

# City of Hyattsville

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## Agenda Regular Meeting

**FY22 Real Property Tax Rate**

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**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**6:30 PM**

**Virtual**

## City Council Public Hearing

**Kevin Ward, Interim Mayor, Ward 1**  
**Carrianna Suiter, Council Vice President, Ward 3**

**Bart Lawrence, Ward 1**  
**Robert S. Croslin, Ward 2**  
**Danny Schaible, Ward 2**  
**Ben Simasek, Ward 3**  
**Edouard Haba, Ward 4**  
**Daniel Peabody, Ward 4**  
**Joseph Solomon, Ward 5**  
**Erica Spell Wolf, Ward 5**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator**  
**Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org)**

**WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING!**  
**Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.**

**AGENDA/PACKET:** The Agenda/Packet is available for review at the Hyattsville Municipal Building and online at [www.hyattsville.org](http://www.hyattsville.org) prior to the scheduled meeting (generally available no later than the Friday prior to the scheduled Monday meeting). Please note, times given for agenda items are estimates only. Matters other than those indicated on the agenda may also be considered at Council discretion.

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**Public Hearing Notice:**

The City of Hyattsville Mayor and Council will conduct a Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m (prior to the City Council Meeting). The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for residents to comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Real Property Tax Rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value. It is anticipated that the Council will set the tax rate during this Public Hearing.

Budget Documents can be found at [www.hyattsville.org/budget](http://www.hyattsville.org/budget). Paper copies of the budget can be requested by calling 301-985-5009 or via email at [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org).

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The hearing will be conducted entirely remotely, there will be no in person meeting attendance. The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 12 and online at [www.hyattsville.org/meetings](http://www.hyattsville.org/meetings).

**1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call****2. Public Comment****3. Action Item****3.a) Fiscal Year 2022 Real Property Tax Rate****[HCC-307-FY21](#)**

I move the Mayor and Council set the City of Hyattsville's Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) at \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [2021 Constant Yield Tax Rate 4-13-2021](#)  
[20210413 PGPOST Ad Real Property Tax](#)

**4. Motion to Adjourn**



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## Agenda Item Report

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**File #:** HCC-307-FY21

4/19/2021

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Submitted by: Laura Reams

Submitting Department: City Clerk

Agenda Section: Action

**Item Title:**

**Fiscal Year 2022 Real Property Tax Rate**

**Suggested Action:**

I move the Mayor and Council set the City of Hyattsville's Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) at \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value.

**Summary Background:**

The Mayor and Council are required under Maryland Property Tax Code 6-308 Constant Yield Tax Rate and Hyattsville Charter Code C5-15 to set the real property tax rate as part of the annual budget process.

**Next Steps:**

FY22 Budget Approval

**Fiscal Impact:**

FY22 Tax Rate will generate approximately **\$14,781,175** in Real Property Tax Revenues.

**City Administrator Comments:**

See summary above.

**Community Engagement:**

The public hearing provides an opportunity for the community to get information, ask questions, and give public comments related to this issue. Per State Guidelines, legal notice of the FY22 proposed real property tax rate was published in the Prince George's Post. Notification of the Public Hearing was included in the Hyattsville Reporter mailed to all homes within City limits. Email and text alerts on the hearing were sent to all Hyattsville Notify Me subscribers.

**Strategic Goals:**

Goal 2 - Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

**Legal Review Required?**

N/A

## 2021 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification

Taxing authority: **Hyattsville**  
**in Prince George's County**

|    |            |                                       |    |               |
|----|------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------|
| 1  | 1-Jul-2020 | Gross assessable real property base   | \$ | 2,341,187,193 |
| 2  | 1-Jul-2020 | Homestead Tax Credit                  | -  | 40,973,298    |
| 3  | 1-Jul-2020 | Net assessable real property base     |    | 2,300,213,895 |
| 4  | 1-Jul-2020 | Actual local tax rate (per \$100)     | x  | 0.6300        |
| 5  | 1-Jul-2020 | Potential revenue                     | \$ | 14,491,348    |
| 6  | 1-Jul-2021 | Estimated assessable base             | \$ | 2,456,117,914 |
| 7  | 1-Jan-2021 | Half year new construction            | -  | 1,118,510     |
| 8  | 1-Jul-2021 | Estimated full year new construction* | -  | 2,810,000     |
| 9  | 1-Jul-2021 | Estimated abatements and deletions**  | -  | 78,213,807    |
| 10 | 1-Jul-2021 | Net assessable real property base     | \$ | 2,373,975,597 |

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|----|------------|-----------------------------------|----|---------------|
| 11 | 1-Jul-2020 | Potential revenue                 | \$ | 14,491,348    |
| 12 | 1-Jul-2021 | Net assessable real property base | ÷  | 2,373,975,597 |
| 13 | 1-Jul-2021 | Constant yield tax rate           | \$ | 0.6104        |

Certified by



Director

\* Includes one-quarter year new construction where applicable.

\*\*Actual + estimated as of July 1, 2021, including Homestead Tax Credit.

Form CYTR #1



# COMMUNITY

## Council Vice Chair Deni Taveras Welcomes New Vaccination Site to District 2

*COVID-19 Tests and Vaccinations Provided Through Partnership Between Luminis Heath, City of Hyattsville, and First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville*

By ANGELA J. ROUSON  
**Prince George’s County Council Media**

Prince George’s County Council Vice Chair Deni Taveras (D – District 2), in partnership with Luminis Health, the City of Hyattsville, and First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, welcomes a new vaccination site to District 2, located at First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville in Hyattsville, Maryland.

Vice Chair Taveras says District 2 has been heavily impacted by COVID-19 and this new vaccination site will greatly benefit the surrounding community.

“One out of five county residents with COVID-19 is a District 2 resident so it is important to have a location where residents are able to access resources, be tested and receive their vaccinations. I’m thankful to Luminis Health, the City of Hyattsville, and Hy-

attsville City Council Member Joseph Solomon for working collaboratively to bring these resources to District 2.”

The United Methodist Church of Hyattsville vaccination site will conduct COVID-19 tests on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and administer COVID-19 vaccines on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only. To register for an appointment at this site, visit [https://askaamc.formstack.com/forms/community\\_vaccination?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://askaamc.formstack.com/forms/community_vaccination?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

For the latest updates about COVID-19 vaccines in Prince George’s County, or to learn more about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, visit [mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine](http://mypgc.us/COVIDVaccine). For the latest County COVID-19 updates, visit [health.mypgc.us/coronavirus](http://health.mypgc.us/coronavirus).

## United Ways in Maryland Launch COVID-19 Survey To Better Assess Community Needs

By PRESS OFFICER  
**United Way of the National Capital Area**

WASHINGTON (March 26, 2021)—United Ways in Maryland today announced a joint effort to survey families affected by the pandemic throughout the state. The COVID-19 Survey will aim to gather information from residents about how their employment, housing and basic needs have been impacted. Previous reports, including the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) in Maryland: A Financial Hardship Study released in July of 2020, used data gathered before the pan-

demic, revealed that a record two million households were already one emergency away from financial ruin. As COVID-19 hit, the stage was set for the unprecedented economic impact we are seeing throughout the state of Maryland. All Marylanders are invited to complete the United Ways in Maryland COVID-19 Survey between March 15 and April 5, 2021.

The survey takes about ten minutes and is confidential, no private information will be shared. For more information, and to help United Ways in Maryland accurately assess the need in their communities, visit [uwcm.org/COVIDsurvey](http://uwcm.org/COVIDsurvey).

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
**NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2021, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 5.00%, from \$367,657,115 to \$386,057,652.
2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 5.00% resulting in \$100,283 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.5190, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town of Berwyn Heights is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 5.00% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$100,283 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. This meeting will be held by video conference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency and will be broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website at [www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council/pages/watch-council-meetings](http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/town-council/pages/watch-council-meetings). Residents can comment by joining the meeting via Zoom, calling 301-474-9570 or e-mailing Mayor Dewey at [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov).

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-5000 for further information.

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2021, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 3.2%, from \$2,300,213,895 to \$2,373,975,597.
2. If the City of Hyattsville maintains the current tax rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 3.2% resulting in \$464,699 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.6104, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 3.2% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$464,699 in additional property tax revenues.

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The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Participants who join the video/audio conference will be enabled to speak by the meeting chair. Speakers will be allowed to address the Council for two (2) minutes. Public Comment may also be made using the e-comment feature at [hyattsville.org/meetings](http://hyattsville.org/meetings) or emailing [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org). All electronic comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on April 19, 2021. Comments received will be read by City staff during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-985-5009 for further information.

## Symposium “Listening to Our Ancestors, Hearing From Our Communities”

*Free Online Program presented by Marietta House Museum featuring Bettye Kears, author of The Other Madisons: The Lost History of the President’s Black Family* • April 8, 2021, 4–6p.m.

By STACEY HAWKINS  
**Marietta House Museum**

GLENN DALE, Md. (March 29, 2021)—Marietta House Museum will launch the Giving Voice Initiative on **Thursday, April 8, 4–6 p.m.** with an interactive online public symposium that is free to attend.

The featured speaker is Dr. Bettye Kears, author of *The Other Madisons: The Lost History of the President’s Black Family*. Dr. Kears will share her journey to learn her family’s descendancy from West Africa and from President James Madison. Following, Dr. Kears and Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum Director Dr. Melanie Adams will open the on-line mic for questions in a forum style discussion with audience members to talk about family histories and the hard realities of lost and silenced histories.

This program helps launch Marietta House Museum’s Giving Voice Initiative, says museum manager Dr. Julie Rose. The house museum is undertaking a major reinterpretation effort focusing on elevating and expanding the historical interpretation of the enslaved community who lived and labored at Marietta in the 19th century and sharing the stories of long-marginalized Marietta

workers and families into the early 20th century. Dr. Kears’s book and role as girott (family oral historian) demonstrates the approach Marietta embraces for the Giving Voice Initiative. Prince George’s County Natural and Historical Resources Assistant Division Chief Omar Eaton-Martinez explains, “The Giving Voice Initiative will allow us to cultivate our relationships with the community in the spirit of co-creation and co-stewardship.” Marietta House Museum is making plans to go beyond house tours and exhibitions. The historic site is vigorously taking on the initiative to engage visitors, including families, school groups, and tourists in conversations, interactive history programs, and processes of awareness, acceptance and social justice advocacy. Prince George’s County Natural and Historical Resources Division Chief Christine Fanning commends the initiative saying, “Marietta is a fresh canvas on which to design a museum that addresses pathways to social justice through public history.”

To register, please visit [www.parksdirect.com](http://www.parksdirect.com) and use this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/z9amzrm> For additional information please contact Stacey Hawkins 301-262-0532 or by email [Stacey.Hawkins@pgparks.com](mailto:Stacey.Hawkins@pgparks.com).

## Prince George’s County to Host Virtual Community Meeting on the Role Arts and Culture Play in Aiding Community Connectivity

By ANIKA JACKSON  
**M-NCPPC**

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (March 29, 2021)—Prince George’s County will host a virtual community meeting to engage stakeholders on the role arts and culture play in aiding connectivity to make transportation corridors more inviting, safe, and accessible as a part of the Prince George’s County Cultural Art Study (PGCCAS). The virtual meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 8, 2021** from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Transportation networks are ideal sites for creative projects. From art in subway stations to artistically designed crosswalks, manhole covers, and bus shelter designs, arts can help improve accessibility, safety, and make the environment more inviting to users. Pedestrian and cycling trails offer additional opportunities for creativity, including public art, landscape design, and wayfinding. Art can also reduce barriers in transit stations, integrating creative wayfinding symbols to ease congestion and help direct passengers. This meeting will examine how arts and culture can improve the County’s connectivity and dis-

cuss some barriers or challenges for improvements.

PGCCAS is a comprehensive assessment of the diverse arts and culture ecology in Prince George’s County. This study will align and energize the arts and culture sector, residents, and leaders, ultimately strengthening partnerships, community participation, and county government. PGCCAS is a collaborative effort between the Prince George’s County Planning Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council, Inc.

Community participation is integral to how the study will gather data, raise awareness, and better integrate arts and culture with the needs of Prince George’s County. To participate, register at [https://pgccas\\_ac.eventbrite.com/](https://pgccas_ac.eventbrite.com/). Log-in information will be provided the evening prior to the meeting to all who register. Registration will close at noon, Thursday, April 8, 2021. For more information, visit <http://www.mncppc.org/4860/Cultural-Arts-Study>.

## NATURAL CONNECTIONS Exhibition of Works by Rose Jaffe Opens In-Person and Online April 16

By KATE TAYLOR DAVIS  
**Pyramid Atlantic Art Center**

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (March 29, 2021)—In a new series of etchings, monoprints, and sculptural works, Rose explores what a deep connection to nature looks and feels like. The work, mainly comprised of depictions of the human figure enveloped in plants and other instinctive flora, is vibrant and often playful.

NATURAL CONNECTIONS opens Friday, April 16 online and in person. The first weekend’s in-person viewings are by appointment only. Starting April 21, the public is welcome during regular gallery hours without appointment. Admission is free and gallery hours are Wed.–Thurs., 10–8 p.m.; Fri–Sat, 10–6 p.m.; and Sunday 12–5 p.m. Masks are required for entry and the number of concurrent visitors is limited to allow for social distancing. Pyramid Atlantic is located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville Maryland 20781. More info at [pyramidatlantic.org](http://pyramidatlantic.org) or 301-608-9101.

Most of the work in NATURAL CONNECTIONS has been made in Pyramid’s studios over the past 12 months. Of the show, Rose says “people feel most moved to help once they have created a meaningful connection to a person, place or thing. I believe the stronger bond we can build with the natural world that sustains us, one grounded in true compassion and empathy, the more we will feel moved to protect it. This show is inspired by a journey of reconnection to people, and to the land—seeking to draw the lines that truly link us all”

Rose is a visual artist, with mediums spanning mural painting, ceramics, printmaking, and

digital illustration. Born and raised in DC, Rose loves calling it home. She earned her BFA at the School of Art and Design at the University of Michigan and has pursued an art career full time after teaching middle and high school art. Rose has painted over 30 murals nationally and internationally, including over 20 in the District. Her art has been featured in over fifteen publications, including The Washington Post and City Paper as well as NBC, CNN, and Channel 9 among others. The themes of her work include political activism, social justice, natural healing, and spiritual grounding. She is dedicated to harnessing the power of art to find connections, build community, spark conversation and create social change.

This exhibition is made possible in part through support from the Maryland State Arts Council, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Maryland Milestones, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George’s County.

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*Founded in 1981, Pyramid Atlantic is a nonprofit contemporary art center fostering the creative disciplines of papermaking, printmaking, and book arts within a collaborative community. We equip, educate, and exhibit in our historic Hyattsville home. Our vision is to create an artistic hub in Hyattsville that inspires and enables local, national, and international artists to create and innovate in our core disciplines; elevates the local arts and small business scene; and enhances the quality of life for artists and neighbors. We value artistic excellence, infrastructure for artists, hands-on experiences, and collaboration.*