



## Town of Bladensburg Town Clerk Report

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### Town Meetings & Town Community Events

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

Meeting / Event	Location / Date / Time
Work Session	January 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm
Town Council Meeting	January 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm
MLK Day Service Event in partnership with the Friends of Quincy Run and Washington Rowing School	January 20, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Bladensburg Business Roundtable	January 22, 2025, at 5:30 pm
Ports Town Meeting at Bladensburg	January 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm

### Clerk's Department

- The meeting with the State of Maryland's State Archives was rescheduled.
- Currently working on updating all personnel files for the town.
- Working with BOSOE and the Town Attorney to finalize the Judge's Manual for the 2025 Town Election.
- An ad was placed in the Town Newsletter in search of BOSOE members and for the Ethics Commission. We received two submissions for the BOSOE and two for the Ethics Commission. All submissions will be presented to the Council at the January 13, 2025, Council meeting.
- Answered all PIA Request

#### *Town Council Specific Events:*

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#### *Procurement*

RFQ / RFP #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
RFP- FY 004-2025	Stop Sign Camera Enforcement Program	We received 2 bids for this RFP. A recommendation to the



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		Council will be on the February Town Council Agenda.
	Vehicle Disposal	All except one vehicle has been placed on Auction. The Auction should close January 9, 2025.

#### *Grants*

Grant #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
CDBG PY 50	Sidewalks Project	Met with the Engineer and explained what we needed to start the project.
CDBGY 49	Bridge Repairs (3)	Project has started on the Bridges. Work should be completed by the end of January. We have applied for a partial reimbursement of funds.

#### Human Resources

Event	Date / Time
A final meeting to decide between our finalists will be held January 9, 2025. We are hoping to have a recommendation on the Council Agenda in February	January 9, 2025

## Communications / Social Media

### Bladensburg Business Roundtable:

Location: Bladensburg Town Hall Date January 22, 2025 & Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Purpose: Strengthening relationships with our local businesses through the new initiative, "We Are Stronger Together." This initiative aims to provide upcoming opportunities and beneficial resources for Bladensburg's business community.

### New Sign Installations:



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Upcoming Installation: A new Sunnybrook sign and an Industrial Park sign will be installed later this month by Public Works. These signs will enhance our community's identity and branding.

#### Holidays in Bladensburg Recap:

Meal Distribution: The holiday meal distribution was a success, supporting our community during the festive season.

Yule Log: The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Yule Log was magical, and we cannot wait for the next one as we celebrate Bladensburg's longest running event.

Senior Holiday Gala: Our senior citizens enjoyed a memorable holiday gala, bringing joy and celebration to their season.

Shoutout to the Police Department: Kudos to the Bladensburg Police for their incredible Shop with a Cop event, where joyful kids enjoyed holiday shopping with our officers and local agencies. Our favorite part was the special guest appearances, especially from The Grinch.

#### MLK Day Service Event:

Event: MLK Day Service Event in partnership with the Friends of Quincy Run and Washington Rowing School

Date & Time: January 20th, 9:00am to 12:00pm Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Details: Volunteers will work to restore the riparian area of the Waterfront Park, focusing on removing bush honeysuckle along Quincy Run and performing tree maintenance. Please join us for this great community service opportunity as we honor Dr. King's legacy.

#### Exploring Black History in Bladensburg:

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Date & Time: Saturday, February 8, 2:00pm to 4:00pm Location: Bladensburg Community Center.

Details: Experience performances, food, a walkthrough of Black Bladensburg history, and an appearance from the Sankofa Mobile Museum. Don't miss this enriching cultural experience!

#### **Pedestrian Bridge Closure – Bladensburg Waterfront Park:**

Update: The pedestrian bridge at Bladensburg Waterfront Park is currently closed for a redecking project.

Reopening Date: The bridge will reopen on February 7.

#### **General Items**

I thank all the Staff, Council, Students and both Non-profit organizations for their assistance with both Meal Distributions this year. The meal distribution was a success, supporting our community during the festive season.

I also want to thank Staff, Public Works and PD for assisting with the Yule Log: I can't wait for next year.

The Senior Holiday Gala was one to remember. Our senior citizens enjoyed dancing, food and a laugh. We had one of the largest attendances and we are looking forward to next year.

I attended Carecen grand opening January 8, 2025, in Bladensburg. Carecen has been serving the immigrant population for over 40 years with housing assistance, legal assistance and TPS Services. This location is the first one in Prince George's County. I have already spoken to their director to schedule a meeting to see how we can partner with them to better serve our residents.

***Regine R. Watson***