

Mayor's Note

Welcome to the **FIRST** edition of our **MONTHLY** newsletter!

Dear Residents,

As we launch this inaugural issue of our monthly newsletter, I want to take a moment to reflect on **the strides we've made together** thus far. This platform will serve as an opportunity to highlight the incredible progress we are making together to ensure that District Heights continues to be a place of pride, belonging, and opportunity—**our home**.

Over the past year, we have achieved major milestones that reflect our commitment to you. With the **\$5.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funding, we've been able to restore essential services, invest in our infrastructure, and provide direct support to our residents.



Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Over **\$850,000 in rental and direct assistance** to residents, providing relief to those most in need.
- **All three municipal playgrounds** were improved and replaced, giving our children safe and modern spaces to play.
- A **new street sweeper** was purchased, and for the first time in years, street sweeping services resumed.
- The public works and police vehicle fleets were completely refreshed, ensuring **better and more reliable services**.
- Our financial system was upgraded through **OpenGov**, modernizing how we manage and share financial information with **transparency and accountability**.
- Numerous streets and intersections were repaved, improving **safety and accessibility for all**.

Beyond these successes, we've also taken significant steps to position **District Heights as a regional leader**.

From partnering with national brands like the **Washington Commanders, Republic Services, and Care Access**, to expanding access to innovative tools like **SmartGov** for licensing and permitting, we are creating a future-ready city.

Our work is guided by the principles reflected in our motto: "**This Is Home.**" It's more than a statement—it's **our promise to you** to foster a community where families, businesses, and neighbors thrive together.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are shaping a stronger, **brighter future for District Heights**.



Cynthia Miller, Mayor of District Heights, Maryland



CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 6

- Black History Bingo
 - 12:30-2:30pm in the Rec Center
 - Call the **Recreation Center** to register: (301) 336-5633



Wednesday, February 12

- Senior Center Paint 'n Sip
 - 10am-2pm in the Senior Center
 - Call the **Senior Center** to register: (301) 350-3660



Friday, February 14

- Valentine's Day Luncheon
 - 12-3pm in the Rec Center
 - Call the **Recreation Center** to register: (301) 336-5633
- College Tour to Coppin State Univ.
 - Pickup in the YSB parking lot at 8:15am
 - Call the **Family & Youth Services Bureau** to register: (301) 336-7600



February 21

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



February 24

- Movie Night: "The Six Triple Eight"
 - 6:30-8:30pm in the Rec Center
 - Call the **Recreation Center** to register: (301) 336-5633



Thursday, February 27

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



Announcements

NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT

Beginning February 1, the City of District Heights is partnering with **Republic Services** to enhance our waste management services.

Your pickup schedule may change. Scan the QR code or call (301) 324-3455 for details.



NEXT CITY MEETING: FEBRUARY 6

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.

NEW CLASSES IN SENIOR CENTER

Registration is now open for **TWO (2) new SAGE Classes** at District Heights Senior Center: 1) Brain Fitness Fun & Games and 2) Music Appreciation and Instruction beginning the week of **February 10**. Call (301) 350-3660 for details.

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.



We need YOUR voice.

Help District Heights shape the future by filling out our survey!

The City of **District Heights** wants **your thoughts** on the FY 2026 budget! Your voice matters, and **this is your chance** to let us know what programs and services matter most to **YOU**. From public safety to community services, your feedback will guide **how we prioritize funding** to better serve our residents.

Go to bit.ly/DHSurveyFY2026 to complete the survey.

Your participation will help inform the City of District Heights' budgeting process more effectively. **Don't wait**—share your ideas today and **make a difference** in our community!

1 Fiesta Garden: Seed Swap 'n Sip

Calling all gardeners and plant lovers! Bring your seeds, swap with fellow growers, and sip on herbal teas grown right in the garden!

- **Saturday, February 15, 2025**
- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- District Heights Senior Center: 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, MD 20747
- Featuring: Prince George's County Master Gardeners, with **Special Guest: Brittany McCraw**

For more information, email fiestaplace@districtheights.org.

2 Sponsors for Little Library Project

The District Heights Family Youth Services Bureau is creating **nine (9) Little Libraries** across the city to bring free books and community programming to children, families, and seniors. **We need your help** to make this vision a reality!

Your support will make a lasting impact on literacy and connection in District Heights. **Sponsors will receive community recognition** on structures, at events, and in promotional materials.

Email Christina Richardson richardsonc@districtheights.org for details.



3 Need a Permit or License?

Call Code Enforcement for more information at **(301) 336-1400** ext.140 or send us an email at codeenforcement@districtheights.org.

We're here to help!



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