



October-December 2022

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THE HERALD

DATES TO REMEMBER

Family Kickball Night Part 2

Date: October 21, 2022

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Municipal Building
2000 Marbury Drive,
District Heights, MD 20747

****Recreation Department****

Community Shred Day

Date: October 29, 2022

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Location: Municipal Building
2000 Marbury Drive,
District Heights, MD 20747

Halloween Spooky Treat Giveaway

Date: October 31, 2022

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Rental Office:
Woodland Springs LP
6617 Atwood Street,
District Heights, MD 20747

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Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together. -Paul Ryan



WHAT'S NEW???

- Dates to remember
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- Meet Commissioner Tilghman & Commissioner Janifer
- Farewell to Mr. Antonio Robbins
- And more...

Commission Corner



GREETINGS DISTRICT HEIGHTS!!!

By Commissioner Gomez,

We are running full steam ahead to improve every aspect of our city! September was a busy one.

On September 9th, Fiesta Place Community Garden Co- Chairs, Ms. Teresa Speight and Mr. Anthony Brooks hosted an end of season dinner. For those not familiar, our Community Garden is located on Gateway Blvd. We have exciting plans for the lovely-wooded space behind the garden. It will be reimaged into an outdoor recreation area. This space will be ADA compliant and was designed by the Neighborhood Design Center.

On September 21 and 22nd your Mayor, Commission, and Department representatives held a 2-day strategic retreat. We had the honor to host several dignitaries including, District 25th Senator Melony Griffith, Delegate Karen Toles and Nick Charles, as well our very own, Councilwoman-elect Krystal Oriadha. Ms. Oriadha will be our next Prince George's County Council Member, District 7. At the retreat we had an opportunity to hear about District 25th priorities and in relation to our municipality, as well as hear about the Prince George's County Municipal Association's Legislative priorities. At its core, the retreat was centered and focused on how we can provide better customer service to our residents.

Commissioner Janifer and I also met with District Heights Elementary to reinvigorate our partnership and support. They have an immediate need for school uniforms (light blue shirts, and dark blue pants/skirts) and outdoor and indoor recess supplies (balls, jump ropes, boardgames etc.). Please contact me if you would like to support with donations.

Lastly, we applied for the Pepco-Sustainable Maryland Environmental Stewardship grant (value: \$10,000). I want to thank Peter Jones (City Manager), Brian Edwards (Public Works), Vice Mayor Harcourt, and Ms. Teresa Speight (Fiesta Garden co-chair) for their collaboration to craft our proposal to replenish and augment our tree canopy.

Yours Truly,
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Mayor's Retreat Recap



Pictured

Senator, Melony Griffith
Delegate, Nick Charles
Delegate, Karen Toles
Joel Green, G.S. Proctor Associates
Councilwoman Elect, Krystal Oriadha
Tony Perez, LA Perez Consulting
Chris Lawson, Insuraty Inc.
Bradley Farrar, City Attorney

HELLO BEAUTIFUL DISTRICT HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS!!!

By Vice Mayor Xander Harcourt,

I am so excited to report that the state of our community is filled with incredible change and growth – for the better! We have been able to do great things together in a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and unity.

Highlights:

- Our crime stats are at an all-time low compared to the region, due to the implementation of new strategies and procedures put in place by Chief Tarpley and Sergeant Martin and executed by our dedicated staff. The team will also be growing by 3, with seasoned and community-focused officers.
- The Marlboro Pike Coalition, a collaboration of local, State, Federal, business leaders, developers, non-profits and faith-based entities have been meeting to discuss the changes that are soon to reimagine and improve our main street, Marlboro Pike. These changes will include: New ADA approved sidewalks; dedicated bike lanes; reducing lanes to slow traffic down and help our community get closer to meeting Vision Zero standards to reduce pedestrian traffic injuries and deaths; new improved street scaping and beautification; as well as the exciting new development of the Saint Paul Town Center.
- Code Enforcement has been focusing on areas that directly impact the look and feel of our community. This includes abandoned cars; overgrown grass; dumping and trash. They will be rolling out new warning notices and of course, will work with residents to correct problems: codeenforcement@districtheights.org. Please do cc me at: harcourttx@districtheights.org
- Be sure to sign up for a timely and engaging conversation on Saturday November 5th, 12p-2:30p at the Municipal Building, 2000 Marbury Drive, in partnership with Sierra Club: Environmental Justice and You – Energy Equity

I would also like to thank all of the residents I have seen stopping and placing trash in the receptacles throughout the community, sweeping and collecting litter along their curbs or picking up after their fur babies. This makes us all swell with pride. We are grateful for your kindness and dedication to ensuring our community remains beautiful, sanitary and enjoyable for everyone (none of our walkers want to step in fur baby poop, lol). Let's continue to spread the message – “Don't trash our home, District Heights!”

It's almost that time to start thinking of Christmas. In remembrance and honor of our dear Commissioner Carol Blake (who I truly miss), please plan to join us as we decorate our two Christmas trees shortly after Thanksgiving. More details will be shared soon. If you would like regular updates, send me an email at: harcourttx@districtheights.org, so, you will be first in the know.

Stay safe, stay informed, and stay kind – it's what makes our community so special.
Always yours,
Xander



- Sergeant Dramone Pierce
- Sergeant Fred Rosario
- Officer Travon Campbell



To anonymously report crime, please download P3 Tips from your mobile app store. (Available for Android and IOS)

City of District Heights Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway

Date: November 21, 2022

Please call the Recreation Department at (301) 336-5633, starting on Thursday, November 3, 2022 to reserve your dinner and/or to receive more information.

Location: Municipal Building
2000 Marbury Drive,
District Heights, MD 20747

Recreation Department

City of District Heights Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Date: December 2, 2022

Time: 6:00pm- 7:00pm

Location: At the intersection of Kipling Parkway and Marbury Drive (next to the Veterans Park area)

***Rain Date: December 3, 2022
(5:00pm)***

City of District Heights Children's Christmas Gift Giveaway

Date: December 7, 2022

Time: 12:00pm- 2:00pm

Location: Woodland Spring
Community Center
6617 Woodland Springs
District Heights, MD 20747



Anthony Tilghman
Commissioner, Ward 1, Liaison for Recreation

Anthony Tilghman is an award-winning photographer, educator, mentor, & a published author with a substantial amount of experience in various industries including Photography, Marketing and Branding.

He serves his community as the Constituent Liaison for District 25 Delegate Nick Charles and as the Executive Director of MakeSmartCool, a nonprofit with a focus on empowering the youth, parents, teachers and community in becoming visionary educationists.

He also runs the Education Roundtable, an organization focused on accountability within the Prince George's County school system.

Anthony Tilghman is committed to serving the residents of District Heights and collaborating with local leaders on solutions.

For more information on Commissioner Tilghman, please visit www.districtheights.org for more details.

Pamela Janifer
Commissioner, Ward 2, Liaison for General Government

Pamela Janifer is a native Washingtonian and is a proud 45-year Prince Georgian. She celebrates 22 years as a resident of the incorporated City of District Heights.

Pamela is a proud mother, daughter and fiancé of U.S. service members and veterans.

Pamela retired in 2020 after almost 40 years of public service working in various capacities at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Labor. Her final stint was with the Environmental Protection Agency, where as a Congressional Liaison her primary responsibilities were to provide technical advice and expertise related to environmental protections to Members of Congress and their staff.

This experience gave her an opportunity to interact with, business owners, community members, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, elected officials, and local governments.

For more information on Commissioner Janifer, please visit www.districtheights.org.





Pictured from Left to Right: **Mayor Cynthia Miller**, **Dr. James Dula** (Prince George's County Office of Veteran Affairs, **Harryette Irving** (Liaison of Veteran Affairs for the City of District Heights), **Wilson Wiley** (Front)

Wilson T. Wiley was born in Quitman (Jackson Parish), Louisiana on September 22, 1922, the third of 5 children, born to Rayfield Evans and Nancy Turner, and moved to District Heights in 1977 and has resided here since.

Wilson T. Wiley fell in love with and married Vanette Ellis, beginning a marriage that would see over 50 anniversaries.

Wilson T. Wiley's legacy includes five daughters and one son, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren

Wilson T. Wiley courageously contributed to the defense of our country during WW II (dates of service = February 26, 1942 – January 9, 1946), training at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, and serving in the East Indies New Guinea, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant with the United States Army.

Please join us in wishing Mr. Wiley a Happy 100th Birthday!!!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEWS, BY BRIAN EDWARDS, SUPERVISOR

2022 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The Public Works Department will begin its annual Fall Leaf Collection on Tuesday November 01, 2022. The City will be divided into four sections, as shown on the map below. Piles of leaves that have sticks, rocks, bricks, car parts, bottles, etc., will not be picked up. The leaves should be piled between the sidewalk and curb, not more than four feet from the curb, as the vacuum hose will not reach any further. If the leaves are wet and heavy, on the scheduled pick-up day, they will not be picked up until they become drier.

Please note: Leaves will be picked up on a non-scheduled basis from December 26, 2022 through January 2, 2023. After this time, all leaves must be put in **brown lawn bags or a trash can with an X on the front or a note that says yard waste** and placed curbside for Bates Trash Service, which picks up leaves and grass clipping on Mondays. **There will be no leaf collection on the following dates: November 11, 24, and 25, 2022. Tree limbs will not be picked up during the fall leaf removal**

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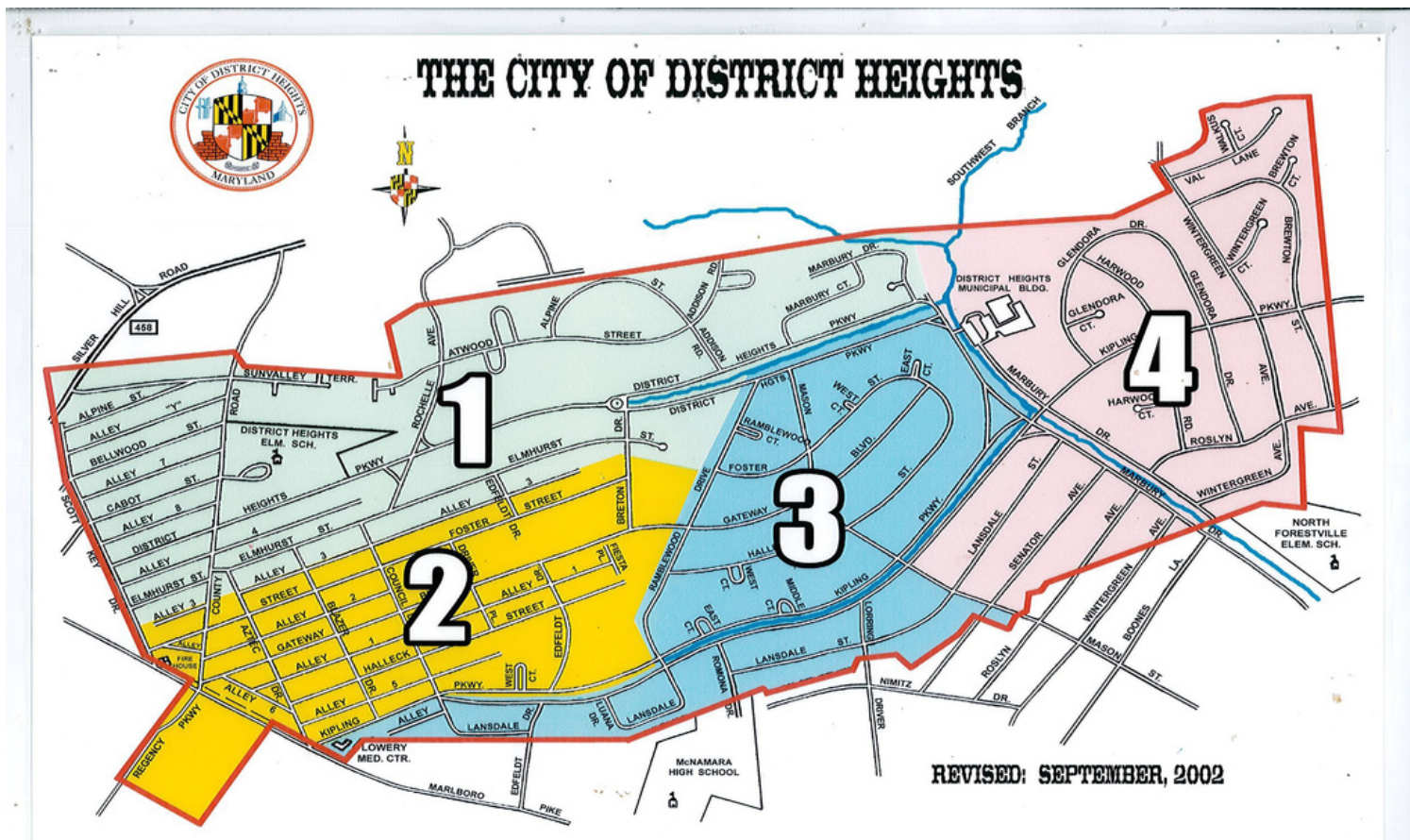
Limb pick-up will resume on Tuesday January 10, 2023. Christmas trees will also be included in this pick-up.

Section I: November 1, 2, 3, 18, 21, 22, & December 8, 9, 11.

Section II: November 4, 7, 8, 23, 28, 29, & December 13, 14, 15.

Section III: November 9, 10, 14, 30, & December 1, 2, 16, 19, 20.

Section IV: November 15, 16, 17, & December 5, 6, 7, 21, 22, 23.





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(301) 336-7600

Recreation, Cultural and Parks
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Public Works Department
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