

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY MEMO



January 2024

Dear Town Council, Residents, Business owners, and Employees of the Town of Bladensburg;

Happy New Year! It has been a busy six months with the Town of Bladensburg. Here are some things that you can expect in the new year!

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

- **CDBG Bridge Repairs and Sidewalk Project:** In December, the Town officially received PY48R CDBG funds for the repairs to small bridges and sidewalk additions and replacement.
- **New Town Hall Design Charettes:** In Spring 2024, the Town will begin a public input and design process for a new Town Hall.
- **Bostwick House:** The beginning of Stabilizing repairs to the Bostwick House and implementing the Technical Assistance Panel with the Urban Land Institute.
- **Entryway Signage:** The installation of new Town entryway signage and continued work by the Beautification Team

Flood Channel Project Update: The County and Town will enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to begin the design and further public input process. The County will begin to work with residents to obtain Rights of Entry (ROE) so that they can start the planning and evaluation process to develop design models. The Town will work on this project with the County and Clean Water Partnership. We expect that the overall project will take until 2026.



Connected Devices Grant: We recently received a grant that provides “free” computers to low-income households. There are specific criteria that must be met, and there is a limit of only one device per household. More information and distribution dates will be released shortly.



Security Camera Reimbursement Program: The Town Council established a program funded with \$50,000 in ARPA funds. The program reimburses residents to install security cameras that can be shared with the Police Department. This is estimated to assist 50 households in each ward. *Please make sure to apply today!*

Business Roundtables: The Town has begun the quarterly business Roundtable for 2024, and the first meeting will occur on January 30 at 8 AM at Town Hall. These meetings will connect members of the business community and encourage information sharing. If you are interested in attending, please email business@bladensburgmd.gov

Port Town Sector Plan: On December 6, 2023, there was a kick-off meeting for the Port Town Sector Plan; this is important because Sector plans are updated every 10 to 15 years to help gauge and determine future development and growth in the area. The Town of Bladensburg will work with Colmar

Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston to determine common goals and objectives; your assistance will help us shape this vital report.

Community Events in 2024: Attached to this memo is a list of Town and Police Department events that will occur in the 2024 Calendar Year.



Need a new job? The Town of Bladensburg has two new [open positions](#) on our website. We are seeking candidates for our Assistant Town Administrator (Town Clerk) and Deputy Town Clerk. These positions will close on **February 2, 2024.**

Again, Happy New Year!

Best Regards,
Michelle Bailey-Hedgepeth
Town Administrator