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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: May 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – April 2023

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

1. Administration has been working with Town Events planning on upcoming summer events at the Lime St Park, Summer Food Truck Events, and the Iron City Festival.
2. The Town has worked with and will continue working with the Town's Attorney, Engineering Consultant and Planning and Zoning Commissioner to condense and refine the Zoning Map, Zoning definitions, and Zoning Ordinance Article Documents.
3. The Town has submitted an application which was due February 1, 2023, for a \$125,000 grant to the Appalachian Regional Commission to address the Exit 102 Force main existing conditions.
4. The Town has completed two AMI water meter propagation studies completed by Ferguson and Mueller for future capital infrastructure investment and operations and maintenance improvements. Administration is now evaluating the process on moving forward with upgrading infrastructure. The Administrator has a meeting set with Mueller representatives to look at some possible pilot programs for upgrades.
5. Town Administration has been working to investigate alternatives to serve several commercial customers in the Exit 106 area with water, including investigating funding options.
6. The Town Administrator has been working with the Board of Public Works, Cherokee County Economic Development, the Town's Engineering and ACOG on possible expansion of water to strategic areas of possible development.
7. Town Administration and the Streets Department has been working to re-mulch the Lime St park and work will begin soon on re-mulching the playground at other parks.
8. Town Administration continues working with the Town's Attorney to draft, evaluate and negotiate the possible sewer system transfer to the Gaffney Board of Public Works.
9. The Town Administrator has been working on the Cherokee County Transit Feasibility Study steering committee in an effort to evaluate the needs and offer possible solutions to county wide transit services.
10. Town Interim Administrator has initiated communication with the S.C. DOT and the S.C. Housing Authority to evaluate options in an effort to move forward on correcting the Brugg St. bridge and drainage issue.
11. The first summer concert series at the Lime St Park will be held on Saturday, June 17th.
12. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure. Public Works had 116 total work orders.
13. The Town is continuing the implementation phase of the highly needed upgrade to the Town's IT.
14. The Town Administrator has been working with Enterprise Fleet Management on the acquisition of 6 new vehicles between the Police Department and Public Works and the sale of vehicles that will be cycling out.
15. Town has completed the first quarter of FY24. The Town has spent approximately 5.4% of the FY budget of \$3,358,764.
16. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 300 calls for service in April 2023, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
17. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 74 calls for service in April 2023, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.