



## Message from Mayor Andre Sayegh



**Mayor Andre Sayegh**

Alexander Hamilton saw the Falls and saw a future. Like Hamilton I also see a great future in Paterson. We have been working tirelessly to turn Paterson into an ascendant city and have it shine to its fullest potential.

I strive to bring the City of Paterson into the 21st Century and innovation is the key. City residents now have the ability to pay for their tax and sewers bills online. Moreover, they also have the chance to voice their concerns by using the Paterson Plus App. It is an easy to use tool to submit requests directly to city departments. But to be able to improve our great city we must have funding and that is why the 2020 Census is so important. The Census, a safe and anonymous survey for residents, allows us to get an accurate count of all residents. We want our residents to know that everyone counts and filling out the survey will benefit everyone.

As the holiday season approaches we have much to be thankful for in our city, among them is Paterson's resurgence. There are new businesses opening leading to job growth for our residents. We have been improving our parks to give children a place to feel safe and have fun. Our residents are our priority and I would like to wish them all a very Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year!

## Paterson Plus App

Where you live  
Where you care

Submit and follow requests  
Stay updated on local  
information and events



On Thursday, November 14, Mayor Andre Sayegh announced the launch of the Paterson Plus App.

"We are bringing Paterson into the 21<sup>st</sup> century," said Mayor Andre Sayegh. "And by doing so, we are finding ways to be more innovative and improving how we provide services to our residents."

Paterson Plus allows residents to submit non-emergency requests and voice their concerns and complaints. The resident can do so by making an account or remaining anonymous. The app, created by the company SeeClickFix and used throughout the country, has been branded "Paterson Plus" because the City of Paterson wants to add value to the services provided to city residents.

The Paterson Plus app encourages residents to get connected, get involved, and get results. It is available for download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Constituent services deals with all types of resident issues in the city of Paterson.  
For questions or concerns E-mail Javier Fernandez — [jfernandez@patersonnj.gov](mailto:jfernandez@patersonnj.gov)

For more information on fire education, please reach out to Firefighter Troy Ayers at 973-321-1437 or [tayers@patersonnj.gov](mailto:tayers@patersonnj.gov).

**Our fire department is on A&E's Live Rescue every Monday at 9PM**



## Paterson Fire Department

Beginning January 1, 2018 Chief McDermott's first initiative was to increase community involvement. Since then they have had numerous successful engagements.

- **1st & 2nd annual Firefighter recruitment and job fair**—These job fairs, with over 70 employers present, saw over 700 people in attendance and over 150 people walked out with gainful employment. This kicked off our campaign for the Firefighter job application.
- **Firefighter recruitment drive**—In cooperation with the administration, the City Council, the Paterson Free Public Library, and the Passaic County Labor and Workforce Development Board, we were able to amass over 1000 Paterson residents to apply for the Paterson firefighter exam which took place in 2018. PFD personally instructed over 500 residents in basic math and English skills to prepare them for the exam free of charge. With that, the fire department has hired 30 for new recruits with great success from our recruitment program.
- **Grant award**—Because we have proven our value to the community, we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to increase the equipment for fire education. We received a large projector and film screen which we used over the summer to have "Lunch with A Firefighter," where we showed a movie to children and performed firefighter games. We have a Sparky the Robot that we used in the African Heritage Day Parade to engage children in fire safety. We also wrapped our 2007 Ford pick up truck in fire safety messages to increase our visibility.
- **Increased community business collaboration**—We worked with Home Depot and Lowe's department stores to gather donations to fully renovate our fire safety trailer that teaches children how to act during a fire. We also revamped our canteen unit that is used for multiple alarm fires and for community cookouts throughout the entire summer. We did this all at no cost to the city.

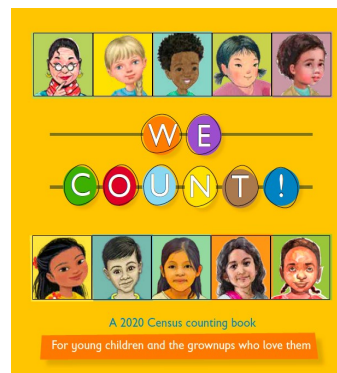
In 2018, the Paterson fire companies performed 216 hours of education. In 2019, they've already completed 280 hours of education.

In conjunction with Channel 7 Operation 7 "Save-a-Life", we've issued 1,000 smoke detectors in 5 years.

## Census 2020

- An accurate and complete count in the 2020 Census is necessary and important. There are millions of dollars at stake that are distributed from the federal government to cities to support everything from smaller class sizes to road repairs. The Census Count is safe and anonymous. It is important to remember that everyone counts in the Census - from a newborn to the oldest resident in the house.
- The City of Paterson collaborated with The Taub Foundation to create a children's book entitled "We Count" for families to read together and raise awareness about the importance of the Census.
- We are also distributing Census 2020 wristbands with the hashtag: #PatersonCounts

## #PatersonCounts



## Paterson Housing Authority

The Demolition of the Riverside Terrace Development is anticipated for late December 2019. Upon demolition, construction will begin on an 81-unit senior tower followed by a 245-unit family complex. The benefits of this effort will improve the living environment of the surrounding area and create appropriate housing within the existing neighborhood context. The construction of this housing will also provide opportunity for Paterson residents to gain employment through the Section 3 program. Applications will be available in January 2020 at [patersonhousingauthority.org](http://patersonhousingauthority.org)

## Innovation

The Office of Innovation formed two months ago and we are making great progress in engaging those that can aid in the rebirth of Paterson.

Internally, we are meeting with directors of each department to determine how we can better serve Paterson. Notably, we met with the Department of Public Works. DPW is very excited about some new ideas including using the app, Paterson Plus, to engage Patersonians in regularly rating the cleanliness of their neighborhoods. This would create a useful measure against which we can measure our progress.

Likewise, we met with Department of Purchasing. They would like to see more city business conducted with businesses in Paterson. Therefore, with the help of our Chief Data Officer Harsha Mallajosyula, we seek to make more visible what goods and services the city purchases. In this way, more Paterson businesses would be inclined to bid.

But our efforts to improve Paterson are not limited to engaging city employees. We have been meeting with universities including Harvard University, Boston University, Passaic County Community College, New York University, The College of New Jersey, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Princeton University and others. All have expressed an interest in working with Paterson. Next year we hope to have technology that will enable residents to engage with city hall and each other in developing ideas which improve Paterson.

Great things are happening in Paterson.

## DPW

### STREET CLEANING

Mayor Sayegh has a clear objective for Paterson to have clean and safer streets. Since his election we have been able to double the amount of street sweepers from four to eight, allowing us to cover all streets and schedules. This was made possible with the approval of the City Council to purchase this equipment through a Co-Op. \*Important Note: street cleaning operations are suspended when the temperature falls below freezing (32°F)



### SNOW

As the snow season approaches the City is happy to announce the implementation of our new Brine System, which will allow us to get a jump on snow and ice removal 48 hours in advance. The City Council approved our capitol purchase of three single axle multi use snow vehicles. This equipment will allow us to clear streets for safe transportation and implement a successful snow and ice removal plan.



## Community Development

Division of Community Development has already scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting for the annual action plan. This meeting is used to open up the planning process for the 2020-2021 funding cycle and is open to all non-profits seeking funding. For funding consideration, all applications must be returned to DCD no later than Wednesday, December 11, 2019 by 12:00 noon.



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## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Health Fair

Saturday, December 7— 10AM—2PM  
City Hall - 3rd Floor

### Christmas Concert—

Saturday, December 7—4PM—8PM  
Great Falls National Park  
Amphitheater

### Conversations about Community Healing— Dinner and Conversation (Please RSVP)

Wednesday, December 18—6PM  
Paterson Youth Service Bureau  
60 Temple St.  
Paterson

**MOBILE COMMUNITY HEALTH INC. & MAYOR ANDRE SAYEGH PRESENTS:** Toy give away!

# HOLIDAY Health Fair

December 7th 2019

**PATERSON CITY HALL, 3RD FLOOR**  
155 Market St # 101, Paterson, NJ 07505  
10:00am-2:00pm

**PHYSICIAN CONSULTATIONS**

Dr. Suhel Ahmed, Internal Medicine	Dr. Wilson Maldonado, Dentist
Dr. Omar Hassan, Cardiology	Dr. Maria Ambrosio, Dentist
Dr. Mahmoud Aqel, Internal Medicine	Dr. Daniel Huq
Dr. Tanjim Sultana, Nephrology	Dr. Abraham Ali
Dr. Mannan Razzak, Pediatrician	Dr. Abubakr Alfaouri

**HEALTH ASSESSMENTS & SERVICES PROVIDED:**

Blood Pressure - Blood sugar - Vision - Dental - Review of your medications - Meet service providers - Flu shots - Sign-up for Insurance - CPR Demo - and more!

**SPONSORS:**

MCH, St. Joseph's Health, Hackensack Meridian Health, WOODLAND PARK HOSPITAL, NAAMA, BHATT, SHEEFA PHARMACY, ADVANCE MEDICAL GROUP, ONE LIFE CPR

# Christmas Concert

PRESENTED BY:  
THE CITY OF PATERSON ARTS COMMISSION  
&  
MAYOR ANDRE SAYEGH

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 7TH, 2019  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

HOSTED AT THE:  
**GREAT FALLS AMPHITHEATER**  
72 MCBRIDE AVE PATERSON NJ

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES**

FOR MORE INFO CALL:  
COMMISSIONER TALENA LACHELLE QUEEN 973-905-0613

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**DECEMBER 18, 2019**  
**CHRISTOPHER HOPE CENTER**  
**6PM TO 6:30PM**  
**DINNER**  
**6:30 TO 8PM**  
**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

#### Healing from Trauma

The Passaic County Family Engagement Subcommittee is continuing the "Community Conversations" series that focuses on topics chosen by the community



**Family Engagement  
Committee  
Presents  
Conversations about  
Community Healing**

**Dinner will be served**

**Seating is limited**

**PLEASE  
RSVP**

by calling  
**Youth Services Bureau**  
**973-321-1264**  
**Between 9am -4pm**

**This is an 18 and  
older event**

#### LOCATION:

**Paterson Youth  
Services Bureau**  
**Christopher Hope  
Center 2nd Floor**  
**60 Temple St.**  
**Paterson, NJ 07522**