



## Town of Bladensburg

### Town Clerk Report

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#### **Town Meetings & Town Community Events**

Date Range: 10/1/2025 to 10/31/2025

<b>Meeting / Event</b>	<b>Location / Date / Time</b>
Work Session	October 20, 2025, at 5:30 pm
Town Council Meeting	October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm
Bladensburg Day Parade & Festival	October 18, 2025, at 9:00 am
Bladensburg Business Roundtable	October 22, 2025, from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Clean & Green Day	October 25, 2025, from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Trunk or Treat	October 30, 2025, from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### **Clerk's Department:**

Election Day - October 6: Thank you to staff and the Board of Supervisors of Elections for an amazing Election Day. Residents enjoyed a smooth voting experience and their special "I Voted" Bladensburg stickers. The Approval of the results will be on the Council Agenda.

#### **Procurement:**

<b>RFQ / RFP #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Important Dates / Notes</b>
RFP- 10-2025	CDBG PY 50 Sidewalk Project	Second phase in progress. Expected completion: Second week of November.

#### **Community & Cultural Celebrations**

- Caribbean Superior - 25 Years in Bladensburg**

Congratulations to Caribbean Superior and owner Patrick Martin for 25 years of sharing bold, rich Jamaican flavors with our community since August 2000.

- Hispanic Heritage Month**

Bladensburg celebrates the cultures, histories, and contributions of our Hispanic community.

#### **Senior & Resident Engagement**



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- **4th Annual Senior Gathering - September 9**

A joyful day with karaoke, food, and fun. Thank you to staff, council, and vendors for bringing Council Member Blount's vision to life.

- **Community Spotlight**

A beautifully maintained yard on Edmonston Road was highlighted for its pollinator-friendly plants—a source of pride near our local fire department.

### Public Works & Sustainability

- **Park Maintenance**

Thanks to our Public Works team for maintaining fitness equipment and tree care at David C. Harrington Park.

- **Green Team Recruitment**

We are actively seeking members to help expand sustainability efforts in Bladensburg. Interested? Email: [clerk@bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:clerk@bladensburgmd.gov)

### Events & Activities

- **Bladensburg Day Parade & Festival - October 18**

We are expecting a great turnout! We extended the parade route this year and added yard signs to boost community visibility.

- **Clean & Green Day - October 25**

Residents can join a town-wide service event at Town Hall from 9:00-11:00 AM to plant trees and collect litter.

- **Bladensburg Waterfront Art Festival - October 25**

Town representatives will host a booth from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM at the park.

- **Seton After 6 - October 21**

A vibrant evening of live music, food trucks, and the unveiling of Elizabeth Seton High School's new website.

- **Trunk or Treat - October 30**

A fun evening from 6:00-8:00 PM with sweet treats and a themed trunk display.

### Public Safety & Civic Engagement

- **Domestic Violence Awareness Panel - October 11**

Hosted by the Bladensburg Police Department. The discussion was livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube (@bladensburgmd).



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#### **Business & Professional Engagement**

- Bladensburg Business Roundtable - October 22**

Will be held at Town Hall from 12:00-2:00 PM. Business leaders can connect and collaborate on shared goals.

#### **Health & Awareness**

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month - October**

Visit the Town's website and social media for health resources and support opportunities.

#### **Looking Ahead**

#### **America's 250th Anniversary Preparations**

Monthly committee meetings are underway. Watch for updates on how to get involved in celebrating this national milestone.

#### **Potential 12-Month Observance Calendar**

*The Town is considering adopting a year-long calendar to promote cultural and community events. This will allow for better planning and budgeting for decorations and social media campaigns.*

Month	Proposed Observances
January	National Mentoring Month, Blood Donor Month, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	Black History Month, American Heart Month, Children's Dental Health Month
March	Women's History Month, Nutrition Month, Red Cross Month, Youth Art Month
April	National Volunteer Month, Earth Day (April 22), Library Week, Child Abuse Prevention
May	Older Americans Month, Mental Health Awareness, National Police Week, AAPI Heritage Month
June	Pride Month, National Safety Month, Great Outdoors Month, Caribbean American Heritage



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July	Independence Day, Parks & Recreation Month, Minority Mental Health Awareness
August	Immunization Awareness, Water Quality Month, Back-to-School Initiatives
September	Senior Center Month, Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15), Suicide Prevention, Childhood Cancer Awareness
October	Breast Cancer Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, Energy Awareness, Arts & Humanities, Disability Employment
November	Native American Heritage Month, Diabetes Awareness, Veterans Day, Adoption Month
December	Human Rights Month, Safe Toys & Gifts Month, Holiday Giving & Service Spotlights

#### **General Items:**

I attended the Municipal Planners Open House on September 25, 2025, hosted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The session provided an overview of the Prince George's County Planning Department, led by Chairman Darryl Barnes and Director Lakisha Hull, and highlighted its core divisions: Community Planning, Countywide Planning, Development Review, and Management Services.

Key updates included:

- A shift to a cloud-based Development Application Review Tracking System (DARTS) to enhance service delivery.
- Ongoing placemaking and housing initiatives, including the Missing Middle Housing Study and Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation.
- Major planning efforts such as the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit and Westphalia Sector Plan Update.

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