



City of Hyattsville

Ward 5 Special Election Guide

Important Dates and Deadlines

Deadline to register to vote or make an address change with the State Board of Elections	Friday, August 21, 5 p.m.
Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot	Friday, September 11, 10 a.m.
Election Day	Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Registered Candidates

- ★ Ruth Ann Frazier
- ★ Antoinette C. Grace Mbarga
- ★ Fred Rogers
- ★ Rommel Sandino
- ★ Roman A. Santillan
- ★ Patricia Anduha Stamper
- ★ Eric Roger Tagne

What You Are Voting For in the Special Election

The Elected offices of the City of Hyattsville are the Mayor and 10 Council Members. The City is divided into five Wards with two Council Members representing each Ward. The Mayor and Council Members are elected to four-year terms. Elections are held every two years, and one Council Seat from each Ward is open each election. This September, the City is holding a Special Election to fill a vacant Council seat in Ward 5. The term of Office for the elected official will run from September 2015 to May 2017.

The Mayor and City Council serve as the legislative body of the City. They have power to enact all ordinances (laws) and resolutions and adopt the annual budget based on recommendations from the City Administrator.

Voter Eligibility & Registration

Hyattsville now allows 16- and 17-year-olds to vote. To be eligible to vote in elections for City officials, you must be a citizen of the United States, at least 16 years of age, a City of Hyattsville resident, and not have been convicted of a disqualifying crime or be under guardianship for mental disability, as provided in the Maryland Code. Additionally, to vote in this Special Election, you must be a resident of Ward 5. Eligible residents must register to vote through the Maryland State Board of Elections. Be sure you are registered at your current address. Forms for voter registration are available online at www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration, in the lobby of City Municipal Building at 4310 Gallatin Street, or by calling the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

Election Day Polling Location

Voting for the Special Election will be held at Magruder Park Recreation Center, 3911 Hamilton Street from 9 a.m. – 8p.m.



Ciudad de Hyattsville

Eleccion Especial de Distrito 5

Fechas Importantes

El último día de inscripción para votar o cambiar su dirección con La Junta Estatal de Elecciones

Viernes, 21 de Agosto, 5 p.m.

El último día para pedir una papelata de votación por correo

Viernes, 11 de Septiembre, 10 a.m.

Día de las Elecciones

Sabado, 12 de Septiembre, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Candidatos Registrados

- ★ Ruth Ann Frazier
- ★ Antoinette C. Grace Mbarga
- ★ Fred Rogers
- ★ Rommel Sandino
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Lo Que Usted Esta Votando en la Eleccion Especial

Las oficinas elegidas de la Ciudad de Hyattsville son de el Alcalde y los 10 Miembros del Consejo. La Ciudad esta divide en cinco ditritos con dos Miembros del Consejo representando cada distrito. El Alcalde y los Miembros del Consejo estan elegido para cuatro años. Elecciones ocurren cadad dos años, y un puesto de cada distrito esta abierto cada eleccion. Este septiembre, la Ciudad tiene una eleccion especial para llenar un puesto vacio en Distrito 5. La duracion de esta oficina sera desde septiembre 2015 hasta mayo 2017.

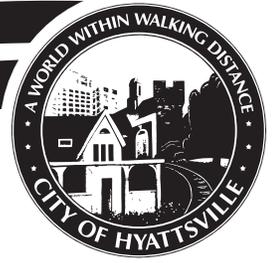
Eligibilidad e Inscripción de Votantes

Hyattsville ya permite que voten las personas con 16 y 17 años. Para ser eligible de votación en las elecciones de los funcionarios de la Ciudad, debe ser ciudadano de los EEUU, tiene al menos 16 años, ser residente de la Ciudad de Hyattsville, y no ha estado condenando de un crimen descalificador o estar bajo custodio por discapacidad mental, como es proveido en el Codigo de Maryland. Tambien, para votar en esta Eleccion Especial del Distrito 5, debe ser residente del Distrito 5. Residentes eligibles debe inscribirse a votar a través La Mesa de Elecciones de Maryland. Confirme que ud. este registrado en su dirección actual. Formas para inscripción de votantes están disponible en internet en www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration, en el primer piso del Edificio Municipal en 4310 Gallatin, o por llamar La Mesa de Elecciones del Condado Prince George's en 301-430-8020.

Lugares de Votación del Día de las Elecciones

Votacion para la Eleccion Especial estara en el Centro Recreativo del Parque Magruder, 3911 Hamilton Street, 9 a.m. – 8p.m.

Para más información en Español, por favor llame a 301-985-5031.



How to Vote

To vote in Hyattsville's elections, you first must register to vote.

Register

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Registration Deadlines

- ★ The voter registration form must be submitted no later than Friday, August 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. This can either be submitted electronically, or mailed to the Prince George's County Board of Elections.
- ★ If received on time your application will be processed. If the form is complete and all qualifications are met, a voter's notification card will be mailed to you.
- ★ Voter registrations received after the August 21 deadline will not be processed until after the September election.

Two Ways to Vote

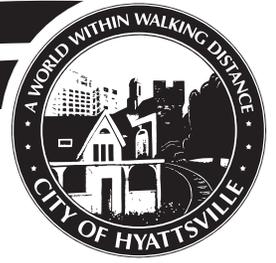
- ★ You can vote on election day – Saturday, September 12 – at the Magruder Park Recreation Center.
- ★ Or you can vote by mail – See the next page for instructions.

Election Day Voting

If you plan to vote on election day, simply go to the polling location between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Election officials will be available if you need help casting your ballot. If you plan to use a vote-by-mail ballot, also called an absentee ballot, follow the directions on the next page.

Announcement of Election Results

The unofficial results of the September 12 election will be announced by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections after the polls close and the votes are tallied that evening. The announcement will be made at the City Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street. Unofficial results will be posted in the lobby of the City Municipal Building and on the City website. Results will be certified within 48 hours. Newly elected Council Members are issued the Oath of Office at the Council Meeting of September 21, 2015.



How to Vote By Mail

You must be a registered voter to vote by mail. Registration instructions are on the first page of this guide. **To vote by mail, you must complete and return a vote-by-mail application and submit it to the City no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 11.**

Apply for a Vote-By-Mail Ballot

There are several ways registered voters can apply to vote-by-mail:

- ★ **Complete and return the application included in this voter information guide!**
- ★ **Print an application from the City's website:** <http://www.hyattsville.org/221/Vote-By-Mail>.
- ★ **By Mail:** Send a postcard or letter to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, City of Hyattsville, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781. Be sure to include the registered voter's name, complete address, and telephone number. An application and a postage paid return envelope will be mailed to you.
- ★ **Come see us in person at the City Municipal Building.** We are located at 4310 Gallatin Street. Come to the Clerk's Office, Third Floor, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Upon verification of a voter's eligibility, a vote-by-mail ballot will be issued. Applications received prior to Friday, September 4, will be mailed to the address listed on the application. For applications received after September 4, applicants must pick up their ballot from the City Building.

*Please note that once a vote-by-mail **application** has been returned to the City, the voter **must** vote by mail.*

Receive Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

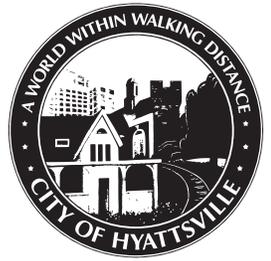
Ballots will be mailed starting August 14. To check if your ballot was mailed or if your application was received by the Board of Elections, call 301-985-5009 or email electionboard@hyattsville.org.

Return Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot

Your completed ballot must be received by the close of polls on Saturday, September 12. Polls close at 8:00 p.m. There are three ways to return your ballot:

- ★ You can mail your completed ballot using the postage paid return envelope provided so that it is **received** by the Board of Elections on or before Saturday, September 12, 2015. Ballots postmarked prior to September 12 that arrive after September 12 will not be counted.
- ★ Bring your ballot to the City Municipal Building on or before Friday, September 11. We are located at 4310 Gallatin Street. Come to the third floor and ask for the City Clerk.
- ★ Drop off your ballot at the Magruder Park Recreation Center on Election Day, Saturday, September 12 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

City of Hyattsville, Maryland
2015 Ward 5 Special Election
Saturday, September 12, 2015
Application for Absentee Ballot



____/____/2015

(Month) (Date)

PLEASE NOTE: You must be a registered voter in order to use this form.

DEADLINES: If your application is received prior to Friday, September 4, 2015, an absentee ballot will be mailed to the address specified below. If your application is received on or after Saturday, September 5, 2015, you must pick-up your absentee ballot from the City Clerk at the City Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street. In order to vote by absentee ballot, this form must be received by the Board of Supervisors of Elections no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015. Questions? Contact Laura Reams, City Clerk at 301/985-5009 or lreams@hyattsville.org.

To the Board of Supervisors of Elections of City of Hyattsville, Maryland:

I, _____ (print full name),

(First Middle Last)

_____ (insert complete date of birth)

(Month) (Day) (Year)

hereby apply for a City of Hyattsville Absentee Ballot for the 2015 Election to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015.

My home address is _____ (insert mailing address)

(Number) (Street) (Apartment)

in the City of Hyattsville. I am a registered voter in the City of Hyattsville, and my Ward is _____.

I request that the absentee ballot be sent to me at the following address:

(Number) (Street) (Unit #)

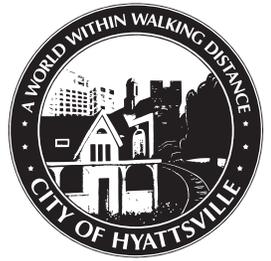
(City) (State) (Zip)

Signature of Voter - Sign Name as Registered

Warning: The Absentee Voting Law provides that anyone who willfully signs any false application or oath or who willfully does any act contrary to the terms and provisions of the Absentee Voting Law with intent to cast an illegal vote or to aid another in doing so or who willfully violates any of the provisions of that law or who applies for a ballot under any other name than his or her own shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or to imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or to both, in the discretion of the court. An absentee ballot will not be sent to you unless you are registered to vote in elections in Prince George's County and are qualified to vote in this city.

Return the Absentee Ballot Application to:
Board of Supervisors of Elections • City of Hyattsville • 4310 Gallatin Street • Hyattsville, MD 20781
Or via email: votebymail@hyattsville.org – Please note applications sent via email must be signed.

Ciudad de Hyattsville, Maryland
Elecciones 2015 – Distrito 5
Sabado 12 de Septiembre de 2015
Solicitud de boleta de votante ausente



_____/_____/2015

(Mes) (Día)

POR FAVOR TENGA EN CUENTA: usted debe ser un votante registrado para poder utilizar este formulario.

FECHAS LÍMITE: si su solicitud es recibida antes del viernes 4 de septiembre de 2015, le enviaremos una boleta de votante ausente por correo al domicilio indicado a continuación. Si su solicitud es recibida a partir del sábado 5 de septiembre de 2015, usted deberá recoger su boleta de votante ausente en la Oficina Administrativa del Edificio Municipal de la Ciudad, 4310 Gallatin Street. Para poder votar mediante una boleta de votante ausente, este formulario deberá ser recibido por la Junta de Supervisión Electoral antes de las 10:00 a.m. del viernes 11 de septiembre de 2015. ¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Contáctese con Laura Reams, Secretaria de la Ciudad, al 301/985-5009 o por correo electrónico a lreams@hyattsville.org.

Para la Junta de Supervisión Electoral de la Ciudad de Hyattsville, Maryland:

Yo, _____ (escriba su nombre completo),

(Nombre

Segundo Nombre

Apellido/s)

_____ (indique su fecha de nacimiento)

(Mes)

(Día)

(Año)

Por medio de la presente solicito una Boleta de Votante Ausente de la Ciudad de Hyattsville para las Elecciones 2015 que se celebrarán el sábado 12 de septiembre de 2015.

Mi domicilio particular es _____ (indique su domicilio postal)

(Número)

(Calle)

(Apartamento)

en la Ciudad de Hyattsville. Soy un votante registrado en la Ciudad de Hyattsville, y mi Distrito Electoral es _____.

Solicito que la boleta de votante ausente sea enviada al siguiente domicilio:

_____ (Número)

_____ (Calle)

_____ (Apartamento)

_____ (Ciudad)

_____ (Estado)

_____ (Código Postal)

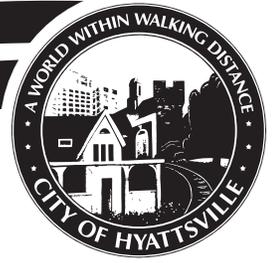
Firma del votante – Indique su nombre tal como está registrado

Advertencia: la Ley de Votantes Ausentes indica que cualquier persona que firme una solicitud falsa o preste falso juramento de manera intencional, quien intencionalmente realice cualquier acto contrario a los términos y disposiciones de la Ley de Votantes Ausentes con la intención de emitir un voto ilegal o ayudar a otra persona a hacerlo, quien viole intencionalmente cualquiera de las disposiciones de esa ley o quien solicite una boleta bajo cualquier otro nombre que el suyo propio estará sujeto a ser condenado a una multa máxima de quinientos dólares (\$500) o una condena a prisión máxima de noventa (90) días, o ambas, a discreción del tribunal. No se enviará ninguna boleta de votante ausente salvo que usted esté registrado para votar en las elecciones del Condado de Prince George y esté calificado para votar en esta ciudad.

Devolver la Solicitud de Boleta de Votante Ausente a:

Board of Supervisors of Elections • City of Hyattsville • 4310 Gallatin Street • Hyattsville, MD 20781

O por correo electrónico: votebymail@hyattsville.org Por favor, tenga en cuenta las solicitudes enviadas por correo electrónico deberán estar firmados.



Candidate Statements

The City of Hyattsville does not endorse any candidate in this election. The following statements are provided to help inform voters.

Ruth Ann Frazier

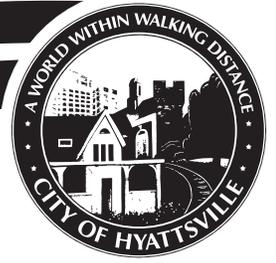
I made the decision to retire from the City Council after 16 years of service convinced that our new Council would continue to work for betterment of our community as I had during my tenure. Soon the City had full staff of qualified personnel with ability and tools to serve our faithful residents. Over next several years, legislation was being passed and City was moving progressively forward, yet we are still constantly concerned about "quality of life." Why? With full staff, tools in place, there needed to be reassurance by representatives these tools were working for us. I started contemplating what could be done to make residents realize that concerns were being heard and they would be addressed. More I thought about the matter, the more I wanted to continue to be part of process. In my mind, this opportunity presented itself when seat on Council became opened in Ward 5. If elected to serve, with my knowledge and experience, I will attempt to enhance ability of all elected officials to act with humility in best interest of community. I am in unique position, three generations of family living in Hyattsville, to have broad understanding of needs and desires of all residents no matter their circumstances or stage in life. We all want same thing - a safe welcoming community with infrastructure to support quality of life we all deserve. Please know that living in Hyattsville over 60 years, my commitment is with our community and I feel this is a crucial time to ensure that everyone is working together to move our community forward. In this spirit I ask for your support and your vote.

Antoinette C. Grace Mbarga

My candidacy is primarily to encourage all minority young girls and women to get actively involved in this democratic process. It's only in this great country of ours that a female African Immigrant, who is fluent in French and Spanish, can be given the leadership opportunity to serve all members of our great community. If elected to the council, I will continue to be a tireless champion for our small business owners, high school and college graduates and immigrants from around the world who have chosen Ward 5 as their primary residence.

Fred Rogers

Neighbors, it is an honor to ask for your vote in the upcoming City Council election. My desire to be your next Ward 5 City Council Member comes from my deep love for the people of Hyattsville. I have been a Hyattsville resident since 2007. I grew up in Philadelphia, PA in a poor urban community that lacked opportunity and growth. Through hard work and self-determination I was able to rise above those conditions. Having worked as a manager and administrator for government and private organizations for the past 15 years has uniquely prepared me to serve the residents of Hyattsville. I've always been an advocate for marginalized communities, creating a non-profit working on behalf of at-risk youth and working as a former talk show host on CBS radio. I am well prepared to work with diverse constituents and City leaders to meet our common goals. Just like many of you I have lived with some challenges here in Hyattsville however I have enjoyed far more positive experiences and a warm community spirit that's empowering. It was my next-door neighbor former Ward 5 Councilman Clay Williams, prior to his departure that helped encourage me to run. I want to continue the great work that Clay Williams began as a Council Member. As your representative on the Council you would have a passionate advocate that will fight for you and your families while balancing the best interests of this great City. My work ethic, management experience and never quit approach to life is what I offer to the people of Hyattsville. It would be my pleasure to be your next Ward 5 City Council Member to represent your voice, hope and vision for a stronger Hyattsville. Please support me to continue to make our neighborhood grow strong and beautiful.



Rommel Sandino

Voter of Ward 5: Since its founding, Hyattsville has been a welcoming beacon to working families who have and continue to remain well into their golden ripe age after experiencing its ambience. This beacon is our guiding light to take our Ward and City to the next level and be a place where all families can live, play, and shop. I promise that if elected Councilmember, we will see those days because I will relentlessly advocate for pedestrian-friendly environment to increase City connectedness, fair investment and development in all areas, and the expansion of services and programs in support of our children, youth and seniors. With the skills I have as a Community Organizer, I will implement innovative ways to remain connected with residents and informed of their needs. Let me be clear, I will listen and work on your behalf with energy, passion, and vision. We are One Community and One City, and together we can!

Votante del Distrito 5: Desde su fundación, Hyattsville ha sido un foro brillante dándole la bienvenida a familias trabajadoras que, después de experimentar su ambiente, se han quedado hasta sus años de oro en vejez. Esta es la lumbrera que nos llevara al siguiente nivel y ser el lugar donde nuestras familias podrán vivir, jugar y comprar. Yo prometo que si me eligen, veremos días donde pasaremos reglas amigables a peatones, inversiones y desarrollo justo en toda area de necesidad, y la expansion de servicios y programas para nuestros niños, jóvenes y ancianos. Con mis habilidades como Organizador Comunitario, implementare nuevas maneras de mantenerme conectado e informado de la necesidades de los residentes. Yo les escuchare y trabajare por ustedes con energía, pasión y vision. Somos Una Comunidad y Una Ciudad, y juntos lo lograremos. www.rommelsandino.com

Roman A. Santillan

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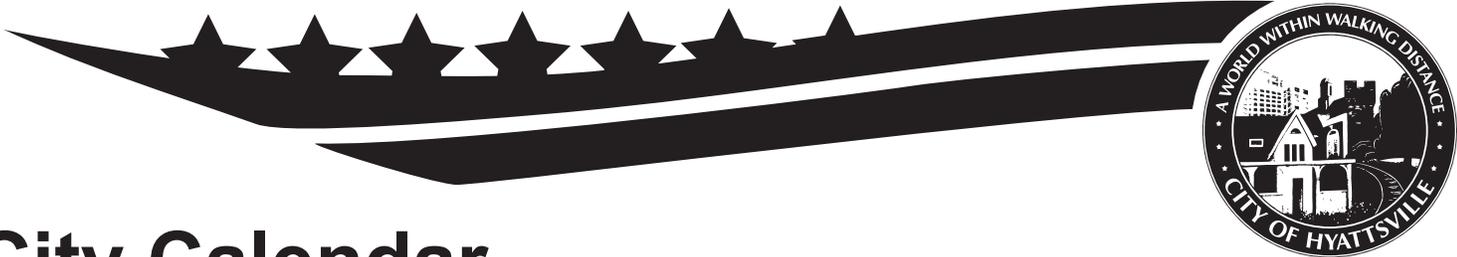
Patricia Anduha Stamper

My name is Patricia A. Stamper. I was raised in Southern California and graduated from Los Angeles Adventist Academy in 2004. I attended Washington Adventist University located nearby Takoma Park, MD. I earned my bachelor of arts degree in General Studies with concentrations in History and Psychology and graduated in 2009. My husband and I married last July and we recently welcomed home our son Pete J. Stamper Jr.

I work a DC Prep Academy a public charter school working with at risk youth in Washington DC. I also work for DC Public Schools working with children within the special education program. I am very passionate about education. I believe education is the great equalizer. I also serve on the Alumni Board. I sincerely believe that serving as a council member on behalf of the residents of Ward 5 in Hyattsville, MD I am more than just a representative of ward 5 but an advocate for the residents. My goals are as follows once elected to the council would be to serve as an advocate, connect with each resident within the ward and promote the patronizing of West Hyattsville businesses among the residents.

Eric Roger Tagne

My Name is Eric Roger Tagne. I legally immigrated to America almost a decade ago and worked hard and became a U.S. citizen I have a master degree in sociology and psychology. "E Pluribus Unum" ("Out of many, one) is considered the de facto motto of the United States. I believe in diversity. Hyattsville is one of the most culturally diverse and integrating city in the Washington metropolitan area that's why I love living here. I speak and write 5 languages (French, Spanish, English, Italian, and Portuguese). I also believe in hard work and meritocracy. I have a background in law enforcement so I like law and order. Hyattsville is only one stop to our national Capital. Unfortunately we haven't achieved our full potential yet. I remember 7 years ago when I moved to Hyattsville, my rent was almost half of what I pay now. I also seen crime rising in our neighborhood and our school overcrowded. I also observed so many houses and land abandoned or underdeveloped, I noticed so many potholes in our roads that I decided to be more active in our collective responsibilities which is to be a citizen...There is still so much work to do. If you elect me I'll dedicate my energy to make Hyattsville a safe, secure and economically attractive place. Criminals do not belong to Hyattsville. law abiding and hardworking citizens will always be welcomed to our city. This is my vision as your next council member. God bless America



City Calendar

Hyattsville Farmers Market

Every Tuesday through September
3 - 7 PM, 3799 East-West Highway
More information: Ellarose Preston, 301-985-5006, epreston@hyattsville.org

Ageless Grace Exercise Classes

Every Wednesday and Friday through August 21, then again in September
10 - 11 AM, 4310 Gallatin Street
More information: Beryl Johnson, 301.985.5058, bjohnson@hyattsville.org

Voter Registration Deadline

Friday, August 21, 5 PM
More information: Prince George's County Board of Elections, 301-430-8020

Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Hyattsville Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street
More information: Jake Rollow, 301-985-5031, jrowlow@hyattsville.org

Sunset Movie Series – Big Hero 6

Friday, September 4, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Heurich Park, 2800 Nicholson Street
More information: Cheri Everhart, 301-985-5021, ceverhart@hyattsville.org

Board of Supervisors of Elections Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 4 - 5 PM
Hyattsville Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street
More information: Laura Reams, 301-985-5009, lreams@hyattsville.org

Ward 5 Candidates Forum and Meet & Greet

Tuesday, September 8, 8 PM
Hyattsville Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street
Also broadcast live on Comcast 71 and Verizon 12 and streaming at hyattsvillecitymd.iqm2.com

Deadline to File for a Vote-by-Mail Application

Friday, September 11, 10 AM
More information: Laura Reams, 301-985-5009, lreams@hyattsville.org

Summer Jam & Police Station Open House

Friday, September 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Hyattsville Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street
More information: Cheri Everhart, 301-985-5021, ceverhart@hyattsville.org

Ward 5 Special Election

Saturday, September 12, 9 AM - 8 PM
Magruder Park Recreation Center, 3911 Hamilton Street
More information: Laura Reams, 301-985-5009, lreams@hyattsville.org



VOTE



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SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

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Meet the Ward 5 Candidates & Hear their Views on our Community!

Get to know the 2015 Ward 5 candidates! The Hyattsville Life and Times is hosting an Election Forum on Tuesday, September 8, at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street. Candidates will answer pre-selected questions about local issues. There will be a meet and greet to follow at 9 p.m. The City of Hyattsville is not endorsing this or any candidate forum. However, to help inform residents, the City will broadcast the forum on cable (Comcast 71, Verizon, 12) and live stream it at hyattsvillecitymd.iqm2.com.

Contact the Board of Supervisors of Elections

To contact the City Board of Supervisors of Elections, please call 301-985-5009 or email electionboard@hyattsville.org.

- ★ Ms. Greta Mosher, Chair
- ★ Ms. Anna Frankle
- ★ Ms. Ana Pineda
- ★ Ms. Andrea Ross
- ★ Ms. Bessie McLean