

THE HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023





UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
Eatonville Community Meeting
Location: Denton Johnson Center
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
Christmas on the BLVD
Location: Kennedy BLVD @ 530p
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023
Eatonville Community Meeting
Location: Denton Johnson Center
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024
MLK Parade

JANUARY 26-28, 2024
ZORA! Outdoor Festival
Location: Kennedy Blvd

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As this year ends, there is no greater word that I can say except "Thank You!" It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that I write this message to you, the citizens. You showed confidence in me to lead this beautiful, historic town, and that confidence has not been parlayed. This year, the council confirmed the hiring of a Chief Administrator, Demetris Pressley, a Public Works Director, Valerie Mundy, and a Chief of Police, Stanley Murray. These personnel acquisitions will ensure the stability of our internal control systems and quality assurance. With grants and appropriations received, we can finally make needed upgrades and repairs in Catalina Park (modified substation/meeting space with bathrooms). As the potable water system and west end water tower are being repaired, we are positioning ourselves to address other dysfunctionalities in and around the town, including improvements along Kennedy Blvd, our main corridor, and Denton Johnson Community Center. We are finally on the mend and advancing in the right direction. Once again, thank you for your trust, and have the happiest of holidays!

Blessings!

Dr. Angie Gardner, Mayor

AND WHATEVER YOU DO, IN WORD OR IN DEED, DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM (COLOSSIANS 3:17)

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

THURSDAY, DEC. 21 CLOSING AT NOON FRIDAY, DEC. 22 OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 25 OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, DEC. 26 OPEN 8AM - 5PM MONDAY, IAN. 1 OFFICE CLOSED

⋈ WELCOME

TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE TOWN STAFF

Nichole Washington
PT HR/Risk Coordinator
Brittani Gragg
Permit Administrative Clerk
Cheryl Johnson
Grant/Fiscal Coordinator

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Solid waste collection service is provided by Republic Services and includes pickup of household garbage, vegetation, recycling, and bulk items. When placing these items out for collection, please separate waste according to the Garbage Guidelines and Recycling Guide to ensure efficient collection.

CHRISTMAS EVE

12/24/2023

Open, normal collection schedule

CHRISTMAS

12/25/2023

Closed, collection delayed 1 day

If you have questions you can visit wasteconnections.com or call (407) 261-5000

GRANT UDPATES



THE CIRCUIT \$1.2 Million Dollars

The purpose of this funding is to renovate the club as a cafe museum with entertainment



INFRASTRUCTURE

\$5.9 Million Dollars

This funding will improve the town's potable water system.

\$665,000 Dollars

Vereen St Lift Station Grant



COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT (PRE AWARD STATUS)

\$1 Million Dollars

This funding will help support the criminal justice system by reducing crime and assisting victims.



U.S. HUD AFFORDABLE HOUSING

\$2 Million Dollars

Approved to buy land for the purpose of affordable housing.

OTHER GRANT REQUESTS SUBMITTED OR PENDING

\$3.5 Million Dollars

Elizabeth Park - Affordable Housing

\$993,000 Dollars

SMART Transportation

\$3.95 Million Dollars

Multipurpose Community Facilities Tech Grant

We invite you to come out to our council and community meetings to learn more!

EATONVILLE PROGRESS UPDATE

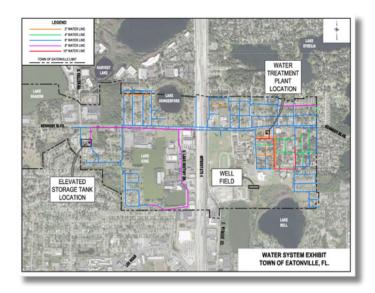
As we continue to foster Eatonville's resilience and recovery, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone contributing to our community's progress. This includes our Town staff, volunteers across boards, committees, and councils, and the dedicated residents of Eatonville. Each of you plays a vital role in shaping the place we proudly call home.

We also have many opportunities with Eatonville Recreation (ER) where you can make a meaningful impact in our community. Joining Eatonville Recreation (ER) as a volunteer not only supports our town's well-being but also connects you to a dynamic and caring community. It's a chance to positively impact where you live and serve, while also embracing opportunities for personal growth and community advancement.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Town employees for their relentless dedication throughout the year. Special gratitude is extended to those working during the holidays to deliver essential services and ensure readiness for any emergencies. As the holidays approach, I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on this year's growth and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Wishing you all a safe, joyous, and healthy holiday season.

- CAO Demetris Pressley, CSM





TOWN PROJECTS

- Permitting for work in the Right-of-Way
- FDEP Consent Order Closing Out
- Town Hall Roof & Painting In-Progress
- West Water Tower Restoration In-Progress
- Wastewater Lift Station Generators 90%
- Master Plans: Water, Wastewater, Water Supply Complete
- Stormwater Ditch Restoration (Katherine ST)
- Kennedy Blvd Landscape Improvements
- Frances Jerry Park Improvements
- Public Work Facility



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Share your thoughts on our feedback survey by scanning this QR code or visiting our site at townofeatonville.org/newletters

RECREATION UPDATES

Aug 14, 2023 - 1887 The Town of Eatonville's Afterschool Program Launch: A collaborative effort with the Town of Eatonville Recreation Department and eSTEAMed Learning, Inc.

Nov 3, 2023 - National STEAM Day Glow Party: We celebrated and raised awareness for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education. Over 50 kids enjoyed refreshments, glow goodie bags, and participated in a Glow gellyball match.

Aug 19, 2023 - Founder's Day Celebration: We celebrated with live performances. bounce houses, train rides, eSTEAMed Kids Zone, and free refreshments including Kona Ice SnoCones.

Nov 11, 2023 - Flix In The Ville:

The first movie night, featuring "Spider Man: Across the Spiderverse," was a hit, on a 25ft outdoor movie screen, a 100 community residents attending at the Denton Johnson Community Yard. The audience enjoyed snacks including popcorn, drinks, chips, and hamburgers.







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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1-15, 2023

International Coding Competition

DECEMBER 9, 2023 (REGISTRATION IS CLOSED)

Sneakers and Esports: Trip to Sneaker Kulture Tampa 8am-8pm

DECEMBER 27-29, 2023

1887 eSTEAMed Holiday Camp

DECEMBER 28, 2024

1887 Kuumba: A Collaborative Community Project

JANUARY 13, 2024

MLK Parade and Celebration

FEBRUARY 19-23, 2024

Engineering Week

MARCH 2024

1887 eSTEAMed Culture Week: Spring Camp Edition

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