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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: August 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – July 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 construction bids are due by August 28, 2025
2. The Town's has submitted for funding through the SCDOT TAP Grants to begin a portion of the Town's Streetscape Project and is eagerly waiting to receive a decision on any awards.
3. The Town Administration is working with the Appalachian Council of Governments to submit (2) additional grants (CDBG and ARC) in the coming months for a separate phase of the Town's Streetscape project.
4. A public hearing and online surveys were held on August 5th for input on the needs of the Town related to the application process of the CDBG Streetscape grant application. There were several dozen very insightful surveys submitted.
5. 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 and bids are due by August 28, 2025, and the project is expected to be awarded by mid-September.
6. The Town successfully hosted the Peach Festival Parade on July 12th, and the Iron City Festival is scheduled for September 13, 2025.
7. The Town worked in cooperation with the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department to implement a water line extension project on Dravo Rd to supply water from Old Buffalo Church Rd to the Dravo Road Fire Station.
8. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
9. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 446 calls for service in July of 2025.
10. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 66 calls for service in July of 2025.
11. The Town has completed the third Period of FY26. The Town has spent approximately 34.75% of the FY26 budget of \$3,457,165.