

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



MARIE HERNDON, COUNCIL MEMBER (Position 3) December 17, 2013

The December “Communiversy Meeting” was held at the Federal Reserve Bank Building in Houston, Texas, on the morning of December 9th. Land owners, developers, USDA Representatives, Prairie View University Personnel, Federal Reserve Bank personnel, and elected officials discussed everyone’s role in promoting the economic growth of the city of Prairie View.

I attended the Emergency Services District Meeting which was held at Prairie View City Hall on December 9th. At that time, I announced my candidacy for a position on the ESD Board. That election is scheduled for November, 2014.

On December 17, along with Mayor Jackson and Council Member, Jonathon Randall, I attended the memorial celebration of the life of Mrs. Willie E. (Leroy) Singleton. Mrs. Singleton was a long-term resident of this county and the first African American First Lady of the City of Hempstead.



Beautification of University Drive is underway with the demolition of the vacant Frenchy’s Chicken Restaurant building. This is a positive step in improving the appearance of University Drive—a main entrance to our city.



The Prairie View Retired Teachers met at St. Francis Episcopal Church today, December 17. The January Retired Teachers Meeting is planned to be a “Meet and Greet” Candidate’s Forum for all candidates seeking elected office in the upcoming primary election. City officials whose terms expire in 2014 are: Mayor Jackson, and Councilmen Herb Thomas and Simeon Queen.

Mayor Jackson and I continue to meet weekly with the Prairie View University Safety Committee on Mondays as continued dialogue is ongoing regarding safety issues and measures for Prairie View University students, staff, and City of Prairie View residents.

As President of TABCCM, our next executive Board Meeting is planned to be held January 11, 2014, at City Hall in Prairie View. This meeting is in preparation of the Elected Officials Conference in San Antonio February 7, 2014, when a full TABCCM membership meeting will be conducted.

I have received requests from some city residents to assist with city beautification (lots cleared and cleaned; demolition or removal of abandoned, dilapidated residences/mobiles), and the possibility of more/better street lights. I shall consult with our Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Cook, Mayor Jackson, Carl Jones, and Police Chief Johnson regarding these concerns and hopefully successfully addressing each issue.

Prairie View’s road to becoming a model city IS under construction.

Together, working cooperatively, we can complete, maintain, and improve it.

*I hope you and your loved ones have a safe,
healthy, happy, holiday season and a
prosperous New Year*