TOWN OF BLADENSBURG COUNCIL MEETING | NOVEMBER 9, 2026

November 09, 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. **Presentations**
   - **A.** Patriotic Committee **– 5 min**
   - **B.** Pepco Presentation by Veronica McTier **– 5 min**
6. **Approval of Minutes**
   - **A.** Approval of town council session – October 12, 2026 **- 1 min**
   - **B.** Approval of town council hybrid session – October 26, 2026 **- 1 min**
7. **Public Comments**
8. **Work Session Recap**
   - **A.** Town events **– 5 min**
9. **Financial Business**
   - **A.** motion to direct for the town to enroll in the public FAMLI act **– 2 min**
   - **B.** ARPA Budget Amend **– 2 min**
10. **New Business**

A. Motorola Resolution **– 5 min**

11. 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/Town Clerk

12. Mayor and Council Reports (3 minutes each)

Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2 - 3 min

Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2 - 3 min

Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1 - 3 min

Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1 - 3 min

Mayor Takisha James

13. Adjournment

Town of Bladensburg Council Meeting | October 12, 2026

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2026, 7:00 PM
4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710, US

1. Call To Order

Mayor Takisha James called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM and acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' Day and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Present: Mayor Takisha James; Council Member Trina Brown (Ward 1); Council Member Kalisha Dixon (Ward 1); Council Member Carrol McBryde (Ward 2); Council Member Marilyn Blount (Ward 2). Staff present included Town Administrator Brian Wood, Treasurer Vito Tinelli, and Lt. Richard Poole. / Absent: None noted.

2. Opening Prayer

Council Member Carrol McBryde led the opening prayer.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

Council Member Trina Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval Of Agenda

> Motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Kalisha Dixon and seconded by Council Member Carrol McBryde. There were no corrections or amendments. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

5. Presentations

In addition to the scheduled presentations, two further items were received.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation : Mayor James read a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It honors survivors, remembers those lost, and encourages screening and early detection.

Prince George's County Office of Human Rights : Kyla Hannington, Public Outreach and Engagement Division Chief, described the office's four functions. These are investigating discrimination complaints across 17 protected categories, the Human Trafficking Task Force, the language access program, and public outreach. She provided brochures and contact information (phone 301-883-6170; website civilrights.mypgc.us). The Mayor said the Town would place brochures in the front office and use the office as a point of contact for resident issues.

a. Hispanic Heritage Month Presentations

Mayor James read a proclamation recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. She then presented a certificate of appreciation to former Council Member Christian Mendoza. The certificate recognized more than 20 years of service organizing the annual Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day

celebrations. The Mayor noted his 16 years on the Council and his work with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Mr. Mendoza thanked the Town and recalled that the Mexican consulate's participation began in 2008. A planned recognition of resident Eloisa Guzman was deferred because she is in Mexico, and she will be recognized upon her return.

b. Patriotic Committee- Renee Greene

Susan McCutchen reported on behalf of Patriotic Coordinator Renee Greene. The Veterans Day ceremony will be held Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 AM. The American Legion will need a check soon, and Ms. Greene suggested $500, the same amount provided for Memorial Day. A guest speaker had not yet been identified, and Ms. Greene requested input from the Council and staff.

6. Approval Of Minutes

a. Approval Of Town Council Session - Sept 14, 2026

> Motion to approve the Town Council minutes of September 14, 2026, as corrected, was made by Council Member Trina Brown and seconded by Council Member Carrol McBryde. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

Corrections noted were: "Hampton Woods" should read "Hamlet" on page 4; and the references to Interim Chief Frishkorn as "commander" under Resolution 11-2027 (item j) and the page 8 public safety report were to be corrected.

7. Public Comments

Susan McCutchen encouraged residents to vote. She announced a "No Kings Vote Early" rally at 2:30 PM at Driscoll Park in Hyattsville. She also thanked the police department and Sergeant Ramirez for their conversation on community outreach regarding ICE activity.

Marlon Cruz offered a land acknowledgment and thanked the Town for including residents in the September work session. He asked whether the Town would adopt written policies limiting local participation in civil immigration enforcement, verify federal officers' authority, prevent town property from being used as a staging ground, and document officer observations. He also asked that officers help families recover vehicles and belongings left after detentions. He asked how the community liaison role of Sergeant Maria Ramirez would operate.

Patty Mendoza objected to the stop sign cameras, citing the lack of warnings and the backups caused by drivers declining to turn right on red at Annapolis Road and 57th Avenue. She also reported a property at 56th Place and Emerson with multiple untagged vehicles and other items, and said her code enforcement calls had gone to voicemail.

Town Administrator Wood committed to relaying Ms. Mendoza's concerns, emailing the Council with an update on the process, following up with her personally, and reporting at the November meeting. The Mayor asked that written follow-up be provided to Mr. Cruz's questions.

8. Work Session Recap

Town Administrator Wood summarized the work session held at 5:30 PM.

a. MOU Discussion

The MOU with the State Highway Administration regarding 52nd Avenue will be followed up with Senator Augustine's office and SHA. A revised MOU is expected to return to the Council in November or December at the latest.

b. Town Hall Discussion

The item was tabled to a future meeting.

c. Community Garden

The Council discussed a possible alternative site. Historic nature and easements require review.

d. Composting

Staff will continue online promotion, print a flyer, and canvass to increase resident participation.

e. FAMLI Discussion

There was clear direction on the path forward. A motion to direct staff will come at the November meeting.

9. Financial Business

a. Retention Grant Budget Amendment Ordinance 02-2027

Town Administrator Wood explained that the ordinance accepts a Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention Police Recruitment and Retention Program grant (PRAR 2027-0040), not to exceed $12,015. It is a cost-reimbursable grant. Treasurer Tinelli stated that the funds will be paid as a one-time retention bonus, through payroll, to the 27 or 28 uniformed officers. The state will then reimburse the Town.

> Motion to approve Ordinance 02-2027 was made by Council Member Kalisha Dixon and seconded by Council Member Marilyn Blount. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

b. Vehicles Budget Amendment Ordinance 03-2027

Town Administrator Wood explained that this emergency ordinance makes a $118,000 FY 2027 budget adjustment for police vehicles purchased in FY 2026. The vehicle outfitter was slow to complete the upfitting, so the cost was unspent at fiscal year-end. Treasurer Tinelli stated that the amount will be offset by projected speed enforcement camera revenue. He explained that a deferred-purchase treatment in FY 2026 was not appropriate because the audit is complete and the vehicles had not yet been delivered.

> Motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 03-2027 was made by Council Member Trina Brown and seconded by Council Member Marilyn Blount. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

10. New Business

a. Shepard Energy Resolution 13-2027

Town Administrator Wood explained that this completes a 2025 grant received on behalf of the BCCE. The final component is a public facilities energy assessment for Bladensburg and Edmonston, with a not-to-exceed amount of $57,500. It is expected to take 60 to 90 days, with reimbursement to be sought from the state. The vendor was selected for its experience with BCCE and the Port Towns communities.

> Motion to approve Resolution 13-2027 was made by Council Member Marilyn Blount and seconded by Council Member Trina Brown. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

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

Town Administrator Wood explained that Ordinance 04-2027 is the second part of last month's legislation. It was needed because parking spaces were found to obstruct camera lines of sight during the warning period. The Mayor noted discussion of painting curbs yellow 100 feet from stop signs. She asked staff to audit other streets with tight parking, such as Tilden, and confirm that no-parking areas are clearly marked.

> Motion to approve Ordinance 04-2027 was made by Council Member Marilyn Blount and seconded by Council Member Carrol McBryde. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

c. Civility Pledge

Mayor James introduced Resolution 14-2027, which commits the Town to respectful, constructive, and dignified discourse at public meetings and community engagement. It follows a pledge encouraged by the National League of Cities and was drafted after the board retreat and modified with the Town Administrator. She said spirited debate is welcome but demeaning or disruptive conduct by officials, staff, or the public will not be tolerated. The resolution will be posted publicly.

> Motion to approve Resolution 14-2027 was made by Council Member Marilyn Blount and seconded by Council Member Kalisha Dixon. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions.

11. Staff Reports

a. Treasurer

Treasurer Vito Tinelli reported on the first quarter of FY 2027. The Town received about $500,000 in real estate taxes through September, and about $3.4 million more the prior Friday. Business personal property taxes were higher than previously seen. The county invoiced the Town $500,000 for its share of the ARPA-funded stormwater project, which closes out that grant. That amount is held as a liability and remains in the bank earning interest. Departmental expenses were under budget because of staff vacancies. The Town's 2 major community events (National Night Out and the July 2nd Independence Day celebration) increased expenses. The FY 2026 audit is in progress, with more than 330 documents provided, and he hoped to present it in November.

b. Public Safety And Code Enforcement

Lt. Richard Poole reported on behalf of Interim Chief Frishkorn. Violent crime was down 20 percent for the month, while property crime rose due to thefts from and of vehicles. Residents were reminded to lock vehicles and remove valuables. He reviewed September community events, including the senior gathering, the Orioles color guard, Bladensburg Day, and school events. Upcoming events are a community chat at Newton Street, Trunk or Treat on October 23, National Drug Take Back on October 24, and a ceremonial honor guard school October 26–30. The department is recruiting for a dispatcher and an entry-level officer. Training was completed in several areas. Two upfitted vehicles were expected that week, and the stop sign cameras are active and issuing citations after the 15-day warning period. A fatal pedestrian crash in the 4100 block of Baltimore Avenue remains under CID investigation. The code enforcement report is in the online packet.

Mayor James asked about signage to reduce backups caused by drivers hesitant to turn right on red. Lt. Poole stated that he and Acting Lieutenant Harris were considering a larger sign instructing drivers to stop, then proceed.

c. Town Clerk

d. Public Works

Mr. Hall expressed gratitude for the Town's support of the family of the late Ivan Fuentes. He reported on the overnight storm response, in which crews cleared downed trees, and on water intrusion at the annex building from a detached downspout. Crews also installed lighting on the Town Hall vinyl fence and, with Officer Harris, installed signage at the stop sign camera locations. They filled potholes, monitored catch basins, and repointed brickwork at the police station. The Mayor thanked Mr. Hall for his leadership following the loss of Mr. Fuentes.

e. Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Town Administrator Wood commended staff for their response to the unexpected loss of a colleague and for their work on events including America in Bloom and Bladensburg Day. He reported that current priorities are FY 2028 budget preparation, the Town Hall, policy review, and the Town's first capital budget, developed with the Treasurer and integrated with grant opportunities.

12. Mayor And Council Reports

a. Council Member Trina Brown – Ward 1

Council Member Brown thanked Public Works and its leadership for their work and support during the loss of a colleague. She recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She announced early voting October 22–29 from 7 AM to 7 PM, and Election Day on November 3 from 7 AM to 8 PM.

b. Council Member Kalisha Dixon – Ward 1

Council Member Dixon reported that a Bladensburg Elementary School student received an electric wheelchair, and thanked Mayor James and the Department of General Services. She reported attending a state and local cybersecurity webinar, PGCMA, Bladensburg Day, and Mr. Fuentes's funeral celebration. She also noted continued work to return a resident to an apartment. She thanked Public Works and the police department, observed Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and congratulated Christian Mendoza.

c. Council Member Carrol McBryde – Ward 2

Council Member McBryde forwent a report.

d. Council Member Marilyn Blount – Ward 2

Council Member Blount thanked residents, the police department for supporting the senior gathering, Public Works, and the Council for their support. She also noted her graduation from the University of Maryland Academy of Excellence in Local Government.

e. Mayor Takisha James

Mayor James reported on her written report, which is posted online. She attended the Fox 5 Zip Trip and suggested that the Town request a Bladensburg edition. She highlighted the America in Bloom conference dinner hosted at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park by the Prince George's County host committee. She also noted the September 27 graduation of Council Members Blount and Dixon from the Academy of Excellence in Local Government. She reported that the Maryland Municipal League Board approved two legislative priorities, modernizing municipal revenues and addressing coordinated takeover events. She said she had testified before the municipal revenue task force, asking for multiple options. She thanked the Sheriff's Office for stocking the food pantry. She also summarized new laws effective October 1: the dynamic pricing prohibition, the masked law enforcement officer ban, the LEAD Act of 2026 training requirement, a 60-day out-of-state vehicle registration window, and a requirement to clear dangerous snow and ice from vehicles. She noted that October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encouraged residents to display purple porch lights.

13. Adjournment

> Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Kalisha Dixon and seconded by Council Member Marilyn Blount. The motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Town of Bladensburg Hybrid Council Meeting | October 26, 2026

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2026, 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710, US

1. Call to Order

The Hybrid Council Meeting of the Town of Bladensburg was held on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 5:30 PM at 4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710. The Mayor presided and confirmed attendance, including whether Councilmember McBryde was present. No absences were noted in the record.

Present: Mayor; Council Member Kalisha Dixon (Ward I); Council Member Trina Brown (Ward I); Council Member Marilyn Blount (Ward II); Council Member Carrol McBryde (Ward II). Staff and guests also present were Town Administrator Brian Wood, Treasurer Vito Tinelli, and legislative consultant Jonathan Brown of L.A. Perez and Associates. / Absent: None noted.

Some participants joined remotely, as the meeting was held in a hybrid format.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. New Business

a. Legislative Session And Priorities

Jonathan Brown of L.A. Perez and Associates presented a 2026 recap report and an overview of county-level legislative activity. He stated that the county's budget struggles had dominated the year and that little other legislative activity had occurred as the county reconsidered its priorities and its role in the community.

Mr. Brown described a group of "neighborhood stabilization" bills (CB-023-2026, CB-074-2026 and CB-081). They respond to the growth of Airbnbs and accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and address rental licensing, shorter permitted rental periods and increased fees for noncompliance. He cautioned that workarounds, such as operating a large house as a "bed and breakfast" in the middle of a neighborhood, are not well captured in the legislation and that the Town should be aware of them. He also described a county resolution on a government transparency, performance and accountability work group. It is expected to lead to legislation giving greater insight into how grants are awarded and spent. He additionally cited public safety resolutions concerning the expansion of correctional and mental health facilities, and continued concern about flooding, including efforts to secure state and county stormwater funding.

The Mayor asked whether the county was prioritizing more mental health facilities, given the pause on new detention or corrections facilities in District 4. Mr. Brown replied that the need is widely recognized but that "no one really wants that in their backyard." He said community opposition caused the District 4 stoppage and that the central question is where such facilities will be located. He also noted that responsibility for mental health services shifted to local governments when the federal government withdrew from that area.

The Mayor invited Council questions and raised the county's efforts to provide property tax relief for seniors on fixed incomes whose assessments rise with property values. Council Member Blount said there was much to say on the topic but that it should be left for another day. Council Member Dixon stated that seniors are facing charges they do not understand. Mr. Brown agreed and said the accountability resolution is meant to help, but that mandated school funding leaves the county little flexibility and that relief depends on the county's finances improving. The Mayor agreed, noting that the county faces a deficit of hundreds of millions of dollars. She said proposed credits for elderly and disabled homeowners and adjustments to the homestead tax credit reflect "the

reality of the pocketbook" rather than a lack of desire. Mr. Brown added that the state's SPIRIT legislation allows the county to give away future tax earnings rather than resources available now.

Town Administrator Wood described next steps. Staff will finalize the draft, work with Rey on a legislative booklet, and schedule a session with county, state and federal legislative representatives, hopefully within the next week or two. The Mayor asked that the timing account for Election Day the following week, allowing legislators a few weeks to recover so they are receptive. Mr. Wood agreed to take the temperature of those involved and find the right timing. The Mayor thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation.

b. Town Hall Next Steps Discussion

Town Administrator Wood presented a framework for next steps on the new Town Hall project, with Treasurer Tinelli assisting with the slides. He recalled that the Neighborhood Design Center presented a design in approximately December 2025 for a building of about 25,000 square feet. It carried an estimated cost of $15 million to $19 million, based on comparable Town Halls built between 2019 and 2022. Mr. Wood posed four key questions for Council:

- Whether to take a budget-first or scope-first approach.
- Whether there are cost savings through value engineering, such as merging rooms or building out in phases (for example, shelling in offices for future growth).
- Whether to issue an RFP for engineering and a construction manager at risk, a hybrid of design-build and design-bid-build.
- Whether to conduct a comprehensive facilities assessment to understand capital needs over the next 5 to 7 years regardless of the project, including HVAC, roofing and brick pointing.

Council Member Blount asked whether the project would remain on the current site. Mr. Wood replied that all documentation to date assumed the current site. The Mayor added that the Urban Land Institute TAP process had recommended considering a move toward Main Street near the Bostwick House site and Annapolis Road. She said Council had shown little interest in that direction, and that the Town owns the current site and would not have to purchase property.

Mr. Wood described a meeting held earlier in the year between himself, the Mayor and the state agency that helps communities issue bonds without going through the full bond rating process. The agency groups projects twice a year and prepared numbers based on the Neighborhood Design Center study and several borrowing scenarios. At roughly $65,000 per $1 million borrowed, a building of the original size would likely require borrowing at the upper end of $19 million at 2027 prices. He also noted that police facilities typically cost two to three times more than traditional office space.

In response to Council Member Dixon's request to clarify funding sources, Mr. Wood stated that the Town has secured about $1.5 million for the communications and dispatch component (awaiting final language, according to Grants Manager John O'Connor) and $1 million in state bond bill funds, for $2.5 million total. He said the funds should be available in the next 12 to 18 months if the project proceeds. He cautioned that if the Town decides not to proceed, it should know soon so it can seek reprogramming in the legislative session and avoid a clawback of funds.

Council Member Trina Brown asked about the slide on the financial starting point, which showed that borrowing the full $17 million midpoint would cost about $1.1 million per year for 30 years. She noted the substantial annual cost even with a $9 million to $12 million loan and $2.5 million in bond bill funding. The Mayor explained that the slides showed the cost of the original "dream" plan minus savings, and that the Town may need to scale back to roughly $12 million to $15 million. This would keep the annual payment under $1 million and be sustainable over time. She said the Town could still ask the legislature for funds, such as $1 million in the 2028 session, which could be applied toward the debt. The Mayor also said the Town should message the project's public safety function to attract support. She asked Council to consider a budget-first approach, with staff identifying what is truly needed, perhaps 18,000 square feet rather than 24,000, with room for future phases.

Council Member Dixon agreed with going back to refine the scope and then looking at the budget. She expressed concern about the roughly $14.5 million remaining after the $2.5 million secured, and about how the Town would absorb the annual debt payments without raising resident taxes. The Mayor responded that the concern was valid but that a new Town Hall cannot be built for $3 million. She stated that construction costs have risen and will likely continue to rise with delay, and that the Town must invest in itself, as the current

building cannot serve another 30 years. She said a target on the lower side of $10 million to $12 million, once staff define actual needs, could be a reasonable starting point.

Mr. Wood said his initial budget analysis suggested about $500,000 could be found through tough choices and policy changes while maintaining current staffing levels. One example was reviewing holiday and benefit structures, such as floating holidays, which cost a few hundred thousand dollars more than neighboring jurisdictions. He said a facilities assessment would be key, because $3 million to $4 million in capital costs over four years may be needed regardless, which would affect the net cost of a new building. He noted structural financial concerns heading into FY28 and the Town's recent personal property tax increases in 2023 and 2024. He added that right-sizing and staffing questions would be the subject of future conversations.

Council Member Trina Brown asked about the cost of Mount Rainier's recently rebuilt Town Hall. The Mayor noted that Mount Rainier's police department is housed separately, so its costs would show a Town Hall without a police component. She suggested that College Park and Seat Pleasant, which have newer facilities, could also provide ballpark figures. Council Member Brown also suggested examining the possibility of remodeling and building up on the existing facility. Treasurer Tinelli recalled being told that the building was originally designed in pods that could be built upward, but that the structure was reduced to cut costs and a second floor was later said to be infeasible. He stated he could not verify the source or basis of that information. Council Member Brown agreed that a facilities assessment would provide definitive answers on structural capacity.

Mr. Wood summarized the apparent consensus to pursue an RFP for a facilities assessment, including assessment of the structural elements to determine whether building vertically is feasible, and the Mayor took a formal motion.

> Motion to direct the Town Administrator to pursue an RFP for a facility assessment for the Town Hall project was made by Council Member Trina Brown and seconded by Council Member Dixon. The Mayor called the vote, with Council Member Blount and the Mayor voting aye. There were no nays or abstentions. The motion carried.

c. Mango Cafe Update

Town Administrator Wood reported that a hearing regarding Mango Cafe is scheduled for November 4. He stated that he and Purnell conducted a walkthrough of the premises that day to determine what cleanup is needed. Staff are also engaging Suellen to review the lease terms, depending on the outcome of the hearing. Mr. Wood said he would report back on what options the Town has as owner and leaseholder.

In response to Council Member Trina Brown's question, Mr. Wood confirmed that the matter concerns an allegation that alcohol was sold after permitted hours. He said he would need to review the code for the specific cutoff time. Council Member Blount asked whether this was the second alcohol-related violation by the establishment. Mr. Wood did not know and agreed to look into it and provide details. For the benefit of the public, the Mayor clarified that Mango Cafe is alleged to have violated the county's liquor license provisions and will have an opportunity to respond before the Prince George's County Liquor Board. Council Member Dixon asked whether the space is subleased; it was stated that, to the Town's knowledge, it is not. The Mayor noted that any discussion of the lease itself pertains to contract matters and would need to take place in closed session.

d. Executive Session — Pending Or Potential Litigation Regarding Contract Matters

The Mayor asked that the broadcast remain live so the public could hear the justification for closing the session. She stated that the Mayor and Council would convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(8), to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals regarding pending or potential litigation involving contract matters. She also cited § 3-305(b)(1), which allows a public body to close a session for specific personnel matters involving an employee, appointee, or official under its jurisdiction.

> Motion to go into closed session was made by Council Member Blount and seconded by Council Member McBryde. The vote was taken by voice, with Council Member Trina Brown, Council Member McBryde and the Mayor voting aye. There were no nays or abstentions. The motion carried.

The Mayor informed the public that the broadcast would end at that point and that the Council would report out any decisions resulting from the discussion following the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.
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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

MOTION NO. 2 – 2027

A MOTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG DIRECTING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO ELECT AND DECLARE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE (FAMLI) STATE PLAN

Introduced by: Mayor James

Date: November 9, 2026

WHEREAS, the Time to Care Act of 2022 established the Maryland Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) program, administered by the Maryland Department of Labor, FAMLI Division, to provide eligible Maryland workers with partial wage replacement during qualifying periods of family and medical leave; and

WHEREAS, all Maryland employers with at least one employee, including municipal governments, are required to register with the FAMLI Division and to participate in either the State Plan or an approved private plan; and

WHEREAS, payroll contributions under the FAMLI program begin on January 1, 2027, at a rate of 0.9% of covered wages, and benefits become available to eligible employees no later than January 3, 2028; and

WHEREAS, employers seeking to pursue a private plan must submit a Declaration of Intent to the FAMLI Division no later than November 15, 2026, and employers that do not submit a Declaration of Intent participate in the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town staff evaluated both options and, by Decision Point Memorandum to the Mayor and Town Council, recommended participation in the State Plan as the option offering the lowest administrative burden, a predictable State-set contribution rate, and no requirement for the Town to administer claims or hold contributions in escrow; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the staff recommendation and finds that participation in the State Plan is in the best interest of the Town and its employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I move that the Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg direct the Town Administrator to:

1. Elect and declare the Town's participation in the Maryland FAMLI State Plan, effective January 1, 2027, and refrain from submitting a Declaration of Intent to pursue a private plan;

2. Complete and maintain the Town's employer registration with the Maryland Department of Labor, FAMLI Division, including designation of the Town's authorized officer;

3. Take all administrative actions necessary to comply with the FAMLI program, including payroll configuration, quarterly wage reporting and contribution remittance, and all required employee notices; and

4. Return to the Town Council with a resolution appropriating funds for the Town's FAMLI contributions for the period of January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED that this Motion shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg this 9th day of November, 2026.

ATTEST: **TOWN OF BLADENSBURG**

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Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk Takisha James, Mayor

Approved as to Administration: _____

Brian Wood, Interim Town Administrator

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG
4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2027: FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET AMENDMENT

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 November 9, 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 amendment is made to the general operating budget for Fiscal Year 2027 for the purpose of closing out the ARPA funds for purchases and allocations **prior to December 31, 2026,** for the following:

1. Increase Long Term Capital Projects Expense by **$500,000.00** for the Town's share in the Prince George's County Flood Project; and

2. Increase Federal Revenues by **$500,000.00**, which releases the balance of ARPA Funds held as Deferred Revenues.

Overall Budget Impact: $500,000.00 (expense fully offset by the release of ARPA Deferred Revenues; net impact to fund balance $0.00)

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 Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, and will be effective the 9th day of November 2026.

ATTEST: By Order of the Mayor and Town Council

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Brian Wood, Acting Town Clerk Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: November 9, 2026
Adopted: November 9, 2026
Effective: November 9, 2026

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

4229 Edmonston Road
Bladensburg, Maryland

Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

PROPOSED | RESOLUTION NO: 15– 2027

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SERVICE AGREEMENT NO. USC000006766 WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR RECURRING MAINTENANCE AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $45,165.91 FOR THE TERM FEBRUARY 1, 2027 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2028.

WHEREAS, the Bladensburg Police Department relies on Motorola Solutions, Inc. ("Motorola") equipment and systems in the performance of its public safety functions, and the continued maintenance and support of that equipment is necessary to the safe and effective operation of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Motorola has presented to the Town Service Agreement Contract No. USC000006766, dated October 30, 2026 (the "Agreement"), under which Motorola will provide recurring Local Infrastructure Repair services and Contract Administration Service to the Bladensburg Police Department, as more particularly described in the Agreement and the applicable Statements of Work; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for a term commencing February 1, 2027 and ending January 31, 2028, at an annual cost of Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Ninety-One Cents ($45,165.91), consisting of $32,638.58 for Local Infrastructure Repair and $12,527.33 for Contract Administration Service, payable annually and invoiced in advance; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement incorporates Motorola's Service Terms and Conditions (Revised July 2, 2025), which, among other things, provide for automatic annual renewal unless either party gives written notice of non-renewal at least thirty (30) days before the anniversary of the start date, permit price adjustments at renewal, and impose an early termination fee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council find that the continued maintenance of the Police Department's Motorola equipment and systems serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town, and that it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize execution of the Agreement, subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Town, Service Agreement Contract No. USC000006766 with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for

recurring Local Infrastructure Repair and Contract Administration Service for the Bladensburg Police Department, for the term February 1, 2027 through January 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Ninety-One Cents ($45,165.91); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of the Agreement is conditioned upon review and approval as to form by the Town Attorney, and the Town Administrator is authorized to negotiate and accept such non-material modifications to the Agreement as the Town Attorney may recommend, provided that no modification increases the total cost to the Town above the amount authorized herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the Agreement shall be paid from [FUNDING SOURCE / BUDGET LINE TO BE CONFIRMED], and that the Town's financial obligations under the Agreement in any fiscal year are subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose by the Mayor and Town Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution authorizes the Agreement for the initial term stated herein only, and any renewal, extension, or price adjustment of the Agreement beyond that term shall require further approval of the Mayor and Town Council, and the Town Administrator is directed to calendar and, if no further approval has been given, deliver timely written notice of non-renewal to Motorola in accordance with the Agreement; 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 _____, 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:

_____ _____

Brian Wood, Interim Town Administrator Takisha James, Mayor

Town Treasurer's Report – November 9, 2026

Overview

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

Revenues - The major items are summarized below:

Real Property Taxes – The Town received the much-anticipated tax collections from the County in October which has greatly helped our cash flows. To date, we have received $3.8M of the budgeted $5.2M and expect to receive the majority of the balance by January.

Business Personal Property Taxes – Revenues have been exceeding budget with higher than anticipated assessments received through this point in the fiscal year. While we are at 70% of budgeted revenue, we expect these to slow down until later in the spring with next year's business tax filings.

Income Tax

The $64K represents collections for September and October. 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. We are at a lower point compared now compared to past years which could be due to timing of tax filings or indicative of broader issue of a weakening economy.

Federal Funding

We have $500K of ARPA funds outstanding we have been carrying on our Balance Sheet as a deferred revenue (liability) since June 2025. This funded the County Flood Project and were finally invoiced by them last month for this. We will bring forth a budget amendment in December to realize the expense so it can be paid and offset it with same amount of revenues by releasing the liability we have been carrying. This will close out the ARPA funds by the required December 31, 2026 deadline.

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 $15K for overtime reimbursements.

Service Charges - Parking Violations (Local Fines/Fees) continue to exceed budget with $30K collected against a budget of $53K.

Automated Traffic Enforcement

Speed monitoring systems generated $61K and Red-Light Enforcement netted $317K through October for a total of $378K. Speed camera revenues have been sluggish but has been offset by increased activity with Red-Light systems. Stop sign cameras have recently been activated and will see revenue reported in coming months.

Other Revenues – Interest income has been under but expect this to shift due to increased cash flows from real estate revenues and traffic enforcement.

Expenses – All departments are operating just below budget through the first third of the year. While this is a positive trend, we are still in the early part of the fiscal year but hopeful this continues.

Mayor and Council – General expenses were reported higher in previous months since we incurred a lot of expenses for our largest Community Events held this summer. We now have more months on the financials to balance out these expenses compared to the annual budget. The Mayor and Council have expended 29% of the budget through October, which is comparable to 26% in FY26 and 31% in FY25.

Administration – We still have the vacancy for the Town Clerk which was budgeted to be filled after the start of the fiscal year. We have also had limited General Expenses which has helped our cash flow. This department is operating at only 24% of budget compared to 31% in both FY25 and FY26.

Public Safety – We have been carrying vacancies for a police officer and a dispatcher which has reduced regular pay but has increased overtime for shift coverages. Overall, this has led to budget savings with 29% of the budget being expended compared to 34% in FY26 and 31% in FY25.

Public Works

General Expenses and Compensation are in line with budget and comparable at this point to prior fiscal years. We anticipate activity with capital expenditures for the purchase of a new dump truck before the winter.

Summary – Operating at a 26% Surplus which is higher than previous years of 18% in FY26 and 5% in FY25.

Other

FY26 Audit – Currently engaged with our auditor and work has been ongoing. We had to file for an extension through December 31st for the pending closeouts of CDBG funded projects. We anticipate the audit to be completed by the end of the month to have for presentation and approval at the December 14th meeting and sent to the State prior to the end of December.

County Tax Differential filing – This will be filed on November 6th but little has changed in the process due to turnover in the County. We will present outcome next month but expect it to be less that this year due to the tightening County Budget.

Maryland Government Finance Officers Conference – attended this last month to hear the bleak news of weakening economic forecasts, higher localized unemployment, decreased revenue forecasts by the State, anticipated decreased liquidity of the State Pension which could mean higher pension costs passed down to us to fund the difference, and increased reporting parameters of financial audits.

Health Insurance – we received our increases by the carrier for our renewal in December. There will be roughly 9% increase for premiums but also age increases of the group and additions of family members will add to the total increase for health insurance. We should be able to absorb these increases in our current budget since we have vacancies and health insurance as a whole has been under so far this year.

✉ Contact

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

Vito Tinelli

Town Treasurer

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Town of Bladensburg

	Oct YTD	FY27 Budget	Variance
REVENUES			
Real Property Tax	3,800,211	5,250,487	72%
Business Pers. Property Tax	857,042	1,225,000	70%
Income and Other Tax	64,128	700,000	9%
Licenses and Permits	99,057	195,000	51%
Federal Funding (ARPA Stormwater / Earmark)	-	-	
State and County (HUR, Police Aide)	180,064	758,857	24%
Bond Bill	-	-	
Service Charges - Fines/Fees	30,527	53,000	58%
Automated Traffic Enforcement (Speed and Red Light)	378,291	1,600,000	24%
Other Revenues	48,383	95,000	51%
Interest	46,167	180,000	26%
Restricted Grants	5,500	-	
Fund Balance Transfer	-	-	
Total Income	**5,509,370**	**10,057,344**	**55%**
EXPENSES by Dept and Major Category			
Mayor and Council			
Compensation	39,973	131,361	30%
General Expenses	63,797	230,500	28%
Subtotal Mayor and Council	103,770	361,861	29%
Administration (Town Admin, Clerk, and Finance)			
Compensation	219,605	826,808	27%
General Expenses	83,709	461,902	18%
Subtotal Administration	303,314	1,288,710	24%
Public Safety and Traffic Enforcement			
Compensation	1,587,628	5,529,901	29%
General Expenses	301,791	1,222,000	25%
Capital	55,372	-	0%
Subtotal Public Safety	1,944,791	6,751,901	29%
Public Works			
Compensation	240,507	716,372	34%
General Expenses	195,681	638,500	31%
Capital - HUR	21,241	300,000	7%
Subtotal Public Works	457,429	1,654,872	28%
Other			
ARPA - Stormwater	-	-	
Grant Expenses (CDBG, Community Legacy, Other)	9,577	-	
Long Term Capital Projects	28,435	-	
Subtotal Other	38,012	-	
Total Expenses	**2,847,316**	**10,057,344**	**28%**
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**2,662,054**	**-**	**26%**

Prior Years at this point	*FY26*	*18%*
	FY25	*5%*

Interim Financials, Subject to Change

Town of Bladensburg
Mayor and Council FY26
July through October 2026

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	20,228	62,799	32%
6030 · FICA	1,379	4,804	29%
6040 · Health Insurance	16,146	54,466	30%
6050 · Pension	2,220	8,792	25%
6060 · Workers Comp		500	
Total 6000 · Compensation	39,973	131,361	30%
6140 · Professional Development	1,698	30,000	6%
6160 · Employee Recognition	62	10,000	1%
6210 · Council Projects		5,000	
6220 · Community Initiatives			
6223 · Food Assistance		15,000	
Total 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	27,578	65,000	42%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	1,500	4,500	33%
6255 · Town Meetings	4,058	12,000	34%
6420 · Computer Expense		1,000	
6550 · Insurance - Liability	1,444	6,000	24%
6810 · Advertising	56		
6825 · Membership	11,024	20,000	55%
6835 · Travel	7,202	15,000	48%
6900 · Grants - Restricted			
Total Expense	103,770	361,861	29%
Net Ordinary Income	-103,770	-361,861	29%
Net Income	**-103,770**	**-361,861**	**29%**

Town of Bladensburg
General and Administrative Combined
July through October 2026

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	171,628	634,998	27%
6020 · Overtime	1,839	15,000	12%
6030 · FICA	13,261	49,419	27%
6040 · Health Insurance	8,580	37,552	23%
6050 · Pension	24,296	88,339	28%
6060 · Workers Comp		1,500	
Total 6000 · Compensation	219,605	826,808	27%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement		5,000	
6130 · Recruitment	852		
6140 · Professional Developm...	1,760	6,000	29%
6150 · Payroll Service	3,083	11,000	28%
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	915	5,000	18%
6530 · Bad Debts		8,000	
6550 · Insurance - Liability	9,396	20,000	47%
6560 · Legal	686	40,000	2%
6570 · Equipment Lease	2,028	9,000	23%
6580 · Contractual Services	36,085	180,000	20%
6810 · Advertising	8,702	25,000	35%
6820 · Website		4,000	
6825 · Membership	1,150	3,500	33%
6835 · Travel	3,177	7,000	45%
6850 · Office Supplies	1,917	10,000	19%
6855 · Postage	205	2,000	10%
6865 · Supplies			
6880 · Election Costs		5,000	
6890 · Utilities	2,781	8,000	35%
Total Expense	303,314	1,288,710	24%
Net Ordinary Income	-303,314	-1,288,710	24%
Other Income/Expense			
Net Income	-303,314	-1,288,710	24%

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

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	936,499	3,381,901	28%
6020 · Overtime	179,677	440,000	41%
6030 · FICA	81,404	292,126	28%
6040 · Health Insurance	201,741	722,884	28%
6050 · Pension	118,636	452,990	26%
6060 · Workers Comp	69,672	240,000	29%
Total 6000 · Compensation	1,587,628	5,529,901	29%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,544	15,000	10%
6120 · Uniforms	17,404	50,000	35%
6130 · Recruitment	3,772	16,000	24%
6140 · Professional Development	7,151	50,000	14%
6160 · Employee Recognition	1,302	15,000	9%
6225 · Community Grants			
6226 · Fire Department Donation	5,000	20,000	25%
Total 6225 · Community Grants	5,000	20,000	25%
6230 · Community Events	12,833	20,000	64%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects			
6310 · Telephone	4,661	16,000	29%
6320 · Wireless Communications	11,798	70,000	17%
6330 · Communications Contracts		47,000	
6350 · Internet Access	2,719	7,000	39%
6360 · Data Fees			
6420 · Computer Expense	6,660	25,000	27%
6440 · IT Support	33,200	100,000	33%
6460 · Software Contract	25,780	60,000	43%
6520 · Bank Charges			
6545 · Insurance - Auto	26,668	80,000	33%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	25,496	70,000	36%
6570 · Equipment Lease	2,028	15,000	14%
6580 · Contractual Services	16,683	110,000	15%
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	-7,127	125,000	-6%
6620 · Fuel	59,391	125,000	48%
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintena...	13,815	50,000	28%
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	6,871	25,000	27%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance			
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	1,602	15,000	11%
6825 · Membership	3,010	6,000	50%
6835 · Travel	182	12,000	2%
6850 · Office Supplies	2,671	15,000	18%
6855 · Postage	681	6,000	11%
6865 · Supplies	3,797	20,000	19%
6870 · K9 Supplies	4,695	15,000	31%
6885 · Finger Printing	1,014	2,000	51%
6890 · Utilities	6,490	20,000	32%
Total Expense	1,889,419	6,751,901	28%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,889,419	-6,751,901	28%
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	**-1,944,791**	**-6,751,901**	**29%**

Town of Bladensburg
Public Works FY27
July through October 2026

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	160,121	452,327	35%
6020 · Overtime	5,825	15,000	39%
6030 · FICA	12,372	35,751	35%
6040 · Health Insurance	34,666	119,968	29%
6050 · Pension	19,784	63,326	31%
6060 · Workers Comp	7,740	30,000	26%
Total 6000 · Compensation	240,507	716,372	34%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement		1,000	
6120 · Uniforms	1,442	10,000	14%
6140 · Professional Development	142	5,000	3%
6350 · Internet Access		3,000	
6620 · Fuel	8,436	20,000	42%
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	5,707	20,000	29%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	296	15,000	2%
6710 · Building Maintenance	7,300	60,000	12%
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	10,875	40,000	27%
6740 · Street Lights	14,811	50,000	30%
6750 · Sanitation Contract	120,345	330,000	36%
6760 · Landfill Fees	2,824	15,000	19%
6770 · Building Supplies	730	12,000	6%
6790 · Janitorial Services	7,800	25,000	31%
6835 · Travel	6	1,500	0%
6850 · Office Supplies	22		
6860 · Shop Supplies	681	3,000	23%
6865 · Supplies			
6890 · Utilities	6,833	28,000	24%
Total Expense	428,757	1,354,872	32%
Net Ordinary Income	-428,757	-1,354,872	32%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
6970 · Capital Outlay			
6979 · Highway User Projects	28,672	150,000	19%
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other		150,000	
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	28,672	300,000	10%
Total Other Expense	28,672	300,000	10%
Net Other Income	-28,672	-300,000	10%
Net Income	**-457,429**	**-1,654,872**	**28%**

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

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Property Taxes			
4020 · Real Estate Taxes	3,800,211	5,250,487	72%
4040 · Business Personal Property Tax	408,834	800,000	51%
4060 · Personal Property Tax - Other	448,208	425,000	105%
Total 4000 · Property Taxes	4,657,253	6,475,487	72%
4100 · Income Tax	64,128	700,000	9%
4200 · Other Local Taxes			
4300 · Licenses and Permits			
4310 · Local Business Licenses	98,479	100,000	98%
4320 · County Traders License	578	5,000	12%
4370 · Cable Franchise Fees		90,000	
Total 4300 · Licenses and Permits	99,057	195,000	51%
4400 · Federal Funding			
4500 · State Funding			
4510 · Highway User Revenues		324,000	
4520 · Police Aid	79,432	330,000	24%
4540 · Police Grants	100,632	80,000	126%
4550 · Bond Bill			
Total 4500 · State Funding	180,064	734,000	25%
4600 · County Funding		24,857	
4700 · Service Charges			
4720 · Local Fines/Fees	28,443	50,000	57%
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	316,666	800,000	40%
Total 4700 · Service Charges	408,818	1,653,000	25%
4800 · Other Revenues			
4810 · Insurance Reimbursement	20,481	20,000	102%
4820 · Bus Shelter Advertising	799	1,000	80%
4830 · Property Rental	15,000	45,000	33%
4840 · Vehicle Deployment	7,600	24,000	32%
4870 · Misc. Revenues	4,502	5,000	90%
4880 · Interest Earned	46,167	180,000	26%
Total 4800 · Other Revenues	94,550	275,000	34%
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	5,509,370	10,057,344	55%

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

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
Gross Profit	5,509,370	10,057,344	55%
Expense			
6000 · Compensation			
6010 · Regular Pay	1,288,476	4,532,025	28%
6020 · Overtime	187,341	470,000	40%
6030 · FICA	108,417	382,100	28%
6040 · Health Insurance	261,133	934,870	28%
6050 · Pension	164,936	613,447	27%
6060 · Workers Comp	77,412	272,000	28%
Total 6000 · Compensation	2,087,714	7,204,442	29%
6110 · Tuition Reimbursement	1,544	21,000	7%
6120 · Uniforms	18,846	60,000	31%
6130 · Recruitment	4,624	16,000	29%
6140 · Professional Development			
6145 · Council Business Development	1,698	30,000	6%
6140 · Professional Development - Other	9,053	61,000	15%
Total 6140 · Professional Development	10,751	91,000	12%
6150 · Payroll Service	3,083	11,000	28%
6160 · Employee Recognition	1,364	25,000	5%
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	40,411	85,000	48%
6235 · Senior Citizen Projects	1,500	4,500	33%
6240 · Memorials	89	1,000	9%
6255 · Town Meetings	4,058	12,000	34%
6260 · Transportation		50,000	
6270 · Historic Promotion	2,414	2,402	101%
6310 · Telephone	4,661	16,000	29%
6320 · Wireless Communications	11,798	70,000	17%
6330 · Communications Contracts		47,000	
6350 · Internet Access	2,719	10,000	27%
6360 · Data Fees			
6420 · Computer Expense	6,660	31,000	21%
6440 · IT Support	33,200	100,000	33%
6460 · Software Contract	28,248	90,000	31%
6510 · Audit	6,000	25,000	24%
6520 · Bank Charges	1,055	5,000	21%
6530 · Bad Debts		8,000	
6545 · Insurance - Auto	26,668	80,000	33%
6550 · Insurance - Liability	36,336	96,000	38%
6560 · Legal	686	40,000	2%
6570 · Equipment Lease	4,055	24,000	17%
6580 · Contractual Services	52,768	290,000	18%
6590 · Automated Traffic Enforcement	-7,127	125,000	-6%
6620 · Fuel	67,826	145,000	47%

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

	Jul - Oct 26	Budget	% of Budget
6640 · Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	19,523	70,000	28%
6650 · Vehicle Body Repairs	6,871	25,000	27%
6670 · Equipment Maintenance	296	15,000	2%
6680 · Weapon Repairs and Supplies	1,602	15,000	11%
6710 · Building Maintenance	7,300	60,000	12%
6720 · Grounds Maintenance	10,875	40,000	27%
6740 · Street Lights	14,811	50,000	30%
6750 · Sanitation Contract	120,345	330,000	36%
6760 · Landfill Fees	2,824	15,000	19%
6770 · Building Supplies	730	12,000	6%
6790 · Janitorial Services	7,800	25,000	31%
6810 · Advertising	8,757	25,000	35%
6820 · Website		4,000	
6825 · Membership	15,185	29,500	51%
6835 · Travel	10,566	35,500	30%
6850 · Office Supplies	4,610	25,000	18%
6855 · Postage	886	8,000	11%
6860 · Shop Supplies	681	3,000	23%
6865 · Supplies	3,797	20,000	19%
6870 · K9 Supplies	4,695	15,000	31%
6880 · Election Costs		5,000	
6885 · Finger Printing	1,014	2,000	51%
6890 · Utilities	16,105	56,000	29%
6900 · Grants - Restricted	9,437		100%
Total Expense	2,734,838	9,757,344	28%
Net Ordinary Income	2,774,532	300,000	925%
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	28,672	150,000	19%
6970 · Capital Outlay - Other	55,372	150,000	37%
Total 6970 · Capital Outlay	112,478	300,000	37%
Total Other Expense	112,478	300,000	37%
Net Other Income	-112,478	-300,000	37%
Net Income	**2,662,054**		**100%**

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

Date: Monday November 9. 2026

Presented by: Interim Chief Frishkorn

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 October 1, 2026, thru October 31, 2026.

II. Crime Statistics and Trends

A. **Reported Crime Summary:** Monthly comparison September 2026 and October 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 (Oct)	Previous Period (Sept)	% Change	YTD%
Violent Crimes	7	11	-36.4%	0%
Property Crimes	49	45	+8.9%	+19.5%
Traffic Stops	216	173	+24.85%	
Calls for Service	1416	1488	-4.8%	+2.8%
Arrests	12	8	+50.00%	-7.7%

B. **Notable Trends:**

- Theft from autos were prevalent throughout the month of October 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 October 1, 2026, members of the Department participated in an anti-bullying event at Port Towns Elementary School.
- On October 3, 2026, members of the Department participated in the Town's Bladensburg Day event and parade.
- On October 5, 2026, staff attended the Prince Georges County Chief's Association Annual Awards Ceremony and several staff members received awards.
- On October 7, 2026, the Department hosted Coffee with a Cop at Costa Del Sol Restaurant.
- On October 10, 2026, staff attended the 7th Annual Purple Bike Ride for domestic violence hosted by the County Executive's office.
- On October 14, 2026, staff attended the Hispanic Heritage Month car show at Bladensburg High School.

- On October 17, 2026, staff attended a Community Chat event at 5300 Newton Street.
- On October 23, 2026, between 6P.M. and 8P.M. the police department hosted 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 participated in National Drug Take Back Day which was held at the Police Department and staff visited senior homes to collect unwanted prescriptions.

Upcoming November Events:

- On November 11, 2026, staff and Department Honor Guard will participate in the Veterans Day Ceremony at Peace Cross.
- On November 12, 2026, staff will be attending the grand opening event for Towns at Hamlet Woods.
- On November 20, 2026, staff will be attending a Career Day event at Rogers Heights Elementary School.
- On November 19, 2026, staff will be participating in a Senior Gift Card distribution event.
- On November 21, 2026, staff will be participating in a Thanksgiving Meal Distribution Event at Town Hall.
- On November 23, 2026, the Community Action Team will be hosting an Explorer open house at 6:00 P.M. at Elizabeth Seton Hight School.

IV. Traffic and Enforcement Activity

- Traffic/Parking Citations/SERO/Warnings Issued: 731

- Premise Checks: 629

- Accidents Investigated: 10

- DUI/DWI Arrests: 1

- Officers continue to enforce a variety of traffic related offenses throughout the Town and have initiated 216 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 and completed the training on November 6, 2026. He will start field training on November 9th.
- The Department is currently completing the hiring process for a dispatch position and will hopefully present an offer to the applicant in the next week.
- The recent International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) promotional process was completed and there were 11 candidates identified who are eligible for promotion.
- There are several candidates in the hiring process who are being considered for upcoming police academies to fill one of the COPS grant positions.

Training:

- Officer Rubenstein attended Comparative Compliance at MPCTC from October 5, 2026, thru November 6, 2026.
- During the month of October 2026, Sgt. Thompson attended a FEMA course on Introduction to the Incident Command System
- During the month of October 2026, Det. Webb attended a 36-hour Secret Service course on Open Source Intelligence.
- During the month of October 2026, Sgt. Ramirez and Officer Kinard attended a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training sponsored by Greenbelt Police Department at the University of Maryland's Police Academy.
- During the month of October 2026, the Bladensburg Police Department hosted a five-day Honor Guard school at the Community Center in which seven (7) Bladensburg employees participated along with allied agencies to include Park Police, Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, La Plata Police Department, Takoma Park Police Department, and Gaithersburg City Police.

- During the month of October 2026, several officers were assigned and completed training entitled Dealing with a Person in Crisis
- During the month of October 2026, an officer attended annual firearms classroom training.

Equipment/Technology Updates:

- During the month of October one dead-lined police vehicle was sold on GovDeals Auction Server.

-Two new vehicles that were recently upfitted were delivered and assigned to patrol officers.

- The Department is currently working with the Town Administrator to review a renewal with the Speed Camera vendor, the current contract expires in December 2026.

VI. Notable Incidents

On October 1, 2026, a vehicle pursuit was initiated on a carjacked vehicle that fled into the District of Columbia. The driver was later located and arrested by responding officers. The vehicle had been carjacked in the District of Columbia.

On October 11, 2026, officers responded to the 5400 block of Annapolis Road for a pedestrian that was struck. The pedestrian suffered serious injuries, and the matter is still under investigation.

On October 14, 2026, officers responded to Public Works where a commercial burglary in progress was discovered. A suspect was arrested on the scene, and charges were filed related to the burglary.

On October 21, 2026, officers made an arrest on a warrant for an aggravated assault incident that had occurred the previous month in the 400 block of 53rd Street involving an assault with a tire iron that resulted in injuries.

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 crime, reduce 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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TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Reporting Period: October 2026

Prepared for: Mayor and Council / Town Administrator
Department: Code Enforcement

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During October 2026, the Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department continued its commitment to maintaining neighborhood standards, promoting public safety, addressing property maintenance concerns, and providing responsive service to residents and businesses throughout the Town.

The department remained actively engaged in routine code enforcement activities, including bulk trash enforcement, unauthorized sign removal, abandoned vehicle investigations, graffiti complaint response, and apartment inspections.

In addition to its regular enforcement responsibilities, Code Enforcement staff provided support for several community and public safety activities, including traffic assistance for a funeral procession, participation in the Town's Trunk or Treat event at the Community Center, Honor Guard training, and response to a vehicle collision at the Salvation Army on Kenilworth Avenue.

The department also continued to coordinate with Town officials, apartment managers, and other agencies to address property conditions and community concerns.

During the reporting period, Code Enforcement maintained an average case closure time of three days, reflecting the department's continued focus on timely complaint response and efficient case management.

The following report provides a detailed overview of the department's enforcement activities, operational responsibilities, community involvement, and administrative functions for October 2026.

II. MONTHLY ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

The following table summarizes the department's enforcement activities for October 202

Enforcement Activity	October 2026
Bulk trash reminder notices issued	12
Unauthorized signs removed	85
Abandoned vehicles identified	28
Vehicles impounded	1
Grass violation notices issued	0
Graffiti complaints received	4
Citizen concerns received through GOV polit	7
Average case closure time	3 days

Year-to-Date Enforcement Statistics

Enforcement Activity	Year-to-Date Total
Unauthorized signs removed	459
Abandoned vehicles identified	154
Vehicles impounded	5

III. BULK TRASH AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT

During October, Code Enforcement issued 12 bulk trash reminder notices to residents for heavy trash placed at the curb.

These notices serve as a reminder to residents regarding proper waste disposal and the importance of maintaining their properties in accordance with Town requirements.

The department continues to monitor residential properties for bulk trash violations and works to ensure that residents understand their responsibilities regarding the placement and disposal of heavy trash.

Maintaining clean and orderly neighborhoods remains an important priority for the department. Improperly placed bulk trash can negatively affect neighborhood appearance, create potential safety concerns, and contribute to the deterioration of community standards.

Code Enforcement will continue conducting inspections and providing follow-up when necessary to promote compliance and maintain the overall cleanliness of the Town.

IV. UNAUTHORIZED SIGN REMOVAL

Code Enforcement continued its ongoing efforts to remove unauthorized signs from utility poles and public rights-of-way throughout the Town.

During October, the department removed a total of 85 signs, consisting of:

- 25 signs removed from poles.
- 60 signs removed from public rights-of-way.

The department has removed a total of 459 unauthorized signs year-to-date.

The removal of unauthorized signs helps improve the appearance of the Town, reduce visual clutter, and maintain compliance with applicable sign regulations.

V. ABANDONED VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Abandoned vehicle enforcement continued to be a significant component of the department's activities during October.

Code Enforcement identified a total of 28 abandoned vehicles throughout the Town.

Abandoned Vehicle Breakdown

Location	Vehicles Identified
Residential areas	18
Business areas	5
Apartment areas	5
Total	**28**

During the reporting period, one vehicle was impounded.

Year-to-date, the department has identified 154 abandoned vehicles and has impounded a total of five vehicles.

The department continues to investigate abandoned vehicle complaints and conduct inspections throughout residential neighborhoods, commercial areas, and apartment communities.

Abandoned vehicles can create public safety concerns, negatively affect neighborhood appearance, reduce available parking, and contribute to the deterioration of community standards.

Code Enforcement will continue to monitor reported vehicles, issue appropriate notices, and coordinate enforcement and impoundment actions when necessary.

VI. GRASS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS

During October, Code Enforcement issued no grass violation notices.

Although no notices were issued during this reporting period, the department continues t property maintenance conditions throughout the Town.

Maintaining properties in compliance with Town standards remains an important responsibility of property owners and residents.

The department will continue conducting routine inspections and responding to complaints involving grass, weeds, and other property maintenance concerns as they arise.

VII. GRAFFITI COMPLAINTS

During the reporting period, Code Enforcement received four graffiti complaints.

The department continues to address graffiti concerns as part of its efforts to maintain the appearance of residential and commercial properties throughout the Town.

Graffiti can negatively affect property values, neighborhood appearance, and residents' perceptions of community safety.

The department will continue to investigate reported graffiti, coordinate appropriate follow-up, and work with property owners when corrective action is required.

VIII. CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Code Enforcement received seven citizen concerns through the GOV polit program during October.

These concerns provide valuable information regarding neighborhood conditions and help the department identify areas requiring additional attention.

The department remains committed to maintaining open communication with residents and responding to concerns in a timely and professional manner.

Citizen participation plays an important role in the effectiveness of Code Enforcement operations and helps support the Town's ongoing efforts to improve neighborhood conditions and quality of life.

IX. OTHER CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

In addition to its regular enforcement responsibilities, Code Enforcement staff participated in several operational and community activities during October.

A. Apartment Inspections

The department continued apartment inspections throughout the reporting period.

These inspections are intended to identify property maintenance concerns, assess compliance with applicable requirements, and ensure that apartment properties are maintained in a safe and appropriate condition.

Code Enforcement continues to communicate with apartment managers regarding identified concerns and necessary corrective actions.

B. Salvation Army – Kenilworth Avenue

Code Enforcement responded to the Salvation Army on Kenilworth Avenue following a vehicle collision involving the loading dock area.

The department's response supported the assessment of the incident and the coordination of appropriate follow-up.

C. Funeral Traffic Assistance

Code Enforcement staff assisted with traffic control for a funeral procession that traveled through the Town.

This assistance helped support safe traffic movement and minimize disruptions for motorists and the community.

D. Community Center Trunk or Treat

Code Enforcement assisted with the Town's Trunk or Treat event at the Community Center.

Staff participation supported the successful operation of the community event and contributed to a safe and enjoyable environment for families and residents.

E. Honor Guard Training

Code Enforcement staff assisted with Honor Guard training during the reporting period.

This activity supported departmental participation in ceremonial responsibilities and ongoing training.

X. MEETINGS AND TRAINING

Code Enforcement staff participated in several meetings and training activities during October to support professional development, interdepartmental coordination, and continued communication with Town officials and outside agencies.

A. Maryland Municipal League (MML) CEZOA Meeting and Training

Staff attended the Maryland Municipal League CEZOA meeting and training in Annapolis.

This meeting provided an opportunity to participate in professional discussions, receive training, and remain informed regarding code enforcement-related matters affecting municipalities.

B. Town Administrator – Department Updates

Code Enforcement staff met with the Town Administrator regarding departmental updates.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss departmental activities, ongoing responsibilities, and matters relevant to Town operations.

C. Apartment Managers – Property Conditions

Staff met with several apartment managers regarding recent concerns about property conditions.

These meetings supported communication between the department and apartment management representatives and provided an opportunity to discuss property maintenance issues and the importance of maintaining compliance with applicable Town requirements.

D. Liquor Board Meeting

Code Enforcement staff attended a Liquor Board meeting via Zoom.

Participation in these meetings supports continued communication and awareness of matters involving Town operations and regulatory responsibilities.

XI. CASE MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The department maintained an average case closure time of three days during October.

Timely case closure remains a priority for Code Enforcement, as efficient response and resolution help address violations, improve property conditions, and maintain public confidence in the department.

The department continues to focus on:

- Promptly responding to resident complaints and concerns.
- Conducting inspections and investigations.
- Issuing notices when violations are identified.
- Monitoring compliance with required corrective actions.
- Coordinating with other Town, County, and State agencies when necessary.
- Maintaining accurate case documentation.
- Closing cases once appropriate enforcement actions have been completed.

The department will continue to monitor case activity and identify opportunities to improve response times, operational efficiency, and overall service delivery.

XII. COMMUNITY IMPACT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The department's activities during October contributed to the Town's continued efforts to clean, safe, and well-maintained neighborhoods.

Through its enforcement operations, inspections, complaint response, and community involvement, Code Enforcement continues to address conditions that may negatively affect residents, property owners, businesses, and visitors.

The department's participation in community events, traffic assistance, and training activities also demonstrates its commitment to supporting the broader needs of the Town.

Code Enforcement recognizes that effective enforcement requires cooperation among Town officials, residents, property owners, apartment managers, and other agencies.

The department will continue to work collaboratively with these stakeholders to improve neighborhood conditions and promote compliance with applicable Town regulations.

XIII. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITIES AND NEXT STEPS

The Code Enforcement Department will continue to focus on the following priorities:

1. Continue bulk trash enforcement and follow-up inspections.
2. Maintain ongoing unauthorized sign removal operations.
3. Address abandoned vehicles throughout residential, commercial, and apartment areas.
4. Continue monitoring property maintenance and grass conditions.
5. Investigate graffiti complaints and coordinate appropriate corrective actions.
6. Continue apartment inspections and follow up on identified property conditions.
7. Respond promptly to citizen concerns and service requests.
8. Maintain communication with apartment managers and property owners.
9. Continue coordinating with other Town, County, and State agencies when necessary.
10. Maintain efficient case management and timely case closure.
11. Support community events and Town operational activities as needed.
12. Continue participating in meetings and training opportunities that enhance departmental effectiveness.

XIV. CONCLUSION

The Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department remained actively engaged in enforcement, inspection, complaint response, community service, and administrative activities throughout October 2026.

The department's efforts resulted in the issuance of bulk trash reminder notices, removal of unauthorized signs, identification of abandoned vehicles, investigation of graffiti complaints, and continued apartment inspections.

In addition to its enforcement responsibilities, staff provided support for community event assistance, Honor Guard training, and other Town operational activities.

With an average case closure time of three days, the department continued to demonstrate its commitment to responsive service, efficient case management, and effective enforcement.

Code Enforcement will remain focused on maintaining neighborhood standards, addressing property maintenance concerns, promoting public safety, and working collaboratively with residents and property owners to preserve the quality of life throughout the Town of Bladensburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Bladensburg
Code Enforcement Department

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 October 2026



Submitted by

Purnell Hall

Public Works activities for October, 2026

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

1. Public Works assisted with the Bladensburg Day event.

2. Added cold patch in some areas along 58th and 57th Avenue, and in the Industrial area.

3. Public Works replace blower motor on the furnace at the Public Works building.

4. Made sure all Town signs on 57th Avenue were plum/straight.

5. We have now installed 7 benches out of 10 in various location in Town. These guys have stepped up their game for the Bladensburg residents.





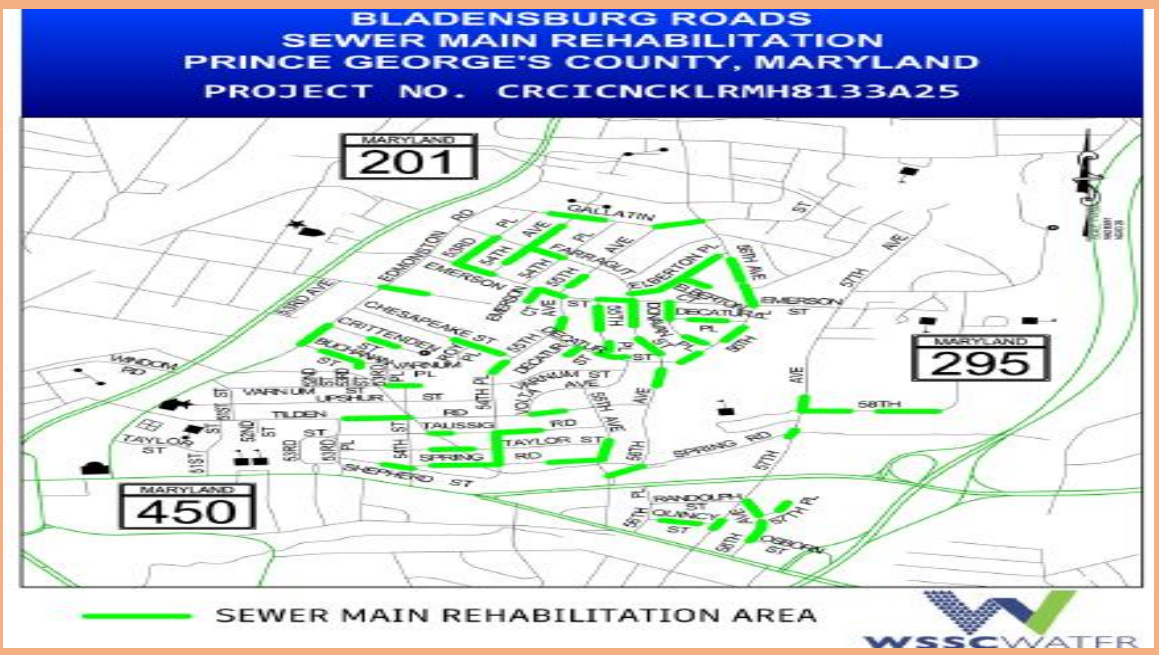

6. Public Works had to install new metal back door at the Public Works building.

7. As we all know in the Town there are several 4-Way stops. Public Works added 4-way signs under the Stop sign on the poles.

8. Public Works cleared all overgrown vegetations along the bridges fence line 10’ down on the both sides.

9. The county will be replanting about 30 new trees along 58th Avenue in replacement of the dead ones.

10. WSSC will continue on replacing aging sewer pipes in the 5200 block of Varnum Street. In the Spring the below highlighted area will start.



11. Public Works repaired Do Not Enter sign on 52nd Ave.

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 be tied up weighing NO more than 30LBS.

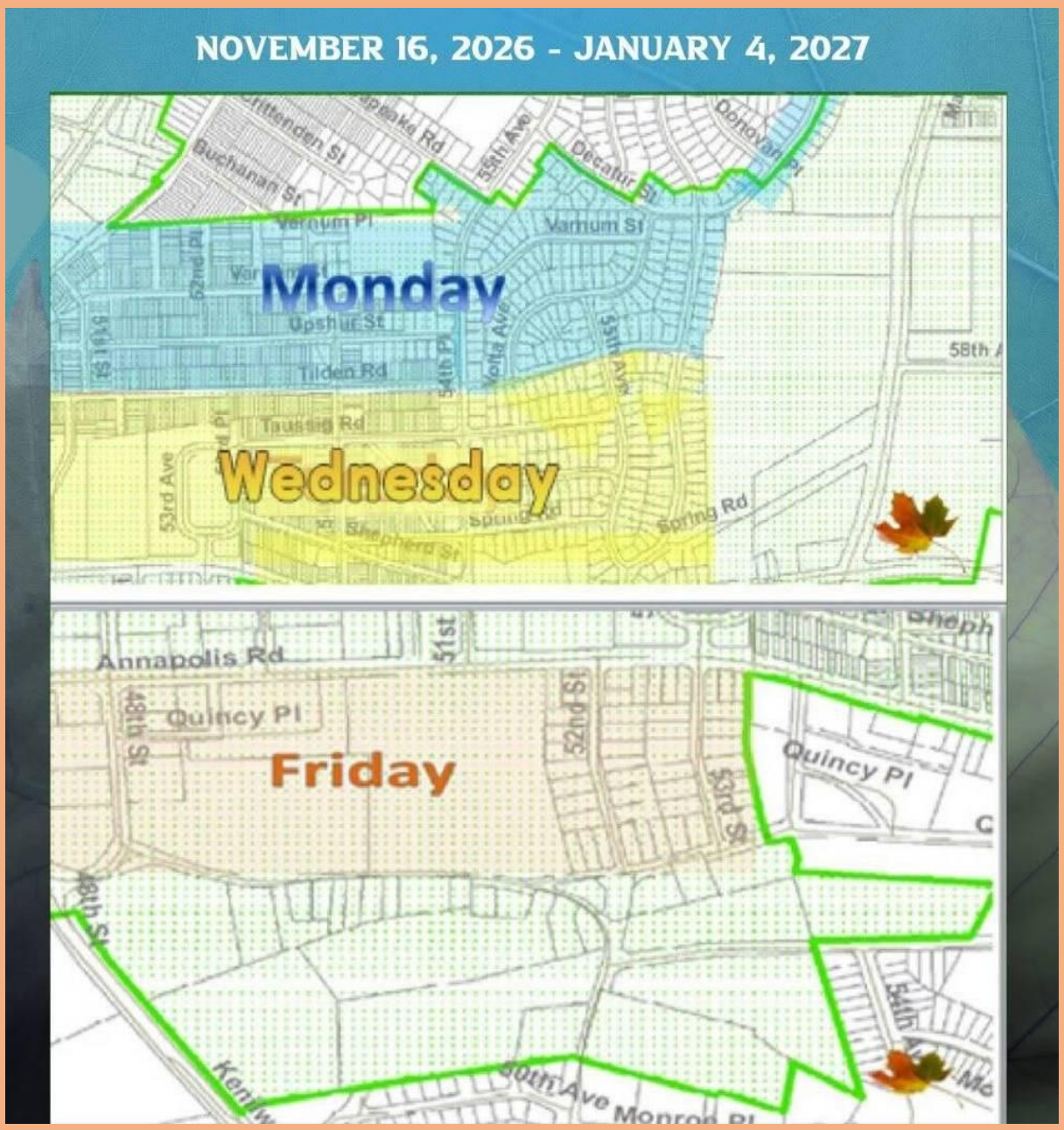


Bulk Trash collection: Every Friday you must call 301-773-2069 Thursday before 2pm to be added to the list for Friday pick up. Remember mattresses/box spring must be covered.



Leaf Collection is Approaching 2026

Residents, please rake your leaves to the curbs line. Public Works want be responsible for For raking the leaves so they can be collected. I encourage you to follow direction please.



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MONTHLY REPORT

Town of Bladensburg · October 2026 Summary

To:	Mayor and Council	**Date:**	November 5, 2026
From:	Interim Town Administrator	**RE:**	Monthly Report — October 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.

3	**1st**	**Complete**	**20+**
Police Chief Finalists Advancing to Council Interviews	Regional Main Street Pursued with Main Street Maryland	Bostwick House Digital Experience	Vendors at the December 5 Port Towns Winter Market

CITY OPERATIONS

Proposed Senior Trash Assistance Program

Inspector K. Osuji of Code Enforcement submitted a proposal for a voluntary Senior Trash Assistance Program to support elderly residents and residents with disabilities who live in single-family homes. In the course of their work, Code Enforcement staff regularly encounter seniors who have difficulty moving trash and recycling carts to the curb because of age, mobility limitations, or health-related challenges. Key elements of the proposal include:

- **Eligibility:** Seniors and individuals with disabilities residing in single-family homes, participating on a voluntary basis.
- **Service:** Approved residents would receive help moving carts to designated collection points and returning them after collection, or an alternative collection accommodation where feasible.
- **Partners and Referrals:** Public Works and the Town's waste collection provider would jointly develop and deliver the program, with Code Enforcement referring residents who may benefit.

Staff will review the proposal with Inspector Osuji, Public Works, and the waste collection provider to assess eligibility criteria, enrollment, crew capacity, and cost before bringing a recommendation to Council.

Composting Program

Staff continue working to increase household participation in the composting program. With no new participants enrolled as of early October, staff are planning a community walk to distribute program information throughout Town.

Prince George's County City and Town Managers Meeting

The Town Administrator attended a lunch meeting of city and town managers from across Prince George's County, hosted by the Town of Cheverly at its new Public Works building. Discussion covered current county and state issues, including pending challenges around revenue sharing, MOUs, and grants.

GRANTS AND EXTERNAL FUNDING

County DHCD Grant Documentation

The Town Administrator met with the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to finalize a path forward on the outstanding grant materials and documentation needed. Staff will continue working with DHCD to complete the required items.

Chesapeake Bay Trust — Community Garden

Staff met on site with representatives from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to review a potential new location for the community garden funded through the Town's $22,000 Chesapeake Bay Trust award, and to confirm submission requirements. The Town's proposal was submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) for review at its October 6 meeting.

Chesapeake Bay Trust — Green Streets Design Close-Out

The Town is closing out the engineering and design work funded through a prior Chesapeake Bay Trust award, which supported design of a permeable parking lot for Mango Street Café and a permeable/green intersection at 57th Avenue and Emerson Road. The Town was not selected in the most recent construction funding round; the Town Administrator and Mike Clar will meet with the review committee to identify ways to strengthen the application ahead of the next cycle.

Residential Energy Efficiency Upgrade Program

Through the Port Towns, a Maryland Energy Administration–funded program is now accepting applicants for no-cost energy upgrades to owner-occupied homes in all four Port Towns. Every home begins with a professional energy assessment. Households earning up to 250% of the federal poverty level are eligible ($72,950 for one person; $104,200 for a household of four; plus $13,750 for each additional person). Rental properties are not eligible. Application packets are available in English and Spanish; residents may contact Shanta Bingham, Grant Administrator, at 954-557-7707 or townhall@edmonstonmd.gov.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bostwick House Digital Experience

The Town held the final meeting on the Bostwick House Digital Experience, and the project is now complete. The Town will receive a breakdown of the equipment that would be needed should it wish to purchase and operate the 3D experience independently. Residents will have an opportunity to try the virtual reality experience and learn the history of the Bostwick House at the Port Towns Winter Market on December 5.

Main Street Maryland — Regional Main Street

The BCCE met with representatives from the State's Main Street Maryland program as part of an effort to create the first regional Main Street of its kind, encompassing portions of Bladensburg along Annapolis Road as well as parts of Colmar Manor and Edmonston. The visit began at Town Hall, continued with a driving tour of the Port Towns and lunch, and concluded with a question-and-answer session back at Town Hall.

Port Towns Quarterly Meeting

On October 26, the four Port Towns — Bladensburg, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, and Edmonston — held their quarterly meeting at Cottage City Town Hall. Highlights for Bladensburg include:

- **Wayfinding:** Shared color-coded pylons, map kiosks, fingerposts, and lampposts are planned across the Port Towns. Bladensburg is assigned the yellow pylon, the signs under the Bladensburg bridge are slated for replacement, and the concept includes a Bladensburg waterfront history viewing platform.
- **Butterfly Trail:** Edmonston's proposed "Spread Your Wings in the Port Towns" initiative would install butterfly-wing photo installations with interpretive plaques. Bladensburg is assigned the monarch, with Waterfront Park and the library identified as potential locations; the group also discussed blank wings that children or community groups could decorate.
- **Victory Grace Food Pantry:** The Victory Grace Center food pantry needs a new space; the fire department was suggested as a possible location.
- **Other Items:** Each town gave a brief update, and the group also discussed the Farmers Market, the Main Street visit, the Port Towns Christmas Market, recreation and mentoring through athletics, and a youth mural.

Port Towns Farmers Market

The Town joined fellow Port Town managers in meeting with the organizers of the Gateway Farmers Market to explore bringing a farmers market back to the Port Towns. All communities expressed interest, and Colmar Manor park was discussed as a potential location, with the hope of a spring 2027 launch.

BCCE and PGGDA Board Meetings

The Town Administrator participated in the BCCE Board meeting and the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority (PGGDA) meeting during October. At the PGGDA's monthly meeting, held at Town Hall, members reviewed standard operations and scheduled a dedicated session on standard operating procedures. Senator Augustine noted that some of the originally proposed projects may need to be revisited, since the Authority is intended to function largely as a public-private partnership rather than to direct additional funding toward projects that already receive specific line-item state funding.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **Facilities Assessment RFP:** Following discussion at the October 26 special session, the Town released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a facilities assessment.
- **Newton Green Flood Lighting:** The Police Department's October 13 cybersecurity outreach event at Newton Green surfaced a long-standing concern about flood lighting that was provided to the building but never installed. Because the Town is already renting a picker truck to repair several lights on the bridge connecting Cottage City and Bladensburg, Public Works will coordinate with Newton Green to install the flood lights at the same time.
- **Town Hall / Police Station:** Funding for the new Town Hall remains a top priority in the Town's legislative agenda for the upcoming session (see Legislative Updates).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Town Legislative Agenda

The Town Administrator met with the Town's lobbyist, Mr. Perez, to draft the Town's legislative agenda for the upcoming session. The Town's priorities center on funding for the new Town Hall, additional funding for the Bostwick House property, and revised revenue-sharing standards that would allow the Town to receive a larger share of state revenue. Mr. Perez and his team also presented a legislative look-ahead, which was shared with Council as a framework for discussion.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND PERSONNEL

Police Chief Search

First-round in-person interviews with the seven finalists took place between October 19 and October 30. The search has now been narrowed to three final candidates, who will be interviewed by the Town Council in the coming days, with a final decision expected before December.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Resident Storm Concerns

In response to concerns a resident raised following a recent storm, the Town contracted with an arborist to review the areas identified. This documents that the Town took appropriate action once notified, which is important should future claims arise involving damage to residents' property.

Newton Green Resident Meeting

On October 13, the Town Administrator met with Newton Green residents during the Police Department's cybersecurity outreach event, which provided an opportunity to introduce himself and hear residents' concerns directly (see Capital Projects for the flood lighting follow-up).

Victory Grace Center Partnership

The Town's partnership with Victory Grace Center continues, with a community meal distribution scheduled for Saturday, November 21. As noted at the Port Towns quarterly meeting, the pantry is seeking a new space for its operations.

PAST OCTOBER EVENTS

Bladensburg Day

On October 3, the Town celebrated Bladensburg Day. Thank you to everyone who made it a success despite the weather, with special recognition to Ray Jefferies.

Trunk or Treat and Community Cleanup

The Town hosted its Trunk or Treat on October 23 and a Community Cleanup on October 24.

October 26 Special Session

Council held a special session on October 26, which included discussion of the facilities assessment that has since been released for proposals.

Evergreen Cemetery Remembrance

On October 31, the community gathered for a remembrance at Evergreen Cemetery, building on the cleanup and beautification effort that began in September.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EVENTS

Coming days	Town Council interviews with the three Police Chief finalists
November 11	Veterans Day
Saturday, November 21	Bladensburg meal distribution in partnership with Victory Grace Center, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Before December	Final selection of the Town's new Police Chief
Friday, December 4	Town Yule Log event
Saturday, December 5	Port Towns Winter Market at the Bladensburg Waterfront — more than 20 vendors, plus the Bostwick House Digital Experience, where residents can try the virtual reality experience and learn the history of the Bostwick House
Thursday, December 10	Senior Holiday Gala, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Bladensburg Community Center