



## Mayor Report (May 2023) Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (April 27, 2023 - May 27, 2023)

1. Accomplished:

a. Resolutions/Council Actions:

- i. Met with HOA Frost on discussions on sandbags availability. Relayed the President of the HOA contact information to DCAO environment. It's advisable to permit the county to support in any way to make right the unfortunate flooding situation which has existed in the community for over 10 years+.
- ii. Annual Budget submitted to City Council April 15, 2023, from the Executive branch and the Administration for FY24. The Treasurer and City Manager briefed the compiled overall budget submissions for public briefings started May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. PG County Office of Finance, SDAT supporting the taxation numbers on the Pennrose residential development and the newest ground site survey with Mr. Gibbs and Urban Edge properties Woodmore Town Center at Glenarden mixed development.
- iii. Signed / approved Ordinance to begin repaving and resurfacing work on Glenarden Parkway.

- b. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum: May 10, 2023, here is the link to the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvcGr2dQnvE> State of Glenarden delivered to City council 31 January 2023; Mayoral Forum for residents May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023; time: 6:30pm -7:30 pm Glenarden Nutritional Center. Well received by the community at large as well as the external community.

2. The Mayor's Office has been extremely successful in moving the mission forward in county and statewide effort full of positive energy representing across the county and Glenarden youth and families/fielded 20 office calls/meetings.

- i. Glenarden Multi-Cultural Day and Mother's Day Tea May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Glenarden Community Center successful in supporting the community and included several Glenarden based training groups and community center staff. This event served 48 hours and enabled two additional events in other parts of the district which followed it.
- ii. JSWES Community mental health and wellness community event huge success May 25, 2023. There is a significant growth in programming to support our community circles. It is always amazing to serve our schools and support our families.

- iii. District 5 Public Safety meeting with County Councilwoman Jolene Ivey Town Hall meeting on May 15, 2023, discussions with Prince George’s County Chief of Police, and Sherriff department who shared their vision for "Building Strong Safe Community Partnerships."
- iv. Met with the Maryland Park Police and WeModel USA to plan a community walk across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge combatting and taking a stand against Human Trafficking. The 2<sup>nd</sup> largest growing crime in the state of Maryland. Mayor Cross will serve on the Board of Directors for this year’s Annual Combatting Human Trafficking Fashion show and awareness week.
- v. Mayor Cross to support Notorious Runway Productions in their rendition of “The WIZ” a glitzy fashion extravaganza to raise money to support cancer research.
- vi. Met with planners of upcoming gospel concert Ms. Reed and Carter regarding miscommunication on the Goldroom space. Relied on the City Manager to handle the concerns with proper customer service.
- vii. Mayor Cross supported a yearlong effort to bridge communities impacted by violence during the Take Back of Children Benefit Concert Norfolk, VA. The proceeds go towards growing an antiviolenace concert touring the Americas with artists from all walks of the entertainment industry calling on all members of the community to step up to help law enforcement stop the violence.
- viii. Meeting with Glenarden Housing Authority and email to Board President regarding the violence and latest suspected arson event at the GHA. The urging need for our communities to join against violence and support our youth and families vulnerable to violence.
- ix. Attendance of the Prince George’s County Mayors Association monthly meeting.
- x. Attendance of the Maryland Black Mayors Association monthly meeting.
- xi. Served as Celebrity Host interviewer for Keith Holmes (professional boxer and world champion) and International singing artist TWEET during the “It’s Okay to KNOT be okay” Benefit Gala. A star-studded event mayor Cross was introduced to the stage by Anthony Anderson the director of hit series “Blackish”. Mr. Joe Diggs experiencing depression, anxiety, along with additional guests who’d experienced thoughts of suicide, or dealing with another type of mental health or substance use concern connected with the “Move the Mission Forward” priority of addressing “mental Health and Wellness in or communities.” The benefit gala hosted Political figures and executive representatives from across the state of Maryland event held May 13<sup>th</sup>.

- xii. Mental Health Expo “Let’s Talk About It” hosted by HAE foundation held May 20<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with the kick-off of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, this one-day event included a variety of interactive activities and workshops to engage County youth all ages and their families in managing mental health or substance use issues, as well as the ever-present growing gun violence and physical violence challenge. The event connected them to community resources and support networks.
- xiii. Office of the Mayor worked with Sigma Gamma Rho on the mental health of our communities, served as Mistress of Ceremony to their Mental health and community financial Literacy Conference on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- xiv. Community of Interest Network of Networks Meeting regarding the points of Light Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service envision a society where it is easy for every person to drive change in their community, and in the world. Working to reward personnel of the pulpit and other cultural catalyst, working in partnership with organizations and individuals to build a society where a new kind of volunteerism for the 21st century persist, one that calls on people to give their time, talents, voice, and resources in service to build a brighter future for all.
- xv. Partner with American Legion to commemorate Memorial Day by holding a service at the Glenarden Veteran's Memorial.
- xvi. Attended the American Legion Post 275 elections processes for the installation of newly elected Executive team.
- xvii. Attended the American Legion Auxiliary Post 275 election processes for the installation of newly elected Executive team.
- xviii. Special Guest to Impact Sierra Leone Non-Profit Gala - African Royalty Gala and birthday celebration of CEO Dr. Adama Kalokoh with my special guest G’s Victory International, LLC celebrating the inauguration of the Seeds of Life Program partnership with Impact Sierra Leone. The Seeds of Life Fundraiser Event – held Saturday, May 20, 2023, was an evening of purpose, cultural exchange, food, and entertainment to benefit rural communities in Sierra Leone.
- xix. Meeting with Crown Castle and Councilmen Wards I & II, on 5G planning for the city of Glenarden owned property broadband/cable lines. Work has already started on county owned property lines.
- xx. Mayor Noah Waters Eagle Harbor partnered and shared the ATHA invitation joining Governor Moore and Lt Governor Miller at the launch of the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area! Piscataway Indian tribes provided a special lasting experience to witness traditional ceremonies and dance. I am enormously grateful for this opportunity to experience

another great piece of Maryland's rich history. Food, dance, laughter, and community. What a recipe for success and off the Accokeek river, the replica DOVE a majestic demonstration of cargo transport in Maryland history.

- b. Mayoral Proclamation/ Other Actions:
    - i. Mayoral Proclamation for Multiculturalism, Diversity, and global Inclusion.
    - ii. Mayoral Proclamation of Life to the late James W. Humphrey who was a City of Glenarden Resident for over 30 years.
    - iii. Mayor Cross attending Judge Sylvania Woods ES annual College & Career Day Experience on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Excited to share my breath of occupation with our promising scholars. Hoping to equip, empower and inspire them with knowledge and understanding with no limits.
  - c. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly newsletter drafting for July-Sept will be jammed packed with summer fun nuggets of information delivered to residents the first week of July 2023. Please advise 301-773-2100 if you need to update your address. There are still citizens who state 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.
3. Annapolis Legislative communication/ attendance strategy meeting with District 24 Delegates on the upcoming FY24 priorities.
4. Mayoral/Administration Projected:
- a. Summer programs Youth employment.
    - i. UPCOMING KEY DATES
      - 1. May 1 - June 24, 2023, Onboarding for Selected Participants
      - 2. June 29, 2023 - Kick-off Celebration
      - 3. July 5, 2023 - SYEP Program Begins
      - 4. August 11, 2023 - SYEP Program Ends
      - 5. August 11, 2023 - Closing Event Celebration
  - b. Live More Play More: Make a Splash this Summer Boot Camp. Joining M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County for a workout that strengthens our muscles and improves our heart health! Class includes a combination of bodyweight, strength, and cardio exercises to provide a challenging and rewarding workout experience. Location: Woodmore Towne Centre Park (located on turf field)