



# **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY MEMO**

November 2025

**Dear Town Council, Residents, Business owners, and Employees of the Town of Bladensburg;**

## Bladensburg – A Town That Cares!

As we enter the month of November, a time for reflection and gratitude, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for our community and our dedicated team. Despite the challenging economic conditions we face, the Town of Bladensburg continues to deliver high-quality services with care, creativity, and compassion.

This month, we are pleased to host a **Community Food Distribution** on **Saturday, November 22, 2025**, from **8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall**. Participants must register in advance, and additional information is available on the Town's website and social media platforms. We are also partnering with a local nonprofit that will host a **Pet Food Distribution** at the same time in **David C. Harrington Park**. These efforts reflect our shared commitment to supporting families—and their pets—through the holiday season.

I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to our **Police Department** for their professionalism and courage in response to the tragic incident that occurred on **October 18, 2025**. Their quick action and coordinated teamwork helped ensure the safety of our residents during a difficult and emotional time.

A special thank you goes to **Acting Chief Frishkorn** for his steady leadership, and to the following officers and staff members for their dedication and service:

## On Scene Response

- Sgt. Thompson
- Cpl. Tanksley (first officer on scene)
- Pfc. Young
- Pfc. Pichardo
- Det./Pfc. Webb

## Crash Investigation and Follow-Up

- Sgt. Harris (Lead Investigator)
- Cpl. Moon (Assisting Investigator)

## K-9 Response

- Pfc. Merritt – Conducted the track of the suspect from the vehicle



#### **Communications and Coordination**

- Dispatcher Theresa Clark – Managed radio and incident-related calls
- PIO Kim Greene – Coordinated press communications and media briefing

#### **Additional Support**

- Lt. Goins – Directed officers at the scene
- Officers Humphries and Kinard – Provided field assistance

To each of you—thank you. Your commitment to serving our residents with integrity and compassion truly embodies the spirit of **“Bladensburg, a Town that Cares.”**

### **Town Administrator | PRIORITIES – FY 2026 and Beyond**

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- ✓ Continued transparency and reporting, the Town continues to publish information and data for the public.
- ✓ Support of Legislative agenda and supporting capital priorities (new Town Hall and Town Infrastructure)
- ✓ Furthering Economic Development and Annexation Goals and expanding the tax base of the Town
- ✓ Collaborative review of departmental progress toward annual goals to revise and develop the Strategic Plan.
- ✓ Supporting the development of the Town Hall Project through the release of an RFP/RFQ for the building development and finance opportunities
- ✓ Continuing Work and opportunities at Bostwick House and working with community Partners like the Aman Memorial Trust
- ✓ Assisting in the events and activities that will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA with the State of Maryland
- ✓ Developing a balanced budget for FY 2027 Budget and Beyond
- ✓ Seeking and obtaining key grants and other funding to assist the Town in its needs
- ✓ Improving the overall Quality of Life for residents by enhancing civic spaces, creating new signage and wayfinding, upgrading infrastructure, and partnering with community organizations and municipal partners.
- ✓ Working with the other Port Towns Managers and Council on the implementation of the BCCE Port Towns Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Bladensburg continues to move forward because of the dedication, teamwork, and shared commitment of our leaders, staff, and residents. Every project we undertake—whether large or small—adds to the collective progress that defines who we are as a community. I am deeply grateful for everyone's continued partnership, creativity, and perseverance as we work to make Bladensburg stronger, more connected, and ready for the future.

Together, we are building momentum, strengthening relationships, and shaping a Town that we can all be proud to call home.

**Green Team Updates |** On November 5, 2025, the Green Team met to evaluate and plan for the Winter and Spring. Also, the staff provided an update on the Prince George's County, Department of the Environment Tree Program, and the opportunities for the residents to get trees will be available on the Town's website and on social media.



**We Need YOU!** The Green Team is always looking for new members who have ideas on how to beautify and make the Town more **GREEN**. Email the Town at [clerk@bladensburgmd.gov](mailto:clerk@bladensburgmd.gov).

**Reminder!** Leaf collection will begin in November, with all collected leaves delivered to Eco City Farms for composting and mulching. This supports the town's sustainability goals by recycling organic waste into usable materials. Communication about leaf collection will be reinforced in the town newsletter and on social media to reduce illegal leaf burning. The Team also spoke about the Tree City designation and the report that is due at the end of the year. The Green Team will meet again in November.

**Town Clerk's Departure |** It is with sadness that I announce that Ms. Regine Watson's last day with the Town will be November 14, 2025. She has contributed significantly to our organization, helping to establish an excellent foundation and order for our files and processes. Her contributions are numerous; she will be missed. We will recognize her time here on Monday, November 10, 2025. More information will come out soon. I wanted to ensure that I acknowledge her departure and her hard work over the past year.

**Additional Informational Memos |** This month, additional Informational memos have been included with my report to provide additional details and updates.

**Upcoming Community Events:**

- Veteran's Day – November 11, 2025 – Memorial Park
- Thanksgiving Food Distribution – November 22, 2025 - 8 AM - 10 AM - Town Hall
- Pet Food Giveaway – November 22, 2025 – 8 AM – 11 AM - David C. Harrington Park –
- Yule Log – December 5, 2025 – 6 PM – Town Hall
- Senior Winter Gala – December 11, 2025 – 11 AM – 1 PM - Bladensburg Community Center

If you have any questions, I am here to answer them!

Best Regards,

**Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth,**

Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth, Town Administrator