TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | OCTOBER 12, 2026

October 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

AGENDA

Public Access Virtual via live stream of the Town's Facebook and YouTube pages:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCofIhVTBelD3c9oH8GYSW0g

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1. **Call to Order – 1 min**
2. **Opening Prayer – 2 min**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance – 1 min**
4. **Approval of Agenda – 1 min**
5. **Presentations**
   - **A.** Hispanic Heritage Month Presentations - 5 min
   - **B.** Patriotic Committee- Renee Greene - 5 min
6. **Approval of Minutes**
   - **A.** Approval of town council session - Sept 14, 2026 - 1 min
7. **Public Comments**
8. Work Session Recap
   - **A.** MOU Discussion - 1 min
   - **B.** Town Hall Discussion - 1 min
   - **C.** Community Garden - 1 min
   - **D.** Composting - 1 min
   - **E.** FAMLI Discussion – 1 min
9. **Financial Business**

A. Retention Grant Budget Amendment Ordinance 02-2027 - 3 min

B. Vehicles Budget Amendment Ordinance 03-2027 - 5 min

10. New Business

A. Shepard Energy Resolution 13-2027 - 5 min

B. Amend the Town Code to add new streets and expand designated no-parking areas to ensure the stop sign cameras have a clear line of sight - 5 min

C. Civility Pledge - 5 min

11. Staff Reports (3 minutes each)

Treasurer; Public Safety and Code Enforcement; Town Clerk; Public Works; Town Administrator

A. Treasurer - 3 min

B. Public Safety and Code Enforcement - 3 min

C. Public Works - 3 min

D. Town Administrator/Town Clerk - 3 min

12. Mayor and Council Reports (3 minutes each)

Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1 - 3 min

Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1 - 3 min

Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2 - 3 min

Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2 - 3 min

Mayor Takisha James - 3 min

13. Adjournment

Town of Bladensburg Council Meeting | September 14, 2026

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026, 7:00 PM
4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710, US

1. Call To Order

The Mayor called the Town of Bladensburg Council Meeting to order on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710.

2. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Council Member Kalisha Dixon.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Takisha James.

4. Approval Of Agenda

Prior to the vote, the Mayor noted that Ms. Renne Green of the Patriotic Committee was present for a presentation, and that public comment would follow approval of the minutes. The agenda was approved as amended.

> Motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Trina Brown and seconded by Council Member Carrol McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval Of Minutes

a. Approval Of July 13, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

> Motion to approve the July 13, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Council Member McBryde and seconded by Council Member Marilyn Blount. The motion carried unanimously.

Before proceeding to public comment, the Mayor paused to inform the community of the passing of Ivan Fuentes, a Public Works employee of ten years, who passed away the previous evening. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence and encouraged residents to show support to the Public Works team in the days ahead.

Public Comment

Three residents addressed the Council during public comment.

Marlon Cruz expressed gratitude for the work session discussion on community engagement related to immigration enforcement. He thanked town leadership for their responsiveness and the appointment of a police liaison. Mr. Cruz urged continued outreach to Spanish-speaking residents and requested that police officers

activate body cameras during any interactions with federal immigration enforcement, even when no resident has placed a call for service, in order to preserve a record of such interactions.

Susan McCutchen, a Spring Road resident, raised concerns about data collection practices, the use of flock cameras, and the proliferation of hyperscale data centers. She urged the Council to remain transparent with the public regarding ICE enforcement activity in the community, including publishing relevant statistics in the town newsletter. Ms. McCutchen encouraged civic engagement and grassroots opposition to hyperscale data center development.

Ms. Sarah expressed deep concern about the impact of federal immigration enforcement activity on the community, noting the ripple effects on families and residents' sense of safety. She asked what the town could do to protect community members who feel "terrorized" by ICE.

The Mayor acknowledged the comments and directed residents to the work session recording for additional context on the town's ongoing ICE-related discussions, noting that community meetings with town staff would continue.

6. Work Session Review/Summary

a. Composting Contract Discussion

Town Administrator Wood reported that the Council agreed during the work session to continue the composting contract on a month-to-month basis for the next 30 days. This approach would allow staff to develop a framework with guidelines and benchmarks to present back to the Council to determine the program's viability and sustainability without interrupting service.

b. Hampton Woods Update

The Hampton Woods pilot program agreement is currently under review by the counterparty's legal team. The Town Administrator anticipates bringing a finalized agreement before the Council in October.

c. 52 Ave State And Town Partnership Discussion And MOU Review

The Town Administrator described the 52nd Avenue discussion as "very fruitful," thanking Senator Augustine, Derek Gunn, and Council members for a robust conversation. The MOU is expected to be finalized and brought before the Council in October following legal review.

d. Ice/Community Engagement Discussion

Town Administrator Wood acknowledged and thanked community partners for their leadership on ICE-related community engagement. He noted that meetings have been occurring approximately once a month on an ad hoc basis, and that Sergeant Ramirez has maintained additional ongoing contact. Commander Daniel Frishkorn added that formal community meetings were held on June 30th and August 28th, and offered to share guidance from the Attorney General's office along with an overview of state and county laws governing police interaction with ICE at the next meeting.

e. Evergreen Cemetery Partnership Presentation

The Town Administrator expressed enthusiasm for the Evergreen Cemetery partnership, noting it is expected to be a fruitful collaboration for the Public Works department over the coming year.

Following the Work Session Review, Ms. Renne Green of the Patriotic Committee was invited to present.

Ms. Renne Green reported on the successful 25th anniversary 9/11 memorial ceremony, during which the 25 names of Prince George's County victims were read aloud and a flag was placed for each. She noted that all memorials have been cleaned up, credited Ed Day and his team, and announced the next event will be Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th. Ms. Green also reported that the Bostwick cannonball, previously thought to be missing, has been located and secured. The Mayor expressed gratitude for the ceremony and shared a moving account of a local family lost in the Pentagon crash.

7. New Business

a. MEDCO Agreement And Motion To Direct

Laurie Babb, Director of Strategic Project Development at MEDCO (Maryland Economic Development Corporation), presented on the scope of a consulting services agreement. MEDCO, described as a nonprofit instrumentality of the state, would manage an Economic and Land Use Study for Greater Bladensburg, including a market analysis and comprehensive land use vision plan for the Bladensburg Waterfront and downtown core. A third-party consulting firm would be procured via a competitive RFP process. The Mayor clarified that all grant funds flow directly to MEDCO from the state — not through the town — and that MEDCO bears responsibility for project management, grant administration, and reporting. The total budget is capped at $200,000, with MEDCO's monthly consultation fee drawing from that amount.

Council Member Dixon asked whether the $54,000 in MEDCO fees was fixed or could increase if the project extended beyond six months. Ms. Babb confirmed the budget is "not to exceed $200,000" and that she would work to complete the project within six months. She confirmed the remainder of the budget would flow to the third-party consultant through a competitive bid process.

Council Member Brown raised questions about administrative reporting burdens, which Ms. Babb confirmed MEDCO would handle entirely. Town Administrator Wood (Jared Hawkins) added that any unused grant funds would revert to the Maryland state budget.

> Motion to direct the Mayor to execute a consulting services agreement with the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) for an Economic and Land Use Study for Greater Bladensburg was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

b. New Flagging Agreement/Partnership With John O'Conner

Based on the work session discussion, the Council expressed significant reservations about this unsolicited proposal. Concerns raised included the fee-on-fee structure for collections, the age of outstanding citations, the cost-effectiveness compared to existing in-house capacity, and the legal implications of practices such as wage garnishment and property liens. The Council agreed not to take a vote for or against proceeding, but rather to forward the proposal to Town Attorney for legal sufficiency review. The Attorney's marked-up analysis, along with input from the Chief, Treasurer, and Town Administrator, will inform a future discussion on whether to move forward.

c. Resolution 05-2027 Speed-Monitoring System

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 05-2027, which establishes school zones on town highways within 0.5 miles of a school. Commander Frishkorn clarified that a previous resolution had named schools in town but had not formally established school zones as required by the Maryland Transportation Article for the new stop sign camera program — this resolution corrects that gap.

The Mayor requested clarification on signage. Commander Frishkorn confirmed that approximately 15 signs have been procured, but their installation was delayed due to public works being off. The warning period for stop sign enforcement will not begin until proper signage is posted. Council Member Blount raised a constituent concern about receiving a citation while following a crossing guard's direction; Commander Frishkorn explained that all citations are reviewed and approved by an officer before issuance and that an ombudsperson is available to review disputed tickets. Council Member Brown raised a question about which roads fall under town versus state jurisdiction; Commander Frishkorn explained that cameras on state roads require additional permitting through the State Highway Administration, while town roads are handled independently based on traffic studies.

> Motion to approve Resolution 05-2027, a Resolution to Establish School Zones on Town Highways within 0.5 Mile of a School Zone, was made by Council Member Dixon and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution 06-2027 Grant With MNCAPP

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 06-2027, a resolution of the Town of Bladensburg in support of an application to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAC) program for the Bostwick Site Master Plan Project. The resolution is required as a component of a complete grant application. During discussion, the Mayor proposed adding "and historic house" to the fourth "whereas" clause referencing a "multiuse event center," noting that the broader

language better positions the town for future state and federal historic preservation funding. The amendment was accepted by the Council.

> Motion to approve Resolution 06-2027, as amended to reference the "multiuse event center and historic house," was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Resolution 07-2027 Contract Colassal Award Contract

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 07-2027, awarding a contract to Colossal Contractors, Inc. for painting, pointing of brickwork, and other façade improvements at the historic Bostwick House. He noted the contractor has prior experience working on both the Bostwick House and Outhouse. The project is funded through a bond bill, not town operating funds. A minor clerical correction was noted by Council Member Brown — a reference to the previous town administrator was misplaced between pages — and was incorporated before the vote.

> Motion to approve Resolution 07-2027, awarding a contract to Colossal Contractors, Inc. for painting, pointing of brickwork, and other façade improvements at the historic Bostwick House, was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Resolution 08-2027 Revised Agreement For Port Towns Bus

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 08-2027, which finalizes the transfer of the Port Towns community bus program from Calmore Manor to the Town of Bladensburg. He noted that the vast majority of ridership — estimated at approximately 90% — consists of Bladensburg residents, and that the town already handles most operational costs. Under the agreement, rather than paying the $9,000 residual bus value upfront, the town will draw down that cost through Calmore Manor's ongoing ridership. Two part-time employees will transfer to town payroll effective October 1st. Treasurer Vito Tinelli noted the additional payroll burden (FICA and pension contributions of approximately 22%) can be absorbed within the existing $60,000 transportation budget, as the town was already effectively funding those costs through billings from Calmore Manor.

Council Member Brown asked about the long-term direction of the program. Town Administrator Wood confirmed that taking on operations is "step one," to be followed by a utilization and cost-effectiveness analysis before the end of FY 2026. Council Member Blount noted she has already reviewed two months of ridership data and intends to develop a structured schedule. The Council acknowledged that other free transit options for seniors exist countywide and that the program's continuation into FY 2028 will depend on that analysis.

> Motion to approve Resolution 08-2027, finalizing the revised agreement for the Port Towns bus program, was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

g. Resolution 09-2027 Façade Improvement Grants

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 09-2027, authorizing the Town of Bladensburg to execute an agreement for services with Common Resilience Partnership in support of the Façade Improvement Program, administered on behalf of the Bladensburg Community and Commercial Enterprises (BCCE). The town is acting as financial receiver of the grants, while Common Resilience handles facilitation, outreach, and reporting. The Town Administrator noted that passage here is the first step, and all such resolutions will subsequently go before the BCCE board for final approval.

> Motion to approve Resolution 09-2027, authorizing execution of an agreement for services with Common Resilience Partnership in support of the Façade Improvement Grants program, was made by Council Member McBryde and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion carried unanimously.

h. Resolution 10-2027 Operational Award, Wayfinding Grant

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 10-2027, a similarly structured agreement with Common Resilience Partnership for the $300,000 Wayfinding Grant, with a monthly administrative cost of $1,500 for six months. As with Resolution 09-2027, the town acts as grant recipient and fiscal agent for BCCE, and the resolution will proceed to the BCCE board following passage.

Council Member Brown asked about the source of the monthly fees. Town Administrator Wood clarified that there are two funding pools: a $37,500 operational grant from the state, and a $15,000 contribution from each

participating town. The monthly fees for the Façade and Wayfinding agreements would draw from the state operational grant, while day-to-day BCCE administration ($3,600/month) is covered by the town contributions. The $400 monthly cap on hours applies only when staff reach maximum billable hours, and actual charges are expected to be less in most months.

Council Member Dixon asked for clarification on language in the resolution stating that the specific grant award identification was "pending confirmation." Town Administrator Wood confirmed the $37,500 has been received, but that the formal grant reference number from the issuing agency has not yet been issued; it is expected by the end of the month.

> Motion to approve Resolution 10-2027, authorizing execution of an agreement with Common Resilience Partnership for the Operational Award and Wayfinding Grant, was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

i. Resolution 12-2027 Common Resilience Partners Agreement

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 12-2027, authorizing the Town of Bladensburg, acting as fiscal agent for the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, to execute an agreement with Common Resilience Partnership for organizational development, administrative support, and services. This resolution covers the day-to-day functioning of BCCE, including board meeting coordination, inter-town communications, management of current grants, and identification and pursuit of future grant opportunities.

> Motion to approve Resolution 12-2027, authorizing execution of an agreement with Common Resilience Partnership for organizational development and administrative support services on behalf of the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

j. Resolution 11-2027 Annex Floormax Flooring Award

Town Administrator Wood presented Resolution 11-2027, awarding a flooring contract to Floor Max for the police department annex. Multiple quotes were solicited, and Floor Max was selected as offering the best value. The contract amount is $15,233.89. Commander Frishkorn noted that Public Works had already performed renovation work in the space, reducing overall costs. The new flooring will cover the main area and all offices, improving the working environment used for training, roll call, and citation review.

> Motion to approve Resolution 11-2027, awarding a flooring contract to Floor Max for the police annex in the amount of $15,233.89, was made by Council Member Dixon and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion carried unanimously.

k. Ordinance 01-2027 Updated Town Code

Code Enforcement Supervisor Roger Rinehart provided background on the ordinance. The town entered into a codification services agreement with General Code in 2019, which stalled in 2020 due to attorney questions and staffing changes. The project was revived in 2023 and completed in August 2026. The updated Town Code will be posted to the town website, enabling digital search of all codes. Physical copies will remain available in the Town Clerk's office for residents without internet access.

During discussion, Council Member Brown flagged a proposed change on page 48, Chapter 14 (Elections), Section 141(d), which would change the absentee ballot application deadline from 7 days prior to the election to 14 days prior. The Council expressed concern that shortening the submission window could disenfranchise residents, including seniors. Neither Mr. Rinehart nor Town Administrator Wood could immediately identify the rationale for the change; it is believed to have been recommended by General Code. The consensus of the Council was to revert that provision to the original 7-day deadline, as it affords residents more time to submit applications. All other language updates — including references to "board of supervisors of elections" and corrections from "city code" to "town code" — were accepted without objection.

> Motion to approve Ordinance 01-2027, an Ordinance Adopting a Revision and Codification of the Ordinances of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, with the amendment reverting the absentee ballot application deadline to 7 days prior to the election, was made by Council Member Dixon and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Staff Reports (3 Minutes Each)

a. Treasurer

Treasurer Vito Tinelli reported that activity through August has been limited, as staff are focused on closing out FY 2026 and preparing documentation for the annual audit. He noted that FY 2026-related transactions can take 30 to 60 days to run through the system and must be booked to the correct fiscal year. Mr. Tinelli also reported attending the MACO conference and noted an upcoming Maryland GFOA conference. He shared that an unexpected $500,000 property tax payment was received the prior week, ahead of the major October remittance, which has improved cash flow. Budget amendments are anticipated for the October meeting.

Mr. Tinelli also offered personal condolences regarding Ivan Fuentes, noting that they, along with several other current staff members, had all started with the town together in FY 2017.

b. Public Safety And Code Enforcement

Commander Frishkorn reported that violent crime was down approximately 6.5% and property crime down approximately 40% for the July–August period, with property crime down 18% year-to-date. Staff attended a retail theft summit at National Harbor; shoplifting was identified as a prevalent offense during the period, with multiple arrests and trespass postings made. The department conducted 16 community engagement events between July and August, including the 4th of July celebration, Coffee with a Cop, Ice Cream with a Cop, and National Night Out. Upcoming events include Bladensburg Day on October 3rd and Trunk or Treat on October 23rd at 6:00 PM.

A new officer, Adam Rubenstein, has been hired and has begun his onboarding, with comparative compliance training next month and field deployment approximately one month after that. Significant officer training was completed during the period, including supervisory and mandated training. Two patrol vehicles remain in the upfitting process; the department is evaluating alternative upfitters for future procurements. Notable highlights include the Bladensburg Honor Guard presenting colors at an Orioles game (televised), the hosting of an honor guard school for allied agencies, and the hosting of an investigator training school.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Rinehart reported 14 grass violations issued, 88 signs removed from poles and rights-of-way, and 114 abandoned vehicles identified year-to-date (4 impounded). Apartment inspections are ongoing, with several units identified as having longstanding violations. Staff assisted with National Night Out, fireworks, the Back to School Jam, road line painting, and a cleanup on the Quincy Street side in partnership with State Highway and Public Works. Mr. Rinehart encouraged residents to use the Gov Pilot complaint platform, noting an average closure time of approximately 3 days.

c. Public Works

In the absence of Public Works Director Purnell Hall, Town Administrator Wood highlighted that the Public Works team installed the first tranche of new street signs, completing a major effort initiated by the February 2026 Council vote. The second phase of signs (totaling approximately $66,000) is being ordered, with installation targeted before the ground freezes. The team has also volunteered to hang lights and assist with preparations for the upcoming American Bloom event.

d. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Wood reported a productive and event-filled summer. Highlights included the completion of the budgeting course in partnership with Prince George's Community College (with interpreters present), and the wrapping up and launching of several grants. The RFP for PY51 is expected to go out at the end of the week; the grant covers pedestrian infrastructure work on 52nd, 54th, and 55th streets, with potential sidewalk extensions, totaling $188,000. A grant extension request is anticipated, as winter conditions will likely delay construction. The Town Administrator previewed that the October work session will focus heavily on internal operations, including policies, SOPs, and budget modifications, in preparation for the holiday season and the upcoming budget cycle.

9. Mayor And Council Reports (3 Minutes Each)

a. Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown extended condolences to the Fuentes family and echoed appreciation for the entire town staff. She reminded residents that school is back in session and urged drivers to slow down and watch for children. She recognized town staff for a strong summer of events including the board retreat, PGCMA meeting, National Night Out, and the Back to School Jam, and praised the marketing team for community visibility efforts.

b. Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1

Council Member Dixon extended condolences to the Fuentes family. She reported attending the Council retreat, the Legacy Plan Clinic at the Bladensburg Library (offering free will preparation services to residents), the Bladensburg Back to School Summer Jam, the town tour with staff and leadership, the annual fireworks event, the first day of school visits to Bladensburg Elementary, Poole Town, and Bladensburg High School, the MML Committee meeting, the District 47 meeting, community check-ins, a COG meeting, a CBC meeting, and a meet and greet with the new Bladensburg High School principal.

c. Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde extended condolences to the Fuentes family. She reported attending the Back to School Jam, Coffee with a Cop at the Bladensburg Library, a pastoral visit with senior prayer references, and the meet and greet with the new Bladensburg High School principal, noting potential for future collaborative events.

d. Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount thanked Town Administrator Wood and Commander Frishkorn for their assistance in managing resident-related situations. She expressed appreciation for the successful senior gathering held the previous Tuesday.

e. Mayor Takisha James

Mayor James highlighted several governance and advocacy activities during the recess period. At MACO, MML facilitated meetings with state legislative leadership to share the town's priorities. She reported meeting with Secretary Wu from the Department of Labor regarding the implementation of the Maryland Family Act, noting that many municipalities are struggling to absorb the associated costs (estimated at approximately $50,000 for the town). A webinar through MML is being organized to clarify implementation requirements. Mayor James also reported hosting the MML Summer Symposium, themed "Funding Beyond the State House," which included presentations from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and Standards & Poor's. Following the symposium, she and Town Administrator Wood connected with Charlie Day, an investment director with DHCD, to explore financing options for a future town hall. She noted that MML has approved two legislative priorities for the coming session: modernizing municipal revenue tax structures and addressing coordinated takeover events.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2027: FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY'S POLICE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM GRANT NO. PRAR-2027-0040 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: $12,015.00

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND, FOR THE 2027 FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027).

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator of the Town of Bladensburg has made a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council to amend the FY 2027 Budget to reallocate funds as part of this Fiscal Year and;

WHEREAS, the Town has received the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's Police Recruitment and Retention Program Grant No. PRAR-2027-0040 for the Town of Bladensburg Retention Program in an amount not to exceed: $12,015.00 and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg have determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to pass this as a Budget Amendment Ordinance at the October 12, 2026, Town Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that the following amendments are made to the general operating budget for Fiscal Year 2027 for retention bonuses for the Police Department.

1. Increase Compensation expenses for Public Safety by **$12,015** for retention bonuses for Police Department personnel; and

2. Increase revenues for Police Grants **$12,015** to offset expenses related to retention bonuses for the Public Safety Department.

Overall Budget Impact: **$12,015**

AND BE FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that upon passage, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, and will be effective the 12th day of October 2026.

ATTEST: By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

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Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: October 12, 2026
Second Reading: -

Adopted: October 12, 2026
Effective: October 12, 2026

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2027: FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASING AND UPFITTING THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND, FOR THE 2027 FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027).

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator of the Town of Bladensburg has made a recommendation to the Mayor and Town Council to amend the FY 2027 Budget to reallocate funds as part of this Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg have determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to pass this as a Budget Amendment Ordinance at the October 12, 2026, Town Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that the following amendments are made to the general operating budget for Fiscal Year 2027:

1. Increase Service Charges for Fines/Fees, Automated Enforcement and/or Red Light Proceeds **$118,000** for the use of funds to purchase and upfit three (3) Police Vehicles; and,

2. Increase Capital Expenses by **$118,000** for the expenses associated with purchasing and upfitting three (3) Police Vehicles.

Overall Budget Impact: **$118,000**

AND BE FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that upon passage, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, and will be effective on the 12th day of October 2026.

ATTEST: By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk

Takisha James, Mayor

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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
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Introduced: Takisha James on behalf of the Town Administration

Adopted: October 12, 2026

PROPOSED | RESOLUTION NO: 13 – 2027

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, ACTING AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE BCCE PORT TOWNS COLLABORATIVE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SHEPHERD ENERGY TO SERVE AS PRIME PROGRAM CONSULTANT FOR THE PORT TOWNS CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM, ON BEHALF OF THE BCCE PORT TOWNS COLLABORATIVE

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg is a participating member of the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, together with the municipalities of Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston (collectively, the "Port Towns"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg serves as fiscal agent for the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative and, in that capacity, receives, holds, and administers grant funds and executes associated contracts on the Collaborative's behalf, even where the underlying work and benefit are shared across all four Port Towns communities; and

WHEREAS, the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative has been awarded Maryland Energy Administration Grant #2024-05-577S1 to fund development and implementation of a Port Towns Climate Action Program (the "Program") serving Bladensburg, Edmonston, Colmar Manor, and Cottage City; and

WHEREAS, Shepherd Energy submitted a proposal dated September 16, 2026 (the "Proposal," attached hereto) to serve as Prime Program Consultant and single point of accountability for the Program, with services structured into five milestones as more particularly described in the Proposal and summarized in the Program Summary attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal identifies a combined Initial Program Authorization, comprising Milestone 1 (Climate Action Plan Development & Technical Consulting) at a professional fee of $97,500 and Milestone 2 (Public Facility Energy Assessments) at an initial not-to-exceed amount of $57,500, for a total Initial Program Authorization not to exceed $155,000; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Initial Program Authorization is to be provided from Maryland Energy Administration Grant #2024-05-577S1 awarded to the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, and this Agreement shall result in no financial impact to the Town of Bladensburg's general fund beyond the Town's administration, as fiscal agent, of grant funds held on the Collaborative's behalf; and

WHEREAS, the award of this Agreement is made on behalf of the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, and the Town Council's action on this Resolution authorizes the Town, in its capacity as fiscal agent, to execute the Agreement; execution of a binding contract with Shepherd Energy remains contingent upon corresponding approval by the BCCE Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that the Mayor, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative and in the Town's capacity as fiscal agent, an Agreement for Services with Shepherd Energy, in substantially the form presented to the Town Council, engaging Shepherd Energy as Prime Program Consultant for Milestone 1 and the initial phase of Milestone 2 of the Port Towns Climate Action Program, at a combined Initial Program Authorization not to exceed $155,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authorization is limited to Milestone 1 and the initial phase of Milestone 2 as described in the Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator, acting on behalf of the Town in its capacity as fiscal agent for the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, is authorized to designate the municipal project lead and applicable facility and data-access contacts, and to take such further administrative action as is reasonably necessary to coordinate the Town's participation in the Program, consistent with the Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the Initial Program Authorization shall be paid from Maryland Energy Administration Grant #2024-05-577S1 awarded to the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative, and that execution of this Agreement shall result in no financial impact to the Town of Bladensburg's adopted budget beyond the Town's administration of grant funds held on the Collaborative's behalf as fiscal agent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final execution of the Agreement with Shepherd Energy is contingent upon approval by the BCCE Board, and that this Resolution constitutes the Town Council's conditional authorization to proceed, not final execution of a binding contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, at a regular meeting on October 12, 2026, and thereafter this Resolution was prominently posted in the Town Hall and available for inspection by the public.

By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

Attest:

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Brian Wood, Interim Town Administrator Takisha James, Mayor

Approved as to Administration:

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Brian Wood, Interim Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A — PROGRAM SUMMARY: WHAT SHEPHERD ENERGY PROPOSES TO DO

Shepherd Energy proposes to serve as Prime Program Consultant and single point of accountability for the Port Towns Climate Action Program, funded under Maryland Energy Administration Grant #2024-05-577S1, on behalf of Bladensburg, Edmonston, Colmar Manor, and Cottage City. The Proposal organizes the engagement into five milestones:

Milestone 1 — Climate Action Plan Development & Technical Consulting ($97,500)

- Develop one consolidated Port Towns Climate Action Plan covering all four communities.
- Establish regional/community-wide GHG context using MWCOG, County, and other authoritative sources, and a municipal operations energy and GHG baseline (buildings, fleet, street lighting).
- Align the Plan with Prince George's County and Maryland climate policy and targets.
- Develop practical reduction pathways, near-/medium-/long-term objectives, and a prioritized implementation and investment roadmap with funding pathways.
- Maintain a data-request/source tracker documenting data sources, gaps, and limitations.

Milestone 2 — Public Facility Energy Assessments (Initial NTE $57,500)

- Perform ASHRAE Level 1-type energy assessments of approximately four designated public facilities.
- Evaluate building systems, HVAC, envelope, and equipment; identify energy conservation measures, HVAC/electrification, and preliminary solar opportunities.
- Validate facility count, complexity, and scope at project start; material differences may require a written adjustment before expanded work is performed.

Milestone 3 — Bus Shelter LED & Solar Implementation (subsequent task authorization)

- Coordinate LED lighting and solar improvements at designated Port Towns bus shelters as a visible early-action project.
- Confirm sites, coordinate qualified subcontractors/vendors, and document installed measures and performance.

Milestone 4 — Staff Resources & Community Engagement (subsequent task authorization)

- Coordinate program administration and stakeholder/community engagement across the four communities.
- Develop clean-energy and efficiency education/outreach content, and incorporate equity and resilience considerations into prioritization.

Milestone 5 — Outcome Measurement & Reporting (subsequent task authorization)

- Establish a performance-measurement framework connecting the Milestone 1 baseline to facility improvements and implementation results.
- Track indicators such as municipal energy use, GHG emissions, energy savings, renewable generation, and implementation status; support progress and final reporting.

Schedule and Commercial Terms

- Milestone 1 and 2 technical work is anticipated to take approximately 14–18 weeks following Notice to Proceed.
- Combined Initial Program Authorization for Milestones 1 and 2: Not to Exceed $155,000; this amount covers professional services only and is not a capital implementation budget.
- Milestones 3–5 require separate, subsequent written task authorizations defining scope, deliverables, schedule, and fees before any related work or cost is incurred.
- Shepherd will obtain written authorization before performing services materially outside the then-authorized scope.

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2027: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 112, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO PROHIBIT THE STANDING OR PARKING OF VEHICLES WITHIN ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET ON THE APPROACH TO A STOP SIGN MONITORED BY A STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, § 25-102(a)(1) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes municipalities to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles and to provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation; and

WHEREAS, § 21-707.1 of the Transportation Article authorizes the use of stop sign monitoring systems in Prince George's County on highways located in a school zone maintained by a local jurisdiction, if authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing, and, in Prince George's County, only at a location approved by the Prince George's County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg operates stop sign monitoring systems, and § 21-707.1(b)(4) of the Transportation Article requires that a recorded image show the motor vehicle and clearly identify the registration plate number of the motor vehicle in order to support a citation; and

WHEREAS, § 112-5.C(3) of the Code of the Town of Bladensburg presently prohibits standing or parking a vehicle within thirty (30) feet on the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council find that vehicles standing or parked on the approach to a stop sign monitored by a stop sign monitoring system may obstruct the line of sight of the system, may prevent the capture of a recorded image sufficient to identify a registration plate number, and may obscure the stop sign itself from the view of approaching motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council further find that vehicles standing or parked close to such an intersection obstruct the sight lines of motorists and pedestrians, including children walking to and from school, and that a greater clear distance on the approach to these particular stop signs is warranted for the safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it appropriate to amend Chapter 112 of the Code of the Town of Bladensburg, and find that adoption of this Ordinance is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that § 112-5.C(3) of the Code of the Town of Bladensburg be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows, with language added shown by underscoring:

§ 112-5. Stopping, standing and parking prohibited in specified places.

C. Standing or parking. A person may not stand or park a vehicle:

* * *

(3) Within thirty (30) feet on the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway, or within one hundred (100) feet on the approach to any stop sign that is monitored by a stop sign monitoring system;

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AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that § 112-5 of the Code of the Town of Bladensburg be, and the same is hereby, further amended by adding a new Subsection I, to read as follows:

I. Stop sign monitoring systems; monitored stop signs.

(1) As used in this section, "stop sign monitoring system" has the meaning stated in § 21-707.1 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and a stop sign is "monitored" when a stop sign monitoring system is in use at that stop sign in accordance with that section.

(2) The one hundred (100) foot distance in Subsection C(3) of this section shall be measured along the edge or curb of the roadway from the stop sign in the direction from which approaching traffic is required to stop.

(3) The Town shall place signs or curb markings giving notice of the one hundred (100) foot restriction on the approach to each monitored stop sign. The one hundred (100) foot restriction shall not be enforced at a monitored stop sign until those signs or curb markings have been placed.

(4) Any person issued a citation for a violation of the one hundred (100) foot restriction in Subsection C(3) of this section shall be subject to a fine of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for each offense.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize the use of a stop sign monitoring system at any location, or to limit or alter the requirements of § 21-707.1 of the Transportation Article governing the authorization, location, notice, and signage of stop sign monitoring systems; and

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED that upon passage, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, and shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its adoption, provided that the one hundred (100) foot restriction shall be enforced at a given monitored stop sign only after the signs or curb markings required by § 112-5.I(3) have been placed.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg at a Town Council meeting on the 12 day of October, 2026, and thereafter, this Ordinance was prominently posted in the Town Hall and available for inspection by the public.

ATTEST: By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

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Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: _12, October, 2026

Effective: _____

Introduced by: Mayor Takisha James

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 14-2027

A Resolution Committing to Respectful, Constructive, and Dignified Discourse

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg is committed to fostering public trust through transparent, respectful, and effective governance; and

WHEREAS, public meetings are essential forums for democratic participation, thoughtful deliberation, and shared decision-making; and

WHEREAS, dignity and civility during meetings and other community engagement activities help ensure that all participants, including elected officials, staff, and members of the public, are heard and treated with respect, even in times of disagreement; and

WHEREAS, contemptuous, demeaning, or disruptive conduct or language undermines productive dialogue, weakens public confidence, contributes to polarization and division, and interferes with the Town's ability to conduct its business in the common interest; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg seeks to model a standard of discourse that reflects empathy, accountability, attentive listening, and a shared commitment to the dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, establishing and affirming expectations for conduct and language in meetings and community engagement supports constructive engagement and helps create a welcoming environment for civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg's goal for an engaged, responsive, service-oriented government strives to improve accessibility of community meetings for all residents, including those whose dominant language is not English, those who have disabilities, and others who face barriers to engagement with Town government; and

WHEREAS, Town Council Procedures specify respectful behavior of both the Town Council and the public at public meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) has encouraged cities, towns, and villages across the United States to adopt local civility pledges to strengthen respectful public discourse and restore trust in local governance, and the NLC Board adopted and individually signed a civility resolution on behalf of NLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG reaffirms its commitment to conduct public meetings in a manner that upholds dignity, civility, and mutual respect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these expectations of civility are reciprocal and apply equally to elected officials, staff, board and commission members, and members of the public participating in Town meetings and other forms of community engagement in the public space, all of whom are encouraged to engage one another with courtesy, to listen in good faith, and to express disagreement without personal attacks, contempt, interruption, or intimidation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Town Council recognize their responsibility, as elected officials, to model the same respectful conduct they expect of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town supports governance practices that promote constructive dialogue, clear expectations for participation, and fair, consistent application of rules of decorum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, by adopting this resolution, the Town of Bladensburg affirms that vigorous debate and differing viewpoints are compatible with dignity and civility, and that respectful discourse strengthens both public trust and democratic governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution is not intended to discourage or restrict respectful disagreement, criticism of Town government or its officials, or the expression of differing viewpoints, and shall not be construed to limit any right of free expression protected by law.

Adopted this 12 day of October, 2027.

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Town Treasurer's Report – October 12, 2026

Overview

This report provides a summary of the Town's financial activity through the first quarter of FY27:

Revenues - The major items are summarized below:

Real Property Taxes – Limited activity since the first due date for Property Taxes was not until September 30th with the final being due December 31st.

Business Personal Property Taxes

We received just over half of the assessments budgeted for the entire year and hopeful this positive trend continues.

Income Tax

The $24K represents September collections only. As reported last month, Income Tax payments of $106K received in July and August are booked back to the prior year since it represents payments for FY26. Similarly, next July and August payments will be realized for this fiscal year.

Federal Funding

We finally received a bill from the County for the Joint Stormwater Project for $500K. This will closeout the ARPA funds and we will bring forth a budget amendment in November to realize the expense and offsetting ARPA revenues. The $500K remaining ARPA funds have been on the Balance Sheet as a deferred revenue (liability) until it is expensed. The funds are held in a separate bank account earning roughly $20K/annually of interest.

State/County Funding

The Town received the 1Q State police funding of $79K and $91K for Police Grants to include $12K for retention (bonuses to police officers), $73K for the boxing grant, and $5K for overtime reimbursement.

Service Charges - Parking Violations (Local Fines/Fees) continue to exceed budget in this new fiscal year with $22K collected against a budget of $53K.

Automated Traffic Enforcement

Speed monitoring systems generated $61K and Red-Light Enforcement netted $200K through September for a total of $261K. Stop sign cameras have just been activated and revenue will be reported in coming months.

Other Revenues

Interest income is slightly under budget until the bulk of the Real Property taxes are remitted to us.

Expenses - Below are the departmental highlights through September:

Mayor and Council – General expenses are slightly over budget paying for our largest Community Events - July 2nd Fireworks and Blade Day.

Administration – Operating under budget since limited activity this quarter.

Public Safety – Operating under budget as well, two vacancies for a police officer and a dispatcher are contributing to the savings.

Public Works

General Expenses are under budget but Compensation is slightly over for a leave payout for an employee who passed away unexpectedly last month. This position will remain unfilled for the time being.

Summary – Operating at a (3%) loss which is expected at this point early in the fiscal year.

Contact

For questions or further clarification, please contact the Finance Department.

Vito Tinelli

Town Treasurer

Email: vtinelli@bladensburgmd.gov

Town of Bladensburg
FY27 Summary Financial Report

	Oct YTD	FY27 Budget	Variance
REVENUES			
Real Property Tax	597,739	5,250,487	11%
Business Pers. Property Tax	634,808	1,225,000	52%
Income and Other Tax	24,050	700,000	3%
Licenses and Permits	82,432	195,000	42%
Federal Funding (ARPA Stormwater / Earmark)	-	-	
State and County (HUR, Police Aide)	170,064	758,857	22%
Bond Bill	-	-	
Service Charges - Fines/Fees	22,300	53,000	42%
Automated Traffic Enforcement (Speed and Red Light)	261,543	1,600,000	16%
Other Revenues	41,231	95,000	43%
Interest	26,246	180,000	15%
Restricted Grants	5,500	-	
Fund Balance Transfer	-	-	
Total Income	**1,865,913**	**10,057,344**	**19%**
EXPENSES by Dept and Major Category			
Mayor and Council			
Compensation	29,669	131,361	23%
General Expenses	63,054	230,500	27%
Subtotal Mayor and Council	92,723	361,861	26%
Administration (Town Admin, Clerk, and Finance)			
Compensation	163,867	826,808	20%
General Expenses	69,081	461,902	15%
Subtotal Administration	232,948	1,288,710	18%
Public Safety and Traffic Enforcement			
Compensation	1,170,301	5,529,901	21%
General Expenses	264,997	1,222,000	22%
Capital	55,372	-	0%
Subtotal Public Safety	1,490,670	6,751,901	22%
Public Works			
Compensation	188,990	716,372	26%
General Expenses	136,509	638,500	21%
Capital - HUR	18,781	300,000	6%
Subtotal Public Works	344,280	1,654,872	21%
Other			
ARPA - Stormwater	-	-	
Grant Expenses (CDBG, Community Legacy, Other)	13,937	-	
Long Term Capital Projects	28,435	-	
Subtotal Other	42,372	-	
Total Expenses	**2,202,993**	**10,057,344**	**22%**
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**(337,080)**	**-**	**-3%**

Town of Bladensburg
Mayor and Council FY26
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	14,946	62,799	24%
6030 · FICA	1,017	4,804	21%
6040 · Health Insurance	12,041	54,466	22%
6050 · Pension	1,665	8,792	19%
6060 · Workers Comp		500	
Total 6000 · Compensation	29,669	131,361	23%
6140 · Professional Development	1,698	30,000	6%
6160 · Employee Recognition	62	10,000	1%
6210 · Council Projects		5,000	
6220 · Community Initiatives		15,000	
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation	7,500	30,000	25%
6227 · Scholarships		5,000	
6225 · Community Grants - Oth...	1,675	12,000	14%
Total 6225 · Community Grants	9,175	47,000	20%
6230 · Community Events	26,385	65,000	41%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	3,000	4,500	67%
6255 · Town Meetings	3,470	12,000	29%
6420 · Computer Expense		1,000	
6550 · Insurance - Liability	1,083	6,000	18%
6810 · Advertising	56		
6825 · Membership	10,924	20,000	55%
6835 · Travel	7,202	15,000	48%
6900 · Grants - Restricted			
Total Expense	92,723	361,861	26%
Net Ordinary Income	-92,723	-361,861	26%
Net Income	**-92,723**	**-361,861**	**26%**

Town of Bladensburg
General and Administrative Combined
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	128,416	634,998	20%
6020 · Overtime	948	15,000	6%
6030 · FICA	9,883	49,419	20%
6040 · Health Insurance	6,398	37,552	17%
6050 · Pension	18,222	88,339	21%
6060 · Workers Comp		1,500	
Total 6000 · Compensation	163,867	826,808	20%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement		5,000	
6130 · Recruitment	852		
6140 · Professional Development	1,760	6,000	29%
6150 · Payroll Service	2,330	11,000	21%
6160 · Employee Recognition			
6240 · Memorials	89	1,000	9%
6260 · Transportation		50,000	
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,414	2,402	101%
6420 · Computer Expense		5,000	
6460 · Software Contract	2,468	30,000	8%
6510 · Audit	6,000	25,000	24%
6520 · Bank Charges	844	5,000	17%
6530 · Bad Debts		8,000	
6550 · Insurance - Liability	6,506	20,000	33%
6560 · Legal	686	40,000	2%
6570 · Equipment Lease	1,439	9,000	16%
6580 · Contractual Services	27,720	180,000	15%
6810 · Advertising	8,702	25,000	35%
6820 · Website		4,000	
6825 · Membership	1,150	3,500	33%
6835 · Travel	2,727	7,000	39%
6850 · Office Supplies	1,096	10,000	11%
6855 · Postage	205	2,000	10%
6865 · Supplies			
6880 · Election Costs		5,000	
6890 · Utilities	2,094	8,000	26%
Total Expense	232,948	1,288,710	18%
Net Ordinary Income	-232,948	-1,288,710	18%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Net Other Income			
Net Income	-232,948	-1,288,710	18%

Town of Bladensburg
Public Safety and Automated Traffic Enforcement FY27
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	696,737	3,381,901	21%
6020 · Overtime	138,141	440,000	31%
6030 · FICA	60,891	292,126	21%
6040 · Health Insurance	150,719	722,884	21%
6050 · Pension	88,977	452,990	20%
6060 · Workers Comp	34,836	240,000	15%
Total 6000 · Compensation	1,170,301	5,529,901	21%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,544	15,000	10%
6120 · Uniforms	11,627	50,000	23%
6130 · Recruitment	3,772	16,000	24%
6140 · Professional Development	4,346	50,000	9%
6160 · Employee Recognition	940	15,000	6%
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation	5,000	20,000	25%
Total 6225 · Community Grants	5,000	20,000	25%
6230 · Community Events	12,770	20,000	64%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects			
6310 · Telephone	3,600	16,000	22%
6320 · Wireless Communications	11,748	70,000	17%
6330 · Communications Contracts		47,000	
6350 · Internet Access	2,169	7,000	31%
6360 · Data Fees			
6420 · Computer Expense	4,258	25,000	17%
6440 · IT Support	24,900	100,000	25%
6460 · Software Contract	19,889	60,000	33%
6520 · Bank Charges			
6545 · Insurance - Auto	20,001	80,000	25%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	19,122	70,000	27%
6570 · Equipment Lease	1,439	15,000	10%
6580 · Contractual Services	12,218	110,000	11%
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	30,141	125,000	24%
6620 · Fuel	43,957	125,000	35%
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintena...	7,810	50,000	16%
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	2,826	25,000	11%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance			
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	1,556	15,000	10%
6825 · Membership	3,010	6,000	50%
6835 · Travel	182	12,000	2%
6850 · Office Supplies	1,960	15,000	13%
6855 · Postage	681	6,000	11%
6865 · Supplies	3,797	20,000	19%
6870 · K9 Supplies	4,233	15,000	28%
6885 · Finger Printing	615	2,000	31%
6890 · Utilities	4,886	20,000	24%
Total Expense	1,435,298	6,751,901	21%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,435,298	-6,751,901	21%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
6970 · Capital Outlay	55,372		100%
Total Other Expense	55,372		100%
Net Other Income	-55,372		100%
Net Income	**-1,490,670**	**-6,751,901**	**22%**

Town of Bladensburg
Public Works FY27
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	130,122	452,327	29%
6020 · Overtime	4,465	15,000	30%
6030 · FICA	10,043	35,751	28%
6040 · Health Insurance	25,651	119,968	21%
6050 · Pension	14,838	63,326	23%
6060 · Workers Comp	3,870	30,000	13%
Total 6000 · Compensation	188,990	716,372	26%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement		1,000	
6120 · Uniforms	1,026	10,000	10%
6140 · Professional Development	142	5,000	3%
6350 · Internet Access		3,000	
6620 · Fuel	6,306	20,000	32%
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	1,960	20,000	10%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	296	15,000	2%
6710 · Building Maintenance	6,285	60,000	10%
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	5,105	40,000	13%
6740 · Street Lights	10,539	50,000	21%
6750 · Sanitation Contract	90,171	330,000	27%
6760 · Landfill Fees	2,326	15,000	16%
6770 · Building Supplies	597	12,000	5%
6790 · Janitorial Services	5,850	25,000	23%
6835 · Travel	6	1,500	0%
6860 · Shop Supplies	681	3,000	23%
6865 · Supplies			
6890 · Utilities	5,218	28,000	19%
Total Expense	325,498	1,354,872	24%
Net Ordinary Income	-325,498	-1,354,872	24%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
6970 · Capital Outlay			
6979 · Highway User Projects	18,781	150,000	13%
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other		150,000	
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	18,781	300,000	6%
Total Other Expense	18,781	300,000	6%
Net Other Income	-18,781	-300,000	6%
Net Income	**-344,280**	**-1,654,872**	**21%**

Town of Bladensburg
FY26 Actuals vs. Budget
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Property Taxes			
4020 · Real Estate Taxes	597,739	5,250,487	11%
4040 · Business Personal Property Tax	267,200	800,000	33%
4060 · Personal Property Tax - Other	367,608	425,000	86%
Total 4000 · Property Taxes	1,232,547	6,475,487	19%
4100 · Income Tax	24,049	700,000	3%
4200 · Other Local Taxes			
4300 · Licenses and Permits			
4310 · Local Business Licenses	81,942	100,000	82%
4320 · County Traders License	490	5,000	10%
4370 · Cable Franchise Fees		90,000	
Total 4300 · Licenses and Permits	82,432	195,000	42%
4400 · Federal Funding			
4500 · State Funding			
4510 · Highway User Revenues		324,000	
4520 · Police Aid	79,432	330,000	24%
4540 · Police Grants	90,632	80,000	113%
4550 · Bond Bill			
Total 4500 · State Funding	170,064	734,000	23%
4600 · County Funding		24,857	
4700 · Service Charges			
4720 · Local Fines/Fees	20,216	50,000	40%
4730 · Copier Fees	2,084	2,000	104%
4740 · Fingerprinting		1,000	
4760 · Reimbursements			
4770 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	61,625	800,000	8%
4780 · Red Light Camera	199,918	800,000	25%
Total 4700 · Service Charges	283,843	1,653,000	17%
4800 · Other Revenues			
4810 · Insurance Reimbursement	20,481	20,000	102%
4820 · Bus Shelter Advertising	799	1,000	80%
4830 · Property Rental	11,250	45,000	25%
4840 · Vehicle Deployment	5,700	24,000	24%
4870 · Misc. Revenues		5,000	
4880 · Interest Earned	29,246	180,000	16%
Total 4800 · Other Revenues	67,477	275,000	25%
4900 · Restricted Revenues	5,500		100%
4997 · Transfer from HUR Fund Balance			
4998 · Transfer from Speed Camera Fund			
4999 · Transfer from Fund Balance			
Total Income	1,865,913	10,057,344	19%

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FY26 Actuals vs. Budget
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
Gross Profit	1,865,913	10,057,344	19%
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	970,222	4,532,025	21%
6020 · Overtime	143,554	470,000	31%
6030 · FICA	81,835	382,100	21%
6040 · Health Insurance	194,809	934,870	21%
6050 · Pension	123,702	613,447	20%
6060 · Workers Comp	38,706	272,000	14%
Total 6000 · Compensation	1,552,827	7,204,442	22%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,544	21,000	7%
6120 · Uniforms	12,653	60,000	21%
6130 · Recruitment	4,624	16,000	29%
6140 · Professional Development			
6145 · Council Business Development	1,698	30,000	6%
6140 · Professional Development - Other	6,248	61,000	10%
Total 6140 · Professional Development	7,946	91,000	9%
6150 · Payroll Service	2,330	11,000	21%
6160 · Employee Recognition	1,001	25,000	4%
6210 · Council Projects		5,000	
6220 · Community Initiatives		15,000	
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation	12,500	50,000	25%
6227 · Scholarships		5,000	
6225 · Community Grants - Other	1,675	12,000	14%
Total 6225 · Community Grants	14,175	67,000	21%
6230 · Community Events	39,155	85,000	46%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	3,000	4,500	67%
6240 · Memorials	89	1,000	9%
6255 · Town Meetings	3,470	12,000	29%
6260 · Transportation		50,000	
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,414	2,402	101%
6310 · Telephone	3,600	16,000	22%
6320 · Wireless Communications	11,748	70,000	17%
6330 · Communications Contracts		47,000	
6350 · Internet Access	2,169	10,000	22%
6360 · Data Fees			
6420 · Computer Expense	4,258	31,000	14%
6440 · IT Support	24,900	100,000	25%
6460 · Software Contract	22,357	90,000	25%
6510 · Audit	6,000	25,000	24%
6520 · Bank Charges	844	5,000	17%
6530 · Bad Debts		8,000	
6545 · Insurance - Auto	20,001	80,000	25%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	26,711	96,000	28%
6560 · Legal	686	40,000	2%
6570 · Equipment Lease	2,879	24,000	12%
6580 · Contractual Services	39,938	290,000	14%
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	30,141	125,000	24%
6620 · Fuel	50,263	145,000	35%

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FY26 Actuals vs. Budget
July through September 2026

	Jul - Sep 26	Budget	% of Budget
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	9,770	70,000	14%
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	2,826	25,000	11%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	296	15,000	2%
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	1,556	15,000	10%
6710 · Building Maintenance	6,285	60,000	10%
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	5,105	40,000	13%
6740 · Street Lights	10,539	50,000	21%
6750 · Sanitation Contract	90,171	330,000	27%
6760 · Landfill Fees	2,326	15,000	16%
6770 · Building Supplies	597	12,000	5%
6790 · Janitorial Services	5,850	25,000	23%
6810 · Advertising	8,757	25,000	35%
6820 · Website		4,000	
6825 · Membership	15,085	29,500	51%
6835 · Travel	10,116	35,500	28%
6850 · Office Supplies	3,057	25,000	12%
6855 · Postage	886	8,000	11%
6860 · Shop Supplies	681	3,000	23%
6865 · Supplies	3,797	20,000	19%
6870 · K9 Supplies	4,233	15,000	28%
6880 · Election Costs		5,000	
6885 · Finger Printing	615	2,000	31%
6890 · Utilities	12,198	56,000	22%
6900 · Grants - Restricted	13,937		100%
Total Expense	2,100,405	9,757,344	22%
Net Ordinary Income	-234,493	300,000	-78%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Other Expense			
6950 · Debt Service			
6970 · Capital Outlay			
6972 · Long Term Capital Projects	28,435		100%
6979 · Highway User Projects	18,781	150,000	13%
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other	55,372	150,000	37%
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	102,588	300,000	34%
Total Other Expense	102,588	300,000	34%
Net Other Income	-102,588	-300,000	34%
Net Income	**-337,080**		**100%**

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Department Overview

During the reporting period, the Code Enforcement Department continued its commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and attractive community through proactive enforcement, resident assistance, property inspections, public education, and coordinated response to quality-of-life concerns.

Throughout the month, Code Enforcement staff addressed a wide range of property maintenance, sanitation, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicle, graffiti, vegetation, signage, and other municipal code concerns. Staff also supported several community and municipal activities, including severe weather cleanup, traffic control, community events, apartment inspections, and municipal training.

The Department continued to emphasize timely response to citizen concerns and efficient case resolution. The average case closure time for the reporting period was **three (3) days**, demonstrating the Department's continued effort to resolve complaints promptly and effectively.

I. CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

1. Bulk Trash and Heavy Trash Enforcement

Code Enforcement issued **10 bulk trash reminder notices** to residents regarding heavy trash placed at the curb.

These notices were intended to remind residents of the City's requirements concerning the proper placement and disposal of bulk and heavy materials. Staff continued to monitor residential areas for improperly placed materials and worked to encourage voluntary compliance before additional enforcement measures became necessary.

The Department will continue monitoring bulk trash activity and educating residents regarding proper collection procedures to help maintain neighborhood appearance and prevent illegal dumping.

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2. Sign Removal and Right-of-Way Enforcement

Code Enforcement conducted proactive enforcement activities involving unauthorized signs placed on public infrastructure and within public rights-of-way.

During the reporting period:

- **55 signs** were removed from utility poles.
- **20 signs** were removed from public rights-of-way.
- **75 unauthorized signs were removed in total.**

The Department's ongoing sign-removal efforts help preserve the appearance of public spaces, reduce visual clutter, and ensure compliance with municipal regulations governing the placement of signs.

Year-to-Date Activity

As of the end of the reporting period, Code Enforcement has removed **371 unauthorized signs year-to-date**.

Staff will continue to monitor major corridors, residential neighborhoods, and rights-of-way for unauthorized signage and take appropriate enforcement action when violations are identified.

II. ABANDONED VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Abandoned and inoperable vehicles continue to be an important quality-of-life concern within the community. Code Enforcement continued to investigate reports and conduct field inspections to identify vehicles that may be in violation of municipal regulations.

During the reporting period, staff documented:

Area	Abandoned Vehicles
Residential Areas	7
Business Areas	3
Apartment Areas	2
Total Identified	**12**

In addition, **2 vehicles were impounded** during the reporting period.

Year-to-Date Activity

Code Enforcement has addressed **126 abandoned vehicles year-to-date**, with **4 vehicles impounded** during the year-to-date.

Staff will continue to monitor identified vehicles, coordinate with property owners and responsible parties, and pursue appropriate enforcement action when voluntary compliance is not achieved.

III. GRASS AND VEGETATION ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement issued **7 grass violation notices** during the reporting period.

These notices were issued to address properties where grass and/or vegetation conditions were not maintained in accordance with municipal property maintenance requirements.

Maintaining grass and vegetation is an important component of neighborhood appearance, property maintenance, and community standards. Staff will continue to monitor properties for overgrown vegetation and follow up on outstanding violations to promote compliance.

IV. GRAFFITI ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement received **5 graffiti complaints** during the reporting period.

Staff responded to the reported concerns and continued to monitor affected areas for graffiti and other forms of property defacement.

Graffiti complaints are treated as an important quality-of-life issue because unauthorized markings can negatively affect the appearance of neighborhoods, commercial areas, public facilities, and private property.

The Department will continue responding to graffiti complaints and coordinating with appropriate property owners and municipal departments when necessary to facilitate removal and restoration.

V. CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Code Enforcement received **2 citizen concerns through the GOV Pilot Program** during the reporting period.

Staff reviewed and responded to these concerns as part of the Department's ongoing commitment to maintaining open communication with residents and addressing neighborhood quality-of-life issues.

The Department continues to encourage residents to report property maintenance, sanitation, abandoned vehicles,

illegal dumping, graffiti, and other municipal code concerns so that staff can investigate and take appropriate action.

VI. CASE MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE TIME

Code Enforcement maintained an average **case closure time of three (3) days** during the reporting period.

The Department's ability to maintain a three-day average closure time reflects continued emphasis on:

- Timely investigation of complaints;
- Prompt communication with residents and property owners;
- Field inspections and follow-up;
- Voluntary compliance whenever possible;
- Efficient documentation of enforcement activity; and
- Timely closure of cases once compliance has been achieved.

Maintaining a short case closure time remains a priority because timely enforcement helps prevent minor violations from becoming larger neighborhood concerns.

VII. APARTMENT INSPECTIONS

Code Enforcement staff **continued apartment inspections** throughout the reporting period.

These inspections are an important component of maintaining safe, sanitary, and properly maintained residential properties. Staff continued to monitor apartment properties for potential code violations and worked with property owners and management representatives to address identified concerns.

The Department will continue its apartment inspection program and follow up on outstanding issues as necessary.

VIII. SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND FIELD RESPONSE

In addition to routine code enforcement responsibilities, staff assisted with several special operations and community-related activities during the reporting period.

Severe Weather Cleanup and Traffic Control

Code Enforcement staff **assisted with severe weather cleanup and traffic control**. Staff supported municipal response efforts by helping maintain safe traffic movement and assisting with cleanup and public safety activities following severe weather conditions.

Leaf Burning Complaint – 5200 Block of Upshur Street

Code Enforcement responded to the **5200 block of Upshur Street** regarding a resident burning leaves.

Staff investigated the complaint and addressed the reported activity in accordance with applicable municipal requirements and public safety considerations.

Illegal Dumping – Varnum Street Park

Code Enforcement responded to **Varnum Street Park** following a report of a resident illegally dumping trash in the park.

Illegal dumping is a significant community concern because it contributes to unsightly conditions, increases cleanup costs, and negatively affects the use and appearance of public spaces. Staff responded to the location and addressed the reported violation.

Traffic Control – Baltimore Avenue

Code Enforcement staff assisted with traffic control on **Baltimore Avenue following a fatal accident**.

Staff provided support to help maintain traffic movement and public safety while emergency and other responding personnel addressed the incident.

Broken Window – Magno Café

Code Enforcement responded to **Magno Café** regarding a broken window.

Staff investigated the property condition and addressed the matter as appropriate under applicable property maintenance and safety requirements.

IX. TRAINING, MEETINGS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement staff participated in several meetings, training sessions, and municipal activities during the reporting period.

Municipal Code Enforcement In-House Training

Staff attended **Municipal Code Enforcement In-House Training** to strengthen knowledge of enforcement procedures, municipal requirements, case management, and effective field practices.

Continued professional development allows Code Enforcement personnel to remain informed regarding enforcement responsibilities and best practices.

American in Bloom Tour and Fireworks Event

Code Enforcement staff **assisted with the American in Bloom tour and fireworks event**.

Staff provided municipal support to help ensure that community activities were conducted safely and efficiently.

Senior Staff Meeting

Code Enforcement staff participated in the **Senior Staff Meeting**, providing an opportunity to discuss departmental operations, ongoing issues, municipal priorities, and coordination with other departments.

Work Session and Council Meeting

Code Enforcement staff also participated in the **Work Session and Council Meeting**, supporting municipal operations and remaining informed regarding current community and governmental priorities.

X. MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The following table summarizes the principal Code Enforcement activities completed during the reporting period:

Enforcement/Activity Category	Monthly Activity
Bulk Trash Reminder Notices	10
Signs Removed from Poles	55
Signs Removed from Rights-of-Way	20
Total Signs Removed	**75**
Abandoned Vehicles – Residential Areas	7
Abandoned Vehicles – Business Areas	3
Abandoned Vehicles – Apartment Areas	2
Total Abandoned Vehicles Identified	**12**
Vehicles Impounded	2
Grass Violation Notices	7
Graffiti Complaints	5
GOV Pilot Citizen Concerns	2
Average Case Closure Time	3 days

Year-to-Date Highlights

Year-to-Date Category	Total
Unauthorized Signs Removed	371
Abandoned Vehicles	126
Vehicles Impounded	4

XI. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the reporting period, the Code Enforcement Department achieved several important operational objectives:

1. **Maintained a three-day average case closure time**, demonstrating a continued commitment to responsive service.
2. **Removed 75 unauthorized signs** from utility poles and public rights-of-way, contributing to a cleaner and more attractive community.
3. **Continued aggressive abandoned vehicle enforcement**, addressing 12 vehicles during the reporting period and impounding 2 vehicles.
4. **Addressed property maintenance concerns**, including 7 grass violations and 5 graffiti complaints.
5. **Responded to illegal dumping concerns**, including a complaint at Varnum Street Park.
6. **Responded to a leaf-burning complaint** on Upshur Street and addressed the reported activity.
7. **Continued apartment inspections** to promote compliance with property maintenance and housing-related requirements.
8. **Provided support during severe weather cleanup and traffic control operations.**
9. **Assisted with a major traffic-control operation following a fatal accident on Baltimore Avenue.**
10. **Supported community events**, including the American in Bloom tour and fireworks event.
11. **Participated in municipal meetings and professional development**, including Code Enforcement training, senior staff meetings, work sessions, and the Council Meeting.

XII. DEPARTMENTAL OUTLOOK

Moving forward, Code Enforcement will continue to focus on proactive enforcement, timely complaint response, neighborhood appearance, property maintenance, abandoned vehicle removal, illegal dumping prevention, graffiti response, and resident engagement.

The Department will continue to prioritize cases that have a direct impact on public safety, neighborhood quality of life, sanitation, and the overall appearance of the community.

Staff will also continue apartment inspections, monitor public rights-of-way for unauthorized signage, investigate citizen concerns, and coordinate with other municipal departments when incidents require a broader community response.

Through consistent field presence, education, enforcement, and interdepartmental cooperation, Code Enforcement remains committed to maintaining a safe, clean, attractive, and well-maintained community.

CONCLUSION

The reporting period reflected a broad range of Code Enforcement activities extending beyond traditional violation investigations. Staff addressed property maintenance concerns, abandoned vehicles, unauthorized signage, graffiti, illegal dumping, bulk trash, and vegetation violations while also providing assistance during emergency response activities, traffic control operations, community events, and municipal functions.

With an average case closure time of **three days**, the Department continued to demonstrate its commitment to responsive and efficient service. Year-to-date enforcement efforts also remain substantial, with **371 unauthorized signs removed and 126 abandoned vehicles addressed**.

The Code Enforcement Department will continue to work proactively with residents, businesses, property owners, municipal departments, and community partners to promote compliance, improve neighborhood conditions, and enhance the overall quality of life for the community.

Town of Bladensburg
Police Department
Public Safety Update to the Town Council

Date: Monday October 12, 2026

Presented by: Lt. Richard Poole

I. Overview

This report provides the Town Council with an update on police department activities, crime trends, community engagement initiatives, and notable incidents for the reporting period September 2026, thru September 30, 2026.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. **Reported Crime Summary:** Monthly comparison August 2026 and September 2026:

Note: The numbers below may change as updated UCR information is verified and submitted. The YTD% reflects comparison between 2025 and 2026 statistics year to date.

Category	Current Period (Sept)	Previous Period (Aug)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	12	15	-20.0%	+1.9%
Property Crimes	44	32	+37.5%	-18.0%
Traffic Stops	173	170	+1.76%	
Calls for Service	1554	1366	+13.8%	-12.6%
Arrests	8	20	-60.00%	-23.8%

B. **Notable Trends:**

- Theft from autos/stolen autos were prevalent throughout the month of September at various locations in Town. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables visible in the vehicles. Residents are encouraged to call police if they observe suspicious activity.

III. Community Engagement

Recent Initiatives:

- On September 8, 2026, members of the Department participated in Senior Gathering at the Waterfront Park and served the seniors.
- On September 8, 2026, the police department's Honor Guard presented colors at Camden Yards at the Orioles game.
- On September 11, 2026, staff attended the 911 Memorial Ceremony held in Bowie that was attended by Allied agencies and political figures.
- On September 12, 2026, the Police Explorers held a car wash fundraiser at Town hall to support Explorer activities.
- On September 15, 2026, staff attended back to school night at Bladensburg High School

- On September 29, 2026, staff attended Snack Patrol at Port Towns Elementary School
- On September 30, 2026, staff attended the Purple Lights Night for domestic violence hosted by the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office
- On October 1, 2026, staff attended the Unity Day Anti-bullying kick off at Port Towns Elementary School.
- On October 3, 2026, staff attended the Bladensburg Day event at Town Hall that included the parade from the Bladensburg High School
- On October 7, 2026, staff attended Coffee with a Cop at Coastal Del Sol Restaurant

Upcoming October Events:

- On October 13, 2026, at 11A.M. a Community Chat is being held at 5300 Newton Street to discuss any community Issues
- On October 23, 2026, between 6P.M. and 8P.M. the police department will host Trunk or Treat at the Bladensburg Community Rec Center at 4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg, MD
- On October 24, 2026, between 10A.M and 2P.M. staff will be participating in National Drug Take Back Day which will be held at the Police Department and staff will be visiting senior homes to collect unwanted prescriptions.

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 294

- Premise Checks: 669

- Accidents Investigated: 21

- DUI/DWI Arrests: 0

- Officers continue to enforce a variety of traffic related offenses throughout the Town and have initiated 173 traffic stops during the month of September.

V. Department Operations

Personnel Updates:

- On October 5, 2026, Officer Rubinstein started Comparative Compliance with the Maryland Police Correctional Training Commission
- During the week of September 21, 2026, officers participated in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) promotional process which is now complete and we are awaiting final scores
- The department is actively recruiting for a dispatch position and entry level officer position

Training:

- During the month of September 2026, Det/Pfc Webb attended MPCTC five-day First Line Supervisor School
- During the month of September 2026, five officers attended a course on Arrest, Search & Seizure (Fourth Amendment)
- During the month of September 2026, Sgt. Ramirez and Pfc. Threlfall attended Officer Safety & Tactical Awareness training hosted by Cheverly PD
- During the month of September 2026, Det/Pfc Web attended training hosted by NW3C and the U.S. Department of Justice on Mastering Digital Evidence for Courtroom Success
- During the month of September 2026, Officer Rubinstein attended entry level firearms training and rifle training was held for other staff

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- During the month of September five mobile data computers and one deadlined police vehicle were sold on GovDeals Auction Server.
-Two new vehicles that are completed upfitting should be arriving during the week of October 12, 2026.

- The stop sign enforcement cameras are all active and currently issuing citations after the initial 15-day warning period

VI. Notable Incidents

On September 11, 2026, officers responded to the 4100 block of 53rd Avenue for a victim who was stabbed which involved several suspects. The investigation is still ongoing.

On September 11, 2026, a suspect in an Attempted Murder case that occurred on July 21, 2026, turned himself in on an open warrant related to the matter.

On September 13, 2026, officers responded to the 4300 block of 57th Avenue for a subject who discharged a firearm into the ground. Investigation of this incident is ongoing and there were no injuries.

On September 18, 2026, officer responded to the 4000 block of 53rd Street for an aggravated assault. The victim was struck with an object and sustained minor injuries. Investigation into this matter is ongoing.

On September 21, 2026, officers responded to the 4100 block of Baltimore Avenue for a pedestrian that was struck. The incident resulted in a fatality and is currently under investigation.

On September 22, 2026, officers responded to the 4000 block of 46th Street for a residential burglary in progress. A suspect was arrested on the scene.

VII. Goals and Initiatives

Short-Term Priorities:

- Continue to show a visible police presence in the community and business areas through vehicle and foot patrols.

- Focus on addressing current trends noted in this report

Long-Term Focus:

- Continue the decrease in violent and property crimes, and address any crime trends through collaboration with the police department and the community.

- Continue the department's efforts in building partnerships with all the stakeholders in the Town through our community policing efforts.

VIII. Conclusion

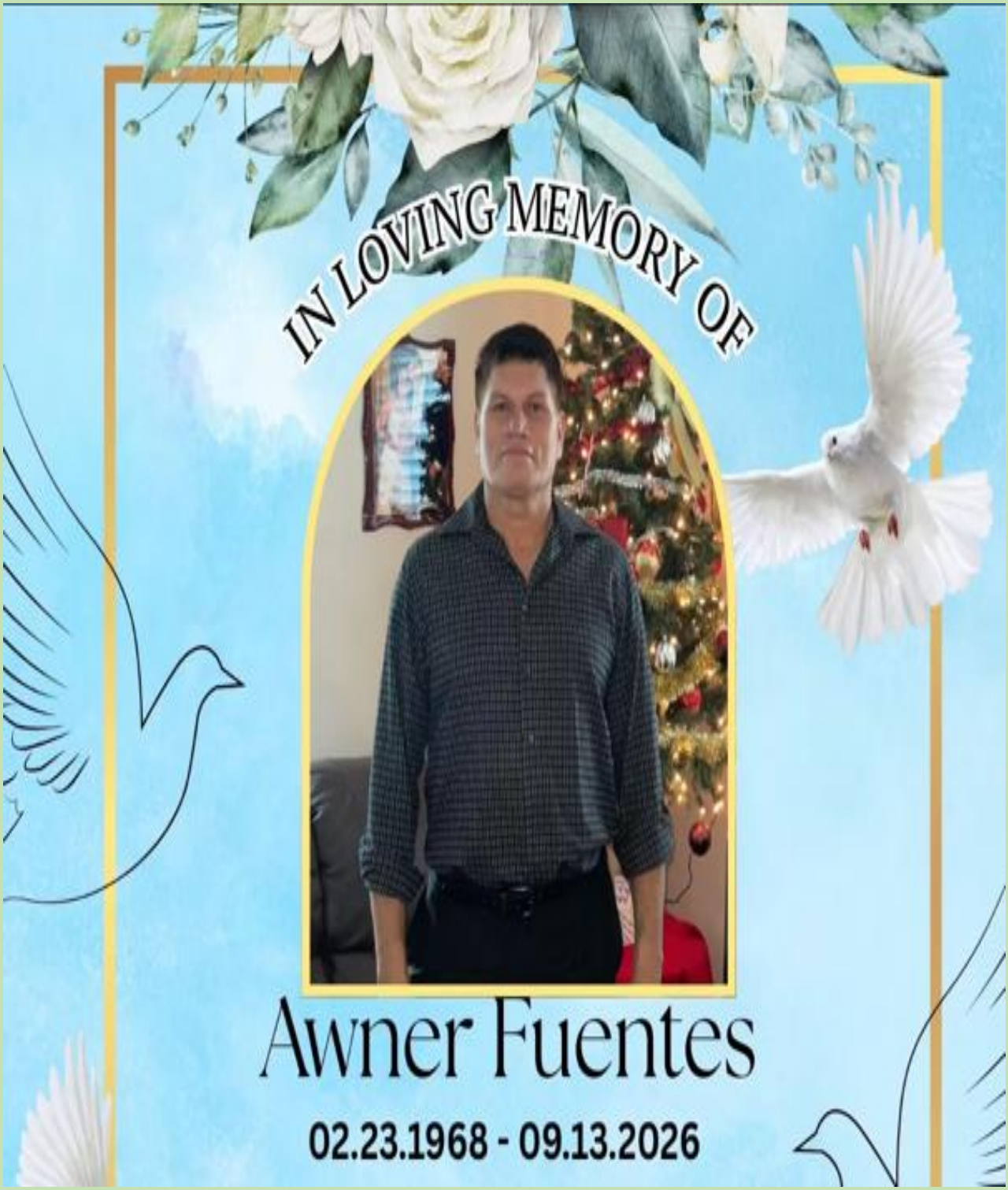
The Bladensburg Police Department remains committed to transparency, community partnership, and proactive public safety strategies. We appreciate the continued support of the Mayor and Town Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Public Works

Report for September, 2026



Submitted by

Purnell Hall

Public Works activities for September, 2026

During the Month of September, Public Works worked on the following activities:

1. Due to the heavy rain. Public Works repaired several pot holes throughout the Town.

2. Public Works trimmed overgrown tree limbs on the fence line in the 6000 block of Emerson Street.

3. Public Works was called out around 3 am on the 4th of September due to the Storm. Several tree limbs had blown down covering some roadways in Town.





4. Public Works installed two new tie rods on truck number 9. The rough terrain going back and forward to both dumps can cause something like this.

5. Repaired down spout on the exterior of the Police Annex building.

6. Public Works installed new Sloan value in the lady's restroom in the Police Station.7. Installed new solar lights on the white vinyl fence at the David C. Harrington Park.



8. Assisted Officer Harris with installed Complete Stop, Photo Enforce, End School Zone, and Beginning School Zone signs for the stop sign cameras in Town.



9. Assisted Acting Chief Frshkorn hang up a few Bladensburg Police logo images in the Annex building.

10. Due to the heavy rain, Public Works cleaned out all catch basin around Town.

11. Public Works replaced several ceiling tiles in the Council Chambers.

12. When I say Bladensburg Public Works guy can do anything. Thanks to Mr. Portillo for pointing up some brick joints right here at the back door of the Police Station.

Ground Maintenance:

The Public Works crew is committed to keeping the Town clean and beautiful and as a result we have picked up litter in the following areas of the Town.
a. Annapolis Road Pedestrian Tunnel
b. The Industrial Area
c. The alley-way in between 55th Ave. and 56th Ave.

Meetings:

1. Department Head meeting

Please Help Keep Bladensburg Clean we CARE!

- In order for the Department of Public Works to keep the Town clean and litter free, we need a little help from our residents as well.
  1. Pick up litter in front of your property. (Curb line as well
  2. Please put trash/recycling in the proper container with the lid closed. It helps keep the Town neat and clean.

If you have leaves for pick up, please place them in paper yard waste bags or trash cans marked with and X for pick up on MONDAYS.



Reminder: Recycling is collected on Mondays with Yard Waste



Notice: Styrofoam is not recyclable. Please put Styrofoam out on the trash collection day. (Tuesday and Friday)



Limbs are to tied up weighing NO more than 30LBS.



Bulk Trash collection: Every Friday you must call 301-773-2069 Thursday before 2pm to be added to the list for Friday pick up. Remember mattresses/box spring must be covered.



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Bladensburg · September 2026 Summary

To:	Mayor and Council	**Date:**	October 12, 2026
From:	Interim Town Administrator	**RE:**	Monthly Report — September 2026

The purpose of this monthly report is to provide transparency and updates to the Town Council and to the citizens and businesses of the Town of Bladensburg.

$178K	**$100K+**	**27+**	**2**
PY51 Road Work — 52nd, 54th & 55th Streets	Energy Grants for Street Sweeper & Bus	Families Supported with Victory Grace Center	New Police Officers Added

CITY OPERATIONS

Storm Damage Insurance Claim

Following the windstorms earlier in September, Town staff met with a representative from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) regarding the Town's storm-related claims. The Town has submitted a comprehensive memo with supporting information, responses, and photographs, and staff continue to monitor the matter.

County Snow Removal MOU

Over the past several weeks, the County has held a series of meetings with city and town administrators and shared a proposed MOU asking municipalities to clear, salt, and otherwise support the County on County roads during the winter months. While this is a request rather than a requirement, staff have identified areas that would need clarification or amending before moving forward.

The Town aims to be a supportive partner to the County in serving all residents and will continue to find opportunities to support and partner with the County.

Maryland FAMLI Act

Staff participated in a FAMLI Act lunch and learn hosted by Mayor James. As the deadline approaches for the Town to declare its participation, staff recommend enrolling in the State plan; the Town is too small to pursue the self-insured pathway, and private plans do not appear to offer a meaningful advantage. Because seeding/prepayment begins in January 2027, roughly half of the total cost ($50,000) will need to be paid from FY27, with the remainder budgeted in FY28. A budget amendment will be brought forward, and the Town is leaning toward covering the full 0.095% rate rather than splitting it with employees.

GRANTS AND EXTERNAL FUNDING

Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant

Bladensburg received a $22,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, awarded through the Prince George's County Community Resilience Hub grant, for educational and local food efforts. The funding was originally intended for a

community garden on 58th Street; however, staff learned that the site is not viable because significant mechanical systems sit directly beneath it. Staff are now evaluating the Bostwick House property as the new garden location, have contacted the County and the Maryland Historical Trust to confirm submission requirements, and have scheduled a meeting with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to request a change of location and amend the grant agreement once the site is confirmed.

Energy and Vehicle Grants

Staff resolved eligibility issues with previously awarded energy grants. More than $100,000 in grant funding is now expected to support the acquisition of a street sweeper and a 15-passenger bus.

Climate Action Program

Shepherd Energy submitted a proposal for a Port Towns Climate Action Program, facility energy assessments, and greenhouse-gas reduction planning. Staff also identified a Maryland Energy Administration funding opportunity, with approximately $103.9 million available statewide, that could support implementation projects.

BCCE Grant Administration

Council approved agreements allowing Common Resilience to administer façade improvement, placemaking, wayfinding, strategic planning, branding, and revitalization activities supported by State funding. The BCCE subsequently approved the same resolutions, authorizing Common Resilience to perform the administrative and support work for the two grants Bladensburg received on the BCCE's behalf. Now that the BCCE has official nonprofit status, instances in which the Town must act as recipient and fiduciary will be few and far between.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bostwick House Moving Toward Activation

The Bostwick House continues to advance as one of the Town's most significant strategic initiatives. Staff and project partners toured the property with representatives from the Amen Trust and Janna Howley, Executive Director of the Maryland Wineries Association, in a visioning exercise to explore micro-activation events, future programming, and broader legislative efforts that would support the property's long-term vision. Engineering and planning reviews have identified a phased approach, with renovation of the barn and creation of approximately 50 parking spaces as the first major phase, at an estimated cost of roughly $3 million.

Hamlet Woods PILOT Agreement

The final proposed PILOT agreement for the Hamlet Woods workforce apartments remained under review by the developer throughout September.

Port Towns Revitalization

The Port Towns Revitalization Program includes approximately $300,000 in DHCD support benefiting Bladensburg and its neighboring Port Town communities. Under the Council-approved agreements noted above, Common Resilience will administer the façade improvement, placemaking, wayfinding, and branding work funded through the program.

Port Towns Sector Plan

The Planning Board formally transmitted the adopted Port Towns Sector Plan and the endorsed Sectional Map Amendment.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **Town Hall / Police Station:** Staff reviewed prior design work and funding pathways with state capital financing partners. A Council prioritization questionnaire and a six-month planning framework were developed to help

define project requirements and bring the project to the RFP creation stage. Discussion will continue through the fall as the project moves toward formal scoping and funding strategy decisions.

- **Bostwick House — Phase One:** Barn renovation and approximately 50 parking spaces, estimated at roughly $3 million, identified as the first major phase of implementation.
- **Bostwick Community Garden:** Relocation of the Chesapeake Bay Trust–funded community garden to the Bostwick property is under evaluation (see Grants and External Funding).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Congressional Delegation Meeting

On September 18, the Town hosted representatives from Senator Van Hollen's and Congressman Ivey's offices, provided an overview of the history of the Bostwick House and the investments made to date, and toured the property. The Town committed to continued coordination with both offices ahead of the Congressionally Directed Spending application period, which opens in January 2027.

County Executive Tour

The Port Towns have drafted an agenda for a tour and meeting with the County Executive and her team to showcase major projects in each community. Bladensburg has offered to host the event, and details will be shared once a date is finalized.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND PERSONNEL

Police Chief Search

The Police Chief position was posted and closed on Friday, September 11. All qualified candidates were reviewed and scored, and the top 12 candidates received writing assignments due September 29. As of early October, those assessments have been reviewed and seven finalists have been identified for first-round interviews, which begin in October.

Police Staffing

The Bladensburg Police Department added two officers during the reporting period.

School Zone and Stop-Sign Camera Enforcement

Staff continued legal and policy work on the school-zone and stop-sign camera enforcement programs, including an ordinance designating school zones within the Town Code and amending the Code to add new streets and expand no-parking areas so that stop-sign cameras have a clear line of sight.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ICE Working Group

Staff met internally and reviewed the working group's requests; four of the five can be, or already are being, addressed. The Town's response was shared with Council in the September 14 meeting packet, and Council held a work session discussion with a community representative on supporting residents. At the working group's request, Sgt. Ramirez is meeting with the group in the coming weeks.

Bladenwoods Update

Considerable work has been completed on the Bladenwoods roof. The Town will reach out to the full group to schedule the next meeting and provide an update.

Composting Program

Council discussed the Town's composting contract at the September 14 work session. The Town currently pays approximately $26 per household per month, with 27 homes participating (approximately $8,800 per year), and staff are working to increase household participation.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

America in Bloom

America in Bloom held its national symposium September 24–26. While Alexandria, Virginia served as the host city, the Port Towns played a crucial role: on Friday, September 25, three tour buses traveled through the Port Towns, and Bladensburg was one of the stops. Shaun shared the history of Bladensburg and who we are today as a community with each group, and Public Works hung lights at the waterfront pavilion for a fantastic evening of dinner and fireworks over the river. Mayor James, Mayor Pro Tem Brown, and Town staff attended, and on Saturday, Ray and the Town Administrator participated in the closing ceremony dinner. While Bladensburg did not take home an award this year, the Town was a finalist in the 7,500–15,000 population category. The official evaluation report highlighted the Town's strong community vitality, environmental initiatives, heritage programming, and community engagement efforts.

Environmental and Stormwater Programs

The Town continues extensive participation in environmental stewardship activities, including tree planting, sustainability programming, composting, stormwater management, and green infrastructure initiatives.

PAST SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Senior Gathering on the Waterfront

On September 8, the Town hosted a Senior Gathering on the Waterfront, with 18 seniors registered in advance.

September 14 Council Work Session and Meeting

The September work session included discussion of the 52nd Avenue State and Town partnership and MOU, with SHA and Senator Augustine in attendance; ICE impacts on residents; the Port Town signage boards; a new flagging agreement with John O'Connor; the composting contract; and the required modification of the Chesapeake Bay Trust award. The Council meeting included a waterfront economic development update from Medco.

Evergreen Cemetery Cleanup Kickoff

On September 26, community members gathered from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to kick off the cleanup and beautification of Evergreen Cemetery.

UPCOMING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

October 3	Bladensburg Day — thank you to everyone who made it a success despite the weather, with special recognition to Ray Jefferies.

October 6	Maryland Historical Trust review of the Bostwick community garden proposal
October	Police Chief first-round interviews with seven finalists
October 12	Council Work Session and Meeting — budget adjustments (FAMLI Act, ARPA, vehicle purchases and outfitting), grant adjustments, and Policy/Personnel Manual updates; presentation from the Prince George's County Office of Human Rights
Late October	Town legislative meeting
TBD	County Executive tour of the Port Towns, hosted by Bladensburg
TBD	Community Cleanup and Trunk or Treat
November 11	Veterans Day