



Did You Know? by Chief Tarpley

The Vital Role of Code Enforcement

Code enforcement is essential in maintaining the safety, health, and overall quality of life in our community. In the City of District Heights, the **Code Enforcement Department** has significantly evolved since its inception in 1990. Initially focused on issues like trash, high grass, stray dogs, and abandoned vehicles, the department's responsibilities have expanded to include:

- Issuing various **permits and licenses**, such as building permits, commercial and residential business licenses, daycare licenses, and rental licenses within city limits.
- Providing **housing inspections** for apartments and rental homes to ensure they meet safety and health standards.
- Maintaining and enforcing the city's codes to **uphold community standards** and property values.

By adhering to these codes, **residents play a crucial role** in creating a safer, more attractive, and prosperous community. As a District Heights resident, your cooperation not only ensures your property remains in good standing but also enhances the overall appeal and safety of our city. This collective effort leads to higher **property values**, **reduced crime** rates, and a stronger sense of **community pride**.

For more information or assistance, contact the Code Enforcement Department at **(301) 336-1400** ext. 140 or email codeenforcement@districtheights.org.

1 Spring Cleanup, Shred, & Waste Days

It's time to refresh our city! Join us for **Spring Cleanup Week**, happening April 14-18, as we work together to keep District Heights beautiful. Take advantage of this opportunity to clear out unwanted items and spruce up our community!



Then, on April 19, bring your sensitive documents to **Shred Day** and safely dispose of them for free. We're also collecting **Household Hazardous Waste** (paint, chemicals, batteries, and more) to ensure safe and proper disposal.

2 Vendors Wanted for District Heights Day

Join us for an exciting day of food, music, shopping, dancing, and fun at **District Heights Day 2025!** We're seeking vendors to bring their amazing goods and services to this community celebration.

Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, June 7
- **Time:** Time: 10 AM – 4 PM
- **Location:** City of District Heights Main Campus Drive
- **Fee:** \$30 (must bring your own table, tablecloth, and chair)
- **Rain Date:** Saturday, June 14

Call the **Recreation Center** to register: **(301) 336-5633**



Fiesta Place Community Garden

3 Want a Fiesta Garden Plot?

Fiesta Place Community Garden's February and March events were a success! Thank you to residents, community members, and Prince George's County Master Gardeners who participated. Our goal is to share knowledge about gardening and build confident gardeners. **We welcome all ages and skillsets!**

Interested in becoming a plot partner this season? The application will open April 1, 2025. Plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Email fiestaplace@districtheights.org for more information.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 4

- Family Engagement Night
 - 6-8pm in the YSB building
 - Call the **Family & Youth Services Bureau** to register: **(301) 336-7600**



Tuesday, April 8

- District Heights Work Session
 - 7:00pm in the Municipal Building
 - Email cityclerk@districtheights.org for more information



Monday, April 14



- College Tour to George Mason Univ.
 - Pickup in the YSB parking lot at 8:15am
 - Call the **Family & Youth Services Bureau** to register: **(301) 336-7600**

Thursday, April 17

- Senior Center Beaded Jewelry-Making Bonanza
 - 10am-12pm in the Senior Center
 - Call the **Senior Center** to register: **(301) 350-3660**



Tuesday, April 22

- District Heights Work Session
 - 7:00pm in the Municipal Building
 - Email cityclerk@districtheights.org for more information.



Saturday, April 26

- Fiesta Place Community Garden: Safe Gardening Tips
 - 12:00pm-2:00pm in the Senior Center
 - Email fiestaplace@districtheights.org for more information.



To view more events, visit www.districtheights.org/calendar/month.

Announcements

GOT YARD WASTE?

Yard waste is now being picked up **every 2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month. Make sure you use **only paper bags**, and place them where they can be **easily visible** from the street. If you prefer to use a can, you can put yard waste in the trash container for pickup on your normal trash schedule.



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE HERALD

The Herald is now offering ad space in upcoming issues. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business to residents and community members. For pricing and details, contact Kellye Beathea, Director of Communications, at beatheak@districtheights.org. Secure your spot today!

NEXT MONTH'S CITY MEETING: MAY 1

To participate, you **MUST** email the clerk's office (cityclerk@districtheights.org) **24 hours prior** to the beginning of the scheduled meeting date. The email **must include your full name, address, telephone number, purpose for public participation at a meeting**, and any accompanying materials you wish to be distributed to the Mayor and Commission.

Want to be in The Herald?

Send your submissions to publicaffairs@districtheights.org.

Emails **must** include the subject line "**Herald Submission, [Month] 2025**". Emails without this text in the subject line will **not** be considered or included in the next issue.

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The City of District Heights encourages all to voice any questions, comments, and concerns that you may have. We are committed to responding to comments and complaints within 24 hours, Monday-Friday. It's very important that citizens identify themselves so we can respond quickly to your concerns. Please be sure to include within your email your Name, Home Address, and Phone Number.

THIS IS HOME.

UNLOCK YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL
 at  **District Heights Maryland**  **American Job Center Job and Resource Lab**
 City of District Heights



TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Career Counseling:** Personalized guidance to help you identify and achieve your career goals.
- **Job Search Assistance:** Access to job listings, resume workshops, and interview preparation to enhance your employment prospects.
- **Training Programs:** Opportunities to develop new skills or upgrade existing ones to stay competitive in today's job market.
- And **MORE!**

Visit Us TODAY!

 **District Heights Maryland**
 American Job Center Resource Lab-District Heights
 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, MD 20747
 Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Contact: proctort@districtheights.org • (301) 336-5633

UNLOCK YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL

The City of District Heights is home to an **American Job Center and Resource Lab**, a game-changing resource designed to help residents find jobs, gain new skills, and advance their careers!

- **Job Training & Certification Programs**
- **Resume Building & Interview Prep**
- **Career Counseling & Employment Resources**
- **Access to Local Job Opportunities**

District Heights is **the first municipality in Prince George's County** with an in-house workforce development lab. Visit us in the Recreation Center and learn more today!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Looking for an exciting summer adventure for your child? **District Heights Summer Camp** is back and better than ever! From June 23 - August 1, 9 AM - 3:30 PM, kids ages 6-13 can enjoy:

- Field Trips
- STEM Activities
- Sports & Wellness
- Arts & Crafts
- And **SO** much more!

Spots are limited—register today!

RECREATION CENTER

 **District Heights Maryland**

SUMMER CAMP 2025

For children ages 6-13

Residents: \$400/child*
 Non-Residents: \$500/child*

Application Fee: \$25
*Camp fees do not include field trips

JUNE 23 - AUGUST 1
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Field Trips **Sports/Wellness** **STEM Activities** **Arts & Crafts**

And MORE!

Register NOW!

Registration begins March 31 - June 6

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General Government

(Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

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Police Department

districtheights.org/police-department

301-336-1400 ext. 111 For emergencies call 9-1-1 (24 hours)

Code Enforcement

districtheights.org/code-enforcement

301-336-1400 ext. 160

Public Works

districtheights.org/public-works

301-336-7417

Senior Services

districtheights.org/senior-services

301-350-3660

Recreation Center

districtheights.org/recreation-parks-culture-department

301-336-5633

Family & Youth Services

districtheights.org/family-youth-services

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