

Norman Gardens Councillor Divisional Reports

2018-2019

***We must become bigger than
we have been: more courageous,
greater in spirit, larger in outlook.***

***We must become members of a
new race, overcoming petty
prejudice, owing our ultimate
allegiance not to nations but to
our fellow men within the
human community.***

~Haile Selassie



Councillor of the Norman Gardens Division, Jacqueline M. Lewis reports and highlights of the activities carried out from June 2018 to June 29, 2019.

This publication provides an update of the main issues of concern of the communities of Harbour Heights, Rennock Lodge, Poker Flat, Johnson Town, Pleasant Heights, Norman Gardens, Burger and Rollington Town.

Message from the Councilor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the party coordinator's, cluster managers, polling division workers and the trusted residents of the Norman gardens Division for participating in the last Bi Elections. I am humbled by the overwhelming support and confidence you have pleased in me for the first time to represent you at the KSAMC. I am extremely elated for your choice in allowing me to be your voice in advocating for those issues that affect your various communities and to impact your quality of life, fostering the development of our community building for better and vibrant Division.

I remain steadfast to the commitment I made in March 2018 as your elected representative to be inclusive ensuring that all communities are given equal attention. The main issues highlighted in our Divisional meeting for this political year include; recreational areas for our children and care facilities for elderly and the indigent, jobs and training, keeping our streetlights working, ensuring that our citizens have clean running water that is legally commented to the National water commission system community and carrying out road repairs. I have been focusing on these issues and will continue to do so in the next political year 2019-2020.

I am grateful to have the best MP in Region three. And I want specially to say how grateful I am to our MP, Mr. Phillip Paulwell for his unwavering and continued collaboration and partnership resulting in all most all our projects and activities in Norman Gardens as a resounding success as a result of our combined efforts. My sincere thank you. On behalf of the Comrades and residents of the Norman Gardens Division and communities, for political Representation of the highest level.

Community Outreach

During the period we continue to partner with the constituency officers and other community based organizations, and school family we must however give credit to Rockfort Development Committee, the Harbour Heights, Burger, Porker Flat, Johnson Town, Leadership and the Rollington Town, Community Development Committees as these groups continue to lead the way in building participatory community leadership and harnessing community expertise in the implementation of projects. Pictures say a thousand words; these are some empirical evidence on the following initiatives:

Childs Month Activities

In celebration of child's month two major activities took place. Thirty-five children from the division between the ages 12 to 18 years old were taken to see this very relevant play 12 - 18 years old were treated by Councillor Jacqueline Lewis to a play, "Back our Girls", on June 5 celebration of Childs Month. The play was chosen specifically because it dealt with the awareness of missing children the play was well received by the children. Many thanks to the chaperones Lavenda Gorden and Marcia Spence were extremely helpful and answered the call of duty at the last minute.



The schools were not left out. Two school from the Norman gardens Division and a total of two hundred and twenty (220) students from Windward Road Primary and Rennock Lodge primary were treated to a day of fun. Students had a fun fill day were given toys, other goodies.among other food items confectioneries.



Norman Gardens Christmas Community Treats

Over 1000 thousand children were treated during the Christmas season. This effort was a partnership with four communities; Namely Harbour Heights, Johnson Town, Porker Flat and, Burger leadership. Special thanks and commendations must be given to these leaders who each year make tremendous effort to give back to their respective communities, in such a big way in putting on treats for the children in their Various communities.

This year I was happy to build partnership with Tricia Wilson and her team, Alberta Salmon, John Dolphy and the Johnson Town team, Devon Murry and Courtney Walter and the Burger family.

Harbour Heights Christmas Treat



Johnson Town Christmas Treat



Norman Gardens Seniors Treat

Every year our Member of Parliament honour our seniors by hosting a treat. This year Approximately 300 seniors were feted by the Member of Parliament at the Annual Norman Gardens Senior Citizens Treat Dubbed "YOU ARE GOLDEN" This was held at the Bournemouth Bath. The seniors had a pleasurable, memorable special Norman Gardens Treat. Seniors enjoyed an afternoon of music and was entertainment by raising star champion Camel Davis. They were excited for the opportunity to win special prizes such as television set, stoves, fans just to mention a few. They also had a great time interacting, dancing up close and personal with their MP and Counselor on a-one to one basis.

Norman Gardens Seniors treat
"YOU ARE GOLDEN"



Labour Day 2019

Labour Day 2019 saw community members coming together to lend a hand in cleaning up their community. Special commendation must be given to members of the leadership of Rollington Town, Rennock Lodge, and Harbour Heights as they took the initiative to design their own Labour Day project and sought funding from other stakeholders as well.

Due to the initiatives of the Rennock Lodge Community, the Councillor and Member of Parliament, the Hillside crescent Community Park was revamped and completed. A resident of Rollinton town home repair was completed; a section of a major road way at Talmina Avenue in Harbour Heights which has created a traffic hazard was cleaned clear.

Major clean up activity was conducted on the propose site for an Indigent shelter clear in preparation of building five unit for homeless persons in the Norman Gardens Division.

Labour Day Projects



Rennock Lodge Labour day Projects



The Norman Garden community members welcomed the return of our annual series of Breakfast community meetings. MP Phillip Paulwell along with the Councillor Jacqueline Lewis organized and participated in these meetings where residents were able to discuss issues affecting them. Some causes of the main issues discussed include the urgent need for repairs of streetlights. Residents have been concerned that the absence of streetlights increases their feeling of insecurity and makes many residents uncomfortable in having to walk especially at nights. Discussions are afoot to get more police patrol at night in these targeted areas.

Another issue of great concern was the need for clean water throughout the division.

We were pleased to also have the participation of other stakeholder partners including: members of the JCF, representatives from HEART/NTA and the National Water commission, Members of the Rockfort Football club Residents joined us in these discussions and we are heartened by the warm welcome and enthusiastic proposals received.

Norman Gardens Breakfast Meeting



Consultation with Water commission



Reading Across Jamaica

Read across Jamaica Day saw Councilor Jacqueline Lewis reading at the Rennock Lodge All Age School, along with members of Jamaica Flour mills and Gas Pro.

Education

The Norman Gardens focus big on Education. This we believe to be an important cornerstone of ensuring that our children and youths are prepared for any upcoming learning opportunities. MP Phillip Paulwell along with Councilor Jacqueline Lewis combine efforts continue to assist with back to school assistance.

Approximately 600 persons receiving scholarship, book voucher's and grants during the period July to August 2018 Students were assisted with the purchase of school books, the payment of tuition fees, the distribution

of three hundred (300), school bags and school supplies were realized at back to school event and health fair the Norman Gardens Health Centre. In addition to school supplies resident had access to medical services

Thirty (30) students got a chance to get their school medical free of cost by the community doctor Stacy Roach. 75 adults and children assessed the

services of a dentist and got extractions or cleaning done. The Division also had on hand Government agencies including TRN, NIS, and HEART NTA offering their services.



Employment and training Opportunities

Each year we seek to get as many persons as possible enrolled in training programs offered by various institutions and promotes those that are being offered to our community. This year the councillor made a value effort coupled with strident advocacy, and was successful in her endeavors in getting the HEART Trust NTA career coach in all eight Communities at least once every quarter to recruit person for Skills training program. Over 200 prospective trainees were registered.

And at least 50% were trained or undergoing training. Others were and placed in jobs I am elated to report that coming out of this on going recruitment drive three people from Pleasant Height are employed as recruitment officers.



This year the Division was the recipient from a special training in Mixology. 13 people sat the examination and was successful and are awaiting graduation. Two people so

far gained employment. Thanks to the proprietor of Danny Mariner's for allowing these trainee to use the Bar in his establishment.



Let me thank those companies in the Division who continue to employ persons who live in the community. The M.P and Councillor continue to promote those opportunities of which they are aware. In addition we are happy to report on the following:

Farm Work - a total of 15 overseas employment application forms were distributed to individuals within the Division. All have been submitted to the Ministry of labor interview and the selection process as completed. All except two persons were successful and are awaiting medical.

Recommendation from the councillor and MP result in 5 person been employed at Brayan Service station in Liguanea

A total of sixty people were given temporary employment on a quarterly basis on the high way leading from the roundabout at Harbor view to Michel Manley Bolivar through the National Solid Waste management Authority. These people are recommended by the councillor and M.P to the agency.

Sweeper Road Major road ways Ten (10) enjoy temporary rotation employment to carry out sweeping on the main road from Mineral Bath to Mountain view each morning from Sunday to Friday during the hours of 6am to 8am

Christmas Work Program - Over 400 persons were mobilized in December 2018 to clean verges, bush open spaces. This provided an opportunity for temporary employment of laborers, persons operating whackers and that providing garbage removal.

Short Term Poverty Reduction Program - 10 persons from the Norman Gardens

Division benefitted from grants awarded by the Member of Parliament. These grants are meant to improve entrepreneurship in the Division and to lower unemployment.

National Youth Service - These programs employ students from the secondary and tertiary levels providing well needed work experience and back to school assistance.

Chicken Rearing - 10 persons received 50 - 100 chickens each while two person from Harbor Heights receive piglets for the councillor's rotation project as an alternate entrepreneurial activity.

Improving our infrastructure In keeping with the desire of residents for a clean, safe and thriving community, Councillor Jacqueline Lewis and MP Paulwell have combined their efforts and have been able to complete the rehabilitation and total resurface of Everest Drive, Hillside Crescent, Norman Avenue, Ellis Avenue, Jackson Lane, and Crawly Road Rashford. We are however aware of the fact that there is need for repairs on several others road way in the Division and will continue our vigorous advocacy for other to be repaired.

Drain cleaning activities provided temporary employment for over 50 residents for work in the Harbour Heights, Rennock Lodge, Burger and Community and along the Sir Florizel Glasspole Boulevard.

Welfare

Over 75 packages, sponsored by the Member of Parliament, were distributed to Shut Ins by the Councillor and her Executive Team.

Our annual Easter program this year included buns and cheese for over 500 persons. Many thanks to our M.P. Phillip Paulwell

There were Persons from the division, seeking assistance to bury their loved ones. Unfortunately

these requests have been in excess of our usual numbers and have totally depleted allocation for such requests. However assistant for 10 buses was We all so assist with equipment for income earning tour seniors.

Social Programs

Condolences The Councillor and members of the Norman Gardens Division extend our deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones of those of our members who we have lost during the year in the upsurges of violence.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to all children who matriculated to new School with the implementation of PEP and regardless of where they are placed. We need to help create thinkers, problem solvers, and students that can adapt to an ever changing world. That like flowers, they too can bloom wherever they are planted.

