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THE HERALD

Newsletter



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“Every step represented more than a mile traveled—it represented a community moving forward together.”



Katrina Emerson
Executive Director

The My Sole Knows 5K encouraged residents of all ages and fitness levels to get moving while enjoying time with neighbors, friends, and family.

Events like this support healthier lifestyles while creating opportunities for residents to build relationships beyond their everyday routines.

From the starting line to the final steps, the day was filled with smiles, encouragement, and community pride.

Together, we continue moving District Heights forward.

We are better together.





MY SOLE KNOWS 5K

A Celebration of Wellness, Community & Connection

The City of District Heights was proud to bring residents, families, and supporters together for the My Sole Knows 5K, a community event centered on health, wellness, and connection.

Participants took to the streets with enthusiasm, turning the course into a celebration of movement and community spirit. Whether walking, jogging, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines, everyone played a part in creating an uplifting experience.

The event was about more than reaching the finish line. It provided an opportunity for neighbors to connect, encourage one another, and enjoy an active day together. From our youngest participants to longtime residents, the 5K demonstrated what can happen when our community comes together around a shared purpose.

We extend our appreciation to everyone who participated, volunteered, supported the event, and helped make the day possible. Your energy and involvement continue to make District Heights a stronger and more connected community.



2026 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Building Stronger Connections Through Community & Public Safety

On August 4, 2026, the City of District Heights Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out, bringing residents, families, law enforcement agencies, and community partners together for an evening of connection, fun, and fellowship.

The Police Department was joined by the Maryland State Police, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Homeland Security Investigations, Prince George's County Police Department, Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, and Capitol Heights Police Department. Together, these agencies engaged with residents and highlighted the importance of collaboration in keeping our communities safe.

Families enjoyed food, games, live entertainment, moon bounces, giveaways, a 360-degree photo booth, ice cream, Italian ice, popcorn, cotton candy, and a dunk tank—with the Chief of Police joining in on the fun! Bicycles and other giveaways added even more excitement to the evening.

Beyond the activities, National Night Out provided an opportunity for residents and law enforcement to connect outside of traditional settings, helping strengthen communication, familiarity, and trust.

Thank you to our law enforcement partners, community organizations, businesses, vendors, volunteers, City leadership, staff, and residents for making National Night Out 2026 a success. We are better together!



Private First-Class Shivesh Butani received both the Officer of the Year and Investigator of the Year awards for the District Heights Police Department. His recognition extended beyond the department, as he was also named the Association's Overall Officer of the Year.

These honors highlight his professionalism, dedication, and commitment to law enforcement. His achievements bring tremendous pride to the District Heights Police Department and reflect the importance of excellence, accountability, and service in protecting the community.



Honoring Excellence in Law Enforcement and Public Safety

On October 5, 2026, the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County, Maryland, hosted its Annual Awards Ceremony at the Metro Points Hotel in New Carrollton. The ceremony recognized outstanding law enforcement professionals for their dedication to service, leadership, and community safety. The City of District Heights Police Department proudly celebrated two honorees, Deputy Chief Dominick Watters and Private First-Class Shivesh Butani, whose contributions reflect the department's commitment to excellence and public service.



Deputy Chief Dominick Watters was recognized as the District Heights Police Department's Community Services Officer of the Year. This honor celebrates his commitment to community engagement, public safety, and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the residents they serve.

His recognition reflects the importance of leadership, collaboration, and community-centered policing. Through his continued service, Deputy Chief Watters represents the department's dedication to building trust, encouraging positive community relationships, and supporting a safer, more connected District Heights.

Your Government At Work



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 30 | Fall Festival
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
2000 Marbury Dr.
District Heights, MD, 20747

NOV 2 | Fall Leaf Collection Begins
Citywide | By designated sections

NOV 23 | Thanksgiving Luncheon
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
2000 Marbury Dr.
District Heights, MD, 20747

DEC 19 | Holiday Event
TBA | Recreation Center*
2000 Marbury Dr.

For more information and updates, visit www.districtheights.org.

Your Government at Work is a City of District Heights initiative designed to give residents a closer look at the people, departments, and services working behind the scenes every day.

Through department highlights, project updates, and educational features, the initiative helps residents better understand how City government operates, the services available to them, and how City staff are working to serve and strengthen the community.



CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of District Heights holds its City Meetings on the first Thursday of each month and Work Sessions on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are held at the Municipal Building, located at 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, MD 20747. Residents are encouraged to attend and stay informed about City business. Meeting agendas, schedules, and updates are available on the City's official website at www.districtheights.org.

YOUR GOVERNMENT AT WORK



Karla grew up in District Heights, Maryland, and attended District Heights Elementary School, where she recognized the need for affordable youth programs. Inspired to make a difference, she developed a passion for mentorship, athletics, and the performing arts.

In 2015, she established a performing arts program at the District Heights Recreation Center, fostering creativity, confidence, and personal growth among local youth. Her dedication expanded through athletic programming and team-building initiatives.

Today, Karla serves as Lead Counselor and Administrative Assistant for the District Heights Recreation Summer Camp. She remains committed to empowering youth and giving back to the community that shaped her.



Dailyn began her journey with the City of District Heights in summer 2025 as a Recreation Department volunteer. Recognizing her dedication, City staff encouraged her to pursue employment. She later joined as a part-time employee, supporting the Recreation Department, Senior Center, and Police Department.

In February 2026, Dailyn became a Police Clerk, supporting daily operations and serving residents. As one of the City's bilingual staff members, she speaks Spanish, helping improve communication with Spanish-speaking residents.

After graduating high school on May 8, 2026, Dailyn continues to demonstrate how youth opportunities create pathways to professional growth and community service.

20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS

Since joining the City of District Heights Public Works Department on February 6, 2006, Angela Barnhill Love has dedicated 20 years of service to the City and its residents. Beginning as a Foreman II, Angela later served as Building Coordinator/Administrative Assistant and currently serves as Operations Manager.

Throughout two decades of service, Angela has built strong relationships with residents while helping address concerns and find solutions to issues affecting the community. Being a dependable resource for both residents and City staff has remained an important part of Angela's commitment to public service.

Professional growth has also been a priority throughout Angela's career. After graduating from the Academy of Excellence, she continued developing professionally through City meetings, workshops, training sessions, and hands-on experience. This service has included participation in numerous City projects and collaboration with the Code Enforcement Department on matters impacting the community.

Her contributions have extended beyond Public Works. After receiving training on the City's former Records Management System through the Police Department, Angela also became certified in fingerprinting.



In 2008, Angela took the initiative to write a grant proposal to secure funding for Public Works employee training. The grant was successfully awarded, providing valuable professional development opportunities for department employees.

In addition to serving as Operations Manager, she serves as a Notary Public for the City, providing another valuable service to the organization and community.

Angela's dedication has also been formally recognized, earning the distinction of Employee of the Year in both 2007 and 2024.

After 20 years, she remains committed to serving District Heights with professionalism, dependability, and dedication. The City proudly recognizes this significant milestone and celebrates two decades of service to the District Heights community.

YOUR CITY COMMISSION



Working together to serve District Heights with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to our community.



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Fall fun is coming to District Heights! 🍂🎃
The City of District Heights is partnering with Price Benowitz, Prince George's County Public Schools Community Schools, District Heights Elementary School, John Bayne Elementary School, the DHES Parent-Teacher Organization, The City of David Ministries, Hemingway Memorial AME Church, Trinidad Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, The Heights Church, and other community partners for our Fall Festival!

Bring the family for an evening of candy, a petting farm, trunk-or-treat, carnival stations, a pumpkin station, and more. FOX 5 will be there, too!

📅 Friday, October 30
🕕 6:30–9:30 PM
📍 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, MD 20747

Come celebrate the season with your neighbors and make some fall memories!



Join the District Heights Sustainability Committee

Help promote clean air, green spaces, healthy food, and climate justice. No experience needed!

Our 100% volunteer-run committee has planted 165 trees at 51 homes (2023–2026), led seasonal cleanups, removed invasive species, and provided environmental education with childcare. Highlights include a World Food Day City Resolution, HBCU Legislative Night with the NAACP, and community events supported by local partners.

Next: Community-owned air quality monitoring, more tree planting, and resilience hub planning.

Meetings: Virtual, third Thursday monthly at 7 PM, except August and December.
Contact: Nicole Jackson | dhscchair@gmail.com



🍂 Fall leaf collection begins Monday, November 2, 2026!
Place dry leaves between the sidewalk and curb, within four feet of the curb, and keep piles free of sticks and debris.
Check the flyer for your section's collection dates. Let's keep District Heights clean together!

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We Are Better Together.

2026 FALL LEAF COLLECTION

STREET LIST BY SECTION

Please Note: Some street names appear in more than one section because the same street may extend through different areas of the city. Different address blocks of that street may be assigned to different leaf collection sections. Residents should check both the street name and block/address range.

SECTION 1

- Alpine Street
- Bellwood Street
- Atwood Street
- Cabot Street
- District Heights Parkway – Marbury Court
- Elmhurst Street – cul-de-sac
- County Road
- Scott Key Drive

SECTION 2

- Kipling Parkway — 6400–6630
- Foster Street
- Gateway Boulevard — 6300–6720
- Edfeldt Drive
- Halleck Street — 6400–6714
- Driver Place
- Council Drive
- Blazer Drive
- Aztec Drive
- Breton Drive

SECTION 3

- Kipling Parkway — 6601–7213
- Ramble Wood Drive
- Ramble Wood Court
- Gateway Boulevard — 6909–7119
- Foster Street — 6906–7120
- Mason Street
- Halleck Street — 2318–7131
- Marbury Drive
- Lansdale Street — 6900–7118
- Romona Drive
- Luana Drive
- Edfeldt Drive — 2600–2706

SECTION 4

- Lansdale Street — 7200–7230
- Senator Avenue
- Wintergreen Avenue, Wintergreen Court
- Roslyn Avenue
- Harwood Road
- Harwood Court
- Glendora Drive, Glendora Court
- Val Lane
- Kipling Parkway — 7300–7612
- Brewton Street
- Brewton Court
- Walkus Court



🍂 Know your section for fall leaf collection!
Find your street on the flyer and check the listed block or address range, as some streets appear in multiple sections.
Use your section to follow the collection schedule and help keep District Heights clean!

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