



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
February 10, 2025

Submitted by:
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Item Title: Bostwick House Update | Community Activation Event | February 2025

Discover Bostwick | An update on the community activation event planned for May 5, 2025 (12 PM – 3 PM)

Work Session Item [X]
Council Meeting Item [X]

Documentation Attached:

Recommended Action:

INFORMATION ONLY: This is an update to give the Council more information about the planned event on the exterior of Bostwick House. This will allow residents to understand the site's history and significance.

Overview and Summary for the Town Council: Discover Bostwick Event

Event Title: Discover Bostwick

Date/Time: Saturday, May 3, 2025, 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Partners:

1. M-NCPPC Prince George's County Placemaking Section (PGC Placemaking)
2. Town of Bladensburg
3. University of Maryland – Historic Preservation Program

Theme:

"Contextualizing Bostwick for the Current Community in 2025"

Event Summary: The Discover Bostwick event will highlight the historical and cultural significance of the Bostwick property while engaging the local community in a family-friendly, interactive outdoor event. Activities will be primarily focused on the lawn and include tours of the orchard and interior displays showcasing the property's history.

Event Offerings:

- **Vendors – Artisans/Makers:** Small, local businesses and makers will offer items for sale.
- **Food Options:** Local food trucks will be on-site, with necessary applications and health inspections coordinated in advance.
- **Music:** Performances from musical artists, DJs, or school groups will be featured.
- **Arts:** Collaborative arts-related activities in partnership with local arts organizations.
- **Local/Cultural Organizations:** Participation from local nonprofits and groups, including the library, Anacostia Watershed Trust, Eco City Farms, UMD, M-NCPPC Port Towns team, and Sankofa Arts on a Roll.
- **Children's Activities:** Games and activities designed to engage young attendees.

Planning Leadership: Ray Jefferies and Regine Watson are leading the project. They will provide updates on the event's scale and scope and coordinate with food vendors and other contributors to ensure a successful event.

Significance: This event serves as the launch of the community engagement process

recommended by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in its Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) report, which was shared with the Council on January 13, 2025. It aligns with the broader goal of fostering community connections and awareness of Bostwick's historical and cultural value.

Next Steps: The Town Administrator is available to address any questions or provide additional information about the event planning process and logistics.

This event promises to be an exciting opportunity to bring the community together while showcasing Bostwick's rich history in a contemporary context.

Budgeted Item: Yes ☐ No ☐ NA Budgeted Amount: One-Time Cost: NA Ongoing Cost: NA	Continued Date:
Council Priority: Yes ☐ No ☐	Approved Date: