

Town Administrator Monthly Report

June 8, 2026 • Brian Wood, Interim Town Administrator

The Town is operating efficiently and continues to identify ways to improve consistency of services for residents, while exploring opportunities to maximize funding and strengthen partnerships with neighboring communities, county and state government, and nonprofit organizations. In addition to completing his first month as Interim Town Administrator, the team has been actively closing out grants and capital projects while preparing for the year ahead.

Grants & Funding Overview

\$640K

Active grant awards this period
*Not all grant money is for the Towns use only.

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Bond Bill grants eligible for drawdown

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Port Towns municipalities served

Bond Bill Grant Drawdown: Three Bond Bill Grants have reached the point where the Town can begin drawing down State funds and replenishing municipal dollars that were fronted locally. These include grants for the **Bostwick House** restoration, **Town Hall Renovation & Design**, and **Waterfront Development**.

\$240K
awarded

CDBG — Federal / HUD via Prince George's County

Phase III — 57th Avenue & Harrington Park Safety Lighting

Prince George's County has officially approved approximately \$240,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for public safety lighting improvements. The project will install eight additional streetlights along 57th Avenue and new safety lighting at David C. Harrington Park, adjacent to Town Hall. The required environmental review has been completed with a finding of no significant environmental impact. Once HUD releases the funds, construction may proceed — enhancing public safety, visibility, and walkability at no direct cost to local taxpayers.

\$300K
awarded

State Revitalization Program

Port Towns CDC — Revitalization, Branding & Placemaking

Funds support branding, market analysis, placemaking, and strategic planning across the four Port Towns (Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston) to

drive economic revitalization and strengthen regional identity. This effort aligns with the newly released 2026 Preliminary Port Towns Sector Plan, a community-driven 20-year planning framework developed through M-NCPPC.

\$100K
awarded

Maryland Facade Improvement Program (MFIP)

Port Towns Facade Improvement Program

Implements a facade improvement program benefiting locally owned and operated businesses across all four Port Towns. This funding supports exterior building improvements that strengthen commercial corridors, attract investment, and create a more vibrant streetscape. Per Maryland's FY27 State Revitalization Program, Bladensburg is a designated recipient of Facade Improvement Program funding.

Capital Projects Update

● In Progress

Walkable Watershed — Fire Station Rain Garden

The final of three capital projects funded through the Port Towns Walkable Watershed grant is underway at the Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Station, managed by Ecosite and expected to complete by end of June. A rain garden installation in the parking lot will reduce runoff, mitigate flooding in a historically flood-prone area, and support clean water returning to the Anacostia River.

✓ Complete

Green Solar Bus Shelter — Town Hall

A brand-new solar green-roof bus shelter has been completed in front of Town Hall. The shelter features a living green roof and a solar-panel-powered phone and device charging station, demonstrating the Town's commitment to sustainable public infrastructure and pedestrian amenities.

● In Progress

Townwide Street Sign Replacement

Installation of new street signs and stop signs has begun throughout the Town. Final payment has been made. This will be a major visual enhancement throughout the community, continuing as an ongoing effort through the summer.

□ Bond Bill Drawdown Ready

Bostwick House Restoration

Bond Bill funds are now eligible for drawdown to support ongoing restoration of the Bostwick House — a Georgian-style home built in 1746, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and one of the oldest surviving structures in Bladensburg. The Town holds ownership in partnership with the University of Maryland's Historic Preservation program.

Public Safety & Youth Programs

Prince George's County will host its kickoff boxing tournament on **June 13**, which will also serve as the Town's official launch of the **Gloves Up Guns Down** initiative. The CAT team, led by Licia, will begin enrolling young people in the program and in a proposed summer camp.

About Gloves Up Guns Down

This initiative uses boxing as a tool for youth development — building discipline, conflict resolution skills, confidence, and positive relationships between young people and their community. Programs like this, including Prince George's County's PAL Connect Boxing League, have demonstrated success in reducing juvenile crime through sustained mentorship and structured athletic engagement. The summer camp component will provide continued programming for participating youth.

Upcoming Events

13
Jun

Gloves Up Guns Down — County Boxing Tournament Kickoff

Prince George's County hosts its inaugural boxing tournament. The Town will officially launch the Gloves Up Guns Down youth program and begin enrollment for the summer camp.

**14–
17**
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Maryland Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference

Annual statewide conference held in Ocean City, MD, bringing together municipal officials across Maryland for professional development, policy discussion, and peer networking.

**15–
18**
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Juneteenth Waterfront Celebrations

The Bladensburg Waterfront will host a series of river-based Juneteenth events on June 15, 17, and 18. The Waterfront Park features canoe and kayak rentals, interpretive river boat tours, and the Battle of Bladensburg Visitors Center — making it a natural gathering place for community celebration.

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Bladensburg Annual Fireworks Celebration

The Town's Independence Day fireworks event runs from 6:00 – 9:30 PM. The 2026 celebration carries added significance as a commemoration of America's 250th anniversary — making it especially notable for residents and visitors.