



TOWN OF **BLADENSBURG** EST. MARYLAND 1742

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY REPORT - September 2023

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

Happy Fall! As the seasons change, staff has worked hard on various projects.



September 2023: Projects and Activities:

Green Initiatives: In preparation for the Town's Sustainability certification renewal, we have been working on a few items to place Bladensburg at the forefront of Maryland Communities. Below are some items that the staff has been working to implement;

- **Need a Tree?** The Town has partnered with CKAR on a Tree planting project to provide shade in urban areas. Here is a link to the Flyer that outlines the trees available and how you can have them planted on your property.
- **Grant Submitted for Rain Barrels:** The Town has been working with a community partner on a joint project to fund and teach residents how to install Rain barrels at their residences.
- **WE NEED YOU! Join the Green Team!** As part of our sustainability project, we will need your help on our Green Team. Members assist the Town in making Green Policy decisions and help us to spread the word about our events and initiatives.
- **New Charing Station Update (PEPCO):** The newly installed rapid charging station is in progress; we have contacted Pepco to set up a date for a small ribbon cutting this fall. This will add two more charging spaces to the Town Hall and allow vehicles to charge faster than our existing stations.

Flood Channel Project: We are working on this project, and the next meeting date will be announced shortly. We are working hard with the County to provide information on the flood channel project.

We are Hiring! I need your help; please promote that we are hiring. We have gotten some applications, but the response has been minimal. We continue to post this notice in our online newsletter, and I reached out to Employ Prince on social media that the Town is hiring for our Public Works teams. If you know anyone who may be interested in a part-time position, please let us know.

Business Area Beatification Team (PW): An item was approved on the September Council meeting; the concept is hiring part-time labor to enhance our current public works teams during the fall and spring to give us some additional "people-power" as we close the year. ARPA funds will fund this vital project. This team will focus on commercial corridors to spruce up our curb appeal. Some work has already started!

Reminder! Security Camera Reimbursement Program: The Town started advertising the program in early August, and information is on the website. We have also posted announcements on the Town's social media. The program is funded with \$50,000 in ARPA funds. This is estimated to assist 50 households in each ward. Please make sure to apply today!

Upcoming Event Reminders:

Town of Bladensburg:

- The Haunting of Town Hall - Friday, October 13, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- Green up / Clean up: Saturday, October 21, 2023 – 8 AM - 1 PM, locations TBD
- Bladefest - Saturday, October 28, Bladensburg High School – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway – November 18, Bladensburg High School 9 am – 12 pm
- Yule Log – December 1, 2023
- Senior Gala – December 6, 2023

I want to thank so many of you for your support over the last few months. We are working to make the Town better and more efficient.

If you have any issues, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth
Town Administrator