



Town of Bladensburg Town Clerk Report

Town Meetings & Town Community Events

Date Range: 4/1/2025 to 4/30/2025

Meeting / Event	Location / Date / Time
Work Session	April 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm
Town Council Meeting	April 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm
Community Meeting - Let's Talk	April 12, 2025, at 10:00 am
Community Day at Bladensburg Waterfront Park	April 26, 2025, at 11:00 am
Business Roundtable	April 28, 2025, at 12:00 pm
Discover Bostwick: A community Experience	May 3, 2025, at 12:00 pm

Clerk's Department:

Personnel Files Update

All personnel files have been thoroughly updated and organized.

Public Information Act (PIA) Requests

All PIA requests have been addressed and responded to promptly. We are currently collaborating with CivicPlus to implement an online platform for managing future requests, with plans to have the software live on the website before June.

General Code Project

We are working with the Town Attorney and Shuan to finalize the project, ensuring all editorial changes are approved. The goal is to have the updated software fully operational by June.

Election Update

Recommendations regarding the BOSOE and Ethics will be presented to the council for their discretion. Additionally, a Closed Session Ethics Training is scheduled for April 16th, specifically for the BOSOE and Ethics Commission appointees. The session will be conducted by the Town Attorney, who will guide the new appointees through their roles and responsibilities, with time allocated for questions.



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Procurement:

RFQ / RFP #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
RFP- FY 004-2025	Stop Sign Camera Enforcement Program	We received three bids and conducted interviews with all of the bidders. A recommendation will be presented to the Council at the May meeting.
	Vehicle Disposal	All vehicles except one have been sold at auction. The final sale is expected to be completed next week.
RFP 005-2025	Janitorial Services	We have received 38 submissions for this RFP and will present a recommendation to the Council at the May meeting.

Grants:

Grant #	Description	Important Dates / Notes
CDBG PY 50	Sidewalks Project	The RFP has been posted and bids are due back April 25 th .
CDBGY 49	Bridge Repairs (3)	This project has been completed and full reimbursement has been processed.

Human Resources:

Staff has met with the new consultant and provided all necessary documents to ensure they can effectively begin working on HR matters for the town. On April 2nd, an email was sent to all staff informing them that the consultants are now available to assist with any HR-related needs. Currently, the consultants are focused on updating the employee personnel manual, reviewing the town's benefits offerings, and familiarizing themselves with our recruitment process.



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Marketing Department:

1. [Discover Bostwick: A Community Experience](#)

In partnership with the Prince George's County Planning Department, we're inviting residents to **Discover Bostwick**—Bladensburg's oldest surviving structure. This interactive event will feature guided outdoor tours, live music by the Too Much Talent Band, engaging activities, and free ice cream for the first 100 attendees.

Saturday, May 3 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Bostwick House – 3901 48th Street (Parking at Glory Center, 3950 48th Street)
Bring lawn chairs and blankets, and help shape the future of this historic site.

2. [Earth Month in Bladensburg](#)

April is Earth Month, and Bladensburg is celebrating with a full slate of sustainability-focused events:

Tree Plantings (Arbor Day)

- Partnering with Rotary Club District 7620: 50 tree saplings on April 26 & litter pick up
- Collaborating with CKAR & Joe's Movement Emporium: 50+ trees planted mid-April

Community Day at Bladensburg Waterfront Park

April 26 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We're also supporting ECO City Farms and the Town of Edmonston at their Growing Green with ECO event.

Explore ongoing green initiatives at www.bladensburgmd.gov under the *Community > Environmental Sustainability* section.

3. [Soaring Eagle Scholarship - Apply Now](#)

Are you a Bladensburg resident who is a high school senior or current college/trade student with at least a 2.5 GPA? Apply for the **Soaring Eagle Scholarship** before **April 30** for a chance to fund your future.

4. [No Mow April](#)



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Support local pollinators this spring by letting your yard grow wild. Stop by Town Hall to pick up a "No Mow April" yard sign and join the movement.

5. My Bladensburg App – Stay Connected

Have you downloaded the **My Bladensburg App**?

Report issues, track service requests, and stay informed about community updates—all from your phone.

Available now on the Apple Store and Google Play. Requests can also be submitted on our website.

6. Youth Poster Contest – Keep Bladensburg Beautiful

We're calling on Bladensburg youth to design a poster that promotes litter prevention, recycling, and community pride for a chance to win up to \$250 and have their artwork featured around town.

Poster Size: 11x14 inches

Medium: Any (markers, paint, digital art, mixed media)

Deadline: May 16, 2025

Submit entries to Town Hall or email: clerk@bladensburgmd.gov

7. Beautiful Bladensburg Yard Contest

Residents are invited to show off their landscaping skills. Nominate yourself or a neighbor with a beautiful yard by submitting a photo and address to clerk@bladensburgmd.gov by **May 16**.

8. Town Beautification in Progress

In the coming months, expect to see upgrades across town, including new banners and seasonal floral enhancements.

9. Community Meeting – Let's Talk

Couldn't attend a council meeting? Join us for an in-person community meeting to share your ideas and feedback.

Saturday, April 12 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM - Bladensburg Town Hall

10. Bladensburg Business Roundtable



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Business owners are invited to share ideas, network, and discuss the future of Bladensburg's economy.

Monday, April 28 & July 28 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Bladensburg Town Hall

11. [Take a Walk in the Park](#)

Did you know 10 loops around the track at **David C. Harrington Park** equals a mile and burns around 100 calories? Residents are encouraged to enjoy the walking paths and outdoor fitness equipment as part of a healthy lifestyle.

12. [Get Involved - Join a Committee](#)

Help shape the future of your community by joining a town committee. Current openings include:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections
- Green Team
- Patriotic Committee

Apply today at bladensburgmd.gov

13. [Big Belly Trash Can Posters](#)

New posters are being installed in Big Belly trash cans around town. The posters feature a *special* message, so check them out during your next walk around town.

14. [Upcoming Event Planning \(May-July\)](#)

We are currently planning the following events:

- Mental Health Awareness Month Event
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Juneteenth: Paint and Unity
- Bladensburg Fireworks
- Peace Cross 100th Anniversary Ceremony

Stay tuned for more details.

15. [Annual April Fools' Day Tradition](#)



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Lastly, our April Fools' Day tradition continues! Since 2022, we've been engaging our residents with light-hearted pranks that bring a smile.

Check out this year's post on our social media at [@bladensburgmd](#).

General Items:

On April 3rd, I attended the Greenbelt Spring 2025 Economic Development Business Conference at the Crown Plaza Hotel. During the conference, Governor Moore presented Maryland's Economic Development Growth Plan, outlining strategies to drive the state's future progress.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Harry Coker, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce, was joined by a panel of experts who discussed the current economic landscape in Maryland. Topics covered included the state's business work program, strategies for leveraging Maryland's asset-rich economy, and the vital role small businesses play in economic growth. The panel also explored how the state can support small businesses through contracts and growth opportunities.

Another major focus of the conference was the need to attract and retain skilled talent. As the demand for skilled employees grows, the state is working to better connect businesses with the talent they need. The panel, which included representatives from workforce development, state procurement, and affordable housing growth, also discussed various funding opportunities from the SBA, revitalization efforts, and career transit resources.

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