

THE MAYOR'S REPORT

"What's Happening Servant Leader?"



Mayor Walter Lee James, Jr getting ready for his Saturday morning ride with the Bladensburg Trailblazers

10 November 2014

Vision Statement

“The Town of Bladensburg is a destination that offers top-notch services and opportunities to our residents and the community at-large in a clean and safe environment.” – Mayor Walter Lee James, Jr.

Legislative Priorities

Parking (Town legislation)

Purpose: To establish a policy that puts in place a community based committee that will provide recommendations on how to best address our parking concerns throughout the Town of Bladensburg.

Benefit: All residents and business will have the convenience and peace of mind knowing that when they come home there will be adequate parking in front or near their residence

Anacostia River Clean-Up (State legislation)

Purpose: To enhance a key asset in the Town of Bladensburg

Benefit: It would be the catalyst that would jump start major development along the Route 450 corridor. It will connect our community in another environmental way to the District of Columbia. In addition may be a source of additional revenue by having dinner cruises to operate between a destination in DC and our Waterfront Park

Marc Train in Port Towns (Cottage City) (State legislation)

Purpose: To assist in the initiative to reduce vehicular traffic

Benefit: The Marc train will assist in increasing tourism in our community. It will also provide an opportunity for our community to take advantage of trans-oriented development that is within the County’s Strategic Plan.

Eco-District (State legislation)

Purpose: To achieve an economic development designation

Benefit: The Eco-District will bring Sustainable development to our community. One area that has been identified is 46th Ave which runs along the backside of the proposed BEYOND Restaurant.

Community Collaborative Opportunities

- The Bladensburg Community Clean-Up Days we will resume this upcoming Spring 2015. You will be notified by way of our community-wide notification system. However, if

there is trash you see when you are out and about in our community do pick it up and dispose of it properly.

- **Bike Ride with the Mayor** (Next ride is schedule for November 29, 2014). This is a part of our Healthy Eating Active Living Initiative. We are called the Bladensburg Trailblazers. We meet at 8:00am at the Bladensburg Town Hall located at 4229 Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710.
- **BEYOND Restaurant hearings/meeting.** The community will receive upcoming meeting dates through our community-wide notifications.
- **Legislative Dinner** (November 13, 2014) Colmar Manor Town Hall, located at 3701 Lawrence Street, Colmar Manor, MD 20722. This dinner is hosted on an annual basis, prior to our legislators going into session. We are encouraging all residents to reach out to our 47A District Representative in support of our legislative priorities.