



Mayor Report (September 2023) Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (August 27, 2023 - September 26, 2023)

1. Accomplished:
 - a. Resolutions/Council Actions:
 - i. Mayoral Actions supporting Signed / approved Ordinance /Resolutions
 - R-04-2024 A Resolution to Authorize an Indefinite Quantities Contract with NZI Corporation for Street Improvements Throughout the City of Glenarden
 - ii. Hot topic: City Codes evaluation: parking, noise, farm animals, trash, lawn upkeep, annexation, and infrastructure projects
2. The Mayor's Office fielded 14 office calls/meetings.
 - i. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum: September 13, 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xik1f3n-HY&t=7s>.
Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Community Forum: September "Deciphering true Leadership" with 4-star Retired USAF Larry Spencer "Moving the Mission Forward" in a call to action for drawing leadership out of us all. Gen Larry Spencer's memoir "Dark Horse: from the horseshoe to the Pentagon," leads us on a journey of self-discovery from a junior varsity football pleyer talking 'trash' who dared to be confident enough to believe in himself and challenge the varsity team to climbing soaring to become the 2nd highest commanding officer in the United States Air Force. Amidst being torn down, great leadership in you will no doubt come forth if you DO NOT quit.
 - ii. Friday Smile Day September 15, 2023, with Glenarden Housing Authority and Global Goodwill Ambassadors Foundation (GGAF); Founder, Impact Sierra Leone Dr. Adama Kalokoh providing Fall buckets of love filled with toiletries, and four full sized products i.e., bath and body works lotions, soaps, and oils. The senior citizen residents were not only surprised by the visit from the Mayor, community partner, and community team they equally found the immediate care and warm smiles from the new Executive Director Rodney Fuller a gracious greeting. Mr. Fuller is in his first month with GHA and is already off to a great start. Welcome Rodney Fuller, GHA.
 - iii. Mayor Cross and community Partner Good Intentions Foundation on September 7th, 2023, visited the residents of Glenarden Hills. Provided free internet tables and mobile phones un the ACP/Life President Biden access to broadband connectivity program. Over 40 in attendance we

were able to support efforts to assess eligibility and aid qualified resident with obtain their technology on their way with a new access to the world-wide web. This program remains a viable opportunity for our residents. Call 301-773-2100 to provide a few details for accessing your eligibility. These will be taken in bulk the next wave of qualifying actions will be November 7th. Here's what's required: Name; last 4 of social; address, phone home and mobile # (if available); declarative statement (if applies): are you receiving/have access to SSI, WIC, pay a Pell Grant, were honorably discharged Veteran.

- iv. Glenarden Post 275 legionnaires' general body meeting. Keep discussion of development for the good of the legion 25 September 2023.
- v. NAACP Prince George's County general membership meeting: Legislation, Whole Family Health, Veteran Affairs, operational structure, and Youth Programming and voting on delegates who will attend the Maryland State Conference.
- vi. Prince George's County Mayors Association, general meeting presentation <https://americainbloom.org/> . Mayor is seeking new ways to attract and retain residents, add intellectual capital, and create jobs. Studies show a consistent high rating for elements that relate directly to daily quality of life, including such things as an area's physical beauty, opportunities for socializing, and a community's perceived level of openness to all. Mayor Cross is additionally seeking information of the Historic Marker Program. An Historical Marker cannot be approved for a living person. Except for U.S. presidents, subjects must have been deceased for a minimum of five (5) years.
- vii. States Attorney Braveboy, Chief Malik Aziz, Senator Watson, Rev Tony Lee teams up with community leaders to discuss the need for violence reform. The discussion addressed several in support of legislative reforms topics which the Mayor will be involved in at the County and state level, and several concerning topics particularly of discussion at the state-level i.e., holding parents accountable for the actions of their children.
- viii. Prince George's Hope in Action Task Force. Held discussions to culminate in the coming year a final report to County Executive Alsobrooks to address the violence which had taken root and elevated the critical response to protect our children and the community particularly from domestic and gun violence. Mayor sits as Chairman of the Community Assessments Committee who has made 10 recommendations to address short and long wins for the county.

- ix. Met via telephone with Crown Castle community liaison representative regarding 5G expansion on broadband/cable lines. Work has already started on county owned property lines.
- x. Attended 24th Legislative District meeting with Municipal Officials held in the Gold Room at City Hall on Sept. 14, 2023.
- xi. Attended Mayland Black Mayors, Association Meeting.
- xii. Glenarden Day 2023. Preserving our heritage; super job planning committee.
- xiii. American Legion Post 275 general body meeting. Part of the continuation of opening doors for our non-veteran citizens, and armed forces veterans.
- xiv. Meeting w/ Code Super Powers. Awesome STEM for Kids & Teens Ages 6-16. Mayor seeking to give children a leg up in the technology industry utilizing Live Online Instructors bring coding to life! Technology is revolutionizing every industry, and now all kids and teens ages 6-16 can craft the future! Code Super Powers' after school programs turn idle screen time, into productive and creative time, they develop the perseverance and computational skills to learn real-world programming languages like JavaScript and Python. The driver is to engage youth to bring the next generation of script the ultimate Superpower through programming in our local community.

b. Mayoral Proclamation/ Other Actions:

- i. Mayor Cross joins the team of the Friends of the African Diaspora to bring investiture development discussions to Glenarden.
<http://friendsoftheafricanunion.com/>. The United States Government encourages efforts to advance equity and opportunity for the global African Diaspora, and the United States. Functions: The Advisory Council shall advise the President, through the Secretary of State, and then through the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (APNSA) and the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy (APDP), on strengthening connections between the United States Government and the African Diaspora in the United States, under Executive Order 13985 of January 20, 2021 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government).
- ii. Returning Citizen session Prince George's County Courthouse
- iii. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Will Be featured for this Fall "She Exist Magazine" cover shoot 30 Sept 2023.
 - 1. She Exist interview held Aug 08, 2023
 - 2. Taking Glenarden the City on the Move and the #MovetheMissionForward Philanthropy work to NY Time Square!

3. Prince George's County news you could use, let's help keep our community positive and progressive:

- a. The following month has proven to bring an increase in reporting of noise, property upkeep, and just basic good neighborly conduct concern. There is a request to all citizens especially where there are no additional HOA regulations to continue to make a concerted effort to be a good neighbor. Also thank you for reporting concerns to afford proper informing of city-wide codes which need may need to be addressed for the current community atmosphere and quality of life. If you need a code book, please reach out to the City of Glenarden at 301-773-2100 to request Code enforcement provide you a paper copy. The codes are also located online at https://cityofglenarden.org/government/city_of_glenarden_charter_and_city_codes.php.
- b. Zoning Ordinance Regulations in the county: The Zoning Ordinance regulates the use of land within various zoning categories. It is a tool for controlling illegal land use, such as commercial activities in residential neighborhoods. This Ordinance provides for enforcement only of private properties Countywide, apart from the City of Laurel, which manages its own Zoning Ordinance. For all zoning issues, please call 301-883-6168. Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- c. Commercial & Industrial Property Enforcement: Prince George's County's Property Maintenance Code requires commercial and industrial property owners to maintain and keep their properties free of trash, litter, and debris, including building exteriors and parking areas. The County Code applies to all areas of Prince George's County with the exceptions of properties located within the municipal boundaries of the cities of Bowie and Hyattsville. First, contact the city office if there are concerns however, county inspectors conduct periodic on-site inspections and respond to complaints about existing structures to ensure compliance. In addition, undeveloped properties must be maintained free of trash, debris, and high grass and weeds (exceeding 12 inches in height). PGC 311. www.pgc311.com Phone: 301-636-2090 Hours Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- d. Sign Permit and Inspections: Prince George's County's Sign Ordinance regulates the placement of signs on private properties in Prince George's County, apart from the City of Laurel. The Ordinance governs the size and location of signs through the issuance of sign permits and monitoring through inspections of on-site locations. An Electrical Permit is required for sign illumination. A Building Permit is required for footing construction and an inspection. For questions concerning a sign inspection, please call 301-883-6168.