



Council Member Jocelyn Route

Town of Bladensburg

Ward 1



To: Town of Bladensburg Residents, Staff, and Town Council
From: Council Member Jocelyn Route, MSW
cc: Acting Town Administrator Rich Charnovich
Date: May 8, 2023
Re: April Council Report – Ward 1

I have participated in the following activities throughout the month of March-Present:

- ❖ Attended National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Board Meeting
- ❖ Provided Bladensburg Residents information on Town of Bladensburg updates in an in-person Town Hall Meeting. IN attendance were 38 Bladensburg Ward 1 Residents to include high school age youth, Prince George's County Council Member Jolene Ivey (District 5), Prince George's County Board of Education Member Shayla Adams-Stafford (District 4), and Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy
- ❖ Met with Community Members regarding Warm Night shelter concerns
 - Thank you to all of the residents that have continued to reach out to me regarding this project that was slated to come to the Town of Bladensburg at the Central Baptist Church located at 5412 Annapolis Road.
 - I have received updates from Prince George's County Council Member Jolene Ivey regarding Bladensburg continuing to be considered for a family shelter site. The Warm Night Shelter that was recently included in the FY24 County Council Budget has been placed on hold. The Director of Prince George's County Department of Central Services, Jonathan R. Butler is to work with County Council Member Krystal Oriadha (District 7) as discussed and agreed upon in the Prince George's County Budget work sessions.
- ❖ Participated in Council of Governments Policy Meeting
- ❖ Disseminated County Executive Angela Alsobrooks Faith Forward Scholarship
- ❖ Attended the Town of Bladensburg
- ❖ Reviewed MML Municipal Annexation Handbook
- ❖ Participated in Planning Sessions for the Bladensburg Mental Health Awareness Day
- ❖ Corresponded with Hillcrest Living/Quincy Ave (Schweb Management) regarding various Resident concerns
- ❖ Conducted Outreach regarding Town of Bladensburg ARPA Hardship and Rental Assistance as well as Business Assistance
- ❖ Attended Elizabeth Seaton's Hispanic-Latino Businesses Roundtable
- ❖ Participated in MML Video Shoot with the Town Council
- ❖ Attended and participated in FY24 Budget Meetings



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- ❖ Attended the Elizabeth Seton Small Business Expo where Young Women who are students at Elizabeth Seton High School and included
- ❖ Surveyed Ward 1 Pepco Lights that were out or areas that are not well lit and submitted the information to Pepco. The submitted list includes:
 - Ward 1 light out 822402-2883 vz3449
 - Ward 1 Poll Number 822403 0756 3413 Corner of 55th Ave & Taussig Rd.
 - Ward 1 4200 blk 54st---dark no lighting PEPCO Poll 82040373234 Vz7223
 - Lightbulb out 8214034226 824653 Poll corner of 54th /Taussig
 - 4303 54th Street and Tilden Rd. Pepco 820403-7086 Peo871713
 - 54th street and Upshur 820403-7095 Pedestrian struck @ 9pm on 4/4/23

There are a host of areas within Ward 1 where there are street lights that are only on one side of the street or the trees are taller than the street light and cause reduced lighting. Dimly lit areas within Bladensburg can create an environment that is conducive to criminal activity. Poor lighting can make it easier for criminals to hide and can make it more difficult for law enforcement officials to see and respond to incidents. Dimly lit areas can reduce visibility, making it more difficult for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians to see potential hazards such as potholes, debris, or other obstructions on the road. This can increase the risk of accidents and injuries.

The Town Council should consider taking the Ward 1 lighting up as a Bladensburg Initiative to improve the safety and security of all residents and visitors.

- ❖ Surveyed Ward 1 regarding noise complaints and called Police Department non-emergency through dispatch due to a person experiencing a medical emergency

I continue to serve by doing my absolute best on behalf of Bladensburg, Residents, Businesses and Staff.

All My Best,

Jocelyn Route, Council Member
"The People's Council Woman"