



Town of Bladensburg Town Clerk Report

Town Meetings & Town Community Events

Date Range: 2/1/2025 to 2/28/2025

Meeting / Event	Location / Date / Time
Work Session	February 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm
Town Council Meeting	February 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm
Exploring Black History in Bladensburg	February 8, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Clerk's Department

Updating Personnel Files

Currently updating all personnel files for the town to ensure accuracy and compliance.

Collaborating on the Judge's Manual

Collaborating with the Board of Selectmen, the Town Attorney, and the Board of Election Supervisors (BOSOE) to finalize the Judge's Manual for the 2025 Town Election.

Addressing PIA Requests

Successfully addressed and responded to all Public Information Act (PIA) requests in a timely manner.

Town Council Specific Events:

Procurement

RFQ / RFP #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
RFP- FY 004-2025	Stop Sign Camera Enforcement Program	We plan to re-advertise this RFP in March to ensure wider visibility and participation.
	Vehicle Disposal	Four of the nine cars have been sold and picked up, while the remaining five have been re-auctioned



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RFP	Janitorial Services	It will be re-advertised in late February, with a deadline set for March
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Grants

Grant #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
CDBG PY 50	Sidewalks Project	Met with the engineer to discuss project requirements and outline the necessary steps to initiate the project
CDBGY 49	Bridge Repairs (3)	The project is nearly complete. The contractor is awaiting delivery of parts to finalize the work. We have applied for partial reimbursement and are currently awaiting payment

Human Resources

Event	Date / Time
A finalist has been selected and will be presented for approval at the February Council meeting	February 10, 2025

Marketing Department

February Marketing Highlights

We're excited to share that the Sunnybrook and Industrial Park signs have received an upgrade with bright, reflective signage that enhances our brand visibility and appeal. The community's feedback has been great, and we've enjoyed engaging residents by sharing throwback photos that showcase the evolution of Bladensburg over the decades. Special thanks to Public Works team for their quick installation!

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, we're reflecting on the rich history of Bladensburg, and diving deep into the untold stories of Black History in our town.



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Recap: MLK Day of Service

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, our community came together for a powerful day of service at Quincy Run on Quincy Street. With the support of our wonderful partners—Friends of Quincy Run Watershed, Washington Rowing School, and Joe's Movement Emporium Green Team—volunteers worked tirelessly to remove invasive species like English Ivy and Bush Honeysuckle.

Through these efforts, we're not only restoring the forest ecosystem but also making space for native plants to thrive and ensuring a healthier habitat for wildlife. This work contributes to the ongoing restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and made this day of stewardship so impactful!

Looking Ahead:

Our Bladensburg Chronicle: Spring 2025 Edition is set to arrive in your mailboxes around mid-March, so keep an eye out for exciting updates. Additionally, we're working on an event called Discover Bostwick: Community Event scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Join us for a fun-learning day filled with activities, live music, food trucks, and a chance to provide input on the future of the Bostwick House site.

We look forward to seeing you there!

General Items:

On January 23rd and 24th, Jessica and I attended the IIMC Region 2 Conference in Richmond, Virginia. Over these two days of classes, we gained valuable insights and earned credits toward our CMC certification (Certified Municipal Clerk). The conference offered numerous opportunities to learn new ideas and strategies. We explored ethical issues, techniques for de-escalating situations at Council meetings or at the front desk, and the importance of technology in municipal departments. We also discussed how to help individuals adapt to new technologies, as well as ways to engage the community through social media and promote civic involvement. Additionally, we learned about the importance of leadership and how essential it is for leaders to understand and support their employees. These two days not only enhanced my ability to better communicate ideas to my staff but also inspired me to encourage them to strive for continuous improvement.

Regine R. Watson