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TO: Town of Blacksburg

FROM: Shane Childers, MBA, Assistant Town Administrator

DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Town Administrator's Update – October 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. Construction on this project should be starting soon.
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. Meetings are scheduled to begin talks with engineers on designing this portion of the streetscape masterplan project.
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. The request for application was submitted this month to request an application for the ARC grant that is expected to work in conjunction with the CDBG grant.
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 attended the International City/County Management Associations annual conference learning from municipal thought leaders, other municipal government managers, and networking with others from around the country on current issues, problems and possible solutions in municipal government.
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 344 calls for service in October of 2025.
9. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 77 calls for service in October of 2025.
10. The Town has completed the sixth Period of FY26. The Town has spent approximately 54.49% of the FY26 budget of \$3,457,165.