

The Association of Local Government Authorities of Jamaica (ALGAJ) held its Executive Meeting on 4th December 2017 and selected a slate of new officers for the Executive Council.

Below are the members of the Municipal Corporation who now constitute ALGAJ's Executive Council



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| Councillor Winston Maragh | - | Mayor of May Pen – President |
| Councillor Richard Creary | - | Mayor of Port Maria – Vice President |
| Councillor Tosha Schwapp | - | KSAMC - Vice President |
| Councillor Everes Coke | - | St. James Municipal Corp.
Vice President & Treasurer |
| Councillor Donovan Mitchell | - | Mayor of Mandeville |
| Councillor Delroy Williams | - | Mayor of KSAMC |
| Councillor Paul Thompson | - | Mayor of Port Antonio |
| Councillor Collen Gager | - | Mayor of Falmouth |
| Councillor Michael Belnavis | - | Mayor of St. Ann's Bay |
| Councillor Sheridan Samuels | - | Mayor of Lucea |
| Councillor Bertel Moore | - | Mayor of Savanna-la-mar |
| Councillor Norman Scott | - | Mayor of Spanish Town |
| Councillor Lenworth Rawle | - | Mayor of Morant Bay |
| Councillor Homer Davis | - | Mayor of Montego Bay |
| Councillor Derrick Sangster | - | Mayor of Black River |
| Councillor Kenisha Allen | - | St. Catherine Municipal Corp.
Public Relations Officer |
| Councillor Clive Mundle | - | Deputy Mayor May Pen |
| Mr. Leon Thomas | - | Mayor of Portmore Municipal Corp. |
| Mr. James Samuels | - | General Secretary |

Co-opted:

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| Councillor Vernon McLeod | - | KSAMC |
| Councillor Derron Wood | - | Portland Municipal Corp. |
| Councillor Michael McLeod | - | St. Thomas Municipal Corp. |
| Councillor Donald Simpson | - | St. Elizabeth Municipal Corp. |

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corp.

As part of an ongoing effort to provide support and responsible care for the poor and less fortunate amongst us, His Worship the Mayor of Kingston, Senator Cllr. Delroy Williams, feted wards at the Marie Atkins Night Shelter on Christmas Day and indigent individuals inside St. William Grant Park on New Year's Day.

Feeding is only one aspect of the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation's (KSAMC's) Homeless Programme which is coordinated by the its Poor Relief Department located at 65 Hanover Street, Kingston.

Through a process of sensitization and collaboration, the KSAMC has successfully promoted the use of all feeding centres which are operated by churches and civic organizations and continues to encourage these activities in appropriate areas by heightening awareness on ways of ensuring the hygienic preparation and serving of food.



The Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation (KSAMC) launched its 145th Anniversary celebrations and there has been overwhelming support from Kingston's residents and the business community.

“As we welcome friends and visitors to Kingston, and as we continue to rejuvenate the capital city, a "Welcome to Downtown Kingston" sign was recently erected in partnership with other stakeholders to herald the beginning of the rejuvenation of the city.

We believe that as we welcome visitors from within the island and overseas, it would be appropriate to erect both the national and the City's flags as a symbol of our nationhood.

As we seek to make Kingston, Jamaica the pearl of the Caribbean, we would like to thank all our committed partners and other stakeholders who are working assiduously to restore pride and inject life in our beloved City.”



St. Catherine Municipal Corp.



Local Government month at the St Catherine Municipal Corporation

“For Local Government Month 2017, the idea of hosting a Christmas Treat for a Basic School within the Spanish Town community was welcomed by all members of staff.

In so doing, it was agreed that every Friday within the month of November we would have a theme, where persons would make contributions beginning at a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) that would go towards preparations for the Treat.

So, beginning the 3rd of November the themes were: Tie Day, Blue and Yellow day (the Corporation’s colours), Hat Day and School Uniform Day.”

To show support, staff members went to work each Friday decked out in whatever theme Friday it was. Though a regular work day, during the period, it was fun-filled and exciting. The public was never short changed; regular duties were performed and persons who came in to do business appreciated purpose.



“Our efforts, along with our sponsors, the treat was successfully held at the Kingdom Builders Early Childhood Development Centre, Rivoli, (a community close to the Corporation), Spanish Town on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Staff members were actively involved in serving food and handing out toys.

There was no doubt, based on the many smiles and the turnout we brought good cheer and joy to the children of the community and that was very gratifying to us.

Special thanks to our sponsors, Ojay Coolers, Paramount Jamaica Limited, National Baking Company. We could not have done it without you.”

St. Mary Municipal Corp.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY & CHILDREN'S TREAT 2017

Residents of Port Maria and its environs turned out in their numbers to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Children's Treat. The event was held at the Claude Stuart Park on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.



Hon Robert Montague (right) , His Worship the Mayor Richard Creary & Daughter, Dr. Norman Dunn, Mr. Raymond Grant, Custos Errol



Patrons being entertained by the sounds of the Jamaica Constabulary Force Band.



Hanover Municipal Corp.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2017

BASKING IN THE GLOW: Civic Leaders of Hanover stand under the Christmas Tree following the Official Tree Lighting Ceremony held in Lucea, on Tuesday December 19, 2017. LEFT TO RIGHT, are Custos Dr. David Stair; Rev. Robergeau Fremond, Councillor Daren Barnes;, Municipal Corporation's CEO David Gardner; Mayor Sheridan Samuels; Junior Mayor Jakaylia Patterson; Councillor Andria Dehaney Dinham Deputy Mayor;

Mr. Glenroy Myers representing sponsors of the event; Rev. Michael Gordon, and Mr. Gary McLean, NEPA representative.



ALL AGLOW:

Mayor Sheridan Samuels is a picture of happiness as are his counterpart civic leaders at the Hanover Municipal Christmas Tree Lighting, in Lucea Square, on Tuesday last.

NEWS RELEASE from Hanover Municipal Corp.

“Hanover gets flavourful Christmas treat

Mayor Sheridan Samuels was joined by Junior Mayor Jakaylia Patterson last evening in turning on the lights to the Municipal Christmas Tree in Lucea Square, in front of a bumper crowd of residents and visitors.

With the evening’s ceremony kicked off by a flavourful religious Church Service, the turning on of the lights followed, and then an enriching and exciting concert which featured a mix of Gospel, contemporary Christmas Carols and sober Reggae music.

The Municipal Corporation chairman’s synopsis of the year in review lasted forty five minutes in which he detailed improvements in drain maintenance that prevented flooding of low lying areas, a property tax discretionary relief committee, street lighting to a number of communities, mosquito control, and care for the indigent, among others. Mayor Samuels also praised Mr. David Gardner, the Municipal Corporation’s CEO for his devotion to improving the functioning of the Council.

Pastor Michael Gordon delivered a rousing Christmas sermon in which he challenged everyone to become eagles instead of chickens, soaring above stresses to the heights of a better life, and Pastor Jovian Grant prayed for prosperity, while Dr. David Stair, Custos brought Christmas Greetings.

The sponsors of the Mayor’s Christmas Treat for Kids represented by Glenroy Myers of Kris and Charles Investment Company Ltd. would have been obviously pleased to see the happy faces of more children than ever receiving toys, some educational and others plain kid’s play things, as well as delicious refreshments, delivered in the Town Hall. Other sponsors included Grand Palladium Resort, Hanover Charity, Sandals Negril, Messrs Ian Hayles and Dave Brown Members of Parliament, Tourism Enhancement Fund, Allen Supermarket, and hotels Royalton, Couples Negril, Hedonism II, as well as Rainbow Haberdashery and Hosons Supermarket.

In the end a night of real cheer climaxed with the Holy Singers, Hertford Cultural Singers, Dontae Gordon, Pastor Robergeau Freemond, Accompong Maroon Junior Cultural Group, and the inimitable Delory ‘Busta’ Johnson rocking the crowd. When close to midnight the curtain came down it was with the saxophone strains of David Samuels belting out “Joy To The World” and a string of Christmas Carols.”

St Ann Municipal Corporation, in its bid to reduce congestion in St Ann's Bay, has reintroduced the clamping of illegally parked vehicles.



The clamping and towing of motor vehicles is expected to start today.

Mayor of St Ann's Bay Michael Belnavis said the clamping and towing of illegally parked vehicles had been introduced in the town previously, however, it was not being enforced.

He pointed out that over the years other steps have been taken to reduce traffic congestion, including traffic changes throughout the town, with some roads being made into one-ways.

However, the congestion in the town continues to be a major concern. He believes the reintroduction of clamping and towing of vehicles will bring a sense of order among motorists in the town.

Belnavis said approximately \$1.5 million has been spent on resources needed to get this programme back on track, and noted that it is a worthwhile investment by the municipal corporation.

“It is money well spent as it will relieve congestion and ensure the travelling public can move around without much hassle,” he stated.

This cost includes the purchase of an enforcement unit to carry the municipal police around the town to clamp vehicles illegally parked. The mayor said signs have also been erected and everything is in place for enforcement to take place.

“It is now up to the municipal police to enforce. The intent is to have the congestion managed; the intent is to have the taxi operators managed. The intent is for people to do business without hindrance,” Belnavis stressed while addressing a press conference last Friday.

He said motorists will be required to pay \$2500 to have their illegally parked vehicles released.

Motorists with clamped vehicles will have until 7:00 pm to pay for the clamps to be removed. After this time, vehicle will be towed at the expense of the owner, who is still expected to pay the clamping fee. Motorists will also be expected to pay storage fee.

The mayor said the municipal corporation has ensured that parking is available before reintroducing clamping and towing in the town. He said there are car parks for paid parking within the town or motorists can purchase tickets to park in designated areas along streets in the town.

Permit parking spots include Main Street from Texaco Gas Station to Market Street; Main Street from Courts to Wharf Street; Main Street from Shell Gas Station to Church Crescent; Main Street from Jamaica Customs to Edgehill Road; along the southern side of Harbour Street, and Kings Street from C&W Corporative Credit Union to its intersection with Church Street.

Belnavis said plans are being made to accommodate privately operated vehicles at the St Ann's Bay Bus Park, which he believes is now underutilised.

“The Wharf Street Transportation Centre will be upgraded to accommodate private parking,” Belnavis said.

Motorists who have purchased parking permits will be required to display tickets on the driver's side of the dashboard. Failure to do this could result in the vehicle being clamped. Parking permits will cost \$100 per hour.

In the meantime, Deputy Superintendent of Police Berris Williams, head of operations in St Ann, said the reintroduction of clamping by the municipal corporation does not mean the police will not be carrying out regular duties, which include issuing tickets and removing vehicles when warranted. He said the clamping system will “be adding teeth to enforcement in the town”.