

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2026
TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Date: March 31, 2026
FROM: Doris E. Sarumi, Town Manager
TO: Mayor and Town Council
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report for Period Ending March 31, 2026

ADMINISTRATION

Job Vacancies: The positions of Police Officers remain vacant.

Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) -attended the annual insurance renewal workshop in LaPlata, Maryland on March 12, 2026. Municipal insurance coverage will increase by 10% for year 26-27. Other important highlights included: 1) any investigations exclude rights to personal cell phones and 2) all complaints must be investigated this includes verbal and anonymous complaints. Updated coverage will include the coverage of the pocket park mural.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Prince George's Redevelopment Authority (RDA)- March 5, 2026, the Prince George's County Redevelopment Development Authority requested of the mayor a letter of support to be sent to the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) which will deliver 20 new- construction, all electric, single -family units to be developed on the 4.4-acre site owned by the town. Mr. Pinkney and I meet twice with Mrs. Patricia Omondi, Acting Director of RDA to discuss vacant lots throughout the town and possible land use plans.

Green Team: Due to weather conditions, the Green Team did not meet. The next meeting will be on Thursday May 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM via zoom or in person at Town Hall. An agenda to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Chesapeake Conservation Landscape Council Tree Training Workshop -March 11, 2026. The Chesapeake Conservation Landscape Council (CCLC) provided training and delivered a one half-day training course for the public works staff, mayor and council, and the Fairmount Heights CDC. The training was paid from grant award #25493

Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship grant. The CCLC staff included Berth Ginter, Jason Swope, and Arborist, Andrea Ovalle.

Upcoming Event-

APRIL 22, 2026 EARTH DAY. THEME, "OUR POWER, OUR PLANET." It focuses on empowering individuals, communities, and organizations to act for environmental protection. It is celebrated each year on April 22nd. This year Earth Day will be celebrating its 56th anniversary. Listed below are ideas and suggestions on ways you can celebrate earth day:

- Join town-wide or county-wide clean-up or clean up and beauty your back yard;
- Change your diet-turn food scraps into composting thus discarding less wrappers and containers (Doris Sarumi, Climate Stewards Projects)
- Plant a tree
- Help bees and other pollinators by creating a pollinator garden (plans to partner with the Fairmount Heights Library); and
- Recycle, repurpose, and reuse (Marvin Harris, public works)

The Net Zero Housing- Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP). One unit was sold and now occupied. Four units are under contract. Solar panels will be installed on each unit and should be completed by mid-April.

Sustainable Maryland Reminder -The University of Maryland will fund a \$5, 000 stipend for a Bowie University graduate student. Mike Hunninghake of Sustainable Maryland and I recommended that the student could:

- Develop an Environmental Resource Invent
- Recommend polices;
- Recommend new ordinances; and
- A plan for publicly engagement strategy.

The launching date will be February 2026 to December to December 30, 2026.

Patriots -TTC- STEM Organization. The Patriots NSBE Chapter located at 5800 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway, 20743 will be hosting the 2026 BEYA STEM pre-College Program. All senior high school students are invited.

