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### Meetings

Ms. McAuley attended numerous final planning meetings for the Battle of Bladensburg commemorative weekend.

Ms. Griffin attended weekly planning meetings for Port Towns' Day.

Ms. McAuley and Ms. Griffin attended evaluation process meetings organized by the Singer Group.

Ms. McAuley attended bi-weekly management team meetings.

### Battle of Bladensburg

Despite the rain, the day went well and the Undaunted team learned that "If we build it they will come". Over 2,500 people did brave the elements and learned a lot from the information booths, reenactment and writers' roundtable that was shown on CNN and repeated over the weekend. Special thanks go to Aaron, ATHA, and the entire team. Also cheers go to MNCPPC for contributing land for the monument, the building at the Waterfront Park for the Museum, the exhibits, and the staff who supported our mission.

### Bostwick

Bostwick welcomed 250 visitors on the Sunday after the commemoration.

We are now tackling the documentation and rebuilding of the south buttress that was badly damaged during the microburst.

We will be meeting with NPS historic preservation staff who may be interested in taking on repairs to the front porch. MHT staff recommends that we do not get

bids on the window until after we meet with this group and understand the capacity for taking this on.

University of Maryland students took on the house cleaning as a weekend event and the main house is now "gleaming".

AWS did an outstanding job for invasive plant removal over the summer.

### Public information Act Requests

Ms. McAuley has coordinated as Town Clerk, with considerable work from Finance Department and Mr. Moss, a continuous stream of requests for information during this summer. Most of the requests have been for various financial reports.

### CDBG Funding

There has been very little communication coming out of Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development this summer about the status of our applications.

Dialogue with staff from the County Executive's office affirms that there are issues with the agency and HUD that are out of the Town's (and other municipal gov'ts) control.

**And finally.....**

The Front Office staff, over the summer, continued to serve our citizens and visitors, taking special care of our seniors, mentoring our youth, and welcoming those who came to Town Hall for pleasure or business. Some specific ways we help are by arranging transportation for our senior outings, scheduling use of Town facilities, serving as notaries, referring people to various support agencies, and sometimes just listening.