



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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# Directory of Municipal Officials

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# TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS

County Council District 3 / Legislative District 22

## Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy is the Mayor of the Town of Berwyn Heights which is a small town established in 1896 and located inside the northeastern section of the Beltway. She is a 2013 Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland. Her accomplishments on Council include the installation of emergency back-up generators for the Town Office and Town Center, as well as updating Ordinance 101 adding standards for the humane care and treatment of animals. Mayor Kulpa-Eddy retired from her career as a veterinarian with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2019. She has lived in Berwyn Heights since 2000 along with her husband of over twenty years.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Kulpa-Eddy

Mayor Kulpa-Eddy is a shareholder and one of 537,000 owners of the Green Bay Packers.

### → Fun Fact About Berwyn Heights

Berwyn Heights is the 6th oldest municipality in Prince George's County.

### → Berwyn Heights Vision

**Berwyn Heights is an engaged, connected and sustainable town that brings tradition and a sense of community into an exciting future.**



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# TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Takisha D. James

Mayor Takisha D. James was elected as the first African American female mayor of the Town of Bladensburg in October 2017 and reelected in 2021. A Bladensburg resident for more than 20 years, she lives with her husband, former Mayor Walter L. James, Jr., and their daughter Imani. Before seeking elected office, she developed a passion for community service as a volunteer for the Bladensburg Police Department's Community Oriented Police Unit, hosting a number of community events to help foster strong, positive relationships among the Bladensburg Police Department and minority residents. Since being elected, Mayor James has worked with Town Council Members and staff to bring resources to the Bladensburg community, including more than \$600,000 in computer donations from the State of Maryland for local schools and more than \$5.5 million in federal support (through the CARES Act and ARPA) for residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



### Fun Fact for Mayor James

Mayor Takisha D. James is the second Mayor James in the Town of Bladensburg, having succeeded her husband, Mayor Walter L. James, Jr. in 2017. There has been a Mayor James serving in the Town of Bladensburg for the past 16 consecutive years.



### Fun Fact About Bladensburg

While the two Mayors James' are the first spouses to serve as Mayors in Bladensburg, they are not the first relatives to do so. Susanna K. Cristofane was the Town's Mayor for a decade (1975-1985) and her daughter, H. Susanna Cristofane Yatman subsequently served as Mayor from 1993-1995. The Cristofane family owned and resided in the Bostwick House (1746), the historic home of the first US Secretary of the Navy and one of the few remaining colonial structures still standing in Bladensburg. This Georgian mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places and, in 1997, Bostwick was sold to the Town of Bladensburg to ensure its preservation as a piece of United States, Maryland, Prince George's County, and Bladensburg history.



### Bladensburg Motto Bladensburg Cares



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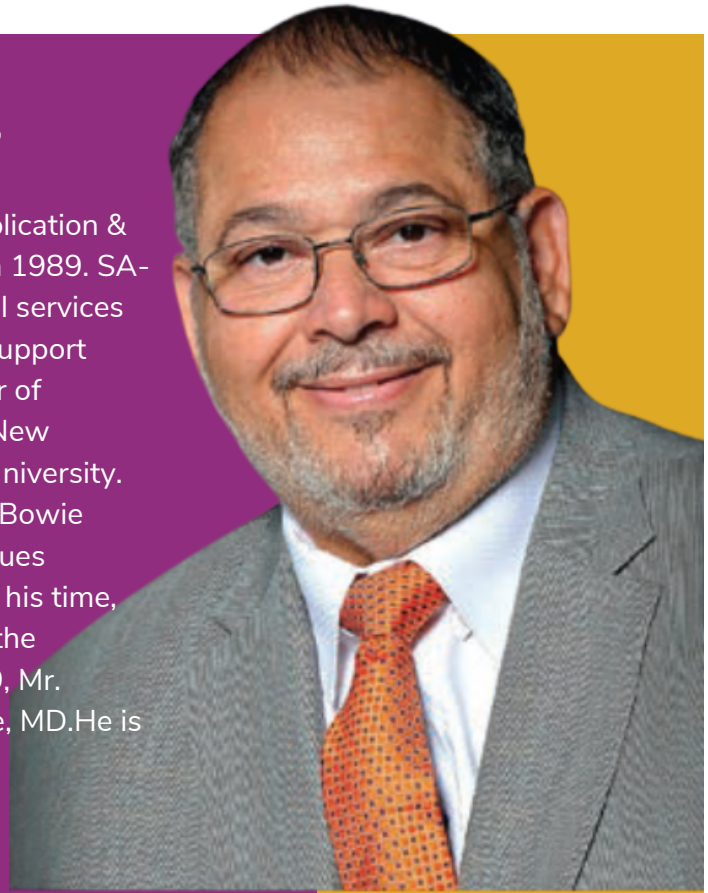


# CITY OF BOWIE

County Council District 4 / Legislative District 23

## Mayor Timothy Adams

Timothy J. Adams is President and CEO of Systems Application & Technologies, Inc. (SA-TECH), a company he founded in 1989. SA-TECH is a progressive and steadily growing professional services firm firmly rooted in the high technology and technical support areas of the defense industry. Mr. Adams holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of New Orleans and a Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier University. He received a Doctor of Business (Honoris Causa) from Bowie State University in May 2017. A strong proponent of issues affecting persons with disabilities, Mr. Adams has given his time, attention, and service on the Committee for Review for the Americans with Disabilities Act. On November 18, 2019, Mr. Adams was sworn-in as the Mayor for the City of Bowie, MD. He is the first African American elected to this position.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Adams

When Mayor Adams was in 4H, he won a Blue Ribbon for raising chickens.

### → Fun Fact About Bowie

Bowie has grown from a small railroad stop to the largest municipality in Prince George's County.

### → Bowie Motto

**One City One Bowie**



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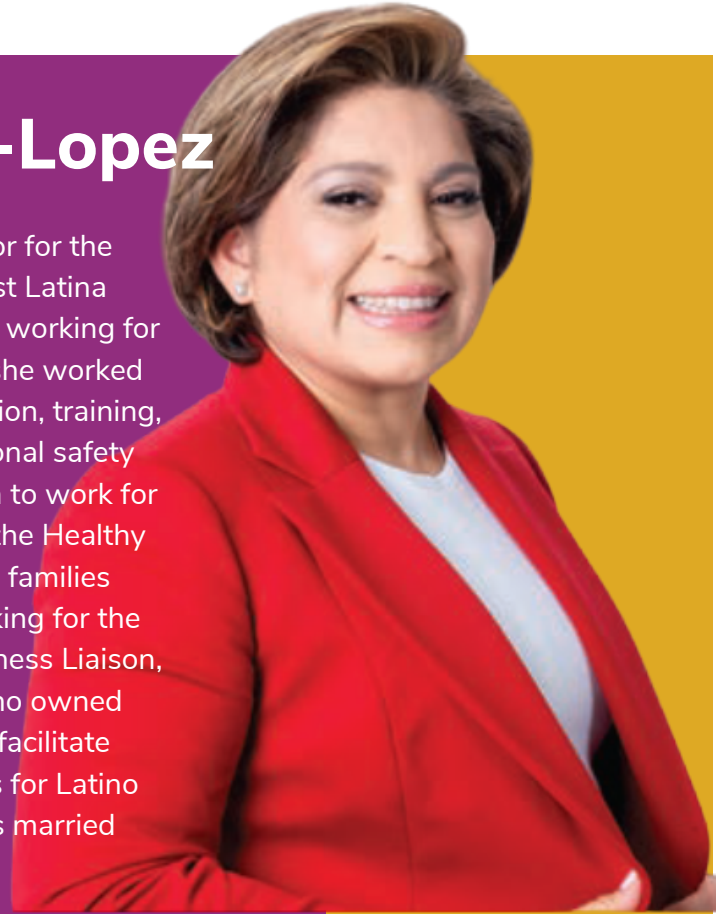


# TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

County Council District 2 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Rocio Treminio-Lopez

Mayor Rocio Treminio-Lopez was sworn in as the Mayor for the Town of Brentwood on May 5, 2015. Becoming the First Latina Mayor in the State of Maryland. Rocio began her career working for the Alice Hamilton Occupational Health Center where she worked as an assistant for this program which provided education, training, and research advocacy services in the area of occupational safety and health and pollution prevention. In 2007 she began to work for the Child Resource Center in Prince George's Co. with the Healthy Families program doing home visitation for low-income families with teenager's first-time mother. Currently she is working for the Economic Development Corporation as the Latino Business Liaison, she is responsible for Build Relationship with local Latino owned Businesses in Prince George's County; Coordinate and facilitate EDC sponsored events to build awareness about EDC's for Latino businesses and organizations. Mayor Treminio-Lopez is married and has four children.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Treminio - Lopez

When I first arrived to US in 1992 my family used to live in Brentwood, NY. I ended up being a Mayor in Brentwood, MD. My family still lives in Brentwood, NY.

### → Fun Fact About Brentwood

The town's name is derived from Brent's Wood, an estate built in 1817 by Robert Brent.

### → Brentwood Motto Diversity & Inclusion



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# TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS

County Council District 7 / Legislative District 24

## Mayor Linda Monroe

Mayor Linda Monroe, originally from Philadelphia, moved to Capitol Heights in 1992. She is a well-informed professional having over 30 years of experience with the federal government as a US Marine, a defense security specialist, and now, as a logistics contractor. Her management skills, knowledge of budgeting, personnel and program development are many of the strong assets she possesses.

Mayor Monroe can simultaneously integrate operations with Council, staff, resolutions, ordinances, lobby for legislation and funding at all levels of government because such tasks are a part of her signature offerings. She is differentiated by an uncommon military/defense security specialist/logistics expertise combined with strong business skills such as insight and quick decision making. Mayor Monroe is a "needs" volunteer, a strong advocate for youth career training (to include GED) and she supports issues related to sexual, physical and mental abuse, missing children and the forgotten homeless.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Monroe

Mayor Monroe enjoys traveling, roller skating, painting, Netflix binging, comedy shows, reading, dancing, and gourmet cooking.



### Fun Fact About Capitol Heights

Capitol Heights is located on the border of both the Northeast & Southeast quadrants of Washington, DC.



### Motto for Capitol Heights

**A Unique Experience**



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# TOWN OF CHEVERLY

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Kayce Munyeneh

Mayor Munyeneh matriculated from Georgetown University with a Master's in Leadership and Cornell University with her Public Sector Leadership Certificate. She started her career in the SC Attorney General's Office and held positions with the Metropolitan Police Department and the National Center for Victims of Crime in full-time and part-time positions respectively. In her tenure, she served over fifty thousand victims. Mayor Munyeneh became an EEO Counselor to all DC Government employees and transitioned into labor relations. She then joined the federal government in the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity. Mayor Munyeneh now enjoys entrepreneurship. Mayor Munyeneh now serves as the first Black Mayor in the 90-year history of the Town of Cheverly. She is a Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and the Order of the Eastern Star.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Munyeneh

Mayor Munyeneh is a former pageant queen and was once Miss High School USA.



### Fun Fact About Cheverly

Many residents say that once you move to Cheverly you don't move out. Several residents have purchases two and three homes in the Town of Cheverly and moved around but rarely do people move out of Cheverly.



### Vision for Cheverly

**WE ARE CHEVERLY: A safe, interconnected, accessible community that is diverse and inclusive of all people and perspectives.**



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# CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

County Council District 3 / Legislative District 21

## Mayor S.M. Fazlul Kabir

Dr. Kabir represented District 1 on the City Council for 12 years before being elected to Mayor in a Special Election. Prior to making College Park his home, he lived in England, where he received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, and in Canada. For his day job, he works as an information architect for the Federal Government. He also taught Cybersecurity at the University of Maryland for eight years.

In close collaboration with residents and Council colleagues, Dr. Kabir helped found College Park Day, restart the College Park Parade, start the new "Here & Now" College Park newspaper, and start a Farmer's Market. He successfully advocated for a new Duvall Field, a neighborhood Dog Park, Gateway Park, protected bike lanes and a community center. Dr. Kabir runs a daily blog <https://www.kabircares.org>.

Dr. Kabir has advocated for strong public safety, better code enforcement, smart economic development, sustainable and green programs, aging-in-place for our seniors, partnership with the University, enhanced education in our schools, affordable housing, and a healthy mode of transportation.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Kabir

Mayor Kabir enjoys helping with community projects. In the past years, he helped organize the annual Hollywood neighborhood cleanup event, winter clothing drive, and tree planting event.

### → Fun Fact About College Park

College Park is the home of the oldest continuously operating airport in the world.

### → Vision for College Park

**College Park is a vibrant, forward-thinking City with a welcoming community that celebrates our history and diversity and strives for innovation, connectivity, and sustainability.**



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# TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Monica Casañas

Monica Casañas is Colmar Manor's first Hispanic mayor. Born in Bogota, Colombia and raised in Queens, New York, Monica moved to Maryland in 2005.

Deeply passionate and committed to social justice and equity issues, Monica is a community activist, influencer, and communications professional who works to build and strengthen community. In 2022 her work on building inclusive communities energized Monica's run for Mayor allowing her to expand voting to non-citizens in Colmar Manor.

Casañas holds an associate degree from Montgomery College, a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and master's degree from American University. She serves on the executive board of the Maryland Black Mayors. She lives with her husband, daughter, dog and two cats. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, singing karaoke and camping.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Casañas

Mayor Casañas once babysat for New York Yankees 1st base coach José Cardenal.



### Fun Fact About Colmar Manor

Colmar Manor assumed a name derived from its proximity to the District of Columbia-the first syllable of Columbia and that of Maryland were combined to form "Colmar".



### Colmar Manor Motto

**A Sustainable Town of Opportunity**



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# TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Wanda Wheatley

Commissioner Chair Wanda Wheatley, has lived in Cottage City, Maryland since 2000. Due to a vacancy on the Commission she was appointed to her first term as Commissioner in 2016. She is currently serving her third term as an elected official of the town. She was voted to serve as the Commissioner Chair in 2020. She enjoys serving her community and spending time with family and friends.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Wheatley

Mayor Wheatley loves doing crossword and wordsearch puzzles. Her mother loved doing them, so she picked it up as a little girl.



### Fun Fact About Cottage City

The War of 1812 was fought right in the Town of Cottage City.



### Cottage City Motto United in Diversity



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# CITY OF DISTRICT HEIGHTS

County Council District 6 / Legislative District 25

## Mayor Cynthia Miller

Mayor Cynthia Miller, City of District Heights was elected in July 2022. She entered into political office in May 2014, when she was elected Commissioner, Ward 1 and was appointed Vice Mayor in June 2021. Mayor Miller served as Liaison for General Government and has 38 years of combined experience working in the federal, non-profit, private and public sectors and has lived in District Heights for 24 years. Mayor Miller is a 2015 Fellow Graduate with the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance with the University of Maryland, Maryland Municipal League. She is the Former President (2018-2019) and currently is the Policy Chair of the Prince George's County Municipal Association. She currently serves on the Marlboro Pike Corridor Stakeholders Committee. The Committee is focusing on the revitalization of Marlboro Pike.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Miller

Mayor Miller is a Fashionista!



### Fun Fact About District Heights

LaTonya Swann, winner of BET's Born To Dance, was born and raised in District Heights.



### District Heights Motto

**City on the Move**



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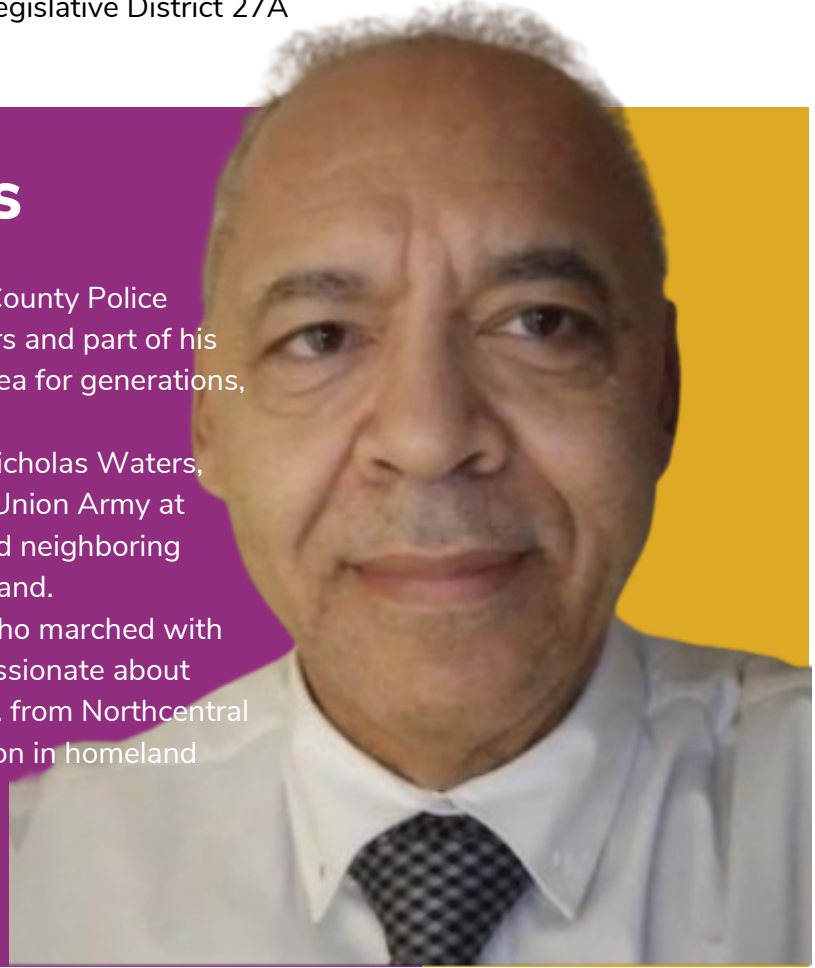


# TOWN OF EAGLE HARBOR

County Council District 9 / Legislative District 27A

## Mayor Noah Waters

Mayor Noah Waters, a retired Prince George's County Police Officer, is married to his lovely wife Linda Waters and part of his family has lived in the Eagle Harbor-Aquasco area for generations, prior to the establishment of the Town of Eagle Harbor. A former slave, his great grandfather, Nicholas Waters, served as a United States Colored Troop in the Union Army at Camp Stanton – a onetime African American and neighboring waterfront town now known as Benedict, Maryland. The son of a preacher, Rev. James O' Waters, who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Mayor Waters is also passionate about serving all people. Mayor Waters earned a Ph.D. from Northcentral University, Prescott, Arizona, with a specialization in homeland security.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Waters

Mayor Waters plays a funky bass guitar!

### → Fun Fact About Eagle Harbor

The Town of Eagle Harbor is the smallest municipality in Prince George's County, with less than 70 residents and is one of the last predominately African American waterfront communities remaining in the United States.

### → Eagle Harbor Motto Paradise On the Patuxent



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# TOWN OF EDMONSTON

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 22

## Mayor Tracy Gant

Mayor Tracy Gant was appointed to the Edmonston Town Council in 1992 and elected in 1994, serving in that role until she was elected as the first female African American Mayor of the town in 2014. Mayor Gant was re-elected in 2017 and again in 2020. Mayor Gant has a strong record of service to the Maryland Municipal League (MML). A member since 1992, Mayor Gant has served as chair of the MML Convention Planning Committee and the Communications Committee. She served as a MML Board member at large from 2013-2015. Mayor Gant was elected by her peers as the president-elect of MML in June 2015. In 2016, she assumed the role of President of the Maryland Municipal League. She continued to serve as a member on the Board of Directors until 2020. She is Past President of the Prince George's County Municipal Association, an active member of the Black Mayor's Association and a member of the Maryland Municipal Mayor's Association. Mayor Gant serves on the Local Government Insurance Trust Board of Directors.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Gant

Mayor Gant always wanted to be an actress on Broadway.

### → Fun Fact About Edmonston

The Town of Edmonston has a Go Kart Track and a farm.

### → Edmonston Motto

**A Bridging Community**



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# TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 24

## Mayor Akiaba Stewart

Mayor Akiaba Stewart was sworn in as the mayor of the Historic Town of Fairmount Heights in May 2023. She served on the Council for one year prior to winning the mayor seat. She is a proud 4th generation resident of the Town and has been a part of the community for over 52 years. The mother of 2 young men, she prides herself on raising them to become productive members of society.

Mayor Stewart has over 26 years of law enforcement/security experience. Despite being attacked by 3 dogs when she was 9; she overcame her fear of dogs and became the 1st female K-9 officer at the Federal Protective Service. She holds an associate degree from Prince George's Community College. Mayor Stewart brings a wealth of innovative ideas to help take the Town to the next level. Her goals are to address the Town's aging infrastructure, make the community safer, and promote smart economic development.



### → Fun Fact for Mayor Stewart → Fun Fact About Fairmount Heights

Mayor Stewart is a huge sports fan and will not allow anyone to talk trash about her home teams the Commanders or Wizards.

The Town of Fairmount Heights is a diamond in the rough. A stone's throw from DC and less than a mile from the Blue Line Corridor, the Town of Fairmount Heights will be a premier place to invest, work, start a business, own a home, raise a family, and retire.

### → Fairmount Heights Motto A Town Changing for the Better



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# TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

County Council District 8 / Legislative District 26

## Mayor Troy Barrington Lilly

Troy Barrington Lilly was sworn in as Mayor in June 2023. As a member of the Town Council, he introduced legislation that formed a Youth and Community Development Bureau in Forest Heights in collaboration with the County Council. He also helped author bills in the Maryland House and Senate that addressed blighted commercial properties in Forest Heights and passed them into law. By partnering with local businesses and residents, he helped launch an economic empowerment series to give town and nearby residents access to financial experts and strategies. Other initiatives he is proud to include sponsoring legislation to install onsite water facilities at the Forest Heights Community Garden.

He worked as a photographer and DoD contractor for over a decade, covering engagements between senior US military officials and foreign dignitaries. Troy also supported nonprofit groups, working with the NAACP's national ACT-SO youth division, the Washington Association of Black Journalists, and small businesses. His photographs have been displayed in Times Square in New York City, on CNN.com, and archived in the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (DVIDS).



### → Fun Fact for Acting Mayor Lilly

Mayor Lilly enjoys reading, bike riding, and photography.

### → Fun Fact About Forest Heights

Forest Heights has some of the best bass fishing spots along Oxon Creek and Oxon Cove.

### → Forest Heights Motto One Community Many Cultures



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# CITY OF GLENARDEN

County Council District 5 / Legislative District 24

## Mayor Cashenna A. Cross

Poised executive leader Cashenna A. Cross on August 18, 2021, became the 18th Mayor and third woman in Glenarden's 82-year history. Graduate Mississippi State University ROTC program decorated active-duty veteran June 1998 – July 2018 United States Air Force-retired, accomplished Department of Defense and community leader of more than 30 years of service. With 27 countries traveled, commanded at the highest level of U.S. National Security, as well as North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Proud member Woodstream Church, leverages talents and resources in service to all mankind. Cashenna, wife to first gentleman Mario T. Cross, and mother of two champions La'Claire and Zafira Cross thrives from a God-blessed family bond reinforced by the collective impact of a strong family support system. Chairman, Community Assessments Prince George's County Hope in Action Anti-Violence Project, Task Force.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Cross

Presidential Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service Medal awardee from President Joe Biden a devout believer in the no limit value of community, partners with organizations who contribute service hours and funding addressing mental health and wellness in our communities at the grassroots.



### Fun Fact About Glenarden

The Town of Glenarden became the 3rd African American municipality incorporated in the State of Maryland.



### Glenarden Motto

**A City On The Move**



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# CITY OF GREENBELT

County Council District 4 / Legislative District 22

## Mayor Emmett V. Jordan

Mayor Emmett V. Jordan is currently serving his 7th term as a member of the Greenbelt City Council. In 2009, he became the first African American to serve on Council and has now served 4 terms as Mayor. A Greenbelt resident for 22 years, Emmett relocated to the area to work with the University of Maryland in 1998. Emmett's career spans more than 25 years of experience providing professional services related to marketing, communications, strategic planning, and fund development to non-profit organizations, associations, and businesses. He has worked with many organizations including the Smithsonian Institution, University of Maryland at College Park, and the United Negro College Fund. He currently serves on the boards and committees of a number of regional and national policy organizations including the National League of Cities, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Maryland Municipal League.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Jordan

At 6'5", Mayor Jordan is arguably the tallest elected official in Prince George's County.



### Fun Fact About Greenbelt

Greenbelt was planned and built in 1937 by Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal administration as an experimental cooperative community.



### Vision for Greenbelt

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.



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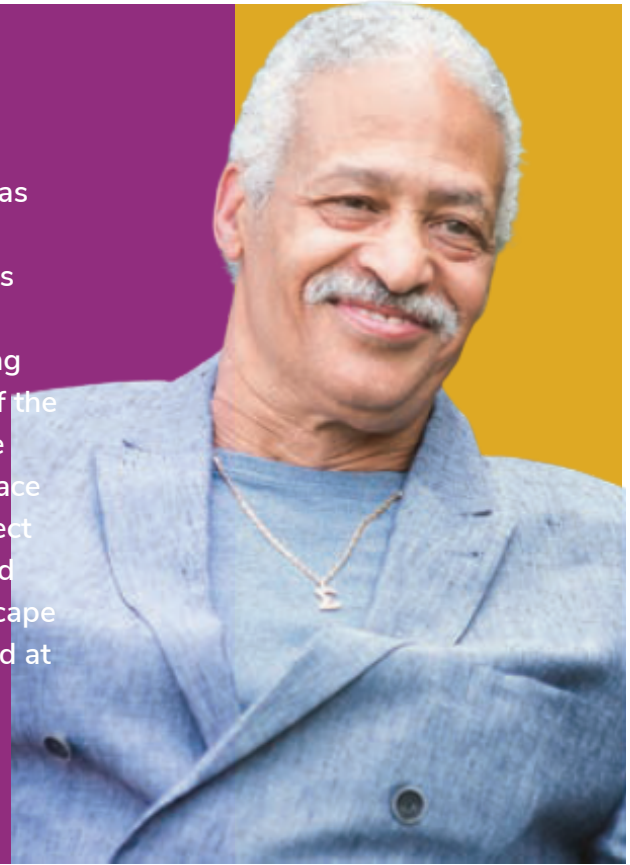


# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

County Council District 2 / Legislative District 22

## Mayor Robert Croslin

Mayor Robert Croslin is Mayor of the City of Hyattsville. He has been a resident of Hyattsville since 1989 and served on the Hyattsville City Council for eight years before being elected as Mayor in 2022. He is an advocate for expanding senior and disability services, youth engagement, and community policing and mental health support. Mr. Croslin is an active member of the Hyattsville community, serving as a founder of the Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance (HCAA) and Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP). Mr. Croslin was raised in the Cherry Hill Housing project in South Baltimore and attended Towson State University and Morgan State University, earning a master's degree in Landscape Architecture. He is also an accomplished jewelry artist, trained at Bowman Jewelry School.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Crosslin

He is a jewelry artist, trained at Bowman Jewelry School.



### Fun Fact About Hyattsville

Hyattsville was one of the first municipalities in the state to offer both non-citizen and voting for youth between 16 and 17 years of age in City Elections.



### Hyattsville Motto

**A World Within Walking Distance**



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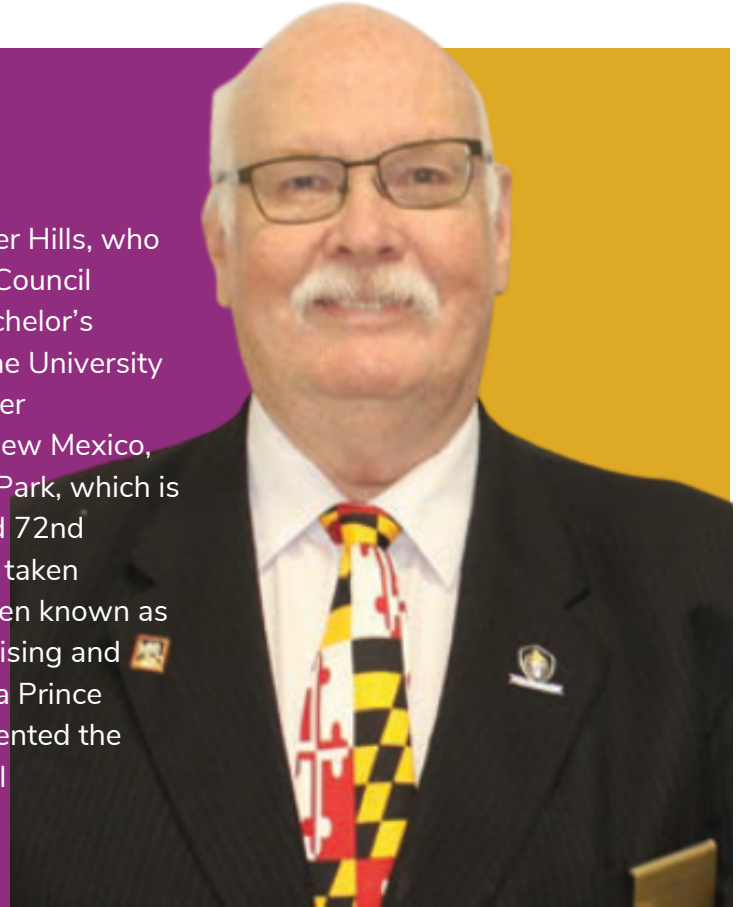


# TOWN OF LANDOVER HILLS

County Council District 3 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Jeff Schomisch

Mayor Jeff Schomisch is a 35-year resident of Landover Hills, who was elected Mayor in 2019 after six years as a Town Council member. Born and raised in Wisconsin, Jeff has a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications – Print Media from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Prior to moving to Landover Hills, Jeff spent 12 years as a newspaper reporter in New Mexico, where he met his wife, Annette. Landover Hills Rinck Park, which is located adjacent to Annapolis Road between 71st and 72nd Avenues, is named for resident Henry Rinck, who had taken responsibility for the care and maintenance of park, then known as the Buchanan Street Park for many years, including raising and lowering the flags in the park every day. Jeff coached a Prince George's County youth roller hockey team that represented the Washington Metro Area at the NHL Breakout National Championship in San Diego in January 2002.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Schomisch

Coached a Prince George's County youth roller hockey team that represented the Washington Metro Area at the NHL Breakout National Championship in San Diego in January 2002.



### Fun Fact About Landover Hills

Landover Hills' Rinck Park, known as the Buchanan Street Park for many years, was renamed for resident Henry Rinck, who had taken responsibility for the care and maintenance of the park, including raising and lowering the flags in the park every day.



### Landover Hills Motto

**Small Town Thinking Big**



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# CITY OF LAUREL

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## Mayor Keith Sydnor

Keith Sydnor has served as an elected Council member in the City of Laurel since November 2017. On November 7, 2023, Mr. Sydnor was elected as Mayor. Born and raised in Petersburg, Virginia, Mayor Sydnor has been a resident of Laurel, Maryland since 2003.

He worked in law enforcement for more than 22 years. Mayor Sydnor has served as a Correctional Officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a Correctional Officer for the Virginia Department of Corrections, and a Deputy Sheriff for the Petersburg, VA Sheriff's Office.

He is a retired Chief Petty Officer from the United States Navy. His illustrious military career includes two deployments to the Persian Gulf; a 2001 mobilization for Operation Noble Eagle (9/11); and two deployments to Kuwait for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In addition to his human service career and military service, Mayor Sydnor served as the Chairman of the Veterans Committee of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1456. Keith served as the Vice President of the Board for Vistas II Laurel Lakes Condominium Association.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Sydnor

Mayor Sydnor has visited six continents.



### Fun Fact About Laurel

In 1989, the City of Laurel began exterior restoration of a mill workers' house it owned. On February 25, 1991, Mayor Joseph Robison and the Laurel City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Laurel Historical Society to use the mill workers' house as the Laurel Museum. It opened to the public in May 1996.



### Laurel Motto

**Progress Through People**



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# TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE

County Council District 7 / Legislative District 25

## Mayor Bennard J. Cann

Mayor Bennard J. Cann has over 25 years of Organizational Management in the Cooperate, Political, and Non-Profit arena. He has a passion for serving the community and assisting underserved populations. He serves as CEO of the startup S.T.A.R.F.U.R.A. and sits on the Executive Board of Directors for Global Language Network since its inception in 2008. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Municipal League, Maryland Mayor's Association, and Prince George's County Municipal Association. He has also served as President of the Prince George's County Municipal Association. Mayor Cann understands his assignment and continually works in capacities to achieve it.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Cann

Mayor Cann represents the first generation on his father's side that was born in America. All other generations are from Trinidad & Tobago.



### Fun Fact About Morningside

Gerald A. Glaubitz served as the Mayor of Morningside from 1962 to 2004 and was one of the longest serving Mayors in the State of Maryland's History.



### Morningside Motto

**Gateway to the Nation's  
Capital**



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# CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER

County Council District 2 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Celina Benitez

Mayor Celina Benitez is leading and serving the City of Mount Rainier as its first Latina Mayor. She previously served as a Councilmember (2017-2021) before she was elected as the Mayor in 2021. She is the First Latina Mayor of a City in Maryland and one of the three Latina Mayors currently elected in the state. Born in El Salvador, she migrated to the United States with her mother and siblings as a child. Mayor Benitez is a committed advocate of human rights, access to education, direct outreach to the city, and empowerment of minority communities. She also leads the City's food insecurity program, empowerment of small businesses, youth and green initiatives. Mayor Benitez is fluent in Spanish and English allowing her public governance to be more inclusive of more residents in the city. She authored the Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Program in 2018 providing yearly scholarships to the city's most deserving students.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Benitez

Mayor Benitez is a trained sling shot instructor for the Girl Scouts and holds 2 Black belts in Karate.



### Fun Fact About Mount Rainier

Today, a large area of Mount Rainier is considered a historic district by the National Register of Historic Places.



### Mount Rainier

### Diversity & Inclusion



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# CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON

County Council District 3 / Legislative District 22

## Mayor Katrina Dodro

Mayor Katrina Dodro was born in Kingsport, Tennessee and comes from a military family. It was those military roots that first brought her to Prince George's County in 1986. While her father was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, she attended Crossland High School in Temple Hills, Maryland.

She attended South Carolina State University and earned an undergraduate degree in History and Political Science. Upon graduating from college, Mayor Dodro began working as the Director of Education Programs and Volunteer Coordinator at the College Park Aviation Museum. She also served as the Education Coordinator at the Surratt House Museum. Mayor Dodro later worked as a Content and Database Manager for National History Day at the University of Maryland. Mayor Dodro was a Councilmember for the City of New Carrollton for 17 years prior to being elected as the current Mayor.

Mayor Dodro is married and has one daughter. Her daughter, Isabella, is a rising sophomore at University of North Carolina in Greensboro, NC. The Dodro family attends University Christian Church in Hyattsville.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Dodro

Mayor Dodro enjoys cooking, reading, karaoke, as well as visiting libraries and museums.



### Fun Fact About New Carrollton

During Colonial times, the territory that is known as New Carrollton was called Terrapin Thicket, due to "a lot of turtles cavorting in the marshy land."



### New Carrollton Motto New Carrollton Proud



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# TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

County Council District 2 / Legislative District 47A

## Mayor Petrella Robinson

Mayor Petrella Robinson is the mayor of the first African American incorporated municipality in Prince George's County Maryland, North Brentwood. Petrella Robinson went to school in Prince George's County and graduated in 1968. She later attended University of Maryland, College Park where she took up courses in accounting. In 1969, Petrella was employed by the United States Information Agency where she obtained her top-secret security clearance. In 1975, she became the first female computer operator for the agency. Through much reorganization, she worked for the Voice of America as a computer technician. She started the first computer operations at the agency with her expertise. Petrella also served as the treasurer of the Carl T. Rowan Blacks in Government. She retired from the agency in 2005 after 36 years of dedicated service. Mayor Robinson began her civic duty by becoming President of the North Brentwood Recreation Council, President of North Brentwood Citizens Association and councilperson for North Brentwood. She was later appointed as town clerk. After her tenure as clerk, she ran for Mayor of the town in 2007 and still serves today.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Robinson

At the North Brentwood teen club I learned many dances including "Hand Dance" and the "Bop", which also landed my appearance on DC's WOOK, Channel 14 Teenarama, first black dance program in 1966.



### Fun Fact About North Brentwood

First African American majority municipality in the state of Maryland.



### North Brentwood Motto

**A Heritage to Remember; A  
Future to Mold**



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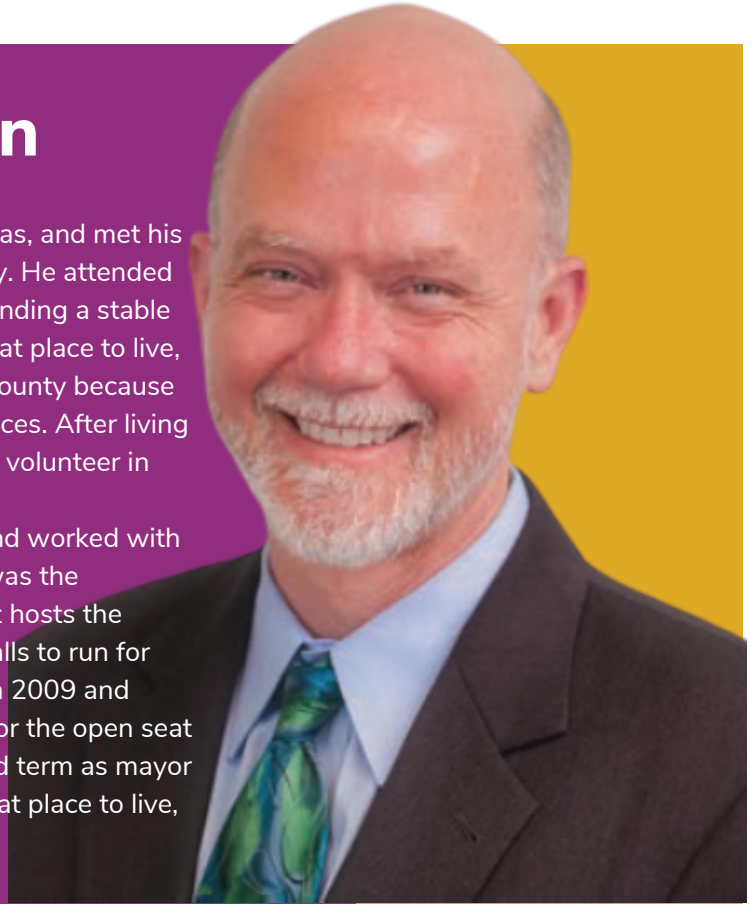
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## Mayor Alan Thompson

Mayor Alan Thompson was born and raised in Austin, Texas, and met his wife of 36 years while both were attending Rice University. He attended graduate school at MIT and received his doctorate. After finding a stable job in Gaithersburg, he and his wife went looking for a great place to live, eventually choosing Riverdale Park and Prince George's County because both were "more interesting" places to live than other choices. After living in Riverdale Park for a few years, he became involved as a volunteer in town government (including, eventually, campaigns). During this time he became interested in new urbanism and worked with others to establish the mixed-use "M-U-TC" zoning that was the foundation of the Riverdale Park Station development that hosts the county's first Whole Foods Market. After ignoring many calls to run for office, he finally ran for office as a council representative in 2009 and won. After eight years as a council representative he ran for the open seat of mayor and again won. He is currently serving in his third term as mayor and always looking for ways to make Riverdale Park a great place to live, work, or visit.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Thompson

Over the last few years, Mayor Thompson has kayaked in Maryland during every month of the year, at temperatures as low as 37 degrees.



### Fun Fact About Riverdale Park

In 1920, a handful of owners in Riverdale Park and West Riverdale petitioned the Maryland General Assembly requesting authority to incorporate the two neighborhoods as a municipality. The two communities were incorporated on June 4, 1920.



### Riverdale Park Motto

**A Welcoming Community -  
Come Grow With Us**



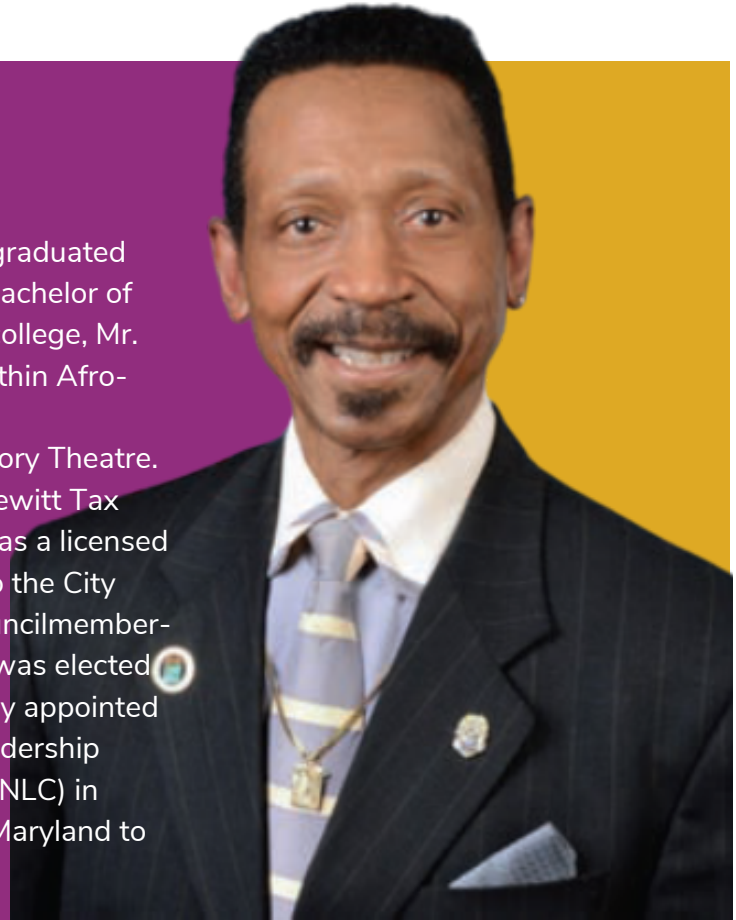


# CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

County Council District 7 / Legislative District 24

## Mayor Kelly Porter

Mayor Kelly Porter was born in Washington, DC and graduated from State University New York, Binghamton with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. While attending college, Mr. Porter worked and directed his own radio program within Afro-Latin Department of WHRW-FM radio. In addition to performing with the District of Columbia Black Repertory Theatre. For 16 years he was a business owner of a Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Franchise located in Washington, DC, as well as a licensed Real Estate Consultant in Maryland. He was elected to the City Council of Seat Pleasant for Ward IV in 1996 and Councilmember-At-Large in September 2000. Councilmember Porter was elected as Council President in October 2011 and was recently appointed as Mayor. He has earned his position of Regent of Leadership Diamond Certification with National League of Cities (NLC) in November 2011. He is one of the first in the State of Maryland to achieve this certification.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Porter

Mayor Porter was a radio commentator at WHRW in New York.



### Fun Fact about Seat Pleasant

Kevin Durant, NBA Player (Brooklyn Nets) is from Seat Pleasant



### Seat Pleasant Motto

**A Smart City of Excellence**



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# TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK

County Council District 3 / Legislative District 22

## Mayor Joel Biermann

Mayor Joel Biermann is a native of Wisconsin. In 2006, he moved to the DC area and has resided in University Park since 2013. Joel served 25 years in both the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve with a combat deployment to Iraq in 2005 and 2006. He was commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in May 2003 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in June 2021. After moving to the area in 2006, Joel spent nearly a decade supporting the Defense Intelligence Agency. He now supports a variety of federal agencies as a management consultant and is currently supporting the National Reconnaissance Office with a variety of Strategic Human Capital Management functions. Joel served as University Park's Ward 1 Councilmember from 2020 – 2022, chaired the University Park Sustainability Committee from 2021 – 2022, and served as mayor pro tempore from 2021 – 2022. He is currently in his first term as mayor which began in June 2022.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Biermann

Mayor Biermann is addicted to Frasier and has watched most episodes over 10 times.



### Fun Fact About University Park

University Park is the birthplace of the Muppets. Jim Henson lived in University Park when he created the Muppets.



### Vision for University Park

University Park strives to be an inclusive, innovative, safe town which fosters a strong sense of community within a vibrant, growing urban area.

We value: • Community involvement • Sound Fiscal policy • Environmental Sustainability and Resiliency • Excellent service • Regional collaboration



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# TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

County Council District 9 / Legislative District 27A

## Mayor Sarah Franklin

Mayor Sarah Franklin has served on the Upper Marlboro Board of Commissioners since August of 2020, and has been President/Mayor of the Board since December of 2021. She has a Master's degree in Community Planning and experience in Town planning throughout the state of Maryland. Mayor Franklin works to build community involvement in the government and has opened up conversations regarding the Town's past as well as its plans and vision for the future. Sarah's passion for building community encourages enthusiasm and involvement among her neighbors.



### Fun Fact for Mayor Franklin

Mayor Franklin has been known to make her own clothing.



### Fun Fact About Upper Marlboro

You can often find families in their wedding best at Schoolhouse Pond in Upper Marlboro, where in 2018 nearly 2,700 marriages were performed.



### Upper Marlboro Motto Greater Together



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