



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

September 14, 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:

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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. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approval of July 13, 2026 council meeting minutes
6. Work Session Review/Summary
 - A. Composting contract discussion.
 - B. Hampton Woods Update
 - C. 52 Ave State and Town Partnership Discussion and MOU Review
 - D. Ice/Community Engagement Discussion
 - E. Evergreen Cemetery Partnership presentation
7. New Business
 - A. MEDCO Agreement and Motion to Direct
 - B. New Flagging Agreement/Partnership with John O'Conner
 - C. Resolution 05-2027 speed-monitoring system
 - D. Resolution 06-2027 Grant with MNCAPP

- E. Resolution 07-2027 contract Colossal award contract
- F. Resolution 08-2027 Revised agreement for Port Towns Bus
- G. Resolution 09-2027 façade improvement grants
- H. Resolution 10-2027 Operational Award, Wayfinding grant.
- I. Resolution 12-2027 Common Resilience Partners Agreement
- J. Resolution 11-2027 Annex Floormax flooring award
- K. Ordinance 01-2027 Updated Town Code

8. Staff Reports (3 minutes each)

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

- A. Treasurer
- B. Public Safety and Code Enforcement
- C. Public Works
- D. Town Administrator

9. Mayor and Council Reports (3 minutes each)

Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1

Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2

Mayor Takisha James

10. Adjournment



Town of Bladensburg Council Meeting July 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

1. Call To Order

Mayor Takisha James called the Town of Bladensburg Council Meeting to order on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710.

2. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was delivered by Council Member Kalisha Dixon.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

Mayor James invited all those able to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Council Member Carrol McBryde.

4. Approval Of Agenda

Mayor James noted several amendments to the agenda prior to the vote: the addition of a Patriotic Committee presentation and updates from legislative representatives under Presentations; and the addition of Community Grants Allocations (Item B) and Council Discretionary Funds (Item C) under Financial Business.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Council Member Dixon and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentations

Patriotic Committee — Ms. Renee Green Ms. Renee Green addressed the Council on behalf of the Patriotic Committee, offering thanks and recognition for the Town's July 4th fireworks celebration. She gave special acknowledgment to Ray Jeffries, who began planning the event in February, noting that the celebration marked the 250th anniversary of the country and drew an estimated 1,000 attendees despite temperatures exceeding 100 degrees. Ms. Green expressed gratitude to Mayor James, the Town Council, staff, police, fire department, public works, and code enforcement for their contributions to the event's success.

District 47 Legislative Representatives Vanessa, Chief of Staff for Senator Malcolm Augustine, and Helena, the Senator's newly introduced Community Liaison, briefly introduced themselves and offered the Senator's office as a resource to the Town. Gloria, a representative from Delegate Diana Fennell's office, was also present. Vanessa affirmed the legislative office's commitment to collaborating with the Town on community concerns. She

also addressed the issue of ICE enforcement, echoing community members' concerns about eroding public trust, and relayed a recent example from Baltimore City where increased police presence helped de-escalate a situation involving ICE activity. Mayor James used the opportunity to outline the Town's position—acknowledging the limitations of a small municipal government in challenging federal authority—and requested continued legislative support and guidance on what legally permissible actions the Town can take. Mayor James noted that she had raised these concerns directly with Senator Augustine over a month prior and had also met with Governor Moore on the subject.

6. Approval Of Minutes

a. Approval Of June 8, 2026 Council Session Minutes

Motion to approve the June 8, 2026 Council Session Minutes was made by Council Member Trina Brown and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comments

Town Supervisor of Code Enforcement Roger Rinehart presided over public comment. The following residents addressed the Council:

Ms. Susan McCutchen (Spring Road, Bladensburg) spoke about three primary concerns: the federal government's pressure on Maryland and other blue states regarding immigration enforcement; the importance of voter participation and awareness of efforts to suppress voting; and a lack of transparency from the Prince George's County Council regarding hyper-scale data center projects and planning board appointments.

Ms. Anna Greenstone (Bladensburg resident) returned to the podium to continue advocating for more concrete Town action regarding ICE operations in Bladensburg. She acknowledged and thanked the Town for its openness to dialogue and for including the issue on the September work session agenda, but urged action prior to that meeting. She asked for specific timelines on two items discussed in prior meetings: the development of a document outlining Bladensburg PD's existing policies related to ICE encounters, and the designation of a staff liaison for community immigration concerns. Ms. Greenstone cited disturbing national statistics, including that 52 people have died in ICE custody since January 2025—the highest rate in 10 years—as well as an escalating pattern of ICE intimidation toward community observers in Prince George's County.

Mr. Foster Geddes (Ward 1, Bladensburg) spoke about the contradiction between the Police Department's community trust-building initiatives and the perception created when ICE vehicles are seen parked in the Bladensburg PD lot or when officers are observed interacting casually with ICE agents. He argued that even passive actions—such as holding a door open for an agent—signal to vulnerable residents that the Town sides with ICE. He referenced the Maryland Community Trust Act and Prince George's County's Community Safe Spaces Act as legislative precedents and urged the Town to pass its own protective ordinance before those state-level laws potentially fall to federal legal challenges. He called on the Mayor and Council to take visible action that demonstrates support for all residents.

Mr. Steve Weise (Tilden Road, Bladensburg) raised two concerns. First, he expressed worry about clogged and overgrown storm water drains throughout town, noting that unsecured gates and downed sections of fencing are allowing children and teens to access the drainage areas—a potential safety hazard. He noted the last major county clean-out occurred following the 2020 flood. Second, he commented on the agenda item regarding a take-home vehicle for the Mayor, suggesting the vehicle would be more secure if kept at the police station and urging that access be available to all council members on a sign-out basis.

Mr. Marilyn Cruz (Quincy Street, Ward 1) expressed his continued concern about ICE enforcement in and around Bladensburg. He praised the democratic structure that allows residents to organize and effect change at the municipal level, and pledged to continue advocating and collaborating with the Town on this issue regardless of challenges.

Mr. Walter James (Doris Court, Bladensburg) congratulated Mayor James on her elevation to Maryland Municipal League (MML) President, calling it a promotion not just for the Mayor but for the entire Town. He then expressed support for the resolution to provide the Mayor with a take-home vehicle, drawing on his 12 years of experience in that seat to note that immediate responsiveness is an unwritten but essential expectation of the mayoral role. He framed the vehicle not as a personal benefit but as a municipal resource enabling the Mayor to serve residents effectively at all times.

Vanessa from Senator Augustine's Office also addressed the Council during public comment. She spoke personally about the fear that immigration enforcement has created within the Hispanic community, noting that eroded trust in law enforcement makes residents reluctant to report even minor incidents such as domestic violence. She affirmed Senator Augustine's support for the Town's efforts and offered the example of how increased police presence near a food market in Baltimore helped move ICE vehicles out of the area.

8. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

9. Work Session Review

Town Administrator Brian Wood provided a summary of the 5:30 PM work session.

a. 52nd Ave Update

The SHA presentation was deferred to the September meeting. Administrator Wood noted the productive collaboration between SHA, Bladensburg Public Works, Code Enforcement, and the Police Department in cleaning and improving the 52nd Avenue corridor, which he described as now safe and significantly improved in appearance.

b. Port Town Bus Operations

The Council provided direction to Administrator Wood to work with Comar Manor on developing a transition plan for the Town to formally take over all Port Town bus operations. The plan will be brought back before the Council.

c. PALS Project

An overview of the PALS Project was presented, highlighting work completed in partnership with the University of Maryland. Renderings were shared with the Council, and next steps were identified, including posting a digital version of the renderings online.

d. Gloves Up Guns Down

Commander Daniel Frishkorn provided an overview of the Gloves Up Guns Down initiative, which includes a week-long boxing camp scheduled for late July and a year-long mentorship program developed in collaboration with the county, other municipalities, and nonprofit partners.

e. Grant and Scholarship Program Discussion

A review of applicants for the Town's \$2,000 community grants was conducted. This was further addressed under the amended Financial Business agenda items later in the meeting.

f. PILOT Discussion

The Council received clarification on the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement that will be shared with Hamlet Woods as that development project is finalized and residents begin moving in.

10. New Business

a. Resolution amending the Personnel Manual regarding elected officials' access to Town vehicles

Administrator Wood presented two related items: a resolution amending the Personnel Manual to authorize mayoral and elected official vehicle use, and a companion motion directing the Town Administrator to make a dedicated municipal vehicle available to the Mayor. He clarified that the resolution had been amended that same morning to align with the Personnel Manual, such that reauthorization would occur through the annual budget process rather than requiring a separate annual action.

Council Member Blount expressed support for providing the Mayor with a vehicle, citing the breadth of the Mayor's responsibilities and travel demands. Council Member Dixon echoed this sentiment, noting the Mayor's extensive work on behalf of the Town and the personal expense of using a private vehicle. Mayor James clarified that this policy has existed since the tenure of former Mayor David Harrington and is tied to the office of Mayor—not to any individual—and that the vehicle is subject to recall if operational needs of staff departments require it.

Motion to direct the Town Administrator to authorize the provision of a dedicated municipal vehicle to the Mayor was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the resolution amending the Personnel Manual regarding authorization for mayoral and elected official vehicle use was made by Council Member Dixon and seconded by Council Member Blount. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution amending the Personnel Manual to establish a foreign language proficiency pay differential

Administrator Wood introduced Resolution 03-2027, establishing a bilingual pay differential policy for Town employees. The policy arose from concerns raised by staff at an all-hands meeting. Mayor James credited Commander Frishkorn with taking swift action to translate staff concerns into a formal proposal.

The policy requires employees to be certified through a third-party test and places them at a basic or advanced compensation tier based on demonstrated proficiency. Public Works Supervisor Purnell Hall sought clarification that the policy applies to all Town employees—not only police and dispatch—and confirmed that bilingual staff in public works who regularly interact with residents would also be eligible. Mayor James affirmed this, noting the benefit of staff being able to communicate with residents in their preferred language across all departments. The funding source was identified as traffic enforcement revenues within the Public Safety budget.

Motion to approve Resolution 03-2027 establishing a bilingual pay differential policy for Town employees was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution declaring surplus equipment and authorizing its disposal

Administrator Wood introduced Resolution 02-2027, authorizing the disposal of three surplus Bladensburg Police Department vehicles through a municipal auction vendor. Commander Frishkorn explained that two of the vehicles are nine years old with over 100,000 miles, and one is an eleven-year-old 2015 model. The cost of maintenance and repair on all three is no longer justified relative to the vehicles' value. Proceeds from the auction will be directed toward future vehicle purchases.

Motion to approve Resolution 02-2027 authorizing the disposition of three surplus police department vehicles through a municipal auction vendor was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Summer Recess (added by amendment)

Motion to approve summer recess for the month of August was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Financial Business

a. Resolution accepting the \$300,000 Municipal Town Hall grant award

Administrator Wood introduced Resolution 01-2026, authorizing execution of a State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreement for the Bladensburg Municipal Center. He explained that the \$300,000 grant will fund continued design and development efforts for a new municipal center, will reimburse outlays already incurred by the Town, and will allow the project to advance through the Department of General Services. Mayor James thanked

Senator Augustine, Delegate Fennell, and the Neighborhood Design Center for their partnership in reaching this milestone.

Motion to approve Resolution 01-2026 authorizing the execution of the State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreement for the Bladensburg Municipal Center was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Community Grants Allocations (added by amendment)

Mayor James presented the FY 2026 community grant allocations, noting that the Town offers grants of \$2,000 per community organization and was authorizing up to six grants to close out the fiscal year. The Council reached consensus in the work session on the following six recipients: Carrol (immigrant community services), Anacostia Watershed Society, Eco City Farms, End Time Harvest Ministries, We Lead by Example, and Good Intentions Foundation.

Motion to approve the FY 2026 community grant allocations to the six identified organizations was made by Council Member McBryde and seconded by Council Member Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Council Discretionary Funds (added by amendment)

Mayor James presented the FY 2026 council discretionary fund allocations of \$500 per council member. The following allocations were presented: Mayor James — Royalty Institute; Council Member Brown — Royalty Institute; Council Member McBryde — Eco City Farms; Council Member Blount — split between GATS (senior services) and End Time Harvest Ministries. Council Member Dixon indicated she had not yet made her selection and was given time to decide, with a note that her allocation could be approved retroactively at the September meeting to avoid any audit complications.

Motion to approve the council discretionary fund allocations as presented was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Staff Reports

a. Treasurer

Administrator Wood reported on behalf of Treasurer Tinelli, who was absent due to fiscal year-end close-out work. He noted that a combined June/July financial report would be presented in August. The Town is on track to meet revenue projections and is expected to close the fiscal year in the black.

b. Public Safety and Code Enforcement

Chief Frishkorn reported that while the violent crime rate was up 33% compared to the prior period, he cautioned that the Town's small baseline numbers mean a change of three or four incidents produces a disproportionately large percentage shift. Year-to-date, violent crime remains down. Property crime is down 26% year-to-date, though theft from and attempted theft from vehicles remains a trend. A juvenile town resident has been identified

as responsible for several incidents. Chief Frishkorn noted that ongoing details and arrests are being made to address the trend.

Upcoming initiatives include: Coffee with a Cop at the library on July 16; Ice Cream with a Cop on July 17; the Gloves Up Guns Down boxing camp at the Salvation Army on Edmondson from July 21–31; and the ongoing Citizen Police Academy with approximately nine participants. The department is actively seeking to fill three officer positions and one dispatcher position. Two new patrol vehicles are expected within two weeks.

On the matter of stop sign cameras, Chief Frishkorn confirmed county approval and vendor contact, with three to four cameras to be installed at high-violation locations in the near future.

Chief Frishkorn also addressed the community's concerns regarding ICE directly. He spoke to his personal understanding of the fear within immigrant communities, drawing on lived experience, and was clear that the Bladensburg Police Department does not assist ICE in serving civil immigration or deportation orders. He explained that ICE's use of the Town's public parking lot does not constitute collaboration and that the department does not receive advance notice of ICE operations. He noted the department's duty to intervene if civil rights violations occur, and referenced the county's law prohibiting masked law enforcement—which the department has raised with ICE agents when observed. He also introduced the new immigration community liaison: Sergeant Ramirez of the Community Action Team, who is bilingual and available to residents with concerns.

c. Town Clerk

Reported jointly under the Town Administrator's report.

d. Public Works

Public Works Supervisor Purnell Hall reported on a productive month. Key activities included: clearing debris at the Bostwick House barn to facilitate an architectural inspection; assisting Code Enforcement with a half-day cleanup of the industrial area near the railroad tracks, collecting two truckloads of debris; installing replacement no-parking signs in the industrial area; repainting a crosswalk on a concrete surface using a new, more durable product (Seal Master) learned about through MML; and installing new, more durable benches at two locations—53rd and Indianapolis and on 58th Street near the Bladensburg condos. Supervisor Hall also recognized staff creativity in fabricating recycled sculptures as part of the America in Bloom beautification effort. He gave special recognition to the team's six-hour collaboration with SHA on the 52nd Avenue project, noting that no lunch break was taken during the effort. Mayor James commended the team for investing in that relationship, noting its long-term benefits for infrastructure prioritization.

e. Town Administrator

Administrator Wood highlighted several items. The America in Bloom judges are scheduled to visit July 20–21 for a two-day evaluation, with a robust itinerary developed to engage community, staff, and council. He noted the productive nature of the recent community meeting regarding ICE, describing it as honest and collaborative, and confirmed that an informational one-pager is being finalized for social media and the Town website to help residents understand their rights and how to contact the police if they feel unsafe. A follow-up community meeting is planned for August. Looking ahead, Administrator Wood noted

that FY 2028 grant planning is already underway, with more details to be shared at the Council's retreat.

13. Mayor and Council Reports

a. Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown thanked all residents who participated in the meeting and expressed appreciation for Town staff's year-round commitment and dedication, particularly in working through extreme heat. She noted her attendance at numerous Town activities and meetings throughout the year and reported that a community ward meeting had taken place the prior Saturday with productive follow-up items identified. She congratulated Mayor James on her MML presidency and wished all a safe summer.

b. Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1

Council Member Dixon congratulated Mayor James on her MML presidency and reported attending the following events and meetings: the MML Conference, a CRF meeting (which included an update on the rising Ebola outbreak), the County Executive and Municipal Mayors meeting, the Fourth of July celebration, the MML Committee Orientation (where she was appointed to the MML Engagement and Outreach Committee), a COG meeting, a community walk in her ward, and a meeting with Mayor James and Mr. Cruz regarding ICE concerns. She also thanked the Bladensburg Police Department, noting a recent car break-in at her home was responded to in under a minute.

c. Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde opened by thanking the Bladensburg Fire Department, specifically Chief Sumner, for responding promptly when she experienced heat exhaustion during the July 4th event. She reported attending the Police Cadets award ceremony and congratulated the participants. She also welcomed back Pastor Theodore Rouse, who has returned his church to the Word of God Church in Bladensburg, and noted attending a prayer breakfast at his invitation.

d. Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount thanked officers for responding to an incident at the Emerson House building, while noting frustration with the courts' handling of the matter. She announced she would be researching the legal process surrounding squatters to bring information back to building managers and the Council. She reported finalizing arrangements for county department heads to come to Bladensburg to speak with seniors about accessing services, noting that PG County's senior services are inadequate. She also shared that she is nearing completion of her MML coursework ahead of graduation. She briefly addressed the ICE issue, encouraging residents to bring their concerns to the Council while acknowledging the complexity of the situation. She also mentioned an upcoming senior gathering in September being organized by Ray Jeffries.

e. Mayor Takisha James

Mayor James provided a written report and highlighted several key matters. She noted a June meeting of the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority, hosted in Bladensburg with Senator Augustine and Delegate Ivy present, and explained that while the

Town is codified similarly to other gateway communities, it has distinct differences in its level of decision-making authority compared to the authority in Baltimore. She stressed the importance of setting realistic expectations while pursuing state resources to revitalize inner-beltway communities.

On MML, Mayor James shared that her election to the presidency included a closed-door meeting with Governor Moore, during which she raised a range of issues including ICE enforcement. She underscored that midterm elections are the most powerful tool available for changing federal policy and encouraged residents to vote.

She highlighted the work of State Comptroller Brooke Lierman, noting that her reconstruction of the unclaimed property program has returned \$121 million to Maryland residents, and shared the resource website: ****www.claimitmd.gov****.

Finally, Mayor James noted that she would be distributing a National League of Cities civility pledge—a code of conduct for how elected officials engage with one another—to council members for review, with a proposal to formally adopt it at the board retreat.

14. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular Council meeting will be held in September 2026.

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

Introduced: Takisha James on behalf of the Town Administration

Adopted: September 14, 2026

PROPOSED | RESOLUTION NO: 5 – 2027

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL ZONES ON TOWN HIGHWAYS WITHIN
ONE-HALF MILE OF A SCHOOL.**

WHEREAS, § 21-803.1(a)(1) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides that, within a half-mile radius of any school, a local authority may establish a school zone and maximum speed limits applicable in the school zone; and

WHEREAS, § 21-803.1(a)(2)(iii) of the Transportation Article provides that, in Prince George’s County, a municipal corporation may establish a school zone on any highway that is not under State jurisdiction and is located within the corporate limits of the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, § 21-803.1(b)(2) of the Transportation Article requires that the signs designating a school zone indicate the maximum speed limit applicable in the school zone; and

WHEREAS, § 112-4.A of the Code of the Town of Bladensburg provides that the Town Administrator, in consultation with the Police Department, may authorize the placement, removal, or modification of traffic control devices and signs determined to be for the protection of traffic and persons in the Town, and § 112-3.B makes it unlawful to disregard or disobey the message of any traffic control device regulating speed; and

WHEREAS, § 21-803.1(b) of the Transportation Article requires that signs designating a school zone be placed in accordance with specifications of the State Highway Administration and indicate the maximum speed limit applicable in the school zone, and § 21-803.1(c) provides that a maximum speed limit in a school zone is in effect when posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit; and

WHEREAS, several schools serving children are located within or immediately adjacent to the corporate limits of the Town, and the Mayor and Town Council find that reduced speeds on Town highways in the vicinity of those schools are necessary to protect the safety of children walking to and from school and of other pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council further find that establishing school zones by reference to the statutory half-mile radius and to posted official signage,

rather than by a fixed list of street segments, will permit the Town to respond as school locations, enrollment, and pedestrian routes change over time; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it appropriate to establish school zones on Town highways within the corporate limits, without at this time altering any maximum speed limit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, pursuant to § 21-803.1(a) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that a school zone is hereby established upon every highway that:

- (a) Is located within the corporate limits of the Town of Bladensburg;
- (b) Is not under the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland;
- (c) Lies within a one-half mile radius of a school; and
- (d) Is posted with official signs designating a school zone, placed in accordance with the specifications of the State Highway Administration; and

1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution does **not** alter any maximum speed limit, and the maximum speed limit applicable within each school zone established by this Resolution shall be the maximum speed limit otherwise lawfully established and posted for that highway, which limit shall be indicated on the signs designating the school zone as required by § 21-803.1(b)(2) of the Transportation Article; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this Resolution, “school” means any public or nonpublic school serving any grade from prekindergarten through grade twelve; and

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator, in consultation with the Chief of Police, is authorized and directed under § 112-4.A of the Town Code to determine the specific limits of each school zone and to cause signs designating the school zones, and such other traffic control devices as may be appropriate, to be placed and maintained in accordance with the specifications of the State Highway Administration; and

4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator shall maintain a current written list of the street segments designated as school zones under this Resolution, which list shall be available for public inspection at the Town Hall and posted on the Town website, and shall provide a copy of the list to the Mayor and Town Council upon any change; and

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a school zone established by this Resolution is in effect only upon the placement of official signs designating it, as provided in § 21-803.1(b) and (c) of the Transportation Article, and the Town shall

be responsible for the cost of placing and maintaining such signs, as provided in § 21-803.1(b)(4); and

6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution does not establish a school zone on any highway under the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, and the Town Administrator is directed to request that the State Highway Administration establish school zones on such highways within the corporate limits where warranted, as provided in § 21-803.1(a)(2)(i) of the Transportation Article; and

7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution limits the applicability of § 21-803.1(e) of the Transportation Article, under which a person may not drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding the posted speed limit within a school zone, or of any other provision of State law governing school zones; and

8. 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 September 14, 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:

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk

Takisha James, Mayor

Approved as to Administration:

Brian Wood, Town Administrator

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2027

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG, ACTING AS
FISCAL AGENT FOR THE BCCE PORT TOWNS COLLABORATIVE, TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH COMMON RESILIENCE PARTNERS FOR
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
SERVICES**

Introduced by: Takisha James on behalf of the Town Administration

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; and

WHEREAS, the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative has previously engaged Common Resilience Partners under an agreement dated March 15, 2026, to provide organizational development, community engagement, and implementation planning support; and

WHEREAS, the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative desires to continue this engagement through a new Agreement for Services with Common Resilience Partners, providing services including but not limited to preparation of meeting agendas and board packet materials, management of routine operational and administrative tasks, facilitation of Board and Town Administrator meetings, drafting of the annual budget, identification of funding opportunities, coordination of committee work, and initiation of the Collaborative's four standing committees, as more particularly described in the proposed Agreement for Services attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement for Services shall commence on September 15, 2026, and terminate on March 15, 2027, at a cost not to exceed \$3,600 per month plus a \$400 monthly allowance for expenses, for a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 60 hours of service per month; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bladensburg serves as fiscal agent for the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative and, in that capacity, is asked to execute this Agreement on the Collaborative's behalf; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the cost of this Agreement is intended to be funded by a grant awarded for BCCE Port Towns Collaborative operational costs in the approximate amount of \$37,500, the specific award identification for which is pending confirmation as noted below; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg does hereby:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or her designee, to execute the Agreement for Services between the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative and Common Resilience Partners, in substantially the form

presented to the Town Council, for the term commencing September 15, 2026, and terminating March 15, 2027.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this Agreement for Services, together with the two companion Agreements for Services with Common Resilience Partners considered concurrently by the Town Council, shall be provided from \$37,500 in grant funding, with the remaining costs funded from amounts already allocated by each of the Port Towns communities — Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston — to the BCCE Port Towns Collaborative in the FY2027 budget, and that this Agreement shall result in no financial impact to the Town of Bladensburg beyond funds already budgeted and appropriated

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 14th day of September , 2026.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk

Takisha James, Mayor

Town Treasurer’s Report – August FY26

Overview: This report summarizes the Town’s financial activity through the first two months (July and August) of Fiscal Year 2026.

Revenue Highlights

Revenue Source	Amount Collected	Key Details & Status
Business Personal Property Tax	\$411,000	Includes \$368K from PEPCo utility assessment and \$43K from local businesses.
Automated Traffic Enforcement	\$228,000	Netted \$190K from Red Light Camera Enforcement and \$38K from Speed Monitoring Systems.
State/County Funding	\$86,000	Consists of \$73K in Q1 State Police funding and a \$13K officer retention grant.
Parking Violations	\$17,000	Outperforming expectations at 32% of the \$53,000 annual budget.
Real Property Taxes	Minimal	Expecting the bulk of collections after the September 30th due date.
Interest Income	Under Budget	Will remain low until Real Property taxes are received and deposited.

Essential Revenue & Accounting Adjustments

- **Revenue Adjustment:** State Income Tax payments of \$106K received in July and August are booked back to the previous fiscal year (FY26) since it reflects payments for the prior period.
- **Federal Town Hall Earmark (\$1M):** Has not been utilized yet and not part of the current budget. If activity begins this year, a formal budget adjustment will be issued.
- **ARPA Stormwater Project Funding (\$500,000):** This was not finalized in FY26 so a budget amendment will be brought forward before December to close out these funds.

Expenditure Highlights

Mayor & Council & Administration

Operating slightly over budget since we had a lot of activity with Community Events for the Fireworks and America In Bloom. Also included in the expenses are prepaid vendor deposits for future town events.

Public Safety & Public Works (Within Budget)

Operating overall within budget . Overtime was higher but anticipated due to staffing for the Community Events (Fireworks, National Night Out, and Summer Jam).

Other Items

- **FY26 Audit** - we have just closed the FY26 books and we should be able to start the audit before the end of September to be completed by November.
- **MACo** - attended the Annual Maryland Association of Counties Conference. This was well attended by elected and appointed government officials from the State, counties, and municipalities.

Contact Information

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Town of Bladensburg

FY27 Summary Financial Report

	Aug YTD	FY27 Budget	Variance
REVENUES			
Real Property Tax	69,521	5,250,487	1%
Business Pers. Property Tax	410,973	1,225,000	34%
Income and Other Tax	-	700,000	0%
Licenses and Permits	81,610	195,000	42%
Federal Funding (ARPA Stormwater / Earmark)	-	-	
State and County (HUR, Police Aide)	86,033	758,857	11%
Bond Bill	-	-	
Service Charges - Fines/Fees	17,521	53,000	33%
Automated Traffic Enforcement (Speed and Red Light)	228,713	1,600,000	14%
Other Revenues	14,443	95,000	15%
Interest	19,578	180,000	11%
Restricted Grants	2,500	-	
Fund Balance Transfer	-	-	
Total Income	930,892	10,057,344	9%
EXPENSES by Dept and Major Category			
Mayor and Council			
Compensation	19,365	131,361	15%
General Expenses	45,738	230,500	20%
Subtotal Mayor and Council	65,103	361,861	18%
Administration (Town Admin, Clerk, and Finance)			
Compensation	109,088	826,808	13%
General Expenses	45,615	461,902	10%
Subtotal Administration	154,703	1,288,710	12%
Public Safety and Traffic Enforcement			
Compensation	794,257	5,529,901	14%
General Expenses	175,163	1,222,000	14%
Capital	-	-	0%
Subtotal Public Safety	969,420	6,751,901	14%
Public Works			
Compensation	106,979	716,372	15%
General Expenses	93,069	638,500	15%
Capital - HUR	16,751	300,000	6%
Subtotal Public Works	216,799	1,654,872	13%
Other			
ARPA - Stormwater	-	-	
Grant Expenses (CDBG, Community Legacy, Other)	13,937	-	
Long Term Capital Projects	28,435	-	
Subtotal Other	42,372	-	
Total Expenses	1,448,397	10,057,344	14%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(517,505)	-	-5%

Town of Bladensburg
Mayor and Council FY27
July through August 2026

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	9,664	62,799	15%
6030 · FICA	655	4,804	14%
6040 · Health Insurance	7,936	54,466	15%
6050 · Pension	1,110	8,792	13%
6060 · Workers Comp		500	
Total 6000 · Compensation	19,365	131,361	15%
6140 · Professional Development			
6145 · Council Business Development	1,638	30,000	5%
6140 · Professional Development - Ot...			
Total 6140 · Professional Development	1,638	30,000	5%
6160 · Employee Recognition		10,000	
6210 · Council Projects		5,000	
6220 · Community Initiatives		15,000	
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation		30,000	
6227 · Scholarships		5,000	
6225 · Community Grants - Other		12,000	
Total 6225 · Community Grants		47,000	
6230 · Community Events	20,454	65,000	31%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	3,000	4,500	67%
6255 · Town Meetings	2,622	12,000	22%
6420 · Computer Expense		1,000	
6550 · Insurance - Liability	722	6,000	12%
6825 · Membership	10,100	20,000	51%
6835 · Travel	7,202	15,000	48%
6900 · Grants - Restricted			
Total Expense	65,103	361,861	18%
Net Ordinary Income	-65,103	-361,861	18%
Net Income	-65,103	-361,861	18%

Town of Bladensburg
General and Administrative Combined
July through August 2026

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	85,203	634,998	13%
6020 · Overtime	948	15,000	6%
6030 · FICA	6,573	49,419	13%
6040 · Health Insurance	4,215	37,552	11%
6050 · Pension	12,148	88,339	14%
6060 · Workers Comp		1,500	
Total 6000 · Compensation	109,088	826,808	13%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement		5,000	
6140 · Professional Developm...	1,010	6,000	17%
6150 · Payroll Service	1,473	11,000	13%
6160 · Employee Recognition			
6240 · Memorials		1,000	
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		25,000	
6520 · Bank Charges	597	5,000	12%
6530 · Bad Debts		8,000	
6550 · Insurance - Liability	4,425	20,000	22%
6560 · Legal	686	40,000	2%
6570 · Equipment Lease	1,439	9,000	16%
6580 · Contractual Services	21,850	180,000	12%
6810 · Advertising	4,237	25,000	17%
6820 · Website		4,000	
6825 · Membership	60	3,500	2%
6835 · Travel	2,277	7,000	33%
6850 · Office Supplies	909	10,000	9%
6855 · Postage	189	2,000	9%
6865 · Supplies			
6880 · Election Costs		5,000	
6890 · Utilities	1,581	8,000	20%
Total Expense	154,703	1,288,710	12%
Net Ordinary Income	-154,703	-1,288,710	12%
Other Income/Expense			
Net Income	-154,703	-1,288,710	12%

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

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	459,453	3,381,901	14%
6020 · Overtime	106,805	440,000	24%
6030 · FICA	41,344	292,126	14%
6040 · Health Insurance	92,501	722,884	13%
6050 · Pension	59,318	452,990	13%
6060 · Workers Comp	34,836	240,000	15%
Total 6000 · Compensation	794,257	5,529,901	14%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,544	15,000	10%
6120 · Uniforms	8,179	50,000	16%
6130 · Recruitment	2,807	16,000	18%
6140 · Professional Development	2,416	50,000	5%
6160 · Employee Recognition	505	15,000	3%
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation		20,000	
Total 6225 · Community Grants		20,000	
6230 · Community Events	10,432	20,000	52%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects			
6310 · Telephone	2,560	16,000	16%
6320 · Wireless Communications	9,332	70,000	13%
6330 · Communications Contracts		47,000	
6350 · Internet Access	1,728	7,000	25%
6360 · Data Fees			
6420 · Computer Expense	4,258	25,000	17%
6440 · IT Support	16,600	100,000	17%
6460 · Software Contract	7,406	60,000	12%
6520 · Bank Charges			
6545 · Insurance - Auto	13,334	80,000	17%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	12,748	70,000	18%
6570 · Equipment Lease	1,439	15,000	10%
6580 · Contractual Services	8,333	110,000	8%
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	20,094	125,000	16%
6620 · Fuel	29,177	125,000	23%
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	4,392	50,000	9%
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	180	12,000	2%
6850 · Office Supplies	960	15,000	6%
6855 · Postage	163	6,000	3%
6865 · Supplies	1,875	20,000	9%
6870 · K9 Supplies	2,650	15,000	18%
6885 · Finger Printing	519	2,000	26%
6890 · Utilities	3,689	20,000	18%
6900 · Grants - Restricted			
6935 · Other Grants	13,937		
Total 6900 · Grants - Restricted	13,937		
Total Expense	982,906	6,751,901	15%
Net Ordinary Income	-982,906	-6,751,901	15%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
6970 · Capital Outlay			
Total Other Expense			
Net Other Income			
Net Income	-982,906	-6,751,901	15%

Town of Bladensburg
Public Works FY27
July through August 2026

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	69,753	452,327	15%
6020 · Overtime	4,012	15,000	27%
6030 · FICA	5,464	35,751	15%
6040 · Health Insurance	16,687	119,968	14%
6050 · Pension	9,892	63,326	16%
6060 · Workers Comp	3,870	30,000	13%
Total 6000 · Compensation	109,679	716,372	15%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement		1,000	
6120 · Uniforms	554	10,000	6%
6140 · Professional Development	142	5,000	3%
6350 · Internet Access		3,000	
6620 · Fuel	4,067	20,000	20%
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	1,317	20,000	7%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	215	15,000	1%
6710 · Building Maintenance	4,491	60,000	7%
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	2,108	40,000	5%
6730 · Roads Maintenance			
6740 · Street Lights	6,873	50,000	14%
6750 · Sanitation Contract	60,373	330,000	18%
6760 · Landfill Fees	1,713	15,000	11%
6770 · Building Supplies	319	12,000	3%
6790 · Janitorial Services	3,900	25,000	16%
6835 · Travel	6	1,500	0%
6860 · Shop Supplies	520	3,000	17%
6865 · Supplies			
6890 · Utilities	3,771	28,000	13%
Total Expense	200,048	1,354,872	15%
Net Ordinary Income	-200,048	-1,354,872	15%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
6970 · Capital Outlay			
6979 · Highway User Projects	16,751	150,000	11%
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other		150,000	
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	16,751	300,000	6%
Total Other Expense	16,751	300,000	6%
Net Other Income	-16,751	-300,000	6%
Net Income	-216,799	-1,654,872	13%

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

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Property Taxes			
4020 · Real Estate Taxes	69,521	5,250,487	1%
4040 · Business Personal Property Tax	43,365	800,000	5%
4060 · Personal Property Tax - Other	367,608	425,000	86%
Total 4000 · Property Taxes	480,495	6,475,487	7%
4100 · Income Tax		700,000	
4200 · Other Local Taxes			
4300 · Licenses and Permits			
4310 · Local Business Licenses	81,120	100,000	81%
4320 · County Traders License	490	5,000	10%
4370 · Cable Franchise Fees		90,000	
Total 4300 · Licenses and Permits	81,610	195,000	42%
4400 · Federal Funding			
4500 · State Funding			
4510 · Highway User Revenues		324,000	
4520 · Police Aid	73,360	330,000	22%
4540 · Police Grants	12,673	80,000	16%
4550 · Bond Bill			
Total 4500 · State Funding	86,033	734,000	12%
4600 · County Funding		24,857	
4700 · Service Charges			
4720 · Local Fines/Fees	15,437	50,000	31%
4730 · Copier Fees	2,084	2,000	104%
4740 · Fingerprinting		1,000	
4760 · Reimbursements			
4770 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	38,430	800,000	5%
4780 · Red Light Camera	190,283	800,000	24%
Total 4700 · Service Charges	246,234	1,653,000	15%
4800 · Other Revenues			
4810 · Insurance Reimbursement	2,343	20,000	12%
4820 · Bus Shelter Advertising	799	1,000	80%
4830 · Property Rental	7,500	45,000	17%
4840 · Vehicle Deployment	3,800	24,000	16%
4870 · Misc. Revenues		5,000	
4880 · Interest Earned	19,578	180,000	11%
Total 4800 · Other Revenues	34,021	275,000	12%
4900 · Restricted Revenues	2,500		100%
4997 · Transfer from HUR Fund Balance			
4998 · Transfer from Speed Camera Fund			
4999 · Transfer from Fund Balance			
Total Income	930,893	10,057,344	9%

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

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
Gross Profit	930,893	10,057,344	9%
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	624,073	4,532,025	14%
6020 · Overtime	111,765	470,000	24%
6030 · FICA	54,037	382,100	14%
6040 · Health Insurance	121,339	934,870	13%
6050 · Pension	82,468	613,447	13%
6060 · Workers Comp	38,706	272,000	14%
Total 6000 · Compensation	1,032,388	7,204,442	14%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,544	21,000	7%
6120 · Uniforms	8,734	60,000	15%
6130 · Recruitment	2,807	16,000	18%
6140 · Professional Development			
6145 · Council Business Development	1,638	30,000	5%
6140 · Professional Development - Other	3,568	61,000	6%
Total 6140 · Professional Development	5,206	91,000	6%
6150 · Payroll Service	1,473	11,000	13%
6160 · Employee Recognition	525	25,000	2%
6210 · Council Projects		5,000	
6220 · Community Initiatives		15,000	
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation		50,000	
6227 · Scholarships		5,000	
6225 · Community Grants - Other		12,000	
Total 6225 · Community Grants		67,000	
6230 · Community Events	30,942	85,000	36%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	3,000	4,500	67%
6240 · Memorials		1,000	
6255 · Town Meetings	2,622	12,000	22%
6260 · Transportation		50,000	
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,414	2,402	101%
6310 · Telephone	2,560	16,000	16%
6320 · Wireless Communications	9,332	70,000	13%
6330 · Communications Contracts		47,000	
6350 · Internet Access	1,728	10,000	17%
6360 · Data Fees			
6420 · Computer Expense	4,258	31,000	14%
6440 · IT Support	16,600	100,000	17%
6460 · Software Contract	9,874	90,000	11%
6510 · Audit		25,000	
6520 · Bank Charges	597	5,000	12%
6530 · Bad Debts		8,000	
6545 · Insurance - Auto	13,334	80,000	17%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	17,895	96,000	19%
6560 · Legal	686	40,000	2%
6570 · Equipment Lease	2,879	24,000	12%
6580 · Contractual Services	30,183	290,000	10%
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	20,094	125,000	16%
6620 · Fuel	33,244	145,000	23%

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

	Jul - Aug 26	Budget	% of Budget
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	5,784	70,000	8%
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	2,826	25,000	11%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	215	15,000	1%
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	1,556	15,000	10%
6710 · Building Maintenance	4,491	60,000	7%
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	2,108	40,000	5%
6740 · Street Lights	6,873	50,000	14%
6750 · Sanitation Contract	60,373	330,000	18%
6760 · Landfill Fees	1,713	15,000	11%
6770 · Building Supplies	319	12,000	3%
6790 · Janitorial Services	3,900	25,000	16%
6810 · Advertising	4,237	25,000	17%
6820 · Website		4,000	
6825 · Membership	13,170	29,500	45%
6835 · Travel	9,665	35,500	27%
6850 · Office Supplies	1,869	25,000	7%
6855 · Postage	352	8,000	4%
6860 · Shop Supplies	520	3,000	17%
6865 · Supplies	1,875	20,000	9%
6870 · K9 Supplies	2,951	15,000	20%
6880 · Election Costs		5,000	
6885 · Finger Printing	519	2,000	26%
6890 · Utilities	9,041	56,000	16%
6900 · Grants - Restricted	13,937		100%
Total Expense	1,403,211	9,757,344	14%
Net Ordinary Income	-472,318	300,000	-157%
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	16,751	150,000	11%
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other		150,000	
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	45,186	300,000	15%
Total Other Expense	45,186	300,000	15%
Net Other Income	-45,186	-300,000	15%
Net Income	-517,504		100%

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

SUMMER 2026 HIGHLIGHTS & ACTIVITY REPORT

During Summer 2026, the Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department continued promoting a clean, safe, attractive, and code-compliant community. Staff conducted routine inspections, responded to resident concerns, addressed property maintenance issues, supported community events, and collaborated with Town departments and outside agencies.

BULK TRASH & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Code Enforcement issued **9 Bulk Trash Reminder Notices** to residents for heavy or bulk trash placed at the curb. These reminders were intended to educate residents on proper disposal procedures and encourage voluntary compliance with Town requirements.

Code Enforcement also issued **14 Grass Violation Notices** for properties with high grass, weeds, or other vegetation-related maintenance concerns. Staff continued follow-up inspections to determine compliance and initiate additional enforcement action when necessary.

ILLEGAL SIGNS

Code Enforcement continued proactive enforcement involving unauthorized signs placed on utility poles and within public rights-of-way.

During the reporting period:

- **65 signs** were removed from utility poles.
- **23 signs** were removed from public rights-of-way.
- **88 signs** were removed during this reporting period.
- **301 signs** have been removed **year-to-date**.

Removing unauthorized signs helps maintain the appearance of the Town, protects public spaces, and reduces visual clutter throughout the community.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Code Enforcement continued monitoring and enforcement of abandoned and potentially inoperable vehicles throughout residential, commercial, and multifamily areas.

During the reporting period:

- **20 abandoned vehicles** were identified in residential areas.
- **5 abandoned vehicles** were identified in business areas.
- **4 abandoned vehicles** were identified in apartment/multifamily areas.
- **1 vehicle was impounded.**

This represents **29 abandoned vehicle cases** during the reporting period. **Year-to-date, Code Enforcement has addressed 114 abandoned vehicles, with 4 vehicles impounded.**

Staff continues to conduct follow-up inspections and coordinate enforcement actions to address vehicles that remain in violation.

GRAFFITI COMPLAINTS

Code Enforcement received **10 graffiti complaints** during the reporting period. Staff documented reported locations, conducted inspections, and coordinated appropriate corrective action to help maintain the appearance and quality of Town properties and public areas.

GOVPILOT / CITIZEN CONCERNS

Code Enforcement received **6 citizen concerns through the GovPilot reporting system.**

The **average case closure time was approximately 3 days**, demonstrating the Department's continued commitment to timely investigation, communication, and resolution of community concerns.

APARTMENT & PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Code Enforcement continued conducting **apartment inspections** as part of the Town's ongoing effort to promote safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Inspections focused on identifying property maintenance, health, safety, and other potential code violations. Staff continued communicating with property owners and management representatives regarding corrective actions and conducting follow-up inspections when necessary

COMMUNITY & INTERDEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

In addition to regular enforcement responsibilities, Code Enforcement assisted with several Town events and operational activities during the summer, including:

- **Town Fireworks Celebration**
- **National Night Out (NNO)**
- **Back-to-School Jam**
- Public Works **line-painting activities**
- **First Day of School** opening-day activities

These activities provided Code Enforcement staff with additional opportunities to support other Town departments, interact with residents, and contribute to community safety and engagement.

QUINCY STREET CLEANUP

Code Enforcement assisted the **Maryland State Highway Administration and the Town's Public Works Department** with cleanup activities along Quincy Street.

The collaborative effort supported the Town's ongoing commitment to maintaining clean public areas and addressing conditions affecting neighborhood appearance and quality of life.

MEETINGS, TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement staff participated in several meetings, training opportunities, and professional activities during the reporting period, including:

- **Maryland Municipal League / CEZOA Meeting – Greenbelt, Maryland**
- Meeting with the **Town Administrator** regarding the abatement process and ongoing Code Enforcement projects
- **Senior Staff Meeting**
- **Ice Cream with a Cop** activity throughout the Town

Participation in these meetings and activities supports professional development, strengthens interdepartmental communication, improves enforcement procedures, and promotes positive engagement between Code Enforcement, Town leadership, partner agencies, and the community.

SUMMER 2026 ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

Activity	Summer 2026 Year-to-Date
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Bulk Trash Reminder Notices	9	—
Signs Removed	88	301
Abandoned Vehicles	29	114
Vehicles Impounded	1	4
Grass Violation Notices	14	—
Graffiti Complaints	10	—
GovPilot Citizen Concerns	6	—
Average Case Closure Time	3 Days	—

CONTINUING PRIORITIES

The Code Enforcement Department will continue focusing on proactive property inspections, abandoned vehicle enforcement, high grass and vegetation violations, bulk trash compliance, graffiti concerns, apartment inspections, citizen complaints, and public education.

The Department remains committed to working collaboratively with residents, property owners, businesses, Town departments, and partner agencies to maintain a **clean, safe, attractive, and welcoming Bladensburg community**.

CONTACT CODE ENFORCEMENT

Residents and property owners who have questions, concerns, or wish to report a potential code violation are encouraged to contact the Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department.

Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department
4910 Tilden Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710
Phone: 301-927-0330

Working together to keep Bladensburg clean, safe, and beautiful.

Department of Public Works
Report for July/ August, 2026



Submitted by
Purnell Hall

Public Works activities for July/August, 2026

During the Month of July/ August, Public Works worked on the following activities:

1. Public Works assisted with the Fourth of July event at the Bladensburg water front park.
2. I'm please to say. The joint clean-up effort along 52nd Ave. between our Public Works department and SHA maintenance guys went well. I want to also Thanks them guys.
3. Assisted Council member Blunt, with transporting chairs for her Senior Gala at the Emerson House.
4. Public Works department at it's Best. The guys did some asphalt work in the 5500 block of Decatur Street.



5. Due to the over grown vegetation. Public Works trimmed up tree limbs and vines throughtout the Town.
6. Repaired Stop signs and No parking signs in the 4500 block of 57th Ave due to a vechile striking several signs.
7. Public Works assitted with National Night Out at David C. Harrington Park, and Back to School Summer Jam in the parking lot of the CAT Team office.
8. Reset some of the new benches that Public Works made with back rest on 58th Ave and Annapolis Rd.
9. All truck from Public Works that enter Brown Station landfill pass inspection.
10. Public Works repaired hydraic hoses on the skid steer that burst while operating it.
11. Painted all yellow curbs in Town. I want to thank the guys is was rough and hot.
12. Finished up some crosswalks right before school started at 56th Ave.and Tilden Rd.and Quincy St. and 52nd Ave.
13. Due to some heavy rain. Public Works may sure catch basin where free of any debris

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.



Resident's Please Don't Litter in your community...

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



Reminder: Recycling is collected on Mondays with Yard Waste



Limbs are to be 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 OF BLADENSBURG

Town Administrator — Monthly Report

July–August 2026

Summary Report

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Brian Wood, Interim Town Administrator
DATE: September 10, 2026
RE: Monthly Report — July–August 2026

This memorandum provides the Mayor and Town Council with a summary of Town activities, decision points, and items of Council interest across July and August 2026.

\$3.0M Bostwick House Barn & Parking — Phase 1	80 Properties Identified for Annexation Review	27+ Families Supported — Victory Grace Center
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CITY OPERATIONS

- **BCCE Grant Coordination:** Staff finalized the scope of the FY27 façade improvement and other grants with fellow BCCE Town Administrators, allowing the scope to be drafted and executed, and identified what each town intends to pursue in the upcoming FY28 grant cycle (closed August 6).
- **Maryland Department of Energy — EV Grants:** Staff met with MDE to resolve a misunderstanding regarding eligibility requirements for two previously awarded electric vehicle grants; the vehicles the Town intends to purchase do qualify. A revised grant agreement will reflect that the awards — totaling just over \$100,000 — will fund a street sweeper and a 15-passenger bus.
- **America in Bloom Evaluation:** Two advisors/judges visited the Town July 20–21 for a two-day evaluation, meeting with every Town department, touring the Town, and meeting with Amen Trust representatives and the legislative team. They reviewed the Town's green initiatives, including Public Works' efforts around Town Hall (the canoe, bridge, and flower bed installations) and the planters along 57th Street. The final evaluation report is expected within a few weeks, and the Town will participate in a Port Towns ride-along as part of the America in Bloom national conference in Alexandria, VA this fall.
- **Annual Audit:** The Mayor has authorized the auditing firm to officially begin the FY2026 annual audit in late August/September. The Finance Department, with cross-department support, is focused on preparing for the audit and closing out the FY2026 books.
- **Victory Grace Center Partnership:** Staff met with Antoinnette of Victory Grace Center, which has provided weekly meals and services to Edmonston-area residents for several years; participation has declined since January, likely due to resident concerns about ICE activity. With surplus food available, Victory Grace Center offered weekly food boxes to families in need. Staff identified more than 27 eligible families.
- **Stop Sign / School Zone Camera Enforcement — Legal Review:** As the stop sign camera enforcement program enters its final stages, staff are working with Town Council to clearly define the school zones eligible for camera enforcement.
- **Grants and Bond Bill List:** Staff worked to complete a comprehensive list of the Town's grants and bond bills. This living document will continue to be updated and will be shared with Council alongside future monthly reports.

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Additionally, staff are working to create a real-time dashboard that will give residents greater transparency into the Town's grants and related efforts.

- **New Veterans-Focused Event:** Staff met with Councilwoman McBryde to discuss her vision for a veterans-focused event centered around Veterans Day week in November. The concept is still being developed, with healthy eating and related supports as a critical component.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & DEVELOPMENT

- **Bostwick House — County & Community Engagement:** The Town, project consultant, and Amen Trust representatives met with County Councilwoman Stafford-Adams to brief her on the property's vision and the investment secured to date. A property review focused on the barn was subsequently completed, with recommendations drafted and reviewed with the Amen Trust on July 29.
- **Bladenwoods Update:** Representatives from the Police Department, Code Enforcement, the Town Administrator's Office, Councilwoman Dixon, and the County Councilwoman's office met on-site to review renovation efforts addressing 12 units deemed uninhabitable due to fire and water damage. Roof repairs began August 12 and are expected to take up to one month; a revised damage assessment will follow, with full condo renovations anticipated to take up to eight months afterward.
- **Autumn Woods:** The team responded to concerns shared with Mayor James regarding pest infestations at Autumn Woods. Code Enforcement contacted the resident and management company, outlined a plan of action, and will follow up to ensure improvement.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **Town Hall / Police Station:** Staff met with Ms. Hartsfield of Urban Design to review the December 2025 final report outlining a draft design and tentative cost for a new Town Hall/Police Station. Staff also connected with the State's capital financing agency at the MML Alternative Capital Symposium and met with Darrell Connelly (DHCD) and LGIF on August 11 to discuss funding and bonding options. A questionnaire to guide Council's prioritization and needs assessment was developed and next steps around scoping will take place in October.
- **Bostwick House:** A review of the property, together with recent engineering assessments, identified a clear path to renovate the barn and create approximately 50 parking spaces on the eastern portion of the campus. This Phase 1 effort is projected to cost approximately \$3,000,000 and would make the site usable and activated. A team led by Jarryd will meet with the Congressional delegation on September 18 to provide a project update and property tour.

PERSONNEL

- **Police Chief Search:** The search process was finalized at the Council retreat. The position closes September 11, 2026, followed by a panel interview, a Council interview, and a final hiring decision.
- **New Police Officer:** The Police Department has made two new hires: one has started the academy, and the other will begin comparative compliance training.
- **Interim Town Administrator 90-Day Review:** The Interim Town Administrator's 90-day review was completed in August 2026.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **Fall Legislative Informational Session:** Planning is underway for the Town of Bladensburg's fall legislative informational session for state and federal delegation members.

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- **One-Page Legislative Priorities Summary:** Following the Council retreat, staff developed a one-page summary of the Town's 3–5 year strategic priorities for use in legislative meetings beginning August 2 and continuing through the Town's official legislative session. The Mayor presented these priorities to Senator Augustin on August 1 and shared a revised one-pager per his request.

CONFERENCES

The Mayor served as moderator at the Maryland Municipal League's one-day Alternative Capital Symposium, where staff connected with the State's capital financing agency to discuss funding and bonding opportunities for the Town Hall project.

COUNCIL RETREAT

The Town Council held a two-day retreat on July 23–24 centered on visioning, planning, and strategizing for the Town's future, covering operational staffing, policies and procedures, key personnel searches (Police Chief and Town Administrator), the New Town Hall and Bostwick House capital projects, financial policy review, and retention and liability policy changes. Thank you to all Council members for their attendance, participation, and willingness to put in the work despite competing professional and personal commitments.

JULY–AUGUST EVENTS

- **America in Bloom Judging Visit:** July 20–21 — two-day evaluation of the Town's civic beautification and community engagement efforts. Special thanks to the Communications/Community Engagement team and Public Works for their support throughout the visit.
- **Town Council Retreat:** July 23–24 — two-day strategic planning retreat that laid the groundwork for the Town's upcoming strategic plan, as well as operational reviews and team-building among Council members.
- **National Night Out:** August 4 — a great success, with more than 200 residents in attendance. Highlights included a tug-of-war competition, a mechanical bull, a car show, and more.
- **Back to School Event:** August 15 — a great success, with more than 300 backpacks distributed to Bladensburg students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Senior Gathering on the Waterfront:** September 8, 2026.
- **Federal Delegation Meeting:** September 18, 2026 — Bostwick House briefing and property tour for Congressional delegation representatives.
- **America in Bloom National Meeting/Tour:** September 24–26, 2026.
- **Bladensburg Day:** October 3, 2026.