



City of Cambridge Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

Honorary Street Sign for Shirley S. Jackson

Further Recognition for Ms. Jackson's Inspiring Volunteerism

Cambridge, MD (April 2, 2025). At 11 a.m. on Friday the 4th of April, the City of Cambridge will celebrate the late Ms. Shirley S. Jackson with the unveiling of an honorary street sign, "Shirley S. Jackson Way", at the corner of Rigby Avenue and Stiles Circle in Cambridge.

Ms. Jackson was a community leader and volunteer extraordinaire, recognized for her work multiple times by the Maryland State Legislature. She was inducted into the Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame in 2020. Her volunteerism included work as an advisor and trustee with the Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance (Handsell), the NAACP, Coastal Hospice, Waugh Chapel Community Garden, and the Dorchester County Historical Society, among many other organizations.

The Commissioners of Cambridge enacted the "Honorary Street Name Signs" program (Ordinance No. 1175) in April 2021, with the "intent to honor and recognize certain individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to the City..." Applications for honorary street name signs are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Mayor and Commissioners, and a public hearing is held so that interested citizens may comment on the proposed application prior to approval. Ms. Jackson's street name sign is the first since this program was created to meet the requirements for this honor. Her sign, in white lettering on a black background with the City seal affixed to it, will be displayed beneath the current street sign. The cost for the creation of the sign is borne by the applicant, and the City provides ongoing maintenance of the sign, which will remain in place in perpetuity.

Members of Ms. Jackson's extended family and friends, who have traveled from Baltimore, Atlanta, New Jersey, Ohio, and Alaska, will attend the unveiling of the honorary sign on the 4th. Ms. Jackson devoted her life to improving the lives of others in and around Cambridge, as she remarked in a post celebrating Juneteenth, "If what you see is all you see, then you do not see all that is to be seen." The

Mayor and Commissioners of Cambridge are honored to mark Ms. Jackson's devotion to the citizens of Cambridge with this street sign.

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