married to Mary and they have two sons, Jack C., III and Justin.

Carroll F. Thomas

CARROLL "POP" THOMAS



Carroll "Pop" Thomas has been a resident of the City of District Heights for over 7 years. He is a graduate of the Prince George's County public school system, and currently employed as a bus operator for WMATA (Metro). He also serves on the WMATA safety committee. Pop, is well-known throughout the District Heights community for his service and dedication to the youth. He is a volunteer AAU Basketball Coach and Commissioner of Sports for the District Heights Boys and Girls Club. In his spare time, he also volunteers at Boys Village and The Better Way youth program.

HONEST ★ COMMITTED ★ DEDICATED ★ ACCOUNTABLE ★ YOUTH ADVOCATE

If you want responsible, accessible, and trustworthy representation, VOTE , CARROLL "POP" THOMAS

If you want a fresh voice with new ideas on the City Commission, VOTE , CARROLL "POP" THOMAS

If you want to enhance the quality and amenities of your community, VOTE , CARROLL "POP" THOMAS

If you want to see more programs for youth, active adults, and seniors, VOTE , CARROLL "POP" THOMAS

If you want your tax dollars used in the most economical and ethical way, VOTE , CARROLL "POP" THOMAS

May 7, 2007

VOTE FOR NEW LEADERSHIP!

VOTE FOR INTEGRITY!

VOTE FOR

CARROLL "POP" THOMAS

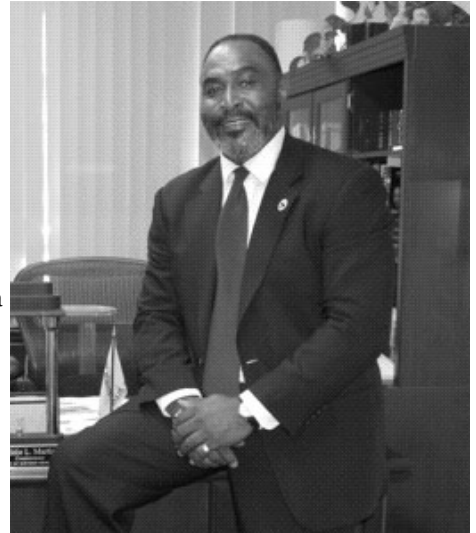
COMMISSIONER OF WARD I

Eddie L. Martin

Eddie L. Martin has been a resident of Prince George's County for over 30 years and has lived in the City of District Heights for 10 years. He was elected to the Office of Commissioner in 2004.

Commissioner Martin currently serves Vice Mayor and as the Police and Code Enforcement Commissioner for the City. He is an active member of the National League of Cities, Maryland Municipal League-Communications Committee (2004-Present), Maryland Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials-Human Development Committee. In 2007 Vice Mayor Martin was appointed to the Information Technology/Communication policy committee at the National League of Cities on behalf of the Maryland Municipal League.

Vice Mayor Martin is a former Washington Redskin. He was signed to the Redskins as a running back. He continues to be active in associations including the National Football League (NFL) Alumni, Inc.; Black College Coaches Visiting Program; High School Golf Coaches Association; Hiram Lodge #4 F&AM, Prince Hall Mason in Washington, DC; and the City Of District Heights Citizen Action Patrol. He is a member of the NAACP and in 2006 he received a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives 93rd General Assembly for community service. He's also an advocate for Senior Citizens and the youth of District Heights, raising money for both groups, who will always have his firm support.



Vice Mayor Martin currently attends the University of Maryland Institute Governmental Service Academy Fellow Program. He has also been accepted into Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is a member of the Faith Institute Rites of Passage for Young Males program and a volunteer golf coach and a professional golf instructor and actor.

As many of you know, Vice Mayor Martin is TOUGH, COMMITTED, AND CONTINUOUSLY FIGHTING TO SECURE FUNDING AND RESOURCES for the City of District Heights.

2004-2007 Most Outstanding Accomplishments:

- ◆ Negotiated new cable franchise agreement with Verizon.
- ◆ Negotiated \$229,000 easement agreement for satellite communications tower.
- ◆ Increased Citizen Action Patrol program budget through fundraisers.
- ◆ Supported the application for \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant for Street Improvements.
- ◆ Helped obtain State bond for 265 street lights currently being prepared for installation by PEPCO.
- ◆ Helped to create the District Heights Police Sub-station on Marlboro Pike.
- ◆ Produced the City's first District Height Jazz Festival & Concert.
- ◆ Produced two Senior Citizen lunch concerts.
- ◆ Held a free golf camp for City youth.

Present and Future Goals:

- ◆ Create a Senior Citizens Emergency Fund.
- ◆ Create a Food Bank.
- ◆ Create a District Heights Business Directory.
- ◆ Create and produce a weekly youth television show.
- ◆ Sponsor annual senior citizens health fair and 3K Walk/Run (May 12, 2007).

Voter Information

Section 501. Voters

Every person who meets all the following requirements may vote in City elections:

- (a) is a citizen of the United States,
- (b) is at least eighteen (18) years of age,
- (c) has resided within the corporate limits of the City for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the City election, and
- (d) is registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of State and County law and this Charter.

Section 505. Registration

(a) Registration by the Prince George's County Board of Elections shall be deemed registration for City elections, provided that the person so registered meets the voter qualifications enumerated in this Charter. The District Heights Board of Supervisors of Elections shall accept the list of registered voters provided by the Prince George's County Board of Elections as a valid registration list for the City.

(b) No person shall be entitled to vote in a City election unless he or she is duly registered to vote at least thirty (30) days prior to that election.

Section 1301. Distribution of Absentee Ballots

(a) Any qualified and registered voter who cannot be present at an upcoming City election may vote by absentee ballot. The individual shall apply for an absentee ballot on an application form provided by the Board of Supervisors of Elections. The individual shall state in the application the reason that he or she cannot vote in person at the election, shall sign the application, and shall deliver the application, by mail or other means, so that it reaches the Board of Supervisors of Elections on or before the Tuesday immediately preceding the election.

(b) The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall accept applications for absentee ballots after the Tuesday immediately preceding the election only in the event that, after the Tuesday immediately preceding the election, any of the following emergencies occurred:

- (1) The applicant has been notified that, as a condition of employment, he or she is required to be absent from District Heights on Election Day.
- (2) The applicant has become unable to be present at the polls as a result of illness or accident.
- (3) The applicant is unable to be present at the polls because of a death or serious illness in his or her immediate family.

A voter who makes application for an emergency absentee ballot shall appear in person at the City offices during normal business hours to obtain the absentee ballot or designate an agent to deliver the absentee ballot to the voter.

(c) If the Board of Supervisors of Elections determines that the applicant is eligible to vote as an absentee voter, the Board shall deliver, by mail or other means, an absentee ballot to the place so designated by the applicant. If the Board of Supervisors of Elections determines that the applicant is not eligible to vote as an absentee voter, the Board shall so notify the applicant.

The Absentee Ballot Application must be received in the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

Emergency Absentee Ballot

A voter who makes application for an emergency absentee ballot shall appear in person at the City Offices during normal business hours to obtain the absentee ballot or designate an agent to deliver the absentee ballot to the voter.

A voter may pick up an Emergency Absentee Ballot Application from the City Clerk's office commencing with Wednesday, May 2, 2007. The Emergency Absentee Ballot must be received in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2007; or returned to the City of District Heights, Board of Supervisors of Elections before the polls close at 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2007.

Commissioner's Corner.....Martin, Calhoun, Robbins-Worthy, and Collins

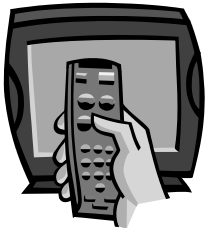
Dear Residents, In less than a month our City will participate in one of the oldest and fundamental activities that mark our society. Our City election will take place on Monday, May 7th. Being a community, we still have the opportunity to talk personally with the candidates, and the Commissioners. We have a Board of Elections that has a tradition of outstanding preparation and thoroughness, in running elections. Having participated in City elections for many years, I know the campaign process well, and the attendant nervousness that accompanies this time. I have also seen the negative side of this process as well; people making slanderous statements against others. Unfortunately, I have been told that some negativity has already shown up in the form of rumors and false statements. I am so sorry to see our fine tradition of lively and robust campaigning maligned by these baseless accusations. We have good, quality candidates running for office, and they do not deserve this. I have asked the Board of Elections to open a formal investigation, just to ensure that nothing is awry. I urge our residents to stay focused on the ISSUES; we have important matters to deal with in the upcoming fiscal year. We need to build our police department up, address specific property and crime issues, develop a strategic plan for our business area on Marlboro Pike, utilize our police substation, do more to help our Seniors, upgrade our street lights, repair sidewalks, ensure that our planned projects for the recreation department get completed on schedule, create more opportunities for our youth, and partner with our local schools to name but a few. I hope the rumors fizzle out so that we all can enjoy this exciting democratic process.

~ Commissioner Lee Collins, Ward II

The Commissioners of the City of District Heights are committed to our residents and youth. We welcome your input on how to improve the quality of life of our residents, so feel free to contact us with your ideas.

Residents, if you wish to contribute news-worthy articles to The Herald, please submit your articles to the City Clerk no later than the 1st of each month.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request given at least 10 days in advance. To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call (301) 336-1402.



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