

Town of Blacksburg

Memo

TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Dalton Pierce, MPA, Town Administrator

DATE: October 12th, 2021

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – September 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 September 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 was held in Blacksburg on Saturday, October 9th, 2021. The Town had great feedback from the community and will start the planning for Iron City Festival 2022!
2. Lime Street Park Project continues with progress. 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 has infrastructure installed, and footers poured, installed stone base on three parking lots, and installed mulch on 100% of trails.
3. Aesthetic Concepts, LLC, Completing Infrastructure Assessment and Evaluation, the consultant is finishing up water and sewer modeling tasks with continued meetings and training with Town staff and delivering the final report next month.
4. 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.
5. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works completed 80 out of 88 work orders in September of 2021.
6. Town has completed six months of the fiscal year 2022. The Town has spent approximately 41.2% of the current budget of \$3,604,225.
7. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 199 calls for service in September of 2021, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
8. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department was awarded \$7,090 for Body-Worn Cameras through the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs and 50% reimbursement through the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Fund for \$130 for Taser Battery Replacement. Also, the Public Works Department was awarded a 50% reimbursement of concrete saw for \$567 through the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Fund.
8. Assistant Administrator/Clerk Mr. Wilkins attended the South Carolina Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute session one of three on September 8, 9, 10 in Columbia.
9. Town Administrator Mr. Pierce was selected to attend the South Carolina Local Government Leadership Institute on September 29, 30, and October 1 in Lake City, SC. This is the first of six sessions. The Municipal Association of South Carolina awarded Mr. Pierce a scholarship to cover all travel expenses associated with the program.
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, completing annexation requests, preparing for FY23 budget has begun the planning stage, and planning the Christmas events.