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**TO:** Town of Blacksburg

**FROM:** Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

**DATE:** June 4, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Town Administrator's Update – May 2024

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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 regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information at [shane@townofblacksburg.com](mailto:shane@townofblacksburg.com) or 864-839-2332.

1. The Town Administrator continues working with DHEC and the State Revolving Fund, along with the Town Engineering on the initial phase of the \$1,500,000 Principal Forgiveness Grant that was awarded to address upgrades to the Cherokee St water line and the installation of 2 separate booster pumps.
2. The Town Administrator continues 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.
3. The Town Administrator attended the Cherokee County Transportation Committee meeting in May, and the Cherokee County Transportation Committee approved the resurfacing of several streets, and the resurfacing has been completed.
4. The Town Administrator applied for and participated in a very competitive process to be awarded a no-cost 9-week training through the Appalachian Regional Commission's *READY* Local Government designed to assist in locating federal grants, navigating the application process, and managing rewarded grants. The second phase of this program is expected to make available a \$50,000 internal capacity grant. Police Chief Mullinax is also participating in the training along with the Town Administrator. 5 out of the 9 scheduled training courses have been completed.
5. The Town Administrator worked with Blake Sanders and Studio Main LLC to gather community input concerning the streetscape project through a community input meeting in May and through a survey distribution.
6. The Town Administrator has been working with the Blacksburg Business Association and other stakeholders to bring an Independence Day celebration, including fireworks show, to the Town of Blacksburg on the evening of June 29, 2024. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Iron City Food Truck event of the summer will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
7. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
8. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 253 calls for service in May 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
9. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 74 calls for service in April 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
10. Town has completed the 2nd Period of FY25. The Town has spent approximately 13.04 % of the FY25 budget of \$3,240,650.