

# City of Glenarden

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A CITY ON THE MOVE

## A Message From The Mayor



Dear Residents  
of Glenarden,

In this edition of the  
Glenarden Newsletter,  
I would like to take  
the opportunity to  
inform you about  
the many initiatives,

development projects, and opportunities that  
are occurring in our great city.

Like many other municipalities in this  
region, our city has weathered challenging  
economic times, yet remained steadfast  
in our determination to move positively  
toward a better and brighter future. The  
City Administration has remained focused  
on hiring and maintaining qualified staff  
to head our departments. Our most recent  
hire was Ms. Melinda Jones as our new City  
Manager. Ms. Jones comes with impeccable  
credentials and a determination to make a  
difference. We have also introduced a new  
Human Resources Specialist position to  
assist the City Manager with the mounting  
personnel issues that have been paralyzing  
the efficient running of the Administration.  
We will continue to be vigilant in expanding  
the Public Safety, Public Works, and Code  
Enforcement Departments and providing  
these departments with the tools they need  
to get the job done well.

One of the most important tasks of the  
City Administration has been to create a  
municipal budget that continues to maintain  
our low tax rate while providing the essential  
services for our residents. Our success rate  
has been evident in the budget surplus that  
we have experienced over the last three years.

Another important task of the City  
Administration has been to secure grant  
funding for several city projects as we grow  
and expand economically and socially.  
We have been working diligently on

implementing and completing many exciting  
projects for the City of Glenarden to include  
the ADA Senior Nutrition Site Upgrades,  
Glenarden Veterans Memorial, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park  
Redesign, and MLK Site Redevelopment.  
We appreciate the support of our local  
elected officials in assisting us to secure  
well over \$2 million in grants to fund city  
projects over the last several years.

We have continued to provide support to  
our youth through the Glenarden Police  
Cadet Program, Summer Youth Employment  
Program, Youth Broadcast & Training  
Program, YAI Scholarship Program, and  
most recently, the Glenarden Boys & Cubs  
Scouts. We also continue to provide support  
to our seniors through the Senior Nutrition  
Program, free workshops, groceries, and  
other activities/giveaways.

We are continuing to make improvements on  
the Gold Room facility and the management  
of staff to provide a more convenient  
and affordable banquet hall that can be  
used to host business and social events.  
Improvements include new carpeting,  
refrigerator, freezer, and soon to be installed  
commercial stove and closed circuit camera  
system.

After a few seasons of very unpredictable  
weather, several road improvement projects  
will restart. We have added capital funds  
in the budget to repair and repave roads  
in all three Wards. Roadway construction  
and beautification throughout the city  
is a priority for major arteries, as well as  
residential areas, to include our local parks.  
We hope this will stimulate residents to  
support the City in its improvement efforts  
and jointly develop a more astonishing image  
of our city to include their own homes.

The City Administration continues to  
add new features to the City's Website  
([www.cityofglenarden.org](http://www.cityofglenarden.org)) and Cable

Station (FIOS/Channel 16, COMCAST/  
Channel 71) that engage viewers and  
users alike, as well as provide a friendlier  
browsing experience. If there is additional  
information that you would like to view  
on the Website or Cable, please contact the  
Executive Assistant at (301) 773-2102 or  
[executiveassistant@cityofglenarden.org](mailto:executiveassistant@cityofglenarden.org).

An ongoing initiative of the City  
Administration has been the formation  
of city committees. Citizen volunteers  
have been solicited to serve on several  
committees in this Administration's effort to  
bring government back to the community.  
Volunteers provide the opportunity for  
residents to affect the direction of our  
community and work together with elected  
officials toward community growth.

The City of Glenarden has an unlimited  
potential as we enter a new and dramatic era  
in our development. This is why the City  
Administration has chosen a new initiative  
to partner with non-profit organizations that  
share our desire to promote programs and  
events designed to improve the educational,  
economical, and social and health levels  
of the communities we serve. We are  
committed to sharing the social, cultural,  
and intellectual strengths of our city and  
transforming these unique qualities into  
sustainable and positive developments that  
benefit our communities.

From the ongoing revitalization of our  
city via the Woodmore Town Centre at  
Glenarden project to the development/  
redevelopment of our city-owned  
property within our wonderfully diverse  
neighborhood, I look forward to a  
prosperous and progressive year. Please  
continue to support our local government as  
we continue to strive for excellence!

Gail Parker Carter  
Mayor

**Our Mission** - to provide unified leadership based upon trust, ethics, and a commitment to excellence  
in the delivery of services that will enhance the community and the quality of life for our citizens.

**Our Vision** - to provide a safe and healthy environment for residents and visitors.

## Message From The City Manager



Dear Residents:

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new City Manager of Glenarden. It is an honor to serve you and the Glenarden community as the City Manager. So far, it has been a very busy time for the City and the Administration as we prepare for the new fiscal year.

The Administration has been diligently working for the City of Glenarden on several major projects:

- Veteran Memorial in the honor of Glenarden Veterans;
- Tree Planning to beautify the City of Glenarden;
- New Police Site on Martin Luther King Highway;
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park for the Glenarden community;
- Repaving Project for Ward 2; and
- Repair Project for Hayes Street.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you already and have begun working with several members of the Glenarden community on community projects. I am looking forward to meeting with more Glenarden citizens and working with you to enhance the City of Glenarden and meeting the needs of the citizens of Glenarden.

Melinda E. Jones  
City Manager

## Glenarden Call-A-Bus

A door-to-door bus service is available on a priority basis for seniors citizens of Glenarden but open to the general public as available. Transportation is provided within a 5-mile radius outside of the City of Glenarden. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance, and the fee is \$1.00 each way. Call 301-773-2100 for reservations and more information.

## City of Glenarden City Council

To the Citizens of Glenarden:

Your City Council wants to thank you for your support. You have displayed your interest in your community by attending monthly meetings, public forums and city sponsored activities. You have also expressed your pleasure and displeasure with our conduct, decisions, and votes.

The strong foundation created by the pioneers that created the City of Glenarden is about to go through another growth leap. With growth comes change, and change is not always easy. In fact, change can be a fearful adventure. This City has faced the challenge of change before with Urban Renewal and the initial stages were unsettling to the community, but the final results were a source of pride for the City of Glenarden. Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden is our next urban renewal and economic boom. This project has added to our Real Estate assessment base and increased revenue from building permits and business licenses. As this project expands, the City government needs to expand to meet the demands. The Mayor and Council have been working hard at developing a balancing act for expanding the government without exceeding revenue and maintaining the current tax rate. Currently, we are supporting the Mayor by approving funding for greatly needed building repairs and upgrades, new telephone system, additional staffing for the police department, new vehicles and equipment and training for the existing staff to increase their skills, knowledge, and abilities. A well-trained staff equipped with the tools they need equals an effective and efficiently ran government.

Thanks to the hard work of Toni Taylor, Council Clerk, the Council is finally moving into the technological age. You will now find our agendas, minutes, and legislation on the City of Glenarden website. For those of you without internet access, you can call the council clerk at 301-322-1473 to obtain these documents.

Your City Council will continue to strive at enacting legislation that will improve the quality of life for the citizens of Glenarden.

The City Council wishes you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Margaret Dade,  
Council President

## Community Telephone Numbers

Glenarden Police  
301-773-3214

Kendall Volunteer  
Fire Department  
301-773-6032

Prince George's  
County Information  
301-350-9700

Bulk Trash  
301-429-5180

Glenarden  
Call-A-Bus  
301-773-2100

Glenarden  
Senior Facility  
301-773-2104

Glenarden Woods  
Elementary School  
301-925-1300

Sylvania Woods  
Elementary School  
301-925-2840

Glenarden Boys/  
Girls Track Club  
301-773-7769

Glenarden Boys  
& Girls Club  
301-807-8857

Glenarden  
Community Center  
301-772-3151

American Legion  
Post #275  
301-772-0275



# Glenarden Police Department News



Police Chief O'Donnell

### NEW FACES:

Two of our officers transferred to other police departments this year; Officer Curtis went to the Prince George's County Police Department and Officer Clay transferred to the

Sheriff's Department. These officers have been replaced with Officer K. Burnett and Officer G. Atkinson. Officer A. Kelly is also a new officer in our department. We wish all of these officers much success in their new endeavors.

Also, the Glenarden Police Department would like to congratulate Officer Shelby on the arrival of his new baby boy!

### AWARDS:

On April 10, 2012, our own officer, PFC Kenneth Richardson was given the award of "Community Service Officer" of the year by the Prince George's County Chief of Police Association. Officer M. Clay and Officer A. Smith were given the award of "Officer of the Year" for Glenarden. Officer D. Taylor was given the "Community Service Officer" for Glenarden.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

Two motorcycles were stolen from different location here in Glenarden over the last several weeks. We are advising all motorcycle owners to properly secure and park their vehicles in well lit areas. We are proud to report that our crime statistics are down. With the coming of summer and outdoor activities, we ask all of our residents to be extra careful and stay alert.

During the last several months, there has been a number of handicap placards stolen from vehicles. Please remove your handicap placards from your vehicle when possible.

Also, several heating units have been stolen from vacant houses. If you see anything suspicious please call 911 or 301-352-1200

### EVENT:

National Night Out on Crime is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the Theresa Banks Complex, 8516 McLain Avenue from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. This event is being planned to be more exciting and fun-filled than last year's event. Reserve this evening for community fellowship and information sharing.

### SERVICE NEEDS:

As technology changes, automation is becoming more prevalent and we are not exempt from the necessary transitions. We are anticipating that fingerprinting will soon become "live-scan" only. Your fingerprints will be scanned on a computer and sent directly to the Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS) and the results are returned to you within 72 hours. Until we are mandated to discontinue doing ink-rolled prints our service is available: Monday – Friday between the hours of 10:15 AM- 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM.

As we do not have a dispatcher or recorded phone lines, please call the Prince George's County dispatcher on (301) 352-1200 for all non-emergency needs. The dispatcher will in turn either dispatch one of our officers or a Prince George's County officer to you in a timely manner. For an emergency you should dial 911.

## Emergency Preparedness: "Get Ready Prince George's County!"

"Get Ready Prince George's County" is one of the largest events conducted by the Prince George's County Citizen Corps Council which brings together communities in order to educate them on the importance of emergency preparedness and making a family plan. This year, the Citizen Corps Council will spotlight communities in Central Prince George's County in the City of Glenarden on September 15, 2012. The question we want the community residents to ask is: "Are we prepared?"

The Citizen Corps Council will address this question and more by showcasing services that help families recognize the importance of individual and family preparedness. Emergencies can be overwhelming and have a long term effect on families and communities. Through preparedness events like "Get Ready Prince George's County at Glenarden," we can reduce the fear and anxieties related to sudden emergency situations. At the end of the day, you and your family will be successful in knowing how to put together an emergency plan and what you will need for your disaster preparedness kit. Both MRC and CERT Volunteers are needed to assist with this event on September 15, 2012.

### Preparedness saves lives!

## Building Permits

Permits are required by each resident and business BEFORE work begins to avoid fines. For more information, please contact our Code Enforcement Department at 301-773-2100.

Prince George's  
County Information  
301-350-9700

Prince George's  
County Hospital  
301-341-3300

Baltimore Gas &  
Electric  
1-800-685-0123

Water/ Sewer  
(WSSC)  
301-699-4555

Snow Removal  
301-773-2100

Senior Information  
& Assistance  
301-265-8450

Maryland Relay  
1-800-735-2258

Downed Trees  
301-499-8600

Storm Drain  
301-499-8520

Watermain Break  
301-266-4200

**City Administration**

Gail Parker Carter  
Mayor

Melinda E. Jones  
City Manager

Michael Laughlin  
Treasurer

Charlyn Anderson  
Executive Assistant

Phil O'Donnell  
Chief of Police

James Middleton  
Public Works Supervisor

**Code Enforcement Officers**

Dennis Johnson  
Jer'Juana Garnett

**Gold Room Coordinators**

Penny Logan  
Marilyn Johnson

**City of Glenarden Elected Officials**

Gail Parker Carter  
Mayor

Margaret T. Dade  
President (Ward II)

Carolyn Smallwood  
Vice President (Ward I)

Elaine A. Carter  
Ward II

James Herring  
Councilman, Ward I

Jennifer Jenkins  
Councilwoman, Ward III

Maxine E. Phifer  
At-Large

Celestine E. Wilson  
At-Large



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**Glenarden community day & 5K RUN • WALK**  
*building healthier and happier communities*

**SAT. SEPTEMBER 15, 2012** CHECK-IN 7:30AM  
**Glenarden Theresa Banks Complex**  
8615 McLain Avenue • Glenarden, MD 20706

**Register Online - [www.iwalkforyou.org](http://www.iwalkforyou.org)**  
General Admission - FREE • Race/Walk - \$35

**Celebrating Glenarden Day**  
Award Presentation 12 noon

7:30 am	Registration
8:30 am	Warm Up
9:00 am	Race/Walk Starts
10:30 am	Activities & Youth Park Opens
12 noon	Dedication and Awards Ceremony
4:00 pm	Activities End

**Also Featuring:**  
derf discovers youth park  
Moon Bounce, Basketball, Fun Photos, Skating, Arts & Crafts, Color Guards, Zumba, Video Games, Karate, Food, Fun, & more!



atk@foundation, Parks & Recreation, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, derf educates, vitamin water

**To Volunteer or Become a Partner:**  
Call 301-386-0012  
Sponsorship/Vendor Opportunities Available

**Glenarden Public Works**

The City of Glenarden Public Works department wants to remind you of the trash schedule:

**Wednesdays:** Regular Trash, Recyclables, and Yard Waste

**Saturdays:** Regular Trash, Bulk Trash

Please remember that leaves must be properly bagged and that tree limbs must be bundled for pick-up.

Bulk Trash picks up to 3 pieces from the front of your yard.

Recycling Bins can be picked up Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM from the Glenarden Municipal Center.

**Also remember:**

- Replace Air Filters
- Change batteries in your fire detectors
- Clean HVAC units so they can run more efficiently.

James Middleton,  
Public Works Supervisor

**Silver Foxes**

**Senior Nutrition Program**

The Senior Nutrition Program implements nutrition services for the elderly in both congregate and home settings.

The home-delivered meal services meet the nutritional needs of those seniors who cannot be transported to congregate sites due to health complications. Call 301-265-8450 for more information.



**Bags of Groceries for Seniors**

The City Administration has welcomed the opportunities to partner with Shabach Ministries of First Baptist Church of Glenarden in providing bags of groceries for Glenarden seniors and families. The bags are filled with a variety of nutritious foods and lots of love.