



# Bladensburg Chronicle

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG NEWSLETTER

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# MAYOR'S MEMO

Happy Bladetober!  
After three long years,  
our Town newsletter is  
**BACK!** Our return aligns  
with our 280th  
anniversary, which is  
October 29. The Town of  
Bladensburg is Prince  
George's County's oldest  
municipality, and we are  
excited to celebrate  
history. Stay tuned for  
upcoming events and  
announcements as we  
commemorate this  
monumental moment in  
Bladensburg history. We  
are strong. We are proud.  
We are Bladensburg!

#Blade280

## COUNCIL WING



### MAYOR

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## WARD 1



### COUNCIL MEMBER

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## REMEMBERING DAVID C. HARRINGTON

It is with profound sadness that we share the loss of a Town of Bladensburg family member, former Mayor David C. Harrington. David was the Town's first African American Mayor and served from 1995-2002. In addition, he served the Prince George's County Council and was State Senator for District 47. After leaving public service, he became CEO of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, where he cultivated resources and support for businesses in Prince George's County. He was a wonderful person who continued to offer support for Bladensburg in each of his leadership roles.

"It is such an honor to say I knew someone of that magnitude. He was our Nelson Mandela, because it was always the people first, it was always service first" - Mayor Takisha James

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, the Town of Bladensburg dedicated the newly renovated Town park as 'David C. Harrington Community Park'. We will continue to honor his commitment to the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns community. He truly will be missed.



## 280TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLADENSBURG

On October 29, 1742 when the Maryland General Assembly yielded to the desires of several inhabitants and passed an act to build the Town of Bladensburg, originally called Garrison's Landing. Bladensburg's early history was rich in events and folklore. The Port of Bladensburg was one of the busiest trading centers in all of the colonies. In addition, the Battle of Bladensburg in 1814 and the infamous Bladensburg Dueling Grounds brought national recognition to the Town. The Town was also noted for its many firsts, including the first Balloon Ascent, the first railroad in America, the first Sauropods (dinosaur) fossil found and the first municipality in Prince George's County.

This October, we gather to celebrate this history that is located right in your backyard! We hope to see all of our Bladensburgers at our 280th Anniversary Celebration event #Blade280

### HISTORICAL SITES







## TOWN EVENTS

### Haunting of Town Hall

**BOO!**

Join the Town of Bladensburg for this new sinister experience: **Haunting of Town Hall**. Dive into the depths of **Boruta the Magician's** lair to see what tricks he has up his sleeve. He's ready to conjure up entities for anyone who intrudes. Enter if you dare, you're in for a scare! Find out

**#WhatsInTheHall**

This free Halloween event will feature a **movie in the park**, **trick-or-treat trail**, and a **haunted attraction**; fun for all ages!

See you in the fog...

**Friday, October 14**

Bladensburg Town Hall

6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.

4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710

### 280th Anniversary Celebration

**A golden celebration**

The Town of Bladensburg was first built under authority of the Act of General Assembly of Maryland on October 29, 1742.

Join us for a **GOLDEN** celebration of the 280th anniversary of the Town of Bladensburg. This celebration will feature **live performances, food trucks, amusements, a special finale**, and **MORE!** Wear green!

**Saturday, October 22**

Bladensburg Waterfront Park

3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710

## TOWN NEWS

### Bladensburg Library Branch

Opening Spring 2023

Alluding to the rich maritime heritage of the port town of Bladensburg, architectural references to the dynamic nature of water and its limitless potential are themes carried throughout the new two-story branch library.

Two full-height glass curtain wall systems soar above the streetscape while a continuous masonry band grounds the structure, firmly anchoring it to the site. An abundance of glazing establishes a direct connection with the surrounding neighborhood, allowing pedestrians to glimpse the contemporary interiors of the library while at the same time directing views of the building occupants towards the exterior environment. The new branch library hopes to serve as a catalyst for the community, further advancing the comprehensive vision for redevelopment of the area.

### Bladensburg Trade School in the works

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin presented a \$1 million check at the Bladensburg Town Hall that is congressionally directed spending for a new trade school in Bladensburg, Maryland in collaboration with Ernest Maier!



## CHIEF'S CORNER



A message from your  
Bladensburg Police Department Chief

We hope everyone had a fantastic Summer! The Bladensburg Police Department has increased its efforts of 21st century police engagement and ensuring that safety is a top priority. In August, Sgt. Thompson began training our Town of Bladensburg teachers at seven schools in active shooter response and mass casualty response treatment for children and staff. Every classroom was equipped with a trauma kit so teachers are well prepared and play a role in saving lives.

We're hiring! If your interested in a career in law enforcement we're accepting applications for Police Officers! Apply on indeed or [www.bladensburgmd.gov](http://www.bladensburgmd.gov)

-Chief Tyrone Collington

### Meet **ROCKY**

The Bladensburg Police Department Emotional Support & Service Dog



BLADENSBURG POLICE  
COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

## TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

BLADENSBURG COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
4500 57th Ave, Bladensburg, MD  
20710

5:00PM TO 9:00PM

## BLADENSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES

# 100

## YEARS OF SERVICE

## AUGUST 2, 1922



## BLAZIN' BELL



A message from your volunteer  
Bladensburg Fire Department Chief

September is National Preparedness month. It is critically important to have a plan in the event a disaster strikes. Potential disasters that can impact the Bladensburg area includes flooding, tornadoes, and windstorms. Families and businesses need to have a shelter in place plan, an evacuation plan, and a communications plan for various types of events. It is important to have an emergency preparedness kit for travel to include clothes, cash, food, and maps. Remember if the power goes out in the area, credit cards will not work to purchase fuel, food, or hotels. If you are sheltering in place every person needs to have at least 72 -96 hours of supplies to maintain basic needs until help can arrive.

The Bladensburg Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with Prince Georges County Fire Department will respond to any emergency that we are called for. However, during severe disasters response time can be delayed because of the emergency call volume that will occur. Personal preparedness and planning will help keep everyone safe and potentially reduce overloaded calls so we can reach those in highest priority.

For more information on how to prepare your family and business go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

-Chief Dave Sumner



# PUBLIC WORX

## WASTE, RECYCLING & PICKUP INFORMATION

**MONDAY:** Yard waste must be placed into paper yard waste bags or a trash can marked with an X. Brush has to be tied up in a bundle weighing no more than 25-30LBS per bundle.

**Tuesday:** Household Trash, & building materials generated by homeowners only!

**Wednesday:** Recycling

**Friday:** Household Trash & Bulk Trash

Call (301)773-2069 on Thursday before 2:00 pm for Friday bulk trash pick-up maximum (4) items.

## THE GOLDEN CLUB 2022 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**PURNELL HALL**  
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR

### ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

**NATASHA ADAMS**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

### CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

**KIMBERLY GREENE**  
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

### COMMUNITY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

**CEDRICK TANKSLEY**  
CORPORAL

### INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

**PATRICK THOMPSON**  
SERGEANT

### INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

**MARIA RAMIREZ**  
SERGEANT

### SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

**DARRYL THOMPSON**  
CORPORAL

### OFFICER OF THE YEAR

**JEROLD PICKERING**  
OFFICER

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

The Town of Bladensburg has received approximately \$4.9 million dollars through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Thus far, the Town has spent approximately \$800,000. This includes community assistance programs such as housing rental and mortgage assistance, an upcoming food assistance program for the Thanksgiving holiday, COVID supplies such as masks and test kits, compensation for essential workers who served through pandemic, police vehicles, ShotSpotter technology for public safety, and trauma kits for teachers at Bladensburg schools to use in the event of an emergency. Stay connected for any updates regarding ARPA assistance programs through social media, email blast notices, and the Town website.

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**PAID**  
EDDM Retail

Local  
Postal Customer

## UPCOMING WORK SESSION & COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Monday, November 14**

(The second Monday of every month)

Work session: 5:30p.m.

Council meeting: 7:00pm

Residents may view the meetings via  
Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube.

## COMMUNICATIONS



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