



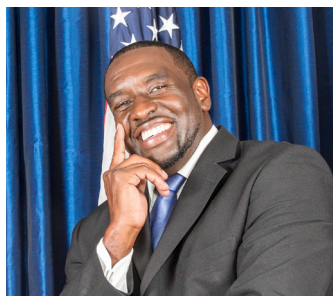
TOWN OF BLADENSBURG NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

FALL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



This is Not Good-bye; it's Just a See you Later



Dear Bladensburg Resident,

I am truly thankful to God for the awesome opportunity to have served as the Mayor of the great Town of Bladensburg. My love and passion for people and our community at-large is what drives me and is at the core of who I am. We are a diverse community that believes that I am because we are. We are a community that strives every day to become a destination that offers superior services and opportunities in a clean and safe environment. This can only be achieved through collaboration and working together for the betterment of our community; and that is what we have done over the years.

I have had the awesome privilege of meeting so many of you, whether it was at your home or talking to you at meetings, or chatting in the hallways of our schools. I can say with great assurance we have the greatest residents in the world. It is just simply amazing how diverse our community has become. I believe because of that, we have become a stronger and more vibrant community. We have an elementary school in our community, where over 40 languages are spoken by students from 26 different countries. What a great learning experience for the students who attend this school.

Now what can I say about the great professionals I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. No leader can accomplish anything of significance without surrounding him or herself with amazing, integral, professional individuals.

I know for a fact, the reason we have been at the forefront of so many initiatives and pioneering efforts, is truly due to the

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great team of professionals who are employed by the Town of Bladensburg; from the Custodian to the Town Administrator, who all work to make our community better and for that I say thank you.

Finally, let me thank my family, starting with my parents, Mr. Walter Lee James, Sr. and Mrs. Lillian V. James. My parents are indeed leaders and have been used by God to shape and mold me into the man I am today. I am thankful to God for allowing me to be born to such awesome parents. To my amazing wife Takisha James and daughter Imani James, who stand beside me and have kept me grounded.

Again, to the great community of Bladensburg, I say thank you. This is not good-bye; it's just a see you later. The Town of Bladensburg will always have a special place in my heart.

With Sincere Love and Appreciation,

Mayor Walter Lee James, Jr.
"Valuing People Over Position"



Frequently Asked CODE Enforcement Questions FAQ's

LISTED BELOW ARE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG CODE ENFORCEMENT'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

1- HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT?

To file a complaint or report any possible code violation or concern, contact Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department at (301)-927-0330 or e-mail code@bladensburg.net

2- DO I NEED A PERMIT?

You must obtain a Prince George's County Building Permit prior to obtaining a Town of Bladensburg Permit.

The Following Items Require Permits:

- Additions
- Decks and Porches
- Driveway, driveway widening or constructing a vehicle parking pad.
- Erecting a shed larger than 150 sq. ft. of floor space or a second storage shed of any size. Size restrictions may apply.
- Fences greater than 4 feet in height (corner lot restrictions may apply)
- New Homes

3- WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SNOW REMOVAL ON THE SIDEWALK AREA?

Property owners or tenants are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their properties within 24 hours after the snow or ice storm has ended.

4- CAN I HAVE AN UNREGISTERED CAR ON MY PROPERTY?

No. **Junked/Unregistered Vehicles** abandoned and unregistered vehicles (includes expired registration), inoperable, dismantled, or partially dismantled or substantially damaged or disabled vehicles may not remain on private property for 48-hours unless in a fully enclosed garage.



BLADENSBURG TOWN OFFICE

is located at 4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

Phone Number: 301-927-7048

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM - 5PM

TRASH SCHEDULE

Garbage, Recycle, Junk & Bulk

TUESDAY

HOUSEHOLD TRASH/ Building Material

containers must be curbside
at 6:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

YARD WASTE/TREES Recycling

NO Plastic Bags Allowed

FRIDAY

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

containers must be curbside at 6:00 a.m.

BULK TRASH

(Appointment Only)
call 301-773-2069 by 2:00pm on Thursday

Residential Leaf Vacuum

Nov. 06st 2017 - Mid Dec. 2017

Requesting Trash/Recycle Containers

Call (301) 883-4748 or (301) 952-7630
Prince George's County handle all of the recycling
within the Town.

Town of Bladensburg provides Trash Container for new residents ONLY.

Call Public Works at (301) 927-1452

For questions, please contact Town of Bladensburg Public Works at email phall@bladensburg.net or call **(301) 927-1452** to schedule. **Call 3-1-1** to report a damaged cart or missed recycle collection.

Town of Bladensburg NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH!



appealing layout. Visitors will notice the site is laid out to maximize accessibility and is broken into six primary main menu categories, **1) About Us, 2) Government, 3) Residents, 4) Business, 5) Public Safety, 6) Contact Us 7) How Do I? The brand new feature, How Do I?** was added to the main menu bar to make it easier to quickly access information, find answers, and find resources. This will also connect visitors to immediate answers to their questions; with links to not only Town agencies, but County and State agencies as well.

The launch of the new site showcases the Town's historic attractions, assets, builds recognition for the community as a place to live, do business, visit and invest in; and promotes the Town's as a competitive marketplace in the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area.

In the upcoming months, we will continue to expand the scope of information and services available throughout the newly redesigned website.

Visit the NEW website at www.bladensburgmd.gov

BladensburgMD.gov is a brand new site designed to be an interactive, easy to navigate networking system where residents, businesses and visitors can access up-to-date news, find information on services provided by the Town, learn about upcoming events, meetings; and much, much more.

The new site was enhanced to improve navigation; organize content more efficiently; and provide a clean, visually

PET WASTE Station *Locations in Town...*



As a part of Prince George's County's Department of Environment's (DOE) Pet Waste Management initiative, new pet waste stations have been installed in Bladensburg. Bladensburg Public Works has successfully installed seven Pet Waste station in the Town of Bladensburg. The new Pet Waste station can be found:

- 1- at the intersection of Spring Road & 54th Place
- 2- 5100 Block of Quincy Street
- 3- 5400 Block of Tilden Road
- 4- 5700 Block of Emerson Street
- 5- 4100 Block of 56th Avenue
- 6- 4200 Block of 58th Avenue
- 7- 4500 Block of 57th Avenue



Each station will provide residents with bags to #scoopthepoop, as well as a lined receptacle to dispose of the used bags. The waste will then be collected and dropped at nearest landfill. Please be careful to wrap your pet's poop so that it does not spill in the trash cans.

The new doggie bag stations have been installed to encourage

residents to pick up after their pet and properly disposing the waste in these new pet waste stations.

Do you know of an area in the Town of Bladensburg that can really use a pet waste station? Please call Public Works at (301) 927-1452 or e-mail phall@bladensburg.net

Please be sure to **#DoYourDoody_Bladensburg**

DIRECTORY

BLADENSBURG TOWN HALL
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

MAIN NUMBER
301-927-7048
info@bladensburg.net

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday to Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENTS

Town Administrator.....dsandlin@bladensburg.net
Town Clerk.....pmcauley@bladensburg.net
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Code Enforcement.....code@bladensburg.net
Public Safetypolice@bladensburg.net
Public Works.....phall@bladensburg.net
Marketing Coordinator.....cdureke@bladensburg.net

Bladensburg TNI Holiday Decoration *Contest!*

The 2017 Holiday decoration contest is to recognize and show appreciation to the residents of Bladensburg for an outstanding job at decorating their homes during the holidays.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any resident within the Town of Bladensburg is eligible for the Holiday Decorations Contest. There are two categories. One for residential homes, and one for apartment homes with a balcony ONLY.

HOW DOES THE JUDGING WORK?

WHEN: The week of December 18, 2017
(6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

WHO: The Judges include a Town of Bladensburg resident, a community outreach stakeholder; and one Town of Bladensburg employee.

WHAT: Judging criteria will include...

- (a) How does it look overall?
- (b) Does it make you say "WOW"?
- (c) Unique design, creative use of lights/decorations
- (d) Storyline and/or unique theme
- (e) Display, placement of decorations, animated objects, etc.

HOW DO I NOW IF I HAVE WON?

You will be notified as soon as judging is over.

WHAT DO I WIN?

**\$100.00 Walmart Gift Card
& Bragging Rights!**

Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. This decoration contest focuses on the front yards/roofs and balconies only. Residents can only win once every two years. Decoration committee members can't win.



For More Information Contact:
(301) 927-0330 or e-mail
code@bladensburg.net

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

Barbara Givens

Finding Hope in Serving Others



Seniors Guardian Angel Transforming Christian Counseling Services (GATCCS) is a nonprofit organization, comprised primarily of domestic violence victims, veterans, re-entry, new immigrants and senior citizens who are looking to join the workforce. GATCCS provides hope with transforming job readiness, job placement training and workshops for unemployed/underemployed individuals.

The workshops also include computer access, list of available jobs, interview techniques, proper interview dress, attitude transformation, resumes assistance, job placement, community services hours, role playing, writing cover letters, resumes and so much more.

"Recently, GATCCS has seen an influx of people who want to get their GED's.", says Barbara Givens, who runs GATCCS. The program assists participants from transportation to Prince Georges Community College to sign up for their GED, to preparation to take the GED.

The program is offered primarily to Town of Bladensburg residents but open to individuals living in surrounding communities. The free Workshops are held every Wednesday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Bladensburg Community Center.



GATCCS, graduation ceremony at Elizabeth Seton High School.

MAYOR & Town Council

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Town Administrator

Debi Sandlin
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Council Member Mendoza
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Bostwick House Restoration Project



The Town of Bladensburg and its partners, the Aman Memorial Trust and the University of Maryland's Historic Preservation Program, are embarking on an exciting project to document and restore the large brick buttress on the south end of the 1746 Bostwick House on 48th St. and to restore the house's front porches. The buttress at Bostwick is a very unusual structural feature for a mid-18th-century domestic dwelling. Thus, it deserves careful study and restoration.



1890

2014

In 2012, the roof of the buttress was totally destroyed during a microburst weather event. This powerful storm lifted the entire roof structure off the buttress, which was built in the late 18th century to help support the south wall of the main house, and carried it out into the rear yard where it struck a tree and

disintegrated. The interior of the buttress is now fully exposed to the weather and the east side of the buttress recently collapsed.

The buttress project will be carried out in two phases: careful deconstruction and documentation, and then rebuilding and restoration. The Town is currently finalizing the plans and permits to proceed with the work; in the meantime, students from Preservation Program helped to clean up the collapsed east wall. The porch restoration will be completed concurrently with the buttress work, and both projects will be open so that the public can observe the ongoing work.



The restoration of the buttress and porches represents the last major project needed to complete work on the building's exterior envelope, and will allow us to reopen the site for community use and activities.

For more information, please contact Donald Linebaugh via e-mail at dwline@umd.edu or Pat McAuley at pmcauley@bladensburg.net



Upcoming Town MEETINGS/EVENTS

Mayor & Council Worksession

Monday, October 09, 2017

5:30 PM

at Bladensburg Town Hall

Mayor & Council Meeting

Monday, October 09, 2017

7:00 PM

at Bladensburg Town Hall

Fall Fright Frenzy

Saturday, October 28, 2017

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

at Bladensburg Community Center

- Trick-or-Treat for All Ages
- Costume Skate Party for the Teens
- Job Resource Information for Adults

Mayor & Council Worksession

Monday, November 13, 2017

5:30 PM

at Bladensburg Town Hall

Mayor & Council Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017

7:00 PM

at Bladensburg Town Hall

Veterans' Day - Town Offices CLOSED

Friday, November 10, 2017

Thanksgiving - Town Offices CLOSED

Thursday, November 23 - Friday, 24 2017

For More information, please contact Town Hall at 301-927-7048 or e-mail info@bladensburg.net

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**You must have an e-mail address*

JOIN TOWN OF BLADENSBURG MAILING LIST!

Our goal is to keep you informed about the Town of Bladensburg. You will receive notifications on upcoming meetings, job opportunities, road work and repairs, and announcements on important issues impacting the Town.



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BLADENSBURGM
TO 22828**

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**JUST SEND
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TEXT
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TO RECEIVE EMAILS THAT SHOW YOU WHAT IS GOING ON IN AND AROUND THE TOWN ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

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Step 1: Text **BladensburgMD**

Step 2: To phone number **22828**

Step 3: Hit Send

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Step 5: Reply to the message with your e-mail address. You will receive a final message from the Town of Bladensburg that says,

“Thanks! You are now subscribed to Town of Bladensburg mailing list. Please watch your email for our Weekly E-blasts, Alerts and Community Notifications.”