



NEWSLETTER

Are You in a Good Place?

In the Town of Bladensburg, we believe in creating a team work environment, collaboration, and providing outstanding customer service to our residents. The society that we live in has changed over the years. At one time, it was wise to do business endeavors, apply for grants, and do a number of ventures alone. The time has changed. Companies are merging to maximize productivity, save money, and create better opportunities. The government, at various levels, is adopting the same concept. As leaders, we understand that building strong relationships are critical for the Town's endeavors and its future. We have strived together to collaborate with the following agencies:

- Department of Social Services-** to provide services at the Community Resource Office every Wednesday. The services include food stamp application, medical assistance, energy assistance and child care.
- Homeland Security-** Emergency Preparedness training available through the Bladensburg- Prince Georges county CERT program
- Governor's Office-** Governor's Partnership to end Child hunger in which free meals for the summer are available for children and teens.



•**Prince Georges County One Stop-** We have a career center which will assist our residents in resume writing, cover letters, and job training.

•**Maryland Sustainable Communities-** Bladensburg has become one of the first towns to become a "Green Certified" City.

•**Eco City Farm-** they provide fresh fruits and vegetables from a farm within the Town.

In addition, the leadership has come together as a team to complete the following projects within the community:

- Job Fair-** that was held at the Community Center that provided career opportunities and counseling.
- Thanksgiving Baskets-** reaching out to individuals and families that are in a crisis

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Good Place Cont'd

- *Princes Georges Toys-for-Tots* – provided over five thousand toys for children who are less fortunate.
- *Support 7 schools* within the town by providing grants.
- *Work with End Time Harvest Ministries* to assist in developing leadership skills, mentoring, and providing assistance with other youth projects.
- *Support our senior residents* by providing transportation to medical appointments and social events as well as addressing seniors concerns.

As leaders of the Town of Bladensburg, we are encouraging you to come out and take advantage of the various services and events that are available. We are a small fish in a big pond but we provide many services and opportunities for our residents that large cities don't have. It is our desire to help make life more manageable as time changes. It was almost a year ago when the microburst affected our community. We are now coming together as a team to prepare a dinner for those who are moving back into their homes.

In conclusion, I believe you are in good place because of the collaborative efforts to work together with leaders at the local, county, state and federal levels. We have established a rapport which has brought in several opportunities for our residents to enhance their quality of life. Once again, I would like to ask you the question, Are you in a Good Place?



Bostwick Imports Ghosts From Texas!

Bostwick, the Town's Historic 18th Century estate that is currently undergoing restoration, will be the setting for one episode of Discovery Channel's ghost story programs. Filming took place inside the house during the week of August 19th. It is being shown as an old haunted hotel in Austin Texas, where a murder took place many years ago. The film crew arrived bright and early and filmed into the night. We look forward to seeing the program and seeing Bladensburg in the film credits. We have encouraged the Discovery Channel people to come back and film some of the stories about the "real" ghosts at Bostwick.

Walter Ficklin
Walter Ficklin,
Council Member, Ward II



Reminder: that school has begun again for the year. We ask those who drive through our community to use caution as children may be walking and could inadvertently step out into the street. **RESPECT THE SPEED LIMIT, STOPPED BUSES WITH FLASHING LIGHTS,** and **watch out for our children.**

The Bostwick...Living History



Bostwick South Chimney Repairs Begin

At long last, the earthquake damage to the South Chimney at Bostwick is now undergoing repairs. Work of this type required approval from Maryland Historical Trust and the State Board of Public Works. (The North Chimney was repaired during the summer of 2012.)

There will be scaffolding around the entire chimney and the structure will be taken down to the level of the attic floor. The contractor will attempt to use as many of the original bricks as feasible and use other "antique, matching" bricks to supplement.

A number of other restoration projects will be underway at the property as we prepare the estate and the rest of our Town of the Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration in 2014.



Remembering Those Who Served



1983



2013

Maintaining the Tradition

1983 –Left to right (former County Executive and Maryland Governor) **Paris Glendenning** and son **Raymond**, **Bill Hickey**, **Merl Cox**, **Francis Saveron**, **Congressman Steny Hoyer**.

2013 –Left to right Front Row: **Senator Victor Ramirez**, (former Mayor, Prince George’s Council Member and Senator) **David Harrington**, (Former Town Council Member) **Marion Hoffman**, Prince George Council Chair **Andrea Harrison**: Second Row: Town Council Member **Walter Ficklin**, Town Council Member **Trina Brown**, Delegate **Michael Summers**, and Mayor **Walter James**.

So often it is said that “Freedom is not free, it is paid for with the lives of our sons and daughters.” The Town of Bladensburg’s Promotional Committee annually honors and pays tribute to those who have served in wars that have kept us as America Free. All are welcomed and invited to attend these remembrances which are hosted at the War Memorials (*in the area of the Peace Cross*) on the following occasions:

- *Memorial Day*
- *July 4th*
- *Veterans Day*
- *December 7th*



All start times are at 11:00 .am. **For more information please call Town Hall at (301) 927-7048**



Save the Date!!!



The Port Towns



17th Annual Port Towns Day

Saturday, September 21st, 2013

12:00 Noon - 7:00 P.M.

Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

4501 Annapolis Road.

"Celebrating A Community of Communities."



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Call: 301-927-7048, 301-277-4920, 201-779-2162, or 301-699-8806

Scholarship Opportunity

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program offers students in Bladensburg, Maryland over \$138,000 in scholarships. The competition will take place during January 2014. **Contact American Legion Post 108, 3608 Legion Dr., Cheverly, Maryland 20685, Tel: 301-773-0108** for further information.



Have you Seen the "Tin Man?"

No, not the character from the Wizard of Oz; the Town's new energy self-generating lights. The new lights are actually an advanced second generation version of the energy efficient lights that the Town procured two years earlier in the effort to reduce energy consumption and enhance its sustainability. Unfortunately the first generation succumbed to the severe storms such as the Doracho. The new lights produce more power, are brighter and stronger, therefore a better invest of tax dollars. So if you have not seen the TIN MAN (*as they are affectionately called because of their metal wind turbine tops*), come on by Town Hall.





In the
Spotlight



W. B. Maske Sheet Metal Works: is a longtime successful Company in the Town of Bladensburg. The business, as well as its namesake owner Mr. Maske, has been a fixture in the full service Heating, Air Conditioning, Roofing and Sheet Metal Contracting servicing our Town and the greater community since 1935.

Mr. Maske believed in “giving back” to the community he served. He was one of the founding members of the Bladensburg Local Development Committee (BLDC), an organization that looked toward way of supporting home grown community projects serving the Town’s residents.

Mr. Maske was also a special friend of the Town, who would send holiday cheer to the Town staff with magnificent poinsettias and cookies to share, delivered by his son, Larry Maske during the holiday season.

The Maske Company business is now being passed to another owner and we welcome continuing services to the citizens in the Town of Bladensburg. Mr. Maske may be retiring from his business, but his long time service to the community will be remembered for years to come. *Thanks for your years of service to the Town and its residents! CroppMetcalf Services are the new owners.*



Wellness Ambassadors Health Policy Summer Camp

The Wellness Ambassadors Health Policy Summer Camp’s culminating event—The **WWW @Night (Walkers Wear White at Night) Rally**—was created to focus policy makers and Prince George’s County citizens on the importance of pedestrian safety along the “Green Street”/ Annapolis Road corridor. Wellness Ambassadors Health Policy Summer Camp, a partnered project with the Town of Bladensburg and The End Time Harvest Ministries was designed to teach and give insight as to how policy is formed and enacted. The capstone event highlighted the Pedestrian Safety policy recommendations of the Port Towns Youth Council Wellness Ambassadors. Enthusiastic ralliers walked two by two from three pre-staged gathering sites and arrived at the Peace Cross Area to demonstrate their commitment to pedestrian safety and healthy life styles. They were met by many dignitaries to include **Senator Victor Ramirez, Prince George’s County Council Chair Andrea Harrison** (*who along with Mayor Walter James served as co-chair of the event*), **Delegate Michael Summers, MNCPPC Chair Elizabeth Hewlett, and Ms. Celeste James** representing the Kaiser Foundation to name just a few.





TOWN OF BLADENSBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

OCTOBER 7, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL COUNCIL ROOM



The Town of Bladensburg Municipal Election is held in odd numbered years and falls on the first Monday in October.

Open Positions:

Mayor: A four (4) year term currently held by Walter L. James, Jr. **Important Change:** The Town Charter was recently amended so that the Mayor will serve a four year term instead of a two year term, starting with the 2013 election. This amendment went into effect on May 28, 2013.

Qualifications for Mayor: The Mayor is an "At Large" position. The Mayor must be 30 years old, a registered voter in Town, and resident of the Town.

Council Member, Ward I: A four (4) year term currently held by Cris Mendoza.

Council Member, Ward II: A four (4) year term currently held by Walter Ficklin.

Council Member, Ward II: A two (2) year term to fill the position vacated by Walter George.

Qualifications for Council Member: Council Members must be 25 years old, registered voters in Town and be residents of the Wards they represent.

Important Election Related Dates:

August 23, 2013: Last Date to file as a Candidate for any of the above positions.

September 9, 2013: Last Day to register to vote.

September 30, 2013: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot

October 7, 2013, 7:00 p.m.: Last Day and Time for the Absentee Ballot to be received by the Judges of Election

Financial Disclosure Statements

Under the Town of Bladensburg's Ethics Ordinance, all candidates are required to file Financial Disclosure Statements, no later than the filing for candidacy (Except for an official who has filed a FDS under another provision of this section for the reporting period). Please see the Town Clerk for specific requirements.

For any further information please contact Pat McAuley, Town Clerk at 301-927-7048 or pmcauley@bladensburg.net

Calendar

Worksessions

Second Monday of every month, 5:30 p.m.
(Excluding holidays)

Council Meetings

Second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Seniors' Club

Town Hall, 10 a.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month

Bulk Trash Pick-up

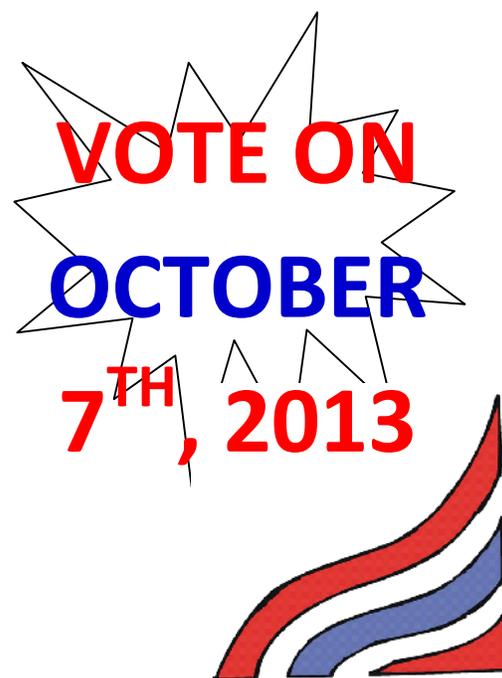
3rd Saturday of every month. Please call by noon the Friday before.

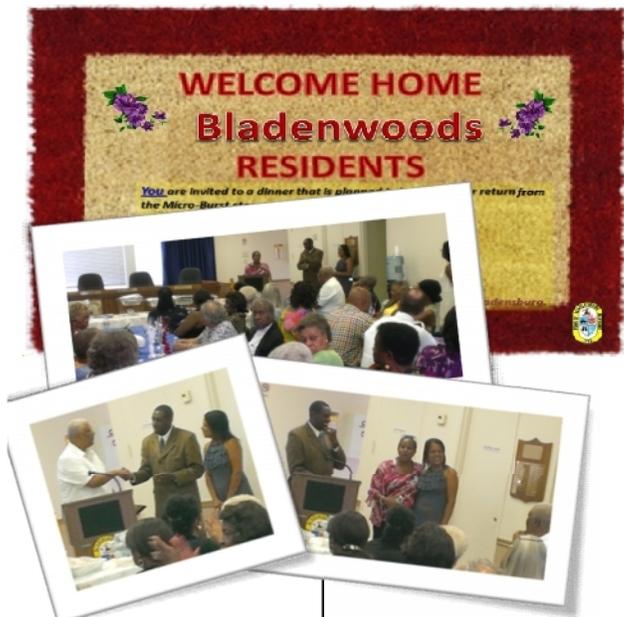
Neighborhood Watch

Every Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Call 301-927-8126 for info.

CERT Meetings

Second Saturday of every month, 9:00 a.m.
Call 301-927-8126 for info. Please call by noon the Friday before





On Friday June 22, 2012 at about 8:10 pm the Town of Bladensburg was struck by severe weather, determined to be a micro-burst in the area around 52nd Street and Newton Street. Damage from strong winds, some as high as 64 mph, reportedly occurred in the Bladensburg area also as nearly an inch of rain fell. Although no fatalities occurred, the storm damaged 15 apartment buildings, 1 house and caused structural damage on Newton Street and surrounding areas. Due to the magnitude of the damage most residents had to be evacuated and temporarily housed and fed at our schools in Bladensburg.

On May 31, 2013 the buildings destroyed by the Micro-burst were certified as fully repaired, allowing the residents to return to their homes and lives. On August 21, 2013, the Town of Bladensburg celebrated the displaced residents' recent return with a community dinner. The Mayor and Council were joined by Prince George's County Council Cahir Andrea Harrison and a host of others to include Prince George's Fire Chief Marc Bashoor, Director of Social Services Gloria Brown, Director of the Department of Family Services Teresa Grant, Director of the Office of Emergency Management Mr. Ronald Gill, and Deputy Police Chief Hank Stawinski celebratory moment ensuring a warm and welcome return home.

Town of Bladensburg

Saturday October 5th, 2013
12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Town Hall Park.
 Call 301-927-7048 for more.



**Hear it
direct
from us!**

Community Messaging

Community messaging is a targeted messaging service that allows us to contact subscribers with a message to help prevent or solve a crime in your local area. Community messaging also allows you to find out about your next community meeting what your local police are doing about issues affecting your area.

You can choose to receive messages by email, or text to your phone. To be included, please forward your information to jmoss@bladensburg.net or drop your information off at Town Hall located at 4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, Maryland 20710

**Stay informed about your community.
Register Today!**

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Bladensburg, Maryland
20710



Need Weatherization or energy assistance?

*You may qualify for a new program
sponsored by the Maryland Energy
Administration. Call Town Hall at*

301-927-7040

for more.

Contact Information

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Walter James301-452-7560

Council Members Ward I

Cris Mendoza240-604-6349

Trina Brown301-927-7048

Council Members Ward II

Walter Ficklin301-792-8199

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Administrative Offices

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Code Enforcement

301-927-0330

Police Department

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Public Works

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