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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: October 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – September 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 were opened on August 28th and awarded.
2. The Town of Blacksburg has been awarded funding through the SCDOT TAP Grants to begin a portion of the Town's Streetscape Project on the south side of W. Cherokee Street between Shelby Street and Rutherford Street in the amount of \$700,510 which also includes 15% of the required 20% in matching funds.
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. The Community Development Block Grant application was submitted by September 15th requesting approximately \$940,000 in funding for a portion of the N. Shelby Street phase of the Streetscape Masterplan.
4. The Town has begun working with the approved engineer on the awarded \$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.
5. The Town worked in conjunction with Summit Engineering Group to submit a Rural Infrastructure Authority grant application requesting funding for a 10-inch water line to be installed on Quarry Rd to assist with economic development opportunities and pressure issues in the Northeast section of the Town's water system.
6. Administrator Childers is a member of Duke Energy's Regional Advisory Board and attended the September 16th meeting to discuss possible rate increases, vegetation management, and other topics.
7. Administrator Childers attended the Municipal Association of South Carolina's legislative update on September 24th dealing with municipal related legislative that is ongoing or possibly upcoming in the next legislative session.
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 381 calls for service in September of 2025.
10. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 66 calls for service in September of 2025.
11. The Town has completed the sixth Period of FY26. The Town has spent approximately 47.76% of the FY26 budget of \$3,457,165.