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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: August 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – July 2024

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 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 is working with the Appalachian Regional Commissions' READY Local Government in relationship to the 2nd phase of the recent Grant Training that was completed. The second phase of this program is expected to make available a \$50,000 internal capacity grant.
4. The Town Administrator, in conjunction with Blake Sanders and Studio Main LLC, has finalized the Streetscape and Placemaking Study, and will begin researching grants that will assist in possible funding to realize the given recommendation.
5. The Town Administrator is working with the Town's Attorney on another possible annexation project.
6. The Town Administrator is working with the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission on re-zoning several different parcels to allow for additional housing within the Town limits.
7. The Town Administrator has been working with CC&I Services and other stakeholders to address several troubled and dilapidated structures to make the Town and the Town's Core Commercial District more attractive and marketable.
8. The Town Administration is working on the remaining town events for 2024 to include the Iron City Festival on September 14, 2024, and the Christmas Parade & Christmas on the Square on December 14, 2024.
9. The Town's Public Works staff recently repainted the floor, along with cleaning the carpet, making the Museum of History look much better for visitors and staff alike.
10. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
11. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had ___ calls for service in July 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
12. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had ___ calls for service in July 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
13. Town has completed the 4th Period of FY25. The Town has spent approximately 31.18 % of the FY25 budget of \$3,240,650.