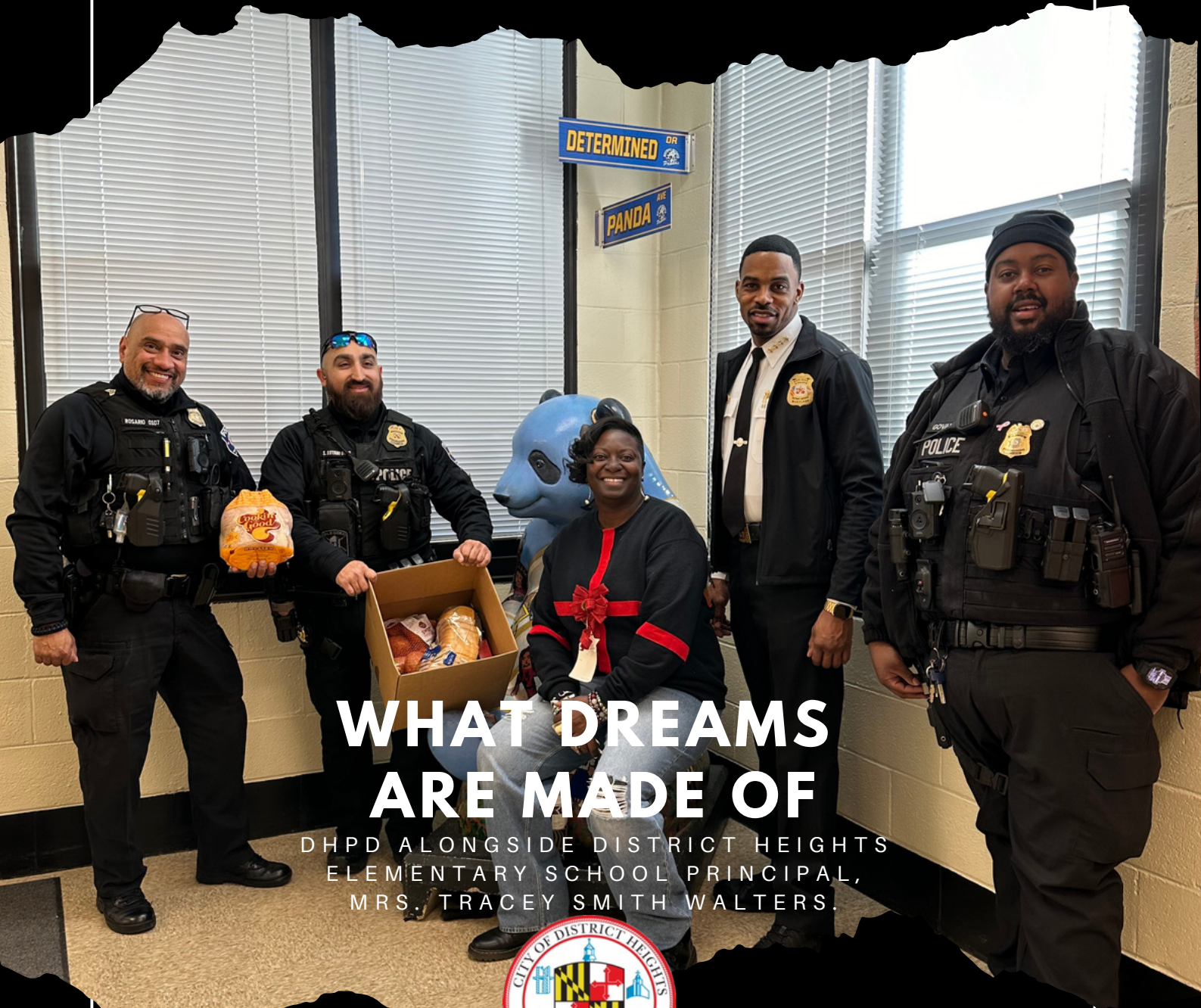


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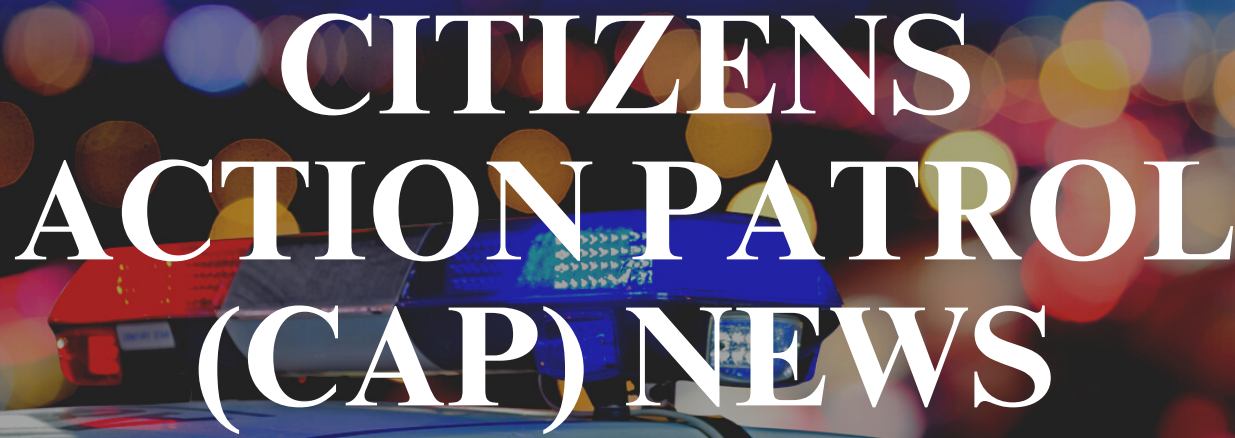


WHAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF

DHPD ALONGSIDE DISTRICT HEIGHTS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,
MRS. TRACEY SMITH WALTERS.



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CITIZENS ACTION PATROL (CAP) NEWS

Tip of the Issue: Holiday safety – What requires repeating is the need for safety during the holiday season. With increased carjackings and vehicle thefts, situational awareness is always the day's plan. Always survey your surroundings before exiting your vehicle, attempt to park in lighted areas, and never keep valuables in plain view. If you plan to place valuables in your vehicle trunk while you continue shopping, ensure no eyes are on you. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Home (s) of the Month: The District Height's house of the month for November was at 2000 Harwood Rd. Congratulations. Contact CAP for house of the month nominations.

CAP Meetings: Meetings are held bi-monthly, 7:00 P.M. at the District Height's Municipal Bldg. 2000 Marbury Dr. There are no meetings scheduled for August or December. The following are scheduled CAP meetings for 2024. February 23rd, April 17th, June 19th, and October 16th. Contact CAP at dhchvicactionpatol@gmail.com for more information.

District Heights Civic Coalition:

Veterans Corner: Abuse of Older Veterans - Abuses such as benefits poaching, employment scams, veteran charity scams, unethical advisors, and veteran administration impersonators exist to target veterans. Contact the Veterans Crisis line at 1-800-273-8255 or www.veteranscrisisline.net if these scams or abuses target you.

Coalition News: The Maryland Association of Counties (MACO – “MACO is the non-profit, non-partisan voice of all 24 Maryland counties promoting effective, efficient government through advocacy, education, and collaboration”. The MACO winter conference was held in December, and an hour was given to the Juvenile Justice Reform and Child Interrogation Protection Act. A bill passed last year prevents an officer from conducting a custodial interrogation of a child until an attorney has been consulted. There were discussions by law enforcement and MACO of the pros and cons associated with the legislation as written and discussions as to whether or not the legislation as written is helping to reduce juvenile crime. There's more to come. Contact us at dhciviccoalition@gmail.com

Seasons Greeting!

By: Dr. Katrina Polk

For aging adults, the holiday season and winter months can be a sense of loss of family traditions or health-related issues that keep them invisible in our community. These events may not only impact emotional well-being, but loneliness and depression can also surface with physical symptoms and severe health conditions. Grief intensifies during the holidays. So, it is essential to pay close attention to our seniors' physical and emotional health and take steps to make connections with this population in our city.

We can counteract negative thinking with joyous remembrance of past holiday celebrations. For most aging adults, the holidays are often a time of reflection, which can lead to feelings of loss for people. Seniors should focus on beloved people and cheerful experiences. The National Council on Aging suggests (NCOA) that “creating a journal, scrapbook, or recording of holiday traditions can create a legacy of treasured memories for loved ones.” During this time, people hold customs; however, per NCOA, they can also begin to implement new traditions by incorporating the following ideas:

- Learn about different cultures and holiday rituals.
- Watch a holiday movie marathon or drive through neighborhoods to enjoy the holiday decorations.
- Find an activity that brings joy or a sense of meaning.



2024 Annual Clean-up

*****HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
SUCH AS PAINT WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTED.*****

2024 Annual Cleanup will take place from April 15-19, 2024. Residents may rid their properties of heavy bulk items and trash. Limbs or grass clippings are prohibited during spring clean-up week.

Place items curbside during clean-up.

Bulk Trash Collection

Bulk trash is collected on Wednesdays by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

To schedule, please call Bates Trash Services before 2 pm on Tuesday for Wednesday pick-up.

Regular trash pickup days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Yard waste - Mondays

Recycling - Thursdays

Limb pick-up occurs on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Bates Trash Services

(301) 773-2069

Public Works Department

(301) 336-7417

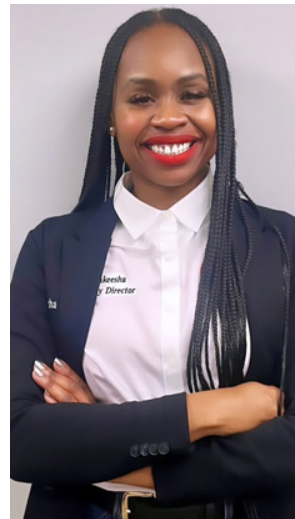
Operations Manager

Angela Barnhill-Love Ext. 127



Quick Tip:

The Public Works Department must plow the streets and open all entrances into the city in the event of snow. Please shovel the driveway and vehicle spaces after City crews have plowed your street.



Director

My name is Lakeesha Washington, and I am your new Director for the Department of Public Works (DPW). I am committed to enhancing our city's infrastructure and ensuring a cleaner, more efficient environment. Your input is valuable, and I look forward to working together to improve District Heights. Feel free to give me a call directly to say hello at (301) 336-7417 ext. 133

From the Desk of Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement officers patrol the City on a routine basis. Our objective is to educate the citizens regarding issues that affect them, encourage civic pride, and obtain voluntary compliance with City Ordinances. If you have questions or need information, call 301-336-1400.

We are notifying residents of the following sections of the city's Code of Ordinance that they may not take into consideration. Stay safe and warm for this winter season. Here are five safety tips to keep in mind as the weather changes.

Section 11-3 Wood Storage

Any person storing wood within the City shall store the wood at least twelve (12) inches above the ground. The wood pile shall be maintained so that it does not harbor rodents or vermin. Violation of this section shall be a municipal infraction punishable by a fine established by the Mayor and Commissioners and specified in Article XIV of this Code.

Safety Tips

- A dried-out tree is a fire hazard. A tree should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside against the home. **The city will collect Christmas trees on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.**
- Inspect and service your furnace, fireplace, chimney, and heating equipment. They are one of the biggest reasons for home fires.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy, share the location with other members of your household, and know how to use it.
- Keep flammable materials away from fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, and heaters.
- Know where your emergency water shut-off valve is located and how to turn it off. If a pipe bursts inside your home, this valve will turn the water off. Be sure to share this information with other members of your household.



Grand Opening of District Heights Playground

We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our brand-new playground – a vibrant space designed to ignite the spark of joy and imagination in the hearts of our community members, located at 2000 Marbury Drive, District Heights, MD 20747.

District Heights Acquires 1.4 Acres on Marlboro Pike and Launches Economic Development Initiative

The City of District Heights has acquired three parcels on the 6100 block of Marlboro Pike for public use. The 1.4-acre site is planned to be the Incorporated City of District Height's first expansion onto Marlboro Pike, focusing on community policing and public service delivery.

Happy Holidays



Thank you for joining us in celebrating our Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons.

Your presence added a special touch to the occasion, and we hope you had a wonderful time. We are grateful to have shared these memories with you, and we look forward to creating more beautiful memories together in the future!

Application
First Review

WEDNESDAY

31 JANUARY, 2024

2000 Marbury Drive., District
Heights, MD 20747

How to Apply

If you are ready to positively impact our city's future, please submit your application and volunteer form to confirm your interest in the position to the City Clerk at cityclerk@districtheights.org. The first review for applications is January 31, 2024.

Qualifications

- A genuine commitment to public service and community welfare.
- Strong communication and collaborative skills.
- Analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- Understanding of local governance and municipal issues.



JOIN OUR

CHARTER COMMITTEE



Responsibilities

- ✓ Reviewing and recommending changes to city's charter
- ✓ Collaborating with fellow committee members to address community needs
- ✓ Engaging with residents to gather input on charter-related matters
- ✓ Attend regular committee meetings scheduled every 2nd Monday of the month and participate in discussions
- ✓ Complete a three-year term

For More Information
[districtheights.org](https://www.districtheights.org)





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OUR CITY MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY:

THE FIRST THURSDAY, 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Visit www.districtheights.org for more information.

MISSED A MEETING?

Check out our Meeting Archive!

<http://www.districtheights.org/home/pages/meeting-archive>

Have a question about Ordinances and Resolutions that the Commission has passed?

If you have any questions or require a copy, please email City Clerk Starr Jefferson, jeffersons@districtheights.org or call **301-336-1402 ext. 110**, or visit the Municipal Building.



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District Heights City Commissioner Gyasi Gomez

City Commissioner Gyasi Gomez Selected as Delegate to Local Government 2030

By PRESS OFFICER
City of District Heights

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, Md. (Aug. 28, 2023) District Heights City Commissioner Gyasi Gomez (Ward 2) was named as one of 62 delegates from across the county to Local Government 2030 in Phoenix, Arizona in January 2024.

Local Government 2030 is a small group of elected officials, professionals, and stakeholders assembled to provide leadership in implementing solutions that address some

of the greatest challenges facing local governments across the nation: growing a resilient workforce; reimagining the way local government approach the art of communication; and envisioning a local government workforce that is resilient, equitable, and inclusive by creating employment opportunities in the public sector for justice-impacted individuals.

Commissioner Gomez is the only delegate from Maryland.

Additional information can be found online at: <https://www.localgov2030.com>



January

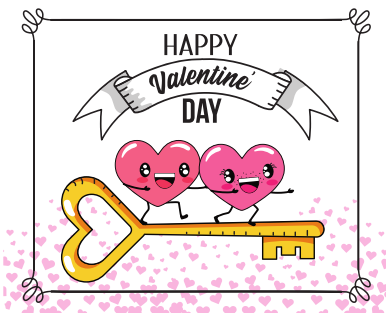
- Monday, January 15, 2024: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (City Offices Closed)
- Monday, January 15, 2024, 1 – 3 PM: District Heights Police Department is participating in a multi-jurisdictional ride honing MLK Day which ends at 2000 Marbury Drive.

Febraury

- Friday, February 10, 2024, 12-3 PM: Black History Program
- Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 12 – 3 PM: Valentine's Day Luncheon
- Monday, February 19, 2024: President's Day (City Offices Closed)

March

- Monday March 25 – Friday March 29, 2024: District Heights Recreation Spring Break





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(301) 352-1200

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(301) 336-7600

Recreation, Cultural and
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Public Works Department
(301) 336-7417

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(301) 773-2069

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Department
(301) 550-0001



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