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Town Meetings & Town Community Events

Date Range: 10/1/2024 to 10/31/24

Meeting / Event	Location / Date / Time
Board of Elections Supervisors Meeting	October 1 st and 10 th , 2024, at 3:00 pm
Domestic Violence Awareness Panel	October 5, 2024, at 11:00 am
Legislative Open House	October 11, 2024, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Work Session	October 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm
Town Council Meeting	October 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Growing Green with Pride Event	October 19, 2024, at 9:00 am
Bladensburg Day	October 26, 2024, at 10:00 am
Bladensburg Business Round Table Quarterly 4 Meeting	October 29, 2024, at 8:00 am

Clerk's Department

- Distributed chrome books
- Answered all PIA Request

Town Council Specific Events:

- Legislative Open House, October 11, 2024, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Procurement

RFQ / RFP #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
	Roofing Repair Services	Received 4 quotes. The recommendation to the Council will be on the October Council Agenda.

Grants

Grant #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
CDBG PY 48	Sidewalks Project	Completed and has already been submitted for reimbursement



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CDBG PY 48	Roadway Project	Completed and waiting on a few more forms from contract to submit for reimbursement
CDBGY 48	Bridge Repairs	Contract signed. Forms have been sent to the contractor and will be returned to us shortly. Notice to Proceed has been issued

Human Resources

Event	Date / Time
A second meeting with consultants will be held next week to address the Town's needs.	October 15, 2024

Communications / Social Media

America in Bloom Symposium: September 26-29: Reflecting on our transformative experience at the 2024 America in Bloom Symposium & Awards Celebration in Columbus and Logan, Ohio. Over three enriching days, we engaged in educational sessions, shared innovative ideas, and celebrated community achievements. The Town of Bladensburg and Colmar Manor were recognized for community vitality, showcasing our dedication to vibrant facilities, outdoor spaces and activities. A special shout out to the Town of Edmonston and AIB President Rod Barnes for their award-winning environmental garden program and environmental initiatives! Sending our congrats to District Heights, Hyattsville, and Brentwood for their recognition as well. Our tour of Logan revealed unique gems, including the only pencil sharpener museum in the U.S., all while highlighting the community's commitment to revitalization and pollinators. This year's theme of "Metamorphosis" perfectly encapsulates the growth and transformation we witnessed, from Columbus' evolution to Logan's dedication to butterflies. Thank you to our AIB advisors Connie and Carrie! We're excited about what next year holds.

Domestic Violence Awareness Panel Discussion: October 5: Thank you to everyone who participated in our effort to raise awareness about domestic violence. Special thanks to our panelists and Kaiser Permanente for offering vital resources, health



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screenings, and flu shots. We also appreciate our Town Council and Bladensburg Police Department for their dedication to fostering love and awareness in our community. If you can't attend the discussion, you can watch the livestream on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Let's continue the conversation!

Growing Green with Pride Event: Saturday, October 19: Volunteers needed - community service activated! Fall Bladensburg Growing Green with Pride - A day of fall beautification! - Tree and flower planting

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm Location: Meet at Bladensburg Town Hall Community service hours will be provided, and refreshments will be served! Sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdNMOoobxvIU9.../viewform>

Bladensburg Day Preparation: Work is conducted daily to ensure our Bladensburg Day celebration is revived with an unforgettable experience. We are asking community members to join us for the festivities. Whether it's marching down the road for the parade, engaging attendees with a vendor table, joining us for success with volunteering or decorating your yard for the BOO-tiful Bladensburg contest, your help and participation is greatly appreciated. Gearing up for a gourd time! Saturday October 26.

Promotion of ECO City Farms Beginning Farmer Training Program: CALLING ALL LOCAL ASPIRING AND EMERGING FARMERS! ECO City Farms' Beginning Farmer Training Program is designed to help new farmers gain the educational and practical skills to grow healthy, fresh produce for themselves and their communities. This FREE intensive program includes both hands-on and classroom learning opportunities for adult learners of all ages. Are you interested in becoming part of our next cohort? The 2025 program application period is open until October 30, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET. Visit www.ecocityfarms.org for more information.

Promotion of Election Day: Bladensburg, it's time to take flight to the polls! Election Day is on Tuesday, November 5. Let your voice be heard and vote! Visit www.bladensburgmd.gov for more information on the upcoming election.

Town Signage Upgrades: We are in the process of implementing phase 2 of our town signage upgrades, including Sunnybrook and the Industrial Park, Stay tuned for more content!

General Items



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- I attended my first MCCMA meeting on September 9, 2024. One of the major topics discussed was the SBE involvement in municipal elections. State law authorizes municipalities to manage their own elections, and the county boards cannot exercise that authority. Many municipalities use the county board of elections to assist in their election across the state, but now the state will not provide certain assistances anymore. This does not affect the Town unless we change how we currently hold our elections.
- I registered for both MMCA and IIMC and I am looking forward to attending future meetings as well as registering for different courses.
- On September 12th I attended a Town Hall meeting at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. They discussed the summer staffing plan and the removal of career personnel from the fire department around the county. Residents voiced their concerns and wanted staff levels to be returned to past numbers. The Fire Chief disagrees and believed the plan did not affect response time.
- Attended the Board of Elections Supervisors Meeting on September 24th and October 1, 2024. We finalized the Candidate Handbook: Election Guide and the Internal Policy Manual. The board and staff made changes to the election timelines, looked over campaign finance law and BOSOE Process Policy. At our next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2024, we will finalize a presentation that will be presented to the Council at the October 14th Council meeting.
- I attended my first Ports Town Quarterly Meeting on September 24th and heard from neighboring municipalities. It was refreshing to see how neighboring cities work together for the betterment of all residents.
- I attended the PGCP Fighters & Paramedic Association meeting on October 1, 2024. We were able to attend a mock training session that all firefighters must do. We dressed in fire gear, cut open a car and stood in a burning building. Through it all we were informed about staff shortage in the fire department around Prince George County and the new for funding. It was a great experience.
- Attended the Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee Monthly Meeting on October 2, 2024. We focused on essential budgetary needs and strategic planning for regional public safety programs, which revealed varied budget adjustments for FY 26. There was also a discussion on subernie detection and maintenance programs from UASI grant funding to local budgets. In the round table discussions, participants discussed diverse topics to be discussed in the



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future including school capacity challenges, AI applications, fire department issues, election security and affordable housing.

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