

Town of Blacksburg

Memo

TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Dalton Pierce, MPA, Town Administrator

DATE: September 13th, 2021

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – August 2021



The Administrators report will be published each month for the Town of Blacksburg Citizens to be informed of Town activities and updates. In addition, this report is provided at each regular scheduled Town Council Meeting. I am pleased to send you an update on the Town's recent activities for the month of August 2021. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information at dalton@townofblacksburg.com or 864-839-2332.

1. The Iron City Festival will be held in Blacksburg on Friday and Saturday, October 8th and 9th, 2021. Both days, there will be live music in the evening, but all festival activities will be on October 9th with rides, food trucks, vendors, and much more!
2. Lime Street Park Project began construction on July 26, 2021, with continued progress since construction. As of the first six weeks of the project, the contractor has cleared for all the walking trails (Approx. 8,000 LF), three parking lots, amphitheater, graded three parking lots, Concession Stand building pad, installed stone base on three parking lots, and installed mulch on 50% of trails.
3. Aesthetic Concepts, LLC, Completing Infrastructure Assessment and Evaluation, the consultant has transitioned into water and sewer modeling tasks with continued meetings and training with Town staff and data collection.
4. The bioaugmentation program is complete with a yield of 33% reduction of sludge volume in two cells. The Town submitted the final results to DHEC for their review, and they were also pleased with the pilot program. The Town will be looking to implement the bioaugmentation program in two more cells in 2022-2023.
5. Town's Rural Infrastructure Authority TTHM Grant Project is currently awaiting a construction permit and approval for mixers from DHEC to begin procurement. The Engineer of Record has had to provide more manufacturer specifications for review, but the engineering consultant is in touch with DHEC weekly regarding the construction permit.
6. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works completed 108 out of 125 work orders in August of 2021.
7. Town has completed five months of the fiscal year 2022. The Town has spent approximately 33.4% of the current budget of \$3,604,225.
8. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 228 calls for service in August of 2021, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
9. Town Officials attended Mcabee Ribbon Cutting regarding their new natural gas truck fleet and also the Duke Energy London Creek Wildlife Management Area Ribbon Cutting.
10. The Town's Administration is working with the auditor to get the FY21 audit completed, finishing up the business license database to get this program in compliance with Act 176 by January 1, 2022, responding to development inquiries, issuing permits, preparing for FY23 budget that is set to begin planning in October, and in final preparation for the Iron City Festival in coordination with the Historical Commission.