



## Agenda Item Summary Report

**Meeting Date:**  
September 8, 2025

**Submitted by:**  
Mayor Takisha D James  
Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator

**Item Title:** INFORMATION MEMO | United States 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary | Update September 2025

**A Report on the United States' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items and the State and the Town actions.**

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

**Documentation Attached:**

**Recommended Action:**

Mayor James will provide an update on recent actions and meetings.

**Item Summary:** The Town will recognize the 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026 and the importance of engaging its citizens, businesses, educational institutions, and various organizations in celebrating the U.S. Semiquincentennial and fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of American history, culture, and achievements.

Here are some updates:

**GRANT FUNDING:** The Town has received \$500 in state grant funding for educational programming and has applied for an additional \$4,000 for a special event in 2026; however, we have not yet received notification regarding this grant. We are seeking further funding and opportunities in the Port Towns.

**PARTICIPATION ON REGIONAL AND STATE TASK FORCES:** Mayor James has been active on the **State Commission**, and the Town Administrator has attended Prince George's County meetings sponsored by ATHA over the last several months. Several events and activities are being planned throughout Prince George's County, and the Town will host the ATHA group in December 2025.

Appointments to the steering committee will be announced in Fall 2025.

If there are any questions, the Town administrator or Mayor can answer them.

**Budgeted Item:** Yes [ ] No [ ] NA  
**Budgeted Amount:**  
**One-Time Cost:** NA  
**Ongoing Cost:** NA

**Continued Date:**

**Council Priority:** Yes [ ] No [ ]

**Approved Date:**