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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: June 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – May 2025

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 separate booster pumps. Surveying has been completed at this time. The schedule of construction has been submitted and the opening of bids will begin in the next few months.
2. The Town has been awarded a \$50,000 grant through Appalachian Regional Commission READY Local Government.
3. The Town Administration is working to secure funding for the initial phases of the Town's Streetscape Master Plan. The Town Administrator met with both S.C. DOT TAP Fund grants management and the Appalachian Council of Governments to begin preparation of applying for funding to begin the first phase of the Master Plan. The Town has submitted a letter of intent, which is the first phase in applying for funding through SCDOT TAP Grants. The Town Administration is also working with the Appalachian Council of Governments to submit (2) additional grants in the coming months for a separate phase of the Town's Streetscape project.
4. The Town's letter of intent submitted for funding through the SCDOT TAP Grants was approved and the Town Administration is working to submit the grant application for funding.
5. The Town Administrator continues 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. CC&I Services has closed out several code violation cases and continues to address those properties that are in violation. Multiple dilapidated structures have been taken down and new homes are being constructed in place of these properties.
6. The Town was awarded a \$250,000 grant with no required matching funds by the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority to complete a comprehensive System Assessment Plan for the Town's water system.
7. The Town Administrator and the administration team continue to work with FEMA for public assistance due to Hurricane Helene. All portions of funding have now been appropriated for Hurricane Helene reimbursement.
8. The Town hosted the second Food Truck Thursday of the summer in May. Upcoming events for the summer include Food Truck Thursday to be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in June and July. The Red, White & You Independence Day celebration will be held on Saturday, June 28th with several activities planned, including a fireworks display.
9. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
10. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 403 calls for service in May of 2025.
11. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 55 calls for service in May of 2025.
12. The Town has completed the second Period of FY26. The Town has spent approximately 14.72% of the FY26 budget of \$3,457,165.