

Mayor Report (March 2023)

Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (Feb 27, 2023 - March 27, 2023)

1. Accomplished:
 - a. Resolutions/Council Actions:
 - i. Met with Councilmen (Herring and Hairston) and Heather McComas from the Crown Castle team evolution of 5G Glenarden Wards I and II identified cellular receptivity improvement zones.
 - ii. O-05-2023 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 Ethics and Letter, signed and coordinated. The Maryland General Assembly enacted House Bill 363 and House Bill 1058 during the 2021 legislative session, which added new laws to the Maryland Public Ethics Law and requires local governments to incorporate certain changes into their respective ethics ordinances.
 - b. Annual Budget relative to the Executive branch for FY24 submitted. Treasurer compiling the overall budget submissions for public briefing. PG County Office of Finance, deadline for submitting the tax rates for billing met. Feedback sent to SDAT by May 26, 2023 deadline.
2. The Mayor's Office has been extremely full of activity supported/fielded 18 office calls/meetings.
 - i. Ground breaking of Phase III_ Pennrose, Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, B&W Solutions, & SHABACH! Ministries and the City of Glenarden development Glenarden Hills Phase 3 affordable living. This new March 15th, 2023 breaking set to bring the total units in Glenarden to 158. Glenarden Phase 3 is structured as a twin deal, meaning it is composed of two distinct projects, a 44-unit project financed with 9% tax credits titled "Glenarden Hills Phase 3, 9%", the other a 114-unit project financed with 4% tax credits appropriately named "Glenarden Hills Phase 3, 4%". In total, the Glenarden Hills Phase 3 projects will result in a combined 158-units once both projects are complete. The two phase 3 projects are the final rental phases of the Glenarden Redevelopment, which includes 424 units of new affordable, workforce and market rate multifamily housing and homeownership units targeted to seniors and families. The redevelopment replaces the original 578-unit distressed Glenarden Apartments complex and is set to greatly accelerate the economic revitalization of a legacy City in Prince George's County. The overall Glenarden Hills project represents a \$110+ million investment in Prince

George's County and brings a unique approach to delivering high-quality, mixed-income housing serving a diverse mix of households.

- ii. Prince George's Hope in Action Task Force and the Hope Collective. Mayor Cross serves on the Hope in Action Task Force selected by County Executive Alsobrooks as the Chairman for the Community Assessment Committee. Ten areas of community concern are being developed to address the ongoing disenfranchisement of youth across Prince George's County of these ten, five short wins are being recommended to grow county efforts immediately.
<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/4308/Hope-in-Action>
- iii. Met with Governor Wes Moore Intergovernmental Liaison. Work ongoing to secure access for our cities to various Pilot Programs – Planning Grants and Capital Construction project inclusion in and around our city.
- iv. Office of the Mayor is working with non-profit titled: The Blue Runway for Autism. They partner with Macy's and Law Enforcement to host fashion shows for people/kids with autism/special needs to promote positive self-esteem. They also host workshops with Law Enforcement to create a safe approach not knowing if a person has an invisible disability. This program is titled: "DRESSED IN BLUE". The next Blue Runway for Autism fashion show is scheduled on Saturday April 29, 2023, at the F.O.P. Lodge 89 located at 2905 Old Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland from 3pm-7pm. If your family has been impacted by autism or have an autistic child, please reach out to POC: Linda Carpenter-Grantham, Founder Email: bluerunwayforautism@gmail.com website: <http://www.thebluerunwayforautism.com/>
- v. Meeting with US Department of Agriculture and US black Farmers on the delivery and support of agricultural diverse fresh foods, democracy and grants and subsidies, fair contracts and delivery. Set to address the United Nations people forum on African Descent 29-30 March 2023 via zoom.
- vi. Attendance of the Maryland Mayors Association monthly meeting.
- vii. Federation of World Peace and Love Ring the Bell of World Peace and Love - "2023 World Leader Summit of Love and Peace, National Press Club Washington DC. 28 March 2023. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross invited by the committee to co-chair the event which has cordially invited 15 national and international world leaders to attend the March event receiving either the conscience clock and/or ringing the Bell of World Peace and Love to pray for the world. To date, 464 influential leaders from 128 nations have rung the Bell and made wishes for peace. Mayor Cashenna A Cross was honored to ring the bell of Peace and love and received the conscience clock Dec 2022. During the ancient solemn bell ringing ceremony, the bell ringers' reverence for nature and their wishes for peace will be spread with the sound of the bell, soothing all living beings, awakening people's conscience, stimulating the power of hope, and inspiring

acts of kindness to inject powerful positive energy into the troubled world! For more information about the bell ringing ceremony, please visit

<http://fowpal.org/introduction>

- viii. Glenarden webmaster on Executive Office April-June 2023: City Quarterly Newsletter Submission.
- ix. Meeting with Councilmen (Herring and Hairston) and Heather McComas from the Crown Castle 5G team.
- x. Meeting report to Glenarden Housing Authority on Executive Office actions taken of benefit to the GHA.
- xi. NAACP Prince George's County Board of Directors; March 2023 Women in NAACP (WIN) Woman. Selected as awardee/honoree of the NAACP Prince George's County Branch WIN Committee Women's History Month Celebration - Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.
- xii. Prince George's County Council Property Standards, Enforcement, Permitting and Inspections Town Hall Event on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building, Council Hearing Room, 1301 McCormick Drive in Largo. Shared ideas on how to make property standards, enforcement, permitting and inspection functions of County Government more responsive to the needs of our community. Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) leadership were also in attendance.
- xiii. United Nations Permanent Forum of People of African Descent (#PfPAD) as sponsored by the World Conference of Mayors Committee on the #PfPAD and the Friends of the African Union with the African Diaspora Directorate, Sons and Daughters of Africa and the UNESCO Center for Peace. Their 2022 work is at <http://www.pfpad.africa>
- xiv. Questions & Talking Points for Meeting with County Executive and Prince George's County Municipal Association. Topics: Stormwater Management; Inclusionary Zoning; Equitable Development; Improved Traffic Congestion; Affordable Housing and Rent Stabilization; School Construction and Renovation; Tax Differentials specifically, when a municipality provides services, it is possible to remove the cost of services that the County is no longer providing (trash collection, for instance) from the county tax part of our resident's tax bills. Additionally, Mental Health and Public Safety.
- xv. Discussions with the Chief of Police Glenarden on Moors (Sovereign Nation) traffic stops and complaints. Discussion on training of police force and ways to develop public safety approaches. Moorish sovereign citizen groups include the Free Moorish Nation, the United Mawshakh Nation of Nuurs, the Nuwaubian Nation of Moors and the Al Moroccan Empire. These groups primarily operate throughout the Southeastern, Northeastern and Midwestern United States. Inquiry made also to Prince George's County Sherriff's department regarding training opportunities.
- xvi. Women's History Month a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. Youth EmpowerMe Foundation salutes all of the men and

women that are partnering to uplift women and girls. On March 25, 2023 at the EmpowerHer EmpowerMe Mother Daughter Summit. The summit was created to help moms and mother figures to gain the tools, support and resources necessary to empower our future female leaders of the world. Mayor Cashenna A Cross selected as featured speaker for nearly 150 attendees making remarks and graced the EmpowerHer EmpowerMe Mother Daughter Summit Pretty with Purpose Fashion Show runway with two daughters wearing “tenacious tones of TAN”.

- xvii. Office of Emergency Management Prince George’s County Office of Homeland Security inquiry into the CERT training provided on April 1st and 2nd, This is a two-day training that covers inquiry into the CERT training provided on April 1st and 2nd, This is a two-day training that covers Fire Suppression Training, Basic Search and Rescue Techniques, Disaster Medical Operations as well as Utility Shut-off. Overall, CERT training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Additionally working with community partners to bring an event solely an OHS/OEM presentation to Glenarden residents especially for our seniors. All residents willing to work on this committee please message the Office of Mayor Cashenna A. Cross at 307-773-2100.
- xviii. LH LUXE BEAUTY AWARDS AND BRAND MODEL COMPETITION GALA. Mayor Cross and family invited to the Josephine Butler Parks Center as featured Celebrity to join the best in the beauty industry as LH LUXE honored models and beauty professionals for their hard work and dedication to the craft! Two rising star models one male/ one female received 1-year beauty modeling contract, trip to NEW YORK FASHION WEEK, paid modeling opportunities, and \$2500 each.

b. Mayoral Proclamation/ Other Actions:

- i. Letter of Support - letter of student recommendation for Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) for the Prince George’s County Public Schools Candidacy.
- ii. Letter of Support - to Prince George’s County Rental Assistance team regarding support to Glenarden residents needing rental assistance for nearly 9 months! Major shout out to the county for supporting the resident’s and helping the efforts of the Mayor to keep the resident from eviction following COVID-19 hardships/impacts. The rental assistance program team and county liaison was proactively utilized to ensure the back payment. Mayoral letter of reference drafted to support the resident securing of a new job to ensure that payments could be met going forward.
- iii. Mayoral Proclamation for A MOST EGGtravagant Easter Egg hunt scheduled for April 8th , 2023 Mayor Cashenna A Cross unites with Omega Psi Phi Lambda Gamma Gamma to support event held on the grounds of the Glenarden

Community Center . This event seeks to enrich the sense of wonder of a child. Rekindling the excitement of childhood in our youth. It is one of those rituals that is important to create a sense of togetherness and that feeling of comfort and security, in a world where the only constant is change.

- c. The 2nd quarterly newsletter April-June jammed packed with nuggets of information; delivering to residents the first week of April 2023.

There are still citizens who states they have not received the newsletter. Additional copies are therefore being made available throughout the quarter for citizens to retrieve from the municipal center front desk.

- d. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum: March "Women History Month_Making Women history -- a fun exciting walk through the American dream." here is the link to the video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z8SoHOWfSg>
This Glenarden Mayoral Community Forum showcased 9 women of distinction and sought to not only encourage heightened awareness, but highlight how critical it is that each member of society can reach their maximum potential through greater independence, productivity, and increased integration within the community.
- e. Mayoral Community outreach program: Review DHCD's [Affordable Housing Portfolio](#) or visit: www.MDHousingSearch.org and search for affordable housing throughout the state of Maryland, including Prince George's County. You can find information on the Redevelopment Authority's website regarding the [Pathway to Purchase](#) Homebuyer Assistance Program.

3. Annapolis Legislative communication/ attendance strategy.

- a. DHCD Project Restore FY23: The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, through Project Restore, is providing financial support to Maryland's existing or new businesses to help incentivize commercial investment in vacant retail and commercial properties. <https://onestop.md.gov/forms/dhcd-project-restore-fy23-6297ba1eb0bf73019eeb8143>

Current Status 2023 Regular Session - For Tracking list: School Lunches (All Bills) - Created on: 03/18/2023 02:09 a.m.

Number/ Chapter (Cross File) Total: 4	Title	Primary Sponsor
HB0514 (SB0559)	Education - Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program - Annual Appropriation	Delegate Solomon
HB0628 (SB0557)	Primary and Secondary Education – Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Universal Expansion	Delegate Reznik
SB0557 (HB0628)	Primary and Secondary Education – Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Universal Expansion	Senator Guzzone
SB0559 (HB0514)	Education - Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program - Annual Appropriation	Senator Guzzone

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HB0576 (SB0629)	Primary and Secondary Education - Policies on Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation - Revisions	Delegate Ebersole

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4. Administration Projected:

- a. Expanded Community Communication Strategy.
- b. Summer programs Youth employment NOW open, Glenarden residents highly encouraged to apply. The Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP) offers County youth and young adults' ages 14 to 22 with enriching and constructive summer work experiences in community organizations, private sector companies, and government agencies. HOW TO APPLY

1. How old will you be on July 1st? Select the appropriate age group: 14 & 15; 16 & 17; or 18 to 22

ii. SELECTION PROCESS

1. <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/4226/About-the-SYEP-Program>
2. Eligible SYEP candidates will be entered into a random lottery to receive an offer for an employment assignment. Employment assignment offers will continue to be extended to randomly selected eligible youth until all positions are filled. Former participants who have demonstrated exemplary performance may be requested by a host site.

iii. KEY DATES

1. March 1, 2023 Application Acceptance Period Open
2. March 31, 2023 Application Acceptance Period Closes
3. April 3 - 7, 2023 Eligibility & Next Step Notices Sent to Candidates*
4. April 11 - 28, 2023 - Selection & Placement & Offer Notices*
5. May 1 - June 24, 2023 Onboarding for Selected Participants
6. June 29, 2023 - Kick-off Celebration
7. July 5, 2023 - SYEP Program Begins
8. August 11, 2023 - SYEP Program Ends
9. August 11, 2023 - Closing Event Celebration