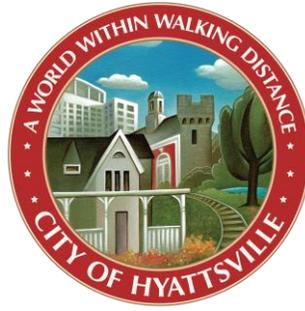


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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 2 p.m.
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**The City of Hyattsville celebrates Clean and Safe Ambassador Team with
Graduation Ceremony**

The City of Hyattsville will hold a graduation ceremony for its inaugural class of the Clean and Safe Ambassador Team on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 2 p.m., at the Hyattsville Municipal Building.

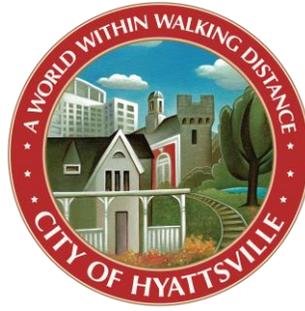
The Clean and Safe Team is a program partnership between Employ Prince George's, a non-profit workforce development organization, and the City of Hyattsville, to train and subsequently hire returning County residents to work for the City's Department of Public Works.

"I am excited for both the City and the Team," said Hyattsville Public Works' Director Lesley Riddle. "We are employing folks who've been trained, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certified, and are joining us with a ready-to-work attitude."

All participants of the program have completed a 12-week paid training, part of Employ Prince George's larger initiative – the Pathway to Government program. The training covered landscaping, pruning, mulching, litter pickup, snow removal, in-class customer service training, and other public works tasks. Five participants completed the training and were officially hired for full-time positions on January 13.

The Team will greet residents and visitors, pick up trash and debris, and serve as liaisons to report issues and concerns as needed throughout Hyattsville.

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Mayor Candace B. Hollingsworth, who proposed and has long championed the program, said she was thrilled to see the program launch. “I’m beyond excited to welcome the members of the Hyattsville Dream Team to the City. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Employ Prince George’s to expand workforce opportunities for all while improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors at the same time.”

Mayor Hollingsworth and Employ Prince George’s President & CEO Walter Simmons will present each Clean and Safe Team member with a certificate of completion and special present at the ceremony. Several Prince George’s County officials, as well as City and Employ Prince George’s senior staff, are expected to attend. The event is closed to the public, but members of the media are invited.