

Town of Blacksburg

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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Dalton Pierce, MPA, Town Administrator

DATE: August 4th, 2022

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – August 2022



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 2022. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information at dalton@townofblacksburg.com or 864-839-2332.

1. The Town's third concert of the Summer Concert Series was held on July 2, 2022, at the Lime Street Park Amphitheater. The next concert of the Summer Concert Series "Glowing Back to School" is on August 13, 2022.
2. Lime Street Park Project is completed with Pay Application 5 which has been paid through funding from ARC Grant Program. The Town has completed the closeout phase of this project.
3. Aesthetic Concepts, LLC, submitted the final renderings of a stage for the amphitheater at Lime Street Park. The Town is awaiting a cost estimate for the project.
4. Town Administrator is working with a third-party engineering firm and an Architect firm on a pre-construction cost estimate for the new Town Hall.
5. The Town is working with Duke Energy on a lighting layout and associated cost at Lime Street Park.
6. The Town Administrator and Planning & Zoning Commission Chairwoman meet with Aesthetic Concepts, PPLC for a "Kick-off" meeting to discuss Phase 1: Discovery, Phase 2: Plan Development, and Phase 3: Direction & Documentation. Also, preliminary discussion about Zoning Ordinance Update.
7. Town's Rural Infrastructure Authority TTHM Grant Project has awarded Double R Utilities the contract in the amount of \$496,000 with the construction of corrective action measures completed. The Town's public works staff is working closely with RIA and SCHEC to close out this project.
8. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works had 102 total work orders.
9. Town has completed the fourth month of the fiscal year 2023. The Town has spent approximately 27.1% of the current budget of \$3,375,000.
10. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 209 calls for service in July of 2022, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
11. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 48 calls for service in July of 2022, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
12. The Town's Administration is working with the third-party certified public accounting firm to complete the FY22 audit, and the Town's Public Work staff is working closely with 120water to complete the lead and copper compliance process, attend training and other professional association meetings, Administration is continuing to respond to development inquiries and issuing zoning permits, Town is awaiting reassessment data from Cherokee County to review, and Administration is reviewing the capital improvement project program and identifying potential grants applicable to the projects with the assistance from a third party engineering consultant to leverage ARPA funds to pursue \$3 to 5 million in infrastructure improvements.