

Happy New Year Message from Mayor Gastineau

Friends, one year ago tomorrow, I was sworn in as your Mayor, along with a mostly new City Council and a new City Clerk. Together, we took on the very important responsibility of managing this great city and working together for the good of all. I am proud to be your Mayor! As I look back over the past year, I think we have done a very good job, but there is more that needs to be done. Within the next month or so I'll publish my State of the City Report, where I'll outline our accomplishments over the past year and look forward to the next year and beyond.

Tomorrow also marks the start of a new decade as well as a new year. Where were you in 2010? Did you live here, or are you one of the many that moved to our city since we rang-in 2010? In 2010, the population of City of Ward was 4,067 according to the U.S. Census. What will it be at the 2020 census count? I'm think somewhere around 6,000. As we prepare for the 2020 census, I want to remind everyone of the importance of filling out your census information. An accurate count of our population is important to ensure we receive our proper allocation of state turn-back funds and will aid us in applying for and receiving various grants and other funds over the next decade.

On behalf of the men and women who work tirelessly working for you and your family, we wish you a very safe and Happy New Year. Let's work together as we move Ward forWard this next year and this next decade.