

Ward II Council Member Carletta Lundy's

February 2019 Report

February 17th marks my first two months in office as the Councilwoman for Ward II, Bladensburg, Maryland. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your councilwoman.

During my first 100 days, one of my goals is to meet with, and to engage as many groups, community leaders, stakeholders, residents, and colleagues in our community as possible that I may gain insight, and knowledge in order to do the best work possible for the residents of the Town of Bladensburg. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, I hope our paths will cross in the coming months.

Week of February 3rd thru 9th

I attended the regular monthly resident council meeting at Parkview at Bladensburg and The Emerson House.

Week of February 10th thru 16th

LOVE WEEK (February 11-15th) Victory Grace Center, Bladensburg Maryland

On February 11th attended an early morning visit to the Town of Bladensburg Police Department to welcome Victory Grace Center (VGC) Outreach Ministry team who provided a delicious and healthy breakfast for all the officers and staff to enjoy.

Planned, coordinated and attended an afternoon movie event for the Parkview Seniors on February 11, 2019. The residents enjoyed singing songs of praise, a message about God's love from Dr. Jasmine Sculark, Pastor, Victory Grace Center (VGC), watching the movie "War Room" and sharing a meal together. It was wonderful to have the seniors from VGC's Outreach Ministry to join the residents of Parkview at the movies. Over 30 persons were in attendance for this movie event. Thank you to the leadership of the Resident Council for opening up your house to fellow seniors and for making the event a great success.

On February 13th, in preparation for my upcoming "***Meet & Greets***", I met briefly with the Director at the Bladensburg Community Center to confirm date, time and to see the room in prior to scheduling the meeting for next month (March 2019).

Valentine's Day Program @ Emerson House

On February 14th, I attended the Valentine's Day Program at the Emerson House. It was great fun, food, fellowship and music. We enjoyed watching a Youtube clip of songs performed by the late Whitney Houston.

Week of February 17th thru 23rd

Black History Month Celebration @ Parkview at Bladensburg

On February 18th, I attended an afternoon Black History Program at Parkview at Bladensburg. The theme: "**YES WE CAN**". It was a wonderful tribute in celebration of Black History Month. I especially enjoyed the message from Rev. Charles Phillips, Jr., and the Guest Visitor, Comedian, Ms. Maria Taylor. Colleague and Council Member Lois Dorsey served as the Chairperson for the Black History Program.

Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA)

On February 23rd, I attended along with Mayor James, the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) General Body Meeting. Riverdale Park Town Hall hosted the meeting. This was my first time attending this meeting. Below are highlights from my first meeting. It was very informative. There were two presentations given. The first presentation, Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council, Rhonda Dallas, Executive Director that highlights Showcasing Public Art Displays around Prince George's County. For example, Art in Transit. It was interested to learn that 11 of our 22 Metro Stations are in Prince George's County. Another example for displaying art around the County is at our Bus stops. If you are interested in seeing Art on Display, you can visit "The Studio" at 38th Avenue, Brentwood area. Other Arts & Beautification through Public Art include: Outdoor galleries using billboards, Bus shelters activations, Upgrade our parks and bike racks. There was also a wonderful picture showcasing the Renovation of our Bladensburg Library. Ms. Davis reminded those present that Public Art enhances revenue, encourages a sense of community and brings our neighbors, people together. She encouraged those present to include creative arts in your communication to build audience participation. We were encouraged to "GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE ARTS!"

2020 United States Census

Save the Date: On April 1, 2019, the U.S. Census Bureau will host a 2020 Census news conference.

Mr. Daniel Jones, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau gave an informative presentation. To help ensure a successful 2020 Census collection, he asked for the full participation of the PGCMA membership of elected officials from all the Prince George's County municipalities. He announced that people will be able to go on-line to complete the census questions and there will be a census app that residents can do on your phone. They are asking the PGCMA elected officials to create task forces to identify and then reach out to those persons who don't answer the census. Additionally, Mr. Jones announced that there will be a test census run to understand in advance to understand the issues.

The meeting also included sharing information about Legislative priorities, upcoming events for Black History Month, Small Cells and wanting to better understand the relationships between County and Volunteer Fire Departments in Prince George's County.

The 10th Annual Senior Citizens Honors Graduation & Prom Ceremony

On February 23rd, I attended the Seniors Against Domestic Violence Graduation, Prom and Honor Ceremony. Theme: "**Dynamic Senior Citizens**". It was touching and my great joy to receive a certificate of recognition for Community Service. It was also a great surprise to receive an Official Citation from the Maryland General Assembly in recognition of being an honoree of the 10th Annual Senior Citizens Honors Graduation & Prom Ceremony and Volunteer Service in distributing food to those in need and supporting the GATCCS signed by Senator Malcolm Augustine of Prince George's County, Legislative District 47. The Awards and Honors Program recognizes seniors who have completed their GED requirements. The Program was sponsored by GATCCS in partnership with Elizabeth Seton High School. GATCCS is a 501© (3) Nonprofit Faith-Based Organization located in Bladensburg Maryland.

Town of Bladensburg Presents – Celebrating Women in Leadership

On February 23rd, I joined the Town of Bladensburg at our Annual Black History Month Event. The panel (*Keynote Speaker: Rosie Allen Herring, CEO of the United Capital Way, Monica Montgomery, Executive Director, Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center, Anna Lysa Gayle, Emmy Award Winning Journalist for ABC7 News, and Angie Ange, Radio Personality, Morning Show Host at 93.9 WKYS*) of African American Women in Leadership was phenomenal; indeed, a great success. Each of these women is making a difference in their specific areas of work and we celebrate them along with Mayor Takisha James, who facilitated the **Women in Leadership Panel Discussion** and served as the Mistress of Ceremony. Also, great job to the Town Senior Staff, community volunteers and student volunteers and the Bladensburg Community Center staff for hosting us. The program also included a delicious traditional southern style cuisine catered by **Do Yourself a Flava**. The Bowie State Gospel Choir definitely blessed all who were in attendance.

Week of February 24th thru 28th

The SHINE-CDC shining in the community on African American Read-in Day @ Port Towns Elementary School 1,100 Students, 120 faculty & staff – gave away 500 pencils – encouraging our children to shine!

On the morning of February 25th it was such a joy and a wonderful experience to spend time reading to students @ Port Towns Elementary School, in honor of African American Read-in Day.

Port Towns Quarterly Meeting & Dinner Hosted by Town of Bladensburg

On the evening of February 25th, I attended the Port Towns Quarterly meeting hosted by the Town of Bladensburg, led by Mayor James. This was my first time attending this meeting with the different Port Town Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners. I look

forward to our event collaborations and working together with my colleagues. We did have several people to witness the Port Towns meeting and join us for a delicious dinner.

UPCOMING EVENT

On Friday, March 15th from 12-2 p.m., I am hosting a "**Meet & Greet**" at the Bladensburg Community Center. We will have light refreshments, therefore, it's important that if you plan to attend and for more information, please email me at clundy@bladensburgmd.gov.

People are born not only to make history, they also make a difference.

~ Carletta L. Lundy