

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Bladensburg · June 2026 Summary

To:	Mayor and Council	Date:	July 13, 2026
From:	Interim Town Administrator	RE:	Monthly Report — June 2026

The purpose of this monthly report is to provide transparency and updates to the Town Council and to the citizens and businesses of the Town of Bladensburg.

\$300K Bond Bill — Municipal Center	4 New Stop Sign Cameras	40 Residents in Financial Empowerment Program	15 Streetlights Nearing Resolution
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CITY OPERATIONS

Joint Cleanup Along 52nd Avenue

On July 9th, the Town and the State Highway Administration (SHA) held a day-long joint cleanup effort along 52nd Avenue. This was the first joint effort of its kind and precedes discussion at the July 13th Council meeting regarding the future of 52nd Avenue.

Stop Sign Camera Implementation

The Town has been working to complete the approval process for four stop sign cameras throughout Bladensburg to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and has now received final approval from the County. Installation of the cameras will take place during July and August, followed by a warning period ahead of full implementation. The Town will also stand up a safety campaign to educate residents and those traveling through Town roads on the importance of driving safely, including where the cameras will be placed and the data that informed those locations.

Streetlight Ownership Update

The Town is in the final phases of finalizing the list of streetlights owned by Bladensburg. This years-long process will determine which streetlights are owned by the State Highway Administration, which are owned by the County, and which are owned by the Town. The number of disputed lights has been reduced to 15, half of which are considered “orphan lights” (unclaimed by any entity). The Town is working with the County to identify permitting options to establish ownership, which will ultimately ensure the Town is only paying for its own streetlights.

CDBG Designation

The Town will continue to pursue Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the County rather than seeking individual designation independently. This arrangement continues the partnership between the County and the Town through 2029.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Town met with the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation on June 29th regarding the next phase of the Bostwick House development. In addition to meeting with County, State, Federal, and private investors

over the coming months, the Town is also collaborating on a comprehensive business plan, including pro formas, to support both public and private sector investment.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Rain Garden: The final walkthrough was held on July 9, 2026.
- Municipal Center: The Town Administrator is meeting with the Neighborhood Design Center the week of July 13th to discuss the current state of the Town Municipal Center and next steps toward producing an RFP for schematic design, including a timeline for Council review.
- Bond Bill Funding: The Town received final confirmation of a bond bill granting \$300,000 toward the Municipal Center project.

CONFERENCES

The Town Administrator, key leadership members, and the Mayor and Council participated in the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference in Ocean City in June. This was a valuable opportunity for the Town to address capital funding opportunities, identify statewide challenges, and explore areas of focus such as the impact of state budget changes on municipalities — including potential reductions in Highway User Revenue funds — as well as how the State, County, and municipalities are approaching immigration and customs enforcement matters.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Resident Virtual Meeting

The Town held a virtual meeting with several residents regarding how the Town and community can continue to partner with residents around immigration and customs enforcement. The discussion focused on identifying ways the Town can continue to support all residents, what is currently being done, how the Town can raise awareness of available resources, and reviewing actions taken by other communities that align with the Town's "do no harm" stance toward residents.

Economic Empowerment Forum

The Town completed a partnership with Prince George's Community College to provide financial empowerment and literacy education to over 40 Bladensburg residents over the course of three days in June. The program was a great success, and all participants received a \$200 gift card provided by Prince George's Community College as part of the partnership.

COUNCIL RETREAT

Thank you to everyone who responded via phone and in person. The City Council Retreat has been set for July 23–24. The agenda, to be publicly published the week of July 13, 2026, will include the following topics of focus:

- City Operations
- City Personnel and Permanent Appointments
- Capital Projects
- Legislative Agenda for FY27
- Strategic Plan Process and Goals

- Council Operations

PAST JUNE / JULY EVENTS

Crab-ulus (Cottage City)

Cottage City hosted a great event as part of the America in Bloom judging process, including a crab feast and cookout attended by all Port Town administrators. It was a great opportunity to support a neighboring city. Bladensburg will host America in Bloom judges on July 20th and 21st.

Community Fish Fry

On June 27th, a community fish fry hosted by a local church was held at the park behind Town Hall. Bladensburg residents, both adults and youth, enjoyed the day, and the rain held off. It was a pleasure to meet so many of our residents.

Financial Empowerment One-on-One Sessions

In partnership with Prince George's Community College, the Town hosted three days of community financial empowerment one-on-one sessions, where residents received financial literacy coaching from community volunteers. Of 40 available slots, over 35 residents participated, and each received a \$200 gift card to Giant upon completion. A follow-up session is planned for August 2026. The final open session was held June 27th, alongside the fish fry.

Explorer End-of-Year Celebration

The Town celebrated the Explorer program with a dinner, award ceremony, and proclamations from the Mayor and Council honoring two graduating seniors, who are headed into the Military and the State Highway Patrol, respectively.

July 2nd Bladensburg Fireworks

The Town's annual Fireworks event on July 2nd was a huge success, drawing hundreds of community members of all ages to the riverfront to dance, eat, and celebrate the Town and America, concluding with a 20+ minute fireworks show. This year, the event further served as an anchor for a regional day of celebration, with sister Port Town communities hosting events alongside Bladensburg and a joint flier distributed so all residents were aware of regional events taking place throughout the day.

UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

July 11	Community Meeting at Town Hall, hosted by Councilwoman Brown
July 14	Community Walk with a Cop
July 17	Ice Cream with a Cop
July 20–21	America in Bloom Judges — evaluating progress toward program goals and providing input on next steps.
July 23–24	City Council Retreat