



Mayor Report (June 2023) Key Highlights Rollup

Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Report (July 27, 2023 - Aug 27, 2023)

1. Accomplished:
 - a. Resolutions/Council Actions:
 - i. Mayoral Actions supporting Signed / approved Ordinance /Resolutions
 - ii. Hot topic: sidewalk discussions in Ward 3 (Tyrol-Jeff Rd-Cousins). There has been a large sum of reporting about our children having to walk in the streets due to a lack of sidewalks. Much is not a case of having had sidewalk architecture which is now in mangled disarray, rather an issue of non-existence. This is an issue Mayor request the city council place on agenda FY24 session. The citizens across these areas have additionally incurred added pressure form the new developments happening at Woodmore Town Center at Glenarden and Woodmore Commons as new residential owners look for ways to exit the highly congested Ruby Lockhart and Campus Way off MD-202; and the extensive fast passed traffic coming through to the connector Ardwick-Admore Road. Both the City Manager and Public Works are informed of the topic as well.
2. The Mayor's Office fielded 7 office calls/meetings.
 - i. 2nd Annual Back to School Transitional Youth Extravaganza supported over 530 attendees and the largest volunteer and vender base to date 70 as well elected and appointed community leaders. This year's event was unique with the Mobile truck from Employ Prince George's present for transitional Youth as well resume writing sessions and NFL All-Star Ken Harvey was in attendance signing autographs and giving free copies of, he an actor Terry Crews new child literacy book "Come Find Me". City of Glenarden, Glenarden Community Center and the Maryland County and State official in attendance and supporting Thank You for making this event highly successful.
 - ii. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Mayoral Community Forum: August 09, 2023, https://www.youtube.com/live/Sb6k_Ngpx3w?feature=share
Mayor Cashenna A. Cross Community Forum: August "Record Recovery from Summertime Splurge" with Demetrica "Meechie" Jefferis licensed Financial Professional and Financial Literacy Educator. Details: The first step to increased resilience is anticipation to understand why and what can be done to increase financial resilience, it's worth considering what

Financial challenges bring is stress and can have long-term wealth and health consequences. In the US, some turn to predatory lenders in the face of financial shortfalls, with fees that can easily exceed the amount borrowed. Mayor Cashenna A. Cross joins Demetrica "Meechie" Jefferis licensed Financial Professional and Financial Literacy Educator "Moving the Mission Forward" in an awareness campaign for combating financial lack.

- iii. WeModel USA when fashion meets purpose; Mayor Cashenna A Cross is this years' Global Ambassador for the awareness week activities culminating into a high fashion awareness showcasing at the MGM on July 29, 2023. Mayor Cross served as the Global Ambassador WEModel USA CONNECT2PROTECT human trafficking victim to survivor panel getting the message of three human trafficking survivors and one friend of a murder human trafficked victim. The program gained international attention to the fight against human Trafficking the once 3rd rapidly approaching 2nd largest crime in the U.S. heighten awareness across Maryland.
 - iv. Mayor Cross supported Notorious Runway Productions in their rendition of "The WIZ" a glitzy fashion extravaganza to raise money to support cancer research. Mayor Cross originally scheduled for the finale "If you believe" changed to sang pop hit cover from the movie Dream Girls "I am Changing" during the opening ceremony to kick off the show.
 - v. NAACP Prince George's County general membership meeting: Legislation, Whole Family Health, Veteran Affairs, operational structure, and Youth Programming.
 - vi. Meeting with Crown Castle and City Manager regarding planning for the city of Glenarden owned property broadband/cable lines. Work has already started on county owned property lines. 5G coming to Wards I and II.
 - vii. Washington Commanders executive Community Liaisons and 2023 NFL season Kick off Party. Met Magic Johnson and several executives of the MFL as well to prepare opportunity for Glenarden Youths to attend games/ or be included in considerations for future opportunity to support the leagues. Discussions were positively received.
- b. Mayoral Proclamation/ Other Actions:
- i. Mayor Cross Will Be featured as the COVER for this Fall "She Exist Magazine" for Newsstands.
 - 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! Greater than government when people are at, the heart of service. Part of the continuation of opening doors for our youths from the February 4th Inaugural Creative Youths Arts Summit and Conference held at the Glenarden Community Center which hosted over 400 attendees by Mayor Cashenna A Cross and co-sponsor Youth Ambassador Jason Boursiquot GRIND HARD DREAM BIG LLC.
- ii. Mayoral letters of appreciation for Back-to-School K-12 and Transitional Youth Extravaganza

3. Prince George's County news you could use:

- a. Prince George's County to Open Six New Schools During 2023-2024 School Year
 - i. Alternative Construction Finance (ACF) program, also known as the Blueprint Schools initiative. The ACF is an innovative public-private partnership being used to build new schools quickly in Prince George's County. Prince George's County is opening six new schools this school year through the Alternative Construction Finance program. Check out the County Executive Alsobrooks special edition newsletter to learn more about how this program is helping us build schools quickly in our County. #PrinceGeorgesProud: The six schools include: Drew-Freeman Middle School in Suitland; Hyattsville Middle School; Kenmoor Middle School in Landover; Sonia Sotomayor Middle School in Adelphi; Walker Mill Middle School in Capitol Heights; and Colin L. Powell Academy in Fort Washington. These six schools total 8,000 new seats for PGPCS students. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDPGC/bulletins/367d592>
- b. Prince George's County Named #1 Digital County In The 2023 Digital Counties Award For Third Consecutive Year
 - i. County Is Recognized As a Digital Leader, Deploying Innovative Technology Practices For a More Efficient and Responsive Government executive-level cybersecurity officer organization, an open data system for visualization and tracking performance with analytics countywide, a new 3-1-1 Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform, a digital signature platform and policy, and development of elections management applications.
 - ii. The Office of Information Technology has been very active over the past 12 to 18 months, successfully implementing 72 projects and initiatives. One key initiative was the digitization of processes by converting paper records into a digital format, which allows County officials to quickly access information and make faster decisions, with technology programs serving as the foundation for a digital future.

c. Washington International Horse Show had such a significant impact on our local economy, attracted a large number of visitors to Prince George's County, with over 15,000 spectators from across the country and world attending. WIHS also attracted approximately 1,450 vendors, exhibitors, and participants including competitors, owners and trainers, managers, and show-related support personnel. In addition, the WIHS supported 69 full-time, year-round equivalent positions, with approximately 45 of the positions being occupied by County residents. As a result of the monumental success of the WIHS in Prince George's County last year, the County is pleased to announce the return of the event to The Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center this year from October 23-29, 2023. Mayor Cross has approached the County regarding information on limited sized special group attendance.

d. **Community Health Warning:**

i. Domestic animals that contact or consume these worms may experience discomfort or illness and people who have handled the worm report skin irritations." says Michael J. Raupp, Professor of Entomology at the University of Maryland. Coming from Asia, Professor Raupp says the hammerhead worms gets its name from its unique head shape, which resembles a two-sided shovel or spade. It has a long, flattened body that ranges from 8-to-15 inches, and it can be found in shades of gray, brown, gold, and green. These flatworms immobilize victims with a coating of sticky slime, evert part of their digestive tract, and plunge it into the prey, where they slurp up body fluids and small particles of tissue. Due to its toxicity and potentially harm, experts suggest removing hammerhead worms whenever found. But you shouldn't cut them in half..."That's right, slice these little guys in half and they fully regenerate the complementary portions of each body part, a miraculous two from one deal," says Professor Raupp. Just like members of the flatworm clan, it turns out that hammerhead worms can also regenerate missing body parts. Professor Raupp says to be on the lookout for these worms and if you spot one, to add your sighting to iNaturalist <https://www.inaturalist.org/blog/6518-a-new-way-to-add-observations> and maybe report your find to the state Department of Agriculture.