

The  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
celebrates

# CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Live streamed from the Board Chamber  
<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

## PROGRAM

### Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements

Legislator Benjamin Boykin II, Chairman of the Board

### Presentation of Proclamations to



**PATRICK MAITLAND**

Presented by Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels



**BISHOP JOAN E. WHITTAKER**

Presented by Legislator Catherine Borgia

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**Benjamin Boykin II**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 5th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Kitley S. Covill**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Vedat Gashi**  
Legislator, 4th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Alfreda A. Williams**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 8th District

**Catherine Borgia**  
Legislator, 9th District

**Damon R. Maher**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**MaryJane Shimsky**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**Ruth Walter**  
Legislator, 15th District

**Christopher A. Johnson**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
Legislator, 17th District





**PATRICK MAITLAND** has been a journalist, communications, marketing, and public relations consultant for over 30 years. He emigrated from Jamaica, WI and settled in Mount Vernon in 2006. He is the founder, publisher, and editor-in-chief of the popular *Street Hype* in New York City, and the influential *The Agriculturalist* and *The Tropical Farmers' Almanac*, in Jamaica.

He has served as Community Relations Officer (CRO) at the Consulate General of Jamaica-New York since April 3, 2018. He works closely with the Jamaican community disseminating information and gives updates on the Jamaican government and diaspora-related activities. He builds and maintains strong relationships with individuals and organizations to support the mission of the Consulate. He also served as a consultant and advisor to two former Jamaican Ministers of Agriculture, as well as communications consultant to several agri-business companies, farmers' organizations, and Jamaican fresh produce exporters.

His educational background includes a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from the University of Technology, and an Associates of Science degree in Agriculture from the College of Agriculture, Science, and Education (CASE), both located in Jamaica. He furthered his education with courses in public relations and marketing at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica.



**BISHOP JOAN E. WHITTAKER** was born in Jamaica, West Indies and immigrated to the United States in 1988 to attend graduate school. After twelve months she graduated with a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and has served in her profession since then in one capacity or another for twenty-seven years.

Bishop Whittaker retired from the public library in Irvington, New Jersey in 2015 after serving as the Library Director for sixteen years and prior to that as the Director of Children's Services for five years. During her tenure, she revitalized the services and programs of the library and successfully transformed it from its traditional role to a hub of the community. Today, the library provides cutting-edge technology to the residents of Irvington as well as Essex County, and attracts over 20,000 visitors per month. The mission of the library is to be the cultural and educational resource center for the residents of the Township of Irvington and its neighboring communities.

Bishop Whittaker retired from her position as Library Director to serve as full time Pastor of HORAC Ministries in Ossining, New York. She is the Founder and Senior Pastor of this dynamic growing non-denominational church. She serves as a role model, particularly for the youth of Ossining, as is evidenced by the membership of the Church where over seventy percent of the members are young people. Recently, she received the honor to be ordained as Bishop.

Bishop Whittaker is an author, accomplished public speaker and Dean of the Mt. Olive Bible Institute and Seminary - Ossining Campus. She is also the Founder of Tree of Life Ministries, a career mentorship and counseling program. She travels the world to speak at events and is establishing branch churches locally and throughout the Caribbean. Her vision is to empower people everywhere by hosting free Vacation Bible schools in the United States and abroad, summer camps and after school programs.